

# AGENDA

FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
November 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel Marlborough MA 01752  
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 September 10, 2022 at Southwick Post 338
  8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES of The Detachment of Massachusetts Zoom Meeting on September 15, 2022
  9. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT Steve Souza
  10. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT Sandra Davis
  11. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
  12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS TAL Office additional space (see correspondence #6 below).
  13. NEW BUSINESS To approve the cancellation of the Det. of MA SAL 87 Inactive Charters
    - A. CORRESPONDENCE
    - B. MOTIONS
    - C. COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
  14. GOOD OF THE LEGION
  15. NO FURTHER BUSINESS - MOTION TO ADJOURN
  16. CLOSING PRAYER
  17. RETIRE THE COLORS
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Meeting called to order by DC Sally Nay at 1:12 PM  
SALUTE TO THE COLORS – Asst Sgt. Lacoste  
INVOCATION – Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ALL  
POW/MIA CHAIR – Bill Chisholm  
PREAMBLE - All

## **Roll Call – by Adjutant Lashus**

**Present:** CMDR Nay; DSVC Davis; DVC Blake; DVC Conner, DVC McPhee; ADJ Lashus; TRS Souza; ASST CHAP Hamel; HIST Jerdan; PNC Morin; PNC Comer; ALT NEC Pajak; JA Fratolillo; AJA Brault; SGT Desrosiers; Hallene; Heisey; Doud; Lacoste; Photo Borges; Aide Nay; D1C Lefebvre; D2C White; D3C Howe; D4C Gallant; D5C Desrosiers; D6C Lewis; D8C Cannon; D10C Connell; AD1C Oleen; AD4C Hallene; AD5C Blake; AD8C Manning; AD9 Mangels; AD10C Burke; PDC Army; Avis; Brault; Brehio; Chisholm; Connors; Lenotte; MacDonald; McKittrick; White

**Excused:** PDC Dias; NEC Davis; Hon Sgt. Lizotte; AD2C White; AD3C Fontaine; AD6 Milot; D7C Sinatra; D9C Bettencourt

**Absent:** Asst. CHAP Ryan; AJA Atkins; AD7C Scott

**Minutes**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES of the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on September 10, 2022 as PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED

Motion made by ALT NEC Pajak and 2<sup>nd</sup> DIC Lefebvre Any discussion? Motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OT THE MINUTES of The Detachment of Massachusetts Meeting on June 5, 2022 at Post 294, Quincy Ma

Motion made by PNEC Chisholm and 2<sup>nd</sup> ALT NEC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treas. Steve Souza:

Budget and Finance Committee

As we approach our half-year mark, our budget for FY 2023 is on solid ground. Our investments are stable and our working day to day operational budget is sound!

As you know, our finances are essentially broken down into two major parts; Investments and Finances! Our investment and finance committees make wise decisions about the diversity of our financial portfolios. Additionally, we must keep in mind, these both Committees, has a fiduciary responsibility to our organization with the programs we sustain.

The second part is our finances which is our day to day operational budget. The operational budget are the finances that are fluid in nature as we see monies coming in and monies going out. These funds are supported by revenue acquired through numerous funding streams. These funds keeps our department running.

Budget 2023

Our budget of \$616,456.70, is entering its sixth month mark in FY '23 and is one that maintains continuity for all programs, services as well as our operational cost. This year our budget reflected a modest increase as we continue to fund all programs, our veterans, their families, our communities and our children.

To date we have had an income of \$596,809.54. The bulk of which comes from membership.

I suspect we will have more income than originally anticipated due to a tax return not planned for? That’s a good thing, having additional revenue.

Investments

Last DEC meeting I reported that our investments were at \$3,964,197.63. This was reported in error with our investments at \$3,864,197.63 or \$100,000.00 over what we actually had. This was due to a mistake in math (addition). We still had a net gain but over reported.

Our investments, as of 11.24.2022 are at \$3,913,902.32, up from previously reported at the last DEC meeting in September. We have had a gain of \$49,704.69, or roughly 12.7% increase (corrected version).

As the financial market continues to fluctuate day to day due to multiple causes, we continue to hold our own.

Reminder; All our funds and accounts are closely monitored by our Legion Finance and Investment Committees, with meetings that take a hard look at methods to maintain a sound portfolio.

Sep DEC meeting Nov DEC meeting

RBC Capital Wealth Mgt. \$2,814,301.70 to \$2,857,341.13

Boston Harbor Wealth Adv. \$1,049,895.93 to \$1,056,561.19

Fall Raffle

Recently, you received chances in the mail for our annual fall raffle, please send in your monies for a chance to win cash prizes! Need extra tickets, please ask?

Unclaimed Property

As of this date we have not heard from the Unclaimed Funds Division of the Commonwealth's Treasurer's Department. The system may have changed whereas individual post may need to place their own claim(s)?

This concludes my financial report as it continues to be one in progress subject to audit.

**Membership Report**

### **DSVC Sandra Davis Membership Chairman**

Shout out to all people that have actively participated in any community events. For example the Big E with CT brought in about 10 traditional members, Tops Field Fair also brought in new traditional members from there event. Basically make in personal in your communities get out there and get involved people will see value and will want to join.

QR Codes for recruiting members cannot be done at Department at this time, but you can use and connect to the National website.

Big thank you to the post that have made the target dates. Resources on the round table what's going on in districts, share if you have a problem and we may be able to help you move forward and get the problem resolved. As we only have DEC meetings every 3 months and you do not want to let the problems smolder and get out of hand.

October I started sending out metric reports that are highlighted, these are the things that have changed in the post. And areas each district and post should be working on.

DMS list is sent out monthly encourage post to work the list. Handbooks for the August workshop are still available or if you would like I can also email a copy for your records.

Numbers yesterday we did not make the top 25 we are lower and we did not make the 65% target date. We need to pick up the pace do what we can remember post should not hold on to the membership cards they need to send them into department or process online with a two week time period, by the department by-laws.

Post that have made 100% or above Edward P. Clark Natick Post 107, Oliver Ames Jr Boston Post 117, Lt. Willis N. Penney, Dorchester Post 399 and Kingston Post 108.

I have some Why You Should Belong in packs of 25 so district come up and get some to pass out as this is one tool that you cannot make copies.

Submitted as a report in progress DSVC Davis

Motion made by DSVC Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe      Any discussion?      Motion carried

### **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Legion College/Training & Education**

##### **DVC Scott Conner Chairman**

Department Training Committee

Since the last DEC:

Minuteman Monday - 2nd Monday via Zoom, 7:00 pm – The Link has been corrected.

October - Buddy Check

November - By-Laws

On the Horizon

December - Understanding and Writing Resolutions

January - How's your Post Meeting going?

Family Training - 12 November at Vernon Hill - Great Day

Training Tuesday - Last Tuesday of the month

November 29th, 7.00 - legion.org/training

Legislative/grass roots programs.

E-Legionnaire - Monthly insight to legion/dept. programs

Oct - DVC - Lisa wrote about Oratorical

Nov - DECW Cindy wrote about Women Veterans Programs

Dec - DVC Lisa will be writing about Media and Communications

Any info, Programs, District training, please let me know, we can develop training event form you.

Legion College - Wishing the Best for Post 125 Cmdr. Mitch Kiel

Training Report submitted as one in progress.

DVC Scott Conner Chairman

Motion made by DVC Conner and 2<sup>nd</sup> D1C Lefebvre      Any Discussion?      Motion carried

## Community Service

### DVC Scott Conner Chairman

Al White Community Service awards have been selected for Jun through Sep. The committee has a submission for October.

Excerpt from AL White bio:

George "Al" White felt that the community service program was a cornerstone of The American Legion programs since inception. The Department of Massachusetts George "Al" White Community Service Award recognizes the work of dedicated individuals who have invested themselves in their community and our country. Most Posts will be have community service events this time of the year, with Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the Religious Holidays abound, there are plenty of opportunities to take the time and submit for recognition. Applications and requirements can be found at [Masslegion.org](http://Masslegion.org) - Programs - Community Service. Need help, e-mail or call me.

