



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



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander’s Comments
4. Presentation(s)
 - a. Jeff Hokett – Space Force
 - b. John Sawyer – 25-year pin
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. Introduced Col Jeff Hokett, US Space Force - Presentation on Space Force origination, mission, etc. 2. Thanked everyone for showing up – it the last meeting for 2022 3. November was a busy month 4. A lot of events couldn’t have been possible without the core volunteers - thank you 5. Events in November included the Department Commanders Dinner, Marine Corp Birthday, Veterans Day celebration, joint with the Legion, VFW and Order of the Purple Heart, tattoo artist did touch up for military veterans free of charge, Chili Cookoff, Thanksgiving, over 200 served. Generous donation from VFW, donations covered the dinners and we made over \$1000 6. Pat and Dennis have been doing a great job with membership 7. Zoom should be up and running by January-February. Travis Greathouse tested the equipment, it was working, not only can we use it for meetings, we can also use it for events 8. Budget - Karla is working with Finance Committee to create a budget. By mid-January we should have a good budget for the Post

	<p>9. Closing out the year, this position is a little harder than initially thought, the Commander gets a lot of complaints and emails, regardless this is still the best Post in the District</p> <p>10. Charlie retired from lawn committee after mowing over 10 times this year but he's still doing it. Looking for a replacement</p> <p>11. Thanks to the EXCOM for what they do.</p> <p>12. Appreciate the members for brining</p> <p>13. Presented John Sawyer with the 25-year pin. Thanked him for all he does for the Post</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership goal for 12/7 is to be at 75%, we're at 78% 2. Voting in 14, (1 transfer, 13 new members), read names <p>Motion to accept in mass (Dennis, numerous 2nd)</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion to accept members (Dennis, numerous 2nd)</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on 3 programs 2. Will have oratorical in January, need help with judging, escorting, etc. Dec 19th will have deadline for High School Students to sign up 3. Wrote an SOP will send to the EXCOM for review <p>Motion for award money for Oratorical Practical (Randy)</p> <p>1st \$300</p> <p>2nd \$200</p> <p>3rd \$100</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In past auxiliary matched, will ask if they will again 5. Baseball Coach Vax, retired after 33 yrs. We need a coach and staff. Feb 15th is deadline for volunteers or baseball will be suspended.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Need help with advertising to 5 schools, suggestion to put notice on sign outside Post 7. Boys State, Mack Brooks on recruiting team. Will have Mack speak with GM next month. 8. Will start working on Youth Cadet Program after the oratorical 9. Thank you for all the support 10. Commander - Randy has been prolific, stepped up the programs. The question is not what he's doing, it's what we're doing to support him. Need volunteers to help him out.
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanksgiving - served over 200 meals, thanks to the volunteers 2. This Saturday is the Army-Navy game 1500, tailgate by VFW 3. Sunday is pancakes with Santa, give kids who otherwise would not have a good Christmas something 4. VFW donated \$5000 5. Last event of the year will be karaoke and music 6. Plan in place to make sure everyone can get home safely 7. January 1st is the first event of New Year – the Riders will host the tailgate 8. 12/17 Wreathes Across America was a success 9. More events planned for next year
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant Present</p>	<p>EXCOM Minutes No report</p>
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer, Present</p>	<p>Income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Had a good month, no major repairs or breakdowns 2. Stood up the Finance Committee, meeting next Wednesday 3. Goal to present budget in January 4. Coil in is supposed to come in in January – it will cost \$15k to install The longer it takes to come in works in our favor because we can have money in anticipation of the cost

Martie Soper,
Judge Advocate

Present

Dentz Standing Rule

1. New Dentz Standing Rule (DSR) is on the website for everyone to review
2. Heated debate about what charitable purposes are, Commander stood up committee to decide what the charitable purposes is
3. Finance committee is responsible for anything that has to do with money for the Post, goes through the Finance Officer (FO) and EXCOM to General Membership
4. The standing rule turns over the management of the funds to the FO, finance committee and investment company managing the funds
5. Identifies what the intend of the donations are and if it goes below a certain amount
6. There are seven lines in will with two things we are a charitable organization and the donations
7. The Post is limited by the standing rule, Eddie Dentz never said anything and did not expect it to get to this
8. The GM has the final decision on the execution of funds
9. Are we going to tell a veteran we can't help them because we are below our \$700,000?
10. Thank you to the Dentz Fund committee for the work they've done and thank you to the EXCOM
11. We're in a good place for the standing rule
12. What is the course of action proposed - (Rex)

Motion to accept draft (Joe)

Discussion:

- Charlie point of order - read original motion, Read Robert's rules, Dentz committee is still in existence
- JA response - GM will make the decisions
- Theron - did it once, can do it again
- John - speaking for committee, against EXCOM's suggestion
- Marty - legal question, does the General Membership want to be fiduciaries, all would be liable
- Become fiduciaries, mentioned numerous times
- Need to see the budget, operations and charitable budgets.

Motion Tabled to January

All money is important - one is not more important than the other

<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members No report</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian Present Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feast of St. Nicolas - patron saint of intelligence 2. Army Corp of Engineers
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a quorum 2. Everyone in room needs to sign the book when you come to the meeting 3. Welcome to a Legionnaire visiting from Post 181
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanksgiving - delivered turkey dinners paid for by Auxiliary to two families 2. Sons paid for 10 turkeys, 3 delivered to individual families, 7 went to assisted homes with veterans 3. Christmas - 2 vet familie that need help <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Army vet, limited funds, looking for support b. Navy vet, disabled, no longer has a job, has a dependent daughter <p>Motion for \$1000 (Ali) Amended to \$2000 (to be taken out of the Dentz Fund) Charlie - asked if we have funds</p> <p>Motion amended to \$2000 (\$1000 per family) to support each family from the Dentz Fund</p> <p>Motion carried</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>No report</p> <p>Excused</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Army-Navy game - all funds going to VFW relief fund and the Chaplain has ability to use as need to 2. Helped Ali, Service Officer, by giving some funds
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Present</p>	<p>No report</p>

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Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager Absent	Status on the coil for HVAC Status on the roof, Roof Committee
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander Absent	Upcoming SAL events: Kevin briefed - Thanksgiving happy to do it Last Tailgate is the last week
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	Upcoming Riders Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wreaths Across America - 845 kickstand up, Alexandra cemetery 2. Next tailgate is January 1st against Cleveland Browns, will have German theme
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	Auxiliary Updates/Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to Legion family for supporting Auxiliary's tailgates 2. Donated 2 turkeys for Thanksgiving 3. Participating in Wreaths Across America 4. Still accepting donations
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. December 13th is the next drive, 69 slots 2. There are 2 slots still available

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Toys for Tots ends on December 12th

7. New Business: None Presented

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment