

**MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sandra Davis
Department Commander

Lisa A. McPhee
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the
Department Executive Committee Meeting
June 9, 2024

AGENDA

**AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON June 6,
2024 Starting at 2:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER **Sandra Davis**

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 **Lisa A. McPhee**
7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES of the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on June 6, 2024 Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough MA
8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES - none
9. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Milton Lashus**
10. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Nelson Blake**
11. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - 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

Meeting called to order by DC Sandra Davis at 2:25 PM
SALUTE TO THE COLORS - Asst. Sgt. Adam Doud
INVOCATION - Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ALL
POW/MIA CHAIR - Bill Chisholm

PREAMBLE - All

Roll Call - by Adjutant McPhee

Present: CMDR Davis; DSVC Blake; DVC Conner; DVC Jerdan ;DVC Pajak; ADJ McPhee; TRS Lashus; ASST CHAP Hamel; HIST Howe; DECW Lacoste; NEC Pajak; ALT NEC Lenotte; PDC Nay; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Brault; AJA Brehio; Asst SGT Desrosiers; Lacoste; Doud; Lewis; Hallene Photo Borges; D1C Keil; D2 Duffy; D4C Gallant; D5C Desrosiers; D6C Lewis; D7C Scott; D9C Mangels; D10C Burke; AD3C White; AD4C Doud; AD5C Blake; AD7C Chisholm; AD8C Manning; AD9C Borges; AD10C Montelo; PDC Avis; Davis; Dias; MacDonald; McKittrick; Starks; White
Excused: CHAP Salois; Sgt Heisey; AIDE Favazza; D3C Fontaine; D8C Cannon; AD1C St Pierre; AD2C White

Absent: Asst JA Merrill

Minutes

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES of the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on April 6, 2024 as PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd DVC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

Treasurer Report

Treas. Milton Lashus:

Total Bank Accounts (10) includes all accounts

<u>RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS and CD is</u>	\$1,829,558.51
(1) CD 6 month - Convention AD Book Account	\$258,805.78
(1) CD 6 month - Revenue Enhancement	\$256,285.07
(1) CD 6 month - BS-BB-JLC	\$102,108.20
(1) CD 6 month - Scholarship	\$102,108.20

LIQUID ASSET: \$ 1,110,251.26

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTS:

RBC: \$ 3,274,595.27 + **\$18,089.40**
 Boston Harbor / Raymond James: \$ 1,236,239.35 (**-\$13,254.85**)
 COMBIBED TOTAL ACCOUNTS \$4,510,834.62
 COMBINED (+/-) **+\$ 4,834.55**

Total investments: Are up from last Convention 6/2023 combined is **\$520,860.00**

Respectfully submitted

Milton K. Lashus Treasurer

Motion made by D2C Duffy and 2nd NEC Pajak - subject to audit Any discussion?

Motion carried

Membership Report

DSVC Nelson Blake Membership Chairman

Good Afternoon to all it has been a wonderful year for membership in the Department of Massachusetts, we managed to make all but the last three goals set forth by national but in all we did

an outstanding job as a department we still have until the end of 2024 to reach 100% which we can do if we keep pushing forward. Speaking of 100% we have had not district reach that goal at this time but two districts are close to reaching 100%, those district are District 4 at 98.7% needing only 57 members to reach goal and District 7 at 98.29% needing only 19 members. As a Department we have 25,636 members out of 27,080 for a total of 94.67% we are short by 1444 members to reach 100% so let's keep pushing to reach 100% membership.

Sons of The American Legion Detachment has reach and surpassed 100% with a total of 100.2%. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you for the 2023-2024 membership year I would like to thank Commander Sandra for allowing me to serve with her this year, also I want to thank Adjutant Lisa McPhee, and Department membership Coordinator Judy Hall and Last but not least PNC Jake Comer and PNC Paul Morin for allowing me to serve this year.

This is my final report

Service not Self

Nelson Izaak Blake Membership Chairman

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by DVC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report

Frank MacDonald

The Finance Committee met this morning for a review of our investment portfolio with RBC Investment.

The review showed that we are in a good position with our portfolio. Overall the strength of our investment portfolio is excellent. One adjustment was recommended and approved by the Finance Committee. As of 3-31-2024 we have \$3.25M invested in RBC. This is our restricted accounts for Scholarships, Special Investments, Rehab and Post 462.

For accounting purposes a recommendation was made to transfer all funds from the RBC Special Investment Account to the RBC Scholarship account. This motion was approved by the Finance Committee. The special investment account was set up years ago and there is no guidance as to where these funds are to be reported. Moving the money to the scholarship account will better fund the account for years to come.

