

**District 6 Quarterly Meeting**  
**Winter Garden American Legion Post 63**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

At 10:02 pm, Commander Musser called the meeting to order. The meeting opened in good order with a roll call of officers and Posts showing a quorum present.

Sgt at Arms Kim Bean – **Excused**; Eastern Area Commander Suelter – **Excused**; Posts **Absent**: 18, 19, 21, 109, 330, 403, 409, 412.

**Welcoming Remarks: Commander Dave Musser**

**VIPs**

1. Jim Ramos – NEC Florida
2. Jessica Moore – Department of Florida Commander
3. Bruce Carl – Department of Florida 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander
4. Edward Flakowski – Eastern Area ALR Chair
5. Daryl Bass Past Eastern Area Commander

**Minutes – Adjutant Rob Burgess**

- DCC minutes read from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**A MOTION was made to accept as read by David Hulin SECONDED: Alan Adams**  
**No Discussion    APPROVED**

**Finance: Jodi Stump**

- Current Total: \$5,491.92, 50/50 currently \$185

**A MOTION to accept the finance report for audit by Don Morrison Seconded: Rob Burgess**  
**No Discussion    APPROVED**

**Membership: Adjutant Rob Burgess**

- Currently District 6 renewal is 49.34%
  - We contribute to 13% of Florida's over renewal rate. We lead all of Florida's districts and we are currently higher than the state's renewal of 48.6%.
- Requested all update Post Data on the sheet by sign-in sheet. This is an attempt to update the Post Rosters and aid in communication across the District.

**JAG: Tom Murphy**

- Asked all become familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws (2016). These were ratified by membership and approved by Department.
- If you think someone in your Post violates the constitution, First have a conversation with your membership before you bring someone up on charges.
- If you are in need of help understanding how this works, contact me (6<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate).

**Service Officer – Service Officer David Kassander**

- Required Service Officer training will be at the Fall Conference, Nov 21-22, 2025.
- We're inviting an accredited VSO, and we have a congressman, his staff comes to the post every first Tuesday, and they can process benefits. If you're signing with any federal agency, the congressman can get an answer for you within 30 days, as opposed to the VA's 60 days.
  - If you have a building or if you don't have a building, they're happy to come to your city hall or a facility in your area, and it's been very successful. We're pulling people from around the area coming in to get their benefits processed, and they get it done right there.

- Planning a Veterans Fair on Nov 15. It will be an all-day event that's in conjunction challenge 22 It's something we certainly support about getting the word out about our suicide problem that we have with veterans.
- Lastly, there's an app that everyone should have on their phone that you can help people out with. It's called battle buddy that's put out by the VA.
  - It's a very easy to use App saying if you have a financial issue, or you're trying to get copies of the DD, 214, or whatever, you can click on the appropriate icon and it'll take you to the right spot, the exact right spot in this very complex va.gov

### **Special Recognition: Commander Dave Musser**

- Post 347 Color Guard won two First place awards at the National Convention and were named The American Legion Color Guard of the National Commander.

### **Good of the District**

1. District 6 Picnic – Sunday, March 22, 2026, from Noon to 5:00 pm.
  - a. Held at Hickory Point, 27341 SR 19, Tavares, FL
  - b. We will also have the burgers, hot dogs and whatever
2. Next District Meeting will be Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Mt Dora Post 35. Sign-in at 9:00 am and Meeting Starts: 10:00 am
3. We have posters here for National POW/MIA Recognition Day of September 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. Post 53 Commander Randy Leonard – Talked about his Post's construction with a completion date estimated Mid-October.
5. Kurt Giez Post 63 made a plea for old unit patches that he could give out with the Gary Sinise Foundation Christmas program.
6. Dave Kassander Post 63/D6 SO. Warned that folks have been sending emails using information such as Alan Adams or Dave Musser's emails. They may look like a real email but check the address and confirm it is them. Warn you elderly members and maybe we can prevent them from being scammed.
7. It was mentioned the Wreaths across America will be Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you cannot physically lay wreaths reach out and sponsor, others will gladly help with the laying of the wreaths.
8. D6 Chaplain Larry Miller requested Jim Ramos come forward to offer memories of Warren Post, past Dept Commander.

### **Post Meeting Note:**

As of this District meeting we learned Past commander Peter Gregory was in Hospice. Before these minutes were published we learned of his passing. Please Keep his Family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. He will be at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (5525 US Hwy 1, Mims, Florida 32754) on Thursday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. A celebration of Life gathering will follow at Oviedo Memorial Post 243 (491 West Broadway St, Oviedo, FL 32765) on Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm.

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

Time Adjourned: 11: 17 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C Burgess, Adjutant

Sep 16, 2025