



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
October 20, 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	
Dennis W. Madtes, Commander PRESENT	<p>Commander emphasized new initiative to identify and train several members as VSO's. REASON: IGM reports at least two vets (walk-ins) seeking assistance at Post 176 a week.</p> <p>Commander recognized Jim Fisher's efforts leading to Post 176 winning American Legion National award for best Post Web site.</p> <p>Our first Project Atlas customer visit was a success; occurred last Thursday.</p> <p>Pleased to report that September gaming revenue was second largest in recent reporting: A substantial indication that Post 176 operations are not in financial strain despite COVID 19 stress.</p>
Marty Pfeifer, 1 st Vice Commander PRESENT	VA&R; Membership: No Report
Kevin Gaddis, 2 ^d Vice Commander PRESENT	Research on development of pancake breakfast for elementary school students continues.
Paul Kaepfel, 3 ^d Vice Commander PRESENT	Americanism; Calendar / Post Script update
Carl Simchick, Post Adjutant EXCUSED	
Peter Adam, Finance Officer PRESENT	<p>Financially, Post 176 sailing on even keel. Hall rentals have picked-up.</p> <p>Search for CPA's for audit continues.</p> <p>State tax office contacted by phone on tax issues but response was dismissive (put on hold and cut off.) Will try again.</p>

	<p>Building better relations with Burke and Hurbert Bank.</p> <p>JarTrek training starts soon for staff.</p> <p>Continues work on reporting template for weekly picture of Post finances.</p>
Mike Farabaugh, Judge Advocate PRESENT	No Report.
Janet Prall, Chaplain EXCUSED	Commander noted deceased comrade Maj Ronald Helm's accomplishments and 16 Nov 2020 ceremony at Arlington (fly over.)
Bob Loach, Historian PRESENT	No Report.
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms PRESENT	No Report.
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer	<p>Recent Veteran support provided:</p> <p>Still working on Unite Us referral to provide support for vehicle repair of stroke victim.</p> <p>Developing new request to assist vet who lost job due to COVID, seeking help with car payment.</p>
Executive Committee at large Floyd Cline, 1yr, PRESENT Scott Logan, 2yr PRESENT Rex Cunningham, 3yr PRESENT	No Reports.
Ed Amoros, Past Commander	
Listed below are non-voting attendees	
Marty Pfeifer, Interim General Manager (IGM) PRESENT	<p>Summarized in IGM Report (attached).</p> <p>Motion made for \$10K for IT improvements, discussed in New Business.</p> <p>Looking for volunteer to coordinate White House Christmas Ornament sales at Post 176.</p>
Stephanie Dabbe, American Legion Auxiliary President: represented by Suzie Hedrick PRESENT	Italian food theme Tailgate went well.
Jason Rodriguez, SAL Commander	
Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director PRESENT	German food theme Tailgate went well.
Theron Patrick	See Old Business

6. Old Business:

- a. Blood drive date is December 8 –Theron. To improve collection, a suggestion was made to also use the café once dining ceases at 2PM. This was considered and might be implemented, but Theron noted that the “long pole in the tent” to activate this improvement is the number of trained Red Cross personnel assigned.
- b. Facilities Committee – Mike provided a short update on current projects. He will meet with patio contractors to ensure their work meets our standards.
- c. Audit and taxes – Peter (covered above)
- d. Update on finance / history

7. New Business:

- a. Veterans Day Ceremony: Post 176 and VFW will have a small, joint, socially distanced ceremony in tribute to veterans on 11 Nov 2020, 1100 hrs at Post 176. Participation will be limited in light of COVID 19 guidance.
- b. In the course of his presentation as IGM, Marty voiced the need for IT improvements, specifically networking Post 176 computers. He presented a motion that the Post authorize an expenditure of \$10,000 for such IT improvement. Discussion of the motion revealed that purchase of an additional server would allow the Post to upgrade its IT, increase system responsiveness and improve system security, including mandatory individual passwords for system operators. The motion was unanimously approved for presentation at Nov 2020 GMM with a recommendation of approval.
- c. Craig noted that he was required to pay an increased price for meals at the café. The leadership was mystified at this. The commander noted that the reason for our operations as a post is to serve veterans. Jim Fisher recounted anecdotes of less well off patrons regular use of the café. Post 176 does not have to match community restaurants as we have a different mission. No action has been approved to increase prices at the Warrior Café.

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Addendum:

Upcoming Events at Post 176 unless noted (expect changes)

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
October 20, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
October 25, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team vs Dallas Cowboys	SAL
October 31, 2020	7 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
October 31, 2020	6:00 pm	Halloween Party	
November 8, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team vs New York Giants	Auxiliary
November 10, 2020	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	Moved because of election day
November 11, 2020	11:00 am	Veterans Day Celebration Joint VFW/AL w VFW lead	Leaders only
November 15, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team vs Detroit Lions	Riders
November 17, 2020	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
November 22, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team vs Cincinnati Bengals	SAL
December 1, 2020	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
December 6, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team 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: Washington Football Team 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: Washington Football Team vs Seattle Seahawks	Legion
December 25, 2020		Christmas Day	Post Closed
December 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team 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
January 3, 2021	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Washington Football Team vs Philadelphia	SAL
January 5, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
January 5, 2021		Meeting of the Board of Incorporation	
January 5, 2021		Fix the price of membership dues for the next year	Recommend no change
January 15, 2021	5:30 PM	New Year Candlelight Dinner/ Seaside and Range Service	GMU Mason Music Masters
January 19, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
January 30, 2021		Chili Cook off	