

# MINUTES OF APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>

## DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ZOOM MEETING

Jodie Pajak  
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus  
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the  
Department Executive Committee Meeting  
June 3, 2021

### AGENDA

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON April 24, 2021 Starting at 1:00 PM, at the (Charles C. Kennedy) Chicopee Falls Post 275 Chicopee MA

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 THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING on March 13, 2021 AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DETACHMENT MINUTES FROM THE February 18, 2021 ZOOM MEETING AS PRINTED & DISTRIBUTED
9. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Steve Souza**
10. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Anthony Dias**
11. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Update on the money to post from the Commonwealth of MA Treasurer Dept. **Steve Souza**
  - B. Final Update and & closer of Post 103 Taunton **Richard D. Paster & Milton K. Lashus**
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

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Meeting called to order by DC Jodie Pajak at 1:00 PM  
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/Photo Blake; DECW Wright (Zoom); NEC Brehio; ANEC Davis; PDC White; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Lacoste; ASST SGT Desrosiers, Hallene, Samko; AIDE Pajak; D2C Barber; D3C Mackay; D4C Conner; D5C Deegan; D10C Cameron; AD1C Oleen; AD2C White; AD3C Howe; AD5C McMath(Zoon); AD7C Sinatra; AD10C Olson; PDC Avis, PDC Brault, PDC Chisholm; PDC Connors; NVC MacDonald  
Excused: Chap Salois; Asst Chap Ryan; HON SGT Lizotte; Asst Kelly; D1Hamel; D6C Jerdan; D7C Nelson; D8C Genest; AD8C Nelson; D9C Santos; AD9C Pietro  
Absent: AJA Atkins; AJA Flattes; AD6C Milot

PNC Morin so moved to accept the minutes of the March 14 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 4/24/2021. He stated the following were hi-lites for this period.

Steve reported that the operating budget of \$613,749.00 for fiscal year 2022 was approved by the finance committee with anticipated approval from the Department Executive Committee. This budget reflects a modest increase of \$15,423.00 or 2.5% increase over last year's budget of \$598,326.00. Personal salaries and benefits were responsible for 2% of that increase with a small increase in our operating cost.

Our current budget will show a profit due to the in activities during the last year because of Covid-19. A final assessment is being worked on as we still have a number of checks that have been issued and not cashed.

To date, we have 45 posts who have not cashed their refund checks. These checks were from ads purchased, dinner tickets and/or other refunds. We ask to pass the word for many of these posts to please cash those checks, in order for us to reconcile those accounts.

Total investments are at \$4,402,192.96 up from previously reported \$4,257,418.61, at the last DEC meeting. Again, 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 again mentioned, the need to keep a caution 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. This decrease in funds could have an impact on programs and donations we have been accustomed to in years pass.

The Treasurer gave an update on Unclaimed Property that has been identified with the help of the Department of State Treasurer's office. It was originally intended to file a single claim and disburse checks out to the post, from the Department, that had funds due to them. An issue then came up, as to who would be responsible for any taxes, from interest, due to the IRS. With that said we reversed our thoughts and asked the office of the State Treasurer to allow us to file individual claims. Those claims are ready for processing. Steve informed the District Commanders to please see that your posts get these claims forms and move forward to get their money.

The Treasurer then passed out the post claim forms to the District Commanders as well as to the Department for requesting funds due to the Legion.

Lastly, the Treasurer reported that the past treasurer, our Department Accountant, the Adjutant, the Membership Coordinator and I have been preparing all documents necessary in preparations for our annual audit, which is technically a 2 year audit, due to the Covid restrictions that were placed on us last year. The processing of all documents is a work in progress and nearly complete.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions and stated his report was one in continuous progress! This report was made subject to audit.

## **Membership**

### DSVC Dias reported:

With the mylegion program being changed post are not sure on their membership and I think post should be able to make the next cutoff date of May 12 for 95%.

