



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2022**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Reports
 - a. Non-Voting Members
 - b. Voting Members
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks for being flexible in changing the schedule for the EXCOM this month 2. Possibly start online meetings in August or September <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A couple of members are interested in helping. b. Text message with wants going on c. Get a temperature board with the scheduled events 3. Changing the format of meetings. The non-voting members will report first. 4. Nothing will change from how Marty ran it – we are one Legion Family and that will not change Non-Voting Members are released if they choose 5. Hopefully turn-overs going well for the betterment of the post 6. Go to conventions and Legion College if you can
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ali, Kay, and Patrick continue to do outstanding work taking care of our Veterans 2. Participated in Dept In-State Legacy Run <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Official Chaplain b. Wreath laying ceremony for veterans who died by suicide

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Established an Equine therapy program for veterans d. 175 motorcycles, 200 people, 500 miles – raised over \$71,000 e. Only one accident <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. We have 1,525 members, 45 members more than last year 4. Future discussion paying for memberships for older veterans 5. 99 Members received 5-year increment pins; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Oldest member has been a member for 55 years b. All will receive a letter c. They're invited to Early Bird Dinner, Wed. 5 Oct. 6. 2023 Membership cards will be given out at the convention 7. Members do come from Post 141
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing on Boys State 2. Reached out to 5 High Schools 3. Jr State Law Enforcement is going on right now 4. Reached out to Boy Scout Troops 1344 and 4673 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Troop leaders transferred to our Post b. Looking at our younger members to help the scouts get their badges c. Troup 4673 Rebadged their trailer with our logo 5. Discussed Air Rifles, will look into
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spinning up for the tailgates – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reached out to family organizations. b. VFW would like to participate 2. Planning dates to add another Veterans job fair in November
<p>Denise White, Adjutant Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carl will show how to access and change to emails 2. Minutes/website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Per Depart Adjutant minutes should be on the website b. No names or dollar balances will be included c. Original minutes will be on the server with the recordings, they will not be on the website

	<p>Motion:</p> <p>To put approved minutes back on the website</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>3. Spending limits for Service Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To respond to emergency requests b. Part of the VA&R c. There was a previous amount specified d. Ali will only use it for emergencies e. Will continue to send requests to EXCOM for approval <p>Motion:</p> <p>To Give the Service Office a budget of \$6,000 per year</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>4. Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Need a list of the Committees and their members b. Recommend we have a member of the EXCOM on each committee, not as Chair, just representation c. Careful of burnout of the EXCOM d. Commander is hoping to have a system in place for conference calls, the ability to attend meetings from home, etc. e. Will circulate a list, if interested volunteer f. Discussion tabled <p>5. Delegation for Convention/Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Need a list of members attending and who will be delegates b. Needs to be in Department by 30 June <p>6. Pay for attendees</p> <p>Motion (1st Vice):</p> <p>To pay for 10 (ten) EXCOM members’ and volunteers’ lodging and registration (Approx. \$5,000)</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer, Present</p>	<p>Review previous monthly income/trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently down due to repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coils for AC b. New bar dishwasher c. Walk-in freezer

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Can the EXCOM get the gaming report twice a month 3. Compare last year to this year for planning 4. Putting together a budget committee to establish a Post budget
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Present</p>	<p>Bylaws</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No report on by-laws right now 2. Thank you to Ali for explaining the process of how we review and approve veterans seeking support
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery 2. Riders will participate <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Anyone can attend, meet at the Administration bldg. 3. Sending an e-blast
<p>Scott Logan, Historian Excused</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will not be at the GM, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joe Driscoll will be acting Sgt-At-Arms b. Floyd and Carl will assist 2. Nothing else to report
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you for the support for the veterans we helped this month 2. Referred 2 (two) veterans 3. Working with AmericaServ, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Just had 10-year anniversary b. Most request for financial support comes from them 4. Member set up a – Go Fund Me Page <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daughter of a member has cancer b. Daily treatment for 4-5 years c. Since individual is active duty, they have resources available to d. Will send site to EXCOM
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p>	<p>1yr –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash team schedule for the next month is complete

Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present Floyd Cline, 2yr Present Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Traveling out of the country leaving in August, 3. Will assign someone to cover for him <p>2 yr – no report 3 yr – Requested discussion on the Dentz Fund</p>
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present	No report
Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<p>Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Received some chairs now have 146 chairs for outside use 2 Tent is up and anchored 3 Upstairs AC has a freon leak in the coil, \$15,000 to replace 4 Walk-in freezer also has a freon leak, requesting a proposal 5 Commander received calls AC shut off after a certain time on Saturday night – Carl will check the timers 6 Randy McCoy will help with small repairs around the Post
Susan Hedrick, Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question on non-voting members can't stay for the rest of the meeting? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sometimes they are not included b. Can give report up front and leave if they choose 2. 1st time have a candidate from Edison going to Girl's State
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	No Report
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <p>No representative – no report</p>
Theron Patrick Blood Drive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blood Drive – June 14, 2022- 53 units collected 2. Aug 9th – 74 slots some are still open

6. Old Business;
 - a. Facilities Committee: top 3 projects
 - b. Roof and HVAC Repairs
 - c. Dentz Fund Committee status

- 1) Sent over a proposal – hoping to hear back
 - 2) Couldn't discuss at last meeting – short notice
 - 3) Charlie suggests comments, etc. come from the Commander to the committee for review
 - 4) New members need a copy of the draft, which also needs to be marked "Draft"
 - 5) Will send to the Adjutant to send to the EXCOM with a request for input
 - 6) Does the Dentz Fund exist if the Post closes? A. Department gets all assets for any Post that loses its charter
7. New Business:
- a. Paul Kappel request to brief Youth Programs
 - 1) Randy Wheeler is POC for Youth Programs
 - 2) Auxiliary is POC for Girl's State
 - 3) Religious is the Chaplain
 - b. Paul let WJ eat free. The ability for the older members (90+) to eat free in the Café is on the agenda
8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Note: Motions will be presented at the next GM