



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 23, 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	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Congratulations to the new officers from the Legion family2. We will have a combined it installation at the June 6th GMM where all officers will be installed. Please dress appropriately, dinner served, Post 177 will do installation3. Kicking off a good year, excited with Legion and Legion family, working together for what is best for veterans4. Memorial Day event - Chaplain will brief5. June 25th Sonny's Fish Fry6. July 4th Celebration7. The Legion family is working together on all 38. Thanks Adjutant and FO9. CPR reports are in10. Went to a meeting this past Sunday, they were voting on reports, etc. Our Post was great across the board.

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Excused</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership Commander briefed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership is doing great 2. July starts new membership year
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We now have 20 registered Boy's State delegates, boards selecting 20, will represent us well. 2. Parents meeting is on June 4th at Post 177 3. Little League, host baseball team here on Sunday from 1500-1800 in Cafe. Pizza party to meet the coach and team. 4. Budget - 18 high school players this year, new coach with a couple of assistants. \$5000 in budget, going to charge boys \$100 buy in. 5. Past commander comment: may want to give money back at the end of the season if they stay. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Haven't decided yet. Next year will have to buy uniform because they are changing. Next year will need almost \$20,000 b. We can look at giving it back or adding it to the budget next year 6. Historian comment: what was the problem that people dropped off the team? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Per Coach Vax, it was a busy summer coming off covid, b. Kids over committed themselves 7. Angela comment: Show what they are getting for the buy-in. 8. Main reason is to get the commitment from the family. If family can't afford, let the coach know, no kid is not going to be denied from playing 9. Propose a \$10,000 budget for next year 10. At pizza party will put out schedule, games at Lee HS 11. Also, June 11th pizza party for Little League 4-6 year olds. From 1500-1800, put together a flyer. Family is working together - Sons, Riders and Auxiliary 12. Commander Comment: Randy does a lot behind scene with kids. On behalf of the Post, we appreciate you 13. Sent someone to Boys State in 1996 and he went on to West Point, deployed to Iraq. He was awarded a Silver Star for leading a team into combat 14. Boys State dates - June 18-25

	<p>15. Auxiliary - mentioned across board for pizza party, what is the date for children = June 11th</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do we have a ball park figure for cost, Auxilliary has to call a special meeting to ask. b. Randy will let her know once she has more information. <p>16. Linwood - what is it? Pizza for team, parents,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will put bucket in Social Quarters (SQ) for funds towards the pizza party
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Excused</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>Consolidated Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPR - reports are in with the exception of the Historian which is due in July 2. Need contact information for the new members of EXCOM
<p>Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Committee Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed spending Dentz Fund instead of operating funds 2. Would like to give Ali a larger budget 3. Maybe reduce amounts that we give to service organizations 4. Propose not necessarily pay for hotels in Dulles. Maybe pay mileage <p>Motion - we will only pay registration fee and events fee for Dulles conference. We will not pay for hotel and/or mileage. - Chaplain, 2nd by Kay</p> <p>Motion carries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Chaplain question for Karla - any discussion on going to National Conference in Charlotte at end of august? <p>Motion to bring to general membership to increase Ali's budget to \$10,000 discretionary, once she hits that she will bring to the EXCOM and GM. Karla, Chaplain 2nd.</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Excused</p>	
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talking to sick and shut-ins 2. Performed at a funeral 2 weeks ago in Cincinnati 3. Memorial Day – 11:00 am at the flag pole, reserved main room if it rains, Mona arranged for live bugler, Kim is singing the National Anthem, Color Guard will be there <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A couple of distinguished guests - politicians b. Purple Heart will be here c. Legion Commander, VFW Commander and Purple Heart Commander d. Working on inviting Gold Star members e. House Committee working on food with Cafe f. Auxiliary - didn't realize be outside, will table be set up. Ask General Manager for a table
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p>	<p>Annual Report Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will finish report by 6/30. 2. Need to get some information
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Like to add an item to agenda - Committee of the Honorable Post Life Memberships will be presented. 2. Kay presented a candidate and there was a rebuttal by some of the members. Kay submitted Dennis and the committee was not happy.
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for assistance from the North region coordinator for veterans support. Work together with Ali, veteran is a former army ranger, separated in 2006. Worked for company, injured his foot and lost his job. Unable to pay April rent. Found a hotel for \$600 a week. Working on VA disability. State working on getting the veteran disability. Expediated as vet homeless.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mona comment: we should support our members first. There's a data base to see if veterans go to more than VSO for support 3. Ali will follow up on additional income information 4. Per Commander – put on hold until we find out more information and bring to General Membership 5. Question about whether the post provides rides to medical appts - not our post but the newsletter has POC info for rides 6. Angela question: if discussion to pay rent so he doesn't get evicted. What's in place to prevent it from happening next month. Do we do more than just financial support? 7. Temporary help to get them in place, we do all types of support
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Rex Cunningham, 1yr</p> <p>Mona Espinosa, 2yr</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 3yr Excused</p>	<p>1st year :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After EXCOM but before GMM is the District convention - June 4th. Is this meeting where they vote new officers? 2. Commander and Past Commander - believe it's in July 3. June 4th at Post 177, starts at 1300, be there at noon if want to listen to the Executive session which starts at noon <p>2nd year: Working with a couple EXCOM coordinating TAPs for events</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	Zoom Status SOPs GM not here - Mike is acting, he was not present
Susan Hedrick, AL Auxiliary President	3 pts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At last EXCOM, discussion about a bartender issue, not one for the dinner, correspondence with 3rd Vice, met with General Manager (GM) and discussed what occurred, GM apologized, Auxiliary did due diligence. 2. Ran into WJ, let commander know, him and Sherry broke up. Asked if he attending the events. He would if he had a ride. Legion family can assist him. She also cooked for him in the past. Commander comment: WJ has roommate that does cooking 3. Not sure if aware, painting has been done in legion, donation made by Diane for paint, supplies 4. This Fri is national poppy day, Auxiliary distributing poppies at dinner and on Memorial Day
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	Linwood briefed- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion made by sons to work with Korean veterans of the Post, Korea awarding medals for those who served, Sons are working with members to see if they qualify. They will also award posthumously 2. Do events for wreath sales in the fall. Sell the ones that are placed on the grave 3. Donated \$2,000 to 4 different charities, \$500 each. 4. Would like to present the donations to the charities here
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	Upcoming Riders Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Past events - drop off \$500 to Springfield Fire Department 2. Ride to Remember, crew and Post 177 in demonstration ride, 3. Recognize incoming officers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jack - Treasurer b. Tom - Vice Director
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive No here

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)