



# American Legion Auxiliary

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

505 North Mountain Road Linglestown, PA 17112

## April 26<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 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, and followed by a prayer by Chaplain Belinda.

Those in attendance: Sharon Lynott, Emily Clark, Samantha Dowhower, Brittany Robinson, Barbara McCullough, Danielle Maneval, Belinda McCottry, Melissa Gebhard, Marilyn, Short, Sandy Gibo, Laura Turns, Cristy Weigel, Mary Beth Durst, Ruth Jeannerat, Andrea Rung, Roxanne Klinger, MaryAnn Gajar, Diane Boyer

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

### **Secretary Report:**

- Minutes emailed monthly, no corrections needed to March minutes
- Motion made by Melissa to accept minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion passed

### **Treasurer Report:**

- Report handed out with balances
- Andrea made a motion to accept report, Brittany 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed

### **Donation requests:**

- Linglestown Fire Hall
  - Wanting to buy new equipment
  - \$500 motion made by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb, motion passed
- Brick in Canteen Foyer
  - ALA Brick \$50 cost – motion made by Marilyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle – motion passed
  - JR ALA Brick - \$50 cost – motion made by Emily – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxanne – motion passed
- Child Well Being Fund
  - National ALA fund for kids that have physical, mental and emotional needs
  - \$200 motion made by Barb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle, motion passed
- National Lupus Foundation
  - Emily made a motion \$450 since we aren't doing a bingo this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brittany - motion passed



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## President:

- Sunday Bingo produced approximately \$1,000 raised
- Ordered Mints for May 2<sup>nd</sup> TriCounty meeting and Memorial Day parade
  - Motion to pay Sharon \$98 approx. – made by Cristy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle – motion passed
- Juniors and Seniors from other post that want to participate in our Memorial Day Parade
- ALA Members can ride in the parade but may need to provide a car.
- Alan Smith (717-810-1844) is the contact person for Memorial Day cemetery flags. We will be placing flags on May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am at Shoop's and Resurrection Cemeteries. Rain Date is May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm. Bring Screwdriver/Hammer and drill if you have. Please also make sure we are placing flags on the Jewish side as well.
- Breakfast for Mt Union Legion – Sons donated \$500 – made \$600 from breakfast. We will be donating about \$1,500 all together with baskets
- Round Table Meeting
  - BBQ Dates – May 30<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> – along with smoked sandwich sale on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Department meeting
  - Barbara and Sharon attended Spring Conference on April 18<sup>th</sup>
    - ❖ If ALAMIS check is less than \$3.50, they will apply to next payment
    - ❖ When posting to Facebook, please no pictures with alcohol
    - ❖ JR Activities – will need clearances
    - ❖ Camp Freedom is Department, not TriCounty
    - ❖ KGS Sponsorship should be in the Standing rules, volunteers require background check and we are now allowed to view Talent Show
  - Barb and Sharon attended Julia Maldonado, Central VP's, testimonial dinner April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Emily, Dept. Secretary, left unexpectedly and Kim Wentz was nominated and voted in as Office Manager/Treasurer/Secretary. She will retain all three titles until a new secretary can be found.
  - Don't forget the Year End Reports and copy for Sharon
  - July 16-18<sup>th</sup> Department Convention at Wyndham in Gettysburg – we need to know if you would like to attend
  - Sept 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> - Fall Conference at Sheraton in Harrisburg – we need to know if you would like to attend
  - National Convention will be in Louisville, KY – we need to know if you would like to attend



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

- Thank you Notes
  - Tammy for the service for John

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

- Home Assn/Post April Meeting
  - Performance reviews are complete
  - Renae Sites and Sue Hand resigned. They are looking to restructure and get more use of the banquet room.
- Entertainment Committee
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Kentucky Derby – special menu and Hat Contest
  - George Kopp is working on Bar Olympics
  - Corn Hole – George will talk to Sam about a corn hole contest to see if other Legions are open to it. People will sign up for team and it would be a two day event
  - Looking to do a Crab Fest, Dinner and Wine Pairing; Sept 26<sup>th</sup> is Membership Appreciation with Jeff Walker inside banquet room and DJ outside. Earl David Reed is coming back October 17<sup>th</sup>, Costume Contest October 31<sup>st</sup>, Ugly Sweater Contest December 12<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve Party.
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> is Bike Night
- IRS allows us to set our own social memberships up to 300
- HVAC system – 1 quit working and has been replaced
- Nominations are next month for both Home Assn and Post. Must be a legionnaire for both entities
- You can purchase shirts for Red Shirt Friday \$15 for Small-XL and \$20 for 2XL +
- Mission BBQ offering free sandwich – May 11 for Army, May 12 for Marine Corps, May 13<sup>th</sup> for Navy, May 14<sup>th</sup> for Air Force, May 15<sup>th</sup> for Coast Guard and May 16<sup>th</sup> Active duty Veterans 11am-2pm
- Finance Report – Deck loan as of April 21 is \$81,619.08. Frank announced he will not seek the finance officer position for coming year. Donations approved, Legion Baseball \$9,834, Susquehanna Senior Softball \$800 and LACA July 25<sup>th</sup> picnic celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States.
- Dwayne Hoover is finishing up Buddy Checks
- New roof top AC installed, quoted \$12,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> unit
- Blood Drive – 42 people came and 38 pints donated
- 9 participants signed up for the Memorial Day Parade
- House Rules will be posted May 1<sup>st</sup>. Transparency laws – Small games of chance, you cannot take pull tabs out of the Legion, it makes them null and void. Members can sign in 3 people (verifying information). All Nonmembers must show proof of age.
- Riders – things are going better, more members attending and have planned several rides



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice (continued):**

- John Trout quit the landscaping business. They had 3 responses but only one big. Hoagies will do the landscape, grad cutting and snow plowing. Comparable to what we spend now. Approved this change
- Jaxon Jablonski was approved to be sponsored for the State Police Elmer Hafer Youth Camp June 7-13<sup>th</sup>

## **Americanism: Katie**

### **Legislative: Jan**

- Copies of report attached. Includes information on Gold Star Spouses and earned VA benefits, VA home Loans, Pension and Fiduciary, Insurance and Education benefits.

### **Keystone Girl State: Andrea**

- made 2<sup>nd</sup> contact with all contacts – no interest

### **JR ALA: Melissa**

- Donated \$50 to sponsor flowers for Lebanon VA
- 1 girl going to TriCounty
- 5/9 will help with bake sales, 5/20 Willow Grove Cemetery
- A couple girls will walk in the parade
- Will need donations for Bake Sale on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Poppy Fund: Emily**

- Emily is stepping down to finish school – will need someone to set up

### **PR: Mary Beth**

- Newsletters are posted to website

### **Sunshine: Brittany**

- sending Patty C

### **Membership: Marilynn**

- 919 members, 96.73 of our 950 goal
- 78 new members and 20 juniors
- <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>

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

- May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 people signed up – 17 spaces
- Not doing much food wise
- Will need help @ 6am and will need donations for bake sale



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## **Breakfast with Easter Bunny: Laura Turns**

- \$450 raised, \$227.75 cost
- around 70 people showed up all together

## **TriCounty Committee: Cristy Weigel**

- 20 people on committee
- Meeting 4/27 – will need help setting up 5/1 @ 6pm and 5/2 around 7:30/7:45

## **VA & R**

- Andrea and Sharon are handing out gummi bears at the VA for Gummi Bear Day

## **Old Business:**

- 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.
- Honor Guard needs Members
- PA Auxiliary website – [pa.ala.org](http://pa.ala.org)
- National Auxiliary website – [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)
- Sunday Bingo dates: Sunday bingos are in place of some of the BBQ's to help fund the SAL, ALA and ALR endeavors.
  - May 17, 2026 • June 21, 2026/Father's Day • July 19, 2026 • August 16, 2026 • September 20, 2026 • October 18, 2026 • November 15, 2026 • December 20, 2026 • January 17, 2027 • February 21, 2027

## **Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:**

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

Jan 13, 26 Tiny Homes ; Feb 10, 26 – TriCounty; March 17<sup>th</sup> – PA Wounded Warriors; April 14<sup>th</sup>, Multiple Sclerosis; May 12 – Tata Rebels; June 9<sup>th</sup> – Susquehanna Svc Dogs; July 7<sup>th</sup>, Nutripaks; August 4<sup>th</sup> – Lebanon VA Meals; September 8<sup>th</sup> – CD Cares; October 6<sup>th</sup> – Vickies's Angels; November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Guitars for Vets; Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Children's Party

Next meeting is May 31st @ 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.