



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Post 176 Springfield**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 05, 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
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

<b>Voting Legionnaire Name and Title</b>	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It's been a good summer – a lot accomplished</li> <li>2. Tailgate season starts 9/10</li> <li>3. A lot of events coming up</li> <li>4. Acknowledge a special guest - Lindon Dixon, 31-year member of Legion Post 139, held all EXCOM positions from Executive -At-Large to Commander. He's been a Department Commander, 17th District Commander, no one in state who has held more positions.</li> <li>5. Nominated and voted on to become a future National Commander, transferring to our Post.</li> <li>6. Grateful for Mona, transferred from Post 24, she has been selected to go to National American Legion College in Nov. Dept has to endorse candidates</li> <li>7. Attended National Convention - State of VA won some good awards - won Americanism award, Dept of VA received the Blood Donor award. We're only post in the District that collects blood</li> <li>8. Riders - Legacy Run ALR raised \$667000, \$121,000 came from VA</li> <li>9. 2015 raised dues, 2025 go up \$5 at national level, Department will match to go up \$10. Dues may go from \$40 to \$50 – More to follow</li> </ol>

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 54 names - 35 transfers and 19 new members</li> <li>2. Goal to get to 1632 members</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion</b> to vote in in mass - Dennis &amp; Theron, Bob seconded</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept these 54 members as members of Post 176 as Dennis &amp; Marcie, 2nd Chaplain</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Dues are \$40 per year, Post keeps \$11, \$29 is sent to National and they send the Department part of it. We spend about \$3000 for mailing and then we pay for pins for significant years, and membership dinner.</li> </ol>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduced Scout Seth Boyd, Troop 1518, Eagle Scout project. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Improve parking lot</li> <li>b. Provided detail – Estimated Cost \$450</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> To bring to the GMM the request to Fund Eagle Scout Parking Lot improvements project up to \$500 from the operating fund - Randy, 2nd numerous</p> <p>Discussion -</p> <p>How long parking lot closed? - work in phases, the total parking lot will not close at once</p> <p>Are we waiting for parking lot repaving? - no agreement with garage company to replace the parking lot</p> <p>Call the question -</p> <p><b>Motion carries</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Updates on other projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This weekend, Sat and Sun working out front landscaping of the building</li> <li>b. 10/14 and 10/15 will do cannon work - a couple of challenge with chain and a question about the plaque</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <p>Commander briefed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 9/30 Special Forces Oktoberfest starting at 1600 - no charge, can make donations</li> <li>2. 9/11 Ceremony - Chaplain will report on it</li> </ol>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>EXCOM Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefed the 3 motions for the EXCOM</li> </ol>
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer,</p>	<p>Income/trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Income / Expense Trends - August Deficit: <b>\$32,699.88</b> Contributors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Paid Electric and Cleaning for July, plus August</li> <li>b. Paid Payroll 3 Times, vice Twice (3, 17 &amp; 31)</li> <li>c. Walk-in Cooler and AC Repairs</li> <li>d. Revenues Down ~\$35K</li> <li>e. Cash in Bank: \$98,544.09 as of 4 September</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Reviewing Roles and Responsibilities of Finance Support <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Charlie: Gaming Manager and Daily Operations</li> <li>b. Stephanie: Daily Accounting and Primary Check Writer</li> <li>c. Karla: Petty Cash and Payroll Manager, Check Writer</li> <li>d. Krystle: Provides Quality Assurance &amp; Tutoring of Accounting</li> <li>e. Roy: Backup, Strategic and Financial Oversight</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Reviewing Internal Controls – On-going – Changed Safe Combination</li> <li>4. 2024 Budget Development Timeline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presented template to EXCOM on 15 August</li> <li>b. Request feedback and input NLT 1 October</li> <li>c. EXCOM discussion at 17 October meeting</li> <li>d. EXCOM approval at 21 November meeting</li> <li>e. General Membership approval on 5 December</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Reviewing Charitable Donations Against Requirements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Grover Gaming – 20%</li> <li>b. Pull / Wall Tabs – 10%</li> <li>c. Dentz Fund - ~ \$45K</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Line of Credit - \$150,000 – Burke and Herbert (B&amp;H) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Paid off old loan due 14 September 2023</li> <li>b. New Loan - Term: 24 months</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

c. Rate: WSJP + 1.50%, Initial 10% (auto pay discount 0.25%) 9.75%

**Motion:** to renew the ELOC for \$150,000 with a fee \$750 with Roy as the POC. Funds will come out of the operating funds. Roy, 2nd by Mark

Discussion:

