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**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Presentations:
 - a. Ella Ridgway – Library of Congress Veterans' History Project
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 Excused Joined after other meeting via Zoom	Quorum General Comments
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander	VA&R, Membership 1. Randy introduced guest Motion: To take the request from the Library of Congress Veterans' History Project request for volunteers to the GM, by Scott, 2 nd by Jay Motion passed

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership goal is 1632. Midnight Feb is the date where those who haven't renewed drop off and our numbers drop. There are about 615 losers who don't renew, need to get out to them Right now, we're at 99% - we will make 100%. We've been at 100% for the past 10 years. Another member transferring here who is VSO certified. We need certified VSO officers
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We do not need to sponsor any baseball teams. That request has been worked out. Something about the National Archives – there's a demo and we want a table for Post 176. There's a banner in the Sgt at Arm's Locker. This will be put on the landing page on our website
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Superbowl big success. Jay makes the best ribs. 01 Apr, Fife and Drum Corps will be practicing in the banquet hall at 1800. We may have to limit capacity. Riders will help with this.
Denise White, Post Adjutant	CPR Due Dates
Zoom	
Roy Burton, Finance Officer,	Income / Expense Trends
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	<p>House Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct out on webpage. We can vote at March GMM Review of House Rules – edits made. Will revise and send to EXCOM again for review. Once all is good, will be posted on webpage – GMM will vote after 30 days Dining Out – will be done on Sat, 9 Nov 2024. A committee will be formed.

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Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Scott Logan, Historian Excused	
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms Zoom	
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused	
Executive Committee at Large Mona Espinosa, 1yr Excused Joe Byrnes, 2yr Angela Wilder, 3yr Excused	2 nd yr – No report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report
Lindon Dixon, National	

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Charlie Mooney, General Manager	Building Status Operations Status 1. Roof top equipment – repairs will start soon 2. Grease trap replaced 3. Prices of beer going up
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	Upcoming SAL events Chili Cook off will be on Sat
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	Upcoming Riders Events 1. George Washington B-day parade photos on FB. Went well 2. Poker run and gun raffle will be on 20 April 2024
Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President	Auxiliary Updates/Events 24 March, Women's wellness event from 1-4pm
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive 1. Next blood drive is 12 March 2. Blood drives occur on the 2nd Tues every other month.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

- a. Post Service Officer – does not have authority to do anything with VA claims. They have to work under a certified VSO. The VA has a special program to fill out claims and submit claims. It's \$600 per copy per license.
- b. Kevin did not sign recommendation for Det/CC – Linwood also changed his recommendation from yes to no.
- c. 28 Feb 2024 – National CC visiting Posts en route to Dept Spring Conference.
- d. Resolution for Dennis – Department Chaplain

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Motion to bring resolution for Department Chaplain to GM., 2nd by Scott

Motion carries

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment