



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander’s Comments
4. Presentation(s):
 - a. Scouts Brief – How the Organizations Work
 - b. National level of scouts
 - 1) Name change to Scouting America go live 2/8/25
 - 2) Explained different programs
 - 3) Explained the Scouting America structure

Randy - how do we request support for events here

 - a. Working through the 2nd vice and then the three POCs
 - b. Discuss opportunities for troops to get involved
 - c. If alcohol part of event, they prefer not to be involved due youth
 - d. Yes they retire flags
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. We have a quorum 2. John can be backup for Randy 3. Everyone who works with children and youth now have to have a background check 4. 17th District Meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All chairs of programs have to report, we need to pay attention so when we can report it out at the 17th district, we know b. Working on oratorical c. District is 19 Jan, 1300 at Post 177 Region is 1 Feb, 1000 at Post 176 Dept is 1 Mar, in Portsmouth. d. Jeff White is 17th District coordinator and wants to attend all contests e. Our prize was more than the District last year, there was a problem, so it was changed and now there isn't a limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Presidents' Day Parade march with Post 24, this year it's on Sat, 2/15 6. First Sunday Feb is the Four Chaplains Ceremony at Post 177 7. 1/9 is Day on the Hill in Richmond 8. Marty reported on applications for first responders – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMT's, firefighters, and police award dates. b. It's geographical for applications. 9. Mac Brooks covered for Karla 10. Need someone for every critical position 11. Charlie should have all the passwords stored in the safe
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander Excused	VA&R, Membership
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	Children & Youth Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oratorical Contest – potential dates. 2. Our baseball coach will be back next year, we should also think about a backup 3. 1 guaranteed participant for oratorical, will reach out to those who went to Boys' State and the schools 4. Will need a lot of volunteers, looking at 1/8 or 1/15. 5. Prize \$ for oratorical, no more than \$1500 6. There's a process to request scouts to do things
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	Americanism, Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanksgiving 1200-1600, anyone has any donations let 3rd vice or Jessica know

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 12/8 Breakfast with Santa, will put out boxes for toys and will also do gift cards 3. Supported chili cookoff past Sunday, congratulations to Nate who won. He gave his \$500 prize back to USAS
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on upgrading Posts IT
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2025 Budget - need to speak to Roy. He will present at Dec GMM 2. Budget development, anticipating \$100,000 from Gover 3. Will need responses to motions before GMM. – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chaplain - we only need GMM to vote on motion 1 b. Need by this Thursday 4. Went over budget vs actual <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Marty - asked about a capital improvement fund? b. Commander talked about building a reserve fund. c. If we can use charitable gaming funds, we should. d. Marty it's having a plan for future. e. We can still put together a plan, just call it a reserve fund instead of capital improvement so we aren't pigeon holed 5. Flag Retirement Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does Post 176 want to continue to accept flags in 2025 b. If so, identify a committee / Vice to oversee process c. KOC will provide a soft copy of Ceremonial scripts for the retirement d. Post 176 would need to build / buy a burn pit / barrel; and e. Coordinate with neighbors and local fire department on retirement days f. If not, Post 176 needs to remove the flag drop box from the foyer; or g. Identify another organization to retire the flags h. Covanta (Randy) - Randy and Jay will go to Lorton and speak i. Can also have eagle scout project to build a burn pit j. All thoughts and comments are welcome

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members No report</p>
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum No report</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided No report</p>
<p>Executive Committee at Large Jack Moar, 1yr Dennis Madtes, 2 yr <u>Excused</u> Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>No report No report</p>

Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No Report
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Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fixed bar sink, new faucet 2. Garage contractors - proposed 3 solar panel lights on the back of their building at no cost to us or they will fix the light they broke in our parking lot, may want to get incident 3. HVAC - someone was in today. Not sure if Charlie B has all the quotes
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President Excused	<p>Meeting Conflict</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing our partnership with Fort Belvoir Elementary School <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. will be donating items to their food pantry for Thanksgiving this week. b. We will also be donating items and clothing to ECHO 2. Auxiliary tailgate Sunday, November 24 at 1pm 3. Donated \$2,000 to the Charitable Organization, Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane Relief 4. Unit is helping Randy Gunn who is in charge of the Virginia Chapters of the American Legion Riders, assisting with State Commander's special project Helmets for Heroes initiative for The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation 5. Auxiliary's Give 10 to Education Program collects needed items in multiples of 10 for anything a teacher or school may need. Donation box is located in the foyer
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wreaths across America - can make a donation or purchase a wreath under the Post until 12/1 2. 12/14 1500, Army-Navy Game, will be a tailgate, Brunswick stew \$10 along with tailgate, 3. Shout out to the Chaplain, Pat "Pussycat", one of our members, didn't have anyone local, the Chaplain came and gave her last rights

Tom Flach, ALR Director Excused	1. Submitted nomination package Dept of VA Riders chairmen to have post 176 host the start of the 2025 National Legacy Run. If we win nomination, we'll sponsor from here to Tampa 2. Recommend forming a committee from all family orgs to work together
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive Update Next Blood Drive – Dec. 10 th

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