Motion made by D2C Barber and 2<sup>nd</sup> DVC McPhee any questions, so moved

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance**

#### NVC MacDonald

2021-2022 Budget

Motion PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> NEC Brehio Commander any question? So moved.

### **Children & Youth**

#### DVC Kee reported:

1. TFA-No new TFA application received since the last DEC meeting.
2. Committee met on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, on Zoom. Many Posts/Units/Squadron are doing what they can to support Children & Youth during ongoing COVID crisis. Donating school supplies, distributing pamphlets, support local food banks, donating local charities that support child wellbeing charities, and supporting local events are just a few of ways we show our communities our continued commitment to be there for the next generation.
3. Reminder: Any Post/Unit/Squadron wishing to participate in the Child Welfare Banner program (\$1 for each member), the application must be received at National by May 31.
4. Children & Youth Excellence Award will be given at Department Convention
5. The Children & Youth Committee will not be meeting again until after convention.
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 lasting impressions for many tomorrows.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Kee-Department Children & Youth Chairman

Motion by DSRV Dias and 2<sup>nd</sup> D2C Barber Commander any questions? So moved

### **Training**

#### DVC Sandra Kee reported:

1. There will be NO in person training sessions scheduled for the remainder of the 2020-2021 membership years given the current COVID crisis.
2. National continuing to provide Training Tuesdays held on the last Tuesday of each month. Visit [Legion.org/training/training-Tuesday](http://Legion.org/training/training-Tuesday) for future topics and replays of past training sessions. The next session is April 27th at 7pm with a topic of Military Transition Centers Engagement Program.
3. MyLegion.org changed recently. A replay of training sessions and questions & answers from Training Tuesday sessions on the topic are available online at [legion.org/training/training-Tuesdays](http://legion.org/training/training-Tuesdays).
4. Online National Basic Training has been refreshed/updated. It is available online for ALL American Legion Family members. Visit [legion.org/alei](http://legion.org/alei) to get started today. All members are encouraged to take basic training.
5. National Legion College: Two sessions 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 for anyone interested.

6. Many training resources are available online at [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training). Past Training Tuesday sessions, Membership Workshop, Children & Youth conference, Americanism Conference, Resolution writing and District Training-in-a-box are just a few of the resources available online at [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training). Check it out.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Kee-Department Training Chairman

Motion made D5C Deegan 2<sup>nd</sup> by DSRV Dias            Commander any questions? So moved

## **Community Service**

### **DVC Sally Nay reported**

The community service committee met on Saturday April 10 at the Vernon Hill American Legion. The remainder of the AI White Awards from May 2020 to February 2021 were selected and are as follows:

- 1 May 2020: Post 340 Sheffield – Memorial Day service under Covid restrictions
- 2 June 2020: The Roger P. Warfield Post 373 Baldwinsville for Food box distribution
- 3 July 2020: The Roger P. Warfield Post 373 Baldwinsville for Clothing and Bicycle Drive for Children
- 4 August 2020: Charles C. Kennedy Post 275 Chicopee – Support for the Soldiers Home in Holyoke
- 5 September 2020: Merrill L. Simonds Post 130 Palmer for their 9/11 service
- 6 October 2020: Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4 Haverhill – Community Blood Drive
- 7 November 2020: Capt. Lester S. Wass Post 3 Gloucester – Thanksgiving Holiday Meal
- 8 December 2020: Post 303 Swansea for Children’s Drive Thru Party
- 9 January 2021: Hiram O. Taylor Post 189 Sterling – Gifts for the Homeless
- 10 February 2021: Dalton- Lavallee Post 224 for Susan Miller Memorial Chili Cook-Off to support the Four Chaplain’s Service at Leeds

We are still accepting submissions for March and April – remember this is an ongoing year round award and to keep continuing to submit.

We did have two submissions for both the Conway Community Service Award and the Mulkern Educator of the year award. I won’t spoil the surprise on who was selected for each award but just say District 4 did a great job with their submissions. There had been discussion on a tie for the educator of the year but after review of the award criteria we will be going with the teacher who received the most votes.

