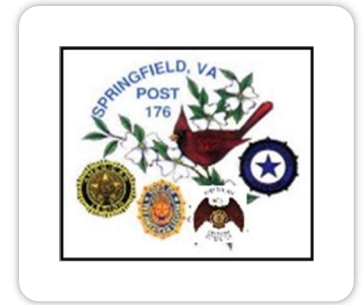




**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. Colonel Cheryl Creamer (Ret) - Visory Health
 - 1) Company has a discount for pharmacy card, not just for veterans, but for everyone
 - 2) No fees, no personal information taken, go into the app, put in medication and zip code, will bring less expensive places to get the medication
 - 3) No middle man, go directly to pharmacy to negotiate
 - 4) Mission - look at communities we serve, reach out to veterans, focus is at underserved and vulnerable populations- veterans fall into that group
 - 5) If can't afford, get creative with their prescriptions, therefore may not take correctly and cause more problems
 - 6) Finding a way to serve veterans, went to VSO's, partnering with Hope for the warriors, just trying to get them healthcare.
 - 7) Simply download the app, go to the pharmacy, find someplace cheaper can use the card and go somewhere
 - b. How does someone get to app – AdvisoryHealth.com has a resource page for veterans
 - c. Question - Mona - sounds like you're the good Rx for veterans. Similar. We've saved millions for veterans
 - d. Dennis - what is it that you're asking from post 176 - to share information
 - e. Commander - thank you, We'll get you in front of our GMM

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> <p>We have a quorum.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Royes in NC - his dad in Hospice. Keep him and family in prayers2 WJ - fell, in rehab in Woodbridge, he'll be 943 If Scout Mark was here, we would acknowledge his jumping in when Hoss fell4 Thanks to everyone who showed up for Hoss's repass5 VFW loss their Commander, he had access to everything unfortunately no one else did., Post 24 had the same challenge, our membership team has been helping them out6 Resilience, single point of failure - we need to have backups for everything we do. We have to think at who's going to fill critical positions if someone falls out. We need to identify a primary and a backup. We need to keep the operations going.7 We use Zoom however prefer the EXCOM to be in person. We'll start building the SOPs for it. We can now offer zoom for some of our signature events8 Start thinking about Veterans Day Guest speaker. American Legion will host and we'll have VFW and Order of Purple Hears join us.

	<p>Motion to pay for the hotel rooms for 3 people attending the District Commanders dinner on Nov 10th. Scott McDrea, Gene Malinowski and Erica Eccleston. Jay 2nd</p> <p>Motion carries to bring to GMM</p>
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Kicking butt on membership - thanks to Dennis, pat and Lyndon 2 10/9 early bird dinner 3 Exceeding goal for November but a long way to go - we're at 66% 4 Attending the National Combined Americanism Conference this weekend
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander <u>Zoom</u>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <p>No report</p>
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 10/13 trunk and treat 1500- 2 Will put something together for Veterans Day
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Please check Post email access and let me know if you have problems accessing your accounts 2 Requested names for the ATLAS room 3 Sign up for Mass Texts – Text AL176 to 78859 – conducted test
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <p>-Budget Tracker – EXCOM – please review your respective areas and be prepared to address how you plan to use or release funds</p> <p>-Actuals vs Budget – Actually looking good overall, considering how many facility emergencies that we've had</p> <p>Charities for Possible Donations – Please review the links and be prepared to vote to support and by how much.</p> <p>Motion to donate to the following charities. Barry, 2nd</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. George Washington Legacy Foundation Motion denied 2. George Washington Masonic Temple Motion denied 3. Links to Freedom - \$5,000 Motion approved 4. Warrior Canine Connection - \$10,000 Motion Approved 5. Wreaths Across America, Quantico - \$5,000 Motion Approved 6. Rose Hill Elementary School PTA Motion Tabled 7. Yellow Ribbon Fund - \$10,000 Motion Approved
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Zoom</p>	<p>Dining Out</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Thanks to Dennis for helping with the calendar 2 Dennis: Karla used to post things on internal calendar, continue to encourage to populate the google calendar, will do it as needed 3 Only sold 14 tickets, jess is working on the menu and budget everything 4 Any donations to gift baskets are welcome 5 Karla is going to send out eblast each week
<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>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr Zoom</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr Excused</p>	<p>1st yr - no report</p> <p>2nd yr - email administrator for the post - not aware of anyone having problems</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

<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fairfax Cty going to repaint and restripe part of the parking lot in the area they used around Oct 1st 2. Sonya got bit by a dog on Sat. Not feeling well. Are we going to pay hospital - if not that much pay. Up to GM 3. Got a new refrigerator for the SQ 4. AC needs a compressor, going to wait until spring. Gives us time to consider options. Check to see if can use charitable gaming. This unit is 7 yrs old. Cost between 35,000 and 40,000 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Marty - shouldn't wait until the Spring, in case time may take to make parts, etc b. Commander - let's get another quote, and then see if we can use charitable gaming 5. Not sure what the county is supposed to do according to the agreement, if someone has some insight. Not sure what they owe us and what they've done. Dennis volunteered to walk through with Charlie
<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President Excused</p>	<p>Auxiliary had meeting at the same time According to Auxiliary Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Auxiliary held their tailgate Sunday, September 15. We thank the many volunteers who donated food 2. next tailgate is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 starting at 2pm. 3. Many thanks and gratitude to our auxiliary members who came out and volunteered to help out and support the Son's Annual Pig Roast
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pig Roast - great turnout - sold 110 tickets and some folks donated -total was \$2625, after expenses brought in around \$1470. Little down from last year. Thanks to Riders, Jack helping serve, Auxiliary, Service Officer, Historian. Thanks to all who helped 2. Tailgate on Sunday. Numbers down because the Washington Commanders didn't play. Small crowd 3. Current adjutant, Taylor - up again for Detachment Commander for State of VA

Tom Flach, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterans Day - we can fill out a form and request military support - ie color guard, etc. Volunteered to help fill it out 2. 2 riders in State Rally represented Post 176. Still talking about the rally hosted at Post 176 in 2018 3. Sent some nominations for recommended donations
Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <p>Next blood Tuesday 10/8</p>

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
 - a. Jack - are we going to have a New Year's party this year
Jay - will get back to you
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)