



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2023**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)
 Kayleigh Burton
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
 Officer Installation
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Thank you for being here2. This will be a different type of meeting3. Induction, reports and meal4. 79th Anniversary of D-Day, we have 7 veterans, last year we had 215. We have 60+ Korean vets6. Recognized distinguished guests:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Brett Risberg - Past National Commander, Department Commander, District Commander and Post Commander, he is responsible for getting the American Legion Act passed. Thank you for comingb. Fairfax table, Mike Kimlet, past 17th District Commander and past Post 177 Commander, Jeff White - Post 177 Commander, stepping down this year after 8 years as Commander, good mentor. Erick is the new Commander of Post 177, Jerry 1st Vice, Karen, President of District Auxiliary, Tammy new 17th District Auxiliary Presidentc. Commander recognized - Commander of 353 Order of the Purple Heart - Angelo Rider

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Updates at 17th District - 6/4 was District Convention at Post 177. Change Steve Hunter will step down as Commander and Shirley Gaines will be new Commander, Jeff will be Vice Commander, Marty will be Vice Commander. Denis will be Department Chaplin 8. 1st Tuesday next month is July 4th moving GMM to 2nd Tuesday July 11th. Will have July 4th celebration here 9. General Manager Carl is stepping down, Charlie Mooney is the new GM. He has a lot of experience. Give him your support. 10. Col Barry Williams US Army, big volunteer at this Post. Thank you for everything you've done. Graduates with master degree from Ft McNeal. July 5 ships out to Kuwait. 11. House Committee will have a party for Barry on June 9th 12. Friday July 7th at 1300, Floyd Cline's service at Arlington Cemetery and have a last pass over here at the Post after 13. Rex presentation to Kayleigh Burton, cash team member. Roy was a cash team leader and his daughter Kayleigh would come in to assist. Kayleigh is graduating from Hayfield with honors and heading to VA Tech. Gave her a certificate of appreciation, and an American Legion coin 14. Commander - thank you Rex, volunteer is important at this Post
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8 yrs Peterson-Madtes membership team 2. Made 100%, finish with 1575 members
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children & Youth</p> <p>No report</p>
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vietnam Veterans' recognition, special thanks to all 2. June 25th 1500-1800 Sonny's Fish Fry, tickets on sale at Social Quarters (SQ) 3. July 4th planning now, but will be a cookout 4. A lot of events coming up, will have the calendar populating for the rest of the year within the next few months 5.

Denise White, Post Adjutant	EXCOM Minutes No report
Karla Pfleege, Finance Officer,	Income/trends Review the main revenue with expenses. Motion: Fund 10 delegates cost to convention with the exception of travel and lodging, up to \$125, second by Mark Discussion Motion carries
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused	
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members 1. Notified of a member passing. 2. Please let chaplain know when someone passes
Scott Logan, Historian	No report
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms	Quorum We have a quorum
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer	1. Deferring report until GM in July. 2. Will also have a guest speaker who provides a lot of help from VA family

Executive Committee at Large	No report
Rex Cunningham, 1yr	No report
Mona Espinosa, 2 yr	No report -
Joe Byrnes, 3yr	
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report Turned a triple plan at baseball this morning

Non-Voting Invited Attendees		
Carl Simchick, General Manager		Not here
Mike Wolfe, Commander	SAL	Upcoming SAL events: Erick reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sept 16th Annual Pig Roast - more info coming 2. Thanked membership drive for the Sons - Pat Peterson and Kevin Gaddis 3. This year had so many join, ran out of membership cards 4. Exceeded 115% of goal
Tom Boltik, Director	ALR	Upcoming Riders Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memorial Day weekend had a number of reps in the Ride to Remember 2. Recognized one of the riders also our 3rd vice - Jay who rode from CA back to VA

Susan Hedrick, Auxiliary President	Auxiliary Updates/Events Per email – no report
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next is week from today, we have 6 open slots they are all double reds. They take blood out, separate red blood cells and put it back 2. Can only donate red blood every 16 weeks. 3. Commander recognized Theron for a great job on his report to the 17th District. We've been having blood donations for 30 years.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

Induction of Officers for Legion Year 2023-2024

Mike Kimlett inducted the officers for the next Legion year

Legionnaires, Sons and Riders inducted first –raised hands and took the oath

Karen Donay administered the oath Auxilliary inducted, given crayons

Letty and Jessica – Sgt-At-Arms, brown

Dolores – Chaplain, white

Alicia – Historian, gold

Krystal – Treasurer, blue

Rosemary – Secretary, green

Carol - 1st Vice, red

Kim - President gets the remaining crayons in the box

Kim spoke

Commander spoke

Collaborative effort, family members are one. This next year we have the Auxiliary.

Thank you for being a part of the installation

Commander thanks Kay, thanks Karla, thanks Rex

Thanked members of the EXCOM.

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment