

Flag & Memorial Committee
Regular Meeting October 21, 2025

The Flag and Memorial Committee met in regular session on October 21, 2025, 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 Northcutt, Member Therriault, Member Patton, Member Fuller and Member Swink, Member Rathborne, Vice-Chair Pedersen, Member Kohler and Member Raque. Also present was Gail Gilchrist, Liaison, City of Titusville.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Marquette.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the June 17, 2025 meeting: A motion to approve the May 20, 2025 minutes was made by Member Rathborne, seconded by Member Northcutt, it passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Blue Mass/Patriot's Ceremony: Member Therriault stated the ceremony went well, there was plenty of food and the program was wonderful but wished it was better attended. Member Therriault stated he attended one in downtown Orlando that was huge. Discussion ensued.

B. Veterans Day: The Day Street Cemetery ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a downtown ceremony at Veteran's Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be the same as it always is with the American Legion, Post 1 heading the event.

At this point, Chairman Marquette suggested everyone go around the room and re-introduce themselves. Member Northcutt mentioned they fed 85 homeless people last night and asked for donations.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chair: A motion to retain Chairman Marquette as Chairman was made by Member Therriault, seconded by Member Rathborne, it passed unanimously. A motion to retain Vice-Chair Pedersen as Vice-Chair was made by Member Therriault, seconded by Member Rathborne, it passed unanimously.

B. Astronaut Memorial Service: The ceremony will be Sunday, January 25, 2026. The guest speaker is former Astronaut Jan Davis. Chairman Marquette stated they are trying to get the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation to partner with them. Discussion ensued.

C. Approval of 2025 Annual Report: A motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report was made by Member Rathborne, seconded by Member Northcutt, it passed unanimously.

VI. FUND RAISER ACTIVITES

This was tabled due to the committee having sufficient funds.

MISCELLANEOUS

Due to the fact that Member Alfonsa Gutierrez has not been attending the meetings, a motion to remove Member Gutierrez from this committee was made by Member Northcutt, seconded by Member Fuller and passed unanimously.

I. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Member Patton: stated he is going on the Honor Flight on 11/8/25 and will be flying out of Melbourne. Discussion ensued.

Member Swink: Stated the Elks have added about 24 members recently, including Mayor Connors, bringing the total to 574 members. The Elks Lodge is very busy and is open 7 days a week with an event happening every day. Yesterday they held a Soccer Shoot for kids aged 6 and up and they have an upcoming Hoop Shoot for kids as well.

Member Therriault: Brought up Constitution Day with discussion ensuing. Member Therriault stated Wreaths Across America will be on Saturday, December 13, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. He said they need sponsorships for this. **CAP**

Stated Cadets are getting ready for winter encampment. They just participated in National Night Out and there was a huge crowd. November 1, 2025, they will be doing a cleanup of the Day Street Cemetery in preparation of the Veteran's Day ceremony to be held there. Discussion ensued concerning the condition of the local cemeteries with Member Kohler stating that he would contact Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) about helping out.

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Octoberfest is this coming weekend at Holy Spirit and will be held after the 4:00 p.m. mass. They will be serving about 75 dinners. A couple of weeks ago Knights on Bikes had a prison ride. The first Sunday in October they did a Life Chain. They distributed \$3,600 to BETA through the Baby Bottle campaign.

Vice-Chair Pedersen: Stated the Fashion Show is Saturday, March 21, 2026 at the Indian River Preserve and the tickets are \$50.00. Pecans will be in the beginning of November. Stated they are getting new members and they are really great.

Member Northcutt: Stated the social quarters of the American Legion, Post 1 is closed every Sunday and the post is only open for bingo on Sunday's.

Member Fuller: Stated she doesn't go to the VFW very much but that she is very involved with Mayor Connors. She said the VFW has a new canteen manager and they had a free dinner last Saturday, provided you bought two drinks.

Member Kohler: Stated Monday the Rotary will have a social in Port St. John at 5:00 p.m. and will be doing terrariums. He said he really enjoys working with KBB and that last week they beautified a grassy area on a small street downtown by planting 20 plants.

Member Rathborne: Stated the Warbird Museum Event Center had it's dedication. Last Saturday there were 300 people at the Parrish Gala. Several

things are planned for the event center, to include a Mayor's Ball on December 5, 2025. She was asked about the airshow and discussion ensued as to why they are not taking place. She stated they went on a Bus Crawl that stopped at the Elks Lodge.

Member Raque: Stated their main project is the LaGrange Cemetery and when it gets cooler they will start working on it again. She said there are 260 veterans in there. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Marquette: Stated they had a fire in the kitchen but it was contained and didn't do much damage. He said they have several new exhibits throughout the museum. Discussion ensued. He said on November 15, 2025 they will have a Star Party and Member Therriault asked about getting a table.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.