



# American Legion Auxiliary

*In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country*

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

## 28 September 2025 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

Sergeant at arms advanced the colors and prepared the POW chair. Meeting opened with Pledge of the Allegiance, singing of the national anthem and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Belinda.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Brittany Robinson, Tammy Fleisher, Samantha Dowhower, Emily Clark, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Belinda McCottry, Mary Beth Durst, Marilyn Short, Laura Turns, Dep Santopietro, Deb Mackey, Melissa Gebhard, Jan Snyder, Aundrea Rung, Cristy Weigel, Michele Darrah, Sandy Gibo, Patty Carnathn, Mary Ann Gajar, Diane Boyer, Katie Krupski, Claudia Alicea

### **New members in attendance:**

- Katie

### **Secretary Report:**

- Minute emailed monthly, no corrections needed to August minutes
- Motion by Cathy, 2nd by Danielle, motion passed

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Report handed out with balances
- Cristy made a motion, Emily 2nd - motion passed
- Audit went well - Need to schedule to do budget
- Book is always available if you have any questions

### **Donation requests:**

- Laying Wreaths Across America
  - Motion of \$500 made by Tammy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cristy – motion passed
- Department Ticket Raffle
  - Keystone Girls State/Homeless Vets – \$100 motion made by Tammy to purchase tickets, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy – motion passed
- Military Pet Share
  - \$100 donation request by Tammy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy
  - Amended by Andrea to \$250 – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily – Motion Passed



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## **Donation requests (continued):**

- Eagle Scout project by CD Gold Star Player, Nick Azzato
  - Paid for project themselves, donating to help offset the cost of the memorial
  - \$200 motion made by Cristy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brittany – motion passed
- Honorary JRs President Project
  - Gift cards to donate – motion made by Melissa for 5 \$20 gift cards – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle – motion passed
- CD Cares
  - Andrea made a motion for \$250 to go to CD Cares – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy – motion passed

## **President:**

- Night out for Safety went well. Thank you for volunteers
- Membership Appreciation went well - didn't have as many people come as previous year
- BBQs have been good. Thanks for the volunteers for stepping up
- Sunday Bingos are ehh - trying to get more people to come. The \$400 progressive pot was won. We have been doing raffles, and baking. The Sunday Bingos make up for the loss of BBQ this year.
- Gold Stars Mother Game went well. CD Won.
- POW/MIA Remembrance Service was attended by Sharon. Our ALA flag was the only one there. We received another ribbon for attending.
- Tata Rebels Bingo went well, need to try to get the same turn out at our Sunday Bingos
- Round Table Meeting
  - Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm, an Edward Jones Rep will be in the smoke free dining room to discuss financial planning
  - November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans' Day Breakfast. We serve all Veterans regardless if they are a member or not. We will need volunteers around 7am to set up and serve until about 10:30 and then clean up
  - Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is Bike a Better Path
  - Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> is Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap
- Post Everlasting November 11th
- National Convention went great
  - Requesting to have to vote in new members - we don't have to follow this - we are going to keep it the same per vote. However, all transfers must be voted in at the monthly meeting moving forward.



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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:**

- Thank you Notes
  - Family of Erica Horst Flaig Golf Fund -
  - US solve the cure of Lupus
  - Panther Ram Foundation
  - VA - thank you donation meal
  - Food Bank - for Military Share

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice:**

- Home Assn
  - Stripping and waxing the nonsmoking dining room floor at some point
  - December 14<sup>th</sup> is the Employee Christmas Party
  - Still looking for an assistant home assn manager and looking internally instead of going to outside HR Company
  - Hired a new cook, Erica is now the kitchen lead, still working on more staffing
  - New Menu is coming
  - Sunday Breakfast is October 12<sup>th</sup>, and will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 8am-11am
  - Starting Music Bingo in September.
- Post Meeting
  - CASA will have tree lighting on the corner of the parking lot Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. No time mentioned yet.
  - Legion College is Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Van will leave at 7:45am. If you would like to go, please let us know. If we pay for you to go and you don't show up, you will be required to pay the \$25 fee
  - Legion is at 56.81% of membership goal
  - Loan for the deck is at \$179,000 and change
  - The extension of the banquet room bar is on hold K
  - New Legion adjutant, Scott Finney

## **Americanism: Jan**

- Katie will get information out to the schools for the essay

## **Legislative: Jan**

- Multiple Bills in the House of Reps that include Support of Short Term Services, Woman's Veteran Cancer Care, Health Professional Scholarships

## **Keystone Girl State: Andrea**

- Emails sent out to CD East, Votech and McDevitt

## **JR ALA: Melissa**

- First new meeting of the year, 1 new member. Helping out with the Bake Sale and Halloween Party.

## **Poppy Fund: Emily**



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## **Children's Halloween Party: Melissa and Brittany**

- Meeting to go over everything
- Sons are covering the pizza, riders drinks
- Will need Volunteers Thursday night @ 7pm to set up and Friday to help with event
- Kids 12 and under are free, 13+ are \$5. Sign up in Daily Book.
- Donations of Candy, Rice Krispies will be appreciated.

## **PR: Mary Beth**

- Yard Sale Event posted on all Facebook groups
- Will Start Posting Bingos too

## **Sunshine: Brittany**

## **Breakfast with Santa: Katie**

- Katie in charge moving forward
- Will Need Help and direction since it's her first year
- Also, need to get with Riders/Son about splitting cost of new Santa Suit

## **Membership: Marilyn**

- 198 paid members for 2026 - goal is 950
- <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>
- New Transfer Request
  - Judith Ann Fornwald
  - 730 Home Post
  - Information from other clubs – not a good fit for our Club
  - Voted - Transfer Request Denied

## **Yard Sale: Emily and Barb**

- Saturday October 11, 2025 7-11 am
  - Members \$15.00 per space, Non-Member \$20.00 per space
- Table Rentals Available \$5.00
- 20 spots sold so far

## **Veteran's Dinner: Marilyn**

## **VA Holiday Dinner**

## **Angel Tree**



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## Old Business:

- We will host the Tri County meeting on May, 2, 2026. There will be nominations and Elections.
- PA Auxiliary website – [pa.ala.org](http://pa.ala.org)
- Tee Shirts – We have some extra and can still order if you would like one. Payment at time of pick up is expected cash or check please, check made out to Sharon. I can still order shirts if you want one.
- Honor Guard needs Members
- PA Auxiliary website – [pa.ala.org](http://pa.ala.org)
- National Auxiliary website – [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

## New Business:

- Constitution and By-Laws will be amended
  - Officer Staggering Elections moving forward so always at least 2 members of the board with experience

## Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

- Oct 14 - Vickie's Angles
- November 11 - Guitars for Vets
- December 9- Veterans Outreach- Tiny Homes

**\*\*Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly\*\* \*\*ALL volunteer hours count, we need to show the IRS we are volunteering hours to keep our not for profit status. \*\***

Next meeting is October 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.