Please start looking for:

John Mulkern Award (Educator of the Year) Nominees

John Mulkern was a 30 year educator in the Boston School System, and a National Vice Commander, 1994-95.

Joseph J. Conway Award - Community Service - Individual

Joseph J. Conway was a World War I veteran from Springfield, MA. Joined Post 21, later transferring to Post 430, and served as it's only WWI period Commander. The Community Service Legacy of Joe Conway is enduring.

Claudius G. Pendill Award - Community Service – Post/Post Family

Claudius resided in Newburyport MA.

Howard E. Schreiber Award - Runner-up of the Pendill Award.

Start getting your "Books" together for the annual awards, they are presented at the Department Convention.

And remember we are also in search of:

American Born Citizen of the Year

Foreign Born Citizen of the Year

Legionnaire of the Year.

## **Al White**

### **Community Service Award Submissions**

**June** - June 14th Dracut Post 315

Flag Day Retirement Ceremony

Legion - Auxiliary - Sons of The American Legion

Community Service for Flag Day which not only included the Post Family, but the local Scouts, and the Nam Knights Organization.

**July** - July 17th Sutton Post 414

Contributions to Scout Troop 243

Legion - Auxiliary - Sons - Riders

Post 414 Family supporting the local Scout program so they may participate in a "High Adventure" Program by contributing \$16,400 to help the youth in their community realize a dream.

**August** - August 7th North Adams Post 125

Recognition of Sacco Bros, WW11

The American Legion

Creating a memorial at the Post to commemorate the 6 Sacco Brothers that served in WW11. Sadly Samuel Sacco was KIA.

**Sept** - Sept 16th Sutton Post 414

POWMIA Family Event

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For a Community involved POWMIA ceremony held at the Post. Though all members of the Post Family participated, a special Shout OUT to the Auxiliary Unit for the Heartfelt Program.  
Community Service Report submitted as one in progress,  
Motion made by PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DSVC Davis

### **Legion Riders**

#### **PNEC Louis Brault**

I have 2 application for Legion Rider Chapters Winchendon Post 193 and North Adams Post 125  
All paperwork is in order, I will be bring this up in new business.  
Motion made by DSVC Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by

### **Law and Order**

#### **PNEC Louis Brault**

We need people to have input send in articles so the committee can do awards at Department Convention. No deed that a police officer or fire fighters has done is too small to be recognized. This would be a great help the 5 member committee.  
Motion made by ANEC Pajak and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe

### **CPR**

#### **Department Adjutant for Chairman Fred White**

The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve-month reporting period, June 1 through May 31. The CPR may be the most important documentation the post will complete.

The Consolidated Post Report shows the many ways Legionnaires are making in their communities. Every post Has Buddy checks. Scholarship, Boys State, Baseball and some 105 other entries that can be made to the post CPR's.

The CPR can be found online for the 2022-2023 reporting year. The CPR form is now online for post to start filling out. The hard copy will still be coming out in late Feb or early March for those who do not have mylegion. When that happens the posts usually only have a few months to complete their CPR. Which usually causes under reporting.

The Post does not have to wait until late Feb to start their CPR, They can start now. A good thing to do is, when you make out minutes of the meeting update your CPR.

I know we "The Department of MA" Can do a much better job of reporting the posts CPR, then in previous years. Which has been an embarrassment to the Department.

The post can now start to enter their CPR on line and update it when necessary.

When the National Commander goes before the President of the United States and Congress wouldn't it be great if he could say this is 100% reporting from all the post in the American Legion.

This is a report in progress

Respectfully Submitted PDC Fred White Chairman

Motion made by DSVC Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake      Any discussion?      Motion carried

### **Womens Veterans**

#### **DECW Cindy Lacoste**

Hello everyone, just an update on what has been happening around the state for women veterans. Since I took over in June as DECW, I have been attending the monthly meetings with the Women's Veterans Network by zoom, as they meet each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10:30am. I will be in person at the December meeting as Secretary Poppe of DVS will be present and the calendar for 2023 will be worked on and finalized for the coming year.

Since July, they recapped their Women Veterans Appreciation/Conference which was held in June at the same time as our Legion conference. They stated that the turnout was good, and the break-out sessions and town hall section were well received. With that feedback they are looking to possibly hold more town halls during the

year at various locations around the state and will try to devote more time with the town halls and Q&A sessions at the Conference.

WVN also discussed the PGA Reach Women Veterans Golf. Golf lessons averaged 7-10 ladies each week. At end of season they held a banquet at the Brookline Country Club after 9 holes of golf. It will be an event on the 2023 calendar with the goal of another golf course in Western or Central MA to participate.

The WVN sponsored a Women Veterans Family Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-2pm. It was held at the Greenhill Park in Worcester. There was food/DJ/lawn games, mechanical bull ride, ice cream, and a barbecue. Original sign up was 180, however turnout was still good at 80, considering the weather was not ideal (hurricane was expected to disrupt weather). They are planning another family day for next year's calendar.

The Military Women's Memorial ([womensmemorial.org](http://womensmemorial.org)) in DC celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with events happening the week of Oct 14-16. A group of women from Mass attended, with Neysa Wright being included in that group.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans held its annual luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Lombardo's. Dept of Mass was well represented with 16 attending. Keynote speaker was Capt. Mary Jo Majors, Nurse Corps, USNR (Retired). Sec Poppe also spoke and welcomed the group and followed by Susan McDonough of the WVN. Was a good event with raffles, old and new friends and an enjoyable meal.

A survey requested by DVS was completed for MA Women Veterans. There is a public link on

<https://www.mass.gov/news/women-veterans-network-study-final-report>

Some of the takeaways included:

- Increasing access to services for outreach, resources and events across the state (not just Eastern MA)
- Transitional support to those coming off active duty, providing Welcome Home support and mentorship
- Improving their website so women can easily sign up with WVN themselves
- VA Coordination – more involved with their outreach to the women in the community
- VSO Coordination – being more involved and improving communication on local level

I suggest going to [mass.gov](http://mass.gov) to read the report – it was very well done.

Lastly, the State Auditor conducted their audit of Women Veterans' Programs for 2019-2020 and it did not reflect well on the WVN, however, improvement is always ongoing. They are working to implement a database and tracking for programs; and working on bringing back the Governor's Advisory Committee for Women Veterans.

In closing, a few facts to close my report out - we have an estimated 305,707 veterans in the state, of which 8% or 25,085 are women. It was noted that 61% of women veterans are under the age of 60, as compared to only 36% of males. And these numbers continue to grow.

Thank you and always remember to Be the One to ask those around you how they are doing.

Regards,

Cindy Lacoste, DECW

Motion made by DECW Lacoste and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe Any discussion? Motion carried

### **Americanism**

#### **DVC Nelson Blake**

The Americanism committee will be meeting on December 6th at 7 pm to discuss the awards of America born citizen of the year and foreign born plus the Joseph Steen scholarship district 8 is this year district to award it.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress,

DVC Nelson Blake Chairman

Motion made by DVC Blake and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe

### **Children & Youth**

#### **DVC Nelson Blake**

The children and youth committee will be having a zoom meeting on Monday November 28th at 7pm to discuss children and youth excellence award and to discuss other children and youth activities.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress,  
DVC Nelson Blake Chairman

### **Marketing**

#### **NEC Michael Davis Chairman**

The Department Winter Sweepstakes raffle tickets have been distributed via the mail. The drawing will take place at the January 14th, 2023 Department Executive Committee Meeting. Please consider returning your tickets with a donation as this is one of only three department wide fundraisers held during the year. Your donation helps fund the department programs which facilitate our four pillars as we serve the community, state and nation. Also, you have a chance to win cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. Many thanks to all who donate and participate.

