

American Legion Post 477
St Nazianz Village Hall
28 May 2026 - Minutes (Final)

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

- Face the flag - Hand Salute
- Uncover- Chaplain prayer
- POW/MIA
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Preamble

Roll Call – Commander (P), 1st Vice Commander (E), 2d Vice Commander (P), Adjutant (P), Treasurer (P), Chaplain (P), Sergeant at Arms (P) - Quorum (7 or more needed) Yes ALA Rep – Lou Ann SAL Rep – Dan R. ALR Rep – Heather Additional 13 members present.

Introductions of Guests and New Members (Sergeant at Arms) – Guest – Gordon from Post 165. Heather – first meeting, been a member of Post 477 for about a year.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting– Motion and 2d. Passed.

Post Reports

- Adjutant
 - Membership for the 2026 membership year – reached an all-time high of 159
 - Renewal notices for the 2027 membership year mailed mid-July
 - 2027 Membership drive year begins on 1 July 2027
 - Expect 30+ members to earn free 2027 membership through volunteer hours
- Finance Officer
 - Checking account balance includes both TUFT and Liberty Pole receipts
 - Did not renew CD due to schedule outgoing funds – will relook after Tractor Days Fundraising
- Service Officers - Heather is working with several Veterans through her work – she's referring many to the CVSO
- SAL
 - SAL is hosting Veterans Olympics Friday of Tractor Days & managing the food sales
 - SAL running raffle with the carved eagle as big prize. \$20 a ticket 250 tickets

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- American Legion Auxiliary
 - Poppy Campaign is going well
 - Elections on June 11th
- American Legion Riders
 - Next meeting – June 14th – Shadows in School Hill
 - State Ride 26-28 June – 27 June Saturday stops in New Holstein and Two Rivers

Commander's Report

- Tickets for the Department Raffle - \$20 each
- Thanks to everyone who participated in TUFT.
- Several events coming up in the next three months – volunteer opportunities.

Old Business

- Meeme Liberty Pole
 - Capital Campaign Update – ongoing through 31 Dec 26
 - Footing complete – flag installed when cement hardens – appr 8 June
- Celebration of Freedom Raffle
 - Approximately 350 tickets are 'out,' please return any unsold tickets and ticket stubs with \$\$\$ as soon as possible.
- Be The One Training – 2 May 26
 - 12 Legion 477 Family members attended training
 - Next step is certification for those interested
- Buddy Checks
 - Commander will collect final April numbers ASAP and get them turned in
 - Report May's # to Jeff NLT noon 2 June
- TUFT Update
 - Thank you for to everyone involved
 - Reached goal of \$50,000 – final amount announced on Friday 19 June at 6 p
- Veteran Banners
 - 50 banners displayed for Memorial Day – will remain through 4th of July
 - Motion & 2d to give a \$75 Meat's gift certificate to Cooter for his work to hang the banners. Passed.
 - Outstanding debit - lift rental – invoice not received

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- Memorial Day Activities (Commander)
 - Went well. Very nice turnout of Legion Family members. “Advance Party” really helped with the St Nazianz route. Drove ahead, identified placement of flag headstone, who placed the flag and who read the names. Recommend that the St Gregory names are read by 2-3 local residents familiar with the names.
 - Grap & Go lunch great idea, but recommend that the bagged lunch is outside due to quick turn-around required.
 - Photo was OK, but rushed. Missing a few members plus one of the buglers. Better idea to take photo after last stop before going to Meat’s?
 - Next year, Commander intends to even out the teams to 8 cemeteries each and then joint at St Gregory’s.
 - Motion and 2d to provide a \$75 Meat’s gift certificate to the Bus Company. Passed.
 - Meal donation – Motion and 2d to present Eric a new flag. Passed.
 - Carol Waniger – Motion and 2d for \$50 Meat’s gift certificate. Passed.
- Factory & Farm Feed
 - 17 June – share info with employers (orders by 10 June)
 - Volunteers requested 7:30 – 11:30 to wrap, bag etc
 - Drivers needed (3) estimate 1030 earliest
- Tractor Days
 - Volunteer signup passed around
 - SAL on Friday – Veteran Olympics, food sales, check to OGHF
 - Saturday – food sales, tractor parade @ 11, raffle baskets, 50/50
 - Assistance requested for raffle baskets (week of 1 June)
- Renewal of CD – due on 5 July. Decision tabled for the June PEC.
- Educational Scholarships
 - Motion & 2d to award two \$500 scholarships. Discussion required as the current budget allows for just one. Passed.
- Commander will notify both recipients not later than 4 June. Will ask them to attend Tractor Days for presentation of check.
- Installation of Officers completed by District Vice Commander with exception of Jeff B – intent is to conduct the oath of office prior to upcoming PEC.

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New Business

- Honor Guard – Valders Girl Soccer – 29 May (Commander)
 - Jim B. (US), Steve N. (POW), Heather (TAL), SAL (TBD), Tim (ALA), Joe Scharenbroch (America 250), Kevin (Commander), Nancy (Public Affairs)
 - Uniform: orange volunteer polo
 - Arrive by 4 pm – Valders Soccer Field – near Middle & Elementary Schools
- Celebration of Freedom – 4 July 2026 (Commander & Dean K.)
- Christmas in July – 19 July – tabled for the PEC
- Department Convention 17-18 July - Appleton (Commander) – ID Delegates – tabled for the PEC.
- County Fair Booth – Saturday 29 August (Post 477 Staffing) and 2-3 volunteers to assist with setup on Tuesday 9-noon
- Freedom to Liberty Retreat - 27 - 30 August – Post 477 member Ashley is participating – mail call to Nancy NLT 4 August. Welcome home to ATW hangar (30 August approximately 12:30)

Dates to Remember

- 29 May – Honor Guard & Donation – Valders HS Soccer Field
- 17 June – Factory & Farm Feed - Shadows
- 19 & 20 June – Tractor Days – Shadows
- 4 July – Celebration of Freedom – Meeme Liberty Pole & Shadows
- 17 & 18 July – Department Convention – Appleton
- 19 July – Christmas in July – Shadows
- 24 July – OGHF Yellow Ribbon Flight Mission 81 – return to EAA Grounds
- 2 August – Cleveland Dairyland Parade
- 26-30 August – Manitowoc County Fair – Post 477 staffing 29 & 30 August
- 30 August – F2L4 Welcome Home - ATW
- 27 August – 3 September – TAL Convention - Louisville
- 12 September – Meats Fest Parade
- 12 September – F2L5 Welcome Home - ATW
- 24 September – Post & SAL Meeting
- 27 October – OGHF Mission 84
- 7 November – Boots on the Ground Ruck March - Plymouth

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For the good of the Order

- Post Executive Meeting – Commander will send out an email. Recommended PEC prior to Tractor Days.
- 2026 Budget – Motion and 2d to approve. Discussion to clarify various categories (Requested budget lines as discussed during PEC for clarity ie Americanism broken down to Scholarships, Badger Boys etc). Passed with changes requested by the June PEC.

Motion to Adjourn and 2d.

Closing prayer

Face the flag - Hand Salute

Meeting adjourned - 7:40 pm