



American Legion
Department of Texas
Brown/Guest Post 30 Paris, TX

Meeting Date February 21, 2026

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1000 hours.

Present: See attached.

Sergeant at Arms posted Colors.

Jeff Dunkin made opening prayer.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read roll call of Officers.

Commander	X	1 st Vice Commander	X
2 nd Vice Commander	X	Adjutant	X
Finance Officer / Historian	X	Service Officer	EXC
Judge Advocate / Webmaster	EXC	Sgt at Arms / Trustee 2	X
Chaplain	EXC	Trustee 1	X

A quorum is present.

The Minutes of Previous Meetings reading was suspended per unanimous vote and stand approved.

Introduction of Guests/Prospects & New Members: NONE PRESENT **New**

Applicants: See Attached List (page 5)

Report of Officer's & Committees:

- Americanism Committee – see attached.
- Membership & Post Activities – see attached.
- Budget & Financial Report – see attached.
- Ways & Means Committee – see attached.
- Veterans Affairs & Service Officer – see attached.
- Media & Communications Committee – see attached.

Balloting on Applicants:

- See Attached List
 - Motion to accept new members and seconded
 - Motion **PASSED** by unanimous vote

Sick Call, Relief, and employment by Chaplain:

Unfinished Business:

- **Information from Mid-Winter DEC**
 - **Recommended increase membership dues** by \$1/member yearly until income/loss = \$0
 - Currently, this will not affect our dues payments
 - **Membership**
 - Membership goals will not decrease
 - Membership goals will be set at the total membership on June 1st
 - Post with membership < 63, goal will increase +1
 - Post with membership >= 63, goal will increase +2
- **Pencil donations continue to come in**
- **Boys & Girls State**
 - Currently we have:
 - 1 male student from Trinity Christian Academy
 - 1 female student from Paris High School
- **1st District Oratorical Contest Report**
 - Our contestant (Nolan) placed 4th at the Oratorical Contest in Bonham, Tx
 - He was contacted by Boys State Organization, Nolan was selected to attend the upcoming Boys State as a counselor
- **Normant & Landers**
 - Post 30 bond has been paid up until March 15, 2027
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Post 30 membership has been paid
- **2026 Military Jeep & Trailer**
 - Tickets are set at \$20/each
- **Carter Blood Drive**
 - On March 21, 2026 Setup time 0830, Open 0900-1400
 - Home Depot Parking Lot

Initiation of Candidates: None

Correspondence by the Adjutant: None

New Business:

- **Official Notification**
 - Post Officer election nominations are officially open
 - Anyone desiring a position on the ballot, contact Post Adjutant
 - Election will be held during the April 2026 General Meeting
- **1st District Convention**
 - March 21, 2026, Registration starts at 0800
 - Post 66 Sulphur Springs, Tx will be hosting Post
 - If interested in attending, Contact the Adjutant
 - There will be an election for the position of 1st District Vice-Commander
- **Change of March Meeting Date**
 - Due to scheduling conflicts, the Executive Committee recommended rescheduling the meeting to March Friday, March 20, 2026 @ 1800 at Road House Family Diner (back room)
 - Motion made and seconded
 - Motion **PASSED** by unanimous vote
- **2027 Guided Fishing Trip**
 - Tickets \$5/each or 5 for #20
 - Limited ticket count to 296
 - Time frame is Spring of 2027
 - Winner must make all arrangements with the guide
 - Drawing will be held on December 12, 2026 @ 1400
 - Location:
 - Christmas in Fair Park
 - Motion made and seconded
 - Motion **PASSED** by unanimous vote
- **Upcoming Fund Raisers**
 - 29-30 Mar Gun Show
 - 4-5 Apr 2025 Steak Wars
 - Need volunteers at all raffle sales sites
- **Banner for Jeep & Trailer Raffle**
 - Motion for purchasing two (2) 30"X60" single sided banners for the Jeep raffle
 - Total price for banners not to exceed \$200
 - Motion made and seconded
 - Motion **PASSED** by unanimous vote
- **Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor**
 - Carsten Wayne Kessel
 - Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ 1430
 - 1st United Methodist Church, Paris TX

- **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**
 - Executive Committee is looking for a candidate for the State Award
 - A recommendation was to approach the Paris Police Department with the recommendation that the Police Department submit the following individual
 - Captain Bull
 - He is recognized by his fellow officers
 - He is retiring after 40 years of service with the department
 - A copy of the requirements was delivered to the Paris Police Department.
 - Waiting for the necessary recommendation package from the Paris Police Department, which will be forwarded to 1st District Adjutant for processing

Good of the Legion:

- Remember Community Service/Charity documentation.

There being no further business:

- Jeff Dunkin gave the closing prayer.
- Sgt of Arms retired colors.
- Commander adjourned the meeting at 1105.
- Next meeting will be March 20, 2026 @ 1800, back room of Road House Family Dinner.



Bill Townsend
Adjutant



Bill Townsend
Commander

List of Candidates to Vote into Membership:

	Name	Processed in Date
1	Johnny Parker	9/5/25
2	Kevin Towery	10/13/25
3	Douglas Overly	6/6/26
4	John Carson	8/26/25
5	Frank Mooney	9/5/25
6	Finis Kelley	9/4/25
7	Terry K Haynes	9/11/25
8	Jeff Owens	11/15/25
9	Howard D McComb	12/6/25
10	Craig S Mattson	1/5/26
11	George Wood	1/20/26
12	Elbert Jackson	1/12/26
13	James Cooper	2/15/26