

The Flag and Memorial Committee met in regular session on May 19, 2026, at the American Space Museum, 308 Pine Street, Titusville, FL 32796

Chairman Marquette called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Members present: Member Raque, Member Fuller, Vice-Chair Pedersen, Member Therriault, Member Swink, Member Patton and Member Rathborne. Also present was Tony Starnes.

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 April 21, 2026 meeting: Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Installation of Flag and Flagpole at Kirk Point Riverside Park:** Member Therriault spoke to Home Depot and Lowes and found that the cost of the pole can be as much as \$5,000. He is working with those companies for support. He said electricity is no issue as solar power is used on many flag poles. He will continue to effort corporate support for this and have everything prepared for the city to take action when the time comes.
- B. Fundraiser Event Hosted by the Elks Lodge:** Member Swink has everything in place for a \$15 per plate dinner. Discussion ensued about getting the word out.
- C. USA 250th Parade:** There is a 50-float limit and entry fee is \$250. Discussion ensued.
- D. Memorial Day:** May 25, 2026, Day Street Cemetery will start the ceremony at 9:00 a.m. with Coast Guard Cadets and the downtown ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. where Mark and Carrie were representing the city with a flower wreath.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Astronaut Memorial Ceremony Returning to Saturday: No decision was made concerning the time of the event, as researching the advantages/disadvantages of 11:00 a.m. vs 1:00 p.m. start time.

VI. FUND RAISER ACTIVITIES

Discussed as above.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Member Therriault reported that the Day Street Cemetery power issues were being resolved.

VIII. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Pedersen: Stated they had a luncheon for student grant recipients and have a busy summer and fall planned.

Member Raque: Stated LaGrange Cemetery had 216 American flags replaced.

Member Swink: Stated they now have more than 600 members and he celebrates his 19th year in the organization.

Chairman Marquette: Stated ShuttleFest V is June 19-21 and sales are excellent with seven astronauts in attendance. Museum will close to the public July 4-18 at least for building interior renovations, open to tours and special meetings.

Member Rathborne: Stated the new conference facility is getting good use, including a UCF alumni dinner and several weddings on the horizon.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.