



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 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:

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. Blood drive 2/11 - Theron and Rosemary are relocating to Myrtle Beach at end of Feb. Having a party on Saturday 3. Notch has volunteered to take over, it's not just one person, we need a few to keep infrastructure in place, if anyone can help 4. April is when the CPR reports are due, be prepared. Written reports need to be submitted. Take the time to write it according to what we did. 5. Randy - who writes awards? Commander - we do, if you want to put someone in for an award be sure to write it up. 6. Linwood - does the sons information count on the legions side? Commander - yes 7. Need the volunteer hours, anyway we can capture the hours we need all of them 8. Thank you for showing up for the President's Day Parade, lightest attendance from Legion, weather was not nice

	<p>9. Think about where you want to be as far as participating on the EXCOM, let us know. We are looking at also having backups for continuity of operations. Roy and Jay have said they are not seeking reelection</p> <p>10. We close the slate in April, vote in May and take office in June</p> <p>11. Commander - we have a few people here observing what we do, they are interested in becoming members of the EXCOM</p>
<p>Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander Zoom</p>	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have 1510 members - 89% of goal, next goal is 90% for March 12th. 2. Thanks to Dennis and Pat and Barry for keeping it going while she's out of town <p>Commander - need to get to 1702 by June for the year. Not hard, it's time consuming. We've processed 200 in a day it's a lot. Pat does a lot for our post. He stays on top of membership. Dennis does things differently; he sends emails and looks up information recruiting. Barry's in the wings to be 1st Vice next year.</p>
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Children & Youth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Spfld little league would like to present us with a plaque, add to the agenda for GMM. Need a check for \$1500. Recommend we pass them our donation of \$1500 at the same time they give us a plaque 2. Eagle Scout - need projects - Purple Heart need to be painted.
<p>Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tailgate season over - great season thanks to all the family members 2. Low on volunteers this year 3. Largest company in us came and gave proposal to redo our parking lot, it was \$100,000+ would like to form a committee of 4-5 people to start soliciting ideas, doing fund raisers, to raise the money <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Randy - will donate \$ b. Committee will come up with idea for buying bricks

<p>Denise White, Post Adjutant</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPR report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dates are 01 Jun thru 31 May b. Please continue to track and input in your volunteer hours c. EXCOM start putting together your reports – same as previous years 2. Spoke to Slable RE bandwidth 3. Resolution: Dennis Madtes, Post 176, for Department Chaplain <p>Motion to endorse Dennis as Department Chaplain, 2nd Randy</p> <p>Motion carries</p>
<p>Roy Burton, Finance Officer</p>	<p>Finance Budget Update 01.27.25</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provided responses to the questions from the accountant for taxes 2. When the parking lot committee is put together, Roy be involved 3. Need to scrub some of the information on the revenue and expense report 4. Nate - question about the \$210 under expenses <p>Roy - it was labels incorrectly and will be moved to the correct category</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p>Zoom</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best zoom - audio and video 2. Did not see conflict of interests with the company that wants to do advertising 3. Remind everyone about the bylaws, policy with providing meeting topics and requests for money, needs to go to the EXCOM 1st, also give Roy a change to see where the funds will come through. 4. A couple of times have come up at the GMM before being vetted through the EXCOM 5. Will be happy to take a look at the contract for those who want to rent the parking lot 6. Not sure will run for JA this year because I'm in Del. And don't feel that I can be as effective, if anyone is interested, please let me know <p>Commander - you've been the best JA we've had. Objective, impartial, firm, keeps us in line, we hope you stay on for another term.</p> <p>Thank you for what you do,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Randy - thank you Martie, you keep us in check and I appreciate what you do, you hold us all accountable. 8. Tom - received your response

<p>Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain</p>	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rudy Gardner had a medical procedure 2. He's doing better and will hopefully be home soon
<p>Barry Williams, Historian</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms</p>	<p>Quorum No report</p> <p>No follow up on the date Bridge Walk. Looking at picking another date because the initial date overlaps with the Legacy Run</p>
<p>JD Gibson, Service Officer</p>	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spencer Layton is interested in becoming a VSO. He's currently working with Scott Morse, Department VSO. He's been going through the training. And hopefully be up and onboard soon. We definitely need a VSO 2. Annual reports - does help if we have a template and maybe have something on a shared drive. How can we make it better? Commander - good points, last year report is a good baseline Commander - a post our size should have a few VSO's. Hopefully Spencer will work out. We need more so he doesn't get burned out, 3. Randy - are they paid? Commander - no, we don't pay for them to do it, we pay for the training

<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr Excused</p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr Zoom</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr</p>	<p>1st Kim - Jack is getting better</p> <p>2nd No report</p> <p>3rd No report</p>
<p>Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander</p>	<p>No report</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Voting Invited Attendees</p>	
<p>Charlie Mooney, General Manager</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remodeling the bar in banquet room, almost done, waiting on beer tower, once receive will put in a cabinet and hook up. 2. Compressor on freezer - Chucks' been sick so once he gets better he'll install, hopefully finish this week 3. Mark came in with a card - Werner contracting, looking for staging area, possibly use our back yard will pay \$800 - \$1000 per month <p>Motion to accept proposal for storage charging rent of \$1,000 per month. Jay, Mark 2nd</p> <p>Discussion - do we need a permit from Fairfax County? They would need to take care of</p> <p>Motion carries</p>

<p>Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank all who helped donate to the sleigh we raffled. Made \$1634 2. Sat 2/22 at 1800 in the Dentz room having a going away get together for Rosemary and Theron. Rosemary is VP and has been with the unit for over 7 years, she's been a rock. Welcome to stop by. They're leaving on 2/26 3. 3/23 1300-1500, secured 2 big speakers for the women's wellness event - Krystal is the POC for the event. Will have vendors, etc. will be inviting Auxiliary Department
<p>Linwood Jones, SAL Commander</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working on dates for St Patrick's Day 2. Working on Chili Cookoff
<p>Tom Flach, ALR Director</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secured sponsorship for poker run on May 3rd, Navy Federal CU 2. Thursday at 1700 coming by for a fraud briefing 3. Really good meeting with primary planners of the National Legacy Run - from here to Tampa. Like the facility, we have everything they want, comes down to the route, thanks to the Commander, SAL Commander and 3rd vice for attending the meeting <p>Commander - we get the legacy run it's a big deal! It will be a big event, high visibility, with a lot of VIPs</p>
<p>Theron Patrick</p>	<p>Blood Drive Update</p>

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
9. Executive Session (if necessary)
10. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)