



**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)
  - a. VA Presentation about the PACT Act of 2022
  - b. Mr. Custodio – VA Veteran and Family Support
  - c. Honorary Life Member Presentation
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

| <b>Voting Legionnaire Name and Title</b> |   |
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| Kevin Gaddis,<br>Commander               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Quorum - We have a quorum</li><li>2. Sonny called to the front of the room –<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Commander presentation of 45-year pin,</li><li>b. 45 year very active member of this Post,</li></ol></li><li>3. VA Presentation about the PACT Act of 2022<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Walt with Chapter 353 Order of the Purple Heart introduced</li><li>b. Katlin Richards - from VA/VBA, provide an overview of an act. Walt will provide a copy of the presentation if you want one. Encourage to file claims now before August 10, 2023.</li></ol></li><li>4. Leslie - Fairfax Police Department presentation to the American Legion, Riders and VFW for sponsorship in ride Police Unity Tour that benefits fallen officers' families, etc. Legionnaires &amp; Rider donated \$1,000 and VFW matched \$1,000</li><li>5. Randy introduced Kevin Dermody, Eagle Scout w 1815.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Kevin presented his proposal for landscaping project.</li></ol></li></ol> |

b. EXCOM approved \$1,000 from Operating Funds

**Motion** to fund Eagle Scout landscaping project up to \$1,000 from Operating Funds – Martie, 2nd by many  
1 opposed – Mike F.

**Motion carried**

6. James Custodio - Virginia Veteran an Family Services,
  - a. Presentation on what they do. Help Veterans file claims. Help veteran and families in a variety of veterans support services.
  - b. Told story about a Veteran they helped - Army Ranger, one of his coworkers was drunk, ran over his foot. Was told not to file or do anything. He lost his job and could not pay rent. As a result of all they've done he has a roof over his head, is able to go to his medical appts, approved for disability,
  - c. Extend a special thanks to Ali for all she does for our veterans.
7. Brian Davis - peer counselor from Virginia Veteran and Family Services.
  - a. Runs a virtual peer group discuss different topics, also have in person meeting
  - b. Read 2 texts from veterans who were struggling and were helped
8. General Manager – Charlie Mooney
9. He was 2<sup>nd</sup> on cert from established process
10. Gaming License status – General Manager

**Motion** to hire Charlie Mooney as General Manager, Denise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by many

**Motion** carries Charlie Mooney is new General Manager

11. Honorary Life Member Presentation –
  - a. Charlie Buettner read the about honorary life member. Read current surviving members names.
  - b. Read nomination of Dennis Madtes by Kay Crawl
  - c. Briefed nomination discussion and committees' rejection, 7-1.
  - d. Read Dennis Madtes statement of rejection.

**Motion** to induct Dennis Madtes into Honorary Life Membership  
Kevin, 2nd Marcie

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|  | <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Marcie – There isn't any leader who has not made a bad decision</p> <p>Kay - Reaffirm nomination</p> <p>Theron - Major opposition of rules</p> <p>Rex - Pointed out numerous positive contributions</p> <p>Commander called the question</p> <p>Yeas - 29</p> <p>Opposed - 11</p> <p>Abstentions - 3</p> <p><b>Motion</b> carried Dennis awarded honorary member</p> <p>We are a team; the membership has spoken, we move on as a team.</p> <p>12. Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Finance Committee - FO Roy</li> <li>b. Membership Committee - Dennis &amp; Pat</li> <li>c. Grounds Committee - Charlie</li> <li>d. House Committee - 3rd Vice - Jay &amp; Jess</li> <li>e. Cash Team Committee - Rex</li> <li>f. Honorary Paid for Life Member Committee - Charlie</li> <li>g. Nominations Committee - 1st yr member at large Mona</li> <li>h. Children and Youth Committee - 2nd Vice Randy</li> </ul> |
| <p>Dennis Madtes,<br/>1st Vice<br/>Commander</p> | <p>VA&amp;R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are at 103% of our goal</li> <li>2. District was 101%</li> <li>3. Department 97%</li> <li>4. Last year there were 148 new members</li> <li>5. Some stats: x306 PUFL, 3 members achieved 50 years, 5 honorary members passed last year,</li> <li>6. Read: 8 transfers and 64 new members</li> </ol>   |

