



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s):
5. Reports:

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>General Comments: See written report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formed a search committee for GM 2. Project Healing Waters will meet in cafe on Monday evenings. They are a group of disabled veterans who learn fly fishing 3. Continue to make repairs - Mike will update later 4. Four Chaplin's ceremony will be 2/6 at Post 177 5. Spring Convention is 3/4-6 6. 114 per nights in Norfolk. Go to Va.org for more information 7. 17th District Spring Conf will be on 3/20/2022 at Post 177 8. 17th District will host the Department Convention at Dulles Hilton July 14th – 17th. The next planning meeting will be 2/26 at Post 180 in Vienna 9. Thanks to the Legion family organizations (Riders, Son's and Auxiliary) for helping contribute to our post 10. Remember our motto -Forward together

<p>Kevin Gaddis, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Still largest Post in Virginia 2. Goal was 1480 by February 1st. 3. We're at 95% of goal with 1401 members 4. State is at 87% and the District is at 81% 5. 77 members are Korean vets - 20 had not renewed. Pat Peterson put a flyer out that we needed \$590 to pay their dues. By Tuesday people in the Social Quarters came up with \$600 – less than 30 hours by just putting a picture in SQ.
<p>Michael Farabaugh, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Matt Hedrick, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. House comm 1/11 - Planned for SB on 2/13. Potluck, hot dogs, hamburgers will be provided by the Post. Sign up sheet will be in SQ if anyone would like to bring a dish 2. Looking for Volunteers to setup and tear down. 3. Honor flight 4.12 – House suggested bringing in Scouts to greet the guests as they arrive. Also hire a DJ to play while they have dinner 4. Met with Chamber of Commerce (COC) on 1.11 - interest in having a small trade show at the Post honoring Veteran owned business 5. Someone on committee requested information on atlas room to post on the COC web site 6. 2.28 is the next House Committee meeting
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>Minutes update</p>

<p>Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXCOM made a decision to remove the minutes from the Post website and keep them on the Post's internal network 2. The website is public, and anyone can access it. The minutes are for American Legion members 3. The minutes are still available 4. Contact Adjutant for copies
<p>Carl Simchick, Finance Officer, Present</p>	<p>Review previous monthly income / trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rearranged the report 2. Gaming hall and sq are close to average 3. Hall is a little lower because there weren't as many rentals. 4. Building maintenance is slightly skewed due to 2nd payment for elevator repair 5. Paid quarterly requirement for the maintenance agreements 6. Snow removal expense this month 7. Should end up better on next months report because some of the expenses will not be there
<p>Donald Quarford, Judge Advocate Present</p>	<p>Update on By-Laws</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Down to final sentence in question 2. Once resolves EXCOM vote and GM will have next month
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present</p>	<p>Post Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legionnaire from a PA Post passed away. He frequented our Post. Currently working with his Post. Service and burial is scheduled for February 7th burial at Quantico. The family asked for pallbearers, etc. Chaplain is the celebrant of the funeral 2. Email will be sent with the details

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Consider attending - give military farewell 4. Member lost his son to COVID, previously lost his wife and another son, please keep him in your prayers
<p>Scott Logan, Historian Present</p>	No report
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<p>No report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commander asked how many Legionaries in attendance 2. 37 members in attendance at the meeting
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helping Veterans - 2. Working with a Korean vet who needs 24 hr. home care, an Army who is 15% disable 3. A lot of training classes taking place, Kay and Ali have attended 4. There was stress solution workshop on the 24th 5. State bowling tournament on February 19th and 20th in Norfolk, see Ali if like to participate
<p>Bob Loach, 1yr Present</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 2yr Excused</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 3yr Present</p>	<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Bob – No report</p> <p>Rex - Excused</p> <p>Floyd - No report</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, Past Commander Excused</p>	<p>Excused – Commander briefed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on bylaws for awhile

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Post to website consider this beginning of 30-day notice - send comments, changes, suggestions, etc. to Don 3. March 1st is not 30 days so we will have to discuss in April
Listed below are non-voting invited attendees	
Interim General Manager Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legion coffee mugs for sale 2. Rec'd etched beer glasses, for sale in SQ 3. License plates in SQ 4. Unforeseen, maintenance – Café's microwave broke, will borrow SQs and buy new
Susan Hedrick, American Legion Auxiliary President Present	Last speaker <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good point Auxiliary was proposing a Valentine's Day event but cancelled moving to April 8th dinner Spring Fling. More to follow. 2. Very excited to participate in legion SB, bringing dishes and desserts 3. Would like to commend Commander for attending Auxiliary leadership meeting, trying for transparency between groups, just as Auxiliary is welcome to EXCOM would like Commander to be welcomed to Auxiliary meeting 4. Received a phone a call from Jim Glassman, to say Commander has also made kind remarks in Communicator about the Auxiliary.
Kevin Gaddis, SAL Commander Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 6th hosting a chili cook off 2. Thurs March 17 SAL is hosting a St Patrick's party in SQ

<p>Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will be participating February 21st parade in Alexandria, 2. If you want to participate and walk in parade with Post 176, let Adjutant know
<p>Theron Patrick</p> <p>Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blood Drive – February 8, 2022 2. All slots full, may get a couple of cancellations, if want to donate and get on waitlist let Theron know.

1. Old Business;

a. Facilities Committee: top 3 projects - Mike

- 1) Replacing door units in front, Representative said they can't get parts anymore. After conducting a site survey, they have everything in stock for new ones. Will schedule immediately as soon as they have an opening
- 2) Doors on north side are on hold for repairs
- 3) Supply company is waiting for parts for dishwasher
- 4) Waiting on repair part for oven
- 5) Spoke to Bun about coffee maker, agreed to replace, originally was supposed to come in in March, came in early
- 6) Water leak in cafe, called the company that did the original work. Wasn't their work. Found the scooper that pushes water into drains, had separated due to ice between flashing, gave quote to do all 9 at a very good price, will also open so the water will drain away from building
- 7) Fire sprinkler system inspection – 4 of the shutoff values stuck, working with companies to fix
- 8) Leak in upstairs restroom, that was repaired
- 9) Microwave in kitchen broke - must be replaced
- 10) Looking for different quotes for repair of patio - received 1 quote, biggest issue company will not guarantee work, so not going with them

- 11) Paid for snow removal, plow damaged Post, have them on camera and they are paying for the repair
- 12) Replacing HVAC because failing, should be here any day, will get out of warehouse and install as soon as it gets here, also asked to look at heating and air on second floor. Should be damper over door in atlas room, should be able to use to regulate temp in that room

b. General Manager Update

- 1) Ed and the committee have been busy at work, read communicator has all the information
- 2) Weekly Zoom meetings, January 25th & 26th posted on 5 different venues, Post Commanders and Adjutants, direct email to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and will get on FB. Closing date February 25th. Working on scoring matrix. Once scored will identify those for interviews

c. Roof and HVAC Repairs

2. New Business:

a. Dentz Fund Update

- 1) Ed's motion passed at EXCOM
- 2) Point of order, a motion was made that has not been discussed in the GM.
- 3) Adjutant - went back through meeting minutes, motion made to GM to use Dentz fund, tabled.
- 4) Previous motions to pay off mortgage passed; however, funding was not identified.
- 5) Nothing directly stating the funds would come from Eddy Dentz.
- 6) Charlie - first read bio on Eddy Dentz. Standing rule explicitly says all distributions from the Dentz fund are intended for American Legion charitable programs

MOTION – Motion to establish a new Post 176 Standing Committee entitled “Eddie Dentz Capital Asset Standing Committee” with Legionnaire John Sawyer, Esq., as the Chair, “To safeguard the bequeathed funds while establishing adequate controls to manage this asset, as well as managing the approval of all transactions.”

2nd by Theron

Discussion:

1. Per Trust - 20 % to American Legion Post 176 to be used for charitable purposes as its governing body determines
2. During pandemic, income dropped significantly, Revisit what we can use it for due to pandemic caused different circumstances
3. Haven't heard any discussion on intent to replace the money. The committee may not be necessary if money is going to be replaced
4. Committee should be comprised of members from the floor, not from the EXCOM because the EXCOM changes and the committee will provide continuity
5. The committee will make a recommendation to EXCOM and EXCOM would bring to GM
6. Committee will include 3-5 members, odd number of members important
7. Commander asks if he appoints members of the standing committees. Commander announces, standing committees at the beginning of taking office
8. Committee will put transparency to the Dentz Fund

Call question – all discussion ended

Motion agrees to call questions

MAIN MOTION PASSED

- 37 Legionnaires present – 2/3 of 37 need 26 yea to pass
- Motion vote 27 yes, 4 nay and 4 no vote - motion passed

Other business - dance on the February 11th - any word - nothing yet

50/50 Collected \$86 - \$43 to winner

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session: (If needed)

*Meeting recording is available upon request