



**American Legion  
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372  
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**13 November, 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.**

**Commander requests names of any one sick or in distress: George Herd, Carl Zuber, Marilyn Sussan, Becky Murphy, Bob German, Daniel Hicks, Becky Murphy, Chuck Hurd, Evert Perry. Barry Litsky, Eric Perry. Maryln Sussan**

**A roll call of officers was conducted. 16 members in attendance 1 guest Quorum achieved.**

**A motion was made by Joe Maltese and second by Karen Tracy to accept the minutes of the October General Assembly. The minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Steve Sullivan to suspend the reading of the October Executive meeting. Second by Joe Maltese. Motion passed.**

**Correspondence: Nothing to report**

### **Officer Reports**

**Commander Dan Hemsall no report**

**1st Vice Steve Sullivan reports aluminum can program: Please continue to turn in your soda and beer cans. No other aluminum is authorized. Hold on to your crushed cans until February for the next turn in.**

**Membership report given by Co-Chairman Karen Tracy: 184 members, 66%. We made the 65% November 5th goal. Next goal 75% on December 5th, 2025.**

**2nd Vice Commander Jon Riddle deferred to old business  
Finance Officer Paul Arambula provided the monthly financial report. A motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit was made by Joe Maltese 2nd by Alan Painter. After discussion about missing Insurance payment and upcoming renewal for the Post office box. motion passed**

**Chaplain Mike Montenara: reported on the memorial service for Bob Sussan. He stated there was a very large turnout, with members of TAL, SAL, AUX, SAL from all over the country here to pay respects to Bob's family. Also of note was the Flag line with members of Post 372 ALR and District 5 1st Vice Commander Ken White.**

**Judge Advocate: Vacant no report.**

**Sergeant-At-Arms: Daniel Taszarek; nothing to report**

**Service Officer Vacant Post looking into porting the phone number to a new Service Officer. A possible idea is to delete the phone number from all web sites until a solution is presented. Joe Maltese reports that Post 129 will screen service officer contacts. Karen Tracy volunteered to be the new Service Officer, she can go to training at the Department convention in June 2026, but no decision was made.**

**Historian Frank Nichols, reports on events at River Garden. On Veterans day 11-11-2025 Joe Maltese was the keynote speaker. He talked about "What it means to be a Veteran". Several members of the AUX, SAL, TAL were also present. The AUX members passed out poppies to residents.**

#### **Executive Committee member reports;**

**Mark Shelton no report**

**Alan Painter deferred to old business**

**Karen Tracy; Makes a motion to dismiss proposal for new website and BraveNet email provider until next renewal in 2027. Second by Steve Sullivan. Discussion follows Jon Riddle states he will present a Proof of Concept proposal at the December meeting for a new Email and web site provider before the 2026 renewal in March. Karen states this will not be enough time to make the transition before the current contract expires. Jon will be given until the December meeting to present the report. Craig Bernat states the proposal must include the Post Foundation 501c.3. It was agreed that if the Proof of Concept report can not be agreed on at the December 2025 meeting the proposal will not be acted on until 2027 renewal. After discussion Karen withdraws the motion.**

#### **Program & Committee Reports**

**Americanism: Dan Hemsall No report**

**Oratorical: Dan Hemsall District 5 Oratorical Chairperson sent out letters to all eligible schools in the District 5 county area. Any response from candidates in our Post area will be forwarded to us. No contacts have been received as of today. Post has not received any candidate applications.**

Speeches will be done between December 1st and January 18th. The District contest to follow. Chairman reports she has been combining post contestants due to low response. This is where several posts only have 1-2 candidates, so they buddy up with each other for one contest.

American Legion Riders will be providing escort for Wreaths across America 12-13-2025.

Audit committee Nothing to report

Blood Drive Position is open, Joe Maltese states the Blood donations are especially needed during the holidays. Continue to assign Blood donation to American Legion and report Donation to Adjutant for end of year CPR.

Boys State Alan Painter: 8 schools have been contacted. Boys State fee was paid \$495. Interviews to start Mid December.

Canceled Stamp program: Bring in canceled stamps to any meeting they will be forwarded to "Stamps For Veterans" rehabilitation program.

Children & Youth: YMCA Trunk or Treat saw over 200 kids at Post 372 site.

Three vehicles were decorated and members of TAL, SAL, AUX, ALR participated and passed out candy and TAL safety coloring books.

Law and Order Barry Litsky absent excused no report

School Medals Alan Painter Program to start in January 2016.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) position open nothing to report

Service Officer: Vacant Post is looking for a new person, Karen Tracy and Jon Riddle have expressed interest in the position.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Post Fundraising, Please consider a holiday donation for the building fund. Please consider a legacy donation through your IRA RMD. Add us to your last will and testament. Bricks, mugs, aluminum cans. Coins, donations from these programs support our building fund and Mandarin area programs. These donations stay in the Mandarin area to support veterans and their families. Corporate sponsorship is also available.

The storage unit needs funds for additional space. The cost is \$106 monthly.

ALR donated \$250 to fund the storage unit in October.

Social nights New Tuesday meeting at V Pizza on San Jose blvd for Magic Bingo 1800. Shores Pub is Thursday 1800 and stays the same. .

Early Bird/ Christmas party dinner. Location has changed the date and time is the Same December 6th 2025 at 1800, Dinner and dancing. The new location is Almost Home Daybreak 3604 Cardinal Point Dr Jacksonville FL 32257. Location is behind ABC liquor on the corner of San Jose blvd and Sunbeam Rd. reserve your spot by sending the number in your party to [info@alpost372fl.com](mailto:info@alpost372fl.com). Please bring a small desert. And consider bringing door prizes to give away during the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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.  
A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mick Montonara.  
Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was closed at 1935  
hours.**

**Minutes taken by Frank Nichols Adjutant**

**Next General membership meeting December 11, 2025 @ 1900**

**Next District 5 meeting Legion and AUX 14 December 2025 1400/ ALR  
meeting at 1230 Post 129**

**District 5 picnic scheduled April 18, 2026 post 197**

**Endorsements on file for the following Department of Florida Officers  
To be made at the 107th statewide Department Convention June 11-14, 2026  
At the Hilton Orlando in Lake Buena Vista  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1900 hours. Meeting currently held at Williams YMCA 10415 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville Fl. 32257.