



**American Legion
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372
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January 9, 2025

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

**A General Assembly meeting was convened in 1900.
The meeting was opened with Prayer conducted by Chaplain Mike Montenara.**

**Opening ceremonies were conducted as tradition dictates.
Commander requests names of any one sick or in Distress: George Herd, Carl Zuber, Jim Ramos, Chris Hamrick, Mike Montonera, Bob Sussan & wife, Becky Murphy, Katherine Nichols, Miguel Garcia**

No visitors are present. 15 members in attendance

**Past Commander was Recognized; Dan Hemsail, Immediate Past
Commander Joe Maltese.,**

A roll call of officers was conducted. Quorum achieved.

**A motion was made by Joe Maltese and second by Barry Litsky to accept the
minutes of the December General Assembly. The minutes were accepted.**

**A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the January Executive
Committee Meeting was offered by Joe Maltese and second by Barry Listky.
The reading of the minutes was waived.**

Correspondence: Nothing to report

New and /or transferred members. 2 new or transferred members. Andrew Synder Post 400AD, William Price Post 400. One Deceased member from WW2 Joseph Warhol. A motion was made to approve membership of all candidate requests by Karen Tracy 2nd by Alan Painter. All candidates were voted into the post.

Officer Reports

Commander nothing to report at this time

1st Vice Commander/Membership Dan Hemsail: reports, the membership report as of January 9th 2025, we are at 86.85%. 4th place in District 5.

2nd Vice Steve Sullivan absent excused

Finance Officer Paul Arambula provided the monthly financial report A motion to accept Finance Report pending audit was made by Joe Maltese and second by Alan Painter, the report was accepted subject to audit.

Chaplain Mike Montenara: no report.

Judge Advocate: Bob Sussan absent excused no report. The Commander notes the new updated Constitution and By-Laws will be sent out for membership to review, and will be read at the next general membership meeting.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Daniel Taszarek no report.

Service Officer Barry Litsky nothing to report

Historian Frank Nichols, continue to send in photos and articles about your Legion community projects for entry into the Post 372 History yearbook.

Commander Craig Bernat reports on the new property: 2 easement approvals from 2 adjoining properties. One has been signed by the property owner. One is pending. Once obtained, St Johns Water Mgt. States we can proceed with clearing property. Clearing property is still in planning stages due to financial restraints.

Executive Committee member reports;

Mark Shelton no report

Alan Painter no report

Joe Maltese no report

Barry Litsky no report.

Karen Tracy reports on post coin sales. Coins available at most meetings for \$15 each.

Program & Committee Reports

Americanism: Dan Hemsail no report

Oratorical: Dan Hemsail no report

American Legion Riders; Annual ALR ride April 6, 2025, All State Unity ride April 6th, 2025. ALR summit February 13-16, 2025.

Sons of American Legion: 29 members goal 34 at 85.29%

Audit committee nothing to report.

Blood Drive Position is open nothing to report

Boys State Alan Painter: Reports Post registration of \$495 was paid. Post will conduct interviews to select citizens for the Program December thru February. Will need location and judges to help out.

Canceled Stamp program: Barry Listky reports he is collecting cancelled stamps at every meeting. Stamps to be sent in for veteran programs of rehabilitation.

Children & Youth: Position open nothing to report

Law & Order awards: Barry Litsky; nothing to report

School Medals/ Teacher of the year Alan Painter; nothing to report

Legion Baseball: Registration opens January 1st - May 31, 2025.
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) position open nothing to report
Service Officer: 1 contact made helping veteran answer questions about services.

Old Business

New home update; Waiting to obtain one easement.
Post Fundraising, bricks, mugs, aluminum cans. Coins. Corporate sponsorship
Constitution and Bylaws to be sent out this week, requesting all members to review so they can be read at the next general assembly meeting.
Volunteering at Jumbo shrimp games nothing to report.
Flagpole Dedication at Florida Tackle scheduled Saturday March 8th, 2025. assemble for orientation at 1330 ceremony at 1430. Dinner and music following.
Foundation update. Application has been assigned to an IRS agent.

New Business:

Fireside chat at Joe & Robin Maltese house January 18th 4pm
All events are posted on the website calendar www.alpost372fl.org.
Post Fundraising. Commander talked about on-line raffles and other options such as 50/50, Queen of Hearts.
ALR post 129 Casino Night Scheduled February 22, 2025. A motion was made by Joe Maltese and 2nd by Alan Painter to sponsor a table for \$300. The motion passed.
Wreaths/Flags at local cemeteries was discussed.
A motion was made by Joe Maltese and 2nd by Barry Litsky to buy materials to make a thermometer fundraising gauge sign to be placed on property for \$500. Discussion followed on the design of the sign and who would be making and installing the sign. The motion passed.
NFL Alumni Football and Cheerleaders Camp. Saturday June 14th 2025 from 8-12pm at Duval Charter School. Last year \$80 to sponsor kids, this year \$50. Commander inquired to see how much it is to be an event sponsor to get our name on flyers. Our sponsorship goes towards underserved kids who can't afford to go. All post family members should contribute what they can. \$1000 sponsorship questions were left open until next month.
Department of the Treasury Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting. This is something new on the federal level similar to the Florida Annual Report. As a Tax-Exempt Entity under their Exemption #19, we are not required to file.

Commander asks if there is anything else for the good of the legion.
Discussion was made about name tags for members at meetings.
AUX at 112% of membership goal.

**A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mike Montenara.
Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was closed at 1955
hours.**

Presented by Frank Nichols Post 372 Adjutant

**Upcoming events: February 2025:
Americanism month
3rd Four Chaplains day
4th USO birthday 1941
5-8 ALR Summit
9th %th District meeting Post 250
10th Executive Committee meeting
13th General membership meeting post 372
15th Baseball insurance available
19th US Coast Guard birthday 1941
16th ALR meeting post 372
27th SAL meeting post 372
27th AUX meeting post 372**

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.