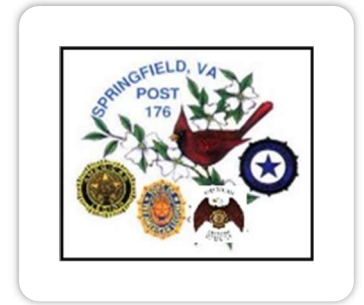




**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)
 - a. George Mason Senior Team – Post website update
 - 1) Sr at George Mason - Jay, Ashley, Austin, Andy, Musafa and Maria
 - 2) Capstone - update website and IT to benefit the Post
 - 3) Working together as a team to implement IT solutions, Ashley team lead, identified
 - 4) Tracker for volunteer hours, website, calendar
 - 5) Project lasts for 2 semesters; 1st is planning and 2nd will present
 - 6) Looking at Nov - Dec timeframe for completion
 - b. Jerry Krueger, Cdr, VFW Post 609-Old Towne Alexandria
Brief on the VSO campaign to add additional deceased veterans' names to honor them at the City of Alexandria's 1940 Monument to its War Dead
Requested donation for plaque - need to raise \$15,000
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. Thanks for those who were here to greet the National Commander 2. About 40 folks, toured the post, had lunch representatives from all families, riders escorted him to Mechanicsville. Commander received many complements on how good our riders did. After passing off was not a professionalism - National Commander was pleased 3. -Bob Iswood passed away in Sept. Ceremony for him at April 1st Post 177 at 1900 4. April 2, he will be buried at Arlington, Repas at Post 176 at 1300

<p>Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Excused</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership Mona - reported on membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1628 members. We're at 99% 2. 5 transfers, 6 new member <p>Motion to accept in mass, Mark, 2nd Theron Motion carried</p> <p>Motion to accept members to Post 176, Mona, 2nd Rex Motion carried</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Collectively our membership team, Dennis, Mona and Pat - put in a lot of time on membership – quota was raised this year to 1633. All members are welcoming
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Excused</p>	<p>Children & Youth No report Commander briefed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boy's state is ramping up, goal is to send 20, dues went up to \$500 to sponsor each boy - 2. Oratorical went very well - Pat Locke briefed the Post winner, also solicited participants for Boys State 3. Going to do background checks if involved with children and youth programs
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism / Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4/1 - 1900 - 2000 - Fife and Drum Corp will do an open rehearsal, Riders going to take lead. Karla will put details in newsletter 2. 6/23 Sonny's Fish Fry
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>EXCOM Minutes Resolutions: Dennis Madtes - Department Chaplain Motion to endorse Dennis Madtes as Department Chaplain - Mark, Mona 2nd Motion carried Marty Pfeifer - 17ths Distict Vice Commander Motion to endorse Marty Pfeifer as 17th District Vice commander - Theron, Mike 2nd Motion carried Jeffrey White – 17th District Commander</p>

	<p>Motion to endorse Jeffrey White as 17th District Commander - Mike, Marcie 2nd</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need CPR volunteer hours 2. Any hours that impacted a veteran are counted
Roy Burton, Finance Officer,	<p>2024 Revenue & Expense Trends</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review revenue and expenses 2. February is negative primarily due to 3 paydays (1, 15 and 29) and snow removal expense. 3. Response to IRS' Compliance Check Information Request 4. Potential Negative Impacts to 2024 Budget (Tax Burden and Parking) 5. Grover machines set so any winnings over \$600 and 300 times the amount of wager - anything over we have to issue tax form 6. Split expenses with Grover, order pull tabs roles into gaming expenses 7. 990T - unrelated business income for other than non-profit. Need for 2018 to current. Will get with team to formulate reply 8. Parking contract will lapse - paid for 1st qtr, and that's it. we will need to come up with missed revenue <p>Commander - thanked Roy for his hard work - puts in a lot of work and doesn't get paid. Critical position, fortunate Roy does his due diligence and puts in a lot of time.</p>
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Excused	
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rec'd a text - position of veterans remains – 2. Asked to officiate a ceremony at Arlington, more to follow as soon as has details are finalized
Scott Logan, Historian	No report

Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	No report
Ali Nikolai, Service Officer Excused	No report
Executive Committee at Large Mona Espinosa, 1yr Joe Byrnes, 2yr Excused Angela Wilder 3yr Excused	1yr: 1. Upcoming elections 2. Coming up in May - let Mona know before April meeting if interested in running for any position 3. Currently 3rd yr. Member -At- Large and Historian are open 4. New position – Mona will be 1st Vice Commander and Dennis will run for 3rd yr. Member -At- Large 5. Department American Legion College - 8/2-8/4. The goal is for 300 people to attend 6. Be The One (app) is live - handed out some cards, 6 questions
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	Thank everyone for their support
Lindon Dixon, National	National Commander Capitol visit 1. Thanks to the Commander for welcoming the National Commander 2. Presented the Post with a signed picture and his National Commander license plate 3. National Commander will be back 3/13 to testify before congress 4. Bus for 30 people to Capital Hill to listen to the National Commander testify 5. Let Lindon know if you are interested, still has 15 seats available

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<p>Building Status</p> <p>Post Operations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All PMs on roof top units are completed 2. Refrigerator in back of bar area needs compressor 3. Evaporator for walk-in cooler will be in at end of week 4. Small leak in SQ - will take care of 5. Snow plow took \$2000 off bill
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<p>Upcoming SAL events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAL membership at 100% with 37 new members this year 2. 2/24 had Chili Cook-off - 12 participants, 5 judges, 2 SAL took 1st and 2nd, Linda Sue took 3rd. Thanks to Jay and Jessica for cooking 3. 3/16 St Patrick's Day - will have DJ, selling raffle tickets, 50/50
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<p>Upcoming Riders Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4/20 Poker Run - getting a lot of donations, raffle tickets, 2. The ride is open to cars and trucks 3. Riders have purchased 3 pop up tents arriving
Kim Palmer, Auxiliary President	<p>Auxiliary Updates/Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several of our members attended the Department of Virginia Spring Conference in Portsmouth 2. We surpassed our 100% membership for the year and stand at 116.97% 3. Sponsoring a Women's Wellness Social event <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Department President of the Auxiliary, Darla Lisbon along with Robyn, CEO and Co-founder from Hope for Warriors will be speaking at our event. b. Sunday, March 24, in the banquet hall from 1300-1600 4. Hosting and celebrating on Sunday, April 14, the month of the Military child
Theron Patrick	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next drive is 4/9 a lot of slots open, looking for max participation 2. To sign up check newsletter <p>Commander - Theron selected as Department Chairman for the Blood Drive</p>

6. Unfinished Business

Rex - Honorary PUFL (HPUFL)

- a. Presently 10 members, will announce looking for people to be recommended
 - b. Committee is made up of 10 members of HPUFL. No later than the April GMM anyone can select someone with a narrative why individual should be selected,
 - c. Committee will review and vote to bring to the GMM
 - d. The nominees will be voted on during the June GMM
 - e. Those selected will have membership paid for as long as a member of this Post
 - f. Question - if already a life member can be put in as honorary
7. New Business
 8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment