MRS LEADS
MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Time:	Facilitator:
9/20/25	**9 AM**	**Commander Dick Middleton**

Attendees

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bruce Logan	Dan Fischer Squad Leader	Dennis Delong Finance Officer	Paul Poicorny Armorer	Joe Starr Trustee
Michael Zerr Asst Squad Ldr	Mark Poston Chaplain	Bob Nelson Asst Sqd ldr, Trustee	Bill Lee Quartermaster	Bob Seldon
	Mark Monroe Medical officer	Ken Tibesar Sqd Ldr, Web Mstr, mtg. adjudent		
	Dean Sherman Asst Squad Ldr	Dan Lawrence Recruiter		
	Rick Zech Asst Squad Ldr			
	Tom Trost OOD			

Memorial Rifle Squad
September 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer Mark Poston

Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Trost

The minutes from June 25, 2025, MRS Leads meeting were approved.

Leadership Reports

Squad Leaders

1) Monday – Mike Zerr for Mike Rose
   a) George Gonzales is out due to medical condition
   b) 22 people on the roster with approximately 18 daily
2) Tuesday - Dan Fischer
   a) 22 on the roster
3) Wednesday – Ken Tibesar
   a) Roster updated for those that have been out due to medical conditions
   b) We currently have 25 members
   c) Dick Kelso returns after successful back surgery
4) Thursday – Bill Lee for Dave Fleming
   a) 24 on the staff
   b) Amy Winkel had cancer in thumb
5) Friday –Joe Staff for Jack Wallace
   a) 22 on the roster
   b) Recently had a member leave the squad

Appointed Staff

1) Adjutant - Ken Tibesar for Dan Goedken
   a) Roster provided and asked to be reviewed for accuracy by all squad members.
   b) Tape updated roster on Wednesday Squad locker for Adjutant Dan Goedken.
2) Historian – Amy Winkel not present
3) Recruiter Dan Lawrence
   a) Currently 2 people are on new members list.
   b) Planning on giving recruiting presentations at local Veteran Service Orgs.
   c) FSNC wants MRS member(s) to attend events they sponsor to answer MRS questions. Good recruiting opportunity.
4) Medical – Mark Monroe Tuesday
   a) **First Aid boxes had to be removed**. Contract with the company that supplies the kits was NOT renewed by FSNC due to extremely increased costs.

b) **Recommend each squad purchase** medical supplies. Suggest 2 boxes of band aids, small bottle of low dose (81mg) aspirin and regular aspirin ibuprofen, and Tylenol for each squad.
c) Funds for purchase; collect $1 from each squad member.
d) Currently there are band aids in bags to be carried onto the bus each day.

5) Website – Ken Tibesar
   a) **Certificate of Appreciation** is now available on the MRSONLY website page. Step by Step Instructions is provided on how to download and modify the Certificate for presentation to your deserving Squad Members.
   b) Each Squad is requested to designate a squad member to take pictures of Squad Members to be added to the "Membrs" website page. Have the designated person call Ken Tibesar 651-263-0522 for details.
   c) **FSNC weekly newsletter** is now available at the same location as the NRS daily schedule. Go to the MRSONLY Page (click the "." at the bottom of any website page) then click on the link at the top of the MRSONLY page.
   d) There are a number of **pictures** of MRS activities available in the same location as the daily schedules.
   e) **A MAP of Fort Shelling** can be found on the MRS Daily Schedules page. Visitors often stop at the bus asking for directions. Provide them with a map.
   f) **3-Fold Pamphlets** – Rifle Squad provides our 3-fold pamphlets to FSNC handed out at events they attend. We are out of the 3-fold pamphlets, they ae on order. MRS has been asked to attend specific events to answer MRS questions.
6) Chaplain – Mark Poston Closing prayer
7) Officer of the Day – Tom Trost

Directed Staff

1) Finance – Dennis Delong
   a) **$5,386donated from Hugo Car Show**.
   b) **Bus repair paid by MRS**. FSNC does not have a budget for bus maintenance.
   c) Need to transfer funds from checking to a CD (Certificate of Deposit) as approved by Trustees.
2) Quartermaster – Bill Lee
   a) **Raincoats need waterproofing**. The coats currently do not effectively repel rain. Water repellent has been purchased along with spray bottles to have each member treat their coats. It is suggested to spray and hang the coats in the garage and leave them there to dry since the repellent has an chemical smell.
   b) Face masks and black gloves are available in Squad Room for members. Boxes of the items are located in boxes on top of the water bottles.
3) Ordinance – Paul Poicorney
   a) **Shells are on order**. Inventory down to 8 boxes.

b) Paul will add new by-laws for management and protection of rifles. The rifles are owned by the Army.
c) Discussion followed on the ownership of the rifles.

4) Trustee (Lead)
   a) Thank you to Dennis Delong (finance) for through finance reports
   b) Trustees' decisions need to provide the financial officer with details on the use of CD's.

Vice Commander – Dick Kelso - not present

Commander – Dick Middleton

1) Cemetery Updates
   a) Quarterly meetings with MRS leadership members have been eliminated. MRS commander visits by the admin staff as necessary.
   b) No services on Wednesday 9/17 due to large number of tree trimming companies trimming trees.
   c) Large donation to FSNC for tree trimming. Approved by the National Cemetery district.
   d) 100 years for Fort Snelling interments estimated
2) Thursday Squad – Recognized for their generosity by FSNC for staying after 2pm for a service on July 31st.
3) Medical Officer – refer to Appointed Staff #4
4) Ken, Dan and Bob thanks for creating the Certificate of Appreciation
5) Flag protocol – some issues noted on MRS flag folding.
6) Elections – will be held at the January 2026 MRS Members meeting.
7) Attendance of Annual Meeting
   a) To be held at Apple Valley Post 1776 Saturday Jan 10, 2026.
   b) Sign up sheets will be posted in November
   c) Food amount Planning requires ALL to be on the sign up if attending.
8) Appointed has been contacted by the MRS Commander, asked **and agreed** to provide support for a minimum of ONE YEAR.
9) Four elected open positions will be up for election at the January meeting. The are – QM, Ordinance, Finance, Trustee. The Open positions will be posted for volunteers to sign up to fill the positions in November.
10) Discussion on the Carrion operational status. It is scheduled to play during the week for 5 minutes at 8a, Noon and 5p. At the weekends, it plays every hour at the top of the hour.
11) Open Discussion on the elimination of MRS services 45 minutes into the hour. There is concern that MRS is not serving the Veteran Families to the best of our ability. Concern also expressed on the possible creation of a backlog that will

extend our MRS services into the colder weather. Commander stated that there is no backlog for MRS being created.

NEXT QUARTER PLANS

1) Additions to be added to the new commander actions guide notebook which will include a yearlong timeline.
2) Initiation of calls to donor organizations and individuals.

Old Business

No old business discussed.

New Business

No new business discussed.

Next Meeting

Saturday Jan 10th, American Legion 1776 – elections. Details are coming soon.

Sunday Apr 12th, Lost Spur Installation. Details are coming soon.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.