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Executive Committee & General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, Aug 10, 2026 (6:00 PM)

- ✓ Commander Kirkwood opened both meetings.
- ✓ Colors in place, hand salute.
- ✓ Chaplain offered prayer.
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance.
- ✓ Adjutant Jorgensen verified the quorum.
  - Nine members present: Catherine Jorgensen, Harry Jorgensen, Sonny Kirkwood, Ben Bishop, Bill Jacobs, Edward Tsirigotis, Bob Broderick, Craig Soleim
  - Roy Havekost provided remote proxy votes for the new officers

- ✓ Nominated and approved new officer positions
  - Commander – Sonny Kirkwood replacing Jim Murray
  - Finance Officer – Ben Bishop replacing Harry Jorgensen
  - 2nd Vice – Jim Murray, previously vacant
  - 3rd Vice – Ed Tsirigotis, previously vacant
  - E-board – Craig Soleim, new member on executive board
- ✓ New Commander Kirkwood provided updates on the state of the post
  - Health inspection results, new kitchen signage and procedures
    - We passed the inspection and Commander Kirkwood thanked everyone for their hard work he will hold luncheon to show his gratitude
  - Clean up of auxiliary and storage rooms
  - Pending projects for bathrooms, plumbing, kitchen storage room
    - Kitchen storage room being worked on by Dave. Sylvia Bass, ALA, recruited him to do the work
    - He is also going to finish the woman's restroom remodel.
  - Discussed that the plumbing repairs are currently on hold due to unavailability of the contractor we have worked with on the job.
- ✓ Adjutant Jorgensen gave July financial report
  - Net $1,442 Revenue due to $5,600 in donations
  - Net negative $4,157 in Op Rev
  - Op Account Balance $4,283.99 at end of July vs $2,505.26 June
- ✓ Commander Kirkwood address finances / budgeting
  - Bar price increases approved after presentation by Ben Bishop. We will also reduce bar inventory.
  - Fixed cost cutting measures.
    - Canceled CO2 contract, canceled ice machine rental, phasing out the texting platform.
    - Donated ice machine will be installed on Monday 8/17 by Ted and Harry
  - Need for additional fundraising to cover operational deficits
  - Commander tasked the Finance officer with addressing liquor license / permit renewals and tax filings.
  - 2023-2025 taxes need to be filed based on bank statements as advised by the 5th District auditor. Start fresh on Quickbooks.

- Discussed Karaoke being only once a month to highlight it. Other activities such as trivia night can replace.
- Discussed seasonal hours. Closing on Sundays after football season through summer.
- Private Parties: discussed increasing the advertising of the Bunker and increasing prices for rental and drinks

- ✓ Chaplain offered closing prayer.
- ✓ Colors in place, hand salute. Commander Kirkwood adjourned the meetings.

For God and Country,

Harry Jorgensen
Post Adjutant (2026-2027)
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