

MINUTES OF 18 SEPTEMBER DEC MEETING

MINUTES OF THE September 18, 2021 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-SWANSEA MA

Anthony Dias
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the
Department Executive Committee Meeting
November 27, 2021 @
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
181 Boston Post Rd West
Marlborough MA
Membership 10 AM – DEC Meeting Follows

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

September 18, 2021 Starting at 1:00 PM at Swansea American Legion Post 303

73 Ocean Grove Ave. Swansea MA 02777

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER **Anthony Dias**

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 MEETING on June 3rd, 2021 at Hotel 1620 Plymouth AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Steve Souza**
9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Sally Nay**
10. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. James O. Carey Post 77 Ashland
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 Anthony Dias
SALUTE TO THE COLORS
INVOCATION William Chisholm
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR William Chisholm
PREAMBLE

Motion to suspend to regular order of business
So moved PNC Morin and 2nd by many Any discussion? Motion carried

Danny Cosmo from the Students Veterans of American, at the National Convention CEO Jared Lions spoke on Howe can work together with The American Legion. So what I would like to propose is how we can work together with Bristol Community Collage veterans, National Guard that are attending. With me is Bruno Marino who is attending Bristol Community Collage his is the president of his chapter. They have a National organization but do not have any within the states. Students of America have a directory that you can look up to get a contact within the collage. Then they talked on the G.I. Bill on how the Legion can have a mentorship with the students. And ask them to join the Legion so we are gaining members and the student's veterans are getting mentorship.

Motion to revert back to regular business 2nd by DsVC Nay All in favor? Motion carried

Roll Call – by Adjutant Lashus

Present: CMDR Dias; DSrVC Nay; DVC Blake; DVC Kee, DVC McPhee ; ADJ Lashus; TRS Sousa; HIST Deegan; DECW Wright; NEC Brehio; ALTNEC Pajak; PDC Pajak; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Desrosiers; ASST SGT Lacoste, Kelly, Samko; D1C Lefebvre; D3C Howe; D4C Conner; D5C McMath; D9C Bettencourt; D10C Olsen; AD1C Oleen; AD4C Conner; AD5C McMath; AD7C Sinatra; AD8C Cannon; AD9C Romanelli; AD10C Connell; PDC Brault, Chisholm, MacDonald, Starks.

Excused: DECW Wright; ASST SGT Hallene; Aide Mangels; Surg White; D2C White; D6C Jerdan; AD2C Willette; AD3C Fontaine

Absent: CHAPLAIN Salois; ASST CHAP Ryan; AJA Atkins; AJA Flattes; AD6C Milot; AD7C Nelson

PNC Morin moved and PNC Comer seconded to accept the minutes of the June 3rd Executive Committee.
Any discussion? Motion carried

Treasurer

TRS Souza reported:

Budget

With our approved budget of \$613,749.00 for fiscal year 2022 we had a total expenses of \$365,202.96. Our major expenses were our national convention, commissions on Department Convention Ad Book, membership to national and our day to day operational expenses. Overall expenses have been normal with no abnormal expenditures to report.

Our budget has been placed on Quick Books, with still some tweaking to complete. We have had some minor issues with Quick Books which is being addressed and may result in a person to person session with a trainer to iron out any concerns.

Once again we are finding our selfs asking those post and individuals that checks are being issued for payment should to be cashed in a timely manner. It creates more work when we have to reissue a second check. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Investments

Investment committee is in the process of being formed with expectations of having zoom meetings as members would be from all parts of the state. With winter coming, it would make the traveling issue mute.

It is time that the committee will be meeting with our investment companies to review our recent performances and make a review of any changes which may need to be made. That report will be made at our next DEC meeting.

Total investments, as of 9.16.2021 are at \$4,513,188.93 up from previously reported at the last DEC meeting in June. A modest gain was reported as the market continues to fluctuate. As our growth continues, once 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. These funds are closely monitored by our your Legion Investment Committee.

RBC Capital Wealth Management has \$3,279,304.37

Boston Harbor Wealth Advisors has \$1,233,884.56

Unclaimed Property

A meeting was held with Past National Commander Paul Morin, Department Adjutant Milton Lashus and myself Stephen Souza, Department Treasurer at the national convention to go over the distribution of funds received from the Commonwealth's Treasurer's office, Unclaimed Funds Division. It was determined that funds at \$50.01 or greater would be sent to those post or auxiliary units that were recovered from the State. Many accounts had pennies or less than \$10.00, which meant it would be costly to process such accounts.

Additionally, it appeared that many post no longer exist, therefor those funds will be transferred into the Department's general fund.

No post appeared to have any tangible property, mutual funds or shares of stocks, which would normally be released by the Commonwealth and returned to those post.

Audit

Our annual audit for 2019-2020, is one still in progress and will be reported upon its completion. Once again, we trust all should go well.

This report is one in progress subject to audit!

Motion by TRS Souza report is one in progress subect to audit 2nd by PNC Morin Any Questions?

Motion carried

Questions:

JA Frattolillo what is the leagality of getting funds for post that are no longer in existence? TRS Souza no I have not looked into that at this time I will call my contact. PNC Morin the treasures office ask use if the defunct post have had their charters turned in to National on those cases. A Frattolillo but a building cooperation does not have a charter. TRS Souza the funds received are for post, auxiliary and baseball team I will check.

Membership

DSVC Nay reported:

The Department met the first goal we are over 50%. We are in 13th place in National at this time. We need to be working on the post that have 15 members and under. Each district has a membership vice commanders assigned to them listed on your membership reports. So if you need help with these posts contact your membership vice commanders. I would to have a report back in November to as to how we can get them back to 15 or over. Let's start working on the next goal 65% by November 10.

Motion by DSVC Nay as one in progress 2nd by DVC Blake Any Questions? Motion carried

Question:

DC Dias we have 2984 members in post 0462 any district who wants to put these members into a post home contact SrVc Nay to do revitalization in your district.

American Legion Riders

PNEC Brault reported:

I HAVE AN APPLICATION FOR A RIDERS CHAPTER FROM POST 318 IN WORCESTER, ALL OF THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK IS IN ORDER AND I WILL BRING IT UP UNDER NEW BUSINESS. BURLINGTON 273 HAS REACTIVATED THEIR RIDERS CHAPTER AS OF THE 15TH OF SEPTEMBER. THIS IS A REPORT IN PROGRESS
LOUIS BRAULT CHAIRMAN LEGION RIDERS
Motion has been made as one in progress Brault and 2nd D5C McMath Any Questions? Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boys State

PNVC Avis emailed report to office on 9/19/2021:

BOYS STATE REPORT

The 2021 Boys State was a success and many thanks has to go to the Boys State staff for staying on top of everything to ensure we had a safe and productive program.

We are now in the planning stage for the 2022 program which will once again be held at Stonehill College from June 11 – 17, 2022 (with staff arriving on the 10th). We will be working very hard to get the numbers back up to the 275-300 range. Much work needs to be done as some schools have not participated in 2 years and some Posts are still recovering from being shut down for the better part of a year.

We are still working on the cost for this years program. With costs rising we settled on a good contract for the next 4 years with Stonehill and the fact that the Boys State insurance tripled in cost. In 2021 we were able to cover costs and even hold a little bit to help with this years program. We had a lot of unusual expenses which may or may not occur again, we are looking into getting a new camera which gives a better view of the people speaking and allows them to move around while speaking. We were also able to send two additional candidates to Boys Nation this year to fill slots of programs that did not have a program. We filled 2 Illinois slots.

We will be looking for Legionnaires to help out as councilors this year as we would like to have a Legionnaire in every city and town (you can stay with that town to sleep or we can give you sleeping quarters) as we feel the presence will keep thing more focused and stop some of the over the top speeches.

A notice will be going to every post and district shortly and I have also made a file of the Department roster of Posts with email addresses so we hopefully will be able to communicate better with the Posts and Districts. As always we need everyone's help to make the program grow and stay the high caliber of learning we provide.

Everyone start thinking on how my post can raise money and participate in this great program.

I wish to thank Commander Diaz for this appointment

Commander this report is submitted as one of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Avis, PNVC – CHAIRMAN American Legion Boys State

Children & Youth

DVC Kee reported:

Department Children & Youth Committee Report.

1. TFA-No activity to report.
2. CWF 2021-2022 banner program is in full swing already. Applications are available online at Legion.org/publication. This is a special flag banner that any post/unit/squadron can receive for donating \$1 per member. Completed application forms must be submitted directly to national with donation.

3. The next Children & Youth Committee meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7PM.
4. Children & Youth Excellence Award: Guidance for how to apply for award will be available at the next DEC meeting for the 2021-2022 award cycle.
5. As we come into fall, it's time to keep in mind Halloween Safety. Halloween Safety brochures are available to download for local printing at <https://www.legion.org/publications/160936/make-halloween-fun-and-safe-night>. Fall is also the time to start thinking about how to support our youth during this Holiday Season. Although we may not be able to host our normal Halloween and Holiday activities, we should turn those resources into support the children in our communities. It is a great time to start getting ready to support or host toy drives, coat drives, etc. to help out the youths in our communities.
6. Sons of the American Legion: Partnership for Kids Bowling Tournament was held this past June. Thank you for all who attend and a special thank you to the S.A.L.s for continuing to raise money for Massachusetts Children's Hospitals. We should all look forward to doing this event again next spring.

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

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress. 2nd by D5C McMath Any questions? Motion carried
Sandra Kee-Department Children & Youth Chairman

Americanism

DVC Kee reported:

1. The next Americanism Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20th via ZOOM at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Kee-Department Americanism Chairman 2nd by D5C McMath Any questions? Motion carried

Training

DVC Kee reported:

1. Minuteman Mondays will launch on Oct. 11 at 7pm. This is the new Department training virtual platforms. Links for this training will be posted in the eLegionnaire and Vets News. The first training topic will be Adjutants & Commanders training. Minuteman Mondays training sessions will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month on a variety of topics. Topic suggestions welcome.
2. National continues to host month 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 September 28th at 6pm.
3. MyLegion.org has changed. If you have questions, reference Legion.org/training. This topic will NOT be covered during any department training sessions.
4. National Legion College is running 2 sessions this fall. One for the class of 2020, the other for the class of 2021.
5. Many training resources are available online at legion.org/training. Membership Workshop, UPDATED 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. 2nd by D5C McMath Any questions? Motion carried
Sandra Kee-Department Training Chairman

Community Service

DVC Nelson Blake reported

The community service committee has received 3 submissions for the AI white award April 2021, June 2021 and August 2021 all reports were received within the 45 day limit.

Nelson Blake DVC

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress. 2nd by DVC Kee Any questions? Motion carried

Scouting

DVC Nelson Blake read report:

No in person meetings yet - however we have had Zoom Meetings and email communications. We are hosting an American Legion Camporee "Lite" on the weekend of Nov 5-7th - you may refer to an info blurb in this week's VETS NEWS for more information (thank you Ray). This event doesn't follow our traditional schedule on Father's Day weekend - yet, it's so important to keep the relationship between Scouting and the American Legion on everyone's radar screen. Do you know if any Scouting units in your or surrounding towns? That American Legion /Scouting relationship of providing leadership development, life skills, and guiding values for youth goes all the way back to both organizations beginnings. The American Legion's very first convention', very first amendment, was to support Scouting. Our country and today's youth need something like Scouting now more than ever before.

This is a work in progress.....

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress. 2nd by DVC Kee Any questions? Motion carried

POW/MIA

PNEC William Chisholm reported:

The Committee met on Saturday, July 17th and Saturday August 21st, 2021, beginning at 10:00am, at The Vernon Hill Post 435 in Worcester

As part of the usual opening ceremony, I introduced Reverend Kristy Coburn, District 10 chairperson and our new committee chaplain. Following the opening ceremonies, the roll call was taken and for the first time in my recollection 9 out of 10 District Chairpersons were present along with Dept. Cmdr. Dias, representatives from the Auxiliary, Sons and the Riders (21) attendees in all.

I want to thank all the committee members for their work over the year in developing the new program and selecting locations for future sites as we bring the POW/MIA Ceremony to different areas of the department.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our ceremony this year, due to situations beyond our control.

The Committee discussed what our future focus should be, and it was decided that we would concentrate most of the year to working on our objective as set forth in our Mission Statement (Copy attached)

We look forward to developing new strategies to allow us to educate the citizen of the Commonwealth about the **Prisoner Of War/ Missing In Action** issue.

Yesterday, September 17th, National POW/MIA Day, I attended the Funeral Mass and Internment service for 1st Lt. Thomas J. Redgate, of Brighton. A former POW/MIA, who was killed in action at the Chosin Reservoir in 1950, his remains were identified in April 2020. May he rest in peace.

I submit this as a report in progress 2nd by DVC Kee Any questions? Motion carried

William J Chisholm, Chairman POW/MIA Committee

Marketing

NEC Michael Davis reported:

The yearly label program fundraiser has been distributed by national. If you have yet to do so, please consider a donation as these funds specifically help our department's rehabilitation fund.

With the vaccine distributed and crowd restrictions eased, the committee has decided to renew our partnership with The Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League. As you know, this was shelved last season due to the pandemic. Once again this program involves the team selecting a "veteran of the game" who receives a "challenge accepted" coin from the team with that veteran being shown on the jumbo screen. An American Legion advertisement-PSA is also played during the game. This partnership provides us good exposure to fellow veterans as well as the general public and increases brand awareness of our organization. If you have a veteran in mind for the "veteran of the game" you may nominate that veteran via the team's website. This nomination page has The American Legion Emblem displayed and when clicked directs the user to Legion.org, The American Legion's website.

This season we will be allowed to have a membership recruiting table set up at some of the games. The table will be a standard American Legion recruiting table. Any help from any member from any and all districts would be greatly appreciated. Keep in mind that the team draws fans from all over the area and state and not just from the immediate Springfield area. If you would be interested in volunteering for a membership table night, please let the committee know.

Lastly, if anyone has any further marketing ideas for increasing awareness of our organization through any form of advertising that fits within our department's budget and capabilities, please let the committee know. We are open to exploring any ideas going forward.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress 2nd by PNC Morin Any questions? Motion carried
Mike Davis NEC, Marketing Chairman

Athletic Baseball Committee

Chairman Richard Paster reported:

1. The Regular Season was very late getting started this year due to the late ending of the high school season. Most Districts were able to begin Sr. games by June 24, but there were a few teams that did not begin their seasons until July 6. As a result, Districts were forced to find creative ways to play some type of regular season and playoffs so they could send a District Champion to the Department Sr. Tournament which began on July 24. Morrisette Post 294 did another excellent job hosting the Sr. Tournament which was won by Beverly Post 331. The Department Baseball Coins we purchased this year were given to each player as their teams were eliminated from this, the Jr. and Chairman's Cup Tournaments, I thought the coins were well received by the players.

2. The Jr. Division teams were able to begin their Regular Season a little earlier than the Sr. teams because those teams are comprised of underclassmen and their high school season ended in early June. That coupled with the fact the Department Jr. Tournament didn't begin until August 7th, gave the Jr. Division an opportunity to play a full season in 2021. The Jr. Tournament was hosted by Weymouth Post 79, and it went on to win that Tournament as well as the unofficial Region One Tournament that was hosted by Utica, NY. The Red Sox honored the Weymouth team before the September 7th game at Fenway Park. Pictures of the Weymouth team at Fenway Park have been posted on the Department Baseball website.

3. The Chairman's Cup Tournament began on August 7th and was hosted by Natick Post 107. This was the 2nd Sr. Tournament in 2021 and was created to give all Department Sr. teams an opportunity to play some additional games. The Districts played additional games during and after the first Sr. Tournament, held additional playoff games and sent their respective District Champion to the Chairman's Cup Tournament. Four of the 8 teams at the Chairman's

Cup participated in the first Sr. Tournament. The Chairman's Cup was won by Franklin Post 75. I have asked all District Baseball Chairmen to poll their teams and report back to me as to whether they feel we should retain the Chairman's Cup Tournament in future years as a means of playing additional games.

4. The Department All Star Games were played at Brandeis University on August 14, there were relatively large crowds at both games and the games were very competitive. Len Noce obtained a sponsor so the only cost to the Committee was for the insurance required by Brandeis (\$250.00) and the umpires (\$350.00).

5. The Region One Sr. Tournament was hosted by Shrewsbury Post 397 and held at Holy Cross College. Shrewsbury once again did an outstanding job hosting this Tournament which was won by Beverly Post 331. This marks the 4th year in a row a Massachusetts team has won this Tournament and advanced to the World Series.

6. Beverly won its first game at the World Series but was unable to win a 2nd game and therefore failed to advance to the semifinal round. However, two of its players were named to the All Tournament Team, William Foglietta and Brennan Frost. The Salem News and Boston Globe both carried nice stories about the team. Pictures and stories about all Tournaments, the World Series, Foglietta and Frost are posted on the Department Baseball website.

7. The Fall Baseball Chairman's Conference will be held next Friday, September 24, in Indianapolis. We will be discussing potential National Rule Changes, Sports Engine and the Junior Program. Massachusetts has suggested a potential Rule Change for consideration involving the Dual Roster Rule. If approved, Sr. teams will no longer be required to name potential call ups from its associated Jr. team prior to the season and will be able to call up any member of its Jr. team. Other Departments have offered potential rule changes which we will consider at the Meeting.

8. I have requested Bids from teams interested in hosting the 2022 Department Tournaments with 11/1/21 as the deadline to submit Bids. The Bids will be considered at the November Athletic Committee Meeting and awarded at that time. Shrewsbury will be the Host of the 2022 & 2023 Region One Tournament and has reported to me that some games will be played at Polar Park next year.

9. We are hoping the MIAA will revert back to ending its Regular Season on Memorial Day in 2022 so that we can get back to a conventional season. We continue to face mounting pressure from independent teams and lost 20 teams in 2021, the Athletic Committee will continue to consider ways to meet this challenge.

10. District Commanders are requested to submit their appointment for their District's Baseball Chairman to the Department Adjutant as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress 2nd by PNC Comer Any questions? Motion carried
Richard D. Paster, Chairman

Consolidated Post Report Committee

PDC White reported:

THE CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 IS FROM JUNE 1, 2021, TO MAY 31, 2022, AND IS TO BE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE BY, JUNE 15, 2022, AND IN NATIONAL BY JULY 1, 2022. HERE WE ARE SOME 4 MONTHS INTO THE 2021-2022 REPORTING YEAR AND WE HAVE A FEW HOLIDAYS, MAYBE A PARADE OR TWO, SOME BUDDY CHECKS, MAYBE YOUR POST SUPPORTS A LEGION BASEBALL TEAM, YOUR POST PARTICIPATED IN A POST WAKE CEREMONY, MAYBE A VISIT TO A VA HOSPITAL.

THE POINT BEING, THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT YOU COULD CHECK OFF IN YOUR POST'S CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT, FOR THE 2021 -2022 REPORTING YEAR IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START TO MAKE OUT YOUR POST'S CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT, BUT OFF TIMES IT IS TOO LATE, NOT ENOUGH TIME, YOU HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO. THE CONSOLIDATED POST

REPORT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REPORT OF THE 5 MANDATORY REPORTS THAT YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT EACH YEAR.,
BEFORE 1975 THE AMERICAN LEGION HAD A DIFFICULT TIME TRYING TO COMPILE A CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT FOR ALL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS. IN 1975 NATIONAL DEVELOPED THE CURRENT CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT FORM FOR ALL POSTS TO USE. THIS MADE THE REPORT MORE ACCURATE AND MORE RELIABLE. THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE IS THAT ALL POSTS HAVE TO SUBMIT A CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT, FOR THE REPORT GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MASS. ALL POSTS, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL ARE ALL WORTH ABOUT 3% OF THE TOTAL. WHICH MEANS IF ONLY 29 POSTS DON'T SEND IN THEIR REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT WONT, CAN'T MAKE ANYTHING HIGHER THAN 90% AND IF 59 POSTS DON'T SUBMIT A REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT WONT, CAN'T MAKE 80% WHICH MAKES IT IMPREATIVE THAT ALL POSTS MUST SUBMIT A CPR REPORT.

A FEW YEARS AGO, THE 2018-2019 REPORTING YEAR, THE SUBMITTALS USED TO BE IN THE LOW 90 PERCENT RANGE. THEN CAME COVID-19 AND THE FIGURES FOR 2019-2020 WERE LOW BECAUSE MANY POSTS HAD TO CLOSE AND WE WERE STILL ON A LIMITED LOCK DOWN. THE FIGURES FOR 2020-2021 WERE IN THE MID 47% RANGE.

WHAT WAS THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 2018-2019 AND 2020-2021? THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE WAS THAT IN 2018-2019, ABOUT 5 COMRADES TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO MAKE THE FIGURES LOOK GOOD. THEY CONTACTED POSTS AND EITHER FILLED OUT THE CPR FORM FOR THE POST OR HELPED THE COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT FILL OUT THE CPR FORMS. AND MADE SURE IT WAS SUBMITTED.

IN THE 2019-2020 CONVENTION IT WAS VOTED TO MAKE ALL DISTRICT ADJUTANTS PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT COMMITTEE, WHICH MADE SENCE, AT THAT TIME, AFTER ALL WHO KNOWS MORE ABOUT THE OPERATIONS OF POSTS THAN THE ADJUTANT.

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE DIFFERENT YEARS, WAS THAT THE PERSONAL TOUCH IS THE BEST WAY TO GET POSITIVE RESULTS, WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED, IN DISTRICT 9, THERE WERE 9 POSTS WHO DIDN'T FILL OUT A CPR. ALL 9 POSTS WERE GIVIN A PERSONAL VISIT BY ONE OF THE OFFICERS. THAT IS WHY, HOW DISTRICT 9 HAD 100% PARTICIPATION ON ALL THE 5 MANDATORY REPORTS, PLUS 100% ON MEMBERSHIP. CONGRATULATIONS D-9

SUBMITTED AS A WORK IN PROGRESS 2nd by many Any questions? Motion carried
CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT CHAIRMAN PDC FRED J WHITE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 James O. Carey American Legion Post 77, Ashland, Massachusetts
Investigate allegations of misuse of Post funds from the sale of the Post and property.
The Department appointed a committee to investigate the allegation.
Members of the committee: Mike Deegan Chairman
Steve Souza, James Fratolillo, Leslie J. McKittrick Jr., James Blake, James McMath
Had a meeting with Ashland Post 77 held on August 9, 2021 at Marlboro Post 132.
All members of the committee were present. Ashland Post 77 had Three Representatives present.
Arthur O'Leary, William Mahoney, Mike Larson
Post 77 provided documentation on the sale of Post home and properties. The funds are held by James O. Carey Association Inc. There is a Board of Directors and Shareholders. All Legion members of the Post 77 are part of Association. To spend any of money from the sale of properties must go to membership of the Post 77 for approval first then to the Association for approval.
After final review of the allegations and documents presented to the Committee.
The committee has found that all of allegations are unfounded

Submitted by Mike Deegan – Chairman

I would like to thank Marlboro Post 132 for use of the Hall.

Motion by D5C McMath except as a finale report 2nd by DVC Kee Any questions? Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Received notice of the Payroll Protection Program Forgiveness TOTAL PAYMENT**
- 2. Received a thank you from** Past President Coral May Grout to the Department Commander Pajak & Drew Pajak for their friendship, Dept. Adjutant for his continue support, NVC MacDonald for taken responsibility of the monthly newsletter, P NC Jake Comer & PNC Paul Morin for their support.
- 3. Received a thank you from** Child Welfare Foundation \$50.00 and \$500.00 donation
- 4. Received a thank you from** National for the \$745.00 TAL veterans & Children Foundation
- 5. Received a thank you from** National for the \$600.00 donation for the Nat Emergency Fund
- 6. Received a thank you** Massachusetts 4-H Foundation for our \$750.00 donation
- 7. Received a thank you from** Bennett Walsh Jr. for the scholarship he received
- 8. Received a thank you from** Catherine Morrissey for the scholarship she received
- 9. Received a thank you from** Isabella Vangos for the scholarship she received
- 10. Received a thank you from** Paige Sherry for the scholarship she received
- 11. Received a thank you from** Matthew Nguyen for the scholarship he received
- 12. Received a thank you from** Emma Kelly for the scholarship she received
- 13. Received District 2 May 16th, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 14. Received District 5 call to Council** September 26, 2021
- 15. Received District 7 May 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 16. Received Department POW/MIA** July 17, 2021 and August 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 17. ENDORSEMENTS :** The American Legion Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 Spencer unanimously approved to nominate Scott M. Conner for the Office of Department Historian
Worcester County Council meeting on September 11, 2011 at Paxton Post 306 Unanimously Endorsed the following Candidates for the year 2022-2023 District 4 Commander Scott Conner for the office of Department Historian, Sally Nay for Department Commander and DVC Nelson Blake for reelection
- 18. Worcester County Council meeting on September 11, 2011 at Paxton Post 306 Unanimously Endorsed the following Candidates for the year 2022-2023 District 4 Commander Scott Conner for the office of Department Historian, Sally Nay for Department Commander and DVC Nelson Blake for reelection**

Motion to have the entire correspondence filed except #1

PNC Morin moved and 2nd by PNC Comer Any questions? Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1 Payroll Protection Program Forgiveness I want to thank the Department Adjutant, treasurer, Bill Chisholm and Judy that we filed that claim with the Federal Government during the pandemic for \$39,000 and some change to cover payroll. For there work as after audit we are receiving 100% of the \$39,000 with no strings attached. With the big membership decline it will help us to offset of the membership funds we would have received.

PNC Morin moved and 2nd by PNC Comer Any questions? Motion carried

2 Legion Riders: Motion to present a charter to Post 318 in Worcester.

ALTNEC moved and 2nd by NEC Davis Any questions? Motion carried

Questions: DVC Kee is there paper work in order answer yes

3 Funds anything below \$50.01 will not receive a check; process all checks to active Legion Post and Auxiliary to be dispersed.

PNC Morin moved and 2nd by PNC Comer Any questions? Motion carried

COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS

1 Photographer Lisa Borges

PNC Morin moved for ratification of the Commanders appointment and 2nd by many Any questions? Motion carried

GOOD OF THE LEGION

1 Sylvia Lefebvre on Oct 3 the Fall Foliage parade you can either march or ride 1:00 pm-2:30 pm.

2 Bill Chisholm – Blood Drive I will be making a stop in every district to get information on the post Blood Drives. I will be working with the red cross.

3 Jodie Pajak – Our trip to the World Series was a very fun time and thanks to the state for all they do for each person attending. Support for all the teams was out standing. Great time in Shelby NC. . I will try and get a girl's soft ball team going.

4 Sandra Kee – Brought Pigs from the CWF take them and fill them for the Child Welfare Foundation.

5 Jake Comer – District 7 raffle will be drawn in November.

6 Milton Lashus – Dates for Department Executive Meetings

Nov 27, 2021 - Marlborough

Jan 15, 2022 - Sutton

April 2, 2022 – Marlborough (special meeting)

June 23, 2022 – Marlborough (special meeting)

June 26, 2022 – Marlborough

7 Richard Pastor – Post 28 has a baseball team with outside sponsors. They can not sponsor a team without a charter or post.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn DVC Kee 2nd by NEC Davis Commander any discussion? Motion carried

CLOSING PRAYER – Bill Chisholm

Sgt. at Arms Desrosiers Colors in place hand salute ready 2

NEXT DEC MEETING

NOVEMBER 27, 2021

**10:00 AM
MEMBERSHIP**

DEC TO FOLLOW

**BEST WESTERN
ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL
181 BOSTON POST RD W
MARLBOROUGH**