



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2024**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander’s Comments
4. Presentation(s): None
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. Have a quorum 2. Tony - Leti’s brother sitting in - thank you for joining us 3. Received email about RJ - Post 177, 1/18 celebration of life at Post 177. 2nd GM lost - 3-4 yrs ago lost GM to accident 4. 12/21 1730 WJ having holiday celebration, everyone is invited. He’ll be 94 in April. 5. A lot of volunteers, go on the website and input your hours 6. Appreciate what everyone is doing, we’re finishing out year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Last EXCOM this year. b. Start thinking about your positions, what you want to do, if you’re interested in another position. c. Let Commander know your plans. 7. Charlie runs the business side and we run the Legion side. 8. Post our side should have more people stepping up to volunteer and help out. Let’s try to recruit more volunteers.

	<p>9. Show up to Post to support events</p>
<p>Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1284 members - 75% goal 2. Be in DC area for inauguration - so will attend EXCOM in person
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1/8, 7-9 pm need Oratorical volunteers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Karla can put something out b. Chaplain will do invocation, c. Have 2 solid candidates for the Oratorical, looking for more 2. John Shulky is the Scout POC. If other leaders come to you, push them back to John.
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breakfast with Santa - best one yet. Sent out an after-action report to the family members. Please fill it out and get it back to me 2. 4/19 Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary party - MTF 3. This Sunday tailgate will be hosted as a family event. Each will contribute 4. 50 \$25 gift cards left over from Breakfast w Santa. Please see Jay if have any recommendations. Will bring to Commander for approval.
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed snapshot of revenue and expenses as of this morning 2. Locker rentals up for renewal, asking for them to be done by 1/15, we have a waiting list. 3. Met with finance committee, went over things we're going to do for close out 4. Going to change some things for 2025 5. Great job using charitable gaming - we only have \$10,000 left

<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Excused</p>	
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum</p> <p>Neighbors praised what a great event Breakfast with Santa, shows we are not an establishment of just drinking</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People communicate with strangers when they come here, very welcoming, it's about the fellowship and camaraderie. Keeping doing what we're doing 2. Gave a check to a needy veterans, talked for a while and got to know his back story 3. Requested splash pads for men's room, GM will look into 4. Suggested a hard stand pavilion, fire pit, grills, in the back parking lot - we can rent out <p>Commander - very reverent, most of our recruiting in From the social quarters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Our events are meaningful and important

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr Excused</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr Excused</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>3rd yr</p> <p>No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time to reflect - set some goals for coming year 2. Best practice - to submit written reports. Ever a situation where there's a challenge, you have something in black and white <p>Commander - everything you do are volunteer hours, everything you're doing needs to be captured.</p>

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stainless steel put up in kitchen, looks clean 2. Randy also fixed awing – insurance is covering 3. Fence is fixed, also did some work on fence where trash bin stored 4. Health Department inspection passed 5. Got a check from a trust for \$5,000 6. Thursday the AC is going to be put in 7. While crane is here going to take out the smoker
<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President</p>	<p>Meeting Conflict</p>

<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAL hosted Army-Navy game, thanks to Shelly for donating some swag, also thanks to rest of family members who helped. Truly a family event 2. Drivers from Wreaths Across America come by, we welcomed and gave a standing ovation for what they do
<p>Tom Flach, ALR Director</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very successful 2024 2. Registered the Riders for the 2025 George Washington Birthday Parade 3. We made positive contact with staff at the adjacent Fairfax County Parking Garage. Encouraging our use of the garage because it's currently underutilized 4. Working on Run for the Wall 5. Standing by for announcement of 2025 starting location for National Legacy Run. Depart and National Commanders will be here. A lot of coordination. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Starts here and ends in Tampa. b. Chaplain - find out if want a blessing of the bikes c. -Big Rider events for Post d. Will pass on to the Commander once we know <p>Marty - need to look into insurance requirements because it's a huge event</p>
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive Update</p> <p>Theron not here. No information</p>

6. Unfinished Business

Kay - spent more than 2 hours on Monday, finding a DD214 for a member who passed and the family did not know where the paperwork they needed was, what their wishes were, etc. Be sure you have everything lined up so when you pass those who will be responsible knows where everything is.

7. New Business

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment

9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)