

Post Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 8 July 2026 – Shadows
Minutes (Final)

Meeting called to order at 5 pm

Attendance – Commander - P, 1st Vice - E, 2nd Vice - P, Adjutant - P, Finance Officer - P, Service Officer #1 - P, Service Officer #2 - E, Chaplain - P, Chuck A. - P, Dean K. - P, Bernie - P– Quorum (7) met yes. ALA Representative - Tim. SAL Representative - Kenny. ALR Representative - Heather.

Motion and 2d to approve the June PEC meeting minutes. Passed

Old Business

- Scholarship presentation to Ava and Steven completed at Tractor Days. Scholarship application will be edited slightly, will also add score sheet for the selection committee.
- Factory & Farm Feed – actual event went well, recommend more publicity earlier and follow-up prior to the event, orders came in day before event.
- Tractor Days – After Action Review (AAR): less volunteers on in the am, have a team come in at 3 to cleanup. Ask the Bobby Allen show to return in 2027 – 18 June. Work on getting more tractors – 4 cylinder club, tractor pulls – advertise early.
- Celebration of Freedom American 250 at Meeme Liberty Pole – went exceptionally well. 37 Legion Family members participated. Another dozen attended. Estimate attendance 125. All comments were very complimentary.
 - Invoices Paid are paid for the Program & Posters – Fricke & the TC Record Ad . Valders Journal Ad invoice has not been received but estimate cost of \$250.
 - Gift cards – Singer & Speaker – \$50 Kwik Trip gift cards – Chris will purchase.
 - Photographer - \$100 Amazon gift card – Chris will purchase.
 - Gift card – Cook for the social (Joe) – Legion hat – Dean will get correct size and order.
 - Thank you to Manitowoc Yacht Club – Dean will ask Joe for the information.
- Celebration of Freedom Raffle – all but one cash prize distributed – last one pending
- Budget review – lines broken down by activity – tabled – Kevin & Chris will discuss separately
- Finance update - review bank statements and incoming/outgoing/outstanding
- \$5000 CD renewal – motion and 2d to place funds into a seven-month CD. Chris & Kevin will go to bank together to complete.
- Letters from Badger Boys State participants sponsored by the Post were passed around

New Business

- Buddy Checks
 - June total - 516
 - Plan for July – Jeff sent email late last week with the information.
- Department Convention 17-18 July - Appleton

- Delegates – Kevin, Gary, Chuck – Alternate Delegates – Heather & Chris - Nancy (at-large)
- Post Excellence Award – Kevin will accept
- Highest Ever Award – Jeff (if in attendance), if not, Gary will accept
- Children & Youth Ambassador Award – Rebecca (if attending), if not, Heather will accept
- Rebecca is receiving the woman Legionnaire of the Year award. If she's not able to attend, the presentation will be made on a future date.
- Kevin will send in registration for Kevin, Gary, Chuck, Heather, Gary and Bernie. Chris and Nancy paid online.
- Christmas in July – 19 July – will have 40 gifts & Christmas cards available for Veterans – 1-4 pm. Meals will be free for Veterans, we will ask for a donation from others (honor system). Create signs.
- Cleveland Dairy Fest Parade – Sunday 2 August 11 in place 11:30 step-off – Trailer w Veteran banners and America 250 focus – will need to decide on whose trailer to use to size the display. Ideally six flag carriers & two rifle escorts. Auxiliary will verify their attendance (Valders parade conflicts). Chris has lead.
- Kiel Community Parade – Sunday 9 August – 11 in place at Lions Park 11:30 step-off. Use the same display and trailer. Potential marchers. Contact the VVA regarding use of their Jeep 5/4. Kevin has lead. Gary hasn't heard anything regarding Veterans on stage with Bella Cain.
- County Fair Booth – Saturday 29 August 10 am to 9 pm (Post 477 Staffing), Sunday Noon to 3 pm. Kevin will collect volunteer names. Chuck, Chris, Nancy, Bernie and Nancy will setup on Tuesday 9-noon. The Post will need two raffle baskets/items, donation jar, raffle basket 'bucket.' Uniform is the orange polo and Legion hat/cap. We have a limited # of polos available. Alternate, wear a color from a previous year.
- Freedom to Liberty Retreat - 27 - 30 August – Post 477 members participating – mail call Ashley (USAF Veteran) and Stephen (USMC) (due to Nancy NLT 4 August). Welcome home (30 August approximately 12:30) Commander has lead on the welcome home.
- Meat's Fest Parade (Kevin) – Saturday 12 September – 5 pm in place step-off at 5:30 pm – use the display and trailer.
- Exploratory Building Committee formed – Dean (Chair), Chris, Gary, Kenny

Membership (Nancy & Jeff)

- 2027 membership drive year began 1 July
 - Anticipate 2027 goal 161 (159 + 2)
 - Currently 75 paid members - PUFL, members paid for three years, three new members (Klein, Meyer, Hartman), Volunteer Hours
 - Several PUFL and three-year members earned membership hours through volunteer hours – 'pay it forward' new member or a Post member (Milton W, Sarge and Darwin Matthies, Wayne P., Bob C, Ron C, Rich W)

- Membership cards – Jeff is signing the cards, adding a letter thanking members for their continued membership, and placing in the mail

ALA Update – next meeting is 22 July 10 am at the St Nazianz Community Center – Installation of Officers by District President Diane Steinert

SAL Update - Soaring Eagle Raffle cancelled – approximately 25 tickets sold – money will be refunded by Dean and Dan. Dean will handle the input for new member (2) and renewals.

ALR Update – Al and Heather participated in the Department Cruise for a Cause in late June. 75 bikes on Friday, 77 on Saturday, Unknown # on Sunday. Current amount raised is \$66,000. Expect total to be around \$80,000. Past 6th District ALR Vice President Nesbitt passed away. Al and Heather attended funeral. Open road ride on 1 August. Corn roast – 22 August – Post 75.

Good of the order (Kevin):

- Soup with the Vets – Elks Lodge – 22 July 2026 – noon til 1
- Newsletter Input to Nancy by 28 June for early August edition
- Flag Carriers/holders – Motion & 2d to order three additional brown leather holders and one additional metal flag pole. No discussion. Passed. Kevin has lead.
- Motion and 2d to do a brat feed for Johnston's Bakery. Discussion: Chuck will speak to Peter to get # of employees, best time to serve, and when they would like the feed (September or October are best). Passed.
- Motion and 2d to stop sponsorship of local ballfields. Discussion: local youth ballfields are asking \$350 – 500 to place a sponsorship sign on their field. Funds can be better spent on Badger Boys State, Scholarships etc. Newton asking \$75. Original motion amended to read Sponsorship of area youth ballfields will not exceed \$100. 2d. Passed.
- **Note that we neglected to discuss this during the PEC, we realized our error and offered a motion the next day via electronic means.** Motion and 2d to purchase six additional grey Legion vests. Discussion: currently we have two vests remaining in storage, one x Medium, one x 3XL. The grey vests are worn by Legion members at most official Post activities. Vote. Passed. Dean will take lead on ordering the vests.

Important Dates:

- 17 & 18 July – Department Convention – Appleton
- 18 July – B Battery 1/121 FA Family Day (Noon til 5)
- 19 July – Christmas in July – Shadows
- 24 July – OGHF Yellow Ribbon Flight Mission 81 – return to EAA Grounds
- 2 August – Cleveland Dairyland Parade
- 9 August – Kiel Community Parade
- 26-30 August – Manitowoc County Fair
- 30 August – F2L4 Welcome Home - ATW

- 27 August – 3 September – TAL Convention - Louisville
- 12 September – Meat's 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 Snowbirds

Next PEC: 10 August 5 pm - Shadows

Motion to Adjourn. 2d. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm