



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s): None
5. Reports
 - a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:
General Manager
Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
American Legion Riders
Blood Drive

Non-Voting Members may remain at the EXCOM Meeting as observers only after providing their reports, or they may leave.

- b. Voting Members:

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have a quorum2. May 6th is the election<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Appreciate those of you staying on and those coming on new to the EXCOMb. Thanks to Dennis for talking over FO and for running the election this year3. 6/1st next District Convention 1230 Executive Meeting and 1pm is General Meeting4. Ask for a donation for a Ken Britt AUSA scholarship fund <p>Motion we consider a donation to the fund Dennis, Barry 2nd</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Dennis - what is the amount they are looking for? Commander - \$20,000b. How much do they have? Commander - not sure, they're going to provide more information

	<p>Motion amended to include dollar amount \$1,000</p> <p>Motion - to make a \$1000 donation to the Ken Britt AUSA donation fund, Dennis, Barry 2nd</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of today, we have 1,613 members. 2. That puts us at 95% of our goal for the year. We need 89 more members to reach 100% for the Legion year.
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Zoom Problem with Zoom	Children & Youth
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Excused	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. Need hours and reports c. Please continue to track and input in your volunteer hours
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1FY25 Financial Review 2. Sales tax 6.5% on beer and food 3. SQ for members and Cafe is open to public 4. Bank charges - more and more are charging 3% for people using credit cards. 5. Donation to Rose Hill Elementary PTA - request to support an event they are having - similar to HS supporting youth activities. Sons are already going to support it. More to follow

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Zoom</p> <p>Problem with Zoom</p>	
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>Dennis -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members had birthdays, WJ 13th turned 94, Bob Hurr turned 84 on the same day, Shirley turned 90 yesterday. 2. Commander - have some old members we take care of 3. Wife of EXCOM member and Auxiliary member is in hospital, clearance to share, has cancer, 6 days in Walter reed, going to rehab and will hopefully be released to home to continue treatment, stage 4, She needs our support, if you can, reach out to her
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <p>Nate Reported</p> <p>We have a quorum</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <p>No report</p>

Executive Committee at Large	No report
Jack Moar, 1yr	2nd - election committee report -
Dennis Madtes, 2 yr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elections first and reports second, results will be passed to the Commander and the Commander will announce 2. Read what is going to be presented at the GMM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 ballots that day, b. 1 to vote everyone in at once and the others for Commander, c. No ballot for past commander because it is filled by the last immediate commander. d. EXCOM will be made of 14 members versus 15 e. Installations will be at the June. 3. We're following constitution and bylaws 4. May meeting will also include honorary PUFL vote - under unfinished business
Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr	3rd yr
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	<p>Thank everyone for their support for District Vice Commander</p> <p>Commander - yesterday at Vienna post 180, was the 17th district selection for District officers, they will be voted at the convention</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dishwasher bar upstairs purchased and replaced 2. Corner light went out and was replaced 3. PM's done on freezers, etc. 4. Started serving food on Sunday - didn't have a cook but bought an air fryer and we did pretty good, sold some pizza's 5. Hood cleaned for quarterly cleaning 6. Groover - \$100,000 - pd \$40,000 so far - Jen wants to do \$20,000 quarter 7. Parking lot - rent out 5 spaces we get \$100 8. And get money \$50 for clothing trailer so that's \$550 9. Charlie was asked if take that money and put towards the parking fund

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Linwood: Can we give them a parking discount if they would keep up our grounds? Charlie will ask. They're looking for two more spots b. Commander - do we have a contract, Charlie - No it's word of mouth
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April is the month of military Childers, today is purple up day. 2. Karla, the Chaplin, has reached out to Lettie. 3. Monty Price, past aux president, and rider, did a drive by for her birthday. Auxiliary paid her dues next 2 yrs 4. Girl's State reviewed 17 apps only allowed 7 girls and 2 alternates. 5. District 17 will host a Girls State intro on May 4th at 1300
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cinco de Mayo is 5/3 2. Riders have their Poker Run that day 3. Wreathed across America - we renewed for upcoming year, finished 34th this year 4. Elections - same slate as legionnaires 5. Membership at 189 <p>Commander - about 5 yrs ago were 120. Gone up from 120 - 189 which is great</p>
Tom Flach, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redundancy of post positions, ask someone to be your backup. Jay reached out to Tom help with 4/19 Vietnam Veterans 2. Great planning committee, Dennis gave list of Vietnam veterans, send them an email 3. Royce is working on getting the Color Guard, Dana stepping up to be DJ, Mission BBQ will be providing some food 4. Riders will have their election, only open position right now is Road Captain 5. Memorial Day weekend will be Run for the Wall. Working through details, a lot of bikes here, MTF 6. Still no confirmation on National Legendary starting point 7. We're going to have an event here regardless, 14-16 August - MTF
Blood Drive	Commander - Notch did a great job. Thank you for enforcing the redundancy

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)