

American Legion Post 211 – General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order on April 1, 2026 at 1900 hrs.

Posting of the Colors by the Sargent at Arms

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander

Opening Prayer led by the Chaplain

Moment of Silence for POWs, MIAs and the Fallen

In-unison reading of the Preamble. A quorum was present and the meeting was declared open by the Commander.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present:

Commander – Mike Schrull

Adjutant and Finance Officer – Chuck Vandevender

1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Membership Chairman – Joe Rada

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Chuck Williams

Chaplain – Gary Garner

Service Officer – Will Smith

Sargent at Arms – Tom Vinci

Trustee – Ken Karpy

Trustee – Steve Mainger

Trustee – Jim Votruba

Excused:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Mike Connole

A motion was made by the Adjutant to suspend regular order of business for Election Committee duties and counting of ballots, seconded by the Chaplain, voted on and passed.

Each ballot for Commander was removed from the ballot box and read out loud to the General Membership and the Board. Final count of ballots was 50 votes for Len Lieber, 26 votes for Roger Schlott. Len Lieber will be the Commander of American Legion Post 211 for the 2026-2027 time period.

Commander Schrull asked for questions, comments or concerns from the Floor. There were none. He then asked Len and Roger if they had any questions, comments or concerns. They both indicated they did not.

A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Trustee Mainger, voted on and passed.

Reading of the Minutes:

Adjutant read the Minutes from the past meeting. No discussion or changes were noted. The minutes were accepted without change.

Finance Officer Report:

Bookkeeper Gabe Kemble provided the Treasurer's Report including balances of accounts. The Post is currently cash positive and financially solid. The Commander requested further financial discussion, there was none. The Finance Report was accepted as presented.

Sick Call:

The Chaplain led a discussion of existing names on sick call, and listed new names to be added.

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

There were no guests at this meeting.

Membership Report and Communications:

Ten New Member Applications were received:

1. William Bogner – DD-214 received
2. Jacob Moore – DD-214 received
3. J.R. Ramsey – Air Force DD-214 received
4. James Cappara – DD-214 received
5. Pete Reieschneider – Army DD-214 received
6. John Mueller – Army DD-214 received
7. John Votypka – Army DD-214 received
8. Chris Jackson – Air Force DD214 received
9. Danuel Lloyd – Navy DD-214 received
10. Mark Matlock – Transfer, contingent on receipt of DD-214

Motion from the Floor by Past Commander Len Lieber to accept all applicants into membership as listed, seconded by the Service Officer. All were voted into membership.

Current membership stands at 655. The 2026 target is 732. We're at 89% of quota.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard Report (Chuck Williams)

April 14 – AL High School requested Color Guard for their Harlam Wizards event. Riders will participate.

May 9 – Honor Guard at Avon Lake High School Veteran Appreciation Day

May 23 – Need volunteers at ALHS Bus Garage to decorate the Memorial Day Float

May 23 – Need volunteers to help place flags on the graves of Veterans

May 25 – Honor Guard and members of Post 211 will participate in the Memorial Day Parade

June 13 – Color Guard will Post the Colors at the State Riders Meeting

Chuck Williams can provide details regarding upcoming Honor Guard events and transportation options.

Scholarship Committee Report (Chuck Williams)

One application is received and one in the works from High School Seniors for Freshman College Scholarships, at \$4000 each.

Scholarship forms are located in the Canteen. Bar staff can provide the forms.

Building and Grounds Report (Trustee Jim Votruba):

The date for dedicating the Pavilion is moved from June to the Memorial Day weekend in May.

Legislative Report:

Trustee Karpy led a discussion regarding SB-92 and HB-123. Very little movement on either Bill.

Service Officer's Report (Will Smith):

The VA is open for business on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the VA building downtown.

Old and Unfinished Business:

No old business was discussed

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Discussion for the Good of the Order:

Commander Schrull expressed his honor for serving as Commander this past year, and his appreciation for working for the General Membership and with the current Board.

The Chaplain provided the Closing Prayer.

The Sargent at Arms retired the Colors.

The Meeting was Adjourned by the Commander at 1947 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by the Adjutant