



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Post 176 Springfield**  
**General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes**  
**Date: March 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](http://www.post176.org))
4. **Presentations:**
5. **Officer and Program Reports:**
  - a. **Post Commander:** PRESENT.
    - Thanked Charlie for his part in conducting the virtual 17<sup>th</sup> District Four Chaplain's memorial service. BG(R) Chaplain Doug Lee was the guest speaker.
    - Thanked VFW Post 7327 for providing the Post 176 Veteran Service Officers (VSO) with an office and computers to support veterans. In fact, one of the veterans we helped financially this past year has become a VSO for the Post.
    - You can reach our Post VSOs at [vsogroup@post176.org](mailto:vsogroup@post176.org).
    - He also apologized for the many errant emails that he recently sent out regarding lapsed memberships.
    - March 15 is the American Legion's birthday. There will be a dinner on Friday, 12 March, with a special guest speaker—our own Post Historian, Bob Loach.
    - The Saint Patrick's Day dinner will be on 19 March.
  - b. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, VA&R and Membership:** PRESENT.
    - We continue to excel in meeting our membership goals for 2021. We are about 40 members short of reaching this year's goal of 1472 members.
    - 10 new members were voted in unanimously by the membership.
    - We've already had interest from several young men in this year's Boys State event. It is still being planned for this year, but with a 50% reduction in allowed attendees.
  - c. **2<sup>d</sup> Vice Commander, Children & Youth:** PRESENT. No Report.
  - d. **3<sup>d</sup> Vice Commander, Americanism:** PRESENT.
    - We've continued to update the Post Script and now have clickable links inside the Post Script.
    - We have also added a QR code that brings up the Café's menu.
  - e. **Adjutant:** PRESENT. No Report.
  - f. **Finance Officer:** EXCUSED.
  - g. **Judge Advocate:** PRESENT.
    - It's time to begin review of the Post Constitution and By-laws. I am looking for volunteers to assist with the review. Contact me if you are interested.
  - h. **Chaplain:** PRESENT.
    - There are two funerals this week for Post members.
  - i. **Historian:** PRESENT. No Report.
  - j. **Sergeant at Arms:** PRESENT. No Report.
  - k. **Service Officer:** EXCUSED.
  - l. **Executive Committee Members:**
    - 1yr - Floyd Cline, PRESENT. No Report.
    - 2yr - Scott Logan, PRESENT. No Report.
    - 3yr - Rex Cunningham, PRESENT.
      - Post elections are coming up in May. If you are interested in running please get in touch with Scott or myself.

- The end of the April GMM is the cut off for submitting your names for any Post Office.
  - Current vacancies are for: 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, Historian, Executive Committee member-1 Year, and Executive Committee member-3 Year
- m. **Past Commander:** PRESENT.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> District is in third place for membership.
  - The virtual 17<sup>th</sup> District conference will be here at the Post on March 21, 2021.
- n. **Blood Drive report:** Theron Patrick: Next Blood Drive: April 13, 2021
- We produced 55 pints of blood during the last blood drive.
- o. **Acting General Manager:** Marty Pfeifer: Operations Update
- [See the attached Interim General Managers Report.](#)

## 6. Legion family / programs

- a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): PRESENT.
- The Auxiliary thanked the Post for its help hosting the last Valentine Day dinner and for providing a monitor for the Auxiliary's office.
- b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): EXCUSED.
- c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.
- The Rider's started a search committee to identify the next years officers.
  - They will host a group ride on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Old Business:

- a. Facilities Committee - top 3 projects (plus rodents) – Mike
- The patio needs another epoxy seal coat once the weather warms up.
  - About 70% of the minor deficiencies found by the fire marshal have been corrected.
  - The repair of the roof over the storage area of the café still is not completed. Once done, the drywall can go up.
  - The rodent problem is getting better, but they are some still around.
- b. IT – Network the Post building – Theron and Jim F
- Once the new Post server comes in it will take about two weeks to make the transition for all the current systems in the Post.
- c. Warrior Café and Social Quarters prices Committee – Jim Fisher Chairman
- We have published the new cafe menu. No item went up by more that \$1.00. Some items didn't see any increase in price.
- d. Committee to hire a General Manager – ongoing, Scott Logan Chairman
- Scott will brief the EXCOM on the results of the committee's work at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- e. Time Share
- It has been sold! Thanks to Charlie for all his hard work getting this endeavor across the finish line.

## 8. New Business:

- a.
- b.
- c.

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

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