

MINUTES OF 21 NOV MEETING

MINUTES OF THE Nov 21, 2020 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE **ZOOM MEETING**

Jodie Pajak
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the
Department Executive Committee Meeting
Jan 16, 2021 @ 11:00AM
ZOOM Meeting

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

Nov 21, 2020 on ZOOM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER Jodie Pajak

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
6. ROLL CALL BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT Milton K. Lashus
7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on Nov 21, 2020 AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT Stephen Souza
9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT Anthony Dias
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

All DEC Minutes are abridged. To hear the unabridged version contact the Department Office.

Meeting called to order by DC Jodie Pajak at 11 AM
SALUTE TO THE COLORS
INVOCATION
POW/MIA CHAIR
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PREAMBLE

Roll Call – by Adjutant Lashus

Present: CMDR Pajak; DSrVC Dias; DVC Kee, DVC McPhee; DVC Nay; ADJ Lashus; TRS Souza; HIST Blake; DECW Wright; NEC Brehio; ANEC Davis; PDC White; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Lacoste; ASST SGT Desrosiers, Hallene, Samko; PHOTO Blake; AIDE Pajak; D1C Hamel; D2C Barber; D3C Mackay; D4C Gauthier; D5C Deegan; D6C Jerdan; D7C Nelson; D8C Genest; D9C Romanelli; D10C Cameron; AD3C Howe; AD4C Conner; AD5C McMath; AD7C Sinatra; AD9C Pietro; AD10C Olson; PDC Brault, PDC Starks
PDC Chisholm, NVC MacDonald.

Excused: Chap Salois; Asst Chap Ryan; AD8C Nelson; SURG Bezio

Absent: AJA Atkins; AJA Flattes; HON SGT Lizotte, ASST SGT Kelly; ASST SURG White;
AD1C Oleen; AD2C White; AD6C Milot

PNC Morin so moved to accept the minutes of the Sept 12th Executive Committee and membership meetings. PNC Comer moved and seconded PNC Morin. Commander any discussion? So moved

Membership

DSVC Dias reported:

DSVC Anthony Dias I would like to thank all the district on their hard work on getting the membership into department or national and also to DVC Lisa McPhee on all the work she has done on membership.

District 1- D1C Kevin Hamel were at 74.76%, 1 post at 106.45%, 9 post above 70% and 1 post at 56.84%.

District 2- D2C Leo Barber were at 77.84% and in first place in membership 8 post above 80%, 5 post above 70%, 1 above 60% and 1 at 55.56%.

District 3- AD3C Shawn Ryan Howe were at 71.01%, we have 4 post under 65% mark, held a meeting with my membership committee went over how to help these post. At the last district meeting we voted to close Post 263 Brimfield and Post 454 Westfield. Post 124 and Post 454 will be merging.

District 4- D4C Scott Gauthier were at 75.39 and in third place, we have a couple of problem post Post 33 Uxbridge, Post 142 Ashburnham and Post 319 Greendale. Post 205 Rochdale has sold their building and will be turning in their charter. And can transfer to any post they choose.

District 5- AD5C James McMath were at 74.41%, we have a couple of problem post, Post 87 Lowell may turn in their charter, Post 62 Reading and Post 213 Pepperell are below percentage

District 6- D6C Robert Jerdan were at 71.68%, we have a couple of problem post, Post 104 Walpole has not turned in any membership at this time and Post 367 Medway, Joe Manning is going to look find out if the need help. Hope to be at 75% or better by the next target date.

District 7- AD7C James Sinatra were at 69.64%, there are 9 post over 75%, 14 under and 3 post under 55%. Post 94 Firemen's, 251 Boston Police and Post 67 Michael J Perkins.

District 8- D8C Paul Genest were at 72.90%, we have 18 post over and 1 problem post, Post 240 West Newbury.

District 9- AD9C Carl Pietro were at 76.49 and in second place in membership, we have 15 post at 75% or higher and 2 post at 100%. One post is closing Post 166 Fairhaven.

District 10- AD10C Dennis Olson were at 73.37%, there are 5 post that did not submit membership in Nov., there are 3 problem post Post 186 Edgartown, Post 192 Norwell and Post 280 Mattapoisett.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism

DVC Lisa McPhee reported:

There will be a Zoom meeting in January.

