



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Post 176 Springfield**  
**General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes**  
**Date: September 1, 2020**



- 1. Call to Order:** Salute, Prayer, POW chair, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble
- 2. Roll Call:** Adjutant
- 3. Adjutant's summary of EXCOM meeting:** Minutes are posted on our website ([www.post176.org](http://www.post176.org))
- 4. Presentations:** None
- 5. Officer and Program Reports:**
  - a. Post Commander:** PRESENT.
    - The Post Commander read the following statement:

“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 braggadocious, 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.”

- The Commander thanked Jon Taylor and Dave Connolly for all they have done for the Post.
- The Post is forming a Finance team to assist the new Finance Officer and to help share the workload of counting money and keeping the Post’ books current. The current team consists of Peter Adam (FO), Carl Simchick, Mike Farabaugh, Rex Cunningham, Scott Logan, and Denise White.
- The Commander present a Department award to the Service Officer for having an outstanding service program for the 2019-2020 Legion year in the large Post category.
- The post also received several membership awards from the Department for exceeding all membership goals for the 2019-2020 Legion year.

- The next District conference will be held at Post 177 in Fairfax on 27 September 2020.
- b. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
- A motion to admit 85 new transfers into Post 176 was made. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Our goal for this Legion year is 1472. We currently have 1570 members with 61% paid up for the year.
- c. **2<sup>d</sup> Vice Commander:** PRESENT. No Report.
- d. **3<sup>d</sup> Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
- Reviewed several of the upcoming events for the Post.
  - A new addition to the usual Post events is Taco Wednesdays for the month of September.
  - The Labor Day picnic on September 7, 2020 will feature DJ Clay and a chalk artist.
  - The Post is transitioning to electronic distribution of the Post Script. Paper copies will still be mailed to those members without email accounts.
- e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
- A quorum was present for the meeting with 37 Legionnaires in attendance.
  - All business conducted at a GMM, other than voting to accept candidates for membership, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Post 176 Legionnaires in good standing present at the meeting. In this case, it would take 25 legionnaires voting in the affirmative to pass a motion.
- f. **Finance Officer:** PRESENT.
- g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT.
- h. **Chaplain:** PRESENT.
- i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
- j. **Sergeant at Arms:** PRESENT. No Report.
- k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.
- The Service Officer is helping four veterans write up their disability claims.
- l. **Executive Committee Members:**
- 1yr - Floyd Cline: PRESENT. No Report.
- 2yr - Scott Logan: PRESENT. No Report.
- 3yr - Rex Cunningham: PRESENT. No Report.
- m. **Past Commander:** PRESENT. No Report.
- n. **Blood Drive report:** PRESENT.
- Next Blood Drive: October 13, 2020. All the slots are already filled.
- o. **Acting General Manager:** PRESENT.
- Reviewed the contents of the [General Manager Report](#).

## 6. Legion family / programs

- a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT.
- b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): EXCUSED.
- c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.
- There are three upcoming rider's events:
    - Sept 26, Stand up new Riders Chapter at Middleberg
    - October 2-3, Overnight ride to Flight 93 Memorial
    - Every week breakfast at the Post

## 7. Old Business:

- a. Project ATLAS - Grand opening, September 22, 2020
- b. Motion on the table.
- A motion was made to withdraw the tabled motion from last GMM. The new motion to withdraw passed unanimously.

c. By Laws

- A motion was made to accept the draft By-laws as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- The By-laws are located under the Family Section on the Post website.

d. Facilities Committee

- The Facilities Committee has not met since February, but numerous projects to update or repair the post have been ongoing. [See the interim General Manager Report.](#)

**8. New Business:** NONE.

**9. Adjournment** – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
September 1, 2020		Space Force Ceremony	
September 1, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
September 2, 2020	5 - 8 pm	Wednesday Night Tacos	
September 7, 2020	1 - 4 pm	Post Labor Day event with food, DJ, and Chalk Artist	Parking Lot
September 9, 2020	5 - 8 pm	Wednesday Night Tacos	
September 11, 2020	5:30 pm	Patriot Day Dinner	
September 11, 2020	7 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
September 13, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Philadelphia Eagles	SAL
September 15, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
September 16, 2020	5 - 8 pm	Wednesday Night Tacos	
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
<b>September 22, 2020</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Project ATLAS Grand Opening</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
September 23, 2020	5 - 8 pm	Wednesday Night Tacos	
September 26, 2020	7 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
September 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Cleveland Browns	Riders
September 30, 2020	5 - 8 pm	Wednesday Night Tacos	
October 2, 2020	5:30 pm	Early Bird dinner	
October 3, 2020	5:00 pm	Special Forces Association Octoberfest	2nd Floor Bar
October 4, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Baltimore Ravens	Legion
October 4, 2020	9 am - 3 pm	Car Show "Prince William Cruisers"	
October 6, 2020	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	
<b>October 5-18, 2020</b>		<b>Commander on Leave, Elk hunting</b>	
October 11, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Los Angeles Rams	Auxiliary
October 13, 2020	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
October 16, 2020	7 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
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	Riders
October 20, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
October 25, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Dallas Cowboys	SAL
October 31, 2020	7 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
October 31, 2020	6:00 pm	Halloween Party	
<b>November 7, 2020</b>		<b>Department Commanders Dinner Post 176</b>	<b>???????????</b>
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	<b>Will probably be cancelled</b>
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	<b>Classic Christmas Banquet</b>	
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		<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Post Closed</b>
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