Overall we are in sound financial shape and are preparing for the future with our investment portfolio.

As chairman of the Finance Committee I move this report as one in progress and recommended that the actions of the Finance Committee become the actions of the Department Executive Committee

Motion made by DVC Pajak and 2nd by D1C Keil Any discussion? Motion carried

PNC Comer

1 Someone will be selling a book about the life of Father Phil, he served in Vietnam and nearly got killed himself, he did many things the will be selling for \$25.00.

2 Donation for the National call-in appointments you all know who you are continue to collect for the National candidates. Next candidate in line is John Bowen. So gets your check to me as soon as possible.

3 Since the last meeting we already attended the meetings in May we are both on the advisory committee, which Paul is the chairman. Get the message out to congressman both house and senate in our state. Mark Avis, Jodie Pajak, Frank MacDonald and Lisa sends out information and all you

have to do is hit a button and that's all you have to do to submit. It is very important for the information to get to our legislators.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 A report was given on Post 124

Motion made to accept all committee reports made by PNC Morin and 2nd D2C Duffy

Any discussion? Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Received a thank you letter from ADBC Memorial Society for \$500.00 Donation.
2. Received a thank you letter from Old North Church for \$500.00 Donation.
3. Received a thank you letter from Easthampton High School We the People Team for a donation.
4. Received a thank you card from Margaret Spalluzzi for attending her ceremony at State House
5. Received District 1 Meeting Minutes for 5/19/2024
6. Received District 2 Meeting Minutes for 3/17/2024
7. Received District 3 Meeting Minutes for 3/9/2024
8. Received District 4 Meeting Minutes for 3/16/2024
9. Received District 5 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District 6 Meeting Minutes for 3/27/2024 - 4/24/2024
11. Received District 7 Meeting Minutes for 3/24/2024 - 4/24/2024
12. Received District 8 Meeting Minutes for 3/24/2024 - 4/24/2024
13. Received District 9 Meeting Minutes for 3/28/2024 - 4/24/2024
14. Received District 10 Meeting Minutes for 5/19/2024
15. Received SAL Detachment Meeting Minutes for 2/15/2024 - 4/18/2024
16. Received Finance Committee Minutes for 4/6/2024
17. Received Community Service Meeting Minutes
18. Received ROTC Meeting Minutes

ENDORSEMENTS:

1. Rec'd from District 6 unanimous endorsements of Department Historian Ryan Howe for the position of Department Vice Commander and Department Vice Commander Drew Pajak for re-election to Department Vice Commander.
2. Rec'd from post 125 unanimous endorsement of Mitchell Keil to the position of Department Historian for 2024-2025.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Motion made by PNC Morin to file all correspondence and 2nd by DVC Pajak

Any discussion? Motion carried

Motions

COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS

1. Replace Sgt - at - Arms Bruce Heisy with Adam Doud
2. Add Asst Sgt William Hallene
3. Replace Credential's Chairman Lawrence Connors with Robert Burke
4. Add Dennis St Pierre to the Credential Committee
5. Replace Asst. JA Merrill Atkins with Michael Davis

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by DVC Pajak to accept the Department Appointments.
Any discussion? Motion carried

TECHICAL MOTIOIN

PNC Morin 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 2nd DVC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. District 9 Commander Richard Mangels to turn in the Charter for Moby Dick post 459.

Motion made by D9C Mangels and 2nd by SVC Blake Any discussion? Motion carried

2. Where Chinatown Post 328 sold their post voted for the trustee on the board to be John

Comer and Milton Lashus and they now need to be voted on by the Department

Motion made to have John Comer and Milton Lashus on the board of trustees for Post 328 by PNC Morin and 2nd NEC Pajak

Any discussion? Motion carried

GOOD OF THE LEGION

1. Introduce Dan Wiley candidate for 2025-2026 National Commander from KS

2. Introduce NVC Bill Roy from NH traveling with him is NEC Robert

3. Mary Standish post 64 Middleborough introduced Jeff Montelo for receiving first prize gold medal at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held in Denver CO.

4. Jim Brehio talk how the post his post furnace quit and the high cost to fix which estimated at \$47,00.00, he went to the Morning Tech High School and it is only going to cost \$17,000.00. So if there is a tech school in your area and your post need something fixed call and ask.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by DVC Jerdan

Closing Prayer

Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel

Salute Sgt. Adam Doud

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

**ANTHONY – HUNT – HAMILTON
POST 221
357 GREAT RD
BEDFORD MA 01730**

MEMBERSHIP 11:00 AM
DEC 1:00 PM