

**District 6 Quarterly Meeting**  
**Mt Dora American Legion Post 35**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

At 9:59 am, 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 Darrell Gray – **Excused**; Posts **Absent**: 18, 19, 21, 80, 109, 239, 242, 330, 331, 357, 409, 412.

**Welcoming Remarks: Commander Dave Musser**

**VIPs**

- 1. Jim Ramos – NEC Florida
- 2. Joan Suelter – Eastern Area Commander
- 3. Chuck Rousseau – Past District and Eastern Area Commander

**Minutes – Adjutant Rob Burgess**

- Quarter 1 District Meeting minutes from Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were posted on District Website.

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

**Finance: Jodi Stump**

- Current Total: \$5,226.34, 50/50 currently \$160, Donation to Boys State but District Riders \$620
- **A MOTION to accept the finance report for audit by Joan Suelter Seconded: David Hulin**

**No Discussion APPROVED**

**Membership: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Alan Adams**

- Currently District 6 renewal is 70.87%
  - We are currently higher than the state's renewal of 70.48%.
- Made a plea to work on inviting the Post 400 and 400 AD members to join your posts. Department's goal for each post is 2 additions of Post 400/400AD per year.
  - All 400s you transfer in count for your numbers, even if they have a 2026 card already.

**JAG: Tom Murphy**

- If you wish to be nominated for a District level office, then you need to be present at the DCC in May or submit a letter accepting a nomination for the office you wish to run for.
  - If you are not present and have not submitted a letter you will be ineligible to run.
- Made an offer to help with any post seeking to revise/rewrite/update their Constitution and By-Laws. You must reach out before your General Membership votes on your proposed changes; else it's a moot point.

**Service Officer – Service Officer David Kassander**

- Offered his services to and post PSO.
- Accredited American Legion service officers secured a record \$23,289,379,651 in disability benefits for veterans in fiscal 2024-25. The 2025 total brings the amount of disability benefits achieved for veterans using accredited American Legion service officers to \$108.7 billion since 2020.

**Riders Report: District Riders Director Dave Hulin**

- District Riders made about \$1,000 for Children & Youth
- Also collect \$620 for Boys State and gave it to the Finance Officer.

## Auxiliary Report: Penny Kanbara

- District 6 Picnic – Sunday, March 22, 2026, from Noon to 5:00 pm.
  - Held at Hickory Point, 27341 SR 19, Tavares, FL
  - In need of Volunteers
  - Requesting \$200 from each post as well as Basket donations



## National Commander's Visit: NEC Jim Ramos

- Here to discuss the National Commander's Visit
- Every post has to have the number of how many people we are actually going to be in that post for the visit, especially if they have food, so they can make accommodations.
- Requested you read his Friday email and be especially vigilant about involving membership in upcoming legislation for Veterans.

## National Commander's Visit: Commander Dave Musser

- We are putting the list together and will be driving from place to place. What we're looking at is we have 8 Posts out of 26 in the District that have a kitchen. You don't have to have a kitchen to host something. If you want to host a breakfast with the National Commander, a lunch, a snack, a dinner or dessert afterwards, please get a hold of the adjutant or the first vice and let them know that you want to be part of this. We would be more than happy to have the National Commander come to the post for breakfast and not have to take him to different places to get things to eat. And that that's for the whole day.
- I know post 347 has already planned a dinner for him, which we always do, and for those smaller posts that cannot host, please, get a hold of me. Rob, Tina, or Alan, let us know that you can't do that so we can include you in one of ours. So please let us know that the exact dates are Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> till Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Question was asked by Post 35 Commander Victor Farrier if the National Commander would be interested in playing golf as Post 35 has an agreement with the Couse adjacent to their Post.
- Rider Escort is being coordinated by Dave Hulin and Joe Marcheggiani.

## Eastern Area Commander Joan Salter

- Membership: 6<sup>th</sup> District is at 70.85% where District 12 is at 69.87%. So, let's win it this year, because I had to pay last year.
- I want to thank those that contributed to the women veteran Task Force event thank you all very much.
  - We're planning another one on the West Coast sometime in the spring.

## Good of the District

1. Next District Meeting will be Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Lady Lake Post 347. Sign-in at 9 am and Meeting Starts: 10 am
2. D6 Webmaster Bob Colbert (fald6.org) made a request to provide him with your post's information on events. He will post them on the District website.
  - i. Pictures need to be on pdf or jpg format (not Apple).
  - ii. A request came that we upload all available Honor Guard information. Many smaller Posts that are without Honor Guard would like to coordinate for their veterans.
3. Post 243 PSO Mike Ungerman: Offered PSOs the opportunity to peruse his PSO Book. It is a book of resource flyers that we've been accumulating over the last two years. He has begun digitizing it and will upload it to the webpage when complete.
  - i. Has fliers about American Legion and Gaming for the younger Vets.
  - ii. Also broached the subject of creating a Cruiser Chapter. This is similar in scope to the riders but with classic cars.



4. Commander Musser piggy backed with Post, 347 will be raffling off a 1941 four door Packer as soon as we take title of it, which should be in the next week or two, we already have possession of the vehicle, and it's fully restored.
5. Chaplain Larry Miller stressed the importance of Buddy Check. But bottom line here Be The One, remember you are the leaders.
6. There was a question about points of contact for Boys State. Commander Musser said contact him or Tina Burgess with your questions.
7. Commander Post 35 Victor Farrier offered a chance to get raffle tickets for two round trip tickets on Southwest Airline.



## Moment of Silence/Closing prayer: Chaplain Larry Miller

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

Time Adjourned: 11:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Burgess, Adjutant  
Dec 10, 2025