



16 September-2026

1. Minutes of Post Membership meeting of September 10th, 2026.
2. 16 members were present: Ed Harmon, Brad Drummond, Jim Eldridge, Wayne Johnston, Louis Larios, Gary Ouellette, John Secone, Roger Stevens, John Kennedy, Mike LaMarca, Eric Cooper, Will Laviolette, Eric Cooper, Derek Anderson, Dave St. Pierre, Peter Cochrane.
3. 10 officers present: Commander, Senior Vice-commander, Junior Vice-commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 1yr Trustee, 2yr Trustee, 3yr Trustee, Surgeon, Adjutant.
4. Meeting opened at 1800hrs.
5. Minutes of August meeting were approved:
 - A motion was made and approved to accept minutes without reading as they were emailed to the post membership prior to the meeting.
6. Financial report given & approved:
 - Total post funds at \$34,382.14
 - Motion made and approved to accept report.
7. Comrades in distress:
 - Gil Wildes wife passed away, and a condolences card was sent on behalf of the Post.
 - Dale Brown's father passed away. Post just discovered this tonight and will get a card out to him.
8. Kitchen: Tentative meals for Nov.
 - Nov. 6 - Fried Haddock or Pot Roast.
 - Nov. 13 – Lobster Rolls or Lasagna.
 - Nov. 20 – Meatball subs or Fried shrimp.
 - Nov. 27 – Beef stew or Shrimp Creole.
 - Lobster picking day will be Nov 12th.
9. Poppies:
 - Buddy Poppies have been ordered (3000).

- Nov 7th at Market Basket is our first event.
 - Looking for volunteers to help with the event.

10. VoD & Patriot's Pen:

- Topic for both this year is, "What a Veteran taught me about America".
- CO has put the word out to the local school systems and put it on social media platforms.
- Will Laviolette had to step down as assistant due to personal issues.
 - Mike LaMarca has agreed to step up and help John Secone.
- Post made a motion to keep the awards the same as last year.
 - VoD – 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100.
 - PP – 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50.
 - TotY - \$150 ea.

11. Membership:

- Membership is at 75%, need 32 members for 100%.
- One member has let his membership expire, Lucian Laurie.
- Two members due in September, letters have been sent.
- Membership review committee has one new application.
 - Ed Harmon brought in an application. Megan Hardy was accepted into the post.
- Over 70 years old members dues to be paid by the Post according to Post Operating Rules.
 - Leonce Gagne and Michael Murphy.
- Roger Stevens and Ed Harmon have brought in a new member this year.

12. Future of the Post:

- Brad Drummond, John Secone, Eric Cooper, Gary Ouellette, and Mike LaMarca have volunteered for a committee to discuss the future of our Post.
- JVC Drummond gave a report on the committee discussions.
 - Talked about asking Post 202 about some ownership of the building or at least a tenant. An actual building of our own currently is way too expensive.
 - Membership discussed the topics and committee will continue to explore further.

13. Unfinished Business:

- Post held its first zoom link to the meeting. Link worked fine but needed work on mic and camera positions.
- MELD school is September 26th at Hampden Post.
 - Reconfirmed who can make new date and asked if anyone else would like to join.
 - CO Stevens asked adjutant to send an email out to find out the deadline to sign up.

- Tractor Supply event is Nov 7th.
 - Gary Oullette will begin contacting possible organizations who want to attend.
- John Secone asked if there was any word about volunteering for the suicide prevention walk.
 - CO Stevens said he hasn't heard anything other than the initial email.

14. New Business:

- Volunteer Hours/Activities:
 - Frank Slinger – 6hrs meals on wheels, 3hrs People Plus. 120 miles.
 - Eric cooper – 32.5hrs & 350mi. Volunteered at food pantry & travel to Boothbay VETS.
 - Ed Harmon & team - [9] 1152hrs & 4,362mi at V. E. T. S. Inc.
 - Louis Larios – 12hrs @ local church, 2hrs with Legion.
 - Roger Stevens – 8hrs @ the Veterans resource center.
 - John Kennedy – 20hrs fundraising for American Legion, 2hrs at local fair. 200 miles
 - Joe Obrin – 100hrs @ Topsham fair
 - Brad Drummond – 8hrs fundraising for Maine Paws for Veterans.
- CO asked QM to order 2 wreaths for our veterans' ceremonies.
- Bowdoin Hockey team reached out to our post asking if we would like to participate in a Veteran & Military appreciation day.
 - Post members agreed that we would like to be part of it.
- District: N/A
- MCVC:
 - Center Director has resigned and is currently looking for a replacement.
- Request for Support: **N/A**
- JVC Drummond announced he is doing a gun raffle to help support the Commander's Special Project and he has tickets available.
- SVC Harmon announced that Boothbay VETS will be drawing a winner for their camper raffle on September 17th.

15. Good of the Order:

- Augusta VFW post is sponsoring a heating assistance fundraiser on September 18th & 19th.
- Mike LaMarca informed post of the new smoking area outside of Post 202.
- CO Stevens thanked Joe Obrin for donating to his Special Project this year by giving him a CO's pin, his coin, and a cup.
 - Joe donated \$455.00. TY Joe!

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