Submissions were also received for the Pendill and Schriever awards and selections made. The plaques and banners will be presented at convention 1 post is from district 3 and 1 from district 4.

Respectfully Submitted

DVC Sally Nay

Community Service Chairman

Motion made by DVC Kee 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commander any questions? So moved

## **Oratorical**

### **DVC Lisa McPhee:**

National does not have a coin for Oratorical so Massachusetts is going to make one. The other thing is that the students from this year’s competition have formed a club for the purpose of competing in the oratorical contest of the Legion. This year’s Oratorical was very successful thank you for the help that I received. My plan to make this a bigger program has come to fruition with one of the contest participants starting an Oratorical Club at his high school with the main event for the Club the American Legion contest.

Respectively Submitted Lisa McPhee - Oratorical Committee Chair

Motion made by D5C Deegan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee

Commander any questions? So moved

## **Americanism**

DVC Lisa McPhee reported:

Joseph Steen Award winner is Kathryn Obrien.

Respectively Submitted

Lisa A. McPhee - Americanism Chairperson

Motion made by D5C Deegan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee

Commander any questions? So moved

## **Scouting**

Jon O'Connor "OC"

Since the last DEC our Scouting Committee has only had two items to report.

- Number 1 - Unfortunately we had to cancel the American Legion Department Camporee usually hosted over Father's Day weekend in June. This is the second consecutive cancellation in as many years due to the pandemic. A variety of factors went into this decision after taking into account rules & regs from BSA, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Camp Collier trustees.
- Number 2 - The Eagle Scout of the Year for the Department of Massachusetts has been selected and his records forwarded to HQ to compete in the AL National ESotY program. Our winner this year is Jason Arruda, an Eagle Scout from Troop 303 in Swansea, Massachusetts. Jason's application provides us a glimpse into the future as to how the constructive dynamics of Scouting will impact our country with the values of: earning achievements, leadership in action, and living by the Scout Law and Scout Oath guide interacting with each and every one of us in society.

Jason resides in the District of notables Tony & Steve – hey guys: what's your District please? 9 Congrats!

Does anyone desire to guess how this Eagle Scout was recommended into our Department Program???

None other than our Department Commander Jodie Pajak herself – thank you Ms. Jodie!

Thanks to the DEC and Finance Committee for finding the \$1,000.00 "scholarship" for this AND last year's ESotY Program.

For God & Country - OC Oconnor, This is a report in progress.....

Motion made by D2C Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee

Commander any questions? So moved

## **Scholarship**

PNEC Louis Brault

The Scholarship committee met at Vernon Hill Post 435 on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hrs. To go over and award the scholarships that was received. There were 36 applications of the 36, 4 were disqualified for either late submission or incomplete paperwork. There were ten \$500 winners and ten \$1000 winners.

This is my finale report

Respectfully submitted PNEC Louis Brault – Scholarship Chairman

Motion made by many and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commander any questions? So Moved

## **Legion Riders**

PNEC Louis Brault

Chapter 113 sent in an application to become a Legion Riders Chapter

Report submitted PNEC Louis Brault – Liaison to Legion Riders Chairman

Motion made by SRVC Dias and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee

Commander any questions? So Moved

## **Marketing**

ANEC Michael Davis reported:

Our Spring Sweepstakes tickets have been distributed and you should all have received your tickets by now. Tickets must be mailed back to the department headquarters by May 25th in order to be included

for the drawing which will be held in June at the department executive committee meeting following the close of convention. Please consider mailing your tickets along with a generous donation as this is our final fundraiser of this American Legion year. Your donation helps support your department and its many programs and you have a chance to win some good cash prizes. As always, thanks to all those who contribute?

As many of you already know, each department receives a royalty check in March based upon our purchases each year from national Emblem Sales. Due to issues caused by the pandemic as well as high level personnel changes at Emblem Sales, we have yet to receive our royalty check; however, we should be receiving it soon. Last March we received a check for \$3,323.45 for purchases made in 2019.

