American Legion Essman-Schroeder Post #20
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

Attendees:

Joe Huelskamp	James Zuehlke	Jeff Marks
Mike D'Acquisto	Fred Chart	Bruce Hodge
Conrad Moreno	Sonya Janicki	Ruby Zwijack
Rachel Ladewig	Chet Anderson	

Meeting Called to Order at: 1900 by Commander Jeff Marks
Post the Colors: SGT at Arms Moreno
POW/MIA Chair: Sgt at Arms (Hand Salute
Opening Prayer: Chaplain Joe Huelskamp (Stand & Remove Coverss)
Pledge of Allegiance: All
Pre-Amble to the Constitution: All

- **Recognize any Guests.** None
- **Introduction of New Members:** None

Meeting Minutes: Commander Marks stated the April meeting minutes were sent out via email to all members. He requested a motion to accept the March minutes as distributed.

Motioned By Conrad Moreno
Second By : Rachel Ladewig
Discussion: None
Motion - Approved

Treasurers Report: Financial report delivered by Financial Officer Bruce Hodge. (Detailed financial figures are available to members on request and are omitted from the public copy of these minutes.)
Commander Marks asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented:

Motioned By: Jim Zuehlke
Second By: Conrad Moreno
Discussion: None

Motion – Approved

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Scholarship awards will be presented on the 20th at WUHS. We will have a police escort again for the Memorial Day events. Wear the standard Honor Guard Uniform with the Garrison Cap. Officer nominations presented last month and again in May. As no new nominations were brought forth, a motion was to close the nominations and approve the slate of officers tonight.

Post Nominations for the Year 2026-2027

Commander:	Jeff Marks
Vice Commander:	Chet Anderson
Adjutant:	Shane Morris
Financial Officer:	Bruce Hodge
Sgt at Arms:	Conrad Moreno
Chaplin:	Joe Huelskamp

Motioned By: Jim Zuehlke
Second By: Mike D'Acquisto
Discussion: None
Motion – Approved

New Business:

Flag retirement will be held on June 13th at B Dots house starting at 11:00 AM. On June 14th we will dedicate the flagpole and flag at River City Lanes. Event starts at noon.
The state raffle ticket program has started, and a motion was made for the post to purchase tickets.

Motioned By: Conrad Moreno
Second By: Chet Anderson
Discussion: None
Motion – Approved

The Legion post in palmyra caught fire and the building was destroyed. A motion was made for our post to make a donation to them to help with their rebuild.

Motioned By: Chet Anderson

Second By: Mike D'Acquisto
Discussion: None
Motion – Approved

The next County Meeting is May 26th at the Veterans Terrace in Burlington. It starts at 6:00 PM.
On July 30th, our post has been assigned to staff the American Legion Information Booth at the Racine County Fair from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. Volunteers for each shift are as follows:

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bruce Hodge & Joe Huelskamp
12:30 PM to 4:40 PM	Mike D'Acquisto & James Zuehlke
4:40 PM to 8:30 PM	Chet Anderson & Jeff Marks

Commander Marks will ask B Dot to research the cost of newer lighter weight Honor Guard Jackets. He will also follow up on Legion emblem car magnets for the Honore Team

Committee Reports:
Budget Committee: No Report
Southern Center: Minutes have been e-mailed to the members. The Center will hold another fishing outing on June 5th beginning at 9:00 AM. A picnic will be held on July 11th, and the Music Fest will be held Sept. 14th through Sept. 18th.
Honor Guard: No Report
Service Officer: No Report
Meat Raffle: No Report
Gun Raffle: No Report
Pancake Breakfast: No report
Post Dinner: No Report
Fourth of July: Conrad will pick up and pull the trailer with his pickup truck. Chet will work with B Dot to order candy and small flags.

For the Good of the Legion:
We will not meet in June or July. Our meeting in August will start at the new time of 6:30 PM. Be sure to note the time change.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Closing Prayer: Chaplain (Stand & Remove Covers)
Retire the POW/MIA: Sgt at Arms
Retire the Colors: Sgt at Arms

Metting adjourned at 19:35