



THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFFERY S. HOLMES POST 84

April 3, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 1800 hours by Commander Dennis Brown.

Roll call by Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Zucker. Present were: Commander and Judge Advocate Dennis Brown, First Vice Commander and Historian Howard Bixby, Second Vice Commander Penny Johnson, Adjutant and Finance Officer Scott Holmes and Chaplain Luther Johnson. Also present were guest Patti Holmes and Past Commander Charlie Patch who was in attendance via Zoom.

Commander Brown requested a moment of silence for Joyce Perkins who passed away during our hiatus.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting were read by Sam Zucker. Motion to accept by Luther Johnson and seconded by Penny Johnson. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

1. Finance Officer Scott Holmes reported that all budgeted items have been paid.
2. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Service Report: None

Membership:

1. The Post lost 2 members and 5 members did not renew leaving us with 33 members.
2. Vermont dues for 2025 will follow Nationals ruling of \$45.
3. There is ongoing membership recruitment.

Americanism:

1. Scott Holmes reported that the new replacement Flags and hardware for the Route 5 display have been purchased.
2. Because of the new traffic pattern by the bridge on Route 5, Scott Holmes stated that a bucket truck would not be required for installation this year.
3. Patti Holmes reminded us that Flags to be retired can be left at the Police/Fire Station in Hartford.

Children and Youth:

1. Scott Holmes reminded us that this is the 100th anniversary of Legion Baseball.
2. Post 84 baseball will tentatively begin June 20, 2025. The schedule this year will include 9 home and 9 away games.

3. This year, the Post 84 baseball team will be hosting the state tournament beginning July 23rd. Coach Spencer has asked for volunteers to assist during the tournament. If interested please contact Scott Holmes at:
thordog.holmes@gmail.com
4. Scott Holmes is the new Post 84 contact person for Boys/Girls State programs. He will contact the high school for perspective candidates.
5. Vermont State Legion has requested a donation to the state scholarship fund to make up for a short-fall. A motion was made to donate \$100 by Scott Holmes and seconded by Penny Johnson. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Blue Star Memorial work permit application has been submitted. Still no response as of this meeting.
2. Commander Brown attended the Vet Council meeting on Monday, March 31st. The following decisions were made concerning Veterans' Day and Memorial Day ceremonies:
 - a. Memorial Day ceremonies will take place on the Monday designated as the National Holiday.
 - b. Memorial Day ceremonies will begin at Town Hall then proceed to Veteran's Park and then to the Ralph Lehman Bridge.
 - c. The Maple Street Cemetery observance will be conducted after the ceremonies at Town Hall and Veteran's Park.
 - d. Efforts are being made to coordinate the Color and Honor guards. Anyone interested in being a member of either or has experience with these units should

contact Commander Brown to take part and/or assist with practice sessions. dlbm35vt@gmail.com

- e. Uniform for the Color/Honor Guards will be white shirts with the proper patches and black pants.
 - f. Involve the media and other means of advertising these events to notify the public.
 - g. The Declarations for Memorial Day will honor the sacrifice and loss of those who served and died in the military. The Veterans' Day Proclamation will honor all those who have served in the U.S. military.
 - h. Post 26 is in the process of obtaining 9 rifles, but may not have them in time for this year's ceremonies.
 - i. The number of Flags for cemeteries is estimated at 865. Fogg's has donated 200.
3. The next Vet Council meeting is September 15, 2025 at 6 PM. Location is at the Upper Valley Church of Christ, 4330 Woodstock Road (Route 4 West, just past the Fat Hat Store on the left).
4. The Post's web site is up and running. Members may access the site at: <https://www.post84vtlegion.org/index.cfm>
5. Members are requested to send comments about the site to Adjutant Scott Holmes at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com
6. On the Post's web site is a link to attend meetings via Zoom. See word document attachment **Appendix B** for accessing instructions. Commander Brown to contact Vermont State to confirm if Post 84 is the first to have Zoom capabilities.
7. Commander Brown, as usual, has continued thanking all who contribute to Post 84.

- a. Sam Zucker for transcribing our meeting minutes and for reviewing our website and adding Zoom access to our web site.
 - b. Scott Holmes for maintaining and providing our finance report, keeping our web site current, for bereavement notifications and acting as our baseball liaison.
8. The Family Day picnic is tentatively to take place this summer. No discussion at this meeting. Tabled until May meeting. Please send comments to Commander Dennis Brown at: dlbm35vt@gmail.com or Adjutant Scott Holmes at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com

New Business:

1. Scott Holmes will Chair the golf committee this year. He is asking for assistance in soliciting hole sponsors. He has a list but needs people to call or visit our potential clients. Contact him at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com
2. The Vet Place in Northfield is asking for donations to provide TVs for its residents. Scott Holmes made a motion to donate \$200, seconded by Luther Johnson. Unanimously approved.
3. Alumni Day, June 28th. Looking for veterans to march in parade. If interested, please contact Patti Holmes at: hbird.holmes@gmail.com
4. **Attention women veterans.** Nichole Jordan has started a non-profit retreat for women veterans. Refer to **Appendix C** for more info.

5. The summer conference will take place June 20th and 21st at the Hampton Inn in Colchester, VT. See attachments **Appendix A** pdfs for further information.
6. Post 84 goals for the 2025 are:
 - a. Golf – September 20
 - b. Family Day in August?
 - c. Donation to Toys for Tots
 - d. Flag display along Route 5
 - e. Blue Star Memorial maintenance ongoing
 - f. Support the Hartford Heroes Banner project which will be displayed from Memorial Day through July.

