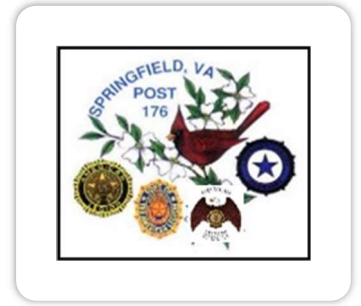




**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
General Membership Meeting Agenda  
June 7, 2022**



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

<b>Voting Legionnaire Name and Title Induction Meeting with Dinner</b>	
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Commander</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>General Comments: See written report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledged guests present               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 17th District commander Mike Kimlick</li> <li>b. 16th District commander, Mark Stein</li> <li>c. 17th District Chaplain, Chaplain Paul Malcomb</li> <li>d. Commander of Post 177, Jeff White</li> <li>e. Auxiliary Chaplin Post 8, Priscilla Dietrichs</li> <li>f. DM May, Post 176, no title</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Post elections were May 3rd – The slate of Officers for 2022-2023 are:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Congratulations to newly elected Commander, Kevin Gaddis, wish him well when he assumes command</li> <li>b. 1st Vice Commander - Dennis Madtes</li> <li>c. 2nd Vice Commander - Randy Wheeler</li> <li>d. 3rd Vice Commander - Jay Byrum</li> <li>e. Adjutant - Denise White</li> <li>f. Finance Officer - Karla Pflieger</li> <li>g. Chaplin - Mark Arbeen</li> <li>h. Sergeant-at-Arms - Kay Croll</li> <li>i. Service Officer - Ali Nikolai</li> <li>j. Judge Advocate - Martie Soper</li> <li>k. Historian - Scott Logan</li> <li>l. Executive Members at large                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Rex Cunningham</li> <li>2) Floyd Klein</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p style="text-align: center;">3) Joseph Byrnes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Congratulations to all Officers</li> <li>4. Sponsoring 18 boys to Boy's State – partnering with Lorton Post 162, Centerville Post 1995 and Green Spring Post 123</li> <li>5. No transportation will be provided to the boys attending Boy's State</li> <li>6. Legion baseball team is getting ready for another successful season</li> <li>7. Pleased to report our Post home is significantly improved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invested over 150,000 dollars on repairs maintenance and the purchase of equipment</li> <li>b. Improvements to IT</li> <li>c. New kitchen equipment</li> <li>d. HVAC improvements</li> <li>e. Grounds look good</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Excellent relationship with Post 176's auxiliary.</li> <li>9. Want to recognize key legionnaires <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Carl Simchick – keeps out Post business operations running smoothly</li> <li>b. Mike - Facilities manager and 2nd Vice</li> <li>c. Matt - 3rd Vice</li> <li>d. Theron - Red Cross</li> <li>e. Patrick and his volunteers</li> <li>f. Rex and Jim Fisher, Cash Team</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. Thanks to all the volunteers working together - Sons, Riders, Auxiliary and, Legion</li> <li>11. Check our website and click on the calendar to see what's going on</li> <li>12. We look forward to seeing you soon</li> <li>13. Remember our motto - Forward Together</li> </ol>
<p>Kevin Gaddis, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 New members to Post 176</li> <li>2. 1 new and 2 transfers</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept in mass</p>

	<p><b>Motion</b> carried</p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept members</p> <p><b>Motion</b> carried</p>
<p>Michael Farabaugh, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Matt Hedrick, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Memorial Day ceremony was well received with over 90 people</li> <li>2. Sen Barker and Vivian Watts were in attendance</li> <li>3. Northern Region Vice Commander, Jim Yarbrough also attended</li> </ol>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>Review previous monthly income / trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Last month finished in negative due to repairs and a donation to Boy's State</li> <li>2. This month doing well – social quarters, café and banquet room rental</li> </ol>
<p>Donald Quarford, Judge Advocate</p> <p><b>Excused</b></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>Post Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>Invited to attend a burial at Arlington National Cemetery</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p> <p><b>Present</b></p>	<p>No report</p>

<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms <b>Present</b></p>	<p>No report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have a quorum 56 members present</li> <li>2. VSO services, go to site and follow link</li> <li>3. Attending convention meetings, need volunteers for bingo and dinner. There will be a hiring fair for veterans, veteran families, and caregivers</li> </ol>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer <b>Present</b></p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working with to help a retired vet,</li> <li>2. Working on a report and follow up with report to EXCOM</li> </ol>
<p>Bob Loach, 1yr <b>Present</b></p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 2yr <b>Present</b></p> <p>Floyd Cline, 3yr <b>Present</b></p>	<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, Past Commander <b>Present</b></p>	<p>No report</p>

<b>Listed below are invited attendees</b>	
General Manager, Carl Simchick	No report
Susan Hedrick, American Legion Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Announced elected officers for auxiliary</li> <li>2. Thanked Legionnaires who participated in the poppy event.</li> <li>3. Commander let her know she would be speaking on numerous events. Noticed by the District and Department Commander. Past Commander Ed Ameros said this year the auxiliary has been able to be involved more than in the past.</li> <li>4. Also recent Department picnic, Department Commander took note of the relationship that has been built.</li> <li>5. Auxiliary President presented a certificate of appreciation to Commander Pfeifer for supporting the Auxiliary</li> </ol>
Erich, SAL Commander	No report
Craig Hendrickson, American Legion Riders Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Riding season</li> <li>2. Donated \$1,000 to final salute supports women veterans</li> <li>3. Number of events coming up</li> </ol>
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive – June 14, 2022

1. Old Business: Already briefed
2. New Business:
  - a. Honorary Life Member presented to Theron Patrick by Charlie Buettner
  - b. Charlie read the citation

**Motion** to accept Theron Patrick as Honorary Life Member of Post 176

**Motion** carried unanimously

3. Induction of new Officers
  - a. Commander passed meeting to 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander Mike Kimlick

- b. Commander Kimlick assembled the new Post 176 Officers, Son's Officers, and the Riders Officers
  - c. Administered the oath of office
4. Introduction of new commander: Kevin Gaddis
- a. Acknowledged guests individually by name
  - b. Jeff White, Post 177 Commander, - left an impression, 8 years as Commander
  - c. Congratulations to the new members of the EXOM
  - d. I mean everything said during election
  - e. Technology Post needs to conduct online meetings so those who cannot attend in person can still attend the meeting
  - f. Membership - need younger members
    - 1) Have over 1500 member
      - a) 90 women veterans, that's 6.6%, we have 5 women veterans on the ECXCOM
      - b) 21 WWII veterans, 77 Korean War veterans, 573 Vietnam veterans,
      - c) Since July 2021, the Post lost 20 members
    - 2) Social Quarters (SQ) signed up over 200 new members this year, there is a lot of interaction in SQ
      - a) Active duty should get a free membership for a year
      - b) In addition to the 200 new members, we got 51 transfers from other posts
  - g. Volunteer makes things happen – a core group that always step, the Riders - small group, always reach out, punch above weight class, Sons we have to work on. Honor and appreciate all our volunteers
  - h. Understand the responsibility placed on me tonight – we have a great year ahead.
  - i. Post activities are important to our membership and community
  - j. Our reasons for existence - Veterans and legionnaires – these programs will be a priority in the upcoming up
  - k. Pat Peterson and Clarence Mac are the elders of Post, care about post and will provide guidance
  - l. Recognized Randy McCoy, a member of the Sons, he moved POW MIA to prominently display it in the front foyer.
  - m. Motivation for being Commander, member for 27 years, spend more holidays here than with own family, the Post is my family. Going to give Post everything I have. I know I will make mistakes but I guarantee I will always work hard for you.
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment