



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Post 176 Springfield**  
**General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**



1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Adjutant
3. Commander's Comments
4. Presentation(s)/Remarks –
  - a. Cheryl Creamer – Visory Health  
Chief Clinical Officer Visory Health  
USA, COL (R)
5. Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute
9. Adjourn

<b>Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions</b>	
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	General Comments
Motions from EXCOM	- Resolution: George Navas, Post 175, for Department Vice Commander
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander	VA&R, Membership  <b>Motion</b> to accept new and transferred members

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	Children & Youth
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	Americanism, Calendar
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<p>1. CPR report</p> <ul 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> </ul> <p>2. Minutes</p> <p><b>Motion</b> to accept GMM minutes as posted</p>
Roy Burton, Finance Officer	Finance Budget Update
Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members
Barry Williams, Historian	<p><b>3 FEB 1943 (Four Chaplain’s Day)</b> U.S Army Transporter (The Dorchester) was torpedoed and sunk during the Battle of the Atlantic. Immediately after the Dorchester was struck, the ship lost power and began sinking. Four Army chaplains Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Father John P. Washington, and Reverend Clark V. Poling began assisting with the evacuation. Life jackets were dispersed and passengers were directed to the lifeboats.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Dorchester lacked enough life jackets for everyone on board. While passengers and crew members continued to seek refuge off the</p>

	<p>ship, all four chaplains gave up their life jackets, well aware that the frigid waters of the North Atlantic offered virtually no chance of survival.</p> <p>As the ship continued to sink, survivor accounts claim the four chaplains held arms while singing hymns. None of the four survived, and the attack ultimately led to the deaths of over 700 people.</p> <p>On <b>Feb. 28, 1991</b>, President Bush declared a ceasefire on 28th February 1991, formally ending the Persian Gulf War. To prevent future aggression, the UN enacted Resolution 686 and Resolution 687. BL: this day officially ended the Persian Gulf War.</p>
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	Quorum
JD Gibson, Service Officer	Recent Veteran support provided
<p>Executive Committee at Large</p> <p>Jack Moar, 1yr <b>Excused</b></p> <p>Dennis Madtes, 2 yr</p> <p>Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr <b>Excused</b></p>	1 <sup>st</sup> No report
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	

<b>Non-Voting Invited Attendees</b>	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	

Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President <b>Excused</b>	"Sleigh your Winter Blues Away- Raffle of Cheer". Drawing Friday, February 14 at 9pm Social Quarters
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	
Tom Flach, ALR Director <b>Excused</b>	No report
Theron Patrick	Blood Drive Update

6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
9. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)