



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Post 176 Springfield**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2019**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Minutes from last EXCOM meeting: Adjutant – None Available
4. Presentation(s): NONE
5. Reports:

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
<p>Dennis W. Madtes, Commander PRESENT</p>	<p>Gave a short recap of the status on VA ATLAS pilot project. American Legion National will provide about 25K to help fund the project. Philips completed their measurements for their installation requirements. Plan is to have it operational in January. Still planning on an opening ceremony.</p> <p>Membership continues to grow. Looking to reach 85% in January.</p> <p>Requested EXCOM members start thinking about required changes to the by-laws. Recommended a section be added on disciplinary actions for misconduct on Post grounds. Past Commander said a section already existed in another Legion document.</p> <p>Recommended a memorial for Bill Durham be held. This doesn't require the family's permission.</p> <p>The Post's priorities are paying off the mortgage and Project ATLAS.</p> <p>The family of Rizwan Shah requested an Honor Guard for his ex wife. The Post has no permanent Honor Guard—only volunteers. Haven't identified any volunteers yet.</p>
<p>Robert Eidsvoog, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander EXCUSED</p>	<p>No Report.</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, 2<sup>d</sup> Vice Commander PRESENT</p>	<p>No Report.</p>

Paul Kaeppel, 3 <sup>d</sup> Vice Commander PRESENT	Gave a short recap on the Christmas dinner. The post made about \$1,400. Ran out of presents for the kids and used the Toys for Tots donations to provide every kid present with a gift.
Carl Simchick, Post Adjutant PRESENT	No Report.
Jon Taylor, Finance Officer PRESENT	No Report.
Mike Farabaugh, Judge Advocate PRESENT	<p>Provided update on the second-floor bathroom remodel. Past Commander made a recommendation to run the tile up all the walls instead of painting them. EXCOM voted on the recommended change and it passed unanimously. No Fairfax County permits are required for the remodel to meet ADA compliance.</p> <p>Metro AV will do a free inspection and provide a quote for the work in the ballroom and bar.</p> <p>Some of the Smoke Eaters in the post have been removed. The one in the social quarters still needs to be taken out.</p> <p>The seal around the walk-in refrigerator was replaced.</p>
Janet Prall, Chaplain EXCUSED	No Report.
Bob Loach, Historian EXCUSED	No Report.
Kevin Gaddis, Sgt-at-Arms PRESENT	No Report.
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer PRESENT	<p>Ali has about \$3,500 for the rest of the Legion's fiscal year.</p> <p>Discussed financial aid requests for four veterans: 1) Lena Johnson for her two dependent children (\$100); 2) Ruth Morales, also two dependents (\$100); 3) Faith Tutt for her family of eight (\$400); and 4) Joseph Brown. The first three individuals have previously received financial aid from the post. The EXCOM unanimously agreed to</p>

	<p>limit financial aid to a one-time event without compelling justification; therefore, the requests were denied.</p> <p>Mr. Brown requested \$1,200. After discussion concerning the large amount requested against the remaining budget the EXCOM unanimously voted to reduce the amount to \$600.</p>
<p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr, PRESENT Floyd Cline, 2yr , PRESENT Michael Harnist, 3yr, PRESENT</p>	<p>No Report. No Report. No Report.</p>
<p>Ed Amoros, Past Commander PRESENT</p>	<p>Congratulated Marty Pfeifer for his work with Post 123 supporting Boys State.</p> <p>Led a discussion on the way ahead for paying down the mortgage.</p> <p>In Feb 2018 a motion was passed by the GMM to execute COA #2 "Gaming Profits".</p> <p>In August 2018, the Post made a \$100,000 payment (not \$141,000) towards the mortgage.</p> <p>During the August 2019 GMM it was agreed to push the December 2019 payment to January 2020 and to look at how to balance paying off the mortgage with the desire to continue the capital improvements to the Post.</p> <p>The Past Commander made the recommendation to the EXCOM to revise the plan and go with COA #1 "\$100,000 payments per year". It was also recommended that an additional \$100,000 payment be made in July 2020.</p> <p>The EXCOM agreed to revert to COA #1 but that the second payment in 2020 be made at the discretion of the finance officer.</p>
<b>Listed below are non-voting attendees</b>	
<p>Bob Eidsvoog, General Manager EXCUSED</p>	
<p>Stephanie Dabbe, American Legion Auxiliary President EXCUSED</p>	

Bryan Steele, SAL Commander EXCUSED	
Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director PRESENT	No Report.
Theron Patrick PRESENT	No Report.

6. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Addendum:

Upcoming Events at Post 176 unless noted

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
17-Dec-19	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
22-Dec-19	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Giants	Legion
25-Dec-19		Christmas Day - Social Quarters closed	Post Closed
29-Dec-19	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Dallas	Riders
31-Dec-19	7:30 pm	New Year's Eve Gala	Social Quarters Post 176
1-Jan-20		New Year's Day	Post Closed
7-Jan-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
		Meeting of the Board of Incorporation	
7-Jan-20		Fix the price of membership dues for the next year	Recommend no change
16-26 Jan 20		Post 176 Commander on leave	
17-Jan-20	5:30 pm	New Year Candlelight Dinner	
19-Jan-20		17th District Oratorical Contest	Fairfax Post 177
21-Jan-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
25-Jan-20	4:00 pm	Chili Cook off	House Committee
1-Feb-20		Post Script articles are due	
2-Feb-20	10:30 am	Four Chaplains Memorial Service	Fairfax Post 177
2-Feb-20	6:00 pm	Tailgate: Super Bowl	Post sponsored
4-Feb-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
4-Feb-20		Nominating Committee, consisting of a minimum of three (3) members, appointed by the Commander	
8-Feb-20		Northern Region Oratorical Contest	
11-Feb-20	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
14-Feb-20		Middle School Essay Contest	
14-Feb-20	5:30 pm	Valentines Day Dinner	
17-Feb-20	9:00 am	President's Day Parade	Alexandria Post 24
18-Feb-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
21-Feb-20		Middle School Essay Contest due to Department	
23-Feb-20	12:00 pm	17th District Training	Vienna Post 180
28-Feb-20		Department Oratorical Contest	Portsmouth
28 Feb - 1 Mar 20		Department Spring Conference	Portsmouth
3-Mar-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
8-Mar-20		Daylight Savings Time begins	
8-11 Mar 20		National Washington Conference	Washington DC
14-Mar-20	5:30 pm	Centennial + One Banquet / Formal	
15-Mar-20	12:30 pm	17th District Spring Conference	Vienna Post 180
17-Mar-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
20-Mar-20	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's Dinner	
6-Apr-20	7:00 pm	17th District Nomination Committee	Vienna Post 180
7-Apr-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
10-Apr-20	5:30 pm	American Legion Auxiliary Birthday Dinner/Recogniton	
12-Apr-20	8:00 am	Easter Brunch Buffet	
14-Apr-20	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
21-Apr-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
25-Apr-20	7:00 pm	17th District Past Cdr/Past Pres Dinner	Springfield Post 176
25-Apr-20	9:00 am	2nd Chili Cook-Off Car & Motorcycle Show	
26-Apr-20	12:00 pm	17th District Training	Vienna Post 180
3-May-20	1:00 pm	Girls State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177