

MINUTES OF MARCH 13th

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ZOOM MEETING

Jodie Pajak
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the
Department Executive Committee Meeting
April 24, 2021

AGENDA

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING TO BE HELD ON **March 13, 2021**
Starting at 11:00 AM

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 **EVERYONE**
6. ROLL CALL BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT **Milton K. Lashus**
7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
on January 16, 2021 AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Steve Souza**
9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Anthony Dias**
10. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Update on the money to post from the Commonwealth of MA Treasurer Dept. **Steve Souza**
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 COLOR

Meeting called to order by DC Jodie Pajak at 11 AM for Membership
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; Chap Salois; Asst Chap Ryan; HIST Blake; DECW Wright; NEC Brehio; ANEC Davis; PDC White; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Lacoste; ASST SGT Desrosiers, Hallene, Kelly, Samko; PHOTO Blake; AIDE Pajak; D1C Hamel; D2C Barber; D3C Mackay; D4C Conner; D5C Deegan; S6C Jerdan; D7C Nelson; D10C Cameron; AD2C White; AD3C Howe; AD5C McMath; AD7C Sinatra; AD9C Pietro; AD10C Olson; PDC Avis, PDC Brault, PDC Chisholm; PDC Connors; NVC MacDonald; PDC Starks

Excused: HON SGT Lizotte; D8C Genest; D9C Santos; AD1C Oleen; AD9C Pietro

Absent: AJA Atkins; AJA Flattes; AD6C Milot

PNC Morin so moved to accept the minutes of the Nov 21 Executive Committee and membership meetings. PNC Comer moved and seconded PNC Morin. Commander any discussion? So moved

Treasurer

TRS Souza reported:

Department Treasurer Steve Souza reported the Finance report as of 3/12/2021. He stated the following were hi-lights for this period.

Steve reported that we have an operating budget of \$479,574.00 with anticipated expenses of \$469,478.00. This brings us to a positive balance of \$10,096.00.

The good news; due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Department budget has not been taxed to the fullest extent, due to the lack of many activities. We are hopeful to a positive year in finance.

Total investments are at \$4,257,418.61. We must keep in mind many of these investments are restricted in nature and should not be thought of as funds that can be accessed for any reason.

Steve reported he was working on the final version of the 2021-2022 budget with input and assistance from Milton (Dept. Adjutant) and Frank McDonald (Finance Committee Chair).

Steve reported, we need to keep a cautious eye on the membership line item as each year we are seeing a decrease in membership. With this decrease, we are seeing a significant drop in revenue. Steve reminded all, this line item is the life blood of our organization.

Checks were sent out recently for refunds for the National commander's banquet (dinner and ads) and should be at your post. Please check your mail, cash them, so we may clear all checks sent out.

Steve reported Post should look into the possibility of obtaining grants from local banks, as additional funds are now available with the newly passage of the "Stimulus Act". Funding may be available for the PPP program.

Reminder that post should inquire through the Massachusetts Department of the State Treasurer's office to see if your post has any unclaimed property (cash) that can be accessed and returned to you. If you run into an issue, you can contact Mike Noonan @ 617-367-9333 x427. Mike is an investigator with the Treasury that will be working with the American Legion. Steve stated he will be placing an article in the e-legionnaire for those post that want to seek out unclaimed revenue. Steve reported he did for his post and has already received the funds.

Steve stated he will report, under unfinished business, the status of the Department's request for unclaimed property with the State treasurer's office.

This report was made subject to audit. M/M/C

Membership

DSVC Dias reported:

All district made the 80% target date so let's keep up the good work. We are now at 81.07% great job everyone. That's my report as one in progress.

Motion made by PNC Comer and seconded PNC Morin any questions, so moved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism

DVC Lisa McPhee reported:

Meeting held Tuesday March 9. Business before Committee to select an American Born and Foreign Born Citizen. There were three candidates from D1 Paul O'Brien, D4 Rita French, and D5 Jessica Wheeler. All excellent candidates close vote for D5 candidate Jessica Wheeler. Plan to put advertise this award next year i.e., Vets News and E-Legionnaire.

Respectively Submitted Lisa McPhee, Americanism Committee Chair

Oratorical

DVC Lisa McPhee:

Final is being held tomorrow Sunday at Bedford Post at 10 AM will certify winner for the \$5000 scholarship from National. The National contest was cancelled with a \$5000 scholarship for each state winner. Scott Conner and I are revamping the Oratorical program to include scholarship money for zone winners. Looking for people to help recruit more students to compete.

