

Meeting Minutes
Modified General Meeting- Nomination of 2027 Officers
May 13, 2023

- Start Time
 - Members present: 8 Officers Absent? Henson: Work Schedule, Korth: out of State Funeral
 - Huerta, Tennison & Jr, Roberts, Bearrows, Libberton, Gruben, Welles,
- Pledge, MIA/POW Ceremony, Preamble: Suspended, this meeting
- Opening Prayer, Bearrows
- Intro Guests: None
- Speaker : None. Normal Officer's meeting except all members invited for Nomination of 2027 Officers
- Approval of April 8 Minutes Motion: Libberton 2nd Bearrows
- Adjutant report:
 - 58 Current members listed. Goal for 2027 will be 58!
 - 2 Unsigned from last year, 3 members deceased. Must maintain all remaining plus get 5 more new!
 - John Schinzer Passing - Presented Post Everlasting Certificate and IOU for grave marker. Korth and Gruben presenters
- American Legion Flags & Emblem Store is in crises mode. Ordered 3 grave markers and 400 3X5 stick flags 3 months ago and still not shipped!
- Election of 2027 Officers-This Meeting
 - Ask for nominations for Officer's Posts 3 times
 - Announce slate of Officers, Take Vote:
 - Record:
 - Nominations: Current Slate advances Motion: Libberton 2nd Bearrows
 - Commander: Henson
 - Sr. Vice Commander: Huerta
 - Jr. Vice Commander None Nominated, open for Appointment by Commander
 - Finance Officer: Welles
 - Appointed Officers; Adjutant, Korth, Chaplain: Bearrows, Sgt at Arms: Tarvestads, Children & Youth: Gruben
 - Installation: August Meeting August 12, 2026, Presbyterian Church, 6:00 PM
 - Speaker: Not yet announced
- Essay Contest: No winners at District 13 advancing from Post 403 to Div. 2.
- Scholarships: High School
 - 2 Awarded, Certificates and \$500.00 each, Alayna Smardo, Hailey Bunger
 - Presenters: Cmdr Roberts, Sr. Vice Henson, Adjutant Korth
- Post 403 Member Relative Scholarship? Discussion Points?

- Result of discussion: No Discussion
- VACOC Report: Huerta, Korth
 - Not much new to report, Move to Courthouse keeps moving out, June/July Possible, no promise
 - Growing Pains with County Involvement. HR Issues, etc.
 - Now have two fulltime VSO plus Superintendent Gilkey
 - Looking at a receptionist in the next month or so with the exit of the “Office Manager” Position.
 - Next Meeting: May 20, 2026, at Room 101, Ogle County Courthouse. All Veterans can attend.
- Upcoming events:
 - Need volunteers!!
 - Railroad Days booth
 - Memorial Days Parade & Ceremony
 - Walkers, Truck Riders? Trailer?
 - 4th of July Parade-
 - Suggestions in lieu of 4x6 Flags for handout
 - Flags ordered from different source
 - Walkers. Yes, Need volunteers to help walk
 - Summer Banquet:
 - Caterer: Not Decided
 - Location: 1st Presbyterian
 - Speaker Not yet established
 - Heritage Days: Consensus No vote on Parade
 - Veterans’ Day Ideas- No Discussion
- Phantom F-4 Monument Dedication in at Lena Post, Lena, IL May23, 2026.
- Approve Adjutant report:
 - Motion: Bearrows 2nd: Welles
- Finance report: Welles
 - Motion: Tarvestad, Second: Huerta
- Sr. Vice Report None
- Jr, Vice Report: None
- Commander Report:
 - Key Items
 - \$127 For Raffle Signs

No Raffle

Closing Ceremony not held