



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2022



NOTE: Adjutant attended by Zoom. Unable to take notes due to very poor-quality audio, notes from other EXCOM members

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 1. No requirement to have a guest book. Checked ABC and Grover, neither had a requirement. 2. Eagle project passed 3. Zoom equipment is in, looking for volunteers to run it
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership Motion to accept in new and transferred members in Mass Motion accepted Motion to vote members in Motion carried
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present - Zoom	Children & Youth 1. Working with 5 schools 2. Working with law enforcement and others to have a safety event

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Thanks to Gary Fitts and Dan Murphy and reiterated that the youth outreach is doing good work. 4. Ongoing participation recruitment for the Oratorical Contest. 5. Received info for Junior LE Cadet Program from District.
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tailgates are up and running. So far, so good. This Sunday the Riders will be doing a Taco Tailgate 2. We have had two pool tournaments, with another coming up on 21 Oct. \$10 entry fee 3. This Saturday we will have a different Karaoke person as Joey was booked. 4. Upcoming events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trunk or Treat -29 Oct 22, 1600-1800 b. Veterans owned small businesses recognition event. 9 Nov 22, 1900-2100 c. Thanksgiving Dinner - We will be having a planning meeting soon for this event d. Pancakes with Santa. 18 Dec 22, 1000-1200
Denise White, Post Adjutant Present - Zoom	No report
Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer, Present	Income/trends
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duel membership at the VFW and American Legion 2. Can be an officer at both unless at the Department level
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present	Post-Everlasting update, sick members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The joint American Legion Post 176 and VFW Post 7327's 9/11 Ceremony was a wonderful success. Guest speaker, The Honorable Daniel Gade, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Veterans Services, did a wonderful job. Thanks to all those that supported the event 2. 3 tables donated for 4 conflicts

	3. Preparing for the 2022 Veterans Day joint ceremony. VFW Post 7327 will be the host, but it will be held here.
Scott Logan, Historian Excused	
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should follow bylaws when speaking 2. Quorum 3. Attended the Dorie Miller Celebration held by Post 194-Arlington 4. Dennis explained we had the rifles and the rifle rack. Belong to Post 139. Will return to Post when ready and able to secure
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taking orders for Thanksgiving diners to be delivered to the families 2. Auxiliary concerned about making a donation
Executive Committee at Large Rex Cunningham, 1yr Present Floyd Cline, 2yr Excused Joe Byrnes, 3yr Present	<p>1yr – need help on the cash team for Sundays</p> <p>3 yr – no report</p>
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present - Zoom	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boy Scouts working on replacing the tire on the cannon 2. Checking on electricity

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	Calendar 1. Still waiting on the coil 2. Some of the sinks starting leaking, faucets rusted out 3. Little things add up
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	Attending Auxiliary Meeting 1. Can find information in the e-News 2. Thanks for the tailgate support
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	Upcoming SAL events 1. Pig Roast was a great success 2. More events and tailgates in the future
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	Upcoming Riders Events 1. State rally in Stafford 2. Tailgate with tacos this weekend 3. 3 events coming up
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive 1. 1 week from today 2. 4 slots open

6. Unfinished Business:

7. New Business:

Early bird dinner is tomorrow from 1700-1900

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