Still working on the American Born and the Foreign Born.

Report in progress PNC Morin moved. Commander any discussion? So moved

Oratorical

DVC Lisa McPhee:

I sent out the oratorical information but have not heard from many candidates.

Report in progress. Commander any discussion? So moved

Children & Youth

DVC Kee reported:

1. TFA-No activity to report since the last DEC meeting.
2. Committee met on September 30th on Zoom. Discussions included Halloween Safety, National Family week, and ideas for supporting Children & Youth during holidays during the current COVID crisis. It's time to think outside the box. As most of us can't hold our normal Children & Youth holiday activities, we can still lend a hand. Think about things like supporting local toy/clothing drives, hosting a Santa drive by, help with local community events, and support those in need in our communities.
3. The next Children & Youth Committee meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7PM.
4. Children & Youth Excellence Award: Guidance for how to apply for the 2020-2021 award cycle available. In brief, to apply write a short narrative (description) of activities that benefit Children & Youth signed by Commander and Adjutant (or corresponding officers) of American Family organization. Include some proof of activity and submit to chairman by March 31st, 2021.

Last but not least, THANK YOU to the American Legion family for all the recent activities to support our children and their welfare during these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Kee-Department Children & Youth Chairman

Training

DVC Sandra Kee reported:

1. There will be NO in person training sessions scheduled for the remainder of the 2020-2021 membership year given the current COVID crisis.
2. National has launched Training Tuesdays held on the last Tuesday of each month. Visit Legion.org/training/training-Tuesday for future topics and replays of past training sessions. The next session is November 24th at 6pm with a topic of Post Administration.
3. MyLegion.org is changing in 2021. A replay of training and questions & answers from October 24th Training Tuesday session on the topic is available online at legion.org/training/training-Tuesdays.
4. National Legion College for 2020 has been tentatively postponed until March 20-26, 2021.
5. Many training resources are available online at legion.org/training. Membership Workshop, Basic Training and District Training-in-a-box are just a few of the resources available online at legion.org/training.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Kee-Department Training Chairman

Community Service

DVC Sally Nay reported:

We remind everyone it is not too early to submit your nominations for the Conway Community Service award and the Mulkern Educator of the year award. They are due by March 31, 2021 to be considered. Even if they have been submitted previously and were not selected a new submission is needed. Conway award recipients need to be a Legion, Auxiliary or SAL member – this would include all your Legion Riders. The Mulkern award does not need to be a Legion family member.

The Pendell/Shriver award is also due to me by March 31, 2021 – This should include what you put in your Post Consolidated Reports so it is a good way to collect your information for both at the same time. Also remember that you should be including the activities done by your Post American Legion Riders as it is a program of your post that don't do a separate consolidated report. The guidelines and report are on the Department website. I would be happy to talk to anyone who needs additional information to complete this award submission.

Al White Award submissions are due within 45 days of event – the first 6 months submissions have been sent to the committee members yesterday and we will have recipients for the next meeting. Submissions have included districts 1, 4, 3 and 8 – It would be great to have submissions from every district. With all the unique community events happening during COVID-19 every district should have at least one Post with an event to submit.

Respectfully Submitted DVC Sally Nay Community Service Chairman

Marketing

ANEC Michael Davis reported:

The winter sweepstakes have been distributed and the winter drawing will be held at the January Department Executive Committee meeting. It is by no means too late to get your sweepstakes tickets in to the department office. Please, consider a donation if you have yet to remit your tickets and remember that you can win up to \$3,000. These fundraisers help to fund your department and the programs of The American Legion as we serve the community, state and nation via our programs.

The updated catalog has been distributed by Emblem Sales and there are plenty of great official American Legion items available including uniform items, post and personal necessities as well as official American Legion face masks. Any item purchased from Emblem Sales by catalog or via their website entitles the department in which the buyer resides to a royalty. In March of this year The Department of Massachusetts received \$3,323.45 in royalties from Emblem Sales to help with our funds and programs. This was based on sales from 2019. Please, also remember that use of The American Legion Emblem is available only with the permission of the national adjutant. Purchasing from Emblem Sales avoids any violation of its use. Thank you to all who purchased items from Emblem Sales. Your purchase helps both the national organization and your department.

Many of you purchased The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coins from the U.S. Mint as did yours truly. These coins brought a 1.4 million dollar total to the national organization. Many thanks are appropriate to all who purchased these coins. Not only do you possess a collectible coin set of The American Legion to treasure for generations to come but you helped The American Legion and its many programs.

Respectfully submitted Mike Davis ANEC-Marketing Chairman.

Consolidated Post Report Committee

PDC White reported:

My name is Fred White Past Department Commander 2018-2019 and Chairman of the Consolidated Post Report Committee. All District Adjutants are members of the Consolidated Post Report Committee.

When Congress issued us a charter in 1919, they stipulated that once a year the Commander reports to Congress the President and the American people what the American Legion did in support of our four pillars and our non-profit status.

For many years there was no standard procedure for reporting to National what each post did each year. In 1975 a standardized Consolidated Post Report form was developed so that all posts would send in a CPR that could be easily counted.

The CPR runs from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, and we already six months into the year, 2020-2021 The completed Consolidated Post Report is due in the Departments Office by June 15, 2021 and National Office by July 1, 2021. Most posts know what they have scheduled for May of 2021. Instead of waiting

until June, 2021 to submit a CPR. Submit it sometime in May. You can also update your CPR and if necessary, put it on the 2021-2022 reporting year.

For the reporting year of 2020 the Department of MA had submittal rate of 64%, which means we had 98 Posts who did not submit a Consolidated Post Report. Although the COVID – 19 PANDEMICS caused all of our meetings and most of our programs had to be cancelled. I still believe we should have had a better percentage.

We found out that sending e-mails and mail sent via the United States Postal Service plus calling the post, doesn't always work. The personal touch is what some Comrade's need I suggested in my first e-mail 2018 than when the District Commander or his designee visit each post in their district a least once a year. Per our By-Laws and Constitution, that they get the Commander and the Adjutant's phone numbers.

If the CPR hasn't been submitted, when you visit a post, help the Adjutant fill out the form and submit it. Tell the Adjutant and the Commander that they can always update it throughout the year.

I know that in most cases paper posts are especially difficult to find out who the Commander is or who can answer questions about the post. The paper post counts as much as the Plymouth post, each is about 3% of the total. Weather you have a 15 member posts or a 500 member posts they are both worth about 3 percent of the total. Every post counts.

National had a percentage of 71%. And the Department of MA finished with a percentage of 64%. We just made the last percentage on the last day of reporting.

Every post is responsible for submitting the 5 mandatory reports, one of which is the Consolidated Post Report, you would be surprised all you do in support of our four pillars. If possible, it would be great if you submitted your Consolidated Post Report before the deadline.

If I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail. I will certainly reply. All district adjutants are on the committee.

Submitted as a work in progress Consolidated Post Report Chairman, PDC Fred J White

PNC Morin made a motion to file all reports in the department seconded D5C Deegan.

Commander any discussion? So moved

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEC James Brehio reported:

This is a report of the actions of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meetings assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020. The following resolutions are what I feel is important or of interest to members of our Department. **Resolutions 35, 36, and 38 are a must read.** For complete reports of all resolutions go to American Legion Digital Archives

Resolution No. 19: Updated Program Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That all American Legion Riders (ALR) groups be a program supported by a post or department of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the lawful regulations and decisions of the department, post or other duly constituted department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That because The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's Emblems, the following guidelines are required to dictate protective standards over the Emblems:

1. All members of the American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.

2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law.
3. ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.
4. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion and, protect the trademarked names and emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion organization.
5. The American Legion Riders officers shall be called chairman, vice chairman, director, and/or assistant director. Commander and vice commander are not appropriate because the American Legion Riders is a program of a post or department. In order to retain the identity of the ALR as an association of motorcycle enthusiasts and not as a motorcycle club or biker club, the titles of "president, vice president and past president/vice-president" shall no longer be permitted. A transition period of one year from the date of this resolution's passage will be provided for departments/posts to update governing documents and to transition to these approved ALR leadership titles.
6. The only recognized American Legion Riders emblem and logo authorized are those sold through The American Legion Emblem Sales. No use of rockers touching the ALR patch are allowed because touching the ALR patch violates the trademark laws protecting the ALR patch.
7. ALR vests should display the integrity, principles, and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with explicit or offensive language or images. All patches and pins of any groups displayed on the ALR vest shall share like values of The American Legion with regard to improving the lives of veterans, the military, the community and families, and these groups must be supportive of the principles of justice, freedom, democracy, and equality for all.
8. To maintain the image of The American Legion and its programs, ALR members while wearing any American Legion Riders apparel shall not display exposed weapons.
9. The American Legion Riders must represent the virtues, values, ethics, and morals of The American Legion in support of freedom, democracy, and the safety of our citizens. Affiliations of ALR programs with other groups and organizations that subscribe to the principles of and oppose our form of government by promoting anti-Americanism, anti-establishment, or pro-criminal culture shall not be permitted.
10. All ALR members shall obey the motorcycle laws of their state. This includes the proper motorcycle license endorsement in accordance with the rider's home state.
11. The sponsoring organization (post and department) will review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate coverage is available to cover the organization to include coverage for any specific special riding events; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Riders programs shall abide by The American Legion National Constitution and National By-laws, as well as the established post and department directives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion National Headquarters and the respective departments shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program in regards to proper use of the Emblems of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, and The American Legion Legacy Run, and compliance with The American Legion National Constitution and National By-Laws; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 35 (NEC, Oct 2007), Subject: "American Legion Riders as a National Program" and Resolution No. 32 (NEC, May 2011), Subject: "Amend Resolution 35 (NEC, Oct 2007), Subject: American Legion Riders as a National Program" are hereby superseded and rescinded.

Resolution No. 38: Vision and Mission of The American Legion Origin:

Finance Commission Submitted by: Finance Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That The American Legion modify the following vision statement: "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America"; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion modify the following mission statement: "To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Resolution No. 28: American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites and Dates for 2021-2023

Origin: American Legion Baseball Committee

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

Meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That the dates for 2021 regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program shall remain August 3-8, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That sites for the 2021 regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program be awarded as follows: **Region 1 – Shrewsbury, Massachusetts** Region 2 – Asheboro, North Carolina Region 3 – Montgomery, Alabama Region 4 – Hastings, Nebraska Region 5 – Elmhurst, Illinois Region 6 – Sioux Falls, South Dakota Region 7 – Gillette, Wyoming Region 8 – Fairfield, California; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the dates for 2022 and 2023 regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program shall be August 3-7, 2022, and August 2-6, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That sites for the 2022 and 2023 regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program be awarded as follows: Region 1 – **Shrewsbury, Massachusetts** Region 2 – Morgantown, West Virginia Region 3 – Asheboro, North Carolina Region 4 – Montgomery, Alabama Region 5 – Midland, Michigan Region 6 – Rapid City, South Dakota Region 7 – Gillette, Wyoming (2022 only) Region 8 – Fairfield, California; and, be it further

RESOLVED, In the event that a site having been awarded an American Legion Baseball regional tournament finds it is unable or it is impractical to hold a regional tournament, the National Adjutant, in consultation with the National Commander and National Judge Advocate, shall be authorized to select and approve an alternate tournament site; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 30 of the National Executive Committee, May 2018, titled "American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites and Dates for 2019 and 2020"; Resolution No. 27 of the National Executive Committee, May 2019, titled "Addendum To American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites for 2020"; and Resolution No. 1 of the National Executive Committee, Email 2020, titled "Addendum To American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Sites For 2020" are hereby rescinded.

Resolution No. 31: American Legion Eagle Scout Of The Year Eligibility

Origin: Americanism Commission

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That effective immediately eligibility requirements for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year be amended to read: "Must be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of the American Legion squadron OR be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used; AND each of the following:

- (1) Received the Eagle Scout award;
 - (2) Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem;
 - (3) Demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community;
 - (4) Reached their 15th birthday and enrolled in high school at the time of selection;
 - (5) Applied through The American Legion department of the state in which their Scout unit is chartered.";
- and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 30 of the National Executive Committee, October 2004, titled "American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year" is hereby superseded and rescinded.

Resolution No. 32: Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs

Origin: Americanism Commission

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That The American Legion, under the advice and guidance of the compliance and risk manager of the national organization and the national judge advocate, shall have policies and procedures established beginning in 2021 Page 2 of 2 which mandates sexual abuse awareness training and criminal history background check screening for:

- American Legion Baseball program staff (coaches, managers and volunteers 18 years of age or older) who have regular contact with players who are minors
- Coaches, managers and volunteers 18 years of age or older who have regular contact with minors who are in clubs affiliated with an American Legion post and who are participating in the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Tournament
- Those selected to staff national tournaments of American Legion Baseball, the American Legion Boys Nation program, the American Legion National Oratorical Contest, the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Shoulder-to-Shoulder National Championship, and National Boy Scouts of America Jamborees, or who are adults and have regular contact with program participants who are minors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national adjutant, after legal review and approval of the national judge advocate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract(s) as may be necessary to support the execution of criminal history background check screening and/or sexual abuse awareness training; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That departments of The American Legion are strongly urged and encouraged to establish procedures and policies for sexual abuse awareness training and criminal history background check screening similar to those of the national organization for those adults who are selected to support youth programs conducted within their departments; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 4 of the National Executive Committee, May 2012, titled "Background Screening of Staff for National Youth Programs" and Resolution No. 16 of the National Executive Committee, October 2012, titled "Mandatory Background Check Screening for Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams" are hereby superseded and rescinded.

Resolution No. 34: Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) Program Update

Origin: Membership & Post Activities Committee

Submitted by: Finance Commission

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That The American Legion's Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) program shall operate as follows:

1. The national organization bears the full acquisition cost of DMS solicitations;
2. The national organization will place newly acquired DMS members into each department's headquarters post, coded as encumbered so that they can be readily identified by the national organization as that year's DMS-acquired members;
3. national organization retains all of the dues collected from such members when they initially join, and for two renewal cycles afterwards unless they transfer to a local/traditional post other than the department headquarters post, district/county headquarters post or any other created administrative holding post;
4. Departments can access contact information for newly acquired DMS members through myLegion.org with the intent to engage and transfer to a local/traditional post if a member so desires;
5. Pursuant to Article V Section 3 of The American Legion National Constitution, the coded DMS members acquired in each membership year shall count toward the respective department's delegate strength 30 days out from the National Convention and shall be coded in such a way that the appropriate department receives credit for the member;
6. Departments will receive immediate credit toward its national membership goals for DMS members who have paid dues for the upcoming year and transfers into a local/traditional post on or after July 1 of each membership year;
7. During each membership year, the national organization shall contact the encumbered DMS members to engage, educate and enthuse them about their value of membership in The American Legion, and present them the opportunity to transfer, with their consent, to a local /traditional post;

8. Those not transferred to a local/traditional post shall remain encumbered for two renewal cycles in the department's headquarters post during which time the national organization shall attempt to renew said member at a dues rate higher than any "DMS Introductory Offer" cited in the initial DMS mailing, and any revenues derived therein shall be retained by the national organization as per capita dues, and any excess amount shall also be retained to offset the cost of the entire DMS program;

9. After the national organization has renewed any DMS-acquired member for the second time, that member will be turned over to the department, unencumbered, and the department shall retain all future membership revenues collected from that member except for the per capita dues owed to the national organization;

10. The contact information on any coded DMS member who does not renew in any membership cycle (expired member) shall be made available to the respective department, and should the department reacquire said member, whether in a local/traditional post or the department's headquarters post, the department shall retain all dues revenue except that which may be owed to the local/traditional post or the per capita owed to the national organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That DMS members acquired for membership years 2021 and forward shall be retained as encumbered members by the national organization for no longer than two renewal cycles at which time they shall be turned over to their respective departments, unencumbered; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That any DMS-acquired member who has been transferred to a local/traditional post at any time during any renewal cycle shall thereafter be turned over to the respective departments, unencumbered, as soon as a legal transfer has been effected from the headquarters post; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 14, (NEC, Oct. 13-14, 2010), Subject: "Affirmative Consent for Transfer" remains in full force and effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 25, (NEC, Oct. 12-13, 2011, Subject: "Realignment of DMS Program") and Resolution No. 16 (NEC, May 4-5, 2016), Subject: "Membership Credit be Given to Departments for Transferring First and Second Year Direct Mail Solicitation Members Into Local Posts") and Resolution No. 1, (NEC, May 10-11, 2017), Subject: "Make Contact Information for Newly Acquired DMS Members Immediately") be, and are hereby, rescinded; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That all departments are strongly urged and encouraged to make a good faith effort to engage, renew or transfer as many DMS-acquired members as possible from their department headquarters posts as it is in the best interests of the entire American Legion to do so.

