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Appalachian Base
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Membership Meeting Minutes

19 September 2026

Attendance

- Adler, Mark
- Alen, David
- Bennett, Ron (Zoom)
- Carroll, Gary
- Christopher, Gary
- Christopher, George
- Fisher, Steve (Zoom)
- Hajney, Ray
- Harmon, John
- Hatfield, Michael
- Kaelin, Gil
- Midgett, Roland
- Rieck, Brian
- Price, Alex
- Walker, Mark
- Wilson, Rick (Zoom)

Opening

- Vice Commander called the meeting with quorum to order at 1426 HRS
- Ceremonies Performed
- Introductions

Adoption & Action Items

- August 2026 Membership Meeting Minutes Adopted as Published
- Action Items Reviewed
- August 2026 Treasurer's Report Adopted as Published

Announcements & Correspondence

- Websites: Temporary (VFW), Base, and Facebook
- Newsletter delayed

- Free Concert – Dan Herrell
- Post 4933 Event for Vets
- National Convention
- National Elections
- Marlin resignation and replacement
- Update National Data/Email

Committee Reports

- Binnacle List: 4 Members
- Membership
    - 39 members and 41 prospects
    - Meeting attendance below 50%

Old Business

- Appointments
    - Program Committee –
        - KAP(SS)4KID(SS): Stan Gedelman
        - Member: Rick Wilson
    - Nominating Committee
        - Gil Kaelin
        - Jim Long
- Volunteers Opportunities
    - Chief of the Base (CoB)
    - Librarian/Historian
    - Parliamentarian
    - Committee members: Membership, Program and Fundraising
    - Content Committee (temporary)
- Motion carried to move membership meeting venue to DAV#39

New Business

- Nominating Committee for December elections
    - Appointment in October (Sep this year)
    - Elections in December for Vice Commander and Secretary
- Base Picnic 10 October in place of regular meeting
    - Still Creek Park in Bristol TN at the VFW shelter
    - Budgeted $500

    - Potluck side dishes and desserts
- Gun raffle
    - First second and third prizes
    - Raffle held during our November meeting
    - Determine feasibility by ticket count
- Committee Budgets
    - Committee Chairs Submit to Board of Directors NLT 14 NOV 2026 for CY/FY2027
    - Provide Item Details and Justification
    - Budget Vote: DEC meeting
    - Program Committee [KAP(SS)4KID(SS)] 2026 Budget Request - $1,165.00 for hats, coloring books, crayons

Good of the Order

- Veteran Voices
    - Brian aired on 19 JUN
    - Ron aired on 14 AUG
- Base logo and VFW facility
- Neon logo in canteen
- Base charter in lobby
- Membership Drive
- Proigram Committee Table setup
- Bass Picnic 10 October in place of regular meeting
- Gun raffle status

Closing

- Open Floor Discussion - None
- Benediction
- Vice Commander adjourned the meeting at 1447 HRS

Submission and Approval

Submitted by: _____
John Harmon, Secretary

Approved by: _____
Ron Bennett, Commander