

AMERICAN LEGION Post 176 Springfield General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 6, 2025



- 1. Call to Order, Salute, Prayer, POW/MIA, Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call: Adjutant
- 3. Commander's Comments
- 4. Elections Dennis Madtes Election Committee Chairman
 - a. Two Ballots
 - 1) One vote to include all non-contested positions
 - 2) Bylaws referenced
 - 3) The vote will be a Yes/no vote

Motion to elect the following uncontested positions

First Vice Commander: Barry Williams Second Vice Commander: Randy Wheeler

Third Vice Commander: Jay Byrum

Adjutant: Kevin Gaddis

Finance Officer: Dennis Madtes Chaplain: Reverend Mark Arbeen Sergeant-at-Arms: Royes Gernandt Post Service Officer: Jeff Marriott Judge Advocate: Martie Soper Historian: Stephanie Thomaston

Members-at-Large: 1-year: Angela Garcia

2-year: Nate Savageau 3-year: Michael Binetti

Motion carried

- b. One paper ballot for contested position
 - 1) Jack Moore is the teller Rex will assist
 - 2) 84 ballots, by majority vote Commander is Denise White
- c. Commander -
 - 1) Thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the EXCOM
 - 2) He was very lucky to have the EXCOM he has
 - 3) Very fortunate to serve as Commander for 3 years, benefited from the team here
 - 4) He's been a member of this Post for 31 years it's his family
 - 5) This Post is a cornerstone
 - 6) 100% endorse and do what he can, everyone gives a lot
 - 7) Volunteers thank you
 - 8) Acknowledged Henry
- 5. Presentations:
 - a. Rex Honorary Paid Up For Life (HPUFL)
 - b. Honorary Life Members for Post 176 Presentation
 - c. 12 of 14 consulted to review nominee for life membership,

Motion to accept Kevin Gaddis as Honorary Life Members

Move the resolution be accepted, Barry 2nd

Motion carried

- d. Rex and Marty presented Kevin with the resolution and certificate
- e. Kevin thanked the membership
- 6. Reports
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. New Business
 - a. Splashes of Hope
 - b. Mural for the banquet hall, www.splashesofhope.org
- 9. Closing Prayer, Salute
- 10. Adjourn

Voting Legionnaire's Names and Positions		
Kevin Gaddis, Commander	General Comments We have a quorum 1. Introduced Gordon Sumner - provided background of AUSA scholarship a. Named after the AUSA commander. Ken lost his battle, his favorite thing was helping with scholarships b. JrROTC cadets, military are recipients c. Pay for 2 \$500 scholarships d. Two recipients will be presented \$500 each at Post 176 on May 29th. e. Theirs were sponsored by Post 176 Motion - to make a \$1000 donation to the Ken Britt AUSA scholarship donation fund, Kevin, Bob 2nd Motion carried	
Motions from EXCOM	Motion - to make a \$1000 donation to the Ken Britt AUSA scholarship donation fund, Dennis, Barry 2nd Motion carried	
Mona Espinosa, 1st Vice Commander Excused	VA&R, Membership Dennis briefed 1. 1621 members - 95% of goal 1702 2. 6 new and 3 transfers to vote in Motion to accept new and transferred members By Mark, 2nd Scott Motion carries	

Randy Wheeler, 2nd Vice Commander	Children & Youth No report
Jay Byrun, 3rd Vice Commander Denise White, Post Adjutant	 Americanism, Calendar Run for the Wall - 23 May - has to do with Vietnam wall, 1,000 cycles riders, will be coming here, they stop at VFWs, Legions and various organizations to bring attention to POW and MIA Going to have a retreat Friday evening Cafe will be closed that day, serving riders spaghetti Sat - 300 riders will have meetings all day Sun - heading to Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall in Marseilles, Illinois. Any questions or want to help, see Steve 29 June - Sonny's Fish Fry, tickets on sale in Social Quarters Memorial Day Event - VFW lead, something will be sent out in the next few days. The day we forget to memorialize they die Parking lot - getting letters out within the next week to ask for donations for the parking lot CPR report will be sent to the Department on May 10th Previously submitted the Post Data Form, Four Chaplains Nomination and VA&R Reports Minutes Motion to accept GMM minutes as posted Motion carried
Roy Burton, Finance Officer Martie Soper, Judge Advocate	Finance Budget Update 1. Reviewed the budget vs actual and main revenue and expenses 2. Hall rental was down slightly but should rebound over the summer No report
Zoom	

Rev. Mark	Post Evarlasting undata, sick mambers
Arbeen, Chaplain	Post-Everlasting update, sick members No report
Barry Williams, Historian	No report
Royes Gernandt, Sgt-at-Arms	Quorum No report
JD Gibson, Service Officer	Recent Veteran support provided No report
Executive Committee at Large	
Jack Moar, 1yr	No report
Dennis Madtes, 2 yr	No report
Nathan Sauvageau, 3yr Excused	
Marty Pfeifer, Past Commander	No report

Non-Voting Invited Attendees			
Charlie	1. All preventative maintenance done on roof top, filters changed		
Mooney, General	2. Quarterly PMs were performed on the kitchen and bar equipment		
Manager	3. Exhaust cleaned		
	4. Fan belt broke - repaired		
	5. Replaced light fixture in cafe		

K, D1	6. Bought new flags for out front7. Replaced the mop sink in kitchen
Kim Palmer, AL Auxiliary President	 Virginia Girls State Orientation www.vagirlsstate.org Future goal - Auxiliary members to become volunteers assisting in Girls State orientations
Linwood Jones, SAL Commander	 Thanked to everyone who came for the Kentucky Derby, and SAL's Cinco de Mayo Very long day for the post - Poker Run, Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo
Tom Flach, ALR Director	 Riders held elections and all officers were reelected to their current positions Bike Blessing and Poker Run very successful Commander - thanked Tom
Blood Drive	 Notch - briefed 80 slots, 42 already signed up See Notch if you need help signing up

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a. Karla briefed Splashes of Hope
 - 1) Mural for the banquet hall, <u>www.splashesofhope.org</u>
 - 2) Looking for suggestions for the mural
 - 3) Karla will come to EXCOM to present again
- 9. Closing Prayer, Salute, Adjournment
- 10. Executive Session (if necessary)

Annual Board of Incorporation Meeting (if necessary)