



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Agenda
August 16, 2022**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander’s Comments
4. Presentation(s)
5. Reports
 - a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:

General Manager:

 - a. Facilities Committee: top three projects – Carl
 - b. Roof and HVAC Repairs

Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
American Legion Riders
Theron Patrick – Blood Drive
Dentz Fund Committee
 - b. Voting Members:

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you for showing up for the funeral of the WWII Navy veteran. Thanks to Charlie for providing guidance to the Commander. He wasn’t a legion member but did not matter. 2. Thanks to everyone on the EXCOM for all you do. Everyone is a volunteer. We want to take care of veterans and we care about this Post. 3. We’ve had new volunteers with lawn cutting. 4. Cash Team and Membership Team both do a great job. Thank you. Membership team is very busy. 5. A lot of events planned 6. Want the non-voting members to go first, so they can leave if they choose

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently have 850 renewals 2. We are 55%. Which is October goal and we're already there 3. 17th District encouraging Posts to have woman as a part of the Legion, our post has 33% of EXCOM have women. 30 of the new members who've joined so far are women. First, as our post is first as always 4. 17 WWII on the roles right now. The Post pays for their membership
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on committee for youth outreach, have vision and mission statement 2. Boy Scouts submits questions for insurance for Carl, Carl waiting on response 3. District oracle will be January 22, 2023, have a contest here 1st and have candidates ready. PUFL interested in being part of the oracle 4. Boy Scouts looking for some projects for Eagle Scout
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sonny's BBQ - 8/28th at 1500 2. Tailgate on 9/11 will be hosted by Legion, Jessica will be asking for volunteers, defer to the Chaplain for more information 3. Tee shirts - looking for input, put something in eNews but didn't hear anything. May want to put out flyers. If we can get Volunteer shirts 4. Emblem sales with have old Legion shirts on sale at the National Convention 5. Question – have we done a volunteer appreciation dinner? Last year had a Christmas party for the volunteers 6. Tail gate schedule is posted upstairs in SQ 7. Should have calendar out in next 30 days that will cover the next year 8. 4th Chapter Special Forces will have their October Fest on Oct 1st, depending on weather may be outside, may need 2 bartenders 9. 1st Vice –Have to rate Roxana on event support

Denise White, Post Adjutant Present	Minutes No report
Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer Present	Review previous monthly income/trends <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on committee for finance – will reach out to some who were recommended 2. Spoke with Paul, who helped Carl setup QuickBooks, discussed the committee with work on budget, Paul will help with review of books, not audit. Revamped everything in QB, started new in 2020, one part of review 3. Hall rental, strong and gaming good – 4. Cafe, July is the best month we’ve had 5. Bills for dishwasher coming due \$2,500, Coil is \$15,000 6. Question: Last year we hired someone to do an audit? Paul did a review not a full audit. A review was done by a tax company. We paid a company to file taxes and reviewed our income 7. 2021 was a review that identified problems and focused on fixing those problems 8. No legal audits have been done in a very long time. Difference between audit and some friends from the Post looking at the books 9. Commander – we need good solid reviews and controls put in place.
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused	Bylaws <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the website, will vote in September GMM 09.06.22 2. Both old and new posted, we cannot accept any more suggestions 3. Any suggestions will be held for the next review

<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact with some sick and shut in members 2. 911 ceremony will be held 1100 am on Sunday, 911, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have a speaker commissions Daniel Gay, Commissioner of VA, Active Duty during 911, deployed, retired in b. 30 - 40 minute, the Post and VFW Commander will also speak c. Will ask DAV Chapter 10 Commander, Legion and VFW Auxiliary to speak, Sons and Riders were asked but declined d. Inviting local reps, Vivian Watts, Baker, also a new representative, etc. e. Taps with be played, special dedication of some tables at the event. f. Jay and Rosanna are doing a lot of work to make sure we get it done right g. Brunch reception after run by House Committee, will talk with Auxiliary.
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Annual Report Status</p>
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Received \$1200 check for July and August portion of the rent 2. Contacted by a veteran requesting help with VA claim paperwork 3. Received 2 requests for transportation assistance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sent a message to VA Veteran and Family Services for any help they can provide. b. Have a website and info for transportation 4. Auxiliary had a question for SO - ask in November for help with families, do you get the family names in October or when does it start? The Auxiliary would like to help a family. Would like to present to the Auxiliary and have the members vote a month ahead of time 5. Once Dentz fund is ironed out, we can start using it. We see a lot of funds form operating costs for donations

