American Legion Post Meeting Minutes

Official Record of Proceedings

Meeting Date	**Tuesday, August 18, 2026**	**Location**	**Post 193 Becker MN MN**
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OPENING

- Meeting called to order 18:58.
- Invocation delivered asking for blessings and guidance.
- POW/MIA remembrance conducted; flag placed on the empty chair.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- Legion preamble read, reaffirming organizational values and mission.

FINANCE REPORT

Current Balances

Account	Balance
Checking	$9,052.04
Savings	$4,722.66
Certificate of Deposit #1	$27,986.46
Certificate of Deposit #2	$50,480.12
Certificate of Deposit #3	$32,078.25

Monthly Transactions

- **Membership dues paid:** $1,012
- **Deposits:**
    - Membership: $1,575
    - Garage Sale: $3,016

    - BAPE: $200
- **Payments:**
    - Utilities: $200
    - Ink: $36.97
    - Color guard: $50
    - Lights: $25
    - Township rent: $200
    - Excel Energy: $249.31
    - Car repair: $750

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> *Motion to accept Finance Report: Passed*

GAMING REPORT

Item	Amount
Checking Balance	$20,434.94
Donation — Sherburn County History Center	$50.00
Donation — Cemetery Monument	$200.00
Assigned Scholarship Funds	$500.00 + $1,000.00
Available Donation Funds	$15,687.94

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> *Motion to accept Gaming Report: Passed*

SAL REPORT

- **Next SAL meeting:** September 1, hosted at Dave Anderson's home ("Guns & Cupcakes"); range time 5–7 PM, potluck to follow.
- SAL establishing a dedicated squadron email address.
- First Vice stepped down; duties to be redistributed among the squadron.

- Upcoming recipients meeting in September to coordinate food-sale weekends for supported groups.
- **Craft sale:** Scheduled for November 21–22; approximately 10 tables already reserved.
- **Member welfare — Milo Olsen's partner:** Following a major stroke, motion passed to donate $100 gas card, flowers, or gift card.

FOOTBALL GAME VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

- Volunteers confirmed for the **September 3** game.
- **Additional volunteer dates:** September 18, October 2, October 9
- **Meeting time:** 6:15 PM at the post; arrival at field by 6:45 PM.
- Free pork chop offered to all volunteers.

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT PROJECT

- Monthly veteran spotlight initiative officially launched.
- Members asked to complete worksheets with service history and photos.
- Spotlights will appear on the post website, in the newsletter, and will be archived with the History Center.

MEMBERSHIP

- **Current membership level:** 46%
- Approximately **10 renewals** needed to reach the 50% goal.
- Renewals accepted through Steve, Mark or online.

SICK CALL / MEMBER WELFARE

The following members and families were noted as facing medical challenges. The Post extends its support and well-wishes:

- Milo Olsen
- Fred Metzger
- John Fishbach's family

- Ken Gates
- Dan Casey *(Alzheimer's)*

OLD BUSINESS

Garage Sale

- Final total raised: **$7,441** over five weeks.
- Proposal for next year: run event only on weekends with increased volunteer participation.

Ruck March

- Original September dates no longer feasible due to insufficient advertising lead time.
- Proposed new date: **November 7**, tied to Veterans Day observance.

Pig Roast

- Lions Club approved beer/pop sales for the event.
- Donations being coordinated.
- Boy Scouts requested to assist with bussing tables.
- DJ hired; social media promotion planned.

Nonprofit Meeting

- Mayor hosted the annual nonprofit coordination meeting; the Legion was represented.

Membership Dinner

- Proposed date: **October 10**.
- Coordination with the Auxiliary required before date is finalized.

Veterans Day School Programs

- School programs confirmed for **November 11**.
- Goal to increase veteran attendance; outreach efforts to be planned.

NEW BUSINESS

Honor Guard Request

- A member's brother requested Post 193rd to perform funeral honors.

- Post agreed to coordinate with the Big Lake Legion; veteran status confirmed as sufficient.

NRA Fundraiser

- Sherburn County NRA seeking donations for trap rifles for a school program.
- Becker requested up to six rifles; two have already been funded.

Christmas Eve Dinner

- Mark S. and spouse will host the annual Christmas Eve dinner at the post.
- Proposal approved by the Post.

Building Maintenance

- Tile replacement currently underway; township insurance issues noted.
- Possible mural for the building exterior under consideration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Date(s)
Legionville Camporee	September 9–13, 2026
Minnesota Military Museum Opening	September 12, 2026
Fall Conferences	October 22–24, 2026
Craft Sale	November 21–22, 2026
Ruck March (proposed)	November 7, 2026
Veterans Day School Programs	November 11, 2026
Membership Dinner (proposed)	October 10, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was formally concluded at 20:18.
- **Next meeting:** Scheduled for the Tuesday after Labor Day.

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