



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: May 4, 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:** The commander presented Marty Pfeifer with an American Legion 100th Anniversary Coin for all his exceptional work as acting General Manager for over the last year.
5. **Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. **Post Commander: PRESENT.**
 - The commander informed the General Membership that the mortgage was paid off in April and that the Post saved over \$240,000 in interest payments.
 - The Consolidated Post Report is still being compiled by the Adjutant. POCs for their respective areas should forward their input to the Adjutant.
 - The Commander also asked the members to provide information on any volunteer work that they have done for inclusion in the report.
 - The Department Convention in July will be held virtually. The Post will televise the proceedings for its members.
 - The National Convention is still scheduled for 27 August – 2 September in Phoenix, Arizona.
 - Wreaths Across America will be at the Post on 29 May. They will be demonstrating how to make wreaths.
 - The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Post in conjunction with VFW Post 7327.
 - The IRS fined from the Post \$15,015 for not filing the 2019 tax return on time.
 - b. **1st Vice Commander, VA&R and Membership: PRESENT.**
 - The membership unanimously voted in 10 new members.
 - Marty thanked Ali for all her hard work helping veterans.
 - c. **2^d Vice Commander, Children & Youth: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - d. **3^d Vice Commander, Americanism: PRESENT.**
 - Paul reminded the members that the Auxiliary will be handing out poppies at the local Giant for National Poppy Day on 28 May.
 - e. **Adjutant: PRESENT. No Report**
 - f. **Finance Officer: EXCUSED.**
 - The Adjutant provided a snapshot of the Post's finances.
 - Total income has been increasing each month. Last month the Post pulled in over \$88K.
 - Gaming fluctuates, but averages around \$36.3K per month.
 - Hall Rental and Cafe income are both showing a strong upward trend.
 - The Social Quarters show a steady income of around \$10,000 per month.
 - Total Post expenses are averaging about \$69.5K per month.
 - The café, bar and utility expenses are pretty stable.
 - Building expenses are going down as major repairs are completed.
 - g. **Judge Advocate: PRESENT.**
 - The updated **draft** by-laws are almost done.
 - The EXCOM will get to review them in June. After that they will be posted on the website for the General Membership to review.
 - h. **Chaplain: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - i. **Historian: PRESENT. No Report.**

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

k. **Service Officer:** PRESENT.

- Ali gave a short update on her work with veterans.
- She helped 47 veterans and the Post provided over \$22K in financial assistance.

l. **Executive Committee Members:**

1yr - Floyd Cline: EXCUSED.

2yr - Scott Logan: PRESENT. No Report

3yr - Rex Cunningham: PRESENT. No Report.

m. **Past Commander:** EXCUSED.

n. **Blood Drive report:** Theron Patrick: PRESENT.

- The next blood drive is on 8 June.
- The Post collected 62 pints of blood during the last blood drive in April.

o. **General Manager:** PRESENT.

- The café now is serving dinner from 1600-2000 hrs, Monday through Friday.
- The Post is looking to hire another two servers and a bartender to support these extended hours.
- An application to allow the Post to sell beer and wine outside has been submitted.

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): EXCUSED.

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

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): PRESENT.

- The Riders updated By-laws were approved.
- The new slate of Officers was approved.

7. Old Business:

a. Elections:

- The General Membership voted unanimously to approve the slate of officers for the next Legion year.

Commander	Marty Pfeifer
1 st Vice Commander	Kevin Gaddis
2 ^d Vice Commander	Mike Farabaugh
3 ^d Vice Commander	Matt Hedrick
Post Adjutant	Denise White
Finance Officer	Carl Simchick
Judge Advocate	Donald Quarford
Chaplain	Rev. Mr. Mark F. Arbeen
Historian	Scott Logan
Sgt-at-Arms	Kay Croll
Post Service Officer	Ali Nikolai
Executive Committee at large	Bob Loach, 1yr, Rex Cunningham, 2yr Floyd Cline, 3yr

- Installation of the new slate of officers for the Post, SAL, and Riders will be done at the June GMM.
- b. Facilities Committee:
- We still have a few rodents to get rid of.
 - The latest leak on the roof will be fixed this week.
- c. IT – Network the Post building:
- The server is up and running.
 - Two new computers are being installed.
 - Individual usernames and passwords are being created.
 - Installing both a private and a public WIFI network.
- d. Car show, May 23
- e. COVID vaccination site. – no word yet from the County

8. New Business – Charlie Buettner requested any nominations for Honorary Life Membership be submitted to him by Thursday, May 13, 2021

9. Adjournment – Closing prayer, Salute, meeting adjourned

Color code

Green – National Event

Red – Department Event

Blue – 17th District Event

Black – Post 176 Event

Date	Time	Event	Additional info
May 4, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	Elections
May 18, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
May 20, 2021	6 - 9:30 pm	Civil Air Patrol	Banquet Hall
April 9, 2021		Post Data due to Department	
April 9, 2021		Four Chaplains Nomination due to Department	
		Boys State Registration Fees Due To Department	
		Girls State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177
		Youth Cadet and Law Enforcement Applications Due	
April 30, 2021		Citation for Meritorious Post Service Officer Due to Department	
May 22, 2021		Top Recruiter Nominations Due to Department	
May 21, 2021		Children and Youth Contest Due To Department	
May 21, 2021		Department Service Trophy Form Due To Department	
May 21, 2021		Consolidated Post Reports Due to Department	
May 21, 2021		Post Americanism Contest Due To Department	
May 22, 2021		Annual Awards Due to Department	
	4:00 pm	17th District Boys State Orientation	Fairfax Post 177/Paul VI
		Youth Cadet and Law Enforcement Program	
May 23, 2021	9 am - 3 pm	Hundred Car Pile Up car show	Parking Lot
May 29, 2021	10 am - 6 pm	Wreaths Across America Mobile display in our parking lot	
May 31, 2021	11:00 am	Memorial Day Ceremony, Joint AL and VFW, AL lead	Springfield Post 176 flag island
June 1, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
June 8, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
June 13, 2021	12:30 pm	17th District Convention	Post 176 Banquet Hall
June 15, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
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	
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	
Aug 27 - Sept 2, 2021		National Convention	Phoenix, Arizona
September 7, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	