American Legion
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372
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9 October , 2025

General Assembly Meeting Minutes
A General Assembly meeting was convened at 1900.
The meeting was opened with Prayer conducted by Chaplain Mike Montonera. Opening ceremonies were conducted in accordance with American Legion traditions.
Commander asks for a moment of silence for those serving and who served defending our country from all wars and conflicts.
<u>Commander requests names of any one sick or in distress</u>: George Herd, Carl Zuber, Marilyn Sussan, Becky Murphy, Bob German, Carlton, Daniel Hicks, Becky Murphy, Chuck Hurd, Evert Perry. Barry Litsky, Eric Perry. Passing of Carlton German and Robert Sussan.
A roll call of officers was conducted. 11 members in attendance
Quorum achieved.
A motion was made by Jrff Volpe, Second by Mike Montonera to accept the minutes of the August General Assembly. The minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Jeff Volpe to suspend the reading of the August Executive meeting. Second by Dan Taszarek. Motion passed.

<u>Correspondence</u>: Elks Veteran Service: Veterans Resource Fair Jacksonville Elks Lodge #221 1855 West Rd. <u>Membership Chairman</u> 160 members 58% of goal. The next Department goal is November 5th to be at 65%.
<u>Officer Reports</u>
Commander Dan Hempsall no report
1st Vice Steve Sullivan reports aluminum can bringing .65 cents a pound, the highest it's been since the beginning of the program. Please continue to turn in your soda and beer cans. No other aluminum is authorized.
2nd Vice Commander Jon Riddle absent excused no report
Finance Officer Paul Arambula provided the monthly financial report. A motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit was made by Steve Sullivan, 2nd by Dan Taszarek, motion passed

Chaplain Mike Montenara: reports Carlton Arthur "Bud" German Interment 11:30am Jacksonville National Cemetery 4083 Lannie Rd Jacksonville FL. Robert Sussan service with reception following, 11:00am St Mark's Lutheran Church 3967 Hendricks Ave Jacksonville FL.

Judge Advocate: Vacant no report.
Sergeant-At-Arms: Daniel Taszarek; nothing to report
Service Officer Barry Litsky absent excused.
Historian Frank Nichols, no report

<u>Executive Committee member reports;</u>
Mark Shelton no report
Alan Painter absent excused
Karen Tracy; talks about renewal of Braveweb mail and post web site coming up soon. She suggests we wait until the next renewal to review options.

<u>Program & Committee Reports</u>
Americanism: Dan Hempsall No report
Oratorical: Dan Hempsaill No report
American Legion Riders fireside chat at Joe and Robins house 10-25-25 1700 chili cookoff all members of Legion ALR, AUX, SAL are invited.
SAL reports We are at 6 members, our goal 35.
Auxiliary: President Bernadette Montonera reports
Audit committee Nothing to report
Blood Drive Position is open nothing to report
Boys State Alan Painter: Absent Excused nothing to report
Boys State fee to be paid by January 1St. Interviews to start Mid December.
Canceled Stamp program: Bring in canceled stamps to any meeting for Stamps For Veterans rehabilitation program.
Children & Youth: Commander reports on YMCA Trunk or Treat event. October 26th 1500-1700. Post donated $200 to purchase candy.
Law and Order Barry Litsky absent excused no report
School Medals Alan Painter absent excused no report
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) position open nothing to report
Service Officer: Barry Litsky absent no report

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>
Post Fundraising, bricks, mugs, aluminum cans. Coins. Corporate sponsorship The storage unit is full and needs funds for additional space. The cost was $86 monthly and went to $106. ALR donated $250 to fund the storage unit.
Social nights New Tuesday meeting at V Pizza on San Jose for Magic Bingo 1800. Shores Pub is Thursday 1800 and stays the same. .
Early Bird/ Christmas party dinner. Will be at Mandarin Moose Lodge Saturday December 6th, more information to follow.
Next General membership meeting November 13, 2026 1900

NEW BUSINESS:

ALR Quartermaster; Mark Shelton will be placing a shirt order and emblem sales order. Join in to save on tax exempt status of the post and share the freight. Emblem sales order must be paid when order is placed with Mark.

November 1st is a department wide Membership rally. Posts in different categories will 'win the cash" for the most increase in membership.

November 21-25, 2025 is the Department Fall Conference. All members are encouraged to attend. New classes are being offered with some new instructors.

The Commander asks if there is anything more for the good of the Legion.
Executive Committee Member Karen Tracy: Mandarin Newsline asking for Veteran stories by Oct 27 deadline.
A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mick Montonara.
Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was closed at1935 hours.

Minutes taken by Frank Nichols Adjutant

Next District 5 meeting Legion and AUX 9 November 2026 1400 SAL meeting at 1230 Post 202

District 5 picnic scheduled April 2026 post 197

Nominations for the following Department of Florida positions were made
Northern Area Commander; Miguel Garcia by Post Post37
District 5 Commander; Ken White by Post 250
District 5 1st Vice Commander; Toshiko Moultrie by post 197

Post #372 Legionnaire's General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1900 hours. Meeting currently held at Williams YMCA 10415 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville Fl. 32257.