



American Legion 3rd District of Missouri Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2025 – Wilson-Axline Post 216 Bethany hosting

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling proceeded to open the 3rd District Meeting at 15:11 HRS.

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling led salute to colors

Post 557 Chaplin Terry Smart gave the opening prayer

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling led the meeting in the POW/MIA Memorial

3rd District Sergeant-at-Arms Bruce Jelinek gave the POW/MIA Dedication for F. Hess JR..

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Preamble.

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling welcomed everyone to the 3rd District Meeting.

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling officially opened the 3rd District Meeting.

GUEST:

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling welcomed American Legion Department of Missouri Commander John Buckwalter to the 3rd District Meeting and asked if he wanted to say anything.

Department of Missouri Commander John Buckwalter would say something at the end of the meeting.

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling asked 3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery to call the roll of Posts.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery reported that there were six (6) Posts present and found there was a quorum present.

Posts – 61, 95, 97, 216, 285, and 557

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling said since the minutes of the last 3rd District Meeting had been sent out via e-mail and posted to the 3rd District website he would entertain a motion to accept the minutes as published.

Motion was made to accept minutes as posted. Motion seconded and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: 3rd District Finance Officer Calvin Bumgarner gave the following report:

Savings Account (Bank Midwest) \$3,991.62

Checking Account (Bank Midwest) \$2507.47

Withdrawals

\$100.00 – Check # 1141 Hosting 3rd District Meeting Post 557



Total Balances \$5,399.09

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling said he would entertain a motion to accept the finance report as given.

A motion to accept the finance report as given was made. The motion was seconded and the motion passed

3rd District Finance Officer Calvin Bumgarner asked about paying Post 216 for hosting the 3rd District Meeting since they forgot the meeting and providing the meal.

Post Adjutant said forget about the check.

Commanders Report: (SOAPBOX)

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling talked about the following:

Talked about local connection to the POW/MIA memorial dedication.

Reminded everyone about POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Talked about another car crashing into the Excelsior Springs Veterans building so the Post will again be waiting on repairs and donations to help cover costs.

Recent Missouri Legion College being held.

Missouri Boys State will be soon held and Family day will be on that weeks Thursday and all are welcome to visit but RSVP first.

Membership:

All Department Posts are behind on membership goals.

It's a good time to do Buddy Checks on un-renewed members.

Soon 2026 membership renewals will begin.

Reminder to all POST to fill out and submit Certification of POST Officials and CPR
District Elections:

Ricky Volkmann running for 3rd District Commander

Edward Weaverling running for Senior District Vice Commander

Jerry Galloway running for 2nd Vice Commander

Calvin Bumgarner Finance Officer

Dan Heiser Chaplain

Bruce Jelinek SGT at ARMS

All positions accepted by acclamation

3rd District Commander elect Ricky Volkmann asked Robert C. Emery would remain 3rd District Adjutant. Robert C. Emery accepted the position.

3rd District Commander elect Ricky Volkmann assigned the following members to the Department Convention Comittees

CREDENTIALS – Calvin Bumgarner

Resolutions – Edward Weaverling

Constitution and By-laws – Ricky Volkmann

3rd District Chairmen positions available for anyone interested in one

Please contact a 3rd District Officer

District Service Officer Position is now open due to that person dropping out.

Department cost savings plan to reduce mailing costs.

HELP individuals and Posts



Good of the American Legion:

American Legion Department of Missouri Commander John Buckwalter

Thanked the 3rd District for their support over the past year.

Importance of POSTS filling out and submitting CPO and PR

Importance of Missouri Cadet Patrol and Missouri Boys State Programs.

Post 557 Chaplin Terry Smart gave the closing prayer.

3rd District Commander Ed Weaverling closed the meeting at 16:35 HRS

Submitted by:

Robert C. Emery
3rd District Adjutant

Approved by:

Ed Weaverling
3rd District Commander