

The Flag and Memorial Committee met in regular session on April 21, 2026, at the American Space Museum, 308 Pine Street, Titusville, FL 32796

Chairman Marquette called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Members present: Member Raque, Member Fuller, Vice-Chair Pedersen, Member Northcutt, Member Swink and Member Rathborne. Also present were Ryon Wlazlo, citizen and Gail Gilchrist, Liaison, City of Titusville.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chairman Marquette.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the March 17, 2026 meeting: A motion to approve the March 17, 2026 minutes was made by Member Northcutt, seconded by Member Rathborne, it passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Installation of Flag and Flagpole at Kirk Point Riverside Park:** Member Therriault stated (via an e-mail) the cost of the pole is \$7,000. Discussion ensued concerning alternatives.
- B. Fundraiser Event Hosted by the Elks Lodge:** Member Swink reserved the date for May 30, 2026. Discussion ensued concerning menu, fundraising, ticket sales, entertainment, per plate price, etc.
- C. USA 250th Parade:** No real discussion except asking about the date of the parade.
- D. Memorial Day:** May 25, 2026, Day Street Cemetery will start the ceremony at 9:00 a.m. and the downtown ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Astronaut Memorial Ceremony Returning to Saturday: A motion to hold the Astronaut Memorial Ceremony on Saturday instead of Sunday was made by Member Northcutt, seconded by Member Raque, it passed unanimously. The ceremony will take place on January 30, 2027.

VI. FUND RAISER ACTIVITES

Discussed as above.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Pedersen: Stated the Fashion Show was very successful with close to 200 people in attendance with a profit of \$15,356.58. Discussion ensued concerning the distribution of those funds throughout the community via mini grants, etc. They have their District Convention this weekend in Lake Mary.

Member Raque: Stated they are finishing up the year and have ordered approximately 260 flags for the LaGrange cemetery.

Member Fuller: stated she attended the TOPS convention in Punta Gorda and that next year it will be held in the Cocoa area for the first time.

Member Swink: Stated the lodge is still bringing in new members with good member activity. The Bingo is doing well.

Chairman Marquette: Stated the museum did very well during the Artemis II launch. The Podcast is going strong and the museum is growing.

Member Rathborne: Stated the Tico Belle made it to Lakeland. They are having several weddings this weekend and also having a cookout for STEM parents. They are very busy.

Member Northcutt: Stated the Auxiliary will celebrate their 80th anniversary on May 2, 2026 at the VFW. There will be food served.

Guest Wlazlo: Stated he is relatively new to the area and has been looking at different calendars in order to attend the different meetings. He discussed his military background as well as currently being a student.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.