



**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 176 Springfield  
EXCOM Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025**



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:

<b>Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions</b>	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	<p>General Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We have a quorum</li><li>2. Feb 11 next blood drive<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Theron stepping down - he and Rosemary are moving so they won't be running blood drive in the future</li><li>b. Form a committee to manage the blood drive</li></ol></li><li>3. Post elections in May, close slate in April. Start thinking about what you want to do, big part of leadership is showing up and participating in events, etc. it's not the position, it's what you do</li><li>4. Spring Conference is coming up in Portsmouth,</li><li>5. Discussion about raising our dues, we only get \$6 out of the \$40 we charge, don't know if Dept is going to raise dues, if so we will need to increase ours</li></ol>

<p>Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander  Zoom</p>	<p>VA&amp;R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1460 paid members - 86% of goal for year, already met goal for Feb 12th</li> <li>2. Reaching goals from Dept but last year we had more. Dennis and Pat are sending out reminders</li> </ol>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children &amp; Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department Oratorical is Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>2. Need outstanding/upstanding community leaders with no Post 176 affiliation to be judges, have 2-3 judges signed up right now.</li> <li>3. John can reach out to Ft Belvoir, cc Commander, to see if they'll send a judge, also hope to get one from District.</li> </ol>
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Family members really came together for tailgate</li> <li>2. Will have a Super Bowl tailgate, more to follow, Linwood and Jay talking about budget</li> </ol> <p>Commander - Sat Feb 15<sup>th</sup> is Presidents' Day parade. We always show up and support</p>
<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CPR report       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dates are 01 Jun thru 31 May</li> <li>b. Please continue to track and input in your volunteer hours</li> <li>c. EXCOM start putting together your reports – same as previous years</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Cheryl Creamer – Visory Health presentation at Feb GMM</li> <li>3. Resolution: George Navas, Post 175, for Department Vice Commander</li> <li>4. Server Access – who currently has access, does the position have folders/information stored there</li> </ol>

<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update 01.27.25</p> <p>At least 3 people have asked about gaming - taken in \$330,746, paid out \$293,748.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dentz Fund (2024): \$857,895.04 ↑\$95,848.72 ↑12.6% <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. \$253K Withdrawn Since October 2017</li> <li>b. Stock: 70% Bonds: 30%</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Taxes: Federal – Provided QuickBooks and Bank Statements to Accounting Firm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provided Quarterly &amp; Annual Forms to Maryland, DC and Virginia</li> <li>b. Provided W-2s to ~35 Employees</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p><b>Excused</b></p>	
<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>-no report</p> <p>Was in California, President visited a Post there, impacted a lot of veterans</p>
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p> <p><b>Excused</b></p>	<p>Quorum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Propose Saturday, August 17th, 2025 for this year's Bridge Walk with Saturday, August 23rd as the rain date</li> </ol>
<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 <b>Zoom</b></p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr <b>Excused</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> yr –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do we determine whether events open to the public? Casino night is payback to the Post from Grover. People from public can come in</li> <li>2. At some point we have to decide whether events should be open to public.</li> <li>3. Super Bowl will use the banquet room as well, so it won't be as crowded</li> </ol> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> - No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>

<b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b>	
<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kitchen hood cleaned – passed semiannual inspection</li> <li>2. Preventative Maintenance on equip in kitchen is coming up</li> <li>3. Compressor in freezer went out, one they sent isn't any good so they're going to send another</li> <li>4. Started updating banquet hall bar area</li> <li>5. Walkin cooler has a lot of beer in with food, looking at purchasing a three-door refrigerator to store beer. Will have to rearrange the back room, new 3 door will cost \$3800</li> <li>6. Randy' been doing work around the Post, painting, etc.</li> <li>7. We have a new 85" TV in SQ, Randy put it up</li> </ol>

<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raffling off a 'Sled of Cheer' on Friday, February 14, 2025. The Valentine's Day drawing will take place at 9pm in the Social Quarters. Raffle tickets will be available starting Tuesday. 1 ticket \$10, 3 for \$25</li> <li>2. Four Auxiliary members will be attending the Dept. Spring Conference in Portsmouth February 28-March 2.</li> <li>3. March 23, 2025 Auxiliary Women's Wellness Social Event 1300-1500</li> </ol>
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Casino night was a success, had to overcome a few challenges and it turned out to be great time, added tables, had a lot of winners, will give to Karla for eblast</li> <li>2. Family worked together for tailgate Sunday, Huge success</li> <li>3. Chili Cook Off - will announce date toward end of Feb</li> <li>4. St Patrick's Day in March</li> <li>5. Cinco de Mayo in May</li> <li>6. Tyler Vance, is up for Adjutant state of VA, he will be hosting a hospitality suite in Portsmouth, looking for donations</li> </ol>
<p>Tom Flach, ALR Director</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Virginia In State Legacy Run 19-21 June (Legacy Run t-shirt quilt raffle tix)</li> <li>2. NFCU sponsorship for ALR-176 Poker Run and other post events. Desire to provide non-brand small business and fraud protection presentations.</li> <li>3. NFCU (Springfield branch) is onboard will sponsorship for other events. Provide non corporate financial responsibility, trainings not an NFCU pitch more education,</li> <li>4. Erick - poker run May 3rd, start setup banquet room Friday night, sponsors will have tables set up, outside will have area for cigars, flyers are being finalized, QR code will provide more info, breakfast and lunch food options, cars are allowed in poker run, gun raffle drawing at the end of the ride</li> <li>5. VA in state rally, 19-21 Jun is auctioning off a custom-made quilt</li> <li>6. Per National Director, no location for Legacy Run has been decided on yet, some reps coming Super Bowl Sunday to check out the routes</li> </ol>
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive Update</p>

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment