

# MINUTES OF JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

## DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jodie Pajak  
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus  
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the  
Department Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept 18, 2021

### AGENDA

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON June 3, 2021 Starting at 2:00 PM in the Mayflower Room Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor 180 Water Street Plymouth MA 02360

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 & Zoom on April 24, 2021** at Post 275 Chicopee AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
8. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE DETACHMENT** MINUTES FROM THE April 29, 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**
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 2:00 PM  
SALUTE TO THE COLORS – Sgt. Cindy Lacoste  
INVOCATION – Father Philip Salois  
POW/MIA CHAIR – William Chisholm  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - All  
PREAMBLE - All

### **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; NEC Brehio; ANEC Davis; PDC White; CHAP Salois; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Lacoste; Hon Sgt Lizotte; ASST SGT Desrosiers, Hallene, Samko; AIDE Pajak; D1C Hamel; D2C Barber; D4C Conner; D5C Deegan; D6C Jerdan; D10C Cameron; AD1C Oleen; AD2C White; AD5C McMath; AD6C Milot; AD7C Sinatra; AD8C Nelson; AD9C Pietro; AD10C Olson; PDC Bicchieri; PDC Avis, PDC Brault, PDC Chisholm; PDC Connors; NVC MacDonald; PDC Starks

Excused: Asst Chap Ryan; D7C Nelson; D3C MacKay; AD3C Howe; AJA Atkins; AJA Flattes

Absent: D8C Genest; D9C Santos;

SrV Dias so moved to accept the minutes of the Executive Committee and membership meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> by AD8C Nelson commander any discussion? So moved

### **Treasurer**

TRS Souza reported:

Complete report is on file in the Department Office.

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

Subject to audit

### **Membership**

DSVC Dias reported:

I would first like to thank those who have put their best foot forward in this years membership drive. Job well done! Interesting enough we didn't do all that bad, considering all the adversity we had with our posts shut down, little or no activity, no meetings, etc. all due to COVID-19.

Once again District 9 has made 100%. Is this 5 years in a row or 6 years?

Complete report is on file in the Department Office.

Motion made by D2C Barber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by AD8C Nelson commander any questions? So moved

### **Legion Riders**

PNEC Louis Brault

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2 Each District Commander put a Legion member that is a Legion Rider on the standing committee.

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Delegate at Large on ballot tonight for the National Convention

1 Mark Avis

2 Robert Desrosiers

3 Fred White

4 Jodie Pajak

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Received a thank you from Adriana Rodriguez for The American Legion Scholarship Award**

**2. Received a thank you from Julia Birtwell for The American Legion Scholarship Award**

**3. Received a thank you from Molly Castle for The American Legion Scholarship Award**

**4. Received a thank you from Roy Ryder for The American Legion Scholarship Award**

**5. Received District 1 Berkshire County April 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**6. Received District 2 Franklin-Hampshire County March 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**7. Received District 4 Worcester County XXXX, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes**

8. Received District 5 Middlesex County Call to Council May 25, 2021 Meeting & May 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
9. Received District 6 Norfolk County May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District 7 Suffolk County XXXX, 2021 Meetings Minutes
11. Received District 8 Essex County April 18, 2021 via Zoom Meeting Minutes
12. Received District 10 Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties XXXX, 2021 Meeting Minutes
13. Received TAL POW/MIA April 19, 2021 & May 3, 2021 via Zoom 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

Motion to place all correspondence on file by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by HIST Blake Commander any questions? So moved

### **MOTION**

#### **Legion Riders motion to accept these three changes**

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Motion made by PNEC Brault and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DSrVC Dias commander any question? So moved

- 4 Motion for the Department Adjutant process the minutes without changing the intent
- Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many commander any questions? So moved

### **COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS**

- 1 Louis Brault - Asst JA

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer

Motion to revert back to old business

Motion made by DsrVC Dias 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin commander any question? So moved

### **Old Business**

Post 77 Ashland

Where the revenue of the sale of the post and house is:

Department Commander is going to appoint a committee:

- 1 Michael Deegan
- 2 James Fratolillo
- 3 Lesley McKittrick
- 4 James Blake
- 5 Stephen Souza

Comments: PNC Comer, members that serve on the executive committee need to understand the procedure for selling a post. You can not sell a post for personal gain. Money that the post makes under a non profit organization and it is a criminal offense if not done correctly. Post 399 sold their post and gave \$25,000 to the Boys State program for boy that live in Boston. That's one of the thing you can do when selling a post building.

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by HIST Blake to revert back to business

**GOOD OF THE LEGION**

1. PNC Comer introduces James Troiola from the Department of New York as the 2022-2023 candidate for National Commander.
2. D1 Commander Kevin Hamel - I been commander for the past 7 years and thank you for that opportunity now we have someone willing to take my place.
3. D-2 Commander Leo Barber- I have been Commander for few years and with all the help I have gotten the district made 100% last year I want to thank all of you.
4. NEC James Brehio – Thanks everyone, it has been and honor to serve and past down the information from National

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

**CLOSTING PRAYER** – Father Philip Salois  
Sgt.at Arms Lacoste Colors in place – Salute ready