<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 2yr Present</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present</p>	<p>1yr</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Order of reports was appropriate – Commander, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice then non-voting members so they can leave if they want, then the remaining to the EXCOM. 2. Cash Team consists of 15 people - 2 people working together meet 830 usually takes an hour, recount bar staff tray, extract cash from 9 Grover machines and 3 pull tab machines, fill that into kiosk, remaining amount we pass to General Manager and Finance staff. 3. Getting set for Sundays hasn't panned out, when Ben leaves it will be a problem. Need more volunteers for Sunday. <p>2yr - Nothing to report</p> <p>3yr - Nothing to report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present</p>	<p>No report</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees

Carl Simchick,
General Manager

Calendar

1. Final passed fire marshal exam, can to retest due to all the repairs.
2. HVAC - upstairs, coil failed but found we could still use it, last Thursday had air upstairs, new coil still needs to be replaced. Braised the leak to get it to work temporarily. New coil should arrive this week
3. Trademaster is the company that is servicing but not warranty company. Expired after 5 years. Tradmaster is the company we've had since GM took over, one employee is or was a member
4. Dishwasher in bar came in last week, Randy installed. Karla and Carl figured out how to use, not automatic drain, just for washing glasses
5. Randy redid the back wall next to tent, no more rodents, working on back room to get rid of mod, taken care of old windows in server room
6. A lot of little repairs, big ones were fire suppression and HVAC
7. Question - where is the defibrillator? Was going to be provided by atlas group, Phillips should provide. POC for Philips, Nathan Taylor. GM will follow up phone call. Should have 1 or 2 at the post
8. More than just buying, need to know where they are, training, etc.

Susan Hedrick, AL
Auxiliary President

4 comments

1. Sonny's fish fry, VFW aux will be part of it, 176 Auxiliary will not
2. Will be participating in Pig Roast, will have bake sale
3. On break for summer, starting meetings Sept 6th at 7 in the Atlas room
4. Husband and her will be attending the National Conference on their own cost

Mike Wolfe, SAL
Commander

1. Still planning Pig Roast for 17th of sept.
2. Commander thanked the Sons for their support with WWII veteran

<p>Tom Boltik, ALR Director</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Craig is out of rehab and at home recovering 2. 2 riders participating in National Legacy Ride 3. 10-year Anniversary of the Riders is in September, plans in works to celebrate, planning on celebrating on the evening of the 6th 4. Supporting Sonny's Fish Fry 5. Supporting Post 77 bike show they are supports and Chapter 199 in Woodstock
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 51 units with a lot of challenges, Red Cross had new software system. 2. 11th Oct is the next drive 3. Thank you for the support to the WWII
<p>Dentz Fund Committee John Sawyer</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Received 5 very detailed feedbacks to the proposal 2. Rather meet with those who put in recommendations, would like to meet individually for the committee to give their response 3. This will save time because the committee wants to give specific responses 4. Next meeting will invite each member for the EXCOM 5. Definition for charitable, will send to distribute to EXCOM

1. Unfinished Business
 - a. Facilities Committee: Top 3 projects
 - b. Roof and HVAC Repairs

2. New Business:
 - a. Paul retiree Council meeting is Aug 18th at Ft Belvoir; our Post should be represented since we are the largest Post.

 - b. 3rd Member-at-Large, acting in the capacity of the VFW commander requested time during the October EXCOM meeting to brief bingo

 - c. Commander acknowledged Rosanna - officially starts August 22nd, according to Penn State; will work 15 hours here and 15 hours of telework, she will work with events and, Carl and Karla in HR things. Documents provided to Carl and Karla with specific information. Graduated from Oxford University, speaks 4 languages, working on a PhD degree in Human Science, certified in 1st aide, offered to help with Tee Shirts, can review the architectural plan to decide where to put the defibrillators

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

4. Executive Session (if necessary)