

General Membership Meeting Veterans Memorial Post 347 American Legion Lady Lake FL February 11th, 2026

At 5:30 pm, Commander Musser called the meeting to order. The meeting opened in good order with a roll call from officers showing a quorum present.

PSOs Maria & JB Alexander, MAL Ries, – Excused

VIPs

1. Joan Suelter – Eastern Area Commander
2. Ed Falkowski – SAL Eastern Area ALR Chairman
3. David Musser – District 6 Commander
4. Tina Charney Burgess – District 6 Historian
5. Larry Miller – District 6 Chaplain
6. Rob Burgess – District 6 Adjutant

Minutes

- General membership minutes from Jan 14th, 2026, were posted on the Website.
**A MOTION was made to accept as posted the General Membership Meeting Minutes by Heath Davenport
 SECONDED: Lisa Johnson No Discussion APPROVED**
- Executive board minutes from Feb 5th, 2026, were sent to the members of the Executive Committee.
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 SECONDED: Bob Irvine No Discussion APPROVED**

Finance: Bob Irvine

American Legion Post 347 Preliminary Income Statement Year to Date (Fiscal Year July 1 - January 31)					American Legion Post 347 Preliminary Income Statement As of Jan 31, AS OF January 31 2026 As of Jan 31, 2025		
Profit & Loss Statement	Year-to-Date January 31, 2026	Year-to-Date January 31, 2025	\$ Change	% Change			
Gross Revenues Less Direct Expense	\$444,951	\$410,925	\$34,026	8.3%			
Operating Expenses	(\$337,532)	(\$319,017)	(\$18,515)	5.8%			
Income from Operations	\$107,418	\$91,908	\$15,510	16.9%			
Community Services	(\$106,302)	(\$45,553)	(\$60,749)	133.4%			
Community Services	\$1,116	\$46,355	(\$45,239)	-97.6%			
					Short-Term Assets:		
					Operating Cash		
					Petty Cash	\$15,600	\$16,500
					Operating Account	\$252,226	\$208,336
					Membership Account	\$139,619	\$259,555
					Total Operating Cash	\$407,445	\$484,391
					Other Current Assets	\$41,555	\$41,402
					Total Short-Term Assets	\$449,000	\$525,793
					Long-Term Assets:		
					Reserve Bank Account	\$969,000	\$744,959
					Other Assets	\$4,701	\$4,701
					Property & Equipment (net)	\$2,254,504	\$2,294,967
					Total Long-Term Assets	\$3,228,205	\$3,044,627
					TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,677,205	\$3,570,420
					TOTAL EQUITY	(\$3,677,205)	(\$3,570,420)

**A MOTION to accept the finance report for audit by John Gorsuch SECONDED: Jim Stasse
NO DISCUSSION APPROVED**

1st Vice: Tina Burgess

- We are currently at 90.62 % with 5,797 members renewed for the 2026 Membership Year, we were at 86% last year.

New	xfers	FL 400	Reinstate	Total
28	13	6	2	49

Ave birthdate	Feb 11, 2026	Feb 12, 2025
4/30/1954	90.62%	86.02%

Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corp	Coast Guard
24	12	8	5	0

- New Members were welcomed into Post 347
- Nomination Committee Chairman – Pete Carston
 - Nominations from the floor will begin Next Meeting (Mar 11th)

2nd Vice: John Gorsuch

- National Golden Age Games: Tampa FL in June 2026 for 55 and older
- 1941 Packard Raffle is under way 1 ticket for \$25; 5 for \$100 Drawing is May 24th (Memorial Day) All proceeds support the newest monument at Bushnell. See Rob or Tina Burgess or Dave Musser for tickets.
- All You Can Eat Breakfast Feb 14th 7 – 11 am. World War 2 Veterans, Post 347 Korean War Veterans and Children under 12 eat for free.
- Silent Disco on Feb 26th Tickets on sale See Rob or Tina Burgess or Dave Musser for tickets.

3rd Vice: Dan Martin

- 152 hours

Judge Advocate: Heath Davenport

- Behave Yourselves

Post Service Officer – Rob Burgess

Contacts: 36 Hours: 85 Miles: 323

January 2026 PSO Report

Category of Assistance provided	Total contacts (including tele-meetings) - 36
Fifteen (15) Seeking increase in % of disability	
Five (5) New Disability Claims	Total volunteer hours = 85
Sixteen (16) Other asst.	
i.e. tax prep, ID Card info, burial, A & A, records request, housing asst.	
	Total Miles Driven - 323 Miles
Referrals	
Twenty-three (23) handled by PSO	Events
Seven (7) Sumter Co VSO	39 hours at Post for info (Tuesdays - JB & Maria)
One (1) - Lake County VSO	4 hours at Post for Info (Thursdays - Mike)
One (1) DAV VSO	
Four (4) Marion County VSO	
	Submitted By: J.B. & Maria Alexander, PSO

Honor Guard: Joan Suelter

- 12 Events in November: 3 funerals (2 Bushnell, 1 Local); 4 meeting; 1 Color Guard; 2 Community service
- 3,840 Miles and 654 Hours.

Office: Jim Stasse

- Staffing is near perfect.
- Still waiting on shirts.
- Volunteer Hours: 164 hrs.