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|   | <p><b>Motion</b> to accept in mass, Dennis, 2nd Denise</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept new members Dennis, 2nd Denise</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>  |
| Randy Wheeler,<br>2nd Vice<br>Commander | <p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baseball Team - coach Doug Hook has done well. 2 more games left, then into district playoffs. Thanks to Mike Farabough for hard work as the District baseball rep</li> <li>2. This year 19 boys sent to Boy's State, 1 nominated as Governor, last boy we sent that was nominated to Governor was in 1996</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> Award 2023 Boy's State candidate Jonathan Bernard a scholarship of \$1,000 for being elected Governor of this year's Boy's State from Dentz Fund - Randy, Mona 2nd</p> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p>                          |
| Jay Byrun,<br>3rd Vice<br>Commander     | <p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sonny - thanked everyone for supporting the fish fry, money raised to help needy veterans and families</li> <li>2. Jay recognized Paul Kappel for helping in the kitchen</li> <li>3. 4th July celebration, shout out to Auxiliary and Linwood. Thanks to all volunteers</li> <li>4. 22 July Warfighters hosting Crab and Oyster Feast, free to veterans, \$20 for others, looking for help setting up and tear down,</li> <li>5. Attended one of the Legion sponsored baseball teams games. It was fun attending. Recommending going to one if you can</li> </ol> |
| Denise White,<br>Post Adjutant          | <p>EXCOM Minutes</p> <p>No comment</p>  |
| Roy Burton,<br>Finance Officer,         | <p>Income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thanked Karla, Stephanie, Carl, Charlie for helping with the transition</li> <li>2. Reviewed expenses and incomes</li> <li>3. Provided Dentz Fund balance</li> </ol>   |

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| <p>Martie Soper,<br/>Judge Advocate</p>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening the bylaws for input during the next month. Be sure to send any recommendations, with justification</li> <li>2. Dining-out - explained what it is, anyone interested in assisting with planning let JA know</li> </ol> |
| <p>Rev. Mark Arbeen,<br/>Chaplain</p>  | <p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members<br/>No report</p>   |
| <p>Scott Logan,<br/>Historian<br/><b>Excused</b></p>   |  |
| <p>Royce Gernandt,<br/>Sgt-at-Arms<br/><b>Excused</b><br/>Kay Crowl<br/>stood in</p>   | <p>No report</p>   |
| <p>Ali Nikolai,<br/>Service Officer</p>  | <p>No report</p>   |
| <p>Executive Committee at Large<br/><br/>Mona Espinosa,<br/>1yr<br/><br/>Joe Byrnes,<br/>2yr<br/><b>Excused</b><br/><br/>Angela Wilder<br/>3yr</p> | <p>No report<br/><br/><br/><br/><br/><br/>No report</p>  |
| <p>Marty Pfeifer,<br/>Past Commander<br/><b>Excused</b></p>  |  |

| <b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b> |  |
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| Charlie Mooney,<br>General Manager  | <p>Building Status -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water sprinkler hasn't worked, fixed 2 pipes</li> <li>2. Sign out front, have transformer hope to be fixed this week</li> <li>3. A few things in Social Quarters need to be fixed, working on those</li> <li>4. Passed Health Inspection</li> <li>5. Hopefully will have everything painted</li> <li>6. Gaming License Status - state has everything they need, the State representative will try to do as soon as possible</li> </ol>  |
| Linwood Jones,<br>SAL Commander     | <p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sonny Fish Fry - Sons Ted Miller and Jeff Smith, General Manager was in kitchen throughout helping</li> <li>2. Recognized those that helped supporting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event</li> <li>3. \$2200 donated to various charities - listed dollar and charities</li> <li>4. Commander - volunteers that make it happen are from the spectrum of the legion family. They all come together</li> </ol>   |
| Tom Boltik,<br>ALR Director         | <p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefed donations to various veterans' organization</li> <li>2. Thanks to Jay and Karla for getting Riders access to calendars</li> </ol>  |
| Kim Palmer,<br>Auxiliary President  | <p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thanks to legionnaires and auxilliary for 4th of July</li> <li>2. Nice 6/6 election, the leadership has been meeting every month, getting the members more involved, getting ready for their convention</li> <li>3. Thanks to the previous leadership team, for their mentoring.</li> <li>4. Susan spoke - highly what current and past commander have said, in the last 2 years if it weren't for the legion family auxiliary would not have met their goals. Raise \$1000 during spring fling dinner auction.</li> <li>5. 100% on Membrship</li> </ol> |

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| Theron Patrick | Blood Drive<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Thanks to all members, collected 62 unit</li><li>2. Next August 8<sup>th</sup>, 40-50% of slots filled already</li></ol> |
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1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
  - a. Announced 2 IT volunteers
  - b. Jose Acosta
  - c. Aaron Shadow
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment