



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 6, 2022**



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

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognized volunteers, no task too big, too small, 179 for 4th, sonny fish fry 300 people \$5,000 2. Labor Day – there is nothing planned however we may do something impromptu 3. There is a lot going on with the Veterans and youth programs. It's going to be a good year 4. Updated information about the 103rd American Legion convention 5. Attended national membership meeting. We are way ahead. Post 141 is no walls post, Dennis and Pat send letters to solicit members. For every 50 members, we get a delegate vote. VA won Americanism award. We are the biggest contributor in state of VA 6. American Legion has over 2M members. Only 2000 ANAVICUS (Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, United States) members. It is by invitation only. Very distinguished 7. At 103th National Convention Dennis Madtes got inducted into ANAVICUS. Not only honor for Dennis also reflects on Post 8. Paul Kappel won a National level award, presented with the media relations award at the 103rd National Convention. Paul received the 1st place award for our webpage

	<p>9. Presented Service Officer, Ali Nikolai, a 20-year pin. Ali is retired AF and an honorary life member</p> <p>10. Few weeks ago there was a problem with electrical. Power went off 9 times, something with the circuit breakers.</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proud to announce reached 60% of our goal 2. VAR will be Kay and Ali 3. 28 new members: 18 transfers and 10 new members <p>Motion to accept in Mass</p> <p>Motion accepted</p> <p>Motion to vote members in</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you to everyone who's helped with the youth programs 2. Have 5 members for the committee 3. Thank you Jessica and Jess for helping with baseball
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deferred to Chaplain for 911 2. Doing something with Chamber of Commerce 3. Currently have a sock donation for homeless and veterans
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met with Dentz Fund Committee 2. EXCOM has 2 taskings to be completed within a 30-day deadline 3. One tasking is to review all of the proposed changes to the standing rule and all of the input from the EXCOM, and come together and put it together in one document. 4. The other is to review a proposed definition of the charitable donations, what exactly they mean so that we can be able to make better decisions in the future.
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer,</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sonny's fish fry very successful - thank you Sonny 2. Most of the expenses are for building maintenance

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed Bylaws 2. All responses to everyones input was posted to website for 30 days <p>Motion to accept 2022 bylaws Motion carried</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opened prayer national suicide awareness month - 2. Had a vet talk about struggles w suicide, keep those who are struggling and have 3. Prayed with some veterans, very heart warming 4. 911 Ceremony - Post and VFW will conduct jointly 5. Roxana has worked very hard on this and gave us a template on how we can go forward. 6. Starting to plan Veterans Day next week
<p>Scott Logan, Historian Excused</p>	
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<p>Quorum - we have No report</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helped 2 vets w financial aid 2. Female with 2 dependent children, helped pay for August rent so she didn't have to move 3. Helped a nephew taking care of his uncle who is 80% disable, helped nephew obtain forms so he could apply for disability benefits 4. Other requests coming in and looking forward to working with the EXOCM and General Membership 5. Feels like doing something by helping

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr Excused</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 2yr Present</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Someone came to Social Quarter as a guest, signed in under a fictitious name. Need to improve in that area, one reason have to follow regulations set by state of VA, one of the things that will be looked at is the book upstairs 2. Minutes are concerned, don't record who the maker of the motion is 3. Official record of meetings have to be accurate 4. Last thing - line of credit, it is a debt and we need to know where we are financially. We have a fiduciary to spend money in interest of members of this Post

Non-Voting Invited Attendees

Carl Simchick,
General Manager

Calendar

1. Status on the coil for HVAC - controls whole 2nd floor, will be installed sometime in October. Will come out of gaming income
2. Put in zones upstairs so each can monitor the offices and Social Quarters (SQ)
3. Status on electrical issues in the Social Quarters - people getting shocked on the patio when it rained, cover plate not installed properly. Up to code now
4. Another issue inside the bar, getting shocked when plugging things in has been fixed
5. Status on Zoom/Teams meetings for GMM – received one proposal, higher cost will bring much better quality.

Motion for 2K to zoom/teams

- a. Discussion vote no because \$2,000, when we have debt
- b. How often will be using, how many people will be dialing into.
- c. Profit and loss is not in debt. Accounting terms, doesn't not meaning debt. Belong several organizations spent hundred's of thousands of dollars. We have money - 79,000 in kiosk, 110,000 in bank.
- d. Understand about funds, zoom is very important, learning curve, will have rules of engagement prior to use, trial zoom with people here and play our kinks. Zoom is the
- e. Personally donate \$2,500.

8 nay

27 yea

Motion carried

6. Status on the roof, working on what Charlie and the Roof Committee did, still leaking in bar area
7. This is our post, we need to take care of
8. Speaker using the mikes doesn't work - a lot of static.
Will try to look at and diagnosis.

Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<p>Attending Auxiliary Meeting</p> <p>Sent via email from Susan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Auxiliary will be handing out Poppies at the September 11th event 2. The Auxiliary will be having a dessert table at the SAL Pig Roast. There will be a variety of desserts and donations will be accepted and go towards the Auxiliary VA@R program 3. Maybe vote during the Oct meeting to start coming to the GMM
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 7th Annual Pig Roast, 9/17 Cost is \$20. It's from 1200-1700 2. Kevin Campbell presented
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank post for helping with expenses for legacy ride, raised \$1.3m for the programs and scholarships 2. Thursday is the Riders 10th anniversary, small celebration at meeting 3. Charter members thank them for everything 4. Jack and Mike, thank you 5. Commander - thank you you do a lot for this Post
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oct 11th, 72 slots, still room. 2. The blood drive is a community event, 2/3 are from community,

6. Unfinished Business:

Sonny - Thanked Riders, Linwood and Jessica, Tom, Jim, Paul, VFW auxiliary, bartenders.

50/50 - Collected \$123, winner \$62, Post \$61

7. New Business: None

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment