



AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 3, 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. BSA Funding Support
 - b. Run for the Wall - Steve League
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	General Comments
Motions from EXCOM	<p>Motion EXCOM to approve this proposed budget of \$1,849,146.39 for FY2025 as presented, for submission to the General Membership Meeting on 3 December 2024.</p> <p>Motion passed</p>
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander Zoom	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <p>Motion to accept new and transferred members</p>

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	Children & Youth 2025 Oratorical
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	Americanism, Calendar
Denise White, Post Adjutant	Minutes Motion to accept GMM minutes as posted
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	Finance Budget Update
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain Excused	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Barry Williams, Historian	Dec. 16, 1919: Relentless lobbying by The American Legion results in an increase of disability compensation for war-wounded veterans, from \$30 per month to \$80 per month. Dec. 7, 1941: Japan’s attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, brings the United States into World War II. Soon, more than 150,000 members of The American Legion (World War I veterans and career officers) return to wartime service. In addition, nearly 400,000 Legionnaires serve as air-raid wardens, 300,000 as volunteer police officers and 50,000 as volunteer firefighters to fill wartime needs in their communities. Dec. 15, 1943: Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the “GI Bill of Rights”– considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	Quorum

JD Gibson, Service Officer	Recent Veteran support provided
Executive Committee at Large Jack Moar, 1yr Dennis Madtes, 2 yr Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr	
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	
Tom Flach, ALR Director	

Theron Patrick	Blood Drive Update
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6. Unfinished Business
 - a. AC Committee Update – Charlie Buttner
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)