

# American Legion, Edward L. Grant Post 75

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## Minutes of the in-person meeting that was held on 10 March 2024.

Meetings are normally held at 23 Hutchinson Street, Franklin, MA  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 1900.

### Officer Roll Call:

Commander - John Milot	Present
Senior Vice Commander - Dick Hynes	Present
Junior Vice Commander - John Hefele	Present
Adjutant – Joe Landry	Present
Finance - Dave Labonte	Present
SGT at Arms - Matt McGrath	Excused
Chaplain - Bob Markunis	Present
Historian - Steve Szilniczky	Present
Service Officer - Shannon Nisbett	Present
Quartermaster - Frank Coughlin	Present

### 13 Members were in attendance.

#### Meeting called to order by Commander Milot at 1900.

- Colors posted by Jim McNeil, Acting as SGT at Arms.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Bob Markunis.

- POW/MIA chair placed at all meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of POW's and MIA's still unaccounted for.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion recited by all.

**Roll call of all Officers:**

- See attendance chart on sheet 1.

**Suspension of Meeting:**

- A motion was made and seconded to suspend the meeting so that Tyler Pasquarosa could speak to the members. The motion was accepted, and Tyler gave his presentation. He has been the coach of the baseball team that Post 75 sponsors for the past three years. He said that Post 75 has been sponsoring the team for 13 years and has won the State Title for the last two years. The team will now move on to the New England Regional. The team members wear American Legion patches on their uniforms, and he makes sure that they represent the Legion and the town in the right way. CDR Milot suggested that we have the Post Color Guard walk in at their first game of the season. Tyler said that the cost of the uniforms is around \$300.00, and the parents are happy that they only have to pay that much as compared with other activities. Aluminum bats are used instead of wood. Players from surrounding communities can play. He said that it costs \$600.00 for 25 ballcaps and \$60.00 for a dozen baseballs. He has a number of trophies in his possession and 2 Champion Flags too. It was suggested that CDR Milot throw out the first ball at the first game next season.

**Meeting resumed:**

- When Tyler was finished with his presentation, a motion was made and seconded to resume the meeting. The motion was accepted, and the meeting resumed.

**Reading of the minutes for the previous meeting:**

- A copy of the February meeting minutes was passed out to all members who were present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was accepted, and the February minutes will be posted on the Legion Post 75 website.

**Reading of Communications and Bills:**

- Paul Molla, the representative of the "Random Smile Project" sent a thank you note to the Post for our donation of \$50.00 in memory of Bob Catalano.
- The Town of Franklin sent a thank you note to the Post for our donation of \$1,000.00 to the Monument Restoration Project in memory of Bruce Watkins.
- A "thank you" note was received from Jaimie Hellen, the town Administrator for our donation to the Monument Restoration Project.
- A notice was received from the Department, stating that Coral May Grout would be leading the National Legion Auxiliary in 2027. There will be a raffle for a Webber Grill and a cooler filled with things for a Fourth of July picnic. Dave Labonte bought tickets for this raffle.
- A letter from the Department was received regarding "Homes for Troops", telling us that they are building homes in our community and that we should spread the word.

**Finance Officer report (Dave Labonte):**

- A copy of the February financial report was passed out to all members who were present.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was accepted, and the February financial report will be posted on the Legion Post 75 website.



