



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: November 10, 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)
4. **Presentations:** None
5. **Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. **Post Commander:** EXCUSED. Attending the District 17 Commanders' Dinner.
 - b. **1st Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
 - The Department target for the Post for 2021 is 1472 members. We currently have 1105 paid up members for 2021.
 - We've exceeded the Department goal of 65% paid up member for October with 75% of our members current for this year.
 - Eleven new members were unanimously voted in to the Post.
 - c. **2^d Vice Commander:** EXCUSED.
 - d. **3^d Vice Commander:** PRESENT.
 - Went over a few of the calendar events.
 - The Thanksgiving potluck on November 25 will now be in the Social Quarters.
 - The New Year Candlelight Dinner is cancelled. It is now just a regular Friday night dinner.
 - e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - f. **Finance Officer:** PRESENT.
 - [See attached finance report for November 10, 2020.](#)
 - g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - h. **Chaplain:** PRESENT.
 - Provided an update on the funeral plans for Ron Heald.
 - Masonic Funeral Rites to be performed on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple located at 1430 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22032. Doors open at 2:00 for visiting and light refreshments, as well as after the ceremony from 3:30-4:30pm. Social distancing will need to be observed inside the temple and masks will be required.
 - Visitation will be on Monday, November 16, 2020 at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
 - i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - j. **Sergeant at Arms:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - Kay presided over the cutting of the Marine Corp birthday cake at the end of the meeting.
 - k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.
 - The membership unanimously approved one request for financial support to support a disabled veteran.
 - The second request was not acted on as additional information is still needed.
 - 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:** EXCUSED.
 - n. **Blood Drive report:** PRESENT.

- The next blood drive is scheduled for December 8, 2020. All slots as currently filled.
- o. **Acting General Manager:** PRESENT.

- [See Interim General Manager's Report dated 10 November 2020.](#)

6. Legion family / programs

- a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT.
- Their tailgate on December 13, 2020, will feature a Holiday theme.
- b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): EXCUSED.
- c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT. No Report.

7. Old Business:

- a. Facilities Committee - Mike
- b. Audit and Taxes - Peter
- c. IT: Network the Post building
- The membership unanimously approved \$10,000 for an IT upgrade to the Post.

8. New Business:

- a. Commander appointed a committee to review Warrior Café prices. Jim Fisher is the Chairman
- b.

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
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 outside
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
November 26, 2020	TBD	Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post	
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	House Committee
February 1, 2021		Post Script articles are due	
February 2, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
February 2, 2021		Nominating Committee, consisting of a minimum of three (3) members, appointed by the Commander	
February 5 - 15		Commander on Leave, Daytona	
February 7, 2021	10:30 am	Four Chaplains Memorial Service	Fairfax Post 177
February 7, 2021		Tailgate: Super Bowl	Post sponsored
February 9, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
February 16, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	