



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: March 3, 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:** Rachel Powell – Good overview of Veteran and Family Support Services offered by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. They can be reached at 1-877-285-1299 (for connection to the regional office) or call the central office at 1-804-371-4675. The VA Homeless Program office operates 24/7 and can be reached at 1-877-424-3838.
- 5. Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. Post Commander: PRESENT.**
 - The Post is over 98% for paid up membership. We need about 20 more new members to reach 100%. So far this year we signed up about 115 new members!
 - The Post has received numerous thank you notes/letters from those veteran services organizations that we donated to last month. Eight charities received \$2,500 each, for a total donation of \$20,000.
 - The Department Conference, 28 Feb – 1 Mar, went well. This is something that you should consider attending in the future.
 - b. 1st Vice Commander: PRESENT.**
 - The Membership unanimously voted in 14 new members.
 - c. 2^d Vice Commander: PRESENT.**
 - Still looking for participants for Boys State.
 - The Post agreed to sponsor any Boy State participants from the Lorton American Legion Post 162.
 - d. 3^d Vice Commander: PRESENT.**
 - The Army Museum opens on Fort Belvoir on June 4, 2020.
 - e. Adjutant: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - f. Finance Officer: PRESENT.**
 - We've seen an increase in revenue this winter due to the lack of bad weather.
 - g. Judge Advocate: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - h. Chaplain: EXCUSED. No Report.**
 - i. Historian: EXCUSED. No Report.**
 - j. Sergeant at Arms: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - k. Service Officer: PRESENT.**
 - The Post is accepting donations for families staying at WRNMMC.
 - There is a donation box with a list of needed items located in the Social Quarters. You can donate any item you want, even if is not on the list of needed items.
 - I'm working with two other Posts on a large financial aid referral. The Commander has agreed to match the amounts provided by Post 177 and Post 24.
 - l. Executive Committee Members:**
 - 1yr - PRESENT.
 - We have a full slate of names for this year's elections of Post Officers. If anyone else is interested see either myself (Rex Cunningham) or Scott Logan.
 - 2yr - PRESENT. No Report.
 - 3yr - PRESENT. No Report.

m. **Past Commander:** PRESENT.

- The 17th District membership stands at 91.2%.
- The 17th District brought in a little over 300 new members this year and 115 of those new members came from Post 176!

n. **Blood Drive report:** PRESENT.

- Next Blood Drive: April 14, 2020.
- Last month's blood drive collected 65 pints.

o. **General Manager:** PRESENT. No Report.

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT.

- A funeral will be held for a former ALA member on Thursday, March 5, 2020, with a follow-on reception here at the Post.
- The ALA will be supporting the upcoming 17th District Conference and the Past Commander/Present Commander dinner.

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

- We approved increasing the general membership dues from \$25 to \$35. The \$25 amount was established in 1980.
- Dues for dual memberships will remain at \$30.
- Dues for youth memberships will remain at \$20.
- We have a tailgate planned for Saturday, March 7, prior to the hockey game between the Capitals and Penguins.
- We are soliciting Jr. ROTC members to join the SAL.

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT. No Report.

7. Old Business:

a. Facilities Committee

- The remodel of the upstairs bathrooms is done.
- We removed the old red shed from out back and will be replacing it with a smaller conex.

b. Project ATLAS

- The date for the grand opening is still unknown.
- The room that project ATLAS resides in is still available for use by the membership and outside groups.

8. New Business:

- The Membership unanimously approved the resolution endorsing Ed Amoros for re-election to the office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion. See attached resolution.
- The Membership also unanimously approved the resolution endorsing Dennis Madtes for election to the office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion. See attached resolution.
- The Post is soliciting nominations for Honorary Life Members. Please submit any names to the Charlie or the Post Commander by the April GMM.

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Resolution for Edward G. Amoros

A resolution endorsing the candidacy of Edward G. Amoros, Past Post 176 Commander and 17th District Vice Commander for re-election to the office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion.