Resolution No. 35: Insurance Requirements

Origin: Finance Commission

Submitted by: Finance Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That because The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's Tradenames, this resolution is necessary to dictate protective standards over the Tradenames; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, via insurance policies, protect itself, and its Tradenames, from liability and subsequently strongly urges all American Legion departments, department-chartered intermediate bodies and posts do the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That due to the need to protect The American Legion's Tradenames from liability it shall be required forthwith that when any American Legion department, department-chartered intermediate body, post or organization use The American Legion's Name or Tradenames and an insurance policy is obtained, the group utilizing this insurance policy shall specifically in the insurance policy hold The American Legion harmless and named as an additional insured on any, and all, insurance policies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion's national adjutant, or designee, has complete authority to independently investigate, confirm and report that any, and all, insurance policy(ies) purchased by an American Legion department, department-chartered intermediate body, post or organization shall specify that The American Legion is held harmless and named as an additional insured on any, and all, insurance policies; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion's National Executive Committee strongly urges that all American Legion departments follow similar courses of protective action, to wit:

(1) require all of the department's own intermediate chartered bodies and posts that obtain insurance policies hold their respective American Legion departments harmless and also named as an additional insured on any, and all, insurance policy(ies) and

(2) that the department adjutant, or said designee, have the complete authority to independently investigate, confirm and report that any insurance policy(ies) purchased by the department's intermediate body or post shall hold its respective department also harmless and named as an additional insured on any, and all, insurance policies.

Resolution No. 36: Mission Blue Post Assistance Program

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted by: Finance Commission

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That the national commander is hereby authorized to establish a grant program titled "Mission Blue Post Assistance Program" which will provide \$1,000 grants to applying and qualified American Legion posts impacted by the government's public health protection restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national commander shall direct the Internal Affairs Commission through its Internal Affairs Division to screen, certify and cause grants to be distributed to qualifying posts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an American Legion post will be eligible for a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant after verification by the American Legion department adjutant that the post meets the criteria and requirements, which are listed here:

1. A post must have a consolidated post report on file.
2. A post must have filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
3. A post must have filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the department.
4. A post must have actively participated in one or more American Legion program(s) within the last 18 months.

5. A post must have a financial need.
6. A post must provide a certificate of insurance naming The American Legion dba American Legion National Headquarters as an additional insured.
7. A post must provide documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the funds from a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant shall be used exclusively for the following:

1. Current and past due mortgage principal and interest,
2. Current and past due real estate rents,
3. Current and past due insurance premiums, and
4. Current and past due utilities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an American Legion post receiving a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant will be required to submit a true and accurate report outlining how the funds were used; and the report shall be signed by the post finance officer and certified by the post commander or post adjutant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That payment for a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant shall be made available by funding in The American Legion National Emergency Fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That no more than \$5,000,000 (\$5 million dollars) shall be expended from The American Legion National Emergency Fund for the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program, except that donations from elsewhere specifically designated to fulfill the intent of the program may be applied to same without limitation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion may solicit donations for the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program from any sources as may be available provided that any and all monies raised shall be used to augment the \$5,000,000 commitment from The American Legion National Emergency Fund; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Finance Commission is authorized to make any changes to the program as it sees fit to carry out the intent of this resolution provided that the National Executive Committee is provided notification of changes made at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Application can be found on www.masslegion.org and on Vets News

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a thank you from VA Boston Healthcare System for the donation of 1000 Masks
2. Received a thank you from Blinded Veterans Association for the \$100 donation
3. Received a thank you from Shriners Hospital for the \$200 donation
4. Received a thank you from Pine Street Inn for the \$100 donation
5. Received a thank you from Christine's Hope for Kids \$ 300 donation
6. Received a thank you from The Brendan Grant Foundation for the 300 donation
7. Received a thank you from Helping Hands Foundation for the \$500 donation
8. Received a letter from DC Jodie Pajak Campaign Chairman, looking for support for their candidate for the position of Alternate National Committeeman for the years 2021-2023
9. Received District 1 Berkshire County September 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District 3 Hampden County September 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
11. Received District 4 Worcester County September 23, 2020 Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes
12. Received District 6 Norfolk County September 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes
13. Received District 7 Suffolk County September 26, 2020 Meetings Minutes
14. Received District 8 Essex County September 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

