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Executive Committee & General Membership Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 (6:00 PM)

- ✓ Commander Harding opens the Executive Board @ 6:02 PM. Adjourned 6:51 PM.
- ✓ Commander Harding opens the General Membership meeting at 7:10 PM.
- ✓ Colors in place, hand salute.
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance.
- ✓ Chaplain offered prayer.
- ✓ Adjutant Kirkwood verifies quorum. Post officers in attendance: Commander Harding, Adjutant Kirkwood, 4th Vice Mike McMahon, PCC Roy Havekost, Chaplain Jacobs, Historian Catherine Jorgeson, SAA Vosmik (via phone), E-Board Harry Jorgeson, PC Dan Wortmann (excused), Bob Broderick (excused). Special guest Ken White (incoming 5th District Commander).
- ✓ General Membership (all entities): Twenty-nine (29) attendees.
- ✓ Minutes from the previous meetings are posted online.
- ✓ Commander Harding provided "State-of-Condition" of the Post:
  - Commander addresses upcoming elections and personal changes. Commander Harding withdrawn his acceptance/nomination for Post Commander. Additionally, Sonny Kirkwood has withdrawn his nomination for 1st Vice Commander; Harry Jorgeson declined 2nd Vice but accepted Executive Board nomination, 3rd Vice Bryan Childs resigned due to personal reasons.
  - Final month for nominations/election:

Commander: Vacant **	1st Vice: Vacant (Membership)
2nd Vice: Vacant (Kitchen)	3rd Vice: Vacant (Maintenance)
4th Vice: Mike McMahon	Chaplain: Bill Jacobs
Historian: Catherine Jorgensen	SSA: Larry Vosmik
PCC Rep: Roy Havekost	Finance Officer: Vacant **
Adjutant: (Appointed) **	Events Coordinator: (Appointed)

E-Board nominations: Bob Broderick, Harry Jorgensen, PC Dan Wortmann, Vacant, Vacant.
Note: ** Positions required to be filled to maintain Post Charter.

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- **Bathrooms update** – All four porta-potties are clogged. Repairs include re-grading the entire sewer pipe system. Completion of Ladies' restroom has been delayed due to Lowe's non-response to calls.
- **Ice Machine flooring** – flooring needs to be replaced: new ice maker purchased for $350. Also, $200 for a condenser. Installation upon floor replacement. Currently at the Commander's house.
- **Walk-in Cooler update** – $450 recent repairs last month. New walk-in cooler purchased $1,000 paid for by the SAL. Cooler will be installed and covered on the concrete slab behind the Main Post.
- **Flooding in The Bunker** – a priority with rainy season approaching and future rentals. On the list to repair.
- **Kitchen** – shelving being replaced in the pantry; citation dedicates metal shelves versus wooden shelves. Work ongoing.
- **AUX Conference Room** – work in progress to clean out and make functional "again."
- **Camera/Security System –** Currently paying $185 a month with ADT. Contract will be cancelled and new system will be installed by Commander Harding.
- **Structural Engineer Report –** Commander Harding provided overview the inspection revealed "potential" structural issues in the front of the building along with internal flooring and external walls with mold, mildew, and cracks. Executive Board approved operating with no more money invested in the building minus emergency/safety issues.
- **Financial update**:

Membership Account:	$1,672.28
Operations Account:	$5,098.21
Building Account:	$7,538.52
Money Mrkt/QOH Account:	$871.98
Total Cash Assets 5/11/2026:	$15,180.99**

Note: Post has $700 cash for bartender bags/Petty Cash Fund (not included**). Reconciliation of past weekend sales not included. SAL monies are not included in Post assets on this report.

- ✓ **Old Business**: See April minutes.
- ✓ **New Business**: Commander attending Legion Conference in Orlando (June) to obtain Post membership cards and represent Post 233 as a Delegate. Need motion to pay for Hotel Room/expenses. $500.00 motion/approved. ***However, if the Post doesn't have the "required" Post officer positions filled, membership cards can not be obtained at the Conference.***
- ✓ Auxiliary hosted Friday's Steak Night (May8th); Zeffy monies to Auxiliary $450.00.
- ✓ Incoming District Commander White addressed the membership, outlining multiple scenarios if the Post can't fill the required officers' positions to maintain the Charter. ***Emergency E-Board and General Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2026, for final attempt to fill required officer positions.*** If not successful, possible option to merge Post 37 (St. Augustine) with Post 233. Worst case scenario is the Post loses its Charter; SAL and Riders will be affected with no Charter to operate under, and Auxiliary will need to find another Post home.
- ✓ Outgoing District Commander Garcia addressed the membership via call-in. Basically, Commander Garcia reiterated what Commander White talked about and is in the process of notifying Department Chain of Command of possible Charter loss.

- ✓ In closing, Commander Harding expressed his concerns regarding the future vision of the Post, but emphasized it because of the lack of Legionnaire volunteers, making continuation as Post Commander unrealistic and unhealthy!
- ✓ Chaplain offered closing prayer.
- ✓ Colors in place, hand salute. Commander Harding adjourns the meeting @ 8:02 PM.

For God and Country,

Sonny Kirkwood
Post Adjutant (2025-2026)
Department of Florida

Mitch Harding (2025-2026)
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