



## Core Leadership Meeting Minutes August 19, 2025

- Post Constitution and Bylaws – Final Review and Comment
- Auxiliary Update - Paulette updated on closing at the end of the year. We will discontinue mailings to Hastings Veteran's Home. Lexington Pointe will continue with Dona & Sue. Neil mentions that there are coloring pages done by kids that could be distributed.
- Bri updates on a new initiative to reach veterans at all senior housing, 55 Plus, nursing homes, etc. Eagan Noon Rotary was going to take this on, but has now cut the budget for it. Post will attempt to take this on by putting together a team of folks to go monthly. **Discussion at Post Meeting**
- Bri will put together a list of potential promotional items for the September meeting.
- Communication
  - Mail Chimp vs Constant Contact - Constant Contact is what we currently use but only one person (David Hammer) currently has access. Decision to stay with CC.
  - Streaming of Post Meetings - We will try again for October
- Financial Considerations
  - How Do We Want to Spend Our Money (Budget)?
    - a. American Legion Foundation Funds - Fund 85 in particular. Janet & Jason will share more about this at the September post
    - b. Local Veteran Service Organizations (ETS, Dakota County, Veteran's Village, Nichols Pointe)
    - c. Post Logistical & Administrative Support
    - d. Storage Rental - Our stuff is scattered around. This would consolidate our equipment, supplies and flags for the retirement ceremony. The cost is reasonable. John will do more checking on price points, locations, possible veteran/non-profit discount rate and will bring to the post two possibilities to the September meeting.
    - e. Scholarship - We need to have someone work with the Eagan Community Foundation to determine how to set this up.
    - f. Sponsorship (Boys/Girls State, Oratorical, Baseball, Shooting Sports, etc.)
    - g. City Flag Purchases - Dozen flags cost about \$700. John will check with the city to see if they still want them.
    - h. Purchase a pop-up tent. Cost approx. \$200. Don't forget the weights. 10 x 10 with side panels.
    - i. Purchase an upgraded blue-tooth sound system. John will research
    - j. Cindy will post on the Eagan Buy-Nothing site about the need for mic stands.
    - l. Income was a lot lower this year due to weather. There is a need for us to purchase signs.  
Certificate of Deposit - \$10, 000 will be reinvested at Alerus
- Volunteer Recognition Program

- How do we incentivize and recognize post members to volunteer their time to support post activities? Legionnaire of the Year Award. Kick off in November and then every year in Nov. have Legionnaire of the Year. General celebration for all. Do a kick-off of volunteer hours.
- November Post meeting? Provide food, beverages
- Quilts of Valor Program
  - Designing a structured program that reaches out to the local veteran community. Is it possible to tie this in with Veteran's Day at the High School for one presentation. Importance of preserving the honor that goes with this award. Cindy will call Carol to determine if they've made quilts for the post. Establish criteria, POC, create a committee to handle this.
- Seeking Leadership from within the Post to plan & carry out post community events - **Core Team members please share your thoughts about volunteer recognition.** Core Team picks an event to be POC/Project Lead. Create responsibilities for bigger events.
- Neil Update -
  - a. Fund 85 request for help for an Eagan veteran in need. Neil is in contact with Jason/Janet. Also requested from BTYR. Request for funds from our post to help pay the cost. The estimate for outdoor cleanup only was about \$9000.
  - b. Stay in the Fight Walk - September 27, 2025 - Viking Lakes, Eagan, MN 2.3 mile walk - Cost prior to August 24 is \$25. After: \$35 Register @ [EveryThirdSaturday.org/walk](https://EveryThirdSaturday.org/walk)
- Other:
  - a. Treats for Sept. Mtg. - Mark will bring treats
  - b. Compelling Three
  - c. Connecting with "1982's" - Connection Team?
  - d. Schedule Flag Inspection - Cindy will reach out to area scoutmasters to schedule
  - e. Schedule Road-side Cleanup - Joe Dolan
  - f. Fall Blood Drive -