



**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
General Membership Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, August 06, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)/Remarks
  - a. Robin Kelleher- Hope for The Warriors
    - 1) Founded 18 years ago
    - 2) Briefed on the origin, history and current mission
    - 3) Mission is to take care of families so they can take care of the veteran
    - 4) When veterans return, they and their family sometimes struggle, Hope for Warriors is there to help
    - 5) 80% staff are veterans and spouses
    - 6) Financial instability is biggest need right now, that includes homelessness and food depravity
    - 7) Community connectiveness is essential

Commander - this is an organization we would like to donate to
  - b. Pat Price – Quilt of Valor
    - 1) Cover service member and veterans with quilts of warmth
    - 2) These are quilts for healing
    - 3) Each quilt is valued at \$1200
    - 4) It is a civilian lifetime award - it is not a gift and cannot be sold
    - 5) Those that are nominated are awarded the quilt during a ceremony
    - 6) Take donations in fabric, money
    - 7) Looking for nominations - anyone who is currently serving or is a veteran
    - 8) Each quilt is different

Commander - this is also an organization we would like to donate to
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

<b>Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions</b>	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Comments</li> <li>2. We have a quorum</li> <li>3. 17th Vice Commander - Henry Dorton was assigned our Post and is here to check in with us</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Past weekend was Legion College - this was one of the better one that's been out on</li> <li>5. Delegate Tran will have a Veterans Town Hall here on August 12th. Karla will push out with blast. Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will be here</li> <li>6. Moving GMM meeting for Sept and Nov - Sept due to the holiday and Nov due to the elections</li> </ol>
Motions from EXCOM	None
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early bird dinner Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 1700</li> <li>2. Membership goal for 2025 is 1700 - a 2% increase</li> <li>3. Thanks to Lindon, Dennis and Kevin for helping out with membership</li> <li>4. <a href="http://MyLegion.org">MyLegion.org</a> is a great resource for many things from membership to ordering hats and clothes</li> <li>5. 1 transfer and 27 new - read names</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept in mass - Theron 2nd Motion carries</p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept new and transfer, Martie 2nd Motion carries</p> <p>Commander - National raised dues by \$5. As a result, a lot of posts had to raise theirs dues, we were fortunate to be able to keep ours at \$40. Now we get \$6 versus \$11 from the dues</p>
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	<p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baseball team - HS boys did not fare well in the tournament however with the investment we made they'll be back next year</li> <li>2. Central Spfld little league - we just got chartered to have girls' softball</li> <li>3. Scout representatives are here - season starting soon, we have 6 that we sponsor</li> <li>4. Boy's State we sent 37 - goal was 30. Everyone appreciated the investment</li> </ol>

<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bridge Walk - Ft Belvoir, community and Post get together and walk across the bridge where they sign a covenant. Great way to come together <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 8/17, staging at 0900, start walk 10, 1030ish sign covenant, then DJ Tom will start playing</li> <li>b. A couple of food trucks, free food, county of Fairfax has set up county program tents</li> <li>c. On Fri 8/16, at 1700 will get together and clean the bridge and property</li> <li>d. At 0800 on sat, volunteers to help setup</li> <li>e. A lot of county representatives will be here</li> <li>f. Parking lot garage closed - we have some shuttle buses</li> <li>g. Scout leaders - will meet with you after the meeting</li> <li>h. Warrior cafe will still be open, they will have an area set up for patrons to park</li> <li>i. Expect this to end by 1300</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Recognized Jessica for all her work on this event</li> <li>3. Tailgates are spinning up</li> </ol> <p>Commander - hope scouts can make it, Previously did the Bridge Walk for 16 or 17 years and then COVID hit, glad to start it again</p>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read minutes</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept minutes as posted, Mark seconded</p> <p>Motion passed</p>

<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <p>Thanks to Krystal, Stephanie and Charlie</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negative \$18K balance due to:</li> <li>2. Year to date \$33000 ahead</li> <li>3. Good standing right now</li> <li>4. Will start 2025 budget</li> <li>5. On back of hand out is a list of charities we've donated to so far; we are still looking for 501C charities we are looking for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Gaming revenue down over \$70K from June;</li> <li>b. Installing Zoom and Enhanced Security Systems;</li> <li>c. Paid June's cleaning invoice of \$3700 in July; and</li> <li>d. Payroll was higher due to paying GM's bonus for 2023.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Still working on Bylaws</li> <li>2. Inputs to the Standing Rules given to the Commander for review</li> <li>3. Dining Out - thanks to committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cost is \$30</li> <li>b. Jess is taking lead on meals</li> <li>c. Tickets will go on sale Sept GMM</li> <li>d. 114 tickets only - once sold that's it</li> <li>e. Will have a Color Guard to kick it off</li> <li>f. Asking Karla to send out information in an eBlast</li> <li>g. Date Sat 11/9</li> <li>h. Start at 1700 with happy hour</li> <li>i. Part of rules are to be 10 min early</li> <li>j. Appreciate any volunteers to help setup</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>No report</p>

<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>Introduced himself quickly for new members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 1945 US dropped bomb on Hiroshima killing 70,000</li> <li>2. Tomorrow is Purple Heart Day - celebrated on 8/7</li> <li>3. Sunday is Coast Guard's birthday</li> </ol>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p>Excused</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <p>Kay acting - no report</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Received 1 request for service - in the vetting process</li> <li>2. Service Officer is service, would like to recognize volunteers, Jess and Linwood are at the heart of things.</li> <li>3. Thanks to all volunteers</li> </ol>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Joe Byrnes, 1yr</p> <p>Jack Moar, 2 yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 3yr</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Lindon Dixon, National Executive Committee</p>	<p>No report</p>

<b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b>	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AC in SQ is fixed - ins paid everything but \$500 deductible</li> <li>2. Working on upgrading the camera system - should be done by the end of the week</li> <li>3. SQ roof is leaking again - should be fixed</li> <li>4. Compressor is starting to go out in frig – checking cost to repair or replace</li> <li>5. Uniform shirts for all the employees – they will start wearing</li> </ol>
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Officers will meet this month to discuss fundraisers and events</li> <li>2. Recognized Krystal - Auxiliary Dept of VA Convention Unit Member of the year – Congratulations! Presented with award and pin</li> </ol>
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<p>Commander - seen a big change in the Sons over the past couple of years. Membership is up and they are participating in more events. Linwood has brought continuity and stability</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Thanked Social Officer - we are not here for accolades; we are here for the veterans</p>
Tom Flach, ALR Director	No report
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next drive is a week from today.</li> <li>2. Full but usually get one cancellation, let Theron know if you want to be on the waiting list</li> </ol>

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4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)