



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
- Executive Session**
8. Elections
9. Closing Prayer, Salute
10. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. July General Membership Meeting is changed to July 11th2. Thank you for coming to tonight3. Acknowledged 17th District commander – Steve Hunter<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. July change in District leadership – Shirley Gains is the new commanderb. Jeffery White from Post 177 is the Senior Vice Commanderc. Marty Pfeifer is Vice Commanderd. Dennis is Department Chaplain4. Post is doing very well, measured by our mandatory programs5. Membership is 100% hard over 1500 - Pat and Dennis do a great job.6. Need younger members in our post – keeps us vital7. Children and Youth – thank you Randy for doing such a very job8. 3 Boys Scouts troops, 1st Oratorical in quite a while, nominating 20 to Boys State

	<p>9. Veterans service – Ali, Riders and Sons, have been doing wonders for the veterans that need it. Thank you for all you do for the veterans</p> <p>10. Americanism – Jay does a lot with all the events he has been sponsored. Crosses into different lanes however work together</p> <p>11. Finally, we are a business too – 20 employees, finance doing very well. Got AC fixed in SQ, thank you Karla and Carl. Formed a finance committee, building a budget out</p> <p>12. American Legion – April edition – featured Adam Rock. Kudos for what he does for veterans and for this post</p> <p>13. Last month Zoomed in – we have industrial grade Zoom equipment, worked very well, camera moved to the speaker. Only downside, acoustics can hear side bar conversations</p> <p>14. Tonight are the elections – whoever wins we support</p> <p>15. We have some people stepping down who have served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kay Sergeant at Arms – Marine Capt. Impressed with Kay not only as Sergeant at Arms but as VAO as well b. Karla – Finance Officer – stepping down, works a lot of hours, not only as Finance Officer, plans events, keeps up the calendar, does General Manager duties c. Rex – a long member of the EXCOM, Rex is Rex, does a lot for the post, does cash team, helps with the grounds. No matter how hot the topic, Rex is always objective, reasonable and does not take sides. <p>16. Big Ben – leaving going to Australia, member about 4 years. Jumped in and was very active, on cash team, Rider. Helped a lot.</p> <p>17. Thanks to the EXCOM – very cohesive EXCOM, don’t always agree but agree the post and its members come first.</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Running around 1562 members 2. Good bank of new members that want to join and some want to transfer 3. Read names <p>Motion to vote in mass – Dennis, Hoss 2nd</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

	<p>Motion to accept the 3 into post – Dennis, 2nd by Marci</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children & Youth</p> <p>No report</p>
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sunday – Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Day 2. Rider’s are cooking a pig, Mission BBQ bringing 100 plates, Auxiliary desserts 3. Expecting 200 +, give the Vietnam veterans the welcome home they so deserve. Starts at 1300 4. Setup starts at 0900 – need volunteers 5. Open to the public at no charge
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<p>EXCOM Minutes</p> <p>No report</p>
Karla Pfleeger, Finance Officer,	<p>Income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gave out main revenue with expenses for the last 4 months. 2. We’re back on track in April 3. Dentz Fund balance and LOC balance provided 4. Finance Committee is meeting 5/9 to discuss charitable contrabutions <p>Motion to give John Lewis graduation \$500 – Karla, 2nd by Dennis</p> <p>Discussion none</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion to approve proposed 2023 Budget – Karla, 2nd by Marcie</p> <p>Discussion none</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian Excused</p>	
<p>Kay Croll, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum – we have quorum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 Sons, 1 guest and 75 members present 2. Thank a few people, 4 yrs ago moved to the area, Kevin and Dennis got Kay involved – and then became Sergeant at Arms. Thank you 3. Thanks to Linwood, always been here to help whenever needed and always a friend 4. VSO has not gone smoothly for the past few months. Patrick no longer helping with claims. VA site revised and easier, more user friendly 5. Thank you for making me welcomed
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial aid – who helped before, 91-year-old veteran, has some disabilities. Had a bill for plumbing - Reached out to VA regional 2. Short \$750 for rent – also James helped 3. Veteran needed medication – could not pay pharmacy 4. Ali sent him a check for \$100 because pharmacy wouldn't let her pay directly <p>Motion to pay back Ali – Bob, Julio 2nd</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p>	

Rex Cunningham, 1yr	No report
Mona Espinosa, 2 yr	No report
Joe Byrnes, 3yr	No report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report Commander – congratulations on 17 th Vice Commander

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Carl Simchick, General Manager	<p>Building Status</p> <p>AED Status</p> <p>Zoom SOP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance Officer provided improve our financial picture 2. Randy fixed downspout, painting outside and the stairwell and upstairs hall way 3. -2 AED's on backorder. Put a downpayment down. One for each floor, training will be provided when we receive 4. Zoom issue - need people to help run it. Want to build a team
Mike Wolfe, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erick briefed – Cinco de Mayo on Friday, food \$10 a plate, selling tickets, DJ, will have 50/50 2. Sons have elections next Tuesday
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to everyone who helps with the Poker Run, \$4000 to 3 charities 2. Memorial Day – ride to remember
Susan Hedrick, Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <p>Per email – no report</p>

Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did very well – right around 60 pints, average in the past was 47 2. June 13th – still 20 vacancies 3. Commander – thank you, added it to the Communicator. Mentioned blood drive in Adam’s article
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6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

a. Marci – have EXCOM discuss/look into American Red Cross training CPR

8. Commander – Floyd had 2 memorial services

a. July 7th at 1300, he will be buried at Arlington Cemetary – more announcements as time gets closer

b. Move to the Post after to have dinner in his memory

Executive Session – Elections

Rex

a. Rex Cunningham provided a short description of proposed actions for Post 176 2023-2024 elections. As the majority of incumbents were unopposed, a motion would be made to have a mass vote to elect all unopposed candidates. If approved, this vote would be conducted. Votes for remaining (contested) offices would be conducted by secret ballot, as required by Post 176 By-Laws. Each contested candidate was allowed 2 minutes to introduce themselves and announce what they wanted to contribute to our Post. The membership would then vote, pass their ballots to collectors who would bring the ballots to the tellers for counting. The tellers would count the ballots and produce a report for the Commander to review and announce the results to the Post. Post 176 Adjutant oversaw all vote counting.

b. Rex proposed the motion that all unchallenged incumbents and unchallenged candidates be voted in mass, 2nd Kay. During the discussion, it was noted that the vote would require 2/3 of the body to pass. All unchallenged incumbent officers and Royes Gernandt, unchallenged candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms, were identified for the body. The motion carried.

Motion that all unchallenged incumbents and unchallenged candidates be voted in mass, Rex, 2nd Kay

Discussion – vote requires 2/3

Marci – name the incumbents and unchallenged candidate

Motion carried

- c. Rex – read incumbents and Royes Gernandt = unchallenged Sergeant At Arms
- d. All unchallenged incumbents and Royes were then voted into office, in mass.

Motion candidates that have been identified be voted in as mass – Commander, Rex

2nd by Julio and Theron

Discussion – none

Motion carried

- e. Elections for remaining offices, Finance Officer, Historian and Member-at-Large (3 Year) were then conducted.
- f. Roy Burton and Tim Nank competed for Post 176 Finance Officer. Commander Gaddis announced that Roy was the victor.
- g. Incumbent Scott Logan and Bob Loach competed for Post 176 Historian. The Commander announced that Scott was the victor.
- h. Mike Farabaugh, Tim Nank and Angela Wilder ran for the Member-at-Large vacancy. In the first round of voting, Tim Nank was eliminated. In the second round of voting, Angela Wilder was announced the victor.
- i. In the course of the first Member-at-Large vote, a teller report was passed to the commander that failed to clearly convey that no candidate achieved a majority and a second vote must be taken after eliminating the candidate with the least votes in the first round. The commander retracted an incorrect announcement and the Post proceeded with the second round of voting for Member-at-Large.
- j. Post 176 Election Committee: Rex Cunningham, Joseph Byrnes, Jack Moar. Election Collector Volunteers: Erich Pfleeger (SAL), Linwood Jones (SAL) and Stefan Kelly (Post 176).

- 9. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment