



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. GMU Capstone Status – No representative, Commander briefed: group of students are doing capstone project that include upgrading the Post IT, website and some other things.
 - b. Grover - Kevin, Jennifer and Trish - here to meet and greet, give us more than what's required, travel a lot,
 - 1) Kevin - Senior Representative; Jen – Post 176 Relationship Manager
 - 2) Kevin – Here to say thank you for your business.
 - 3) Grover tracks all data for all locations
 - 4) 2023 net profit = \$591,886.90; location profit = \$295,943.45 – this is coming from machines
 - 5) Asked to add 2 more devices to the Post, using the algorithm tracking daily net per device - adding 1 would bring \$25,000 addition, adding 2 would bring \$50,000 in revenue. This would be Post's profit
 - 6) Governor signed new charitable gaming bill that will provide some benefits and relief. Now just waiting for state to write new regulations supporting the bill. New law will allow you to spend money on more things
 - 7) Scott - are they doing inspections? Kevin – they already have an inspector, Grover working hard to keep us in compliance
 - 8) State audit team was put together, will start to see audits in 2024. Everyone will get audit
 - 9) Grover has someone who is government relations, stays on top of any new and existing regulations, great with questions, etc.
 - 10) Note: gaming inspector does not have ability to shut you down. ABC inspectors have the authority
 - 11) Grover is responsible for maintenance
 - 12) Can provide a report to show justification for new machines
 - 13) Grover is willing to buy 2 pull tab machines for \$6000.
 - 14) Joe - can we request a 60-40 split? Charlie – we can address when contract is up for renewal in September. Commander – Grover has more fringe benefits for the Post. They support many events.
5. Reports
 - a. Non-Voting Invited Attendees:

General Manager:

 - a. Projects – Charlie Mooney
 - b. Water Heater Replacement

Auxiliary

Non-Voting Members may remain at the EXCOM Meeting as observers only after providing their reports, or they may leave.

b. Voting Members:

Voting Legionnaire’s Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a quorum - 8 members 2. Atlas room – the equipment was installed in 2019. We received 2 bathrooms out of the agreement. Need to collectively come to decision what to do. 3. Contact Phillips to see what they want to do with their equipment. <p>Motion for Phillips to remove equipment from Atlas room. Denise, Mona second</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
Dennis Madtes, 1st Vice Commander Excused	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <p>Per 1st Vice email:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing to update on Membership 2. CPR for VA&R (First Vice) is 99% completed – pending Post Service Officer and Blood Drive input <p>Mona reported - exceeded standard for post Commander -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1632 + well over most posts 2. Only 3 posts over 800 - Fairfax, us and Alexandria 3. Vienna lost 300 members

<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <p>Per text from 2nd Vice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 22-23 candidate for Boys State with 2-3 more to interview 2. Cost per candidate went up from \$400 to \$500. It's budgeted
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanked Riders, Fife and Drum played on 4/1 - received a lot of positive feedback 2. Warfighters want to do Crab Fest in July. Jay does not have warm and fuzzy. Cost us \$1000 last year and we got stuck with the cleanup. Will talk with Commander offline. 3. Jay will have a brief on the crab fest next month
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>Consolidated Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPR need by deadlines coming up 2. Will reach out to those as a reminder
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revenue and Expense Trends 2. Update to IRS' Compliance Check Information Request

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have code of conduct approved by GM during April GMM 2. Commander reviewed of the itinerary request policy. 3. House rules - only comments from Jay. On web, should be able to vote on in May 4. Great Grover presentation, very beneficial. 5. Eagle Scouts have done great projects however the front needs help. Do we have anything in place to maintain? 6. Has the sprinkler system been fixed? Charlie - Not yet. 7. Line cut - need professional company to come in and fix.
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members Mona led the opening and closing prayers</p>
<p>Scott Logan, Historian</p>	<p>No report Not running next year - won't be at May GMM</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms Excused</p>	<p>Per email from Sgt-at-Arms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge Walk - Supervisor Lusk agrees with our reasoning for requesting a date change. 2. August 10th and 24th being no-go dates for the bridge walk because of the Legion College and National Convention, respectively, would it be possible to set a new date at this evening's ExCom? 3. Fort Belvoir is holding the 24th on their calendar until they hear from us, so I want to get back to Supervisor Lusk's office with dates and a time that we can lock in.

