



**The American Legion
Department of Maryland
Damascus Post 171
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Damascus, Maryland 20872**

**Anita Trotter
Commander**

2025 – 2026

**Kevin O'Neill
Adjutant**

**MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2025**

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee (EC)	Present	Absent
Commander: Anita Trotter	X	
1 st Vice Commander: Scott Dallas	X	
2 nd Vice Commander: Mike Wright	X	
Adjutant: Kevin O'Neill		X
Finance Officer: Ray Lewandowski	X	
Judge Advocate: Fred Mitchell (PPC)		X
Sergeant at Arms: Sabrina Murray	X	
Elected Member: Steve Monteiro (PPC)		X
Elected Member/Chaplain: James Serritella	X	
Elected Member: Paula Gill	X	
Elected Member: Keith Martin	X	
Additional Attendees: Sam Baughman, Sam Lehane and Keith Midberry and other members.		

There was a quorum present. The Commander called the meeting to order at 1929 hours. The meeting took place at Post 171. October Member Meeting Minutes APPROVED.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Income: \$52,584, Expenses: \$44,079, Net Revenue: \$8,504 and Bank Accounts & Cash: \$190,917
- Details provided in Monthly Financial Report.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

- Two Delegates from our local MD General Assembly delegation presented a check for ~\$330,000 to the Post for infrastructure improvements.
- The 2nd Vice is working through the online grant paperwork related to the Foundation Forward initiative.
- Rentals are picking up.
- Other items covered in MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, GOOD OF THE POST section below.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT

- No Report

1st VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

➤ **MEMBERSHIP**

- 3 new members Treena G. Wetsel, Clifton D. Wetsel and Andrew W. Ward. Motion to accept all three was APPROVED.
- Discussed date for Membership Dinner. Date not recorded.

2ND VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

- Preparations for Veterans Day event at the post are completed. Event scheduled for 1030 -1230 on 11 November.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT

- Vote to accept the three Honorariums award SOPs was APPROVED.
- Members are encouraged to submit nominations for the following awards:
 - Honorary Life Member
 - Legionnaire of the Year
 - Distinguished Member

SERGEANT AT ARMS' REPORT

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POST 171 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- Bus trip to Army Museum and Marine Corps Museum:
 - With the government shutdown over soon to be over, an email will go out to the people that signed up for bus trip looking for date to reschedule.
 - Will have auction of military memorabilia during the trip to the museums.

BASEBALL

- Team lost the playoff championship game.
- Baseball banquet is scheduled for 16 November.
- New players should contact Fred M., Sean E., or Keith M. if they want to participate next season.

BINGO

- Attendance has slowed but still making money. Results are in the financial report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- HVAC installed three thermostats and multiple room sensors. The temperature can now be controlled by a smart phone application.

ORATORICAL

- No report

SCHOLARSHIP

- No report.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- Seats available for Stop the Bleed training at the Izaak Walton League. Contact Dean Elliott for information.
- The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) committee is working to the Rental SOP.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, GOOD OF THE POST

- Blood Drive was conducted on 7 November at the Post. 58 units collected.
- Next Blood Drive is scheduled for 3 July 2026.
- Memorial Brick Program: 10 orders have been placed. More information can be found on the Post website.
- Thank you to Jason Moxley for leveling the rear parking lot.
- Thank you to Bill Green for disposing of old desk in the office.
- Potluck Dinner: prior to the 8 December Member's meeting there will be a potluck dinner and a dessert auction. There will not be pizza or libations before the meeting in the Club room. Please pass the word.

The meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.

Submitted by:

Kevin O'Neill

Adjutant, Post 171