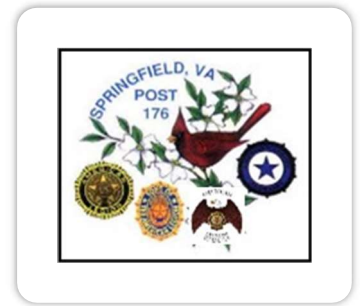




AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. Fairfax County Police Officer Leslie Bazemore: Police Unity Tour
5. Reports
 - a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:
 - General Manager:
 - a. Facilities Committee: top 3 projects – Carl Simchick
 - b. 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:

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have a quorum2. Officer Leslie Bazemore - from West Springfield is looking for donations for their Unity Tour<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Officer Bazemore did presentation. Unity tour is a bike ride for fallen officers. Looking for sponsors - need \$1800 to ride, the money needs to be turning in May 9thb. Leslie is secretary, Lt Richard Field is the president of the Unity Tourc. Riders are contributing3. Updated Floyd's condition4. Zoom is set up and ready to go, we just need SOP, etc to get started5. New member, Jimmy, works in IT is willing to work on Zoom

	<p>6. Memorial Day around the corner, need to start planning. Kathy Chan, West Springfield delegate, may be interested in speaking</p> <p>7. CPR reports are due., time to capture everything that the Post has done</p> <p>8. Met with Rebecca Warren, CPA. She's interested in getting involved with budget</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks for showing up for the Washington Parade, Post Riders had a great showing Auxiliary had 3 represented Commander carried Marine flag and made the news <p>9. Julio is interested in becoming a VSO - he has a previous experience. Very important position, Legion will sponsor training</p> <p>10. Dennis has been nominated to be the VA Department Chaplain. Elections will be this summer</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership is at 99% January signed up 26 new members out of Social Quarters (SQ). Also signed up 10 at the racetrack while in Daytona Our membership is at 1517 out of the 1530; Post 24 in Old Towne has 775 and Post 177 Fairfax has 785 members
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced coaching candidate - Mr. Doug Hook - provided background info and experience, previously worked with Coach Vax. <p>Motion: To select Douglas Hook as the coach (Dennis)</p> <p>Seconded by many</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Karla - someone joined the Post because he's interested in coaching.</p> <p>Martie - requested all the financial information, previous year and future</p> <p>Randy will gather all the financial information</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BS of America, requested all the information from Randy on the groups we support, etc. Meeting on March 4th will have reps from the 5 different organizations we support Regional oratorical Sat, Feb 25th at Post 290, Stanford,

	<p>4. Boy's State moving slow, shouldn't be a problem getting 30 students. 1 private school backed out, will meet with them again. 3 schools have confirmed.</p> <p>5. Commander: Randy doing a great job!</p>
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sons hosting St Patty Day Celebration on March 17th 2. We are still working on Easter Egg Roll for April 8th 3. April 22nd is the Poker Run 4. We have Cinco de Mayo 5. May 13th is the Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans 6. June 25th is Sonny's Fish Fry 7. Washington Tattoo - putting on a few events in April, would like to come here on Tuesday and put on an hour-long show for us. Will do it for free. If possible, would welcome a \$1000 donation. Jay will meet with him Thurs at 1400. Show would be in the parking lot <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial date conflicts with GMM, therefore changed b. Wants to partner with us to help push out veterans. <p>Motion to bring to the GM a possible donation of up to \$1000 for the Washington Tattoo. - Jay</p> <p>2nd by Dennis</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>VFW may co-sponsor</p> <p>Can also do a cookout, fundraiser</p> <p>Military Org of Purple Heart may participate</p> <p>The show is what we are giving back to Vets. They also take our message out to the community.</p> <p>Do we have enough space? Will walk the parking lot</p> <p>Jay will send a message to all EXCOM, after meeting. Will have answer.</p> <p>Marty - a lot of unknowns</p> <p>Dennis - the vote is to take it to General Membership, not to pay</p> <p>Rex - opinion of FO: Karla, we are good, read off the funding. We would not have a problem</p> <p>Motion carries</p>