Respectively Submitted Lisa McPhee, Oratorical Committee Chair

Children & Youth

DVC Kee reported:

1. TFA-No new TFA application received since the last DEC meeting. One inquiry, but no further action required.
2. Committee met on February 17th 2021, on Zoom. Many Posts/Units/Squadron supported Children & Youth during holidays with ongoing COVID crisis. Drive-by children's events, supported local toy drives, supported community events, and donated to charities that support child wellbeing charities are just a few of ways we showed our communities our continued commitment to be there for the next generation.
3. Reminder: April is National Children & Youth Awareness Month. It's a good time to show our communities that The American Legion Family is dedicated to the Children in our communities.
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.
5. The next Children & Youth Committee meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7PM.
6. THANK YOU to the American Legion family for all the recent activities to support our children and their welfare during these difficult times.

Last but not least, think about ways to support Children & Youth in our communities. Things like supporting local clothing and food drives, providing school supplies, helping with local community events, and supporting those in need. Actions that may seem trivial to us today can make all the difference and leaving a last impressions for many tomorrows.

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 March 30th at 7pm.
3. MyLegion.org is changing in 2021. A replay of training and questions & answers from Training Tuesday session on the topic is available online at legion.org/training/training-Tuesdays.
4. National Legion College: Two session are planned for this year. One in November for the 2020 class that was postponed and another session will run in December for the class of 2021. Applications for the 2021 class are still being accepted.
5. Many training resources are available online at legion.org/training. Past Training Tuesday sessions, 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

All White Awards please continue to have posts submit award nominations we are still accepting nominations for February and March. We have submissions for: November, December, January and February to consider for the All White Awards

Submissions for the Conway Community Service Award and the Mulkern Educator of the year are now being accepted and need to be to me by March 31, 2021 to be considered for these awards. We currently have one submission for each but look for others these maybe e-mailed to me.

Pendill/Shriver awards books are due by March 31, 2021 – I know of one book so far and hope to hear from others – If I know you have a book for submission by March 31st I will work to get it from you even if it is after that date since there is currently no in person meetings scheduled.

I will be calling for a committee meeting to vote on the received award nominations the first or second week of March please look for an e-mail from me.

Respectfully Submitted

DVC Sally Nay, Community Service Chairman

Women's Veterans

DECW Neysa Wright reported:

1. Massachusetts Woman Veteran of the Year application dvswomen@vet.state.ma.us. "The Deborah Sampson award proudly recognizes a Female Veteran who has gone above and beyond to serve her fellow women Veterans throughout the year." The Deborah Sampson Award will be presented at the annual Women Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony on June 11th at 10 A.M. to be held at The Memorial Beach Bandstand in Sharon, Massachusetts for more information contact Susan McDonough at 857-303-3017 or email: Susan.McDonough2@mass.gov
2. Bedford VA is launching a new program called SEEK for veteran's which stands for Support, Employee, Engage and Keep. It is a program designed to help out employed veterans to communicate with their employer if veterans are having medical problems which would be the reason veterans are missing work. Communications between employer, Veteran and SEEK will have employer have a better understanding of what is happening in the veteran's life at this particular time.
3. University of Alabama has a National Women Veteran's survey poll for women to conduct online. It is a survey on women veteran's issues that relates to anything that Women Veterans are dealing with whether it's medical or not. Massachusetts women veterans' survey is at 60% so far.

4. Veterans' vaccination sites at for all ages AL Post 16, Blue Hill Ave, Mattapan, MA from 10am-1pm on March 23, 2021 and at the VFW Post 1018, Morton Street, Dorchester, MA from 10am-1pm March 13, 2021. Sites are opened to all veterans and if you are not registered at a VA hospital a form will be provided for you to fill out on site.
5. The Bedford VA is having a Women's History Month Event with Col. Angela Simmons on Tuesday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. virtual.
"Col. Simmons is going to talk us through her nursing journey from the moment she knew she was meant to be a nurse to assuming the mantle of executive leadership, and tips to sustain herself from the bumps and bruises of life as a Black woman in the military healthcare system."
This virtual platform on March 23, by using this link: <http://site-513579.bcvp0rtal.com>. For more information contact Stephanie Coppolino at the Bedford VA X3426.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress,

Neysa Wright

Department Executive Committee Woman (DECW)

Women Veterans Network Committee Member (WVN)

Consolidated Post Report Committee

PDC White reported

Congratulations to Department Senior Vice commander, Tony Dias for the great job he and his team are doing on membership. I know that you have been working hard on membership. Now the percentages are much more difficult to attain but keep on the good work you have started.

