



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 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

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pat Peterson Appreciates everyone looking after him, doing well,<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Active with membership stillb. Feel free to reach out to him2. Jay put together a sheet you can track volunteer hours<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Please be sure to track everything you dob. We put the information in the CPRc. Anything you do in support of veterans3. Need a Veteran's Service Officer<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Kay is doing it part-time, need moreb. Legion will formally train you as a VSOc. Dennis Madtes as 1st Vice is the POC4. Say in Dec and Jan - Jan 17th at 0800 is day on the hill in Richmond. Dept of VA looking for 50 members to go. VFW and DAV will be represented. Send Commander name if interested

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Day on the Hill - bus going from DePAT HQ in Richmond. 2. Working with Melissa to go through the VSO training. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. See Dennis if you're interested. b. Self passed course, 5 parts, open book test 3. Pat and Mona - do most of the membership work 4. 14 transfers, 13 new members <p>Motion to accept in mass - Dennis, Kay 2nd</p> <p>Motion accepted</p> <p>Motion to accept membership in Post 176, Bob, Sonny 2nd</p> <p>Discussion - are we close to 1600 members - Bob</p> <p>Motion accepted</p>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Excused Commander briefed</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oratorical Contest - the 17th District, Sunday Jan 21st at 1, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feb 10th is the Northern Region at Post 176 - includes Districts 13, 14, 16 and 17, Department's in July. b. Looking for volunteers to support. c. Need to have our event before Jan 21st. 2. Boys State - support cost went from \$400 to \$500 per person. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. June 16th -22nd. b. Applications by April 30th. 3. Thanked the Boy's Scout Troup for their support and participation in Veterans Day as Honor Guard
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanksgiving Day dinner starts 1200-1600. Jessica is doing heavy lifting. Need desserts. 2. 12/17 is brunch with Santa, in conjunction with VFW who contributed \$2500, Riders giving \$500 3. Looking at plans for New Year's Eve
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>EXCOM Minutes</p> <p>EXCOM meeting rescheduled to 11/28</p>

<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Income / Expense Trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash in Bank: \$123,318.02 as of 13 November 2. 2024 Budget Development Timeline <ol 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 28 November meeting e. General Membership approval on 5 December (NOTE: Will post draft budget o/a 1 December for membership review) 3. Reviewing Charitable Donations Against Requirements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grover Gaming – 20% (~\$30K) (-\$11,581.33) b. Pull / Wall Tabs – 10% (~7K) (-\$3,074.39) c. Dentz Fund - ~ \$10K (-\$9,450.00) 4. Dentz Fund Balances 13 November 23: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Edward Jones Account - \$ 702,209.50 b. Cash - ~\$35K To be used for charitable donations approved by general membership <p>20% electronic games to charity</p> <p>10% paper tabs to charity</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<p>ByLaws Discussion National - Department - District</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks for those that participated in the Dining Out 2. Very successful <p>Commander - it was a great event</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p> <p>Excused</p>	

<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterans Day cards from local middle school on display 2. Seeking volunteers to visit school to personally thank these students 3. Would like to take a photo of us holding the cards and present it to them 4. We have a quorum <p>Commander - we all remember when we were deployed how much it meant</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused</p>	<p>Commander briefed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ali was in car accident, in Indiana. Broken wrist, in cast. Will try to make it to next meeting. 2. This is her last year. We are looking for a Service Officer. Different than VSO. 3. Ali is the longest serving EXCOM member - 20 years.
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Mona Espinosa, 1yr Excused</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 2yr</p> <p>Angela Wilder 3yr</p>	<p>1yr: Mona in AL National College - only one from VA that was selected.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nov. 13-19 is American Education Week and recognized by the American Legion. This week is a time when all who work in public schools – teachers, administrative staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, substitute teachers and many others – are recognized for providing quality education and support to today's youth. 2. For more than 45 years, the week of Thanksgiving has been proclaimed National Family Week. A guiding principle of The American Legion's Children & Youth programs is maintaining the integrity of the family. During National Family Week, the American Legion Family is encouraged to promote and celebrate healthy families and communities. <p>2nd and 3rd No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<p>Building Status - Post Operations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Quarters has a roof leak that will be worked on next week 2. Grease trap cleaned 3. Fire Marshall was here yesterday - 3 lighters to be fixed, have 2 weeks to do so, will have them done by this weekend
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving at a rapid pace 2. Squadron selling sponsorships for wreaths for \$17 3. 12/16 wreaths will be placed at Alexandria Cemetery
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Getting dark early, chillier - not as many riders out there 2. Two successful tailgates since last meeting 3. 12/17 is our next tailgate
Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Congratulations to our Unit Vice President, Carol Harlow for being elected the Auxiliary's District 17, 2nd Vice President and Children & Youth Chair 2. Tailgate is this Sunday, November 19 at 1:00pm 3. Poppy drive Friday November 10 at Fairwinds Brewery in Lorton for Veterans Day weekend, Junior SAL member, Chase Harlow and a Junior Auxiliary member, Ana Jones along with the eagle scouts handed out poppies at the Joint VFW/Post 176 Veterans Day ceremony. 4. Donated over \$650 to Ft. Belvoir elementary school's food pantry for Thanksgiving
Theron Patrick Excused	<p>Blood Drive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 12/12 next blood drive 2. Collected 54 units last drive

Unfinished Business

1. Jess - chili cook off this Sunday. Starts at 1300. Flyers are out and eBlast will be sent

2. Rosco - Sat night Dining Out was wonderful. We did not give tips. Called the servers up to congratulate them. We need to donate - JA and Commander will take care of
3. Karla - interested in getting the eNews, go to Post website, enter your name and email and you're signed up. Goes out on Wednesday

New Business

1. Commander - heartfelt thanks to those that showed up tonight. EXCOM works tirelessly for you. We all work hard for our Post. Thank you. If you'd like to volunteer, there is always something that we can use you for
2. 50/50 Collected \$56 - \$26 to the winner

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