Comrades in distress – Charles Patch

The meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Sam Zucker, Sergeant-at-Arms for Scott Holmes, Adjutant

Next meeting, Thursday, May1, 2025 at 6:00 PM, at WRJ VA, Freedom Building (formally Building 44), Room 103a.

Appendix A



Summer Conv. Hotel
2025 Info.pdf



Summer Conv.
Banquet 2025 Info.pdf



GolfTourn25.pdf

Appendix B



Zoom access, How
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Appendix C

Women Veteran's Glamping

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Info@WomenVeteransGlamping.org

EIN: #87-2520494

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Women Veteran's Glamping (WVG). We are a 501c3 non-profit based in Maine and serve to improve the lives of Women Veterans that served our great nation. We bring groups of Women Veterans from all eras and branches of service, together for a retreat, that helps heal the soul and provides new bonds that run strong. These Women Veterans come from all over the US.

We offer 20-24 women Veterans retreats/events scheduled throughout the year. We cover the cost of the lodging, food and activities. We have several retreats & events scheduled this coming year and we would greatly appreciate your support in covering this cost. We stay in off and on grid yurts; kayak, swim, hike, arts and crafts as well as s'mores around a campfire with the beautiful night sky twinkling above. We see women on Active Duty as they are in uniform, yet invisible out of uniform. They are often forgotten and not thanked for their service. Many women Veterans do not know of other women Veterans in their area therefore, feel alone and unappreciated as many people do not recognize the women that have served our Great Nation.

The women Veterans get a chance to come relax, meet other women Veterans, network, make new friends and share their experiences without judgment. Their service is recognized, valued and honored. **"She served her country, now let's Honor her!"** One woman veteran told us after her retreat,

"We made a difference in her life and she no longer thought she was alone and worthless. She had met 20 new sisters of service, a connection and family she had lost when she left service. She no longer felt like giving up and becoming just another "22" in the books. She has made new friends and can now talk with others like her. Thank you Women Veteran's Glamping for coming into my life at the right time." -Kat P.- US Army Veteran

Women Veteran's Glamping is changing the way we celebrate and honor Women Veterans. No longer do we only honor them once a year - we honor and celebrate them all year long. We work closely with our local "Quilt of Valor" program in Maine. We honor women Veterans at each of our WVG Events with a Quilt of Valor.

August 2023 Women Veteran's Glamping purchased 14 acres of land to build our own facility. Now the fundraising for the building begins. We are in need of raising \$1million for the building fund. All donations are tax deductible. We are building a lasting legacy for our Women Veterans nationally to relax and remain strong themselves and families.

******Our finances are transparent to show our truth and to honor our veterans, donors and sponsors. Ninety percent of our funding goes to covering the Women Veterans Glamping events and ten percent goes to office supplies and cleaning of equipment. Our board is 100% volunteer and Proud Veterans themselves.******

"PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING AND HONORING WOMEN VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR."

Please make donations to: Women Veteran's Glamping by mailing your donation or visiting our website:

www.WomenVeteransGlamping.org

Mail to: Women Veteran's Glamping, 126 Western Ave #197, Augusta, Maine 04330

Thank you for supporting Women Veteran's Glamping as we work to improve the lives of our Women Veterans across our communities and our country. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring an event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Nichole Jordan

Nichole Jordan, U.S. Army Veteran

Women Veteran's Glamping President

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Our Mission is to "Offer Women Veterans opportunity to recreate and comradery of shared experiences in a safe, judgment free supportive environment."

Attention News Release

Chesterville, Maine - Women Veteran's Glamping, a dedicated non-profit organization focused on honoring and supporting women veterans, is excited to announce a significant milestone in its mission. The organization has successfully secured land for its very own retreat facility in the beautiful state of Maine.

Women veterans have made immense sacrifices and contributions to our country, and this new retreat facility will serve as a sanctuary for them, providing a space to heal, bond, and thrive. Women Veteran's Glamping believes that this retreat will be a source of empowerment and rejuvenation for women who have served our nation. We have been successful for the last 4 years in working toward this goal.

The land acquisition marks the beginning of an exciting journey, and the organization is committed to making this facility a reality in the near future. The retreat facility will be tailored to meet the unique needs of women veterans, offering a wide range of programs and resources to support their physical and emotional well-being.

The facility's features will include:

- Accommodations and meeting spaces designed for comfort and tranquility.
- Specialized programs to address the unique challenges faced by women veterans.
- Outdoor recreational spaces to foster a sense of community and camaraderie.
- Information referrals to mental health services, counseling, and therapeutic activities.

Women Veteran's Glamping would like to extend its gratitude to all the supporters, donors, and volunteers who have made this exciting endeavor possible. The organization believes that the retreat facility in Chesterville, Maine will serve as a beacon of hope and healing for women veterans from all walks of life.

The Women Veteran's Glamping team is actively working on the architectural design and planning phase, and is committed to making this facility a reality as soon as possible. The organization encourages the community to join in this mission to support and uplift the women who have served our nation with honor and courage.

For more information about Women Veteran's Glamping, its mission, or how you can get involved, please visit www.WomenVeteransGlamping.org or contact Nichole Jordan at Nichole@womenveteransglamping.org

About Women Veteran's Glamping: is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and supporting women veterans. The organization's mission is to provide a safe and empowering space for women who have served in the military, fostering their well-being, personal growth, and community connections.

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