

## **AMERICAN LEGION MINUTES** by Daniel Cheever, Judge Advocate.

The American Legion Post #61 of Yellville held its monthly meeting September 10, 2026. Meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours by Pamala Burns, Commander.

**OPENING PRAYER:** was given Bobby Hamlin, Chaplain.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Pamala Burns, Commander.

**GUEST:** None

**SICK CALL:** None

**POST EVERLASTING:** Our Post Charter was draped in black for Legionaire Anna Rogers who has passed on to Post Everlasting.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Pamala Burns, Commander initiated new members Jim Gates, Gary Gouge, Marc Craig. Swore them in, presented member pins, and gifted quilts by Cindy Hamlin, President of Crooked Creek Quilt Guild.

**MINUTES:** For the August 14, 2026 meeting was read by Dave Boyden, Adjutant. Motion to accept. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Was given by David Hall, Finance Officer. Motion to accept. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dave Boyden, Adjutant, reported that 2026/ 2027 dues are now due. If you have not paid your dues please see the Adjutant or mail to the Post. Fifty-five members have paid their dues.

**DECEASED MEMBER'S LIST:** Is on going. Anyone knowing of a deceased member from Post #61 please tell the Adjutant. Every Memorial Day at our Memorial Day Program we honor our deceased members at a Post Everlasting.

**FREEDOM FLAGS:** The application for the Bricks are available. The Bricks are for any Veteran living or deceased.

**RENTAL:** Teddy Beaudin, Post Service Officer reported That there are rentals for the Hut. September 26, 2026 Turkey Calling. Friends of the Library in November. September 19<sup>th</sup> for a baby shower. If you would like to rent the Hut please contact Teddy Beaudin, Post Service Officer.

**GUN RAFFLE:** Dave Hagan, Historian, reported that there has been 2 tickets sold for the new Generation 2 Ruger 270 bolt action rifle with a 4×9 scope is up for raffle. \$25.00 each or 5 tickets for \$100.00. See Dave Hagan, Historian for tickets for the Rifle Raffle.

**TURKEY TROT:** Food and supplies have been purchased. Member please sign up to work the breakfast or the booth.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dave Boyden, Adjutant read a letter from Dustin Beals, 2nd Vice Commander stating his resignation as 2nd Vice Commander.

### **UNFINISHED or OLD BUSINESS:**

**VETERAN BREAKFAST:** Discussion on raising the price for non veterans to \$5.00 due to rising cost of food. Changing the name to Community Breakfast. Asking KTLO and Arvest Bank for advertising the Community Breakfast. Motion to accept. Motion carried.

**TURKEY TROT:** Members see sign up sheets for the Breakfast and for the Booth. The Breakfast will be Friday October 9, 2026. 6:00 to 10:00 am. And Saturday 10, 2026. 6:00 to 9:00 am. Adult \$8.00 and children 12 years and under \$4.00.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** Pamala Burns, Commander open up nominations to fill the vacant 2nd Vice Commander Office. Larry Poetz nominated Marc Craig. No other Nominations were made. Motion to accept. Motion carried.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Christmas Basket Tubs are at the Post. Eight containers to hold non-perishable food to be delivered to veterans in need this Christmas time. Members are advised to bring non-perishables to the Hut after Turkey Trot.

**VETERAN APPRECIATION:** The Twenty First Annual Veteran Appreciation Outreach Picnic. Saturday October 3, 2026. 11:00 am to 1:00pm. At the Arkansas State University Mountain Home Grounds. The Veterans Administration will be represented at this Picnic.

**DISCUSSION:**

- October Trunk or Treat at Yellville Summit Middle School with the JROTC Cadets, Friday October 30, 2026 at the Middle School Football game. Discussion to follow in the October meeting.
- To have a Historical Day with the Elementary School Children. Larry Poetz spoke of the Post's former annual Historical Day. David Hall, Finance Officer is in a group that reenact historical events they might be able to help out. Motion to restart the Historical Day. Motion to accept. Motion carried.
- Garage Sale for October is on hold. Tabled for the October meeting.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Pamala Burns, Commander opened a discussion for movie night for next summer. A free event for the first Friday of June, July, and August. To be advertised at the Schools.

**CONVOY of HOPE:** Pamala Burns, Commander open a discussion on the Convoy of Hope for the Yellville area. Motion to pursue working with the Convoy of Hope. Motion to accept. Motion carried.

**CALL LIST:** Pamala Burns, Commander has distributed call list to the Post Officers with instructions to make buddy check monthly.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** first Saturday of the Month, 9:00 to 11:00 am

**AUXILIARY and LEGION JOINT:** Nothing to report

**OPENING PRAYER:** given by Bobby Hamlin

Meeting adjourned 19:23 hours.