



**American Legion
Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post #372
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July 10, 2025

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

A General Assembly meeting was convened 1900.

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

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, Bob German, Billy Deckers mother, Carlton, Daniel Hicks, Becky Murphy.

0 visitors were present,13 members in attendance

**Past Commander was Recognized; Dan Hemsall,
A roll call of officers was conducted. Quorum achieved.**

A motion was made by Dan Hemsall and second by Steve Sullivan to accept the minutes of the June General Assembly. The minutes were accepted. There was no Executive Committee meeting in July 2025.

Correspondence: Race for Inclusion 5K looking for sponsors, request was denied.

New and /or transferred members. 1 new member Joseph P. Smith 5 transferred in members: Theresa Melton FL 009 (Renewal with 373 paid for 2026) William J Lyle Jr. FL 0233, Jeffrey Volpe MT CN20, Rick Huey FL 0233, Gerald Ficek FL 0208. A motion was made to approve membership of all candidate requests pending verification of DD214 by Dan Hemsall 2nd by Dan Taszarek. All candidates were voted into the post pending verification of proper DD214.

Officer Reports

Commander nothing to report at this time

1st Vice Commander/Membership Dan Hempsall reports the membership report as of June 30th 2025 117% of Quota. Final Membership count for 2024-2025 295 members.

2nd Vice Steve Sullivan Aluminum cans go into the Blue truck when brought to meetings. (not the red one). The audit was completed with no discrepancies and will be posted on Post 372 home page.

Finance Officer Paul Arambula provided the monthly financial report. A motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit was made by Dan Hempsall and second by Steve Sullivan,

Chaplain Mike Montenara: no report.

Judge Advocate: Bob Sussan absent excused no report.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Daniel Taszarek, nothing to report

Service Officer Barry Litsky Absent excused, nothing to report

Historian Frank Nichols, no report

Commander Craig Bernat reports on the new property: One final easement approval needs to be updated with current information. Clearing property is still in planning stages due to financial restraints. No changes from last month.

Executive Committee member reports;

Mark Shelton no report

Alan Painter no report

Joe Maltese Absent excused no report

Barry Litsky reports: Absent excused no report

Karen Tracy Absent excused No report

Bob Sussan Absent Excused no report

Program & Committee Reports

Americanism: Dan Hempsall no report

Oratorical: Dan Hempsall no report

American Legion Riders fireside chat Looking for July sponsor

SAL reports We are at 35 members; our goal was 34.

Audit committee Audit was completed.

IRS Form 990 was completed.

Blood Drive Position is open nothing to report

Boys State Alan Painter: Absent nothing to update.
Canceled Stamp program: Continue to turn on canceled stamps monthly.
Children & Youth: Position open YMCA Back to School Bash July 26th 10-12 at Williams YMCA.
Law and Order Barry Litsky absent nothing to report
School Medals Completed nothing to update
Teacher of the year Alan Painter; No update.
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) position open nothing to report
Service Officer: Barry Litsky absent no report

Old Business

New home update; in need of new current surveys and updated building layout. No update from last month.

Post Fundraising, bricks, mugs, aluminum cans. Coins. Corporate sponsorship
Property needs grass cut on a regular schedule. Anyone with mowers, please alternate and volunteer cutting it so that we don't have to rent mowers to cut it.

Foundation update, \$25,000 Grant from CSX Corporation has been applied for
The storage unit is full. We need donations to cover the \$85 monthly fee. We got additional chairs and tables from FSCJ Yulee Campus.

Legacy Ride- The last night stop is in Jacksonville. The ride ends on Wednesday at POW/MIA Museum and leaves the next morning from there. It doesn't come into the city. Boom and crew from post 111 Tampa will be joining us and stopping in JAX. Need to show our friends hospitality.

Social Nights: We are going to support Monkey's Uncle Mandarin on Tuesday's at 6pm for trivia and Dicks Wings for Binge. People choose which to support. Shore's Pub is on Thursday at 6pm.

YMCA Back to school bash and Hot dog give away scheduled July 26TH 10AM-noon.

NEW Business

Next meeting Thursday August 14, 2025—Several members will be participating in the legacy Ride and will not be at this meeting. One of the Vice Commanders will be holding the meeting.

Early Bird/Christmas Party- proposed date of Saturday December 6th.
Location at the Mandarin Moose Lodge if available. The 5th District Commander will be inviting the Department Commander. Looking for suggestions on menu and catering options.

Website Membership- A renewal option was added on Post 372 site for Post and SAL renewals using Zeffy. New members will have to affirm they are qualified to join the Legion and do not have a Bad Conduct Discharge. Verification of DD214 is still required by the membership Chairman.

Website. Jon Riddle offered to host and create a new site for us at no charge, not only will this save the post money but if it can be updated as we are already doing.

Membership dues- The Department is raising membership dues by \$3 for 2027. A motion to raise Post dues by addition \$2 was made by Mike Montenara and second by Jeff Volpe the motion passed by a 8/5 show of hands. Dues for Legion Membership will be \$55 2026-2027.

Other New Business- All post events are listed on our website calendar alpost372fl.org

Commander asks if there is anything else for the good of the legion. No further business was brought before the membership.

A prayer was conducted by Chaplain Mike Montenara. Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was closed at 1944hours.

Minutes taken by Frank Nichols Adjutant

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.