



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 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 3 projects – Carl
 - b. Roof and HVAC Repairs

Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
American Legion Riders
Theron Patrick – Blood Drive
Dentz Fund Committee

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 Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present Zoom	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roxana is not here - believe can join for October. Test this Thurs 2. Great events, thank volunteers at GM 3. 911 went very well, Sons Pig roast also went well. Volunteers made it a great event
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tracking well - way ahead of required goal; 55% for October and we're in the upper 60's, with over 1000 renewed 2. Department sending another reminder to renew 3. Last 6 yrs made our goal and gotten increases 4. 53 new members for this year already

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. VAR - tracking and adding it up 6. Historian comment - Burke had festival, VFW signed up 13 new people, Post 177 doesn't show up. Maybe we should consider setting up a tent at these events. 7. We have a table cover to do events like that.
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Halloween - like to sponsor something outside for Halloween, maybe reach out to Giant to donate candy, possible have the fire department and police to support event. 2. Pushed out a basic Emil to school for oracle in January, may have a competition at the Post in December for practice. The oracle is for grades 9-12. The requirements are on the website, basically it's a 5-7 min speech on Americanism. 3. The Post was asked about availability to scheduled the oracle for the north region here. 4. District is at the Fairfax Post in January. 5. Would like to Create a poster for the schools. Get some quotes from printers. Will bring them to the FO to see if we can afford to print. 6. Introduce Gary Fitts – Youth Outreach Committee Chairman for Boy's Scouts. 7. Met with Troup 1344 a couple of times, want to do more outreach. They want to do Eagle Scout projects. Would like to brief their projects at the GMM. One project is to do something with artillery piece. 8. Scott got a message from NTB - possibly donate tires. The Eagle Scout can do the research on what type of tire, etc. 9. The charter, will be reviewed by Randy and signed by the Commander. 10. Commander suggested Touch up Purple Heart parking spots project. Can do as a boy's scout project. 11. Can they use banquet room quarterly court of honor, and Eagle Scout court of honor, do catering through the Legion. Will check with Carl. 12. Boat trailer is parked in the Boy Scouts area. Check with Mike to see if General Manager authorized.
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <p>No report</p>

<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kim Lee taking over E-News /Post Script 2. The resulting Dentz Fund Standing Rule was sent to the EXCOM for one final review before sending to the Dentz Committee <p>First Vice Commander made a motion</p> <p>Motion for EXCOM to send the EXCOM agreed upon Dentz Fund Standing Rule to Dentz Committee</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>First Vice Commander made a motion:</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Review previous monthly income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed the profit/loss report 2. Almost out of hole with all repairs, one final with coil and some minor repairs and we should be done. 3. Finance Committee is forming, currently have a few members 4. Working on the Budget and Audit 5. Jessica Tru asked about sponsoring women attend a dinner at the Women's Memorial 6. First thought is to take it to the GMM.
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Bylaws – Passed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis and Rex were asked to look at the By-Laws again, there is some confusion on first page about members of the family 2. Can't be just a rider, have to be a Legionnaire or a member of the Sons or Auxiliary. JA tried to clear it up.
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p>

<p>Scott Logan, Historian Present</p>	<p>Annual Report Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will turn in annual report on Friday - leave it with Karla
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quorum - we have one 2. Not planning to run for reelection this year, recruiting for position, send them to Kay
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with Veteran and Family Services to get a veteran into subsidized housing, currently in a shelter, will move at end of the week. 2. The veterans car was towed and needs car, dealership agreed to release the car if paid \$765. Asked if we could help out. She has a 1-person business. We previously gave \$1200 for rent. Our policy is to help one person once. 3. Concern about giving the money and the car being repossessed. <p>Ali brought a motion:</p> <p>Motion to help by paying \$765 to get her car out of hock this last time, period regardless, we will not help again.</p> <p>Motion vote 6 yes; 5 nays</p> <p>Motion carries</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Working with one more person who is helping his dad get enrolled in VA benefits. Mother</p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 2yr Excused</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present</p>	<p>1Yr Cash Team Status -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash Team survived everything while Rex was away 2. Yellow flag on Sunday's, looking for extra people; there is a new member coming on the cash team. <p>2nd excused</p> <p>3rd –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VFW doesn't have a VSO to submit claims, asked for and received an accredited rep to the VA that will be State paid at the VFW. 2. VFW will also send claim requests to the VFW and American Legion in addition to the State rep.

Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present Zoom	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trouble with sound quality on Zoom, something to think about 2. No update on guy at Motel 6 3. Requested reports before the meetings, did not vote because could not hear
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1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business:
 - a. Invited to Post 194’s recognition ceremony for namesake Doris “Doris” Miller
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	Calendar <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No report - Carl is on vacation, Mike is filling in 2. Spend a lot of money in SQ on electrical however it went out again. Need to have it checked.
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Auxiliary participated in the 9/11 event, American Heritage girl, Kendall, assisted 2. Sold desserts, Past commander and a couple other people participated 3. Leftovers taken to fire department
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Served over 120 people during Pig Roast, 2. Shirts that the Son’s had made were popular so ordering more and selling

	<p>3. Military Order of Purple Heart, added to the attendants at the roast. They would like to do more for the Post. Asked to participate in Veterans' Day</p>
<p>Tom Boltik, ALR Director</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last EXCOM - celebrated 10-year anniversary for Riders 2. Tailgate this past Sunday, thanks to Son's for the excess food provided 3. Saturday there is a ride to the Lorton Post for their grand reopening
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive No report</p>
<p>Dentz Fund Committee</p>	<p>Per John email:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No comment 2. Will be in attendance at the Oct 3rd EXCOM – Dentz Fund Committee meeting