The American Legion Minutes

Compiled by: Larry Throndson Date: September 8, 2026 Time Convened: 7:02 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: 10 Officers: 3 Members: 7 Adjourned: 7:53 PM

Meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Helle. Chaplain Joel Kessler the post in opening prayer. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution was said by all. Commander Joe Helle read a statement that we learned from the Linn Count meeting: A POW and MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the Legion. America. As a physical symbol of the many American POW and MIA still not account from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity and the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicated ourselves to this vital endeavor.

Guest: Joe Torres. He served in the Marines. Joe is looking to see if he wants to join the American Legion. Corp.

Minutes of the meeting date August 14, 2026 were distributed to the members. Motion by David Coleman to accept the minutes as updated, 2nd by George Letson and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

F**inance Report:** Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Mike Coleman to table the financial report until next month, 2nd by Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. Tim Cunningham stated that we need to do an audit. Joel Kessler and George Letson will help with the audit.

Flag Essay: NONE.

Avenue of Flags: Larry Throndson stated that we have one renewal for Ronald McGrath ($45.00 2027)

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Building: The Eagle troop painted the walls and painted the stripes in the parking lot.

Weapons: NONE

Web Site: Michael Colman stated that the website is up to date. Michael Coleman stated that the most popular pages are (1) Veteran's Services. (2) Building Rental (3) Post Officers (4)Flags Disposal.

Membership: Should renew on line (if possible). It is the easy way to renewal.

Scholarship Program: NONE

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: NONE

Sick Call: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

David Coleman stated that the wall will not be completed before the Christmas party.

Troy Andersen stated that we have 42 people coming to the Christmas party so far.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Helle stated that the Fall Conference is October 2, 2026 At Walcott, Iowa.

Joe Helle stated that he is the Oratorical Chairman for the Second District now.

Joe Helle Stated that the 766 Eagle Scout Troup would like to have a project.

Bill Schaffer stated that the scouts could fix the flag poles for Avenue of Flags.

Joe Helle stated that we will be doing a prestation of Quilts of Honor here on September 19,2026 at 10:30 AM.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

We got a letter from East Iowa Honor Flight thanking us for the donation of $1500.00.

DRAWING: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant

Winner was: Mike Coleman

Closing Statements

Motion by Mike Coleman to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Troy Andersen and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Commander Joe Helle read the closing statement. Till we meet again let us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let serves the community, State and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be very watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves that nothing small swerve us away from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM by Commander Joe Helle.