It is now time to switch gears and start working toward a one hundred per cent submittal of the Consolidated Post Report. All posts know the importance of the Consolidated Post Report.

The post's information, combined with that of other post's, is when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all veterans. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is multiplied.

If the post has activities which cannot be adequately covered on the report form, attach written description with pictures and articles.

Although COVID-19 caused a lot of our programs to be cancelled or abridged there were things that each post could have done in support of our four pillars, Veterans and Rehabilitation, National Defense, Children and Youth and Americanism. Kudos to the Department of Ohio for completing more than 90% of Consolidated Post Report's last year.

The buddy check was added to the Consolidated Post Report a few years ago and is a good starting point. Every post should be doing buddy checks, there are 129 items on the Post Report I'm sure you can find a few that you hadn't thought about before.

If your post did not participate in a program listed on the report, or if unable to get the information by the requested date, leave the section blank. If the post only has one program, then that should be the one reported. If you can't get the exact reports or numbers, please make a reasonable guess.

The CPR runs from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021, and we already eight 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 in May. You can also update your CPR and if necessary, put it on the next reporting year.

When using the paper form, send the original and one copy to the Department Headquarters by June 15, 2021 keep the third copy for the post records.

The paper post counts as much the Plymouth Post, each is about 3% of the total. Whether you have a 15 member posts or an 800 member posts they are both worth about 3 percent of the total. That is why, every post counts.

Every post is responsible for submitting a Consolidated Post Report, in fact many of the awards the American Legion gives out, submittal of a Consolidated Post Report is one of the qualifications.

The 2020-2021 Consolidated Post Report is online at mylegion.org and the Department sent copies to each post in the Department.

If I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will certainly reply. Stay safe.

Submitted as a work in progress.

Yours in Comradship PC Fred J White, Consolidated Post Report Chairman

SAL

PNC Clifford Smith reported:

The detachment had its first virtual meeting and is starting to move things forward. I have sent out information for the Plymouth Convention. And I'm waiting to hear more about what will be happening later at this meeting. Hope to have the Bowling tournament as soon as they open back up maybe in July we can get it done and I can get all the trophy's out to the winners. Detachment has made its donation to the National programs \$5000 CWF, \$3000 NEF and \$1065 OCW.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge:

We are pushing along as best as we can. Talked to a couple of people who are reps are the different VA's in the area. As National did not have them listed in the roster I believe it is fixed now.

BOYS STATE

PNVC Mark Avis reported:

THE BOYS STATE PROGRAM IS ON SCHEDULE TO HOLD AN INPERSON PROGRAM IN JUNE 2021. AS OF NOW THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM IS IN QUESTION AND WE ARE PREPARING ACCORDINGLY.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET POSTS NOTIFIED THAT WE ARE HOLDING THE BOYS/GIRLS STATE PROGRAMS.

POST NOW MORE THEN EVER NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY TO HELP SEND KIDS TO THE PROGRAMS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING AS WE MOVE FORWARD. POSTS THAT DID NOT GET RETURNS ON THEIR FEES PAID LAST YEAR WILL BE NOTIFIED WITH A NEW APPLICATION LINK AND NUMBER.

I SUBMIT THIS AS ONE OF PROGRESS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MARK AVIS CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

Marketing

ANEC Michael Davis reported:

Just a reminder the Convention Raffle will be mailed out shortly so support the raffle.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress,

Mike Davis ANEC, Marketing Committee Chairman

SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Jon O'Connor

The Scouting Committee had a Zoom Meeting, on Monday, February 15, 2021.

We reviewed The Eagle Scout of the Year Program (ESotY). Clarifications were made regarding candidate eligibility. Even though Boy Scouts of America granted age extensions for both males and females in 2019 to attain Eagle beyond their 18th year, TAL National did not change their standards. This was received from National: ***The 2021 "Eagle Scout of the Year" National application still has a requirement for Eagle Scout Candidate to have reached their "Fifteenth Birthday" and be enrolled in High School.at the time of selection.***

The Committee received applications from Massachusetts Eagle Scout candidates for the Department ESotY. Applications were emailed to Committee Chairs to review and vote on 6MAR21. As soon as I receive confirmation from all Districts, we will announce the winner. That winner will be forwarded to National, representing The Department, on or before 1APR21.

Again, I want to thank PNC Jake Comer for straightening out the National Scouting Committee from not lowering the bar regarding the Religious Award in the ESotY process. The Department AL Camporee annually held over Father's Day Weekend is again in jeopardy due to the pandemic. If you remember, last year PNC Paul Morin, motioned for a one-time gift of \$1,000.00 to cover last year's ESotY Scholarship when last year's Camporee was cancelled. The Camporee represents our largest revenue stream to pay for our ESotY scholarship each year.

As the Commonwealth reopens from the pandemic, restrictions still exist within the camping realm. Maximum group settings outdoors are still "25" people - even though overnight camping has been approved by the Governor. The Trustees of the campgrounds we use have yet to establish their new guidelines. And, BSA still has a "Family Only" tent policy currently - which translates into only family members can occupy the same tent overnight.

The Scouting Committee has set a deadline 1APR21 to "Green Light" or "Red Light" this year's event. Otherwise, there will not be enough time to plan & organize the Camporee properly.

Our Committee voted for me to query the DEC on the possibility of another year of funding the ESotY Scholarship - if we are not able to hold our Camporee again. While I find no pleasure in asking for this, these circumstances greatly curtail our options. FYI - while I'm in the asking mode, one member of our Committee has offered a viable work around for next year. That being that each District allocate \$100 from their budget to go toward this scholarship.

In closing - May the Saints be Praised in remembrance next week when everyone will be Irish - wear the green -and a Happy Saints Patrick Day to All!

For God & Country,

OC Oconnor This is a report in progress.....

POW/MIA

William Chisholm reported



POW/MIA COMMITTEE

REPORT

March 13, 2021

The Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2021 via Zoom at 7:00 PM

After the usual opening ceremony, I thanked those members online for attending.

I mentioned that conditions are improving, and it looked much more likely that we will be able to hold a POW/MIA Ceremony this coming September, however much work needs to be accomplished.

During the Months of April and May, committee members will be visiting the sites that have been submitted to us and they will be evaluated based on the criteria we have established.

The goal is to have a location and date selected by the Department Convention or shortly thereafter.

Please watch for announcements.

On behalf of the Committee. I want to express our gratitude to

Department Commanders Aide, Drew Pajak, for his assistance in making the meeting via Zoom possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

I submit this report as one in progress. William J. Chisholm, Chairman

LET US REMEMBER

Athletics:

Richard Paster sent report



Team Registration began on January 1, 2021. There were 135 teams eligible to return but 6 informed me they will not be fielding teams this year. Thereafter I received 10 New Team Applications, (5 Sr. & 5 Jr..) which were all approved at the February 24, 2021 Athletic Committee Meeting, so we currently have 138 teams, (82 Sr. & 56 Jr..).

Plans to hold 2 Sr. Department Tournaments this year are proceeding. The first one will be hosted by Post 294 at Adams Field, Quincy, beginning on July 24, 2021, with the winner advancing to the Region One Tournament which is being hosted by Post 397 at The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester beginning on August 3, 2021. The second Sr. Tournament will begin on August 7, 2021 but the Committee has not decided on a host as yet.

The Jr. Division will only have one Tournament this year and will be hosted by Post 79 at Libby Park, Weymouth beginning on August 7, 2021. The other Region One Chairmen agreed to push the start of the Jr. Region One Tournament back to August 13, 2021 so that we can participate. The Jr. Region One Tournament will be held at Murane Field, Utica, NY.

We continue to await the MIAA finalizing their schedule in order for us to pin down our schedule. As of today it appears the MIAA will begin the baseball season on April 26, 2021 and will hold some type of Sectional Tournament which is scheduled to begin during the week of June 14 and end around June 26, 2021. There still are many moving parts as the MIAA appears to be allowing teams to opt in or out of the Sectional Tournament and play games on their own. High School coaches are still trying to figure things out but as of today we are shooting for a start date of June 28, 2021 which is one week earlier than originally planned. I have told the Athletic Committee and all Team Managers that the hallmark of 2021 is going to be flexibility.

To this end I have asked all teams to complete the registration process as quickly as possible so that we will be ready to begin play as early as possible. Coaches are undergoing background checks and taking abuse training and teams are purchasing insurance. We are going to hold off completing the 2021 Department Rules until we can get a better handle on what the season will look like.

One final point, we have an opening on the Athletic Committee for an Assistant Umpire in Chief. I would like to ask the Commander to appoint Mark D'Angelo of Franklin to fill that vacancy. Mark is well known to me and I highly recommend him for this position.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Paster, Chairman

ROTC

Joseph Zangri sent report

Due to the pandemic and on line learning I have received little from the ROTC and JROTC. The only correspondence received was from Lynn English requesting a donation for some of their charities. I forwarded the letter to Jake Comer. The charities that they were requesting the funding far are already supported by the MA American Legion.

I have in my possession 2 bronze scholastic achievement, and two military excellence medals that were not distributed last year.

One of each medals were slated for Billerica High JROTC. The other two were slated for Lowell High JROTC.

The Dracut American Legion has 6 scholastic achievement and 6 military excellence medals stated for UMASS ROTC.

This January the Department of MA American Legion donated the following to ROTC and JROTC units across the state.

North Quincy High School \$500

Taunton High School \$500

Lynn English High School \$500

Lowell High School \$500

North Worcester High School \$500

Beverly High School \$500

Brockton High School \$500

Springfield Central High School \$500

Oxford High School \$500

New Bedford High School \$500

Gloucester High School \$500

Boston English High School \$300

East Boston High School \$300

Boston Excel High School \$300

Total Contributions \$6400

I have heard from no other posts or ROTC and JROTC awards ceremonies at this time.

Respectively Submitted as one in progress

Joseph Zangri, ROTC Chairman

Comments: PNC Comer

The Department received a thank you card from the South Boston Jr ROTC, Lt. Anthony Hanson

LEGION RIDERS

Louis Brault

Comment by PNC Comer

On a purposed Resolution that will happen at the National May meetings.

Item #4: All American Legion Riders officers shall not be called Commander or Vice Commander. Since the American Legion Riders is an American Legion program, therefore the American Legion Riders shall be called Chairmen and Vice Chairmen used by commissions and committees. And they cannot use the baseball Director or Assistance Director. Louie let all the units no that we only have 1 Legion National Commander and 1 Auxiliary National President. They are a where of it; it is going to be one thing Chairmen or Vice Chairmen.

Motion to accept all the reports so moved, seconded Commander any question here none so moved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unclaimed money –Treasure Stephen Souza

1. Department request funds for about 13 closed posts – could be checking account, now accounts, dividends, etc.
2. Post request for funds about 30 post – it will take 4 -6 weeks after filling to get refunds requested.
3. The state has assigned Mike Noonan to help The American Legion through this process. We hope to be finished by the close of the physical year.

Department Convention update

NVC Francis J MacDonald Jr

Convention dates June 4-5-6, 2021

Department Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday June 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM

There will be no get-together on Thursday night and no Old Friends breakfast on Sunday.

Convention opens at 9:00 AM Friday June 4, 2021.

Friday June 4th we will still be having the outing at Plymouth Post 40.

Districts need to hold their caucus before Department Convention as to follow the number of people in allow in small rooms.

Registration will be only 1 person from each district at a time as the area is not that large. There will be only two districts (1 person each) at one table for delegate and alternate badges and other information. Seating will be set up following the six feet apart distance rule.

As of now the Hall can hold up to 100 people we will know more as Convention dates get closer.

Elections will be held on Saturday night.

More information will follow

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received a thank you from Coalition of Soldiers' Home in Holyoke for TAL Family Support
2. Received a thank you from the National CMDR for his gift Waterford lamp
3. Received a thank you from VA Boston Healthcare (Brockton Campus) for 221 canteen books
4. Received a thank you from TAL National Veterans & Children Foundation for the \$605.00 donation
5. Received a thank you from TAL Child Welfare Foundation for the \$500.00 donation
6. Received a thank you from Molly Walsh for the \$1,000.00 scholarship she received
7. Received a thank you from Savannah R. Morehouse for the \$1,000.00 scholarship she received
8. Received a thank you from Paige Spivey for the \$1,000.00 scholarship she received
9. Received a letter of resignation from Dist. 9 CMDR/Ex. Committeeman Paul Romanelli
10. Received a memo on the Dist. 9 Commander changes Tom Santos
11. Received a copy of the Dist. 1CMDR letter to all the officers canceling the Jan. D1 meeting & Email canceling February meeting with updates from the Dept. EX. Board Meeting on Jan. 16, 2021
12. Received the National CMDR James W. 'Bill' Oxford Spring Letter
13. Received the cancellation of the National Oratorical Contest
14. Received an invitation to participate in the Walls That Heals coming to Nahant on July 15-18 -2021
15. Received an email on Jan. 22, 2021 from Post 246 (Gilbertville) that they have sold their building
16. Received District 4 Worcester County January 21, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
17. Received District 5 Middlesex County January 17, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
18. Received District 7 Suffolk County January 23, 2021 Zoom Meetings Minutes
19. Received District 8 Essex County January 17, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
20. Received TAL February 17, 2021 Children & Youth Committee Agenda, Minutes & Handouts
21. Received American Legion Scouting Committee Feb. 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
22. ENDORSEMENTS :

At a regular scheduled Zoom Meeting of Essex County Council District 8 on January 17, 2021 it was unanimously voted to endorse DVC Sally Nay for election to the high office of Department Senior vice CMDR and Dept. Historian Nelson Blake for election to Dept. Vice CMDR

At a regular schedule Zoom meeting of Middlesex County District 5 on January 17, 2021 it was voted to endorse Jodie Pajak and Kenneth Starks for ANEC, DVC Sally Nay for SV Commander, DVC Lisa McPhee for reelection, Historian Nelson Blake for DVC & Michael Deegan for Department Historian.

Moved by NVC MacDonald to file correspondence seconded by Souza, any question so moved

MOTION

1. Motion to give \$1,000 from the Legislative Fund, to the Boy Scout Scholarship if the jamboree is not held this year.

Motion by PNC Morin, seconded PNC Comer Commander any discussion? So moved

2. Prepare the minutes without changing the intent and they are distributed before the next meeting

Motion by PNC Morin Commander any discussion? So moved

3. Article 4 Section 1 Paragraph 1 be removed.

4. Article IV, Finance Committee, Section 1 Paragraph 2. To read: Finance Committee: Department Commander shall appoint seven members-at-large from the membership. No more than one member from the same District to serve one year. At least one member will be from the West Districts 1, 2, 3; Central Districts 4, 5, 6, 7: East Districts 8, 9, 10. The Chairman, Vice chairman and secretary of this committee shall be elected annually from within the membership of the committee. Employees of the Department of Massachusetts, Inc. shall not serve on this committee. The Department Adjutant and Treasurer shall be Ex-official with voice but no vote.

5. Article IV, Finance Committee, Section 1 Paragraph 3 remains the same.

PNC Morin supports the change; seconded Commander any discussion? So moved

6. PNC Morin asks the JA Fratolillo if there were any other changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Yes the changes were the language not the intent (he and she to them) but were not sent out as we did not have a convention last year.

JA Fratolillo stated it was voted on at the DEC so they have already been accepted.

COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Motion to make Scott Conner Department Executive Committee person

Moved by JA Fratolillo seconded PNC Morin Commander any discussion? So moved

Motion to make Tom Santos Department Executive Committee person

Moved by Hist. Nelson Blake; seconded by Sr. Vice Dias Commander any discussion? So moved

2. Motion to have Mark D'Angelo as the Assistant Umpire in Chief

Moved by PNC Comer Commander and discussion? So moved

GOOD OF THE LEGION

1. PDC Kenny Starks has withdrawing from the elections for ALTNEC

2. Charter for District bank account or would it come under the Department

A. Fixed location or address

B. How to Incorporate a District

C. Can district incorporate and do they need a tax ID number. The American Legion is a c-19 under the Federal Charter.

PNC Morin answered yes you can incorporate you need to file with the State with Corporation papers.

D. The banks want legal information

JA Fratolillo will talk to a lawyer and get back to you. JA Fratolillo will get with D5C McMath and bring it back to the body.

3. Asking that you get ahold of your Representative on House Bill 64, work on this has been going on for two years I am not sure if there is a can letter. The Bond to vote for the addition for the Soldiers Home, as there may be some opposition on the Bond. If you have any question chairman Gary Keith or Cindy Lacoste, hearing is April 16, 2021.

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

CLOSTING PRAYER – Father Phil

Asst. Sgt. at Arms Desrosiers Colors in place – Salute ready 2

NEXT Executive Board Meeting
April 24, 2021
Charles C. Kennedy
Post 275
41 Robbins Rd
Chicopee MA
Membership at 11:00 AM
DEC at 1:00 PM