As reported before, the committee has once again partnered with the Springfield Thunderbirds of The AHL this season and the "Veteran of the Game Challenge Accepted Program. This year's challenge coin presented to the veteran of the game features the new American Legion logo on the back along with "Be The One" underneath it. As you are already aware "Be The One" is The American Legion campaign designed to reduce veteran suicide. We will be able to have information tables at games and are looking for volunteers. Contact the committee if interested as we would greatly appreciate help. If you have a veteran in mind to nominate for veteran of the game the link can be found on the team's website.

As always if you have any marketing ideas or opportunities please feel free to contact myself or the committee.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress,

Mike Davis National Executive Committeeman, Marketing Chairman

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake      Any discussion?      Motion carried

### **Donations**

#### **PNC Jake Comer**

A detailed report was given on how money is allotted to the different programs of the American Legion.

Motion made by PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin

### **Boys State**

#### **PNVC Mark Avis**

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE GOING OUT EARLY DECEMBER FOR THE 2023 BOYS STATE SESSION. ALONG WITH THE POST INFORMATION WILL BE A LIST OF BOYS STATE COUNCILORS WILLING TO ASSIST IN HELPING SECURE KIDS FROM THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE FOUNDATION COULD POSSIBLE FUNE UP TO 40 KIDS THIS YEAR AS THEY WILL BE CONCENTRATING ON SCHOOLS WHERE WE HAVE LOST A PRESENCE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS/ MEMBERS OF THE AMERICANISM COMMITTEE TO BEGIN TO PLAN HOW YOU CAN ASSIST THE POSTS AND GET THE WORD OUT.

I WILL BE CALLING A MEETING OF THE BOYS STATE COMMITTEE IN EARLY DECEMBER WITH MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AVAILABLE TO LET US KNOW HOW THEY WILL ASSIST US TO INCREASE THE NUMBERS.

COMMANDER I SUBMIT THIS REPORT AS ONE OF PROGRESS.

MARK AVIS CHAIRMAN, MASSACHUSETTS BOYS STATE.

Motion made by D1C Lefebvre and 2<sup>nd</sup> D3C Howe      Any discussion?      Motion carried

### **Americanism Director**

#### **PNVC Mark Avis**

THE STATE HAS PASSED A NEW PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT IS LIKE THE PURPLY HEART CITY/TOWN. THIS PROGRAM IS CALLED PURPLE STAR CAMPUS, THE DETAILS ARE BEING IRONED OUT AS WE

SPEAK. Senator ANNE GOBI HAS ASKED THAT I WORK WITH HER NEW INTERN BEGINNING IN JANUARY TO DO A PILOT PROGRAM WITH MY LOCAL SCHOOL. THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES GETTING A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAF TO BE A LIAISON AND HELP MAINTAIN A WEB SITE AND MANY OTHER THINGS. THIS COULD BE AN IDEAL WAY FOR US TO GET BACK INTO OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

COMMANDERS ALL OF OUR PROGRAM ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO GROW OUR PROGRAMS.

Commander this report is submitted as one of progress.

Respectfully submitted, Mark A. Avis, Chairman

Motion made by PNVC Avis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D3C Howe Any discussion? Motion carried

### **Employment & Veterans Preference**

#### **PNEC Chairman Lawrence Connors**

We continue to encourage all posts to help in recognizing employers to make efforts in hiring Veterans.

We have posted Vet's News & the Mass Legionnaire for the criteria of these awards.

I have the paperwork needed to apply for such awards. I will be glad to send you these forms.

To date I know That V. S. O. Paul Prefontaine is working on candidate.

As you know we have not had an entry in a recently, please assist me in rejuvenating this program.

I move this report one in progress.

Lawrence A. Connors PNEC

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

### **Baseball**

#### **Chairman Richard Paster**

1. Thus far this fall we have accepted a total of 6 new teams into the Program, 3 Sr & 3 Jr giving us a total of 109 teams.

2. I prepared a Pro forma Income Statement for calendar year 2022 through November based upon my best estimates of income and expense as well as some actual expenses which shows a net loss of \$4178. This is partly due to a reduction in the total number of teams in the Department as well as increased costs for the Chairman's Cup Tournament which is totally underwritten by the Committee. The Committee voted to discontinue the Chairman's Cup Tournament because of the difficulty of getting teams to participate as well as the cost. I believe the dedicated Baseball Fund has sufficient funds on deposit to absorb the 2022 loss and will review Department records to ascertain the exact balance of the Fund.

3. The National Program Administrator has informed the Department Baseball Chairmen of a directive to reduce the Baseball Budget by \$100K, representing a 10% savings. To that end the Annual Fall Chairman's Conference was conducted electronically which saved approximately \$40K and the minimum bid to host the Regional Tournaments was increased by \$5K to \$20K. Other expenses are being looked at as National will look to the Departments to pick up additional costs of the Program. National has announced a \$25 increase for Sr teams and \$50 for Jr team registration fees for 2023.

4. National has also announced new logos for all of its programs including Baseball. Initially it was announced that we were going to be forced to remove all of the sleeve patches from all uniforms and replace them with the new logo for next season which would have been a monumental task and increased costs to our teams. Then it was announced that the change has been pushed back. Now it appears the logo is only going to be used on stationery as there are over 7K uniform patches with the old logo in stock with Emblem Sales.

5. I have met with representatives of Shrewsbury Post 397 and Morrisette Post 294 relative to the 2024/2025 Region One Tournament. Both teams expressed their intent to submit bids to National. I have checked with the National Program Administrator and was advised that both I and Commander Nee may submit recommendations for both teams, thus we are relieved from having to choose between the two teams.

6. The Baseball Committee considered Bids to host the 2023 Sr Department Tournament from Natick Post 107 and Weymouth Post 79, the Committee accepted Natick's Bid. Thus the Sr



Tournament will be held at Natick's Mahan Field, beginning on Saturday, July 22, 2023. We are still looking for a host for the Department Jr Tournament which is scheduled to begin on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The Department Sr All Star Games will be held at Mahan Field on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

7. The 2023 Region One Tournament will be hosted by Shrewsbury Post 397 and will be held at Holy Cross beginning on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, and the World Series will be held at Shelby, NC beginning on Thursday, August 10, 2023. The Region One Jr Tournament will be hosted by West Warwick, RI, at McCarthy Field, beginning on Friday, August 4, 2023.

8. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Chairman by Article III, Section 3(b) of the Department By-Laws, I created a second sub-committee of the Baseball Committee called the "Softball Committee" and appointed Jodie Pajak as its Chairperson; Louis Brault, Grace Conner, Lisa McPhee and Edward Guczek as Members.

Respectfully submitted as a Report in Progress,

Richard D. Paster, Chairman

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake                      Any discussion?                      Motion carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Received a thank you from the following scholarship recipient Caroline Codom
2. Received a thank you from Bristol CC Veterans Center for our generous donation.
3. Received a thank you from The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation for the donation of \$10,305.39 in August & \$300.00 donation at the October Fall Meeting
4. Received a thank you from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundations for the donation of \$774.00
5. Received a thank you from Massachusetts 4-H Foundation for our donation
6. Received an email from ALA Dept. President Debra Lyons requesting extension up to January 13, 2023 to complete the move into their new office/location in the state house
7. Received District One September 18, 2022 & October 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes & Service officer's reports
8. Received District Three September 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes
9. Received District Four November 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District Six September 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes
11. Received District Seven Call to May 21, 2022 Council Meeting & September 24, 2022 Suffolk County Meeting Minutes
12. Received District Eight September 18, & October 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

