



**REVEREND JOSEPH
LAMARRE MEMORIAL
POST 2197 TOPSHAM,
MAINE**

16 January-2026

1. Minutes of Post Membership meeting of January 8, 2026
2. 17 members were present: Roger Stevens, Ed Harmon, Lin Stevens, Dale Brown, Brad Drummond, Joe Orbin, Gary Ouellette, Archie Pelley, Jim Eldridge, Frank Slinger, Dave St. Pierre, Mike LaMarca, Derek Anderson, Eric Cooper, Mitch Mrvichin, Peter Cochrane, Al Bourque.
3. 10 officers present: Commander, Senior Vice-commander, Junior Vice-commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 3yr Trustee, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Service Officer, Adjutant.
4. The meeting opened at 1800 hours.
5. CO Stevens reported the passing of two of our members.
 - Kent Long and Charles Fritz. A moment of silence was taken for our departed comrades.
6. Minutes of December meeting read & approved.
7. Financial report given & approved.
 - Total post funds at \$32,552.26
 - Quarterly audit is due and QM asked trustees to be available after meeting to help with audit.
 - Motion made and approved to expect report.
8. Comrades in distress: N/A
9. Kitchen:
 - BIW Breakfast went very well, CO Stevens thanked everyone who participated.
 - Tentative selections for March:
 - 6th – Beef stew & Fish chowder
 - 13th – Lobster rolls & Steak
 - 20th – Fried haddock & Steak
 - 27th – Lasagna & Baked scallops
10. Poppies: N/A
11. VoD & Patriot's Pen:
 - Awards banquet is this Saturday night.
 - CO Stevens thanked John Secone for stepping up to be a state judge on short notice.
12. Membership:
 - Membership is 94%, we need 7 for 100%, have 13 members to renew by Jun 30th.
 - 5 memberships expired: Lucien Hecker, Terick Colman, Dexter Honnors, Wayne Garrish, & Otto Milbourne.
 - 1 member is due in January; a letter has been sent.
 - Membership review committee submitted two applications:
 - Nick Greenleaf was recruited by Ed Harmon and approved by the Post.
 - Peter Cochrane transferred from his Arizona Post and was approved by the Post.
 - Roger Stevens, Ed Harmon, Brad Drummond, & Dale Brown have all brought in a new member this year.
13. Unfinished Business:
 - Veteran in need of roof:
 - Belfast is doing the roof itself, but we are responsible for the dumpster.
 - Military & Veteran appreciation hockey day at Bowdoin College on Jan 17th, Winter Classic softball tournament at Post 202 on Feb 14th.

- CO Stevens thanked Gary Ouelette for helping with the exhibitors.
 - Joe Orbin & Dept Co Amy Meuchel will be dropping the ceremonial puck.
- Dept CO's Special Project, Honor Flight Maine:
 - Motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to Honor Flight Maine.
- Visit to Freeport High School was cancelled due to weather.
 - Thursday Feb 5th was decided on the makeup date.
 - Be there by 0900.
- CO asked Post if they would like to donate to Boothbay VETS for memorial gifts in honor of Kent Long and Charles Fitz in the amount of \$50ea. which is what is written in our Post Operating Rules.

14. New Business:

- Volunteer Hours/Activities:
 - Eric cooper – 28hrs & 265mi at Lisbon food pantry & Legion.
 - Ed Harmon & team - [7] 752hrs & 2,165mi at V. E. T. S. Inc.
 - Frank Slinger – 4.5hrs meals on wheels, 2hrs people plus.
 - Roger Stevens – 12hrs at Veterans resource center, 30hrs Scholastic banquet, 3hrs Bowdoin hockey game.
 - Dale Brown – 8hrs on veteran roof project, 4hrs helping homeless person.
 - Gary Ouelette – 1hr organizing exhibitor.
- Tractor Supply Event:
 - June 20th was agreed on as a date to do.
- District:
 - District meeting Jan 18th in Bath @1400.
- MCVC: N/A
- Requests for support: N/A
- SVC Harmon announced that Boothbay VETS will be building a Veteran village in Wiscasset that will have rehabilitation along with housing

15. Good of the Order:

- Post received a ty letter from Tedford Housing for our donation.
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Prepared by Brad Drummond, Post Adjutant