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General Assembly Meeting Minutes

A General Assembly meeting was convened at 1900, Meeting held by Commander Dan Hemsall

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

Commander Hemsall asks for a moment of silence for those serving and who served defending our country from all wars and conflicts. Commander Hemsall suspends the meeting for a presentation by Carson Bell from Perfect Golf Event. An organization that provides services to non-profits.

Commander Hemsall reopens the meeting after a presentation by Carson Bell.

Commander Hemsall 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. 16 members in attendance, 5 guests. EJ Wojcial SAL Commander, Tim Bailey Post 1380, Allane Strode ALR Director, Adam Beandon, Carson Bell from Perfect Golf Event. A motion was made by Joe Maltese and second by Craig Bernat to accept the minutes of the December General Assembly. The motion passed without discussion. A motion was made by Craig Bernat to suspend the reading of the

December Executive meeting. Second by Mike Montonera. Motion passed without discussion.

Correspondence: 1. Four Chaplains Event February 3rd 2026. Department of Florida Commander Jessica Moore sends a thank you card for inviting her to our December Christmas party.

Officer Reports

Commander Dan Hemsall nothing at this time

1st Vice Steve Sullivan absent excused

2nd Vice Jon Riddle absent excused

Membership report given by Co-Chairman Karen Tracy: 228 members 89.57% placing us in 3rd place in 5th district. One member requested to be transferred into post; Michael Kibat Post LA 0185. A motion to accept the transfer of member was made by Joe Maltese and second by Alan Painter. After an introduction of Michael Kibat, the motion passed.

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 Karen Tracy, after discussion about moving the donation for Feed the Troops to the National Security section, the motion passed subject to audit.

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. Anyone with knowledge of how to do a Google Voice transfer please let the Commander or 1st Vice know.

Historian Frank Nichols, no report

Executive Committee member reports;

Mark Shelton no report

Alan Painter no report

Karen Tracy no report

Joe Maltese; St Johns Water Management approved out site permit. He and Commander Hemsall met with people from CMS to discuss moving forward with the building project. CMS was hired to be Project Manager at a cost of \$5000. They will be monitoring all sub contractors for completion of work before payment.

Program & Committee Reports

Americanism: Dan Hemsall No report

Oratorical: Dan Hemsall no report

American Legion Riders; Director Allane Strode reports, April 11, 2026 is the next Post ride. Unity Ride April 26th, 2026. Upcoming Riders Summit.

Sons of the Legion; EJ Wojciak; Members who have paid for 2026 will receive membership cards this month. Talk was made about all post members recruiting SAL members from eligible family members.

Audit committee Nothing to report

Blood Drive Position is open, no report

Boys State Alan Painter: Two candidates chosen to be interviewed on January 17, 2026. Committee Alan Painter Chairman, Barry Litsky, Joe Maltese, Frank Nichols.

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; he has sent out invitations to the Fire & Rescue Department and Police Department May 9th, 2026 time to be determined.

School Medals Alan Painter 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 was approved.

Post Fundraising; Please consider a legacy donation through your IRA RMD or QCD also 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 now \$146 monthly.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Jon Riddle previously presented a proposal for a new web site and email provider, from Traverge. Previously a motion was made by Craig Bernat and Second by Joe Maltese to migrate to the new provider. Discussion approved going to a month to month contract for Bravenet until the new site can be up and running. Possibly 4-6 months. New discussion on this matter was discussed and the roll out was delayed due to Administration access delay. The Admin issue has been solved and a new time line will be updated.

The Commander asks if there is anything more for the good of the Legion.

Alan Painter wants to get the Perfect Golf Event up and running and asks for 12-16 volunteers to look for sponsors.

Craig Bernat reported the Food for Veterans donation presentation caught a snag, the manager on duty at the post exchange would not take his donation on behalf of the post. Stating it can only come from individuals. Further update to follow. This year's Football and Cheerleader camp needs a new Chairman.

Feb 1st is Veterans Iceman hockey night. Part of the proceeds go to the American Legion. A question of which American Legion was not readily answered.

Craig Bernat has submitted several grant requests to VyStar on behalf of the post.

A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mike Montonara.

Closing ceremonies were conducted.

Meeting Adjourned at 2002

Minutes taken by Frank Nichols Adjutant

Next General membership meeting February 12, 2026