### **ENDORSEMENTS:**

1. At the regularly scheduled membership meeting of Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4 on September 12, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse Past Post 3 CMDR, PD8 CMDR, SVC Sandra Davis for the election to the high office of Department Commander 2023-2024. At the same meeting it was unanimously voted to endorse Past Post 4 CMDR, PD8 CMDR & Past Department Commander John Lenotte for Alternate National Executive Committeeman 2023-2025.
2. At a regular meeting of the Essex County Council District 8 held on Sunday September 18, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse Department Senior Vice CMDR Sandra Davis for the high office of Department Commander for the year 2023-2024.  
>At the same meeting it also was unanimously voted to endorse John Lenotte Past Department Commander for election to the high office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the year 2023 -2025
3. At a regular meeting of Worcester County Council District 4 held on September 17, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse DVC Lisa McPhee for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander and the reelection of Scott Conner for Department Vice Commander.
4. At a regularly meeting of Hampden County District 3 held on Sunday September 18, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse ANEC Jodie Pajak to the office of National Executive Committeeman for the

2023-2025, Cindy Lacoste for re-election to the Office of Executive Committee Women 2023-2024 and the District 3 Commander Shawn Ryan Howe to the office of

5. At a regular meeting of Suffolk County District 7 held on September 24, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse Nelson Blake for re-election to the office of Department Vice Commander for the year 2023-2024. At the November 19, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse Cindy Lacoste for re-election to the Office of National Executive Committee Women 2023-2024

6. At a regular meeting of Norfolk County District 6 held on October 26, 2022 it was unanimously voted to endorse Robert Jerdan for Department Vice Commander for the year 2023-2024

LATE CORRESPONDENCE: Received District 7 November 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to file all correspondence made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

1 #13 on the Agenda: To approve the cancellation of the Detachment of MA SAL 87 Inactive Charters

Motion made by PNC Morin to be laid on the Tabled and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Motion carried

That post should be contacted and see if they would like to restart the SAL at their post. And to contact National to see if there is another way to keep the inactive squadrons so not to count against the Detachment.

2 DVC Conner spoke on post 224 and the post is in good shape send all information to the post for them to file. This is a finale report

Motion that the report be accepted PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> PDC Army Any discussion? Motion carried

3 PNC Comer introduces the NVC Paul M. Kennedy he will be speaking later this evening.

4 Legion Riders Chapters submitting 2 Rider applications Winchendon Post 193 and North Adams Post 125 Motion made by PDC Brault and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin Any discussion? Motion carried

5 Milton will be retiring at the end of January 2023

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake to except with great (Joy) regret. Any discussion? Motion carried

6 James Brehio personal committee chairman The committee interviewed and recommends DVC Lisa McPhee for the appointment of Department Adjutant when the position becomes vacant.

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

7 D8C Cannon to revoke the Charter of Charles L. Carr Post 240 of West Newbury and certified letter be sent to the post.

Motion made by D8C Cannon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Any discussion? Motion carried

8 Departing gift for the Department Adjutant

Motion made by PNC Morin and PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D10C Connell Any discussion? Motion carried

9 Milton be retain for the training of the new Adjutant salary to be discussed

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

10 Comrade Commander, I have a technical motion. I move that the Department Adjutant be instructed to review the minutes of the DEC meeting, make any necessary correction without changing the intent of the DEC meeting, and proceed to edit and distribute these minutes.

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by ANEC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

Good of The Legion

1 Department Commander stated that the Medal of Honor highway (Rt 20) has passed and has been signed by the Governor.

2 Jim Brehio spoke on the program he held in his District "Be The One"

3 Video gaming machines for veteran organization up to 3 machines, Bill Malloy Post 192 is working on the language for the bill 23K.

4 Post 4 Haverhill was contacted by their town and are requesting that all veterans' organizations when renting the hall have everyone sign in or become a member. The ABC can do this but each town has their own laws or what is required. At this time no other towns requires this. When you bring someone in to the lounge you have to sign them in and they have to leave when you leave. Haverhill town is looking to do this next year.

5 Department Convention June 9-11 room forms are available being sent to all the post. Department officers that need a suite let the department know.

Motion made by PNC Morin to adjourn meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DSVC Davis

Prayer by Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel

Colors being in place Sgt. Desrosiers hand salute- 2

**THE NEXT**

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023**

**DUDLEY-GENDRON POST 414  
156 BOSTON RD  
SUTTON MA**

**MEMBERSHIP 11:00 AM**

**WITH THE DEC 1:00PM**