



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 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. GMU Capstone Presentation
 - Presentation of the website
 - Went through website - page by page
 - Showed how to submit volunteers' hours for CPR report
 - This is the dress rehearsal and the next week is the final, if pass, they will graduate with a Bachelor's
 - Commander - we both benefit, we got an updated website and they received their degree
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. This is the 2nd GMM with Zoom 2. We have temperature boards that advertise what we are doing 3. Text is up and running 4. We're moving forward with moderation of this Post 5. We are working on SOPs 6. Thanks to GMU for website 7. Jim Elliot flies under the radar but does a lot volunteering to help other vets. Setup WJ's apartment so he could come home from rehab. Thanks to Mike Farabaugh for also helping JW and for doing other things for this post 8. Exhausting week - had a lot of big events this past weekend. Thanks those who volunteered and help out 9. Karla out of country on vacation, point about having backup, Mac Brooks stepped up to back up Karla - sending out the eBlast. It will go out because

	<p>we have the redundancy. Every critical position will have a primary and alternates with equal access</p> <p>10. The EXCOM doesn't run this Post. The general membership runs the Post. They vote on the important things that need to be done. The EXCOM works for the GMM. EXCOM is temporary stewards of these positions</p> <p>11. There are provisions in bylaws for those things that are time sensitive</p> <p>12. Acknowledge Mark Kabel - NC Department adjutant</p>
Motions from EXCOM	
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have 1,128 members at 66% for year, right on goal 2. 17 members to vote in - 9 transfers and 8 new members 3. Read names 4. Do not need 2 motions, <p>Motion to accept in mass, 2nd Mike</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander Excused	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jess T reported <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Post sponsors 2 teams for little league. b. Had a pizza party for the teams. c. 42 participants
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have a lot going on 2. This Sunday - no tailgate, per say, AUSA will have their annual chili cookoff. \$25 entry fee, \$500 1st place, \$400 2nd place, \$100. All the raised funds - Ken Britt scholarship funds for soldiers and family 3. Thanksgiving dinner 1100-1700. Will accept donations of food or money. If you want donate food, please let us know ahead of time so we can plan, will ask for volunteers - setup, 4. Breakfast with Santa, Santa will be here, every kid will get a pic with Santa and each will get a small present. 12/8 1000-1300 5. Commander - if you can come put and support the AUSA - this is the 5th one and it's for a good cause

Denise White, Post Adjutant	<p>Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GMM members vote on GMM minutes Let me know if you have any comments, correction, etc. 2. EXCOM members vote on EXCOM minutes however everything that goes on is annotated <p>Motion to accept GMM minutes as posted, Jay 2nd</p> <p>Motion passed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Reminder need Committee info
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On track for what we set up for the year 2. Will present a proposed budget to the EXCOM next week and then to the GMM next month
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Dining Out. The volunteers were a key to making it a success 2. Commander - one of the best events that we have, thanks Martie.
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Commander's – the Chaplain been very busy - dealing with a lot between the post and work. Thanks for what you're doing</p>
Barry Williams, Historian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. November 8 2022 - The American Legion launches national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in getting earned medical care benefits from the VA 2. November 10, 1919 - The American Legion held its first national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the organization's constitution and preamble were adopted 3. November 11, 1921 - American Legion leaders, President Warren G. Harding, and Allied generals participated in ceremonies to dedicate the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery 4. National Family Week Nov. 24-30 - For more than 45 years, the week of Thanksgiving has been proclaimed National Family Week

<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Event - 11/10 was the birthday of the marine corps. Marine hymn sang at the dining out however no other song was read 2. The school reached out to ask vets to come to school. The kids had a wonderful time last year and would like to do it again
<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</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>2nd yr -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis and Lyndon were invited to the White House for the veteran's breakfast 2. Also invited to and went to Arlington for the ceremony there <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County re-stripped the parking lot 2. Freezer in back room is fixed – it wasn't defrosting 3. Smoke alarm fixed, saved \$400 on total cost

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sprinklers didn't have caps, fixed 5. ABC came and everything is approved 6. Committee put together for the AC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Charlie Buettner is chair b. Commanders - its a big expense looking at \$60,000. We can use gaming funds. We are going to do our due diligence. Want a good contract, a warranty, maintenance plan
<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next tailgate will be Sunday, November 24 2. Unit donated \$2,000 to the Charitable Organization, Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane Relief 3. Several of our members along with the ALA and SAL Jr's participated in the Post Annual Trunk or Treat – over 300 attended Thanks to all who helped make it a success 4. Every member of the American Legion Family can get involved with Give 10 for Education 5. We are continuing our Partnership with the Fort Belvoir Elementary School Food Pantry. We will be delivering much needed food items to help veterans and their families for Thanksgiving 6. Several members of our Auxiliary, along with members of our Legion Family attended the Fall Conference in Williamsburg 7. Auxiliary member and 4th grade teacher, Hannah Rocke coordinated 'Operation Read Aloud'
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 11/10 hosted tailgate 2. Wreaths across America is 12/14, can sponsor a wreath for \$17 per wreath We will place wreaths at Alexandria national cemetery 3. Hosting the Army-Navy game on 12/14, big event for the American Legion
<p>Tom Flach, ALR Director</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Now have 55 riders 2. Meet in Warrior Cafe, riders donated a riders flag which is flying in the cafe

Theron Patrick	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next blood drive 12/10, 2 open slots, if interested, send Theron an email and he will add you to the wait list 2. Important information about donors, sometimes there are people who can't donate after they get here and go through the tests, or can't fill a bag <p>Commander - no other post in state of VA pull as much as our post. Because of Theron's coordination, we are #1 non-medical facility in the state for donates</p>
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Henry - pretty impressed with all the things you've done
 Fall conference is this Sunday at Fairfax

Commander - recognized Carlos for his membership and support

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

a. Rex - cash team

1) Looking for volunteers to support the cash team

2) Dennis and Rex sent out an email to about 600 members looking for volunteers. If you have a Sat or Sun, don't need more people, just need to rotate them through

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)