

SAL Squadron 552 Meeting Minutes
22 January 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commander Steve Smitz to conduct business to come before Squadron 552; the meeting started at 1800 hours.

The opening ceremony consisted of Chaplain's prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion. The meeting quorum was met with the attendance of 12 members.

Meeting minutes of the last meetings were read and since there were no changes, they stand as published. Meetings were held on 25 Sep 25 and 23 Oct 25 but the minutes were not formally written.

Finance Officer: The status of funds was provided and questions were answered.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS (via the notes from the previous two meetings):

1. Combination for water lock has been obtained.
2. Stickers for the chairs have been obtained.
3. For cleaning the grounds, it was decided to purchase a blower, the cost to not exceed \$300.00. Electric vs gas was discussed. Issue will be researched by Neil who will purchase the blower.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. All new and paid memberships have been processed to date. The Commander will pursue those who are delinquent in their dues.
2. Meatloaf will be served next Friday. Need volunteers, three in kitchen and three servers.
3. The Chili cookoff, a staple for many years, will again occur on Superbowl Sunday. It was approved to purchase a plaque to display the winners. The Commander has a list of some past winners and these too will be added along with the future winners. The plaque will be displayed somewhere in the facility. Jack will purchase the items following the upcoming event.
4. The newly appointed American Legion advisor is Mike Hill, replacing Jack Porath. Discussion then ensued concerning the support of the Legion and Sons members toward the various American Legion Programs and the upkeep of the facility. All present concurred that historically, it has been the Sons who have been THE most active organization, along with the Auxiliary, supporting the Programs of the American Legion. It was emphasized, and agreed by all, that the Sons' closest ties have been with the Auxiliary who are also extremely active supporting the Programs and the needs of the facility. It was also requested the American Legion Commander come to a Sons meeting, an issue Mike Hill will discuss.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE SONS OF THE LEGION:

- Members are encouraged to check the American Legion website at www.americanlegion552.org for minutes of past meetings and advise the Adjutant when there is a change of address and/or email.

CLOSING ceremony followed and the meeting ended 1852 hours.

/s/ Singed 23 January 2025
JOHN R. PORATH
Adjutant and Treasurer