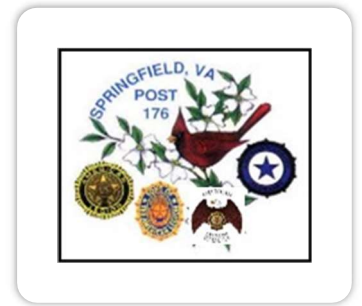




AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2023



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present via Zoom	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appointed Mona to Executive Committee at Large, 2nd year. She's prior Army, paratrooper, came from Post 242. Couple of months accepted Dentz Fund Rule. Theron has a motion about paying back the fund. We'll discuss and vote on tonight under new business3. We are going to follow Robert's rules. Bring the motion discuss and move on4. We have a resolution for Marty to run for District Vice Commander
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read a thank you note from the Auxiliary2. Thank you for donations for Fisher House projects.3. -Regretfully Patrick submitted his resignation for VSO. VSO is different than Service Officer. VSO helps fill out claims for VA4. Over 100% on membership with 1550 members.

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present	Children & Youth Boy's State <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have 18 candidates for Boy's State. Should have the interview panels in the next 2-3 weeks. Will check with their parents to ensure they have transportation prior to interviewing them 2. Looking for candidates for the Junior Law Enforcement Candidate Program
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Present	Americanism / Calendar <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington Tattoo was a great success 2. Sons donated \$1000 to the cause 3. May 7th is Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day, we will have a big event, heck of a party, cookout, band
Denise White, Post Adjutant Present	EXCOM Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doing really good with the Consolidated Post Report. Thank you to all who have sent in their hours. If anyone else would like to please do so soon 2. We went into Executive Session during the EXCOM meeting, for the EXCOM to discuss Theron's motion. The motion and the EXCOM recommendation will be presented under new business 3. Marty's resolution will be read after Rex discusses the elections
Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer, Present	Income/trends Finance Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We've handed out a 2023 proposed budget for the rest of the year. Please review it and be prepared to discuss at next month's GMM 2. Provided an updated Dentz Fund balance and Line of Credit balance
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused	

Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Scott Logan, Historian Present	1973 - last Hanoi flight took off to bring the last POWs home
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quorum is 2/3rds which is 27. We have a quorum 2. If you are thinking of filing a claim, 1st go on to VA site and research for the time you served. What you are claiming has to be tied to your service
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EOY report - assistance provided to 11 families 2. \$9,977 came from post funds 3. \$5,900 from church community, private individuals 4. Submitted referrals for those outside district to the responsible Post
Executive Committee at Large Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present Mona Espinosa, 2 yr Present Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present	<p>-No report</p> <p>- No report</p> <p>- No report</p>
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present	<p>Resolution for District Vice Commander</p> <p>- No report</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<p>Building Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No roof leak 2. AC may not be working upstairs 3. Except for unseen repairs, we are good financially 4. There is a meeting for gaming laws, etc. on April 11th 5. Senator for VA was at Culpepper Post to discuss gaming laws 6. American Legion and VFW, as private organizations, are charitable organizations 7. Charitable donations are 10% from paper pull tabs, 20% from electronic gaming
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin reported: Thanks Jay 2. Cinco de Mayo event coming up
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The weekend of the 25th attended memorial service for a members wife 2. Poker Run is on April 22 - not only riders, you can do poker run in car 3. Raffle, cookout
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <p>-Not present</p>
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next blood drive coming up on 11th April 2. Slots available

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Close Out of Nominations for 2023 Elections

- 1) Read nominations
- 2) Sargent-At-Arms, Finance Officer, Members-At-Large 3rd Year
- 3) Read the candidates for each
- 4) There were no nominations from the floor

Motion to close the nominations for Post 176 2023 - Rex, 2nd by Joe burns

Motion carries

- b. Adjutant - Read Resolution for Marty Pfeifer

Motion to support Marty – Sonny, 2nd by Kay

Discussion:

2 vacancies on District level - Eddie Amoros stepped away

Motion carries

6. New Business:

Motion - Post 176 pay back the Dentz Fund \$115000 over 10 years at 5% - Theron, 2nd Bob L

Discussion:

Briefed EXCOM recommendation - not to support the motion, 1st Vice read the reasoning

Theron - Clean up ethical error by repaying and after the EXCOM will go through each bill

Joe - Finance Committee - something the finance committee should be reviewing, funds came out of the Post operating budget that should have come from the Dentz Fund. Original Spirit of the gift was to benefit veterans – vote against

Kay - Initially would have supported paying it back. It was done during COVID. There wasn't any income at the time. Used Post funds versus the Dentz funds and we've revised the paperwork for more control - vote against

Bob - Others have not seen the numbers, a printout of everything given would benefit us

Tony - Hashing this for a long time, we need to move on

Called the Vote: Need 2/3 of 27

Nay's = 4

Motion failed

7. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment