



AMVETS POST #17 MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026
PAGE 1 OF 5

1. Call to Order

- Commander J. Cavanagh struck the gavel and called the general membership meeting to order at 1830hrs.

2. Opening Ceremonies

- Pledge of Allegiance (Post), Invocation (D. Wismer), Salute to the Flag, Moment of silence

3. Roll Call of Officers

Y/N	Name / Position	Y/N	Name / Position
Y	Commander John Cavanagh	Y	Public Relations Terry Stocker
Y	Vice Commander Richard L. Monts	N	Trustee Brenda Dean
Y	2nd Vice Commander Dan Wismer	Y	Trustee Ronnie Hughes
Y*	Adjutant Tim O'Connor	Y	Executive Director Dave Starr
Y	Financial Officer Dan Dean	Y	Recording Nancy Reilly

* T. O'Connor join meeting & voted telephonically due to out of state travel

OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1830hrs, 9 members at large participated in meeting

Commander J. Cavanagh: Open Membership discussion Rules: Purpose To ensure all members, guests, and veterans enjoy a respectful, orderly, and mission-focused environment during open social meetings. These rules protect the dignity of service, maintain club unity, and keep discussions productive.

- **Respectful Conduct:** All attendees will conduct themselves with courtesy toward others. Interruptions, talking over others, or hostile behavior are not permitted.
 - Chain of Order: The presiding officer controls the floor. Members may speak only when recognized.
 - No Personal Attacks: Criticism must address **issues**, not individuals. Insults, harassment, or belittling are prohibited.
 - Professional Tone: Language should remain clean, civil, and appropriate for our organization.
 - We ask you state your name when recognized, then your topic.
- Member **REDACTED**: Discussion of members not attending yet causing trouble, threats against the club, negative discussions at other clubs, belittling members, etc. Wishes something to be done.
- Discussion of how to get more members involved, and more people together
 - Commander Cavanagh, Working on ideas, gatherings, etc.
- Bartender **REDACTED**: Discussion of how to handle issues arising at the bar
 - Commander Cavanagh, Bartender is ultimately in charge, they are final say, BOD will back
 - Demand behavior change
 - May ask to leave for the night (all parties)
 - May refer to BOD for further action



AMVETS POST #17 MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026
PAGE 2 OF 5

- Commander Cavanagh discussion and clarification of membership dues changes
 - New social membership goes to \$40 in 1/1/2027
 - Renewal paid before 12/31/2026 remains at \$10
 - Renewals after 01/01/2027 is \$30
 - Option to earn three \$5 rebates / credits to membership dues for participating in events, helping around post, etc.
- Member **REDACTED** requesting clarification on helping around the post, non-physical tasks, etc.

CLOSE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TIME END: 1852hrs, Motion by D. Dean, Second D. Wismer

BOD MEETING: 1858hrs

4. Reading & Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the previous meeting [Motion to Approve: J. Cavanagh Second: T. Stocker], so moved

5. Reports of Officers (Each officer reports in order)

- Commander J. Cavanagh
 - Post behavior guideline posters have been Installed
 - Pennsylvania Department has made a change to dates for elections and installment of BOD
 - Nominations must be April 1 – April 30
 - Elections must be May 1 – May 31
 - Revalidation must be submitted before June 7
 - Social Member **REDACTED** making threats and disrespect of the club
 - Member was invited to attend the meeting personally by Mr. Cavanagh
 - Did not attend the meeting
 - Texts and discussions reviewed
 - Facebook comments and general demeanor discussed
 - Motion to revoke membership: J. Cavanagh, Second T. Stocker, Roll call vote: Unanimous, motion carried
 - Member to be blocked from social media
 - Member to be sent certified letter informing of revocation of membership, ban from property / events / etc.
 - Mr. D. Dean has expressed a desire to resign from position of Finance Officer
 - Mr. Cavanagh recommended Veteran Member George Miller to fill positions
 - Mr. Miller joined meeting telephonically
 - Nominations opened for position of Finance Officer
 - Three verbal calls for nominations
 - Only nomination is for Mr. G. Miller
 - Motion to nominate: D. Dean, Second T. Stocker Roll Call vote: Unanimous, so moved. 2nd vote to be conducted in September meeting, immediate swear in upon approval.



