



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 30, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Presentations:
 - a. Mike Farabaugh – Baseball Team Sponsor Support
 - 1) Team went directly to the Department to request sponsorship.
 - 2) Sponsorship needed is for a new team
 - 3) Mike has talked and sent emails to all the posts asking for sponsorship
 - a) This team is self-sufficient
 - b) Any funds left over will become the posts
 - 4) One of problems, originally each post could only spouses 1 team, that's has changed
 - 5) Mike handed out the budget for the team
 - 6) Can we merge teams with our team? Post and/or Post family can sponsor the team
 - 7) Can the district sponsor the team? It's a much better to sponsor at Post level
 - 8) Which schools are the players coming from? - Edison and Mt Vernon
 - 9) Can the teams merge - no, we can't merge teams.
 - 10) District commissioner is changing the schools based on enrollment
 - a) These are a Rule A: Rule A - student body size; Rule B is by an area
 - b) Mike has not drawn the zone yet
 - c) Mike is District baseball and also on the Department
 - d) Players have to play within their zone

Commander proposed - Mike getting with Randy (2nd Vice). Randy and Mike meet and bring it to the EXCOM, then Randy will bring it to GMM.

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. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire Name and Title	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>Quorum - we have a quorum</p> <p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a couple of events coming up in February <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2/4 - Four Chaplains b. 2/29 - 275th Washington Day Parade 2. Nice to support District events however we should also support our Post events 3. Thanks to those who showed up for Day on the Hill 4. Spring Conference is in Portsmouth - 1st weekend in March. 5. National Convention - end of August 6. We are going to add Lindon Dixon to agenda for both meetings (GMM and EXCOM). His has a lot of experience and is a wealth of knowledge. There's not a position he has not held at Post and District level. As a member from National he is an asset to us.
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1530 members right now - 95% is Legion goal for April and we are there 2. Social media things - send the information to Dennis and he will put it on Facebook. 3. Transferred to website to secure, when login to goes to https <p>Commander - thanks to membership team, 1632 is goal this year. We should get it</p>

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northern Region oratorical is on the 2/10, starts at 1000. Randy is working with Erin Fox. 2. We're the venue but not hosting the event 3. Will get with Department about Boy's State. Our goal is to send 30 4. Our coach on board for this year 5. Will get with Mike to find out what's going on with the new team 6. Had some interest in having a Children and Youth event in April, Mona mentioned having a Circus here, Mona and Randy will get with house committee 7. Scouts are doing well 8. Eagle Scouts will be looking for projects so start thinking about what we need done and they can do 9. We did approve the all girl's Scout Unit and its up and running
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Super Bowl - tailgate 2. Legion and Family event 3. Food will represent 2 teams locations
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<p>CPR Due Dates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dates have been established will let everyone know 2. Waiting on "brown envelope" first
Roy Burton, Finance Officer,	<p>Income / Expense Trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closing out 2023, touched base with accountant for taxes, Krystal is cleaning up stuff from last year to ensure everything is in right place 2. Accountant provide a list of what they need 3. We reconciled petty cash, continue to keep petty cash 4. Went over main revenue and expenses for Jan 2024 5. Will present to the GMM
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	<p>House Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed the House Rules - edits, suggestions, comments, etc. 2. Will put together the comments and present to EXCOM

Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veteran passed away - a joint AL and VFW memorial service will be held 2. 1100 2/5 Jefferson Funeral Home, Kingstowne 3. Right after Mt Comfort Cemetery with military honors and reception at Post with mission BBQ 4. Please keep Chaplain informed
Scott Logan, Historian Excused	
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on Bridge Walk - 2. District requested a Color Guard for 4 Chaplains, District event
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused	
Executive Committee at Large Mona Espinosa, 1yr Joe Byrnes, 2yr Angela Wilder, 3yr Excused	1 st yr <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with Rex on upcoming elections, 2. 2 vacancies 2nd yr No report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<p>Building Status</p> <p>Operations Status</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can we remove 2 of the pull tab machines - Grover is willing to put in 2 more machines. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jay recommends getting rid of machines and waiting a month before adding machines. We need more room in SQ 2. Another company - Arrow - Have 15 games on their machines with a 65% - 35% 3. Roy - do the machines have to go into the social qtrs, per joe, has to be in the SQ according to 4. banquet room - chandlers in, banquet room almost done 5. Cintas do not have a contract, just an agreement, we can cancel any time. waiting on guardian quote 6. G&B = snow plow company - overcharged us for plowing. Looked on videos, and documented, went to co and spoke to them, we do not have to pay for the 2nd plow. Getting rid of \$2900 bill. We are under contract with them. The people who plowed a=can not come on our property 7. -do we have communal parking - yes and we are getting paid for it
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1/27 had Casino Night - had 115 - 125 attendees. Grover has been great with donations 2. 2/24 - Chili Cookoff, prizes for 1, 2 and 3rd 3. 3/16 - St Patrick's Day - will have a DJ 4. 5/5 - Cinco de Mayo 5. Super Bowl Sunday will have something - Jay, 3rd vice will brief
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presidents' Day - riders signed up for doing parade - both marchers and riders 2. Poker Run is 4/20, looking for support if you know business that is willing to donate. Have a couple things that will be raffled - crossbow and 9mm

Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <p>2 big events -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3/24 Women's Wellness Social Event, 1-4 pm in banquet hall <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3 featured speakers b. Also include men c. Roy - what kind of vendors? Wellness = yoga, mental health, etc. d. More information will be coming out 2. Karla will also advertise and help with speakers 3. 4/18 - Military Child Celebration, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Celebrate military children in our community b. Will have a panel with military children, will also have speakers 4. Audience can also be members outside post. 5. Casino Night had a wine pull. Shout out to Carol Harlow who was the brain child
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive</p> <p>Tuesday 2/13</p>

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business:

- a. Randy - Kevin's birthday is tomorrow
- b. Lindon Dixon –
 - 1) 2/28 have opportunity to bring National Commander to our Post on the way to Portsmouth, Department Riders planning to escort national commander to Portsmouth
 - 2) Commander - yes bring him here
 - 3) 3/13 – National Commandeer returns to DC area to testify
 - 4) Bus at 8am to Union Station, walk to Capitol Hill meeting room. In seats by 9am
 - 5) This is an opportunity to pick up 50 members
 - 6) Commander - yes staging area for bus
 - 7) Mona hasn't heard yet - Lindon and Mona selected to assist with National Oratorical
 - 8) Once Mike turns in boundaries for baseball, they can't change

- 9) If anything, Lindon can do for Boy's State let him know
- c. Commander - Spirited discussions, whatever the outcome we come together for the best of this Post.
- 8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment