



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. GMU Capstone – Website Presentation
 - b. There are analytics - how many people visit the site
 - c. Hope to launch by early November
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	General Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We need to have backups for the critical positions2. We are temporary stewards for the positions we are in right now3. We should be training someone to take our spots4. 10th of Nov is the District Commander's dinner. \$35, we provide the location, but 17th District is hosting the dinner, Department Commander will be here5. Thanks to Stephanie and Kay for running Zoom

<p>Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal was for every post to be at 55% 2. Were at 65% 3. The team works together - Dennis, Pat and Mona 4. Commander is the Departments Membership Chair 5. Moving in Dec to NC. Got engaged - will hold position as 1st Vice until the term is over 6. Congratulations to Mona
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Zoom</p>	<p>Children & Youth Budget No report Defer to budget</p>
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trunk or treat was excellent 2. Touch on one deep - reached out because I was not going to be here Sunday - slack was picked up. Can't be one deep, was nice to know we support each other 3. April or May in 2025 50th anniversary for the Vietnam veterans
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p> <p>Zoom</p>	<p>Post email</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving our email host from Cloudmail to Office 365 2. Identifying email addresses that are critical (kept in cloud) and ones that can be set up as alias (forwarded to personal email and deleted from cloud) 3. Stable will manage as part of the current contract

<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update Revenue and Expenses Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2025 Budget Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Looking for everyone's budget input 2. 2025 Budget Development Timeline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Present template to EXCOM at 15 October meeting b. Request feedback and input NLT 1 November c. EXCOM discussion and approval at 19 November meeting d. General Membership approval on 3 December
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate Zoom</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dining out - sent a spreadsheet out earlier to give an example of where we are with the funds 2. Need to check the ticket sales, Stephanie is doing a great job with the tickets, we sold 31 tickets out of 114 3. Barry is guest speaker, Tom is DJ, Royes is working on the Honor Guard
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members Commander - WJ update</p>
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veteran support update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Able to pay a veteran's phone bills for 6 months, b. We were going to pay 6 months for storage fee however he only wanted 3 months because he is trying to get a job

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report - Do we have a list of donations? Can assist where needed.</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Lindon Dixon, National Executive Committee</p>	

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on 3+ quotes for the AC 2. Looking at \$50,000 3. Trademaster was the one who put in the coil 4. We need a maintenance contract on the system
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to all who supported the Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat 2. Second tailgate fundraiser, this Sunday, October 20 3. Donating items for the raffle basket for the November 9 Dining Out
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10/5 thanks to everyone who helped out and came out for Oktoberfest 2. Tailgate this past weekend, served over 30 meals 3. Thanks to the family members who've come out and supported everyone 4. 190 members of the Sons
Tom Flach, ALR Director Excused	No reports
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive Update

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)