

The Flag and Memorial Committee met in regular session on March 17, 2026, at the American Space Museum, 308 Pine Street, Titusville, FL 32796

Chairman Marquette called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Members present: Member Therriault, Member Fuller, Vice-Chair Pedersen, Member Northcutt, Member Swink, Member Raque and Member Rathborne. Also present was Gail Gilchrist, Liaison, City of Titusville.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Chairman Marquette.

**II. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:** A quorum was met.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of minutes for the February 17, 2026 meeting:** A motion to approve the February 17, 2026 minutes was made by Member Therriault, seconded by Member Raque, it passed unanimously.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Installation of Flag and Flagpole at Kirk Point Riverside Park:** Member Therriault stated he is waiting to hear from Home Depot and Lowe's.

**B. Fundraiser Event Hosted by the Elks Lodge:** Member Swink is working on setting a date and getting approval for this event.

**C. Committee Presenting \$500/year Scholarship:** there needs to be a fundraiser before this can happen.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Ideas for USA 250 Anniversary Events:** Member Therriault asked if the City was going to have a parade for this event. Liaison Gilchrist stated she would find out what, if any, events were planned by the City. Member Therriault asked if there had been a meeting concerning the City's Red, White and Boom event. He also mentioned this committee having a table there. Liaison Gilchrist will also ask about the meetings for this event.

**B. Memorial Day Ceremony:** the American Legion, Post 1 hosts this event and this committee supports them. The event will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026.

### **VI. FUND RAISER ACTIVITIES**

Tabled

### **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Chairman Marquette asked if the Astronaut Memorial should once again be held on Saturday instead of Sunday. Member Therriault suggested adding this discussion to the agenda at the April meeting.

## VIII. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Vice-Chair Pedersen:** Stated the Fashion Show is this coming Saturday.

**Member Therriault:**

### **CAP**

Stated the American Cancer Society's Gateway to Space 5K-10K will be held this coming Saturday. The CAP Honor Guard will be there, as they have been for the past 10 years. In April they are having an "Operation Resounding Echo" event. Discussion ensued. At the end of April they will have a "Sun-n-Fun" event in Lakeland. He stated this is the second largest airshow in the country.

### **KOC**

Their annual convention is coming up, as well as, Knights on Bikes convention. He stated he is now on North Brevard Honor Guard and they do an average of six funerals per day. He said that Cape Canaveral's mascot, Rupert the Armadillo, went to space. He also discussed Joe Robinson's funeral.

**Member Rague:** Stated she attended the Good Citizens Awards for Astronaut and Titusville High Schools students who wrote an essay on "What It Is To Be A Good Citizen". She will also attend the ROTC awards for both high schools.

**Member Fuller:** stated the VFW had a very successful dinner last Friday night. She asked Chairman Marquette about the possibility of the Republican Club meeting at this museum once a month.

**Member Swink:** Stated the lodge is still doing a lot of activities and at last night's meeting, they brought in 8 new members, which brings the total membership to about 564. He said they are open seven days a week now and also stated there will be installation of officers this Friday night.

**Chairman Marquette:** Stated 321 Day is this coming Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Spaceview Park. The museum is doing good and is open seven days a week. They are upgrading some of the galleries. He said Els van Engelenburg had passed away. He said the Shuttlfest is June 20 – 21 at Cocoa Hilton with "The Magnificent Seven" as the theme. Seven astronauts have committed to being there. Fundraising Friday will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned Harvest Host utilizing the museum's parking lot. Discussion ensued.

**Member Rathborne:** Stated the Air Fair has been cancelled due to Tico Bell being grounded.

**Member Northcutt:** Stated the Auxiliary election at the VFW is next month.

## ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.