

# MINUTES OF JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>

## DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sally Nay  
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus  
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the  
Department Executive Committee Meeting  
September 10, 2022

### AGENDA

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON June 26, 2022 Starting at  
1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER **Sally Nay**

1. SALUTE TO THE COLORS
  2. **INVOCATION**
  3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  4. POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY **William Chisholm**
  5. PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION **EVERYONE**
  6. ROLL CALL BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT **Milton K. Lashus**
  7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on June 23, 2022 at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center Marlborough MA as PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED – No Minutes
  8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Steve Souza**
  9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Sandra Davis**
  10. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
  11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None
  12. NEW BUSINESS
    - A. CORRESPONDENCE
    - B. MOTIONS
    - C. COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
  13. GOOD OF THE LEGION
  14. NO FURTHER BUSINESS – MOTION TO ADJOURN
  15. CLOSING PRAYER
  16. **RETIRE THE COLORS**
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**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**ENDORSEMENTS: None**

**LATE CORRESPONDENCE: None**

Meeting called to order by DC Sally Nay at 1:00 PM  
SALUTE TO THE COLORS – Sgt. Desrosiers  
INVOCATION – Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ALL  
POW/MIA CHAIR – William Chisholm  
PREAMBLE - All

**Roll Call – by Adjutant Lashus**

Present: CMDR Nay; DSrVC Davis; DVC Blake; DVC Conner, DVC McPhee; ADJ Lashus; TRS Souza; ASST CHAP Hamel; HIST Jerdan; DECW Lacoste; NEC Davis; ALT NEC Pajak; PDC Dias; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Desrosiers; ASST SGT Lacoste; Hallene; Heisey; Doud; Photo Borges; Aide Nay; D1C Lefebvre; D3C Howe; D4C Gallant; D5C Desrosiers; D6C Lewis; D7C Sinatra; D8C Cannon; D9C Bettencourt; D10C Connell; AD1C Oleen; AD4C Hallene; AD5C Blake; AD6C Milot; AD7C Scott; AD8C Manning; AD9C Mangels; AD10C Burke; PDC Avis, PDC Brehio; PDC Connors; PDC Lenotte; PDC MacDonald; PDC Starks; PDC White.

Excused: CHAP Salois; Ass.t CHAP Ryan; AJA Atkins; AJA Brault; Hon Sgt. Lizotte; D2C White; AD2C White; AD3C Fontaine

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treas. Steve Souza:

No change other than a \$250 donation from the SAL for Boy Scout Scholarship which is a restricted fund. 1 Unclaimed property there are at least 20 posts that have money coming back to them. I will keep you posted when we get the information.

2 Myself and my mentor Paul Morin – Trying to get every Veteran there bonuses they are entitled to. So hopefully we can identify them as we have to follow the law. Several stop by the booth the other morning and 40% were eligible whether its \$250 or \$500 that money in their pockets so we are going to pursue for our Veterans.

Respectfully submitted as one in progress

Motion by PDC Dias and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DH Jerdan - PNC Morin subject to audit commander any discussion? Correction Post 338 gave the check for \$250 for the Boy Scout Scholarship. Motion carried

**Membership**

DSVC Davis reported:

Traditional District Assignments

D1 Cindy Lacoste	D6 Nelson Blake
D2 Scott Conner	D7 Nelson Blake
D3 Cindy Lacoste	D8 Lisa McPhee
D4 Scott Conner	D9 Lisa McPhee
D5 Nelson Blake	D10 Lisa McPhee

Key Areas of Focus:

1. Team building and problem resolution-
2. New Blood – Attracting new people- Lisa McPhee
3. We got to keep ‘m: Engagement – Scott Conner
4. DMS – Keep the swamp drained – Nelson Blake
5. Inclusion – Everyone is Welcome! – Cindy Lacoste.

Motto:” Make it Personal”

- Saturday 8/13/2022 @ 10AM Building a strong Legion Family - All Districts encouraged to attend.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month – 7 PM (Zoom)
- Work on getting cards delivered
- Start thinking about handouts from yesterday- Think team Building

Motion D1C Lefebvre and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake commander any discussion? Motion carried

### **Boys State**

Chairman Mark Avis reporting:

Next year's program will be held at Stone Hill College, dates are June 17-23, 2023. I ask that all District Commanders get the word out to your post so they can start fund raising. So they can send students to Boys State.

Respectfully submitted Chairman Avis

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe commander any discussion? Motion carried

### **Motions**

1 Hire Justice Hill Reporting stenographer Marianne Kusa-Ryll to record the 104<sup>th</sup> Department Convention June 2023

Motion PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNVC Avis commander any discussion? Motion carried

2 Two additional Department Executive Meeting this year 2022-2023.

Motion PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe commander any discussion?

