



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Agenda
Date: January 14, 2020



1. **Call to Order:** Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, POW chair
2. **Roll Call:** Adjutant
3. **Adjutant's summary of EXCOM meeting:** Minutes are posted on our website (www.post176.org)
4. **Presentations:**
5. **Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. **Post Commander:** PRESENT.
 - Last month's EXCOM meeting minutes were accepted.
 - Provided an update on project ATLAS. Grand opening delayed from Jan to March. Renovations on 2nd floor bathrooms will start on 21 January.
 - Temporarily adjourned the GMM to have a Board of Incorporation Meeting. The members are the Post Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer. All were present. There was no old or new business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned and then the GMM started up again.
 - b. **1st Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
 - Membership is over 85%.
 - 1- PUFL, 3-transfers, and 15 new members were voted in.
 - c. **2^d Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
 - The oratorical contest is cancelled due to lack of participants.
 - Boys State interviews will be held late February/early March. The post sponsored 26 boys last year.
 - d. **3^d Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
 - Discussed the upcoming calendar events.
 - e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - f. **Finance Officer:** PRESENT.
 - Received the check from National for the Project ATLAS renovations.
 - Started looking for a firm to conduct an audit with a potential start date in the summer.
 - Will make a \$100,000 mortgage payment the next day. This payment is for 2019.
 - Will make a donation of \$25,000 total, broken up amongst several service organizations that support veterans.
 - g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT.
 - The By-Laws and Constitution were reviewed and updated last year. Nonetheless, the EXCOM noted some changes that needed to be made to both documents. Currently looking for 3-4 members to assist with this update.
 - h. **Chaplain:** PRESENT.
 - Notified members present about the death of Jack Kochesperger's wife Marge.
 - Reaching out to Bill Durham's family to see if they want a memorial service to be held at the Post.
 - Cautioned the members about bringing in needy people for a meal and then leaving them alone. Please stay with your guest until they leave the Post.
 - i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - j. **Sergeant at Arms:** EXCUSED.
 - k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.
 - Bob White and Ali continue to assist veterans with their paperwork for claims. Three people were helped last month.

l. Executive Committee Members:

1yr – PRESENT. No Report;

2yr – PRESENT. No Report;

3yr – PRESENT. No Report. He is leaving in January.

m. Past Commander: PRESENT.

- Noted that the 17th District is at 84% membership.

- Led a discussion on the way ahead for paying off the mortgage. The GMM voted to revert to COA #1, which pays a flat additional \$100,000 per year. The January payment covers the payment delayed from December 2019. An additional payment of \$100,000 would occur in July or later this year to cover 2020. The final payment of a little of \$100,000 would occur in 2021. This plan saves over \$200,000 in interest payments if we followed the loans original 30-year payment schedule. This money saved could then be used to finance additional renovations to the Post.

n. Blood Drive report: PRESENT.

- Next Blood Drive: February 11, 2020, 1-7 pm.

o. General Manager: PRESENT. No Report.

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): EXCUSED.

b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): PRESENT.

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.

7. Old Business:

a. Facilities Committee – See above.

b. Project ATLAS – See above.

c. Vietnam memorial – No update

d. Building Expansion Committee - Tobin S. Mike S, and Mike F. are meeting the following week.

e. Mortgage payment plan – See above.

f. Audit Conversation – See above.

8. New Business:

a. Membership Dues for next year (2021) – Not discussed.

b. Cancelled EXCOM for 21 January 2020.

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
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/Recognition	
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
5-May-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
6-May-20		Youth Cadet and Law Inforcement Applications Due	
8-May-20	5:30 pm	Hometown Country Music Festival/Steeling the Deal	
10-May-20	10:00 am	Crusin Company Car Show	
10-May-20	8:00 am	Mothers' Day Buffet/Recognition	
19-May-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
25-May-20	11:00 am	Memorial Day Ceremony, Joint AL and VFW, AL lead	Springfield Post 176 Banquet room