Is there a loan and loc - no one and the sane

Is the interest 9.75 - yes if used

Worked with B&H, recommended going to board and asking for waiver to fee

Will negotiate with B&H

Vote:

30 in favor

10 opposed

3 Abstained

**Motion carried**

**Update 8 September 2023:** Roy spoke with B&H and they will waive the fee.

7. Dentz Fund – Edward Jones

a. Transferred \$35,000 on 29 August to B&H General Account

To be used for charitable donations approved by general membership  
Paying what we've already committed

We will not touch the principal of \$702,000

Don't anticipate another transfer this fiscal year

b. Balance - \$728,384.33 as of 4 September

c. Roy will provide a year-to-date snapshot of Investment account at next GMM to show transfers and balance trends.

Commander - publicly thank you, critical position, great job, a lot of moving parts

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<p>By-Laws Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sent 1st Vice a copy of the updated Bylaws to post for 30 days</li> <li>2. The edits include more accountability</li> <li>3. Discussed Post 176 Dining Out scheduled for Nov 11th, starting 1700 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dress code is anything reflective of the service you were in, no rank</li> <li>b. Tickets are \$25, 10 seats, head table, rules of engagements, etc.</li> <li>c. More information forthcoming, when buy ticket have to show Membership card</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Commander comment - hardest worker, humble, working on SOPs, house rules, etc. professional</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 9/11 event, important to have this ceremony ever year - 7pm</li> <li>2. 9/11 Joint event with VFW, Glenn Yarborough will be guest speaker,</li> <li>3. After ceremony hold a toast in SQ for those that died on that day.</li> </ol>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms Excused  Kay Croll Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused</p>	<p>Commander brought the motion discussed at the EXCOM meeting of 08.15.2023</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to bring to GMM a request for \$200 from the Dentz fund to prevent a veteran from eviction, Commander, 2nd by Chaplain</p> <p><b>Motion carried</b></p>

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Mona Espinosa, 1yr</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 2yr Excused</p> <p>Angela Wilder 3yr</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander Excused</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b></p>	
<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<p>Building Status</p> <p>Post Operations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working on equipment that had not been taken care of</li> <li>2. Wayly's was overcharging us</li> <li>3. Jet Stream mechanical is the new company we are using</li> <li>4. Glass chiller is fixed</li> <li>5. Preventative maintenance has been done on all rooftops, everything is in good operating order</li> <li>6. Ice machine - chemically cleaned</li> <li>7. Next week someone coming in to give a quote on changing all locks</li> </ol>
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 8th annual pig roast - \$20 per person</li> <li>2. Sept 16th - from 12 to 5</li> <li>3. They will have chicken and other sides</li> </ol>

<p>Tom Boltik, ALR Director</p>	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Received donations for Legacy Ride - had a few riders</li> <li>2. 2 riders did Iron Butt</li> <li>3. State rally coming up on Sept 29th</li> </ol>
<p>Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President</p>	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <p>Meeting right now sent the Commander an email – he read</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Auxiliary planning for fall, hosting tailgate 9/10</li> <li>2. Auxiliary will support Riders and Sons with tailgate</li> <li>3. Support the Sons Pig Roast</li> <li>4. Membership was 126, however after the meeting it will be 135, getting new members</li> <li>5. Will continue to build a strong unit</li> <li>6. We will continue to support our family members; we are a Team</li> </ol>
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 68 units donated - that is our record</li> <li>2. Red Cross promoted us to a premier location operation</li> </ol>

**1. Unfinished Business**

a. Roy - point of clarification - on finance sheet, the original deficit of \$54,994 should be \$32,699. Formula did not pick up revenue from renting the facilities.

**2. New Business**

a. Tony – wanted to make a motion for the Post to contribute \$1,000 to purchase 3 more war tables: WWI, WWII Pacific and Peninsula of Korea

b. Discussed: beautiful war tables upstairs donated by pat Peterson

- 1) 1 WWI, WWII Pacific, Peninsula of Korea
- 2) Tables will cost approximately \$4,000
- 3) Talked about contributions of \$1000 from each of the Post 176 Legion families

4) The motion will be brought up at EXCOM the results will be presented at the GMM

c. Charlie - discussion about parking lot, understanding contractors were going to repave the parking lot.

1) Dennis: we have written contract, wash wall going in and going out, to bring sidewalk out front, will reseed area where there stored

2) They were not going to drive any heavy equipment on our lot

3) Per Mike, only 3 things, washing wall one more time, straightening out land and putting in entrance and exit aprons

4) Charlie will find out more

3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment