



**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
EXCOM Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s) N/A
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

**Non-Voting Members may remain at the EXCOM Meeting as observers only after providing their reports, or they may leave.**

b. Voting Members:

<b>Voting Legionnaire Name and Title</b>	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank you for everything you are doing. The Post and Commander rely on the EXCOM. We all have the best interest of the Post in mind.</li> <li>2. Things are not moving as fast as we'd like, not because of a lack of effort, it's because it takes time to get things done</li> <li>3. Oratorial next month. Randy doing a great job.</li> <li>4. Jay thank you as 3rd vice for all the events. Breakfast with Santa went great.</li> </ol>

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doing very well. 31st to get all the renewals done. Dennis sent email, within 24 hrs, 22 people renewed</li> <li>2. Each event we are signing up at least a few new members</li> <li>3. Scott suggested setting up an Post booth at the gun show. Should this be raised at the district level?</li> </ol>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boys Scout Project – Gary Fitts Briefs</li> <li>2. Working w Boy Scouts</li> <li>3. 2 Troops were chartered       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. #1853 &amp; #1578</li> <li>b. EIN numbers were sent to the Scouts, thank you</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Preston Fu briefed GM, wanted to know if replaced tires, Scott working on, Preston put together a brief, Redman Tire Co, from Lorton, quoted \$2,400 to remove and replace tires.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Co thinks they may have worked on it in the past.</li> <li>b. Scott - may be able to get free tires from 3rd infantry at Arlington. So may only be a cost for work.</li> <li>c. Went through a couple of company's but Redman is the only one who can do the work.</li> <li>d. Gary will go back and double ck if tires are included in \$2400</li> <li>e. Scott will follow up</li> <li>f. Won't impact his project. Fu is not going to electric because could be dangerous, will go with solar.</li> <li>g. Army still owns all the guns. They lend them and we are responsible for maintaining</li> <li>h. Paint - some dads can sandblast, need to know the type of paint. OD green color, standard mil spec.</li> <li>i. Going to start in March</li> <li>j. Will scan in the quotes, etc. and send to EXCOM for review</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Chartered scouts want to put a trailer in our parking lot and would like insurance.</li> <li>6. Will look into repaint the Purple Heart spots</li> <li>7. Chaplain asked if scouts would be interested in learning Taps. Gary will ask the troop leaders.</li> <li>8. Oratorial meeting tomorrow evening.</li> </ol>

<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pancakes with Santa was an excellent event. 108 little stockings with 25 gift cards from VFW. 103 passed out and 5 left were given to Ali to give to needy families. Thanks to Jessica and Linwood</li> <li>2. Army-Navy game was a success</li> <li>3. Carol and 3rd Vice are working on Easter event. Possibly an Easter egg roll. Carol is taking lead</li> <li>4. Sons will have a chili cook off on 2/11</li> <li>5. Cinco de Mayo event</li> <li>6. May do something for Mother's Day. Will get with Karla and Erica</li> </ol>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Committee Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doing better due to no major expenses in the last few months.</li> <li>2. Ideas to raise funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. May need to consider raising rates in cafe. Rooms get rented as much as we can. Think about having individuals pay their own sales tax.</li> <li>b. Sent our own membership, can we raise it \$1 or \$2</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Dentz fund - approved \$35,000 in Feb. for donations. Have not used it all. \$6000 approved for Ali. Need to use some of the Dentz funds.</li> <li>4. Committee update - will come close to or have a budget by January membership meeting. Looking at expenses and income. Spent a great deal for donations out of operating fund versus the Dentz fund</li> <li>5. Employee Bonus' - regular staff got \$200 to \$500-dollar bonus. Process to approve was discretionary. Left to the General Manager because its employee recognition. We can duplicate how we did it last year</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> Finance Office and General Manager make a determination for employee bonus's and pay it before end of the year.</p> <p><b>Motion</b> carried</p>

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<p>Dentz Standing Rule</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Difference between old unapproved spending from the Dentz Fund and the mortgage payoff is because the mortgage discussion was tabled but payment still made</li> <li>2. Finance Officer and the finance committee will look into bonding those that sign checks</li> <li>3. National has someone that they recommend for bonding</li> <li>4. Judge Advocate (JA) will look into having others bonded. The purpose of bonding is to protect the organization</li> <li>5. EXCOM came to a consensus on the Dentz Fund Standing Rule</li> <li>6. Dentz committee members did not want to attend the EXCOM</li> <li>7. See Dentz Fund Standing Rule draft</li> </ol>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p>	<p>Annual Report Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We had a conditional deed of gift for the gun from TACOM</li> <li>2. Check with the Army to see how much restoration we can do on a historical item</li> </ol>
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Called In</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have quorum</li> <li>2. No report</li> </ol>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Army vet employed by food industry, also supporting 7yr son, company going out of business, needs assistance paying January rent. Limit is 1200 for a one-time aid. Has interviewed with other companies and feels she'll be reemployed and can take care of herself after Jan assistance.</li> <li>2. Why isn't she checking with the Post where she lives? She is known to a member of this post - Ed Amerous.</li> <li>3. Would like to issue \$1200 rent check</li> <li>4. JA will ask Dentz committee if we can take from Dentz fund.</li> <li>5. VFW will do \$600 and American Legion give \$600 if Dentz cannot</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Sons voted to cover cost. Approved with the exception of Kevin Campbell who went to the Auxiliary, Riders and Legions asking for contributions.</p> <p>7. JA asked how are veterans vetted. Ali validates military service and checks on references</p> <p>8. Veteran who lost job in Nov and then was in car accident, insurance covering damage with exception of \$500 deductible. Came up with \$250, still owes \$250. Asking for \$250. JA will go to Dentz fund.</p> <p>9. Previously approved for \$35000 from Dentz Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$10000 for Legion for Boys State and baseball</li> <li>b. \$5000 for legacy run</li> <li>c. \$20,000 still available</li> </ul> <p>10. Have not taken and paid the 8 charities Jan 1 - Dec 31 for financial planning</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> JA will approach Dentz fund for \$1200 to pay rent for Jan. if they say no, AL pays \$600 and VFW pays \$600</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> JA will approach Dentz fund for \$250 deductible, if they say no, AL covers the cost</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr</p> <p>Floyd Cline, 2yr Excused</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Year: No report</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Commander briefed Floyd is doing better.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Thanks everyone for supporting Army-Navy game. VFW Auxiliary made about \$800</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>1. N. VA senior softball made a donation of \$300 to Post. Nice to send thank you from Commander.</p> <p>2. If there's a problem with the softball team using the facility, let Marty know so they can make other arrangements.</p>

1. Unfinished Business
  - a. Formal letter from VA that they are going to withdraw Atlas
  - b. Organization paying the attendance have decided not to pay
  - c. Carl will follow up
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)

<b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b>	
<p>Carl Simchick, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Zoom Committee Update - haven't talked to Travis. Trying to get bigger group to work out the issues. Need more people to control the camera. No rules of engagement, SOPs etc. at this time. Equipment is all set, just need a team to operate it</li> <li>2. Status on SOPs for Room Reservations - guidelines documented for rentals</li> <li>3. 5 leaks repaired</li> <li>4. HVAC coil shipping early Jan</li> <li>5. Last 2 months no major repairs</li> <li>6. 2 incidents last week –               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Monday night, someone backed into downspout.</li> <li>b. Thursday night someone ran into a pillar and backed into a car.</li> <li>c. Both will be contacted</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Gaming new regulations. Legion and VFW hope to fall under separate rule. Working on renewal</li> </ol>

Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Auxiliary asked who the POC for Post Script is. On the Post Script for Auxiliary section, only the President will be sending articles. Will send address for members that would like to receive Post</li> <li>2. Girls State and Boys State are separate. Auxiliary all set and doesn't need help with Girls State</li> <li>3. Auxiliary has a process for deciding on donations</li> <li>4. Adjutant requested recording from Sat meeting, Susie will send</li> </ol>
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	Not in attendance
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wreaths across America was well attended, recognized for being there</li> <li>2. Planning tailgate on the 1st. Post closed but will have someone in Social Quarters. German food is served</li> </ol>
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exceeded expectations</li> <li>2. Next drive 2/14</li> </ol>
Dentz Fund Committee	Not in attendance