



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 7, 2025



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

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	General Comments
Motions from EXCOM	
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Post membership is currently at 1,386 members, that puts us at 81% for the year. 2. We have reached our January goal set by the Department. 3. We have 16 members total to vote in, 1 transfer and 15 new members. <p>Motion to accept new and transferred members</p>

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	Children & Youth 2025 Oratorical
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Zoom	Americanism, Calendar
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPR report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dates are 01 Jun thru 31 May b. Please continue to track and input in your volunteer hours c. EXCOM start putting together your reports – same as previous years 2. Minutes <p>Motion to accept GMM minutes as posted</p>
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We received \$15K in 2024 of the \$100K donation from Grover that was forecasted for 2025. 2. We'd planned to use \$60K to replace the HVAC in 2025. The HVAC was replaced on 22 December for \$50,550, leaving us with a deficit of ~\$35K for 2024. 3. Otherwise, we would have ended 2024 with ~\$12K surplus, vice a realized deficit of (\$22,464) on operations of \$9,376,906. 4. Congratulations on your successful 2024 and a special thanks to the Finance Team of Stephanie, Charlie and Krystle.
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	

Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Barry Williams, Historian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four Officers meet in Paris. <i>In late January 1919 (could not find the exact date from my research)</i> Four line officers of the American Expeditionary Forces – Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.; Lt. Col. George A. White; Lt. Col. William Donovan; and Lt. Col. Eric Fisher Wood – meet in Paris to discuss the recent passing of former President Theodore Roosevelt, along with morale among the troops, and what might happen at home when nearly 2 million newly discharged combat veterans, many disabled and shell-shocked, return to civilian lives. This meeting, of the four officers, set the foundation for what we know today as the American Legion. 2. January 27, 1936 the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act passed in both the House and Senate, which was vetoed a year earlier as the American Legion Bill. Immediately following the law’s enactment, American Legion National Commander Ray Murphy sends by airmail the application forms necessary for veterans to file for the payments (in the form of bonds). He also broadcasts to a national radio audience the procedure for filing the forms. By April 25, 1936, approximately 2.9 million applications for the bonds are filed by veterans.
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	Quorum
JD Gibson, Service Officer	Recent Veteran support provided
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	

Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	
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Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. December 12 – Fort Belvoir Food Pantry Market <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Donated \$1,233 of food for Christmas for our Military families and children at Fort Belvoir Elementary School Food Market b. All were gratefully accepted by Principals Dr. Lazedrick Jemison and Ms. Jennifer Laxton, along with Family Liaison Ms. Dolores Elliott 2. December 20 – ECHO Shelter and Food Pantry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Donated over \$1,000 to the local Springfield Shelter and Food Pantry for their Christmas Family Program b. Also provided were 10 \$150 Giant gift cards to 10 families 3. Sunday, March 23 - Women’s Wellness Social event stressing mental health and wellness for women veterans, military spouses, and caregivers
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	
Tom Flach, ALR Director	
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive Update

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)