



***American Legion  
Post 143  
Post Falls, ID***

General Membership Meeting Minutes: 18 August 2025  
Minutes taken by Craig StClair, Adjutant

Meeting called to order at 1830 by Commander Tim Shaw

Attendance: 35

Meeting Closed at 1930.

**Officers present:**

Commander: Tim Shaw

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Bob Shay

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Stephen Godfrey

Adjutant: Craig StClair

Judge Advocate: Vic Parrish

Chaplain: Rick LePage

Historian: Don Cheatham

Sgt @ Arms: Shawn Hagen

SRVS Officer: Merle Black

Finance Officer: Sue  
Kilpatrick

**Notes:**

Prayer, Pledge, and Preamble was given, it was determined that a Quorum was present.

**Draping The Charter:**

The Post lost the following members this month:

Robert Hamblen, age 77. US Army veteran, American Legion member for 29 years.

Richard Huber, age 90. US Army veteran, American Legion member for 6 years.



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**Draping the Charter (cont):**

Alden Coppock, age 74. US Army veteran.

**New Members:** Chelsea Martin, US Army. Ron Martin, USAF

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Ayers and Dan Sweet talked about the Be the One Outreach program and the need for volunteers.

June minutes were read, motion to accept by Gary Dagestine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Shaw. Vote taken, minutes approved.

**Financial:**

Financial reports read P & L showing a 07/25 balance of -\$200.00, and a YTD number of \$51, 159.37. Motion to accept financial report made by Bob Shaw. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Dagestine. Vote taken, approved.



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**Commanders' Comments:** Commander Tim Shaw discussed the following:

Don Cheatham will be our new interim Historian.

Legion by the numbers - \$84.4 Billion in disability benefits secured. 3000 accredited Service Officers. 30,012 Legionnaires who are members of the VA volunteer program. 2542 Veterans who received jobs through American Legion Posts.

American Legion baseball - Prairie Cardinals were 2<sup>nd</sup> in state, and attended the regional tournament.

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Legion baseball.

Post 143 community fair is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we're expecting a great turn-out.

Post 143 newsletter rollout.

China Post 1 watering Hole - display and set-up on 09/05.

Gun raffle sales are almost complete - only about 200 tickets left.

Veterans Mortgage assistance bill - Merle will have more on this.

Last steak night of the year is Saturday, 09/13 from 5PM to 7:30PM.

Hayden Veterans Commission and Veteran of the year.

Outreach Committee, Be the One Committee, Buddy checks.

Media and communications.

Legislative info.



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**New Business:**

District Commander Jim Culpepper presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Post for the convention, and to Tim Shaw for his exemplary work as Post Commander.

Sun shelter for the outside bar area was proposed. Motion to approve by Gary Dagestine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Shaw.

**Officers Reports:**

Bob Shay - We are at 391 of 769 for membership renewals.

Craig StClair - NSTR

Stephen Godfrey - we need volunteers to help build the sun shelter.

Vic Parrish - Any changes or additions to the website are to be reported to Vic. Oratorical contest is to be held on January 10, 2026. Volunteers are needed to help at the coffee and donuts thing on Wednesdays.

Rick Lepage - creating a new church at the post. Wayfarer School may need help with some security issues.

Shawn Hagen - NSTR

Sue Kilpatrick - see financial report.



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**Officers Reports (cont):**

Merle Black - Symposium on EOL info is upcoming. Senior fraud and finance symposium is upcoming. Community Care for Veterans has increased from 6 months to 1 year. There is a new Veterans Dental program.

Veterans Creed, Closing Prayer, Hand Salute and Adjourn at 1930.

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Tim Shaw, Commander

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Craig StClair, Adjutant





