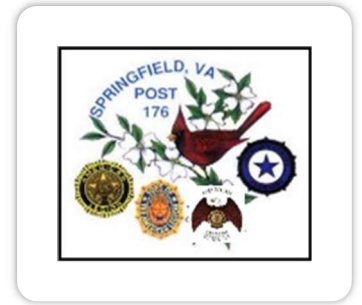




**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
EXCOM Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Reports
  - a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:  
General Manager  
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 <b>Present</b>	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We have a quorum</li><li>2. Thanks everyone - We've been together for almost a year. We've formed a cohesive team. Appreciate the support for the last 10 months. Personal agendas aside, everyone is working for the Post. Wish Rex was staying on. Randy puts in a lot of time, wish Karla was sticking around, Appreciate Jay what you do, Dennis with membership and Pat Peterson.</li><li>3. We had some issues but we got through them</li><li>4. Floyd Cline passed. Had 2 events to honor him.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. He will be buried in Arlington with military honors on July 7th at 1pm. Old chapel at Ft Myer.</li><li>b. Look into bus and access information</li><li>c. Save date</li></ol></li><li>5. CPR - thanks for getting the information in.</li><li>6. Legion magazine - Adam Rock featured.</li></ol>

	<p>7. Marty P. is 17th District Vice Commander</p> <p>8. New 17th District Commander will be Shirley Gaines</p> <p>Jeff White will be the District Senior Vice Commander</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership - waiting for info for CPR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership - 1562 members as of this morning</li> <li>2. Comparing with 2017 we had 1300+ members</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. 20 candidates for Boys State</li> <li>2. Finalizing the interview panels for Boys State</li> <li>3. Invoice for baseball team shirts total \$937.44</li> <li>4. Check to Doug Hook and he will order</li> </ol>
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Don't have to ride a motorcycle to participate in the poker run, can use a car. 0900 is meeting time, last car out of parking lot is at 1030. Back to post at 1 for a cookout</li> <li>2. Vietnam Veterans recognition event. Sending invitations to all Vietnam members, local public delegates will attend <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Expect a lot of people, riders doing pig roast, Mission BBQ giving us 150 plates</li> <li>b. Showed the banner that was made for the event</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Present</p>	<p>Consolidated Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submitted the Post Data Report</li> <li>2. Thank you for the reports and narratives</li> <li>3. Will reach out individually for additional information</li> </ol>

Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer Present	Finance Committee Budget Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have some money</li> <li>2. We also have a lot of requests for donations</li> <li>3. Research charity navigator before making a decision on charties. Will also speak with finance committee</li> <li>4. Carl - we do have 10% to meet the requirement</li> <li>5. Asked for donation</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion</b> to donate \$500 to John Lewis graduation party – Karla, 2nd by Scott</p> <p>Discussion - none</p> <p><b>Motion carried to bring to GMM</b></p>
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused	
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Present	Post-Everlasting update, sick members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working on Vietnam Veterans Recognition</li> <li>2. Have some speakers lined up</li> </ol>
Scott Logan, Historian Present	Annual Report Status <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working on annual report, Adjutant will send minutes.</li> <li>2. Won't be here for May GMM</li> </ol>
Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms Present	Quorum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kay only current VSO. Website and emails don't work. Trying to keep up with phone calls</li> <li>2. There's a separate website - housed on google. Dennis volunteered to take calls and work with folks</li> <li>3. Chaplain is starting VSO training</li> </ol>

<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer <b>Present</b></p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request for assistance for rent.</li> <li>2. We've helped in past so referred to family services</li> </ol>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr <b>Present</b></p> <p>Mona Espinosa, 2yr <b>Excused</b></p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr <b>Present via Zoom</b></p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander <b>Present</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our website is out of date</li> <li>2. Disappointed couldn't get a bartender for an event that's been on calendar for months</li> <li>3. We should all look at calendar and not have competing events.</li> <li>4. Commander - spoke to Karin. Was asked on Monday for an event on Friday</li> <li>5. Asked for moment of silence and prayer</li> <li>6. Thanks for everyone's support for Vice Commander position at District level</li> </ol>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<p>Zoom Status -</p> <p>SOPs-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Picked up new blowers and weed whackers for lawn crew - 2 each</li> <li>2. Compliant by one staff from member that someone was abusive to her <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Members should call General Manager (GM) if problem with staff</li> <li>b. GM will put his number in a location where everyone has access</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Social Quarters (SQ) gets warm, need to turn it down. One 25-ton unit controls the whole upstairs. Different controls for upstairs and downstairs. When the old HVAC dies, suggests get 2 for upstairs - one for SQ and one for offices</li> <li>4. Paper pull-tab machine - 2 broke, \$450+ to fix <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Should we get 3 more electric machines.</li> <li>b. Can we sell? Possible</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Dennis - not going to fail and audit if we are off a little once in a while - what can we officially use the 10% we have to donate for? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Per Carl – the law is ill-defined.</li> <li>b. Dennis - could be used for non-profits, can be used for things for the post</li> <li>c. Hoss - gaming commissions don't tell you anything. 90% of \$ VFW used were able to pay utilities with money from bingo, etc.</li> <li>d. Carl – problem is whether it is a business expense or use of proceeds.</li> <li>e. Hoss - use of proceeds for cost of running the process, Make close to \$10,000 in pull tabs during bingo.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Commander - how much would it cost for balance's where cones have been hit, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Carl will look into.</li> <li>b. Randy can do</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Last Friday held the 2nd annual dinner, had a silent auction, had several officers come to event, Department and District Commander participated <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Had event on calendar for over a year. Were not able to have a bartender from the post. Had Marty and Mike helped out.</li> <li>b. Unit would like to give Marty a certificate of appreciation. He was also an event advisor. Mike also got a certificate of appreciation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Auxiliary will be participating in the Vietnam home coming event. Leadership team, if auxiliary members do not step, the leadership will donate 2 large sheet cakes from Costco</li> <li>3. Election coming up in May, some members are new. On behalf of the Auxiliary, if there is a new president, new auxiliary president takes over in July.</li> <li>4. Auxiliary ask Chaplain about Memorial Day - starts at 1100</li> <li>5. Auxiliary has lost a member</li> </ol>
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	Not present
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. March 25th had a memorial service - 13 riders showed up</li> <li>2. April 8th -100th birthday of POW Eli Simpson</li> <li>3. Working on Poker Run, this Saturday. Chaplain will say a good word. Asking for post members understanding will be occupying most of the parking lot.</li> </ol>
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <p>Not present</p> <p>Tuesday - June 15th next blood drive</p>

## 5.Unfinished Business

### Rex - Elections

- a. 2 weeks until the election. Will get together with election committee (Hoss and Jack)
- b. Set up a table in back of room
- c. 3 volunteers from membership to collect ballots
- d. Adjutant oversee count
- e. Will have a list of who is running and incumbents
- f. Will make a Motion to vote all unopposed in in mass
- g. Once done will go to each candidate.
- h. Will ask non-legionnaires to leave - make it closed meeting

- i. Read contested positions
    - 1) 2 for Finance Officer
    - 2) 3 Members At Large
    - 3) 2 Historian
    - 4) Sargent At Arms
  - j. Sequence - Reports, close mtg, elections
  - k. Will need 2 sign-in tables
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- 2. New Business
  - 3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
  - 4. Executive Session (if necessary)