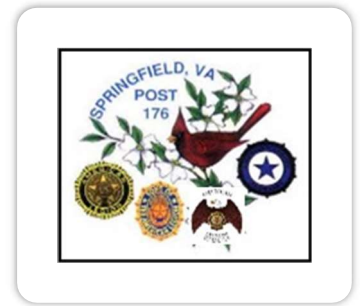




AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 07, 2023



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

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander Present	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Floyd passed away<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Viewing Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 2-6pmb. Honor Guard notified, American Legion Ceremony at funeral chapel at 430,c. Floyd was a Son and a Legionnaired. Another detail at Ft Belvoir. Member of Chapel for 50 years, will provide more details as comee. Acknowledge people who stood by his and Renata's side: no children, brother in Ohio, keep Renata in mindf. Marty, Charlie, Mark, Michael2. Dennis nominated to be Department Chaplain, will read the resolution and the GMM will vote on it3. Post elections fast approaching, nominations close in April, vote in May, installed in June. Let Rex now if interested. Thanks, Rex, for doing a great job with the elections and cash team4. Commander won't be in attendance during the April GMM. Has to travel for work, will try to dial in via Zoom if it's up and running

Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Present	VA&R, Membership <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In good shape with membership, we are 100.2% 2. 30% larger than any other post. Pat Peterson is doing a great job. 3. 9 transfers and 11 requests for new membership 4. Read names <p>Motion to accept all members as one - Dennis, 2nd by Scott</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion to accept all new members Dennis, 2nd by Scott</p> <p>Motions carried</p>
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Excused	Children & Youth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nomination for Boy Scout of the year 2. Working with Boys State
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Excused	Americanism / Calendar Sent info through Commander: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend condolences to Floyd 2. Washington Tattoo - band of military members 3. Working on Memorial Day ceremony
Denise White, Post Adjutant Present	EXCOM Minutes CPR Department Chaplain Resolution read <p>Motion to accept Dennis Madtes' resolution for Department Chaplain, bought by Bob, 2nd Jack Moar</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer Present	Income/trends 1. Provided January and February revenue and expenses 2. Profit in January 3. Negative in February due to installation of coil 4. Finance Committee is meeting in 2 weeks
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Present	1. Working with group and Robert's rules 2. Motions - slow down, we need to annotate who makes the motion, 2nd Eric. 3. Working on getting out arms around how we spend money – a. Came up with a GMM meeting policy, sent to Commander and Adjutant for review and the Commander signed it. b. Anything that requires a vote needs to go to the EXCOM 1 st c. Requester of funds needs to provide information. d. Gives EXCOM and Finance Officer to review and decide where the funds will come from. e. Note EXCOM will not approve the funds, they will just make a recommendation. f. Any recommendation will have support. For example, Theron provided a request, the Judge Advocate explained new policy, will discuss at EXCOM and bring to GMM in April
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present	Post-Everlasting update, sick members 1. Post everlasting for Floyd sent yesterday 2. Service will be at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castle Wellan Dr Alexandria, 22315 Behind Edison HS off Van Dorn 3. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 11:00 am at Ft. Belvoir Chapel. John Rossi will give eulogy. 4. Another member is in hospital, please keep him in your prayers

Scott Logan, Historian Present	No report
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present	Quorum We have a quorum
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for assistance from UnitUs - for Army veteran passed to POC at Stafford because individual lives in Stafford 2. Working on filing a claim for an 80-year-old Navy veteran. Currently has a disability, seeking an increase 3. File a claim for veteran taking classes, needs help 4. Another request for emergency help getting his car repair. As soon as gets the information will pass to the EXCOM for review
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr</p> <p>Vacant, 2yr</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr Excused</p>	<p>1yr:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash team, looking for someone who can join working on Tuesdays, benefit get breakfast either before or after done 2. Election, we have openings for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance Officer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collection by cash team 2. GM takes care of daily expenses 3. There's a committee that assists with finances 4. Committee working hard to generate a budget b. Sergeant-At-Arms, have 1 person interested - Angel Jones c. Member at large for 3 yr. position, 3. Commander has authority to appoint someone to finish out Floyd's term
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report Commander thanked Marty and Mike for all they did for Floyd

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<p>Building Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demo's area took old lockers, b. Will have new lockers installed
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander Erick Pfleeger briefed	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Membership - early in year were not at 100%, Pat Peterson jumped in and sent reports, 2022 goal was 112, this years goal is 116, currently at 103.45% b. Sponsoring St Patricks Day - DJ and food, raffle tickets for basket of cheer. Multiple winners, do not have to be present to win c. Sponsoring Cinco de mayo - details to follow
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <p>Jack briefed</p> <p>April - 2nd annual poker run, 3 charities final salute, glory canines, willing warrior retreat. All funds from raffle and poker run will be distributed</p>
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <p>No report</p>
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <p>April 11th next blood drive, open and can sign up via website or email Theron</p>

1. Unfinished Business:

- a. Law Enforcement Unity Ride donation

Motion to donate \$500 to Fairfax Police - Commander, 2nd Scott

Discussion:

- 1) Marty asked if in addition to what the sons and riders

2) Yes

Motion carried

2. New Business:

a. Honorary Life Membership – Charlie Buettner

1) Charlie – read the standing rule on Paid UP For Life (PUFL)

2) 3 Ways to become PUFL

a) PUFL - can pay what owes

b) Post Life members, 50 years in AL, 5 yrs Post176

c) Honorary PUFL - committee of all honorary PUFL members (read names), can submit individuals by April, committee will review and vote on individual. Read the requirements. GMM will vote in June membership meeting. No name shall be submitted from floor. Has to go through the committee. Submit name and reason by April 4th to Commander

b. To be put on the agenda for the March EXCOM and April GMM

1) Theron Patrick

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment