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LAMARRE MEMORIAL  
POST 2197 TOPSHAM,  
MAINE**

17 May-2026

1. Minutes of Post Membership meeting of May 14, 2026.
2. 15 members were present: Ed Harmon, Dale Brown, Brad Drummond, Joe Obrin, Archie Pelley, Jim Eldridge, Eric Cooper, Mitchell Mrvichin, Peter Cochrane, Wayne Johnston, Louis Larios, Frank Slinger, Gary Ouellette, Derek Anderson, John Secone.
3. 9 officers present: Senior Vice-commander, Junior Vice-commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 3yr Trustee, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Adjutant.
4. The meeting opened at 1800 hours.
5. Minutes of April meeting read & approved.
6. Financial report given & approved.
  - Total post funds at \$34,836.42
  - Motion made and approved to except report.
7. Comrades in distress:
  - Lin Stevens is in the hospital with kidney problems. Currently having dialysis.
8. Kitchen: Tentative selections for July
  - 7/3: Hamburgers & Fried haddock sandwich.
  - 7/10: Steak & Fried haddock.
  - 7/17: Lobster rolls & Steak.
  - 7/24: Steak & cheese sandwiches and Fried shrimp.
  - 7/31: Lasagna & Scallops.
9. Poppies:
  - Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> is our first "Buddy Poppies" at Market Basket.
    - 9-1230; John Secone, Peter Cochrane, Brad Drummond, Ed Harmon.
    - 1230-1600; Roger Stevens, Gary Ouellette, Dale Brown, John Kennedy.
10. VoD & Patriot's Pen: N/A
11. Membership:
  - Membership is 107%, with 123 members, have 6 members to renew by Jun 30th.
  - 4 members are due in May; letters have been sent.
  - 2 members have not renewed their membership; Wayne Gerrish & Rafeal Macias.
  - Membership review committee submitted one application:
    - David Owen was recruited by Dale Brown. Post approved applicant.
  - Roger Stevens, Ed Harmon, Brad Drummond, Gary Ouellette, & Dale Brown have all brought in a new member this year.
12. Unfinished Business:
  - Veteran in need of roof:
    - Contractor hopes to be done by the end of May. He will pay for the dumpster and we'll reimburse him. Dale Brown believes the post is looking at about 3k for the cost of the dumpster.

- Day of Service was Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Shaw's in Brunswick and Wiscasset for Midcoast Hunger Prevention and Wiscasset food pantry.
  - Combined efforts produced \$1,488 and 500lbs of food! Great job everyone!
- Memorial Day Parade:
  - John Secone wants to decorate float on May 24<sup>th</sup> around 0900.
  - Joe Obrin gave updates on lineup for parade.
  - Adjutant will send out email asking for help decorating float
  - CO Stevens has been asked to be the principal speaker this year for the parade.
  - Maine Paws for Veterans will join us this year.
- Tractor Supply Expo is June 20<sup>th</sup>:
  - Gary has sent out emails to possible vendors and will send out a follow-up. Discussed layout at Tractor Supply.
  - Ed Harmon announced that this will be on 4 different stations for advertisement.
- Annual incorporation has been completed and a copy sent to David Williams.
- SVC Harmon announced that the Adjutant needs copies of DD214 of newly elected officers.

### 13. New Business:

- Volunteer Hours/Activities:
  - Eric cooper – 48hrs & 450mi at Lisbon food pantry & volunteering @ Food pantry.
  - Ed Harmon & team - [9] 686hrs & 2,785mi at V. E. T. S. Inc.
  - John Secone – 10hrs at the United Way.
  - Louis Larios – 12hrs volunteering for local church.
  - Mitchell Mrvichin – Made & paid for sandwiches for local needy children at the local skate park. Spent \$200 for the food and drove 40 miles
  - Peter Cochrane – 4.5hrs at local church, 14mi.
  - Joe Obrin – 20hrs volunteering at the local fairgrounds.
  - Dale Brown – 8hrs volunteering for food drive, 4hrs mowing lawn for veteran in need.
- With Eric Cooper being elected as new QM the banking access needs to be updated.
  - A motion was made and approved to have Dale Brown, Roger Stevens, and Eric Cooper authorized to write checks & make deposits on emergency basis, and in addition to remove Al Bourque off as an authorized person on the account. The motion also included replacing Al Bourque as QM alternate with Dale Brown.
  - As QM Eric Cooper will be principal user of the debit card.
- Need to register delegates to National convention. QM believes he has done that but will follow up to make sure.
- Dept. is currently looking for a new SO. Brandon Curtis has resigned & James Ware is retiring later this year.
- District: N/A
- MCVC: N/A
- SVC Harmon read "Loyalty Day" speech to the post.
- State Convention is June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.
- Request for support:
  - Mitchell Mrvichin made a motion to donate a \$500 gas card to Lin Stevens' family to help with going back and forth to the hospital. Motion was approved by the post.

### 14. Good of the Order:

- Post received Ty cards from Wiscasset Food pantry and MCHP for our efforts in our Food drive for them.
- Dale Brown announced that CO Stevens has been bumped up to Dept CO this year instead of next year because the Dept SVC Day stepped down. He has 28 days to get ready when he normally would have a year.