WHEREAS: Edward Amoros has demonstrated his service as a District Vice Commander (2 years) and Department of Virginia Membership Committee member, as well as Past Department of VA New Post/DMS Chair, as well as past Post 176 Commander and Past 17th District Membership Chairman,. And;

WHEREAS: Edward Amoros served honorably in the U.S. Army National Guard for over 32 years; rising through the ranks from Private to Lieutenant Colonel, serving continuously from November 1979 to Aug 2012 and;

WHEREAS: He is a Honorary Life Member (HLM), and Paid up for life (PUFL) member of Springfield Post 176; and has served as Historian (2 yrs), 1st Vice Commander (2 yrs) and Commander Post 176 (2 yrs) and;

WHEREAS: He has attended the Department of Virginia Leadership College 3 times, has attended 10 Department Conferences and Conventions, has attended the American Legion National Convention twice and;

RESOLVED: by Springfield Post 176, in a regular meeting, assembled at the Post Home on the 3rd of March 2020 does hereby unanimously endorse Edward Amoros to the Office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion for the Legion Year 2020 -2021, and be it further

FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Posts within the Seventeenth District of the Department of Virginia requesting their support for the election of Edward Amoros to the Office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion.

Resolution for Dennis W. Madtes

A resolution endorsing the candidacy of Dennis W. Madtes, Post Commander for election to the office of Vice Commander, Seventeenth District, Department of Virginia, The American Legion.

WHEREAS: Dennis W. Madtes has been a member of the American Legion for 16 years, a Paid up for Life Member, and a member of the Department of Virginia, Post 176 Springfield for five years; and

WHEREAS: He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel serving more than 20 years active duty in the U.S. Army for a total of more than 34 years for the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS: He served as the Post 176 First Vice Commander for two years and then the Post Commander for two years; and

WHEREAS: He served as and is serving as the Post 176 Membership Chairman for 4 years making certain that the Post reaches and exceeds it's 100% goal, every year; and

WHEREAS: He is a graduate of the American Legion College and attends all Department conferences and conventions, serves on several Department Committees and the National American Legion National Security committee; and

WHEREAS: He is very active in the American Legion Riders as the Chapter 176 Assistant Director, the 17th District Riders POC, and the Riders Director of the Department of Virginia Northern Region, and serves on the Department Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS: He is the senior administrator of the Post 176 Social Media web sites and manages three Facebook Post 176 pages and Twitter, and is one of two administrators of the 17th District Facebook page.

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Date	Time	Event	Additional info
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
12-13 Mar 20		Department Service Officer School	
14-Mar-20	5:30 pm	Centennial + One Celebration Dinner and Dance	Casual Legion Dress
15-Mar-20	11:30 am	Department Convention Committee Meeting	Post 176
15-Mar-20	12:30 pm	17th District Spring Conference	Post 176
17-Mar-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
20-Mar-20	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's Dinner	
14-Mar-20	5:00 pm	St. Patrick's Party	Lounge
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	
15-Apr-20		Post Data due to Department	
18-Apr-20	7:00 pm	17th District Past Cdr/Past Pres Dinner	Springfield Post 176
19-Apr-20		Four Chaplains Nomination due to Department	
21-Apr-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
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
30-Apr-20		Boys State Registration Fees Due To Department	
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 Enforcement 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	
10-May-20		Citation for Meritorious Service Due to Department	
15-May-20		Top Recruiter Nominations Due to Department	
15-May-20		Children and Youth Contest Due To Department	
15-May-20		Department Service Trophy Form Due To Department	
15-May-20		Consolidated Post Reports Due to Department	
15-May-20		Post Americanism Contest Due To Department	
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
2-Jun-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
5-Jun-20		Annual Awards Due to Department	
6-Jun-20		Springfield Days Car Show	
7-Jun-20	12:30 pm	17th District Convention	Fairfax Post 177
7-Jun-20	4:00 pm	17th District Boys State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177/Paul VI
9-Jun-20	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
14-19 Jun 20		Youth Cadet and Law Enforcement Program	
16-Jun-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
19-Jun-20	5:30 pm	Fathers Day Dinner/Recognition	
21-27 Jun 20		Virginia Boys State	
28-Jun-20		Post Certification of Officers Form Due To Department	
3-Jul-20	5:30 pm	Independence Day Dinner	
7-Jul-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
8-12 Jul 20		Department Convention	Dulles Hilton
17-18 Jul 20		Virginis In State Legacy Run	
17-19 Jul 20		Virginia Legion Riders State Rally	Strasburg
19-25 Jul 20		Boys Nation	
21-Jul-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
1-Aug-20	10:00 am	Unprofane Car Show 2	
4-Aug-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
7-Aug-20	5:30 pm	Purple Heart Day Dinner/Recogniton	
7-9 Aug 20		Department Leadership College	Richmond Midlothian
11-Aug-20	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
18-Aug-20	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
25-Aug-20		Bridge Walk	
28 Aug-3 Sep 20		National Convention	Louisville, KY (Virginia in Galt House)
1-Sep-20	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	