



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

**Anita Trotter
Commander**

2025 – 2026

**Kevin O’Neill
Adjutant**

**MEMBER’S MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 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		

There was a quorum present. The Commander called the meeting to order at 1930. The meeting took place at Post 171.

FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT

- The Legion Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 budget was submitted to the membership for consideration and approval. Budget APPROVED.

COMMANDER’S REPORT

- Items covered in MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, GOOD OF THE POST section below.

ADJUTANT’S REPORT

- Post inspection with the District 8 Commander is set for September 8th and will take place prior to the meeting.

1st VICE COMMANDER’S REPORT

- Provided rosters for the Flag Retirement Committee and the Color Guard to the Adjutant via email.

2ND VICE COMMANDER’S REPORT

- No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT

- Standing Rules presented for consideration and approval. Rules APPROVED. Will be posted on Post 171 website: <https://www.legionpost171.org/home>

SERGEANT AT ARMS' REPORT

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP:

- Three veterans were presented for membership: Dennis St. Jean, Molly Dennison, and Eric Wolfe. All three were APPROVED.
- As of 8/15/25: 215 members (up 2 from last week), 74.65%, 1st in District (same as last week), 3rd in State (same as last week).

80TH ANNIVERSARY

- Committee members continue to work on proposals for various items.
- The committee will get a budget together based on an anticipated 165 guests including band members.
- As part of the anniversary, a trip to both the National Museum of the United States Army and National Museum of the Marine Corps is being planned 18 October. Bus transportation is being arranged, cost per participant is \$30, that includes a lunch. Information will be distributed to Post Members, Auxiliary members, and other veterans. Sam L. is also working on finding local sponsors. Trip Information sheet and Participation Order form are attached the Member's Meeting Minutes electronic version. Contact Ryan Arnett @ ryan.arnett@gmail.com or Sean Egan @ 171baseball@gmail.com or any of the other names on the Trip Information sheet.

BASEBALL

- Fall 2025 Season starts 2 September. Information and schedules can be found at: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=mcba> The team is called Damascus Post 171 Patriots.

BINGO

- Bingo committee meeting scheduled for 20 August.
- NOTE: BINGO RESTARTS 4 SEPTEMBER. COME AND VOLUNTEER.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Nothing to report.

SCHOLARSHIP

- Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- None

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, GOOD OF THE POST

- CPR and AED Training: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Will be conducted at the Post on 19 September. Signup provided at the meeting. Contact Keith Martin for openings.
- A "STOP THE BLEED" training session is scheduled for 14 September at the Damascus Izaak Walton League. Contact Dean Elliott for information.
- A Post cleanup is scheduled for 17 August 2025 @ 1300.

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- Blood Drive on 5 September at the Post. Contact commander@legionpost171.org for information.
 - Pancake Breakfast scheduled for 13 September (2nd Saturday of the month) in the downstairs Party room 0730-0930.
 - Members that turn 90 years old will be sent a Happy Birthday card instead of fruit basket.
 - Memorial Brick Program: Discussion with no decision to rename. We're going to restart the program Cary Henry will provide information. The brick patio can be seen near the flagpoles in front of the Post.
 - Funerals / funeral celebrations / post everlastings are free to post members and unit members for immediate family members as defined in the Post SOP. Others will pay room rental fees.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

Submitted by:
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