



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Agenda
Date: February 4, 2020



- 1. Call to Order:** Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, POW chair.
- 2. Roll Call:** Adjutant.
- 3. Adjutant's summary of EXCOM meeting:** There was no EXCOM meeting last month. Minutes are posted on our website (www.post176.org).
- 4. Presentations:**
- 5. Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. Post Commander: PRESENT.**
 - We are over 92% for paid up membership. We need about 101 more paid up members to reach 100%.
 - We have 19 new members that will be voted on tonight.
 - WJ working Young Cadet program.
 - Rex Cunningham is leading the nominating committee for the upcoming post elections. Get with him if you are interested in running for a Post Officer position.
 - The current Sons of the American Legion Commander, Brian Steele, had to step down and Marty Pfeifer will be assuming that additional role in the meantime.
 - The second-floor bathroom construction is progressing well, but need to remind everyone to stay out of the work areas until they are completely done. We already had to replace some floor tiles because someone went into the bathrooms before the tile cement hardened and cracked a few tiles. Please stay out.
 - There will be no e-NEWS this week.
 - b. 1st Vice Commander: EXCUSED.**
 - c. 2^d Vice Commander: PRESENT.**
 - Interviews for Boys State will held between mid-February and mid-March.
 - d. 3^d Vice Commander: PRESENT.**
 - Discussed the upcoming calendar events.
 - e. Adjutant: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - f. Finance Officer: PRESENT.**
 - Received several proposals for review, at different price points, from one firm on conducting an audit this summer.
 - The \$100,000 mortgage payment for 2019 was made last month.
 - We made donations of \$2,500 each to the eight veteran service organizations that this post supports, for a total donation of \$20,000.
 - g. Judge Advocate: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - h. Chaplain: EXCUSED.**
 - i. Historian: PRESENT.**
 - j. Sergeant at Arms: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - k. Service Officer: PRESENT.**
 - Provided funds for two referrals and currently vetting two more referrals.
 - Six active duty service members inquired about joining the post and I directed them to contact the Commander.
 - l. Executive Committee Members:**
 - 1yr – PRESENT.

- There are four Post Officer vacancies that need to be filled next year: 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Sergeant at Arms, and 1-year Executive Committee Member.
 - Nominations close at the conclusion of the April General Membership Meeting.
 - If interested please contact Rex Cunningham.
 - 2yr – PRESENT. No Report;
 - 3yr – PRESENT. No Report, but thanked the Commander for his appointment.
- m. **Past Commander:** EXCUSED.
- n. **Blood Drive report:** There are still five slots open for the 11 February blood drive.
- o. **General Manager:** EXCUSED.

6. Legion family / programs

- a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT. No Report.
- b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): PRESENT. No Report.
- c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.
 - Made donations to the following four organizations: Yellow Ribbon Fund, Warrior Canine Connection, Women Service Organization, and the local fire department.
 - Participating in the upcoming Presidents Day Parade.

7. Old Business:

- a. Facilities Committee
 - Completion of the 2nd floor bathrooms has been delayed one week.
 - The awning outside the bar is not to be used when it is windy. The current awning was damaged already, but it will be replaced under warranty.
- b. Project ATLAS - Grand opening, Delayed.
 - Please do not play with the new \$20,000 light in the Project ATLAS room.
 - Philips will be back in two weeks to calibrate the system.
 - Several live tests of the system are planned prior to the grand opening.
- c. Building Expansion Committee - Tobin S. Mike S, and Mike F.
- d. Audit Conversation

8. New Business:

- a. The membership approved \$4,000 for a new Conex to replace the old red shed, which is falling apart.
- b. Looking for a few volunteers to help teardown the old red shed. Contact Mike Farabaugh if you are interested.

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