15. Received District 10 P.B.D. & N. Counties September 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

16. Received Department Children & Youth Committee Notes & Handouts

ENDORSEMENTS

17. At the regular post meeting of Cpt. Lester S. Wass A.L. Post 3 on September 22, 2020, it was unanimously voted to endorse PDC, ANEC Michael Davis to the High Office of NEC and PPC, PD8C and current Department Vice Commander Sandra Kee for re-election

18. At the D4 Worcester County Council Zoom meeting on September 23, 2020 they unanimously voted to endorse DC Jodie Pajak for the High Office of ANEC and Michael Davis ANEC for the High Office of NEC for years 2021-2023. DVC Lisa McPhee for re-election 2021-2022

19. At the D7 Suffolk County Council meeting on September 26, 2020 it was voted to endorse the following candidates for the year 2021-2022, SVC Anthony Dias for Department Commander, DVC Sally Nay for Senior Vice CMDR, DVC Sandra Kee for re-election, DVC Lisa McPhee for re-election, Department Historian Nelson Blake for Dept. Vice CMDR, D5 CMDR Michael Deegan for Department Historian, DECW Neysa Wright for re-election. At the same meeting they voted to endorse Michael Davis ANEC to the High Office of NEC and Kenneth Starks PDC for the High Office of ANEC for the years 2021-2023

20. At the D8 Essex County Council meeting on September 20, 2020 it was unanimously voted to endorse DVC Sandra Kee for re-election, DVC Lisa McPhee for re-election for 2021-2022. ANEC Michael Davis to the High Office of NEC and DC Jodie Pajak to the High Office of ANEC for 2021-2023

21. At the D10 Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties meeting on September 20, 2020 it was unanimously voted to endorse DC Jodie Pajak for election to the High Office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for 2021-2023

MOTION

1 That all CPR reports prior or present need to be filed in the office before post can receive any committee service awards from department. PNC Morin moved. Commander any discussion? So moved

2 Turning in the Charter of Post 263 Brimfield and Post 454 Westfield. D3C McKay moved seconded PNC Morin. Commander any discussion? So moved

3 To rescind the motion for Post 90 Melrose to turn in Charter AD5C McMath moved. Commander any discussion? So moved

COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1 Scholarship move Sandra Kee to Vice Chairman and move Ed Bezio to a member

2 Youth Law Cadet: Replace Keith McClear with John Bianchi

3 Legion Riders: Replace Mike Melnik and Dave Ruel with Doug Tinsley, Hamilton Post 194 and Bill Hallen, Sutton Post 414.

4 Deputy Director for the Brockton VAMC be filled with Don Trainer Middleborough Post 64
Commander any discussion? So moved

GOOD OF THE LEGION

1 Come next month we will be having a zoom meeting with national to have the Washington Conference.

2 Mike Deegan announced he will be running for Historian for the 2021-2022 year.

3 Resolution number 35 - National

1. Require all of the department's own intermediate chartered bodies and posts that obtain insurance policies hold their respective American Legion departments harmless and also named as an additional insured on any, and all, insurance policy(ies) and
2. That the department adjutant, or said designee, have the complete authority to independently investigate, confirm and report that any insurance policy(ies) purchased by the department's intermediate body or post shall hold its respective department also harmless and named as an additional insured on any, and all insurance policies.

4 Department Commander Jodie ask that you help support to endorse the Buddy Check Bill.

5 PNC Comer National had a special NEC meeting on Nov 17, 2020 resolution passed by NEC for a sponsorship of an Indy car team Jim Johnson. American Legion entered into a 2 year agreement. More information will follow.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS – Motion to adjourn PNC Comer moved and PNC Morin seconded
Commander any discussion? So moved unanimous

CLOSING PRAYER – D1C Kevin Hamel
Sgt.at Arms Colors in place – Salute ready 2

NEXT Executive Board Meeting Zoom Meeting at 11:00 AM January 16, 2021