AMVETS POST #17 MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026
PAGE 3 OF 5

- 1st Vice, R. Monts
 - BOD / Staff must be unified on all publicly discussed topics. If there is ANY ambiguity or unfamiliarity with any questions or inquiries from general membership, get a name, confirm with BOD, and then get the member information. General post business must not be discussed near, or in earshot of general membership during normal post hours.
 - CLARIFICATION: June 2026 Meeting a resolution was introduced, read in full, distributed at the time, and again with the minutes, plus posted on the website. This was to increase the social membership dues from \$31 to \$40, and to increase the renewal from \$10 to \$30, with ability to earn up to three \$5 credits on renewal, but never lower than \$15 for renewal. There was a very brief discussion about the \$9 increase. The motion was made, a second was made, the vote was unanimously approved 7 vs. 0.
 - No additional changes have been made or proposed
 - This is the post rule at this time, to be enforced by the BOD / ED
 - If these dues are wished to be changed, someone must present a formal resolution, and the resolution must be discussed, and voted, and passed, otherwise, membership dues and renewal dues shall remain as voted.
- 2nd Vice (Programs), D. Wismer
 - Apologized for lack of attendance in meetings in person, has had full schedule
 - December will be rough due to obligations, will attend as Santa
- Finance Officer, D. Dean
 - Financial report provided
 - Will submit letter of resignation from Finance Officer, will remain as Trustee
 - Vice Commander Monts acknowledges Mr. Deans service now and in the past positions
- Adjutant, T. O'Connor
 - Noting to Report
- Public Relations Officer / Social Media Officer, T. Stocker
 - Nothing to report
- Executive Director, D. Starr
 - Nothing to report

6. Reports of Standing Committees

- Membership Committee
 - New Members to be voted in
 - APPLICANT: REDACTED (Life Member, Veteran, no motion needed)
 - APPLICANT: REDACTED MOTION: D. Dean 2nd: J. Cavanagh, Approved
 - APPLICANT: REDACTED MOTION: J. Cavanagh 2nd: R. Hughes, Approved
 - APPLICANT: REDACTED MOTION: R. Hughes 2nd: T. Stocker, Approved
 - APPLICANT: REDACTED MOTION: R. Hughes 2nd: D. Dean, Approved



- Finance Committee / House Committee / Canteen
 - Dave Starr Report
 - Review of Bills
 - Expenditure exceeds revenue. Slow July & August
 - Need participation
 - Need to control funds
 - MOTION TO PAY BILLS: T. Stocker SECOND: D. Dean
 - The post insurance bill is due, increase of nearly \$1,100 from prior year
- Events & Fundraising
 - Sign-in White Clover Fund Drawing 50/50 (drawing to be done at conclusion of meeting)
 - Events needed

8. Special Orders

- None at this time

9. Unfinished Business & General Orders

- D. Starr & I Have not had time to sit and review happy hours for legalities
- No action on cleaning party for kitchen cleanout / remodel

10. New Business

- Discussion of changing the schedule of meetings from every month to every other or quarterly
- Allowance to have E.D. D. Starr provide financial reports, but not attend normal BOD meetings, only quarterly general meetings

11. Good of the Order

- Recognitions
 - Long time member Richie Lance passed away recently and suddenly
 - Gathering to be held at post 8/22/2026, 6PM - ?
- Volunteer opportunities
 - None
- Community concerns
 - D. Dean to organize another Gracedale County Home visit of veterans

12. Announcements

- Deadlines
 - None at this time
- Ceremonies
 - None at this time
- Post 17 activities
 - Remembrance for Richie Lance, Saturday August 6, 6PM



**AMVETS POST #17 MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026
PAGE 5 OF 5**

13. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn [Motion to adjourn: D. Dean Second: R. Hughes]
- Benediction (D. Wismer)
- Vice Commander called Post to attention for closing Salute to Colors
- Meeting Adjourned. 1932hrs

NOTE:

- Next Board of Directors meeting Monday September 14, 2026 at 1830hrs at the Post
- Next General Membership meeting Monday November 9, 2026 at 1830hrs at the Post