



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: February 2, 2021



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:** PRESENT.
 - COVID-19 has impacted the Post just like it has everyone else. The EXCOM continually reviews the restrictions being imposed by the Governor and the County and balances the needs of the Post and its Membership against the guidance. The Post is doing more than required to protect its members while providing the services that the Membership wants. If anyone feels that they are not safe at the Post then they don't have to be here. Remember, this is a voluntary organization—no one is making you come here—if you don't feel comfortable being at the Post, then don't come. You don't have to be here.
 - The Red Cross has updated their guidance for eligible blood donors and now those members that were stationed in Germany during the Mad Cow scare in England are able to donate blood.
 - b. **1st Vice Commander, VA&R and Membership:** PRESENT.
 - We continue to exceed the Department goals for membership and only need 91 new/renewing members to meet the 2021 target for this year of 1472 members. Currently at ~ 95%.
 - Nine new members were unanimously voted in by the membership present at the meeting.
 - We are ahead in meeting our goal for renewing members, but are lagging behind in meeting the goal for new members. We have currently added 31 new members to the Post.
 - c. **2^d Vice Commander, Children & Youth:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - d. **3^d Vice Commander, Americanism:** PRESENT.
 - The calendar was reviewed at the meeting.
 - e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - f. **Finance Officer:** PRESENT.
 - We've worked very hard to straighten out the finances and make the post's accounting accurate, timely and transparent. Carl has led the charge on this.
 - Rule of thumb:
 - Losses in the Cafe are offset by banquet hall rentals, under normal conditions.
 - Bar breaks even, more or less, when pull tab winnings are factored in.
 - Big source of revenue/profits, usually, are the gaming machines.
 - It appears that we can continue providing good quality food and low prices for our members.
 - We don't want to ever to make the finances murky.
 - And lastly, we'll continue our strong and generous support of veteran assistance programs.
 - g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - h. **Chaplain:** EXCUSED.
 - i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
 - The Historian did mention that he had many copies of CDs and maps of various Civil War battles that were available for anyone to have for free.

j. **Sergeant at Arms:** PRESENT. No Report.

k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.

- The Post was going to team up again with the Vietnam Veterans Association to help a veteran meet his rent. Both organizations will be putting up \$1,200 to help this veteran. This was approved unanimously by the members present at the meeting.
- She also requested our prayers for her son who was involved in a recent accident and is in the hospital.

l. **Executive Committee Members:**

1yr - Floyd Cline. PRESENT. No Report.

2yr - Scott Logan. PRESENT. No Report.

3yr - Rex Cunningham. Reiterated again that the Post was looking for new members for the “Cash Counting team”. The only prerequisite is that you are available around 0830 in the morning for about an hour max to help empty the gaming machines and count the cash from them.

m. **Past Commander:** PRESENT.

- District 17 is at 87% for meeting the Department membership goals.
- The Post is third in the District for membership.
- The Four Chaplains service will be done virtually this year on February 7, 2021. Only 100 Zoom slots are available.

n. **Blood Drive report:** Next Blood Drive: February 9, 2021. 95% of the slots are already filled.

o. **Acting General Manager:** [See the attached Interim General Managers Report for 2 February 2021.](#)

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT.

- The Auxiliary helped with running the Chili Cookoff.
- The Auxiliary will be helping run the Valentine Day Dinner and will be raffling off a box of chocolates.

b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): ABSENT.

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.

- The Riders donated funds to six different charities last month.
- One of the Riders’s members won the Chili Cookoff.

7. Old Business:

a. Facilities Committee - top 3 projects (plus rodents) – Mike

- We discovered another leak in the café storage room. Still trying to determine where that water is coming in from.
- Repairs to the roof and gutters keeps getting postponed due to the weather.
- We will be adding additional electrical outlets in the social quarters.
- The rodent problem is getting better.

b. Audit and Taxes – Peter

- The 2019 taxes were never completed by the former Finance Officer, Jon Taylor. The 2019 taxes are now being prepared by the firm Stitely & Karstetter . The firm will also complete the 2020 taxes.

c. IT – Network the Post building – Theron and Jim F

- The server is being built and should be delivered sometime in late February or early March.

d. Warrior Café and Social Quarters prices Committee – Jim Fisher Chairman

- Prices haven’t been raised in over five years.
- COVID-19 has added to the cost of doing business and food costs.
- Prices will go up on some items by around one dollar.

