



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Presentations:
4. Commander’s Comments
5. 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:
6. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a quorum 2. Bob Eidsvoog passed - held every position on the EXCOM, Commander here, also held positions on the District EXCOM 3. Tailgate season started - it’s been very impressive Auxiliary had 1st tailgate and broke a record. Sold over 70 plates. Good job Auxiliary - This past week Riders took Auxiliary’s record. Impressive collaboration between the Legion family member 4. Jay, thanks for all the reports. We need to keep track of everything we do for the CPR. This includes tracking all volunteer hours 5. Randy does a lot. Transporting veterans is included in volunteer hours 6. Met with Randy to review his budget. He has a committee with children and youth; however, we need more volunteers. Most important programs involve investing in our youth 7. Roy - thank you for all the hours you’ve it in putting together our budget

	<p>8. We have approx. 19 or 20 paid employees, we need to discuss and make a motion give them a Christmas bonus</p>
<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership is at 64%; our goal is 1,632 for year 2. We will have a mass mailing in October 3. October 4th is the early bird dinner, normally have 100 people, 1700-1900 4. If you hold a membership that says 2024 - you and your spouse can eat for free <p>Commander – recognized Pat Peterson and Dennis. Also added Mona to the group. She is learning membership</p>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Eidsvoog brought influenced Randy’s decision to join the EXCOM 2. Eagle Scout Preston Fu, Post 1344 – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updated the status on the cannon project, b. Final plan is within budget c. 10/13 and 10/14 project execution d. Presented the draft of the sign for the cannon 3. Possibility of sponsoring one of the 1st all Girl Scout troop in Northern VA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mona stepped up to be delegate core. b. John Sholkey discussed 17 Boy Scout troops, 2 Girl Scout troops. Great need for Girl Scout troops, how can we partner with legion c. No cost to legion <p>Motion for Post 176 to sponsor a Girl Scout Troop - Dennis, Scott 2nd Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sign charter for organization, the troops handle their own finances, risk is if troop is dissolved Post assumes assets 5. Judy - scout organization belong to the Post, because of that they will be under the tax ID of the post, other than that stand alone account 6. There will be a new troop number, new charter and new account set up. There will be a separate treasurer for new troop, and they will have their own committee. 7. Marty - recommends checking insurance <p>Vote:</p> <p>1 abstained - mark chaplain</p> <p>Motion carries to take to general membership</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Mack Brooks – discussed Boys State, Oratorical, Academy X 9. Academy X - testing candidates for West Point, giving candidate physical fitness 10. Training for cadets, do reviews with cadets, influencer activities, 9/30 0800-1030 Gray’s Fitness center at Ft Belvoir. After will be an Oktoberfest Asking for volunteer to represent Boys and Girls state, opportunity to recruit for Post 11. Oct 10 - 13 will visit schools, if interested can join
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteers are from the whole Legion family 2. 10/01 the Legion will sponsor tailgate with hamburgers / hot dogs 3. Trunk or Treat will be 10/22, from 3-6pm - decorate cars, give out candy 4. Thanksgiving - on Thanksgiving Day - taking donations, more to follow 5. Breakfast with Santa 12/17 – would like to start toy drive for needy children, separate from Toys for Tots 6. New Year’s Eve - Sons thinking of dinner/dance 7. We now have surround sound in social quarter
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>EXCOM Minutes No report</p>
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer,</p>	<p>Income / Expense Trends - Actuals versus 2023 Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2024 Budget Development – EXCOM Input & 103% of Actuals Thru 20 Sep 2. 2024 Budget Development Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presented template to EXCOM on 15 August b. Request feedback and input NLT 1 October c. EXCOM discussion at 17 October meeting d. EXCOM approval at 21 November meeting e. General Membership approval on 5 December

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Cash in Bank: \$138,826.41 as of 25 September4. Reviewing Charitable Donations Against Requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. *Review What's been Approved by GMMb. *Grover Gaming – 20%c. *Pull / Wall Tabs – 10%d. *Dentz Fund - ~ \$45K5. Line of Credit - \$150,000 – Burke and Herbert (B&H)<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Paid off old loan due 14 September 2023b. New Loan - Term: 24 months<ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Rate: WSJP + 1.50%, Initial 10% (auto pay discount 0.25%) 9.75%2) B&H Waived \$750 Closing Fee <p>Dentz Fund – Edward Jones: Balance - \$705,040.83 as of 22 September</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused</p>	

Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sent a card to Bob's widow 2. Received an email from Navy chaplain at Arlington, asked to start doing funerals at Arlington
Scott Logan, Historian	No report
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	No report
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused	
Executive Committee at Large Mona Espinosa, 1yr Joe Byrnes, 2yr Excused Angela Wilder 3yr	1 st - No report - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commander thanked Mona for getting group together to clean Korean Memorial. Unfortunately, it was canceled due to weather. 2. We will now have priority - to select Memorial to clean because we were rained out - maybe Vietnam or Korean No report 3 rd Vice – need correct email: angelajoneswilder@gmail.com returned - per Angela does not have one, will get back to with an updated one
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report

Non-Voting Invited Attendees

<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<p>Building Status Operations Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Randy been working on the bar. Waiting on wine glass rack and should be done 2. New sensor for fire alarm system 3. Changing food companies, hired Wagner food, lower prices, put in a new soda system, if we buy stuff for dishwasher, they'll service it monthly 4. Coke gives us equipment as long as sell their product 5. Martie wanted DJ for Dining out - \$400 6. Ballroom where it's leaking cost \$1600 to fix it
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2nd tailgate went to the sons, because they used leftovers from pig roast. It was a late game however still did good 2. 9/17 Pig Roast had a great turnout - recognized those that helped 156 volunteer hours, however there were actually more hours <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Auxiliary did a great job with the donations, desserts b. Riders stepped up and helped. c. Had 132 individuals 3. Sons will host this Sundays tailgate
<p>Tom Boltik, ALR Director</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9/22 ride for the Marin Corp Museum to Colonial Beach, raining but still rode 2. Membership is going up
<p>Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President</p>	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st GMM 9/5 - exceeded exactions 35 showed up 2. 14 new members, 10 new since the Pig Roast 3. 9/10 tailgate surpassed our expectations 4. Next tail gate is 10/15 - theme may be Latin, Spanish 5. Assisting with Trunk and Treat 10/22 6. Jack and Kim would like to give hearts and prayers to Bob's family and his wife Grace, and thanks to Past Commander Marty, he stepped in when Bob got sick

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Question - scheduling conflict between GMM and Auxiliary 8. At next meeting will vote to change Auxiliary mtg from 1st Tues to 4th Tues
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10/10 next blood drive 2. In August broke his record

1. Unfinished Business

2. New Business

Motion to donate \$200 from Dentz fund to winter haven - Kay 2nd by everyone

Motion passed

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment