



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: June 2, 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:** None
5. **Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. **Post Commander:** PRESENT
 - Provided an update on what the EXCOM has been doing during the shutdown and on what has occurred here at the Post these past weeks.
 - Looking at restarting the Friday night dinners this coming Friday with a limited menu. We are still limited to outdoor dining at this point.
 - The Post Officers have stayed basically the same for the upcoming Legion Year. We still have to vote for the Executive Committee Member – 3rd year position. In addition, we have two new individuals filling critical Post Officer positions: Dave Connolly – Finance Officer, and Kay Croll – Sergeant at Arms.
 - My goal is to see the Post thrive as we move forward with the reopening and I'd like to incorporate new / improved management protocols to help guide us.
 - All the District Officers will remain in their current positions for the next Legion year.
 - All District and Department events have been cancelled through the end of August.
 - Noted that due to blood shortages the American Red Cross will now allow those that severed overseas in areas that had the Mad Cow disease to donate; in addition to those that tested positive for HIV.
 - Provided a quick overview of our farewell for Bob Eidsvoog.
 - b. **1st Vice Commander:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - c. **2^d Vice Commander:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - d. **3^d Vice Commander:** PRESENT. Still working on putting together the July/August edition of the PostScript. Send me anything you want included.
 - e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - f. **Finance Officer:** PRESENT.
 - Our Post operating expenses are around \$30,000 per month.
 - As the Post reopens we are starting to get a revenue stream again.
 - We have solicited bids from several companies to do an audit of the Post's books. Looking at late Summer to early Fall for the audit to be started.
 - g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT
 - The Post's By-Laws have been updated to now include a NEW section on Standard Operating Procedures for Conduct and Discipline. They will be posted on the Post's webpage for review and we will vote on the revised By-Laws at the next General Membership Meeting.
 - During the time the Post was closed we completed the downstairs bathroom renovation and continued with the general maintenance of the Post.
 - h. **Chaplain:** **EXCUSED.**
 - i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - j. **Sergeant at Arms:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.
 - Bob White is now back home from the hospital and ready to start helping our veterans again.

- We've continued to help veterans in need during this trying time. Last month we approved one veteran's request for support.

l. Executive Committee Members:

- 1yr - Floyd Cline, **EXCUSED**.
- 2yr - Scott Logan: PRESENT. No Report.
- 3yr - Rex Cunningham: PRESENT. No Report.

m. **Past Commander:** EXCUSED.

n. **Blood Drive report:** Theron Patrick: Next Blood Drive: June 9 and 10, 2020

o. **Acting General Manager:** Marty Pfeifer: Operations Update. See attached.

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): Stephanie Dabbe, President

- The ALA leadership team is staying the same for the next year.

b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Jason Rodriguez, Commander

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): Craig Hendrickson, Director

- The Riders leadership team is staying the same for the next year.

7. Old Business:

a. Elections

- The GMM voted unanimously to approve the slate of Post Officers for all the uncontested positions.
- An election was held for the position of Executive Committee Member – 3rd year. Rex Cunningham and Flap Fowler were vying for the position. The GMM voted to approve Rex Cunningham for that position.

b. Project ATLAS - Grand opening, July 29, 2020

c. Facilities Committee

d. Honorary Paid Up for Life Member

- The GMM unanimously approved the resolution to designate Rex Cunningham as an Honorary Life Member of Post 176.

8. New Business:

a. Friday night dinners, outside

b. Notice of recommended changes to Constitution / By Laws (30 days required)

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
6/1/2020		Amendments may be accepted during June to change the Constitution	
6/1/2020		Post Script articles are due	
6/2/2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	Installation of Officers Post 176
6/2/2020		Appoint Committee Chairs	
6/9/2020		Blood Drive	
6/10/2020		Blood Drive	
6/14/2020		Flag Day	
6/16/2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
6/28/2020		Post Certification of Officers Form due	(completed)
7/1/2020		Post 176 Constitution may be amended in July	
7/4/2020		4th of July BBQ	Music by Joe Clay
7/7/2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
7/16/2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
16-18 Jul 20		Department ALR In State Legacy Ride	Sandston Post 144
18-20 Jul 20		Department AL Riders' Rally	Strasburg
7/29/2020	12:00 pm	Project ATLAS Grand Opening	VA Secretary attending
8/1/2020		Post Script articles are due	
8/4/2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
8/7/2020	5:30 pm	Purple Heart Day Dinner/Recogniton	
8/11/2020	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
8/18/2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
8/25/2020		Bridge Walk	
9/1/2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
9/11/2020	5:30 pm	Patriot Day Dinner	
9/15/2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
9/18/2020	8:00 am	Retiree Appreciation Day	Sosa Center, Fort Belvoir
9/27/2020		Hundred Car Pile Up Car Show	
10/2/2020	5:30 pm	Early Bird dinner	