One being the April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> as the 2 additional meetings. It's in the bylaws 2 additional meetings Any more discussion? Motion carried

### **Good of the Legion**

1 Just for the recorded John Lenotte will be paid from Post 4 in Haverhill MA to where the DEC meetings are held.

2 Timing of elections submit a bylaw change 5:00 PM Delegates and 6:00 PM Alternates and election end at 6:30 PM. As there is a lot of dead space between times. Submit a bylaw change before the next meeting to send out to each post.

3 National Convention forms are coming in slowly to the department as we have deadline dates for rooms.

### **Announcements**

Ryan Howe – Candidate for Department Historian - year 2023-2024

Jodie Pajak – Candidate for National Executive Committeeman – year 2023-2025

### **NO FURTHER BUSINESS**

**CLOSTING PRAYER** – Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel

Sgt.at Arms Desrosiers Colors in place – Hand Salute -two

# Pre National Caucus Meeting

Salute to the Colors – Sgt.-at-Arms –Robert Desrosiers  
Colors in place hand salute - two

1. Motion DVC Davis: Dispense with reading of the Call to Convention and the names of the Delegates and Alternates. 2<sup>nd</sup> PNC Morin
2. Motion Alt NEC Pajak: The Commander be appointed permanent chairman of MA Delegation to the National Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Note) Adjutant is automatically the secretary of the delegation. 2<sup>nd</sup> PNC Morin
3. Motion NEC Davis: To ratify Chairman's appointments. 2<sup>nd</sup> PNC Morin

PNC Comer: What I have to say is very, very important because not only our Department but other Departments have also made the same mistakes. And the only one who hears about it is me. We have meetings on Saturday at the National Convention is what they call National call-ins that are paid for by National organization. To sit on various committees, in our Department there are 18 call-ins they are based on membership. And we call them in and they are on certain committees they go through all the resolutions and actions that are going to happen the following year under the new National Commander. The information that is brought up at these committee meetings (There are more than 18 committees and we cannot put someone on every committee, some committees we do not have presentation) they go through all the business of the National organization. Then comes the Sunday meetings and this is very important The Sunday meetings there is one representative from all 55 Departments, on every committee and that is what was just read by the commander. Those are her appointments what we try to do is if someone sits on a Saturday meeting that hear all the resolutions and business we try to put them on the Sunday meeting because if something comes up they can voice their opinion. I'm not saying that we may make changes I will get with the commander and make those changes. For example Steve Souza is on Aerospace under National Security so it makes sense that we put him on the Sunday Meeting for Aerospace. Those people appointed on Sunday have to analyze what's said at that meeting, what's finally approved at that meeting and if there is anything at this meeting that will effect Massachusetts that are important those individuals on Sunday makes a

report and they report on Monday morning at the state of Massachusetts caucus which is held at 9:00 AM. At a place provided by the Department adjutant. They bring the report of the finally vote of what will be happening the next year under that committee.

Saturday morning my call-in

Sunday morning commanders call-in

Monday morning report to caucus with a full report of what happened at the Sunday meeting.

4. Motion DVC McPhee: That the Chairman Be authorized to fill any existing delegate vacancies from accredited elected alternates from the districts in which the vacancies exist and that, in the absence of district alternates, the Chairman may fill the vacancies form accredited members of the Department of Massachusetts. 2<sup>nd</sup> PNC Morin
5. Motion DVC Blake: That the reconvened Department Caucus by held on Monday, Aug 29 at 9:00 AM, Mitchell Room – 4<sup>th</sup> floor, in the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee Wisconsin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin
6. Motion PNEC Brehio: If and delegates or alternates not staying in an authorized hotel by the National Organization the delegate or alternates cannot serve on any National Committee or be an Assistant National Sergeant-At-Arms. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin

Any other business:

PNC Comer: To make changes for Sunday's meeting

Move Frank MacDonald to Internal Affairs Convention Committee Subcommittee.

Move William J. Chisholm to Legislation Convention Committee Subcommittee.

Cindy Lacoste will not be attending put John Lenotte on Foreign Relation Convention Subcommittee.

Motion made by PNC Morin to ratify the changes made on the Sunday committees 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNVC Avis

Do I have motion to recess until National Convention?

Motion made by PNVC Avis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morin

Salute to the Colors – Sgt. Robert Desrosiers

Colors being in place hand salute - two

**NEXT DEC MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**

**11:00 AM**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**1:00 PM**  
**DEC**

**SOUTHWICK POST 338**  
**46 POWDER MILL RD**  
**SOUTHWICK MA**