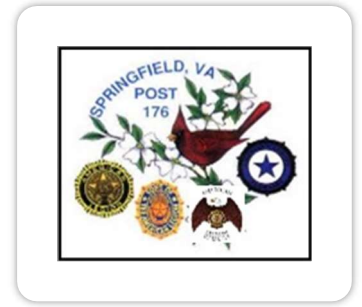




**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander’s Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. Sonny - status on 1st yr Member at Large
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:

Voting Legionnaire’s Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New officers, if you have reports, please submit in writing so we have something on file, we are the largest post and have the most robust report. 2. When we are at the GMM, what the general membership do not want to see is people on their personal phone or showing a disinterest. If someone is speaking, show respect. We are all volunteers; we are all professionals. No side commentaries. 3. There are a lot of upgrades going on in the Post, internet updates, camera updates, rental hall updates, Atlas room is decommissioned and is going to be rented out <p style="text-align: center;">Spoke to FO - July conference at Dulles, nuances with gaming. We can identify as Post 176, 501C. We are reforming to a 501C3 which may give us an opportunity to keep money in the post</p>

<p>Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis - 925 members. 55% of goal to 1702, starting hitting Post 141, requested 25 be transferred to us. Ahead of goal. A little behind then last year started with 35 new members this year, started with over 50 last year 2. Commander - Underappreciated group is the membership team - 1632 last year and this year is 1702. Closest Post to us is Alexandria at 53%. Dennis went in and did a search of Post 141 for members within 10 miles, and sent an email to them. Dennis is also helping Post 24, their memberships chair quit and took the files
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scouts Bridge Walk performance - 5 of 6 units showed up. The Sea Scouts had another engagement. Would like to do something to recognize the scout, Nick West, that jumped in and helped 1st yr Member at Large 2. Establish metric for Boy's State top performers award. There were 6 members who held an office. If anyone has some ideas, please send them to the 2nd Vice 3. Commander – The scout's recognition may be a Department recognition because it was lifesaving 4. Kay is there a Boy Scout award for this? Randy - there is on the scout side
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge Walk - overwhelming success, surprised by the number of volunteers, would like to hand out some certificates and maybe a letter to some that helped us save money. For example, we saved on the cost to sweep the parking lot, pressure wash, etc. Thanks to the Boy's scouts. 2. Jess is responsible for the success. Jess - I had a team 3. Tailgates coming up, Auxiliary kicking it off 4. Commander - this was the largest Bridge Walk, the timing and the day made a difference 5. Jay - going to start planning next years bridge walk in a few weeks.
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. security cameras updated 2. Remotes in SQ consolidated to one 3. We are looking at a temperature board in cafe, SQ and foyer with menus and upcoming events 4. Commander - have an incident report that will be kept in SQ, we've banned a few individuals because of violating code of conduct

<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update At VA Tech dropping off daughter</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Zoom</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start selling tickets sept GMM 2. Jess working on menu, we have gift baskets
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p>
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kay - attended bridge walk as a Vendor, woman who was in charge at her table was very pleased 2. Kay is still acting in VSO role
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reached out to some people for information on SO position 2. Bridge Walk was the best, participated in the past and this far exceeded previous ones 3. VA benefits - glad we have a VSO, there is a church member who is undersecretary of VA, she spoke on the benefits available to veterans, would like to invite her to the post and give a class to our veterans 4. Commander - have her come to the next EXCOM and present and then we can put her on the agenda for the GMM. 5. Jay will work with JD and make it happen

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 1yr Excused</p> <p>Jack Moar, 2 yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 3yr Zoom</p>	<p>2nd - no report</p> <p>3rd –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IT - we can now populate the google calendar, 2. GMU Capstone team are coming along with the new website, worked through a few challenges, should be good for Dec completion
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Lindon Dixon, National Executive Committee</p> <p>Excused</p>	

Non-Voting Invited Attendees

<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft system in walk-in coolers, 2 bad fobs replaced 2. Beer company used to come clean lines now subcontracted, had to pay \$200 to fix 3. Sprinkler system needs a part 4. Fire alarm - Guardian also is responsible for the system - a detector needs to be replaced on one of the units 5. Air conditioning unit needs 3 relay switches, working on getting them replaced 6. Commander - may be able to use some gaming for big fixes once we are 501C3
<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you to all legion family volunteers 2. Scheduled all 4 of tailgates for this year, looking forward to the hosting the 1st 3. Several members selected for various Department and District committees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carol Harlow: Departments Americanism Chair and District 1st Vice b. Krystal Bransky: District Community Service Chair c. Kim Palmer: Departments Vice Chair for National Security and District Junior/Youth Committee Chair d. Judy Farabaugh: Department Education Chair and District Children & Youth Chair
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to Bobby and Randy for walking and cleaning the bridge 2. Thank you to Kim for getting members for all of the family members 3. 9/21 - Pig Roast 1400-1800, Boy Scouts want to help <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 130 members last year, plan to have more this year b. Even though Sons banner is on it, it's a family event
<p>Tom Flach, ALR Director</p>	<p>Stand ready to support the family</p>
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last pulled in 70 units

	2. Next drive is 10/8
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6. Unfinished Business
 - a) Requested suggestions for Atlas room, name and reason
 - b) Randy - scouts looking for calendar to plan out opportunities to volunteer,
 - c) Jay will get with Randy
 - d) Linwood - maybe quarterly clean like we did with bridge walk
7. New Business
 - a. 9/12 at 1800 Veterans Town Hall, hosted by Kathy Tran, Dept of VA Chuck Ziegler will be here, Congressman Connelly will be here, non-political town hall to hear from veterans
 - b. Hosting Department Commander dinner
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)