



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Minutes from last EXCOM meeting: Adjutant
4. Presentation(s):
5. Reports:

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
<p>Dennis W. Madtes, Commander PRESENT.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Connolly, our finance officer, offered his resignation after the General Membership meeting on August 4, 2020. I accept that resignation and tomorrow, Wednesday, August 19th will be his last day in the office. I want to thank Dave for outstanding dedication to the position and an enormous amount of effort on his part to learn the job and put in place a written SOP that will be beneficial for not only the next finance officer, but likely many more to follow. • As per the By Laws of Post 176, I am appointing Peter Adam, as the new finance officer. Peter is highly recommended by Glenn Yarborough, past 17th District Commander. Glenn wrote in part: “I’ve worked with Peter for many years. Peter is sincere, hardworking, and willingly gives of himself. He takes criticism well and is adept in working with folks. Recommend that you try him out. Hope this helps. That is a tough position to fill. Probably a lot bigger than most businesses in Springfield. Peter is honest as the day is long and will work closely with you to make the changes that are necessary.” Peter, welcome to our team. • One other word: Legionnaires / Comrades, we have to be able to disagree and continue to work together. This Post belongs to the members. Every member is entitled to their opinion and their vote. But when the discussion is over and a proper vote is taken, that is the action that we, as their

leaders, must follow. We do not get to “not take action” because we disagree with the vote. Every one of you has a good heart and means well, I believe that. But, we have to work together for the greater good of Post 176 and its future. Without sounding braggadocios, there is likely no one that works harder at increasing post membership than I do. But, what good is it to have 1500-1600 members if we can’t work together? Let’s not let the poor attitudes of a very few members settle in our bones like a cancer that divides and kills us. We are not bankrupt, nor are we close to being bankrupt, nor do we need to shut down to avoid going bankrupt. Let’s work together to make wise financial decisions for our Post and continue our trend of success.

- Presented an award to Ali for her work helping veterans.
- The Post received several membership awards from the Department for surpassing targeted goals over the last Legion year.
- Reiterated the intent of the Post to hold a Patriot Day dinner on September 11, 2020, to honor all first responders.
- Mentioned that the Post will host a Halloween party on October 31, 2020.
- There will be two Oktoberfest parties at the post: 1) one hosted by the Special Forces, and 2) one hosted by the Post.
- The Commander’s recent membership email to local Legionnaires assigned to a virtual Post resulted in 66 transfers to Post 176.
- The Departments new goal for the Post is 1472 paid up Legionnaires for this Legion Year.
- Provided to the EXCOM an accounting from Grover Gaming that showed we have received 42% of the last year’s profits and we still have five more months to go. In addition, we were shut down for the months of April and May, so no gaming revenue

	was possible.
Marty Pfeifer, 1 st Vice Commander EXCUSED.	No Report.
Kevin Gaddis, 2 ^d Vice Commander PRESENT.	No Report.
Paul Kaeppel, 3 ^d Vice Commander PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Post 176 Post Script is transitioning from print to electronic media this month. It can also be accessed via the Post website. We will still mail out paper copies to those members without email addresses, is so requested.
Carl Simchick, Post Adjutant PRESENT.	No Report.
Peter Adam, Finance Officer PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report, since Peter was just appointed to the position upon the departure of Dave Connolly.
Mike Farabaugh, Judge Advocate PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new version of the draft Post By-laws with minor grammatical and spelling corrections was posted to the website. No substantive changes were made.
Janet Prall, Chaplain EXCUSED.	No Report.
Bob Loach, Historian EXCUSED.	No Report.
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay noted that a quorum was present.
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to verify two new requests for assistance.
Floyd Cline, 1yr, EXCUSED. Scott Logan, 2yr, PRESENT. Rex Cunningham, 3yr, PRESENT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floyd has completed his recovery and will be coming home on this Wednesday. • No Report. • Complemented the Adjutant for capturing the discussion and the decision of the general membership surrounding the use of the Dentz Trust at the last meeting.
Ed Amoros, Past Commander, EXCUSED.	No Report.
Listed below are non-voting attendees	

Marty Pfeifer, Interim General Manager	See the Interim General Managers Report dated August 18, 2020.
Stephanie Dabbe, American Legion Auxiliary President: represented by Suzie Hedrick	
Jason Rodriguez, SAL Commander	Reminded the EXCOM about the September 19, 2020, Pig Roast to be sponsored by the Sons.
Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director	Upcoming Riders Events
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive, E-News

6. Old Business;

- a. Blood drive date is October 13
- b. Facilities Committee
- c. Project ATLAS – September 22 grand opening will be done by video.
- d. Audit – Let’s get this scheduled
- e. By Laws

7. New Business:

- a.
- b.

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Addendum:

Upcoming Events at Post 176 unless noted (expect changes)

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
August 18, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
September 1, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
September 11, 2020	5:30 pm	Patriot Day Dinner	
September 13, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Philadelphia Eagles	SAL
September 15, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
September 18, 2020	8:00 am	Retiree Appreciation Day	
September 19, 2020	11 am - 4 pm	4th Annual Pig Roast	
September 20, 2020	4:05 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Arizona Cardinals	Auxiliary
September 22, 2020	12:00 pm	Project ATLAS Grand Opening	Virtual
September 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Cleveland Browns	Riders
October 2, 2020	5:30 pm	Early Bird dinner	
October 4, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Baltimore Ravens	Legion
October 4, 2020	9:00 am	Car Show "Prince William Cruisers"	
October 6, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
October 6-18, 2020		Commander on Leave, Elk hunting	
October 11, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Los Angeles Rams	Auxiliary
October 13, 2020	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
October 16-18, 2020		Motorcycle Rally, more than 500 bikes	Post 176 parking and banquet hall
October 18, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs New York Giants	Auxiliary
October 20, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
October 25, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Dallas Cowboys	SAL
November 7, 2020		Department Commanders Dinner Post 176	???????????
November 8, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs New York Giants	Auxiliary
November 10, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	Moved because of election day
November 11, 2020	11:00 am	Veterans Day Celebration Joint VFW/AL w VFW lead	
November 15, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Detroit Lions	Riders
November 17, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
November 22, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Cincinnati Bengals	SAL
December 1, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
December 6, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Pittsburgh Steelers	Riders
December 8, 2020	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
December 11, 2020	5:30 pm	Classic Christmas Banquet	
December 13, 2020	4:25 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs San Francisco 49ers	Auxiliary
December 15, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
December 19, 2020		Wreaths Across American	National Cemeteries
December 20, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Seattle Seahawks	Legion
December 25, 2020		Christmas Day	Post Closed
December 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Carolina Panthers	Legion
December 31, 2020	7:30 pm	New Year's Eve Gala	Social Quarters Post 176
January 1, 2021		New Year's Day	Post Closed