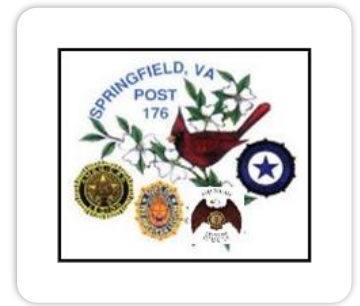




AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025



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	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Henry Dorton here - 17th vice and commander of 24th, thanks for attending.2. Emails from Commander asking for money, are not from commander - they're spam so don't respond. Commander will never send an email asking anyone in the Post for money or gift cards.
Motions from EXCOM	<p>Resolution: Marty Pfeiffer, Post 176, as 17th District Vice Commander EXCOM Endorses</p>
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander Excused bad Zoom connection	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dennis briefed - 31 names read names2. Just short of 95% <p>Motion to accept new and transferred members, Chaplain and Marie seconded Motion carried</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Commander - not sure if we'll make it to 100%

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baseball - Central Springfield Little League - kicked off with VFW on Saturday. Commissioner stopped by and said a few words. VFW Post 7327 and Supervisor Lusk attended the first game on Saturday. Once website is built will post schedule 2. HS league is starting - continue to be coached by Doug Hook, schedule will be posted shortly, accessed through the baseball webpage and also through ours 3. Boys State - Pat and Mack are doing great with Boy's State, have 21 candidates. Have done it for 3 years 4. We have the 1st Little League Girls' Softball team. They had their first game on Saturday, March 29th
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterans Safety and Improvement Committee - address issues at Post 176, starting with the repaving of the parking lot. Donations will be accepted, and will be deposited into a dedicated bank account. Fundraisers will be held, to include a flea market, a carnival, and a car show. Volunteers for fundraisers will be needed 2. Tom Flach - brief the Vietnam Vets 50th event - 19 April 1400, catered event, have a DJ. Having a planning meeting tomorrow. Will give the SOE to Commander when done 3. 10/18 and 11/01 Honor Flight coming in for dinner. 50-70 people. Need volunteers to help. Karla will put in the eblast. Will put together a working group 4. Scouts are available to assist
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 - don't wait until the last minute c. Send an email to Adjutant@Post176.org with hours and I'll input 2. Resolution: Post 176 so a motion was made and the EXCOM supports Marthy Peiffer for 17th District Vice Commander 3. Motion to support 4. Minutes <p>Motion to accept GMM minutes as posted</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slight deficient 2. IRS accepted our tax return this past Friday 3. Commander - doing a great job as the finance officer, we finally have a budget 4. Lost our charter in 2010 because of finances. Always gets a post in trouble, critical position, Roy put in a lot of time to get our finances straight. 2 sides of this a post - Fairfax, Allendale and Springfield - business and legion side
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public service announcement - there are emails going out to everyone, if you get a spam email, let Dennis know. Also sending text messages. 2. Dennis - We get free email service; Dennis can master reset your password. Delete it if you get one. Dennis is going to file a trouble ticket with cloud access to see if there's something that can be done
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>No report</p>
Barry Williams, Historian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The April designation of Children and Youth Month dates back to 1939, when it was announced in the National Legionnaire, a primarily monthly newsletter that ran from January 1935 to November 1948. Posts were requested to report their youth activities throughout the nation. In 1941, a national resolution formally designated April as Child Welfare Month. 2. Thanked Jim Ellett for sharing the commissioning of the USS IOWA (SSN-797) which will take place in Groton, CT on Saturday, 4/5/25. This "attack submarine" is armed with torpedoes, and both anti-ship and land attack missiles, and is the fifth USS IOWA to serve in the US Navy. The previous USS IOWA (BB-61) was the lead ship of a class of four battleships, the last such ships ever built. They served in WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. They were brought out of retirement from 1982-1990 as part of the 600-ship Navy, used to counter the Soviet Union. Learn more here: https://ssn797.com/ and https://pacificbattleship.com/our-story/media/fact-sheet
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	<p>Quorum</p> <p>No report</p>

JD Gibson, Service Officer	Recent Veteran support provided Is currently working with several veterans and their requests for assistance
Executive Committee at Large Jack Moar, 1yr Dennis Madtes, 2 yr Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr	1st yr - no report Commander - welcome back No report No report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	Thanks for the comments and confidence of the membership

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bar is finally finished. Randy did an outstanding job. 2. Foyer is outside, taped up Randy it's going to be painted 3. Dishwasher at SQ is broken, ordering another one
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April is the month for the military child. Time to recognize the children of military members. Wear purple up day on April 15th to support for our military children 2. Auxiliary will make a donation to Ft Belvoir
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cinco de Mayo - 5/3 - 1900 on a Sat. Because holiday is on Monday 2. 5/23 run for the wall - looking for cooks for the riders run for the wall

Tom Flach, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5/3 Poker Run, cars are welcome as well. 0900 start, bike blessing and then taking a ride around the area 2. No word on the Legacy Run start yet
Blood Drive Tom Notch Botlik	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week from today 2. Need room set up for Red Cross to start at 1300. Please reach out to Tom if you know how the room was set up 3. If interested in giving blood you can sign up through Post 176

6. Unfinished Business

a. Dennis - Nominating committee - Ellen Ayer's and Nate

1) Three things are requirements

2) Read Constitution Article:

a) Article VI - Section 3. Any Post 176 member can hold the position of Commander for consecutive one-year terms for a maximum of three years in a row. The same member is eligible to run for Commander following a one-year absence. However, if no successor is identified, the current Commander may stay in his/her position until an election of a new Commander is decided

b) Article VI - Section 5. A Nominating Committee, consisting of a minimum of three (3) members, shall be appointed by the Commander to identify candidates and organize the Post election, scheduled for the May General Membership Meeting (GMM). The Commander cannot serve as a member of the nominating Committee

3) Article VI - Section 6. Every member of this Post, in good standing, is eligible to hold office or Member-at-large designation. Any candidate for Post Commander must have held an elected Post 176 officer position or Member-at-large designation for two years prior to running for Post Commander.

4) Post 176 American Legion Officers Executive Committee Nominations

Position	Name
Commander	Denise White / Michael Farabaugh
First Vice Commander	Barry Williams
Second Vice Commander	Randy Wheeler
Third Vice Commander	Jay Byrum
Adjutant	Kevin Gaddis
Finance Officer	Dennis W. Madtes
Chaplain	Rev. Mark Arbeen

Sergeant-at-Arms
Post Service Officer
Judge Advocate
Historian
Members-at-Large

Royes Gernandt
Jeff Marriott
Martie Soper
Stephanie Thomaston
1-year Angela Garcia
2-year Nathan Sauvageau
3-year Michael Binetti

Motion to accept ballot for 2025 and 2026 officers, Dennis, Scott 2nd
Motion carried

5) Will make a motion to accept

6) Will have a secret ballot for Commander

b. Rex – Honorary PUFL

1) Received 1 nomination for Honorary PUFL

2) Will meet with committee after this meeting

3) Announce during May meeting

c. Rex - Cash Team –

1) Steve, Alana 2 newest members of the cash team,

2) Lost an additional team lead, as a result decided to cease collections on Mondays after an assessment by Roy

d. Sonny – Fish Fy - tickets will be going on sale soon

7. New Business

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)