Mike Davis ANEC - Marketing Committee Chairman

Motion made by DSRV Dias 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commander any questions? So moved

### **Consolidated Post Report Committee**

PDC Fred White reported

The CPR report runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>. At this time mylegion is not up and running for the CPR report so you can still send to department by mail. And reports will be forwarded to National.

Motion SRVC Dias and 2<sup>nd</sup> DVC Nay Commander and questions? So moved

### **Athletics:**

Richard Paster

We currently have 137 teams registered, (82 Sr. & 55 Jr.)

There will be two Sr. department Tournaments this year, 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 be hosted by the Athletic Committee, will be referred to as the Chairman's Cup and begin on August 7, 2021 at Brandeis University. The runner-up at the first Sr. Tournament will receive a berth in the Chairman's Cup tournament.

The Jr. Division Tournament will be hosted by Post 79 at Libby Park, Weymouth beginning on August 7, 2021. The Region One Baseball Chairmen have agreed to begin the Jr. region One Tournament on August 13, 2021, at Murane Field, Utica, NY.

The Department All Star Game will be held at Brandeis University beginning on August 14, 2021 with the 15<sup>th</sup> as the rain day. Len Noce will be the All Star Game Director.

The MIAA is scheduled to begin the baseball season on April 26, 2021, and will hold some type of Sectional Tournament which is scheduled to begin on June 18 with a State Championship on July 3, 2021. We hope to begin the regular season by June 24, 2021, with as many teams as are available by that date. Flexibility will be the word of day for the 2021 season.

The proposed 2021 Department Rules are pretty much the same as the version approved for 2020 with the exception of dates and the creation of the new Tournament. We will not be using any of MLB's pace of play rules.

Respectfully submitted – Richard D. Paster, Chairman

Motion made by SRVC Dias and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many

Commander any questions? So moved

## **BOYS STATE**

PNVC Mark Avis reported:

THE BOYS STATE COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN FINALLY HELD AN IN PERSON MEETING, EVERY DISTRICT WAS REPRESENTED. DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS LISA MCPHEE AND SANDRA KEE WERE PRESENT AS WAS ALTERNATE NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN MICHAEL DAVIS. BOYS STATE STAFF MEMBERS JAMES FLETCHER (DIRECTOR OF ACADEMICS) AND DANIEL PETERSON (DIRECTOR OF COUNCILORS) ALSO ATTENDED.

CHAIRMAN AVIS SPOKE ON THE PROGRAM BEING HELD LIVE THIS YEAR. THE THOUGHT BEING A VIRTUAL SESSION WILL NOT GIVE THE KIDS THE EXPERIENCE WE WANT THEM TO HAVE. WE ALSO FEEL IF THE PROGRAM SITS QUIET FOR ANOTHER YEAR IT WILL BE A HARD SELL TO GET THE PROGRAM BACK UP TO WHERE IT WAS AS FAR AS ATTENDANCE, COUNCILING STAFF ( JR STAFF).

STONEHILL HAS TOLD US WE WILL BE THE ONLY PROGRAM ON CAMPUS AND WILL HAVE ENOUGH SPACE IF THE KIDS WANT SINGLE ROOMS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT HOW THE FEEDING WILL BE DONE. WE ARE CUTTING BACK ON STAFF WITH THE ABILITY TO ADD TO IF NUMBERS DICTATE.

I HAVE BEEN FIELDING A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOLS, PARENTS ON HOW WE ARE GOING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. THE ANSWER IS WE WILL FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES, STONEHILL COLLEGE PLAN THAT WAS USED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AND HAVE PLENTY OF SUPPLIES IE HAND SANITIZER, FACE MASKS (DONATED BY JAY LI OF BOYS STATE STAFF). ALL STAFF WILL BE VACCINATED AND POSSIBLY MOST OF THE KIDS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR NURSE BEING ABLE TO ADMINISTER COVID TESTS IF NEEDED. THIS IS ON GOING AND CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

AS OF NOW WE HAVE 131 KIDS SPONSORED AND I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY ONE POST THAT HIS SCHOOL AT THIS TIME IS NOT PARTICIPATING. IN DISCUSSING THE DYNAMICS OF THEPROGRAM WITH THE PLANNING STAFF WE FEEL THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF KIDS TO MAKE THE PROGRAM IS 150 (WHICH IS BARE BONES) OF COURSE WE WOULD LIKE OVER 300 IN EACH PROGRAM. REALISTICALLY RIGHT NOW WE ARE SHOOTING FOR 200 BOYS. WITH NO SHOWS AND KIDS LEAVING THIS SHOULD KEEP US ABOVE THAT LOW NUMBER OF 150.

OVER THE WINTER THE FOUNDATION ON THE WEB SITE HAD A PLACE WHERE KIDS COULD SEND LETTERS OF INTEREST. THIS WAS DONE FOR 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> GRADERS AND WAS GIVEN TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. TODAY I ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON HOW MANY KIDS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED (I EVEN PUT WHAT DISTRICT AND CLOSET POST) HOPEFULLY THEY ALL HAVE BEEN ENROLLED AS ALL THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE. CHAIRMAN YOU SHOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH EVERY POST IN THE DISTRICT WITH INFORMATION OF HOW MUCH, WHEN AND WHERE. EVERY CHAIRMAN SHOULD HOLD AT LEAST ONE INFORMATIONAL MEETING AROUND NOVEMBER WHERE WE EDUCATE THEM ON HOW TO SELECT STUDENTS AND RAISE MONEY IF THE POST IS LOW ON FUNDS. LASTLY THE FOUNDATION DID LITTLE FUND RAISING THIS YEAR SO AT THIS TIME THEY WILL NOT SPONSORING ANY BOYS OR GIRLS.

VISITORS AT THIS TIME IS GOING TO BE VERY LIMITED. WE ARE WORKING NOW TO SEE HOW WE WILL IMPLEMENT THIS. WE MUST REMEMBER WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING ETC TAKES A LOT OF SPACE. THE JOINT INAUGURATION IS IN QUESTION AT THIS TIME. MOST SPEAKERS WILL BE REMOTE. JOHN BRADY IS WORKING ON OUR MAIN SPEAKER OF THE WEEK. HE IS MUMBLING THINGS LIKE HIGHER THEN ANDY CARR.

WITH A LITTLE EXTRA HELP FROM EVERYONE WE CAN MAKE THIS YEARS PROGRAM THE BEST EVER. COMMANDER I SUBMIT THIS REPORT AS ONE OF PROGRESS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED-MARK AVIS CHAIRMAN

Motion made by D2C Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee

Commander any questions? So moved

## **Women's Veterans**

### DECW Neysa Wright reported:

1. Massachusetts Woman Veteran of the Year application [dvswwomen@vet.state.ma.us](mailto:dvswwomen@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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)

Motion made by DVC Kee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hist. Blake

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1 Taunton post 103 - the current owner of the post received the plaque and will let use no when they are ready to put it on the building. This is my finale report

Motion Paster and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Commander and questions; so moved

2 File all correspondence

Motion made by DVC Kee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D5C Deegan Commander Andy questions? So moved

3. Update on the MA money for the post discussed in the Treasurers report.

Motion made by Tres. Souza and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Commander any questions? So moved

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **National Convention Update**

#### PNC Jake Comer

1. No Breakfast at National Convention Anavics (Army-Navy-Air Force from the United States and Canada. But 55 new members will be sworn in at a reception no food only drinks. Department of MA has three members Nelson Blake, Scott Conner and Michael Deegan.



