



**American Legion  
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372  
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**11 December , 2025**

### **General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**A General Assembly meeting was convened at 1900, Meeting held by Executive Committee member Karen Tracy.**

**The meeting was opened with Prayer conducted by Chaplain Mike Montonera. Opening ceremonies were conducted in accordance with American Legion traditions.**

**Ms. Tracy asks for a moment of silence for those serving and who served defending our country from all wars and conflicts.**

**Ms. Tracy 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 done. Quorum achieved.**

**11 members in attendance 1 guest Michael P. Kibat Navy Veteran.**

**A motion was made by Joe Maltese and second by Dan Taszarek to accept the minutes of the November General Assembly. The minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Craig Bernat to suspend the reading of the November Executive meeting. Second by Joe Maltese. Motion passed.**

**Correspondence: 1. Stamps for Veterans, sends thank you post card for the latest box of cancelled stamps. 2. Letter from Krisiti Paishon Community Service Awards Committee Chair, asking for letter or recommendation for post 372 member Ms. Theresa Melton. Theresa was nominated for the Community Service Award by the Jacksonville Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 3. E-Mail from member Barry Litsky asking for a motion to have a budget for the Law and Order Awards**

ceremony in April 2026, and a date for the event. 4. Letter from Women's Veterans Glamping org asking for a donation based in Maine.

#### Officer Reports

Commander Dan Hemsall absent excused

1st Vice Steve Sullivan absent excused

2nd Vice Jon Riddle no report

Membership report given by Co-Chairman Karen Tracy: 218 members 78.42% placing us in 3rd place in 5th district based on 12-4-25 report. New members Rachel Smith from Post 400AD, Thomas Sween from Post 400. Marvin Ebers from Post NC0088. 1 member transferred out, Joseph McKinney to FL0250.

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 Jon Riddle. Charles Dicky donated \$1000 to building fund in honor of his father, \$200 was donated to Almost Home for letting us use their site for this year's early bird dinner. motion passed

Chaplain Mike Montenara: no report

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. Vacant. Karen Tracy reports she will remove Service Officer email and phone number from the web site until the position is filled.

Historian Frank Nichols, no report

#### Executive Committee member reports;

Mark Shelton absent no report

Alan Painter absent no report

Karen Tracy;no report

#### Program & Committee Reports

Americanism: Dan Hemsall absent No report

Oratorical: Dan Hemsall absent no report

American Legion Riders will be providing escort for Wreaths Across America 12-13-2025. Meeting at Gate station at Bratram Trail 0630. April 11, 2026 is the next Post ride. Unity Ride April 26th, 2026.

Audit committee Nothing to report

Blood Drive Position is open, no report

Boys State Alan Painter: absent no report

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

Children & Youth: No report

Law and Order Barry Litsky absent excused. A motion was made by Joe Maltese and second by Jon Riddle for a budget of \$600 and April 18th, 2026 as the date. For the Law and Order awards, Motion passed

School Medals Alan Painter absent no report

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

Service Officer: Vacant Post is looking for a new person.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Building update. St Johns River Mgt contact reached out to say our permit looks ok and hopes to approve it this month.**

**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.**

**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.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Karen Tracy presented a proposal to continue with Bravenet as web site provider and email. Also keeping the Foundation as is.**

**Jon Riddle presented a proposal for a new web site and email provider, from Traverge. A motion was made by Craig Bernat and Second by Joe Maltese to migrate to the new provider. Keeping a month to month contract for Bravenet until the new site can be up and running. Possibly 4-6 months. The Foundation would be added at a later time, before Bravenet is turned off. Motion passed.**

**The Commander asks if there is anything more for the good of the Legion. Craig Bernat talked about the upcoming NFL Football & Cheerleader camp. We were sponsors last year with a \$1000 donation.**

**Craig Bernat talked about the ongoing food drive. \$20 donations to feed local veterans during the holidays. Donations can be made on Zeffy on our home page or a link on weekend newsblast.**

**A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mike Montonara.**

**Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was closed at 2026 hours.**

**Minutes taken by Frank Nichols Adjutant**

**Next General membership meeting January 8th, 2026 @ 1900**

**ALR meeting January 18th 1000. SAL and AUX meeting January 22th 2026 both at 1700.**

**Next District 5 meeting Legion and AUX 11 January, 2026 at 1400/ SAL meeting at 1230 Post 194**

**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**