

SAL Squadron 552 Meeting Minutes  
26 February 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Senior Vice Commander to conduct the 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 10 members.

**Meeting minutes** of the last meetings were read and since there were no changes, they stand as published.

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

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

1. Purchase of an electric blower was at a cost of 282.35. It will be stored in the storage shed.
2. The chili cookoff winner was Laurice Rasmussen. Jack Porath was given the list of winners since 2018 and per previous meeting approval he will purchase a plaque to display our past and future winners.
3. Post 552 American Legion Commander was invited to attend. At this meeting, Commander Doug Benzel attended and thanked the members for their long-lasting support and involvement to the success of the Post. Emphasizing SAL 552 is an integral part of the Post's American Legion family, he appointed Mike Hill as the Advisor, replacing Jack Porath, who will then report to the Post the activities of the SAL and vice versa.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Due to the Commander having an accident, substitutes were found to prepare the meatloaf dinner for Saturday, 28 Feb 2026, approved via vote 9 to 1.
2. Post AL Commander Benzel asked about the posting of Squadron minutes on the website since many are missing. He was assured they are regularly provided to Liz for update but due to absence on the website, it was asked the missing minutes be sent to Liz.
3. The Senior Vice Commander provided completed membership applications to the Adjutant. It was acknowledged that many members are now renewing online rather than through the Post.
4. Nominations for elected officers for year 2026-2027 begin April meeting with further nominations and election at the May meeting. The Senior Vice Commander announced he will be moving and not available to continue.

**GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE SONS OF THE LEGION:**

- Members are encouraged to check the American Legion website at [www.americanlegion552.org](http://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 1836 hours.

/s/ Signed 28 February 2026  
J. R. PORATH  
Adjutant and Treasurer