



## Post 552

# American Legion Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: \_\_6:00\_\_\_\_pm

### Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mike Hill	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Bill Marsh	
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	Absent
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg	
Asst Adjutant	Travis Methvin	

Other members: Bill Heard, Donovan Morris and Dave Schmidt

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were displayed and approved as written.

### Committee Reports:

Finance: The balance sheet and budget were displayed. No changes were made.

Membership: The 2025 membership for the Post is 87 with the goal of 149 equaling 58.39%. The District average is 53.29%. Doug said he plans to prepare an invitation letter to Post 1000 and ask the Commander to release it soon.

Scout Troop: Travis has completed the required training from the Scouts. He will work with Tiffany to discuss details of our involvement and work on a tailored agreement. Possible responsibilities are reviewing their finances and monitoring their equipment inventory.

Unfinished Business:

October 21

**Guest Speakers:** Bill Heard reminded us of the November speaker, Master Sergeant Carlos. He is sending out invitation letters.

**Next Fundraiser:** The Wine Tasting was a very successful event and the Commander gave praise to Bill Marsh for organizing and putting it on. A contribution of \$1783.37 was made to the Wounded Warrior Program by the Post. Travis volunteered to work with Bill Marsh and produce thank you letters for those that donated and he will hand deliver them. Doug is sending letters to for the two cash donations. The next fundraiser will be discussed at a later meeting.

**Future Investments:** Much discussion ensued about timing for reinvesting our funds. The Intrust Bank CD matures on October 21. Bill Marsh moved we roll that into the money market fund. It was seconded by Mark and the majority approved. The UBS Bank CD matures on November 4. Kent moved we roll that money into the money market fund. It was seconded by Mark and the majority approved. In November a determination will be made where to place these funds based upon market performance.

New Business:

**Honor Flight:** Honor Flight returned on September 29. Dave Schmidt and Doug attended. There were 1000 people at the Lindbergh Terminal 2 baggage, waving flags and hearing patriotic music. They shook hands of the returnees after they descended the escalator being saluted by several sailors. We saw a professional video of Chip Boyd (VFW) during his visit to Washington, DC. Several videos of Bill Heard (AL) were shown and Bill spoke about his trip and showed awards he was given. The amount of mail he received was impressive.

Good of the Order: Jim announced he is obtaining T-shirts for beach clean up and encouraged members to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:14 pm\_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed October 21, 2024

Adjutant