	<p>4. Linwood - August 24th will work that is Nationals in NOLA</p> <p>5. Possible dates: August are the 17th and 31st</p> <p>EXCOM votes for 17th.</p>
<p>Ali Nikolai, Service Officer</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Mona Espinosa, 1yr</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 2 yr:</p> <p>Vacant, 3yr</p>	<p>1st Yr</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GMM closed out nominations - no contested positions. 2. Scott is not running again 3. Will do a voice vote. Should be short election meeting <p>Motion for the Post to donate \$1,000 to the Child and Welfare Foundation (CWF) in honor of April being Children and Youth month. Donation to be made out of gaming charities fund.</p> <p>Mona, Second by Joe</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it local or national? - National 2. Can it stay local? Unfortunately, not because at national 3. Donation amount will get the Post recognition and a CWF Post-Level award. 4. Highest level is a \$1500 donation 5. Would love support from all Legion families and make it a Legion Family award to bring to a minimum of \$1500. 6. Donations must be submitted NLT end of May <p>Motion carries</p> <p>2nd year –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed VFW putting storage container in Post parking lot. VFW will table for now.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. VFW had bill for \$7000, just got relief from IRS. 3. Memorial Day - Mark will chair joint event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commander - people from both sides will be part of the planning committee. b. Mark is committee chair for VFW. <p>3rd Yr – Angela Wilder stepped down. Position vacant</p>
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank everyone for their support for District vice commander. 2. New Commander for 17th Dist is Jeff White
Lindon Dixon, National Executive Committee Excused	

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frig in SQ, thought compressor was gone, got a hard start still have Freon leak, will have fixed 2. Replaced VA flag out front, need a new hook on the POW/MIA flag pole 3. White fence broke in a couple spots, center piece needs post repaired 4. Commander - have to change signs to no parking in our lot for those who park in commuter parking since the garage will be opening 5. Jay - may consider parking permits? Need to check on laws behind charging
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsored Military Child this past Sunday. Very successful. Had numerous activities, panel of 4 military children. Thanks to the family organizations and Karla Pfleeger 2. National Poppy Day is 5/24 and 5/25. Will be distributing poppy's 1000-1400 in front of Giant in Springfield Plaza. Also, will hand out at Friday night dinner
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5/4 is Cico de mayo. Also, 1st leg of Triple crown - Kentucky Derby. Will have food. 2. Sons have a budget of \$1200 will make a nomination to donate \$500 to Mona's Child Welfare request. 3. 4/21, this Sunday - Legion service at Post 177 for John Price. John Price held numerous positions at that Post. His son, Jimmy Price, is Sons Commander at Post 177
Tom Boltik, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We having poker run this Saturday. Coming out Friday to make parking lot bike safe. Cars are welcome, there are 5 stops, will have food, raffle, big event for riders. Donated \$1300 per charity last year. Charities will be represented here Saturday. 2. Bike blessing at 0900, 1st bike out at 0930. Back around 1400.
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive Update Per Email from Theron:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The last one netted 77 units. A new record. That was due to a last-minute increase in slots. Red Cross called Friday before a gave us a dozen more slots. It appears that someone else canceled at the last moment.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Red Cross plans drives months in advance, based on many factors of which the ability of a site to handle more donors is only one. Staffing and transportation are others. One other is the ability of a site to recruit donors. 3. I put out a note to some previous donors and much thanks to Karla who put out a special note to all post members about the extra slots. We filled them all!! We proved that we could recruit!! 4. I kidded my Red Cross contact that the sudden increase was a challenge to us. His response was “and you met it.” 5. I noted that the next few drives have a few more slots and I believe that in the future we’ll have more. 6. Many thanks to the volunteers Rosemary Patrick, Paul Kaepfel and Susan Sedward and the guys from the Social Quarters Including Sunny, Rocco, Ron, Call Man, and Trott.
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1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)