



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022**



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

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Marty Pfeifer, Commander Excused	General Comments 1 st Vice Commander ran the meeting
Kevin Gaddis, 1st Vice Commander Present	<p>VA&R, Membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have a quorum. 2) June installation - 17th district Commander presiding, dress, coat and tie, something formal 3) Joint installation with Riders and Sons 4) Looking for information on Memorial Day – a joint venture with VFW, will send the particulars once we have <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gold star families are usually honored, not sure yet b. Sent everything to 3rd Vice <p>1st Vice Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Doing really well with membership 6) All new members will be put towards 2023

<p>Michael Farabaugh, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Post sponsoring 18 boys to Boys State, all set, all information was given to the District and Department 2) Next meeting is June 5th at Post 177 3) There will be representatives from Boise State and the 17th District. 4) Each of the boys is going to be bringing one parent
<p>Matt Hedrick, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>CPR – Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CPR is almost complete 2) Need the Commanders signature <p>Motion: Accept all minutes from October 2021 - April 2022</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer,</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Review previous monthly income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) More than 1/2 way the to amount we were at last month, doing well financially 2) Dentz fund balance provided 3) Thanks to Rex and the cash team for doing a good job
<p>Donald Quarford, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Post Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>Keep sick members in your thoughts and prayers</p>

<p>Scott Logan, Historian Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Yearly history will be done by end of June 2) Submitting as part of the CPR for review
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Army reservist - 28 yrs, retiring in a few months, wants to discuss VA benefits and disability. Providing additional information. 2) Helping a Navy veteran - in process of applying for medical benefits 3) Burial arrangements for a veteran at Culpepper National Cemetery 4) Kay and Ali going to the VSO retreat for 3 days sponsored by the State Department of VA in Lynchburg. The only cost is paying for gas. Allowed 1 guest.

<p>Bob Loach, 1yr Present</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 2yr Present</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 3yr Present</p>	<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>1st - No report</p> <p>2nd yr –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thanks to the people who helped with the election, Kay, Patrick, Floyd, Alton, and Dennis processing through; Charlie and Jack committee counting; collecting Angela, Joe, Erik, and Tony, and extraordinarily thanks to Karla for doing the ballots 2) Will write up something in case we have a large meeting again, rather than going upstairs to SQ, open bar in the banquet room instead so Post can make money - recommend do not serve alcohol, the louder they got. It'll be more controlled. Normally close doors during elections. 3) Cash team - having to change the way to operate to make a schedule in June, trying to keep it with 2-person control. Small staff trying to get more people on the team. <p>3rd yr - No report</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, Past Commander Present</p>	<p>No report</p>

Listed below are invited attendees

<p>General Manager, Carl Simchick</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Worked on fire suppression system, little leak they are going to look at outside, still have a leak when fire depart suppression 2) Bar dishwasher - still not sure what is wrong, spent a lot of money on it so now looking to replace 3) Ordered high-quality tent for outside, one we can order spare parts for, should have next week, should have for the Purple Heart has an event in June and Pig Roast, look at putting in anchors to secure the tent 4) Looking at another 100 new chairs. Use new chairs inside and old ones outside 5) Because of work on roof, birds are now nesting in them, need to put on screens so they can't get inside.
<p>Susan Hedrick, American Legion Auxiliary President</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>Not present</p>
<p>Kevin Gaddis, SAL Commander</p>	<p>Meeting last Tues, Mike Wolf elected new Commander, Erik Pfleeger is 1st Vice</p>
<p>Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <p>Not present</p>

Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive – June 14, 2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 53 units at last drive, would 2) Average well above 50 over the last year, no problem getting people, it's the Red Cross staffing
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1. Old Business;

a. Facilities Committee: top 3 projects - Mike

- 1) Some minor repairs needed around the Post
- 2) One problem with the fountain unit yesterday, coke fixed it last night, it was leaking water
- 3) Roof and HVAC - still waiting on contract with HVAC company
- 4) Roof still in limbo
- 5) Mike is resigning as facilities manager, for medical reasons. June 3rd will be the last day. Working with Carl to go over everything.

b. Dentz Fund Committee Update – Dentz Standing Rule

- 1) Recent activity - sent proposed rule change and evaluation form. Hope was published to EXCOM, to discuss - just received yesterday from Commander and sent. Not everyone has had time to review

Motion to table to until the EXCOM meeting so people can review

Motion carries

Motion to give a copy of the recommended changes to the new incoming officers

Motion carries

2. New Business:

a. VSO Training Request

- 1) Cost of gas

Motion to reimburse Service Officers for gas
Motion carries

- 2) Dennis started 2 years ago to recruit VSO's, can go online to schedule with Patrick
- 3) Need more VSOs, we can advertise, if write something up, can put in e-News
- 4) Training required, online class, and open book test, mail-in information and at some point, get certified
- 5) Accredited VSO gets recognition from VA

b. Need a webmaster, and someone to do eNews and postscript

c. Approved \$500 to Patrick at the GMM. Patrick just needs to turn in receipts.

d. Dennis – while we were meeting Charlie was handing Martie a paragraph that he wanted in the bylaws: “If a member of the Post is disciplined, they cannot be an officer.” Both National and Department committee members said we cannot add disciplinary actions to our Bylaws. Our bylaws have to be approved by Department. There is a conflict of interest, another committee investigating my actions while I was Commander, has to be done by Article IV of Department of VA Bylaws.

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment