



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting (GMM) Minutes
Date: June 1, 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:**
- 5. Officer and Program Reports:**
 - a. Post Commander: PRESENT.**
 - The 17th District convention will be held in-person, for Commanders only, at the Post on June 13, 2021. Anyone else can view the proceedings virtually.
 - The Department convention will be held mid-July via ZOOM.
 - The National convention will be held in-person, in Phoenix, Arizona, August 27 – September 2, 2021, but with a much smaller number of attendees than in the past.
 - The Post has again completed the annual bulk of Consolidated Post Report on time. There are two documents that are still required. A Post Officer Report with the new Officers listed (due June 25) and the Post History submission (due 9 July).
 - The Post again reached 100% membership. In fact, we exceeded our target for this membership year.
 - The Commander then presented the Membership Recruiter of the Year, 2020-2021, for Post 176 to Kevin Gaddis. Kevin is the Post's most prolific recruiter!
 - The Post is now serving dinner every Monday-Friday, from 4-8 pm. This new endeavor is still just getting underway and the Commander thanked all the Post membership for supporting this initiative.
 - b. 1st Vice Commander, VA&R and Membership: PRESENT.**
 - Thirteen new members were unanimously voted in by the membership.
 - c. 2^d Vice Commander, Children & Youth: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - d. 3^d Vice Commander, Americanism: PRESENT.**
 - Paul reviewed several of the upcoming events.
 - e. Adjutant: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - f. Finance Officer: EXCUSED.**
 - g. Judge Advocate: PRESENT.**
 - The draft By-Laws are still being updated. Some changes still need to be made to assist with the preparation of the now required State Gaming application.
 - h. Chaplain: PRESENT.**
 - Gene Russell is at home now recovering from open heart surgery.
 - i. Historian: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - j. Sergeant at Arms: PRESENT. No Report.**
 - k. Service Officer: PRESENT.**
 - Our Post is continuing to assist veterans and transitioning military members with job placement and with VA benefits and services. We also support "America Serves", a veteran referral service with requests for financial aid.
 - Currently, we're looking into two requests, one from a client who needs help with medical bills after his wife has been unable to work due to complications after child birth, and the other from a previously homeless veteran family whose cell phone was turned off and needs help paying their past-due bill.

- One of our Post members referred a friend who's had several surgeries in the last few months and now needs an organ transplant. He has four children, and the family set up a go-fund-me site to keep them out of bankruptcy. The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/medical-help-for-rich-higgins>, for anyone who can make a donation.
- The Post is expanding claims support to our veterans by providing in-person assistance two days a week at the VFW Post 7327. Times are Wednesday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM. To make an appointment, please contact VSOgroup@post176.org.

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: PRESENT.

n. Blood Drive report: PRESENT.

- Next Blood Drive: June 8, 2021.
- The Red Cross will be presenting the Post and especially, Theron, an award for the outstanding efforts made securing blood donations for the Red Cross.
- A request was made to see if all blood donations made on June 8th could be given to the Georgetown Transplant Institute to support Mr. Rich Higgins and all other transplant patients.
- Theron will run this request by the Red Cross.

o. General Manager: EXCUSED.

6. Legion family / programs

a. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA): The Auxiliary report was given by President Elect Susan Hedrick for President Stephanie Dabbe. Susan is the current Vice President of the Auxiliary.

- The Auxiliary thanked the Post and all the members, especially Floyd Cline, for their support during National Poppy Day.
- The induction of the new Auxiliary Officers will be held virtually on June 3, 2021.

b. Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Jay Rodriguez, Commander. No Report

c. American Legion Riders (ALR): Craig Hendrickson, Director

- The Post's Riders had nine members participate in last week's Ride To Remember.

7. Old Business:

a. By Laws Update - Mike

b. Construction site update – Mike

- The roof has been repaired and now the drywall can be installed.
- All the new LED parking lights have been installed. Several have bad ballasts that need to be replaced. The installation has been done free-of-charge by the contractor building the new parking garage. They will also replace the bad ballasts for free. This is just one of several agreements made with the contractor for use of some of the Post land and facilities.

8. New Business:

a. Post 176 Car Show, October, NTE \$2,000 – Ed

- The membership approved the motion to sponsor the car show this October. The tentative date is 9 October.

b. July 4th Picnic? Music by Joe Clay?

- The membership approved holding a July 4th picnic again this year.

c. Installation of Officers for Legion, SAL, Riders – 17th District Commander Jim Glassman

- Commander Glassman conducted the installation ceremony for all the new Post's Officers.

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 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 10, 2021		Department of VA Convention	Virtual
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	
September 21, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
October 5, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
TBD	5:00 pm	OKTOBERFEST Dinner (the ONLY one at Post 176 this year)	SFA led event
October 12, 2021	1:30 pm	Blood Drive	
October 19, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
November 2, 2021		Election Day	
November 9, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	
November 11, 2021	11:11 am	Classic Ford Mustang raffle in the parking lot	The Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads
November 12, 2021	5:00 pm	Veterans Day Dinner	
November 16, 2021	7:00 pm	Executive Committee	
November 25, 2021		Thanksgiving Day Buffet	
December 7, 2021	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting	Pearl Harbor Day