Lounge: Beth Musser

- Total January Lounge income: \$51,551.30
- Expenses: \$25,899.81
- Net Profit: \$25,651.49
- Volunteer (\$2,313.00) and Honor Guard (\$335.00) beverages: \$2,648.00
- Volunteer hours: 1,404

Kitchen: Rob Burgess

- January Volunteer Hours: 739
- Income for January: \$21,141.00 Cost of Goods: \$8,441.21
- Total Profit: \$12,699.79
- Total Number of meals served: 2,230. Volunteer meals served: 273.
- January Breakfast: 403 Meals sold, Income: \$3,360; Cost of Goods: \$770.96; Profit: \$2,589.04

- Free Meals: Korea (7); ROTC (7); Kids(0) & Volunteers(18)
- General Membership Pizza: \$89.85
- Hall Rentals for February: 5
- Repair order for back kitchen estimate: \$895.79

Auxiliary: Tina Burgess

- The Auxiliary continues on its fast track to 100 percent! We are currently at 93.2 percent, with 2,647 renewed of 2,823.
- We will be busy finalizing Auxiliary Program plans for the balance of our fiscal which ends on June 30th. We are beginning to pick our executive team for next year. February is also the month that the Auxiliary celebrates its Americanism Program. The Americanism work of the Auxiliary includes all activities tending to perpetuate American ideals and to uphold the principles of American democracy.
- Veterans Memorial Post Service Officers, Maria and JB Alexander attended our meeting on February 4th to help spouses understand any veteran benefits they may be entitled to.
- The annual Auxiliary Women's Veteran Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, in the Post Hall, from 12-3pm. Doors for the event will open at 11:30. Guest cost \$10.00. Invitations were emailed last week to all Post 347 female veterans. Guest Speaker will be Florida Department Commander Jessica Moore. If you have not received an invitation, please see me after the meeting.
- Mar. 22, 2026, is 6th District Family Fun Fest (fundraiser Girls/Boys State Transportation) Hickory Point Park, Tavares, details to follow.

Sons of the American Legion: Rob Burgess

- Membership: 968 renewed/new/transfer 86.5% of (Goal 1120)
- Total S.A.L. volunteer hours, 625. We just did a renewal mailing to all 2025 nonrenewal.
- Fisher House visit on Tuesday, March 31st to cook for them. This will be celebrating Vietnam War Veterans Day. If anyone wants to join us, let Danny Roe know.
- Valentines Dance on Saturday Feb 14th with Susie Costa performing. Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner. \$25 PP. On sale Tuesdays in the Lobby and office.
- 148 tickets sold, 30 tickets left.
- Family Golf Tournament Date: Saturday May 16th, Rain Date May 23rd. location is Broad Stripes at Stonecrest. On sale Tuesdays and office after. \$100 per person. We will have a two-tiered scoring format to allow a better chance of winning a prize. Pays first two places in each tier.

American Legion Riders: Linda Haynes

- Miles – 10,544 Hours – 1,339
- Riders were privileged to provide an Escort for the National Commander. Although it was very cold several riders showed up and rode both Saturday and Sunday.
- Wednesday lunch rides continue to be well attended and well received.
- Riders continue to work in the kitchen and welcome all volunteers.
 - Prepared food for Penn State Club thanks to SAL for the assistance.
- Challenge Coins are to be available for \$10. Purchase one at the front desk or from one of riders.
- Our active membership stands in the 70's.

Post Everlasting: Lisa Johnson

- Chaplain offered prayer and a moment of silence for the following:
 - PEL: Richard Parks, Bruce Botticelli, James Bascom, Kenneth Jennewine, Billy McCormick, Thomas Farrell, Lester Pickance, David Barone, William Hole, Robert Herrick, Michael Schubert, Duncan McGonagle, James Best, Jerald Burco, John Wetzstein, Florence Johnson, John Thren
 - Sick Call: Ed Sullivan

Unfinished Business

- We have gotten permission from the town of Lady Lake to put a pavilion in and we're looking for a 40 by 60 pavilion. It's going to cost us \$1,000 to Lady lake for us to get a change to the property.
 - Finally got a response back from JCH, who is the surveying company in the areaThey can provide a minor site plan for a fee of \$8,600 if you would like to proceed, we could provide a formal proposal for execution.
 - I am going to take this back to the executive board to review by the time we pay \$1,000 \$9,000 plus the cost of the concrete in the building. Maybe there's something better you would want to do with the money here.

New Business

- Donation to 347 Family Golf Tournament
A MOTION to donate \$500 for Platinum Hole Sponsor of the American Legion Post 347 Family Golf Tournament by Heath Davenport SECONDED: Chris Falkowski NO DISCUSSION APPROVED
- Donation to Continental Country Club (CCC) Softball Club for Advertising
A MOTION to donate \$200 for Continental Country Club (CCC) Softball Club for Advertising by John Gorsuch SECONDED: Dan Martin NO DISCUSSION APPROVED

Donations:

- \$100 from Marlene Croft

Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Toys for Tots.

Good of the Legion

1. Volunteer of the Month Donna Mallory
2. Breakfast – Feb 14th 7 – 11 am
3. The Walls of the Hall are complete. 1st Vice Burgess is looking into adding a canvas print for each Family under the plaques as the wall is currently underwhelming
 - a. Need Korean War Memorabilia
4. Veterans Expo- Apr 24th 9 – 3pm
5. Community Shred Event – Apr 25th 8-11 am
6. Packard Tickets on sale. See Rob, Tina or Dave
7. Silent Disco (Feb 26) Tickets on sale. See Rob, Tina or Dave
8. Purse Bingo (Mar 21) Tickets on sale See Harriett or Dave
9. Eastern Area Military Ball / Hoedown is from 2 – 6 pm on March 21, 2026 at Post 1 in Titusville Fl.

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was closed in good order.

Time Adjourned: 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C Burgess, Adjutant
Feb 12th, 2026