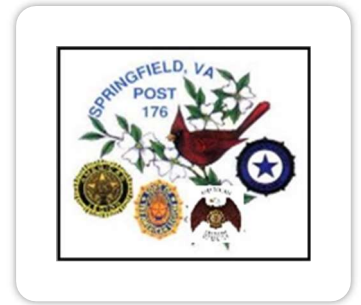




**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)/Remarks
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Briefed about Hoss, thanked the Chaplain,2. Introduced Nathan - new Member At Large – 3rd Yr3. EXCOM works for the general membership. We are temporarily stewards of the membership4. A few members attended the National Convention. Met the National Commander.5. This Thursday is Veterans Townhall hosted by Kathy Tran, Congressman Connelly will be here6. What makes a successful post - we/re measured by the 4 pillars, youth programs, what we do in the SQ and the CPR report, the stuff with the blood drive, and finance - thank you Roy7. We're going to recognize the Boy Scouts that assisted Hoss8. First Vice Commander Mona Espinosa was inducted into ANAVICUS - Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada United States. Membership is by invitation only and reserved for past National Commanders and distinguished Legionnaires.9. Introduced Henry Dorton, past Commander of Post 24 and 17th District Vice Commander.10. Commander also inducted into ANAVICUS

Motions from EXCOM	None
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We're at 55% for membership this yr 2. Early bird dinner is 5 Oct at 1700. If you've renewed for 2025 you are welcome to attend the dinner. Spouses and significant others are allowed to eat for free 3. This month we have 40 transfers and 11 new members <p>Motion to accept in mass, Mark Motion carries</p> <p>Motion to accept new and transfer, Mark Motion carries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Commander - our goal is 1702 this year
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Excused	Children & Youth
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son's did a great job with the tailgate this past Sunday 2. Trunk or Treat is 13 Oct from 1500-1800 3. Breakfast for Santa is 8 Dec at 1000 4. Compiling data for Bridge Walk 5. Tomorrow is 9/11, you or anybody you know needs help there are a lot of resources out there

<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Security camera updated 2. Remotes consolidated to on in sq 3. Looking at a temperature board for cafe, foyer and SQ with updates, etc. 4. Also looking at sending texts daily, going to conduct a test and will open it to general membership <p>Minutes</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes as posted</p> <p>Motion carries</p>
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hall Rental Income - down ~\$15,000; 2. Payroll Expenses - up ~\$18,000 - 3 paydays vs 2 per month; and 3. Upgraded Security Camera System – increased expenses by ~ \$11,500. 4. Last month's ~\$28,000 deficit is consistent with the \$23K deficit we had last August. 5. Please submit 501c3 charities to be consisted for year-end donations NLT 15 September. 6. Have to give 20% of paper and 10% electronic proceeds to 501c3 charities 7. If you or anyone has experience starting a 501c3 please reach out so we can get educated and see if we can become 501c2 8. Looking for someone who has excel skills to assist finance with automating the reports 9. If have any finance questions, reach out to Roy immediately so he can fix it or explain it <p>Commander - thank you Roy. We are doing good on the finances, thanks to everyone on that</p>

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Getting ready for the 2nd annual dining out. We have 114 tickets, will ask for volunteers to help setup 2. Jess is preparing the meals - crested cod, chicken piccata and whatever beef is on sale 3. Tickets are \$30 each and attire is reflective of their branch or Legion 4. Rules of mess, etc. will be sent out so everyone can become family per with them
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comrade Byrnes funeral ceremony - passed away after an accident 2. 9/16 is the service 3. Reception here 1130 - 1300 4. 1430 military honors at Quantico 5. Eblast going out tomorrow 6. While I was away, Sonny stepped in for the Chaplain - thanked Sonny 7. Commander - if you can make it please be there to render proper respect to Hoss
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Lot of historic events in Sept 2. 9/16/2019 ~ The American Legion was chartered by Congress 3. 9/1932 ~ The Sons of the American Legion was officially recognized at the National Convention in Portland, OR 4. 9/19/2004 ~ The American Legion launched the Blue Star Salute national program 5. September 1979 ~ POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the 3rd Friday of September 6. 9/11 a lot of things to do, a moment of silence
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum No report</p>

<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Secretary of VA - gave a great presentation on health benefits or cemetery. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Asking to present here, most will be on the PACAT act however other things were covered b. 30–40 minute presentation, also include a Q&A 2. Commander - on the cusp on having a VSO, took the training and waiting for the final approval. Kay is also one
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>1st No reprt</p> <p>2nd - Received progress review on the webpage, working one on one with them, we can always change things if we want</p> <p>Commander - we'll bring them in for an update when they get closer</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Lindon Dixon, National Executive Committee</p> <p>Excused</p>	

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Floor drain backed up - snaked and all set 2. PM done on roof top units, no major problems 3. Ice machine was fixed 4. Dennis got the part for the outside sign, put it in today 5. Commander - Charlie is taking leave and Stephanie filling in
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Auxiliary Tailgate, Sunday September 15 1:00pm Washington Commanders vs. New York Giants 2. 9/24 1st meeting of Auxiliary 3. On behalf of collective Auxiliary, our hearts are with Hoss's family
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st tailgate this past Sunday - over 47 plates sold, auctioned a \$100 gift card to Mike's. Great event for the 1st tailgate of the season 2. 9/21 is the 10th annual Pig Roast. Marcie donated a ticket for a veteran because she's can't make it. Will have DJ, Auxiliary will have a tent up with desserts. Riders will also have a tent 3. 9/22 - sons will have another tailgate 4. 10/5 will have the Son's 1st Octoberfest
Tom Flach, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supported group from pentagon to the ground zero 2. Rode to Fredericksburg supported 58th Riders Group at Post 55 3. Supported National Legacy Run - approx. 3000 miles, raised over \$930,000 for Children's fund - VA raised \$114,000 4. Supporting the Pig Roast <p>Commander - next year the National Convention will be in Tampa but the National Legacy Run will start in VA, leaning toward the pentagon</p>
Theron Patrick Excused	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <p>Next blood drive is 10/8</p>

1. Unfinished Business

- a. 17th Vice Commander - had a wonderful time at the national convention, enjoyed the comradery with members from 176th.
 - b. Kay briefed - 4 people attended Zoom.
 - c. Margie - tickets sold in SQ at night and Cafe during the day
 - d. Commander - Randy hung the flag
2. New Business
 3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
 4. Executive Session (if necessary)
 5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)