- e. Committee to hire a General Manager – EXCOM did not make a selection from the applicants
 - Another solicitation was made and several new persons applied for the job.
 - The committee will meet soon to conduct these new interviews.
 - The exact number of hours and pay have not yet been determined.
 - The position has been advertised as “parttime” because the EXCOM doesn’t want to be required to pay for health benefits, paid vacations, retirement plans, etc. that a fulltime position requires. The Judge Advocate will investigate the benefit requirements of a fulltime position.

f. Time Share

- No takers so far.

8. New Business:

a. Politics – We are apolitical.

b. Nominating Committee chair is Rex Cunningham

- Anyone wishing to run for office needs to get their info to Rex or Scott by the end of the April 2021 GMM.
- Any Legionnaire in good standing can run for any position.

c. Consolidated Post Report

- It’s that time again. The Adjutant will take the led again and will soon be sending out emails with the old report submissions and the new requirements for this year.

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
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	Virtual
February 7, 2021		Tailgate: Super Bowl	Post sponsored
February 9, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
February 12, 2021	5:00 pm	Valentine's Dinner	
February 13, 2021	7:00 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
February 16, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
February 27, 2021	7:00 pm	Joe Clay DJ	
March 2, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
March 7, 2021		Daylight Savings Time begins	
March 12, 2021	5:30 pm	American Legion Birthday Dinner	CD music
March 16, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
March 19, 2021	5:30 pm	St. Patrick's Dinner	DJ
April 4, 2021	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Brunch	
April 6, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
April 13, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
April 20, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
May 4, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	Elections
May 5, 2021	5:00 pm	Cynco de Mayo	TIER-1 Lounge
May 9, 2021	10:00 am	Mothers Day Buffet	CD music
May 9, 2021	10:00 am	Mothers Day Car Show/Crusing Company Car Show	?????
May 15, 2021	5:00 pm	Armed Forces Day Dinner	CD music
May 18, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
		Post Data due to Department	
		Four Chaplains Nomination due to Department	
		Boys State Registration Fees Due To Department	
		Girls State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177
		Youth Cadet and Law Inforcement Applications Due	
		Citation for Meritorious Service Due to Department	
		Top Recruiter Nominations Due to Department	
		Children and Youth Contest Due To Department	
		Department Service Trophy Form Due To Department	
		Consolidated Post Reports Due to Department	
		Post Americanism Contest Due To Department	
		Annual Awards Due to Department	
?????		Springfield Days Car Show	??????
	12:30 pm	17th District Convention	Fairfax Post 177
	4:00 pm	17th District Boys State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177/Paul VI
		Youth Cadet and Law Enforcement Program	
May 21, 2021	5:00 pm	Kentuck Country Bluegrass Shindig/Festivity/Dinner/Southern Cooking	
May 24, 2021	11:00 am	Memorial Day Ceremony, Joint AL and VFW, AL lead	Springfield Post 176 Banquet room
June 1, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
June 8, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
June 15, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
June 18, 2021	5:00 pm	Father's Day Dinner	DJ
July 4, 2021		Independence Day	
July 6, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
July 20, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
August 3, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
August 6, 2021	5:00 pm	Purple Heart Dinner	DJ
August 7, 2021	10 am - 3 pm	Unprofane Car Show	
August 10, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
August 17, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
August 21, 2021		Sons of the American Legion Pig Roast	DJ
September 7, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
September 11, 2021	6:00 pm	Honor Flight Dinner -- On hold	total of 120, Al Kaberline
September 17, 2021	5:00 pm	POW-MIA Recognition Day Dinner	DJ
September 21, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
September 25, 2021	9:00 am	100 Car Pile Up Car Show	?????