



**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 176 Springfield
EXCOM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 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
 - 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 quorum2. 6/1 District Mtg, Post 177, starts at 1300.3. Department Conference - Jul 9 - 114. National is 22-28 of August in Tampa5. 30 delegates for Boys State, week of Father's Day, Commander will be a counselor again this year6. June 3rd - officer installation, Jeff White, 17th District Commander7. Coat and tie for men, professional dress, install new officers8. Thank you, this is my last meeting s Commander, I couldn't do anything without you to include the family organizations9. Remember the Post comes 1st. We need redundancy, we need back-ups for each of the positions.

Vacant, 1st Vice Commander	<p>VA&R, Membership</p> <p>Dennis</p> <p>Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change in membership - 95% 2. 1620-1621 members 3. 1st time in 10 years we didn't reach 100% 4. Of note we are going from \$40 to \$45 for dues, could be a challenge for some members 5. In 2015 we were under 1300, 10 yrs later and 300 more members. We doing well, still largest post, 17th under National 6. Commander - National set the membership goal 7. There are 6 classes based on the number of members, we're in 6th class 17th District 4 posts
<p>Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander</p> <p>Excused</p>	Children & Youth
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander	<p>Americanism, Calendar</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presented outgoing and incoming commander's koozies 2. With everything going on, JD is going to help out 3. Calendar does have any hot spots 4. Riders for the Wall, Friday the riders are coming in about 1030 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sunday kick stands up at 0700 b. Bring people - just rode accords the states for veterans health. Thank you to Steve the lead and all who have helped c. Anyone who can help, please come in. d. Bartenders and food downstairs. Planning on 1000+ folks
Denise White, Post Adjutant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPR reports submitted 2. Will try to do it differently next year so everything is in without pressure

Roy Burton, Finance Officer	<p>Finance Budget Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed revenue and expense 2. Dentz Fund highest it's been this year <p>Commander - Roy is stepping down has done a great job, thanks Dennis for stepping up</p>
<p>Martie Soper, Judge Advocate</p> <p><u>Zoom</u></p>	No report
Rev. Mark Arbeen, Chaplain	<p>Post-Everlasting update, sick members</p> <p>No report</p>
Barry Williams, Historian	No report
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	<p>Quorum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridge walk - going over dates, 30 Aug looks good 2. It's been a couple of years and thanks for getting that started up
JD Gibson, Service Officer	<p>Recent Veteran support provided</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Commander - thank you for stepping up and helping with 3rd Vice</p>

Executive Committee at Large	No report
Jack Moar, 1yr	No report
Dennis Madtes, 2 yr	No report
Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr	
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report

Non-Voting Invited Attendees	
Charlie Mooney, General Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foyer repainted - ceiling and floor 2. Deck off SQ - floor needs work, leaking in kitchen 3. Bought refrigerator for back room - should be here in a week, will relief walk in cooler 4. Eagle Scout project to build burn pit and also will do the flag burning ceremony once a month <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nylon flags burn black smoke - releases toxics into the air, cloth flags can be done separately b. Roy - we had a Conex filled with flags. There may be a box or two. c. Have we checked with police and fire depart - a lot drop their flags here, d. Can we get together with other posts to see if there was something we can do? e. Dennis offered a temporary solution - can use his place for a flag retirement ceremony f. Jack - Post 28 Triangle over by Quantico, is in the woods may be able to burn there g. Jeff - asked what Department or National does - it's Post level h. County web site says drop off flags at the Legion

Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Poppy Day, Friday May 23 - A few Auxiliary members will hand out Poppies during the Run for the Wall Motorcycle event in the Banquet Hall. 2. Some members available to help where they can
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanks to everyone who supported Cinco de Mayo 2. Election May 13th, Sons will have the same EXCOM 3. Week later, Tyler, Detachment commander, hit by car, his mother just prior had to have some stents, and his uncle passed away 4. Carlos flew in from Cuba to support this Post with Run for the Wall and Memorial Day 5. Rose, from Target, volunteered to get us all the utensils, etc. Her father passed away yesterday, but she came in to drop off all the stuff 6. Also, some of the people who work for target need hours so they're volunteering to help with the weekend
Tom Flach, ALR Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia Dept Riders motorcycle event, 15-16 August 2. Run for the Wall coming up 3. Unfortunately, we did not get selected for the starting location for the National Legacy Run, State Director is still going to have our Post as a start point for VA riders 4. 15 - 16 Aug hosting as many VA riders as we can, will ride from here to S. Boston VA. Planning stages for 15 Aug event 5. Will update when have more info
Blood Drive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notch is doing a great job with the blood drive 2. One under his belt, knows what he's doing

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
3. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
4. Executive Session (if necessary)
5. Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)