2. There will be no parade or band contest.
3. Convention Center is government owed if you have a temperature of 100.3% or below you go to your meeting, but if its 100.4% or above you will be asked to go to a room. And they can ask you to return the next day if your temperature does not go down.
4. You must wear a mask at all times In the Convention Center.
5. National Commanders Banquet only three people at a table, on Monday the convention committee are going to ask if we can have four per table.
6. Discount at restaurants with your convention badge
7. Monday there will be a ball game
8. Sheraton is across the street from the Convention Center.
9. National Chaplains breakfast is on hold
10. Past Commanders luncheon will be held
11. Safety is the top priority is to wear your mask; wear your mask

Motion made by PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> commander any question? So moved

### **Department Convention update**

ADJ Lashus

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 a part 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.

Hospitality rooms you need to get your drinks and food and move to the outside patio.

Restaurant will not be open

25 members will be working the Elections

More information will follow

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Received a thank you from American Legion Child Welfare Foundation for the \$5,000.00 donation from the Detachment of Massachusetts
2. Received a thank you from American Legion Charities for \$1,065.00 donation to Operation Comfort Warriors from the Detachment of Massachusetts
3. Received a thank you from National HQ. for the \$3,000.00 donation to National Emergency Fund from Detachment of Massachusetts
4. Received a thank you from VA Bedford Staff for an extraordinary pavilion the Department of Mass American Legion donated for the Veterans in Partnership with Home Depot.
5. Received District 1 Berkshire County March 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes
6. Received District 2 Franklin-Hampshire County Dec. 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
7. Received District 4 Worcester County March 18, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes

8. Received District 5 Middlesex County March 14, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
9. Received District 6 Norfolk County February 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District 7 Suffolk County March 27, 2021 Zoom Meetings Minutes
11. Received District 8 Essex County March 21, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes
12. Received District 10 Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties March 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes & the Annual Barbecue filer scheduled on May 16, 2021 at TAL Post 226 in Hanson MA
13. Received TAL POW/MIA March 1, 2021 & March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes
14. Received TAL March 9, 2021 Americanism Minutes
15. Received TAL April 14, 2021 Children & Youth Committee Agenda, Minutes & Handouts
16. ENDORSEMENTS : None
17. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

#### **MOTION**

1. Honoring NVC Frank MacDonald with a check for \$1,500.00 a gift from the Department of MA.  
Motion made by PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> many Commander any questions? So moved
2. Charter to Chapter 113 Manchester by the Sea  
Motion made by PNEC Brault and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Kee Commander any questions? So moved
3. Baseball rules for 2021  
Motion made by DVC Kee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Commander any questions? So moved
4. Allow the Department Adjutant to send out the minutes what changing the intent before the next DEC meeting  
Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Commander any questions? So moved
5. Ratifying the Department Commanders appointments for Department Convention  
Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Commander any question? So moved

#### **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

1. National level on what Legion Riders should be called:  
Committee – National is called Chairman or Director/Asst. Director  
State – Chairman or Director/Asst. Director  
Post level – Chairman or Director/Asst. Director
2. FEMA – Go to William Galvin State Secretary of the Commonwealth website:  
[www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us) FEMA is offering up to \$9000 in reimbursement for funeral cast due to COVID-19.
3. Thank you to Post 275 for hosting this DEC meeting and your crew for all their hard works in getting the post ready and the lunch that was provided.
4. Thank you to Drew for doing the auto during all the DEC meetings.
5. There will seven new District Commanders next year resolutions 12 were as the department directory is three months after the department convention. The District Commanders are responsible to get this information to the Department. You need to get in touch with the post in your District.

**NO FURTHER BUSINESS** – Motion to adjourn PNC Comer moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many  
Commander any discussion? So moved

**CLOSTING PRAYER** – PNC Jake Comer  
Sgt.at Arms Lacoste Colors in place – Salute ready 2

**NEXT Executive Board Meeting**  
**Thursday: June 3rd**  
**Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor**  
**180 Water St**  
**Plymouth MA 02360**  
**DEC at 2:00 PM**