Denise White, Post Adjutant Present	<p>Consolidated Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes for the General Membership Meeting - Karla will pass on the minute notes 2. Motion process – will make notes of who made the motion and who seconded. The General Membership will be briefed, whoever is making the motion will announce their name, repeat word for word and announce individuals who seconds 3. CPR report goes to congress, we are chartered by congress, the National Commander presents the accomplishments to congress. Awards are given off the narrative
Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer Present	<p>Finance Committee Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setting up a meeting with finance committee 2. The Post is doing really well, have not had any major expenses after coil 3. Dennis had \$300,000 base at one time, we need to establish a base 4. Invite Commander to the next finance committee meeting 5. We are looking at paying off the line of credit. The balance is \$25,000, currently we are just paying interest.
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Present</p> <p>People can only speak twice</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donation Request Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Previously discussed process for asking for donations b. Send request to Commander 1st c. Request will be addressed at the EXCOM d. Then present the EXCOM recommendation to the General Membership e. If EXCOM says yea – where funding comes from will be identified f. Write the policy and send out in an eBlast, etc. g. If it's not on the agenda, not going to discuss h. If brought up under new business, will table to the EXCOM i. JA will send to EXCOM before the March General Membership. 2. Sponsored a table for Jessica Lynch, \$2500, and then purchase 200 books. More about Jessica than going to the numerous veterans. The EXCOM <p>Motion to decline the request - Martie</p> <p>2nd Joe</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>

	<p>Kay - can get 6 people to have dinner for \$2500. Or you can pay yourself \$150.</p> <p>Jay - should we bring up to GM</p> <p>Mark yes - as a report</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>3. Rex - motions keep getting amended by someone, need better control. Focus on amendment and lose original motion. Will start tabling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decide on someone to take lead when motions are raised. Not on agenda, then considered new business and will get tabled. Also put a podium in the center, and people have to go to the podium to discuss. Whoever makes motion can decide to allow or not amendments
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lost a member, pinochle player Post everlasting will be sent out
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p> <p>Excused</p>	
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do we have a flag? Karla - someone donated one Mark - can we stock some funeral flags? VFW has some and we will keep them in stock

<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>1 yr –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election updates 2. Committee of three is Joe, Rex, need a 3rd person 3. Angle Jones interested in running for Sergeant-at-Arms <p>One person considering Member at Large position but not a nominee yet</p> <p>Reach out to Floyd -</p> <p>Martie thanked Auxiliary for focusing on wife.</p> <p>3 yr -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe - Thanks Rex for electing Joe to election committee 2. Joe - VFW has about \$60,000 to donate 3. Commander - let us know what the parameters are, send an email to Commander. 4. Dennis - bring to General Membership to ask if they would like to accept VFW's donation 5. Jay - brief the General Membership on what VFW gives them, but does not have to vote. 6. Commander thinks whoever briefs the General Membership should not be a dual member - Commander Defers to JA for any legal ramifications
<p>Marty</p> <p>Past Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Floyd update 2. Gave history of Police Week

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager Excused	<p>Provided Commander following for brief:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HVAC - coil is installed, cost a little over \$16,000. 2. Carl met with ADT, will get a 2nd opinion 3. Followed up with Phillips about the AED units 4. Only 1 sound speaker working in the SQ. Looking at possibly getting surround sound
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Susan and Matt visited Floyd 2. Working on bylaws and collecting apps for Girls Stats 3. Having a meeting on the Dentz Fund 4. Canine Organization will be added 5. Starting their reporting, deadline is April 1st 6. Main event - Spring Dinner on April 14th and Memorial Day, has National Poppy Day Fri b4 is dinner, on Memorial Day will be passing out poppy's
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	<p>No one in attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Patrick's Day event 2. Cinco de Mayo event
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in parade, exit route was changed through not appropriate, caused some challenges 2. Poker Run and Bike Blessing is April 22nd, flyers around, working on getting the word out 3. Memorial Day will have a Ride to Remember, formally Rolling Thunder
Theron Patrick Excused	Blood Drive

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business

Paul Kappel - wants to do something for the American Legion 104th birthday

Rex - What is Paul's plan?

Don't know

Motion - Not do anything for the 104th American Legion birthday however advertise the birthday- Dennis

Motion 2nd by Randy

Discussion

Motion carried

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)