

# MINUTES OF 2 APRIL DEC MEETING

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2022 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- MARLBOROUGH MA

Anthony Dias  
Department Commander

Milton K Lashus  
Department Adjutant

To be approved at the  
Department Executive Committee Meeting  
June 23, 2022  
Membership 2 PM – DEC Follows  
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center  
181 Boston Post Rd W  
Marlborough MA 01752

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

April 2, 2022 10:00 AM at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel

181 Boston Post Rd W, Marlborough MA 01752

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 the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on **January 15, 2022** at Post 414 Sutton MA, PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED
  8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT **Steve Souza**
  9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Sally Nay**
  10. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
  11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (District 10-Post 140 membership)
  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**
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Meeting called to order by DC Anthony Dias  
SALUTE TO THE COLORS – Sgt. Robert Desrosiers  
INVOCATION - PNC John “Jake” Comer  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR PNEC William Chisholm  
PREAMBLE

### **Roll Call – by Adjutant Lashus**

Present: CMDR Dias; DSrVC Nay; DVC Blake; DVC Davis, DVC McPhee ; ADJ Lashus; TRS Sousa; DECW Wright; NEC Davis; ALTNEC Pajak; PDC Pajak; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Fratolillo; SGT Desrosiers; ASST SGT Lacoste; Hallene; Samko; Kelly; AIDE Mangels; PHOTO Borges; D1C Lefebvre; D2C White; D3C Howe; D4C Conner; D5C Desrosiers; D6C Jerdan; D9C Bettencourt; D10C Olsen; AD1C Oleen; AD2C Willette; AD4C Galant; AD7C Sinatra; AD9C Romanelli; AD10C Connell; PDC Army; Avis; Bradley; Brault; Brehio; Chisholm; White.

Excused: CHAP Salois; ASST CHAP Ryan; HIST Deegan; HON SGT Lizotte; AD3C Fontaine;

Absent: ASST JA Atkins; Flattes; D7C Nelson; D8C Cannon, AD6C Milot;

PDC Army moved and DVC Blake seconded to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2022 Executive Committee. Any discussion? PNC Morin page 9 change to PNC not PNV. Motion carried

### **Treasurer**

Department Treasurer, Steve Souza

### **Budget and Finance Committee 4/2/2022**

To date, we have income of \$887,038.87 with expenses of \$583,840.00. Our budget is one which has a number of income streams with many expenses, causing it to be very fluid. With that said, we continue to maintain solid fiduciary practices keeping all accounts in balance.

Overall expenses have been normal with no abnormal expenditures to report. The Treasurer and our in-house Accountant continue to meet and/or discuss various accounts to insure a seamless approach to our finances. Cross reference between the Treasurer and office Accountant is a good process which works well. As it is a check and balance between the two.

### **Budget 2022-2023**

The budget for next year continues to be one in progress as your finance committee has taken request from various committees as we continue to draft next year's framework. As of this report, request from various 9 committees continue to come before the finance committee for review, discussion, explanation and approval or disapproval. Our committee is working to bring our final budget to you during our next DEC meeting, set for June 2022.

Additional changes are also being made for operations as our new budget is one in progress!

A final reminder to all committees; if any changes are needed it should be brought forward for discussion to our finance committee for review and consideration for next year, as we are finalizing to plan for our future.

### **Investments**

As one of our investors stated, 2022 has been a choppy start with market volatility resulting from inflation, interest rates, covid and the global concern about the War that Russia is waging against Ukraine. The bad news is that we have taken a minor hit with our investments from the first quarter of the year. The good news is we are weathering the storm as we have done relatively well in the previous 9 months. The greater news is that since our investments started, we have done well with a low of 3.84% to a high of 6.29% gain across the board.

Total investments, as of 4.1.2022 are at \$4,381,248.04 down by a slight margin: from previously reported at the last DEC meeting in January. We had a lost of \$20,487.60 as the market continues to fluctuate. As our investments remain relatively stable, 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 Legion Finance and Investment Committees. Although we have had a loss from the last DEC meeting, we are still ahead overall with our investments. Our current levels went up from the first of our fiscal year to today's date: Beginning FY22 Today's date  
RBC Capital Wealth Mgt. \$3,111,651.97 to \$3,216,788.82 Boston Harbor Wealth Adv.  
\$1,149,104.10 to \$1,164,459.22

### **Unclaimed Property**

We continue to be active as we have had some posts who feel they might have additional funds coming. They are right, as we will be requesting funds and will be looked at by the Inspector at the Unclaimed Funds Division of the Commonwealth's Treasurer's Department.

Last year the time frame was in June/July as we expect the same to happen this year, with a full review for distribution in August.

Now that our office at the Statehouse has re-opened, our current audit is one in progress and will be reported on once we receive our final report.

### **"Foot Note"**

As your Department Treasurer, I would like to congratulate our membership team for the fine work it has been doing, bringing our department to the top five percent at the National level.

Membership is nearing 28,000 and closing in on 95%.

As we have spoken about revenue streams previously, membership is by far the most important to the future welfare of our organization. Keep up the good work!

This financial report continues to be one in progress subject to audit, as always.

### **Membership**

#### DSVC Nay reported:

As of today our district is in 5<sup>th</sup> place nationally at 92.42%. Massachusetts needs 774 members to meet the 95% goal with a week and a half remaining.

The districts that are doing the best appear to be the ones working as a team within their districts. Those who have already made the 95% cut off or higher are:

District 9 at 105.55%

District 1 at 100.64%

District 2 at 99.36%

District 6 at 99.01%

District 5 at 97.72%

District 3 at 96.68%

District 4 at 95.79%

We as a department need to continue to focus on how we can make 100%

We can do this by focusing on:

Contacting those members of your own post (even if you are not in charge of membership) or assisting the person who is to find out why they haven't paid and how your post can help.

Contact potential members on the 462 and 462AD list who haven't paid for 2021 and see about their paying either on-line and then transferring them once paid (National will not transfer until their dues are paid) or asking them to pay directly to the post. When sending in their renewal you will need a transfer form and card from your post.

To assist with next year by contacting 462 paid members and sending in a transfer form for your post - when they pay next year their membership will count.

Have a membership table at an upcoming event. This will not only help you contact Veterans in your community and to be visible

Massachusetts can be 100% for membership but only if each person here works to promote membership. In total Massachusetts needs 2276 members for 100% - For the second goal of 90% renewal rate we sit at 89.57% only .43% to reach a 90% renewal rate.

Massachusetts can be 100% for membership but only if each person here works together to promote membership.

Respectfully Submitted SVC Sally Nay - Membership

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **American Legion Riders**

Chairman PDC Louis Brault

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE AN APPLICATION FOR A RIDERS CHAPTER AT POST 121 IN BERKLEY MA. ALL OF THE PAPERWORK FOR THE APPLICATION IS IN ORDER AND I RECOMMEND THAT THIS APPLICATION BE APPROVED FOR A RIDERS CHAPTER UNDER NEW BUSINESS. THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS.

### **Youth Cadet Law Endorsement**

Chairman PDC Louis Brault

THIS IS A UPDATE ON THE YOUTH LAW CADET PROGRAM, THANKS TO THE HELP OF SCOTT CONNERS AND A COUPLE OF STATE SENATORS AND REP'S. I HAVE A MEETING WITH THE MSP ACADEMY STAFF ON TUESDAY AT 2PM. I WILL UPDATE EVERYONE WHEN I GET THE FACTS FROM THEM. THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS.

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDC Avis

### **Americanism**

Chairman DVC Davis reported:

1. The Americanism Committee met on February 15<sup>th</sup>
2. We have received applications for our annual Americanism award which will be reviewed at the next meeting.
3. Even though the deadline has passed, we are still looking for a recipient for our annual Foreign Born Americanism award. If you know of someone that is foreign born that exemplifies Americanism, please nominate them today. Late nominations will be taken until our next committee meeting.
4. The next Americanism Committee Meeting will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

Sandra Davis-Department Americanism Chairman

### **Training**

Chairman DVC Davis reported:

1. Minuteman Mondays, the Department training virtual platform offers training on a variety of different topics on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The last session for the 2021-22 season will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a topic of 'Empowering our Legion Family: The future is OURS to shape'. Links for this training session are posted in the eLegionnaire or contact me for more information.
2. National continues to host month 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Information on topic for this session has not been released yet.
3. MyLegion.org has changed. For the latest information, reference [Legion.org/training](http://Legion.org/training) and click on 'Training Tuesday' for the most up to date 'how to' video and presentation.
4. National American Legion College is scheduled for December 11-16. Student applications are available online and must be submitted to National by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Many training resources are available online at [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training). MyLegion training, past Training Tuesday presentations, UPDATED Basic Training and District Training-in-a-box are just a few of the resources available online at [legion.org/training](http://legion.org/training). Check

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.  
Sandra Davis-Department Training Chairman

### **Children & Youth**

Chairman DVC Davis reported:

Department Children & Youth Committee Report.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress.

1. The Children & Youth Committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. TFA-No activity to report since the last DEC meeting.
3. CWF 2021-2022 banner program is in full swing already. Applications are available online at [Legion.org/publication](http://Legion.org/publication). This is a special flag banner that any post/unit/squadron can receive for donating \$1 per member. Reminder: Completed application forms must be submitted directly to national with donation.
4. Children & Youth Excellence Award: This award is given out annual at our Department Convention. The application deadline was March 31. Applications will be reviewed at the next C&Y Meeting
5. Sons of the American Legion: Partnership for Kids Bowling Tournament was held March 26<sup>th</sup>. The S.A.L.'s knocked it out of the park this year and raised an all-time high of more than \$7,500 for Massachusetts Children's Hospitals. Thank You!
6. Don't forget April is Children & Youth Month. During this special time, we urge everyone to show our communities that the American Legion Family is dedicated to America's Youth.
7. The next Children & Youth meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU to the American Legion family for all the activities to support our children and their welfare.

Sandra Davis-Department Children & Youth Chairman

So moved by NEC Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D4C Howe      Any discussion? Motion carried

### **Oratorical**

Chairman DVC McPhee reported:

1. Final held in Bedford Post on February 20, 2022. Close competition, with a few last minute judges pulling out at last minute. Thank you to all who stepped up to help out.
2. Malcolm Mahoney won from D1 will compete at National on April 23 & 24 in Indianapolis.
3. Volunteered and selected to work National Oratorical in Indianapolis on same weekend.
4. Will have after action meeting regarding the good, bad, and ugly of this year competition. Will take notes of National Contest and see if we can implement in our own State Program

Respectfully Submitted Lisa McPhee - Oratorical Chairman

So moved D4C Conner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many

Any discussion? Motion carried

### **Finance Committee**

Submitted as a report in progress.

The finance committee meeting was held on Saturday April, 2nd at the Best Western Hotel. Meeting was called to order by vice chairman PNEC Lou Brault at 8:57am and opened in proper form with a salute to the colors and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call showed Chairman Frank McDonald and member Ernie Lizotte excused. All other members were present.

Department Treasurer Steve Souza gave a full report to the committee. Total income and expenses were discussed. The fall sweepstakes fell short of projected profits with a total profit of \$9,895.00 with a total of around 32,000 sweepstakes mailed. Convention sweepstakes discussed. Decline in membership and its declining effect on department revenue discussed.

Service officer's budget discussed. Providence and Northampton service officer's budgets decreased to \$10,000 each.

National convention budget discussed. Line item for transportation at national convention deleted from the budget due to no parade therefore no need for transportation of buses to the parade.

Line item for attorney fees cut from \$10,000 to \$1 in order to keep the line item opened.

Processing fee charged by the department of SAL membership as well some Posts, in particular Post 74 and Post 369 discussed. Department charges 50 cents per SAL card processed and \$1.00 per American Legion membership processed. Discussion held on increasing Legion membership processed to \$2 per member but keep SAL fee in place.

Motion made by PNVC Hank Bradley and seconded by member Bob Desrosiers to increase the fee to \$2 per American Legion membership processed by department. Motion passed

Unclaimed property of posts discussed and listed by treasurer Souza. Posts are not collecting money and property owed. It was discussed that the department can claim it on behalf of the posts if the posts are not acting on it and that the department would charge a \$50 processing fee for property redeemed on behalf of the posts in question. Discussion held on budget line items that are not spent carrying over into the next fiscal year.

Discussion held on a possible department per capita dues increase to offset the budget shortfalls discussed. Increase would have to take place in 2024 as it is too late for an increase now for 2023. The projected budget deficit is around \$156,000. Budget line item cuts made at the meeting cut the deficit to about \$60,000.

Motion to adjourn made and meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

Respectfully submitted, Lou Brault Chairman pro temp - Mike Davis NEC Secretary pro temp

## **Boys State**

### Chairman PNVC Avis

THE BOYS STATE STAFF IS BUSY PUTTING TOGETHER THE 2023 PROGRAM, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH STONEHILL AND ARE CLEARED FOR FULL CLASS ROOMS ETC, NOW WE JUST HAVE TO FILL THEM.

COMMANDERS I HAVE SENT A LIST OF POSTS TO ALL CHAIRMAN WHO USED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BUT HAVE NOT IN THE LAST 3 YEARS (THOSE POST REPRESENT OVER 100 KIDS TO THE PROGRAM) AND I AM WORKING ON GOING BACK EVEN FURTHER TO IDENTIFY EVEN MORE POSTS FOR THE CHAIRMAN. I WOULD HOPE YOU SPEAK WITH YOUR CHAIRMAN AND MAKE SOME CALLS TO SEE IF WE CAN GET THESE POST BACK ON BOARD (IN MOST CASES IT IS BECAUSE THE LAST CHAIRMAN IS GONE AND MENTORED NO ONE). WE ARE LOOKING TO BRING OUR NUMBERS TO OVER 300 AGAIN!

BECAUSE OF THIS HUGE CAP IN SPONSORSHIP FROM 3 YEARS AGO TO TODAY, THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN WORKING ON A MAJOR DONATION CAMPAIGN, FIRST WE ARE GOING TO USE OUR ALUMNI LIST TO SEE WHAT WE CAN RAISE, AS WE HAVE GOOD TRACKING GOING BACK MANY YEARS. THEN WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD TO SEE WHAT WE CAN RAISE THROUGH CORPORATE DONATIONS.

BUT BEFORE WE CAN DO THAT I WANT TO MEET WITH THE NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR A SHORT TIME DURING THE MAY MEETINGS TO BE SURE OUR FOUNDATION IS GOING TO BE OPERATING WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

The FOUNDATION HAS COMMITTED TO SPONSORING 20 STUDENTS FOR EACH PROGRAM THIS YEAR. WE HAVE ALSO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM TO WORK ON SCHOOLS WE USED TO BE IN BUT ARE NOT NOW. THE PURPOSE OF COURSE IS TO MATCH WITH A POST AND IF NONE WE WILL TRACK AND COME UP WITH A MONETARY AMOUNT WE HAVE TO REACH IN ORDER TO COVER THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING OUR WEB SITE TO PUT MORE INFORMATION ON THE INS AND OUTS OF THE PROGRAM AND TO MAKE IT MORE USER FRIENDLY.

LASTLY, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ONE OF MY LONG TIME CHAIRMAN IS RETIRING DUE TO HEALTH REASON. HE HAS PROMISED HE HAS MENTORED SOMEONE TO PICK UP HIS WORK OF RECRUITING 20 PLUS KIDS AS WELL AS KEEPING THE DISTRICT INFORMED. HE IS GOING TO A WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT AS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS PLUS HE HAS RECRUITED OVER 400 KIDS TO THE PROGRAM AND THAT IS JUST BOYS STATE. WE ARE WORKING ON A SPECIAL PRESENTATION DURING BOYS STATE.

AMERICANISM IS EVERYONES BUSINESS AND IN THESE CRAZY TIMES I ASK YOU THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS DEPARTMENT TO GO BACK TO YOUR DISTRICTS AND MAKE A FINAL PUSH TO GET SPONSORSHIP AS I WILL GIVE ALL THE EARLY BIRD IF THEY CAN GET ME THE SUPPORT NEEDED FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION THAT IS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR PROGRAM A TOP TEIR INVESTMENT OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE AND FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED MARK AVIS CHAIRMAN MA BOYS STATE

So moved D6C Jerdan 2nd by many Any discussion? Motion carried

## **SAL**

Detachment Commander Gene H. Theroux reported:

The Detachment had a successful Partnership for Kids Bowling tournament last weekend. From the proceeds, the Detachment will be sending \$2500.00 to each Children's hospital (Baystate Children's Hospital, UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center, and Boston Children's Hospital).

The Detachment will be donating \$3000.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation and another donation of \$2000.00 to the National Emergency Fund.

This evening, at the banquet honoring National Commander Paul E. Dillard, I will have the honor and privilege to donate to The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

### Flying Flags for Heroes

Preston Sharp, the SAL National Spokesman for Flying Flags for Heroes will be at Milton Cemetery, 211 Centre St. Milton, MA on April 12, 2022, with a 10 AM start. Preston is making a swing through New England states during his school vacation week.

Preston is looking for volunteers to assist in flagging veterans graves at the Milton Cemetery. There are two Medal of Honor recipients at the Milton Cemetery:

1. [Edward Allen "Eddie" Gisburne](#) – Mexican Campaign Medal of Honor. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He was awarded the Medal of Honor as a Electrician Third Class. His citation reads "On board the USS Florida during the seizure of Vera Cruz, Mexico, 21-22 April 1914, and for extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession during this action."
2. [Sgt Paul H. Weinert](#) - Indian Campaigns Medal of Honor Recipient. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army in Battery E, 1st U.S. Artillery. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for action on December 29, 1890 at Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota. His citation reads "Taking the place of his commanding officer, who had fallen severely wounded, he gallantly served his piece, after each fire advancing it to a better position."

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress Detachment Commander Gene Theroux

So moved D6C Jerdan and 2nd by many Any discussion? Motion carried

## **Marketing**

### Chairman NEC Michael Davis reported:

Just a reminder that the next department wide fundraiser will be the spring sweepstakes drawn at the close of convention in June. Sweepstakes tickets will be distributed via the mail later in the spring. Please keep an eye out for your tickets and consider participating with a donation as the funds support your department and its programs.

The committee has continued the AHL hockey season partnership with The Springfield Thunderbirds for the ongoing 2021-2022 AHL season. This has been a great success at gaining the department exposure. I am happy to report that the department hosted another information table at a game. Many thanks are due to Department Vice Commander Lisa McPhee, District 4 Commander Scott Conner and Post 138's Grace Conner for hosting that information table.

The committee is currently exploring both radio and music streaming advertising possibilities for the upcoming American Legion year of 2022-2023. This exploration is in its infancy but we hope to have more information to report as the progress continues.

Mike Davis ANEC MARKETING CHAIRMAN

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D4C Conner      Any discussion? Motion carried

ALT NEC Jodie Pajak presented National Commander Paul E Dillard with a Thunderbird shirt.

A veteran is recognized at every game and brought down to the ice and presented a coin. We have 11 new members form this program

The Thunderbirds also have a POW/MIA chair on the concourse.

## **Fast Pitch Softball**

### ANEC Jodie Pajak reported:

Meeting was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> with 4 members present and 1 excused

Review and finalization of forms were processed

1 Post sponsor agreement

2 Team player agreement

3 New team form

4 Team roster form

5 Donation letter

All forms will be given for review to Dick Paster Athletic Director

All forms will be set to Jodie Pajak

This year our goals is 17 youth and we are working at a flat rate with NEYSA New England Youth Sports Association as we are a new program. NEYSA already has a network in place with the Springfield Schools. I have been in contact with teams who would like to be in the tournament. Tournament will be held the week of July 11 and rain date the following week. Held at Greenleaf Park in Springfield which has two fields, one of the fields has lights. Umpires have been set for the tournament. Teams need to get their own insurance. Back ground checks with project youth sports. The department will set up an account for funds. I have attended several South Carolina zoom meetings in order to learn more about the program.

It was voted that any ROTC entering the program that their fee would be paid for by the program.

Respectfully submitted as a report in progress Jodie Pajak

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D6C Jerdan    Any discussion? Motion carried

## **Consolidated Post Report Committee**

### Chairman PDC White reported:

THE CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT GOES FROM JUNE 1, 2021 TO MAY 31, 2022 AND IS DUE IN THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS' OFFICE BEFORE JUNE 15, 2022 AND IN NATIONAL BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, BUT DON'T WAIT UNTIL JUNE TO MAKE OUT YOUR POSTS CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT.



THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT HAS SENT OUT TO EVERY POST IN THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT. YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO FILL OUT THE REPORT, AND SEND IT IN TO THE DEPARTMENT. YOU CAN ALWAYS UPDATE IT LATER. THE MAIN THING IS TO HAVE YOUR POST ON RECORD AS HAVING SUBMITTED A CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT, AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED YOU CAN ALWAYS UPDATE IT LATER.

THERE A LOT OF ITEMS ON THE CONSOLIDATED-POST REPORT THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED BY NOW, BUDDY CHECKS, SCHOLARSHIPS, PARADES, FUNERAL'S S, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, VA VOLUNTEERS. MANY MORE THAT CAN BE CHECKED OF THE LIST. GET ER DONE NOW.

WE ALL KNOW WHEN WE PUT OFF ANYTHING TO A LATER DATE WE HAVE A HAD TIME COMPLETING THAT TASK, IF ITS NOT DONE IMMEDIATELY THEN CHANCES ARE YOU MAYA BE FILING A LATE REPORT. WE DON'T WANT THAT AS SOON AS YOU ET A FEW AIMS ON YOUR CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT THEN SUBMIT IT NOW, UPDATE LATER

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE RAISED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, DONATED MILLIONS OF HOURS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. WITH ONLY 66.8% OF POSTS REPORTING IN 2017- 2018.THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS ABLE TO DONATE MILLION DOLLARS TO VA HOSPITALS, 4MILLION 200 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 3MILLION 450 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WITH 4 MILLION 1 HUNDRED THOUSAND HOURS. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SMILION 5 HUNDRED TIIOUSAND DOLLARS THE TOTAL DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION WAS 40 MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS

AND ALL THAT WITH ONLY 66.8 % OF POSTS REPORTING. CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF THE FIGURES IF ALL POSTS SUBMITTED A CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT?

YEARS AGO 2014-2015 I WROTE A PSA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION, SOME HOW I GOT A HOLD OF THE FINAL FIGURES FROM 2017-2018, AND WAS REALLY IMPRESSED. WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT THE FIGURES WERE FOR ONLY LESS TIIAN 80% OF THE POST. I SAID TO MYSELF TIIIE LEGION DOESN'T PROMOTE ITSELF. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO DO THAT.

WHEN I FINISHED I PUT THE PSA ON QUINCY ACCESS TELEVISION THEY SAID THEY WOULD PASS IT ON TO LOCAL STATIONS. I AM STILL TRYING TO GET THE DEPARTMENT OF MA TO MAKE THE 100% GOAL. I HAVE GOT IT INTO TIIIE 90% RANGE A FEW YEARS. LET'S GET IT DONE THIS YEAR.

SUBMITTED AS A WORK IN PROGRESS

CHAIRMAN, CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT COMMITTEE. DPC FRED J WHITE

### **Community Service**

#### Chairman Nelson Blake reported:

The community service committee met on 2/24/2022 and discussed awards and voted on two Al White monthly candidates one from Sutton post 414 and the other from Quincy post 294 the winner was Quincy post 294.

Nelson Blake Community Service Chairman

Nelson Blake DVC

So moved DVC Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D6C Jerdan

Any discussion? Motion carried

### **ROTC**

#### D3C Howe reported:

The JROCT/ROTC committee met in person on Saturday March 12 at the Auburn Post at 11. In the meeting the district chairs were given a copy of the list of schools that have a JROTC/ROTC program within their District. There are 36 JROTC program in the State and there are 12 ROTC programs in the State. Not all districts have JROTC/ROTC, or have a post located in the community that support a JROTC/ROTC program. In our committee meeting there was a lot of questions about how the programs are funded and what the programs short fall. Committee members are working on setting up meeting with schools to have a better understanding as to how the programs are funded, and to see what programs need help with. Committee

members are working on finding out what each program are actively doing to be able to receive the JROTC/ROTC ribbon and medals from our department.

Respectfully submitted, as one in progress Ryan Howe Chairman

So moved D1C Lefebvre and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake

Any discussion? Motion carried

#### Constitution & By Laws

Changes to the Athletic committee and to change the name to Baseball Committee.

Each post received a copy for vote at the Department Convention. If a copy is needed call the Department Office

Approval by the Department Executive Committee forward to the Convention for action.

Submitted by PNC Comer, PNC Morin and Athletics Chairman Paster

So moved PNC Comer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many

Any discussion? Motion carried

#### Employment & Veterans Preference

DJA Fratolillo reported:

Do to covid we did not meet in Washington but we met remotely. Three resolution to be brought up at National Convention.

3% OF Veteran owned businesses up to 5% federal contractors find a way to contact these business.

Honorable general to be allowed all VA Benefits even education benefits. Employees that are veteran friendly select one and send to National. Massachusetts has not sent into National in a few years. If you know of a business come and see me (Jim Fratolillo) and I will help you fill out the form.

So moved D8C Cannon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Blake

Any discussion? Motion carried

#### Athletic (Baseball) Committee

PNVC Mark Avis gave report in the absence of the Chairman

That the baseball committee met and approved the 2022 baseball rules and to have the rules voted on in new business.

PNC Morin that the action by taken up under new business

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many

Any discussion? Motion carried

Chairman Richard Paster sent to Department:

Finished the 2021 season with 117 teams, (71 Sr & 46 Jr).

2. Presently we have 127 registered teams, (77 Sr & 50 Jr).

3. Team registration process is currently under way, mandatory insurance has been purchased and team coaches are completing background checks and completing abuse training.

4. Natick Post 107 will host the Department Jr Championship at Mahon Park beginning on July 30, 2022.

5. Hudson Post 100 will host the Department Chairman's Cup Tournament at Riverside Park beginning on August 6, 2022.

6. The Athletic Committee voted to disband District 5 for the 2022 season because it only had 4 registered teams. Hudson was transferred to D4, Natick to D6, Lowell & North Chelmsford to D8. It then voted to replace the D5 entry in the Department Sr Championship Tournament by awarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> berth to the District with the most number of Sr teams which is D6.

7. The only changes to the 2022 Department Baseball Rules which were not required by National Rule changes appear on: Page 10 where a limit on the number of players that can appear on a Sr Roster and its affiliated Jr team is limited to 3; and on Page 27 where the method of determining a replacement team for D5 at the Department Sr Championship Tournament is established. In all other respects the 2022 Rules are identical to the 2021 Rules. The Athletic Committee requests the Department Executive

Committee approve the 2022 Rules.

Submitted as a report in progress by Richard Paster, Chairman.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

District 10 - Post 140 membership Frank is not here today at the Jan DEC it was brought up that post 140 is acting as a holding post for District 10. Which cannot happen. On Jan 2020 a letter was sent out by National Adjutant Daniel Wheeler to all Department Adjutants. That you cannot transfer members out of DMS to post that do not have officers or work within their communities.

That you are not allowed to move members to and enactive post and post 140 is not an active post.

Members not be allowed to transfer from 0462 until the post has officers.

Headquarters post 0462 was formed in 1984 when I was membership chairman. Also 0462 are members that should be transferred to a local post as it is the departments holding post. Members are waiting to be called to be transferred into a local post. And the DMS program was formed. DMS members were not allowed to be transfer until they had been a member for two years. National has changed that and post can now transfer the 0462E and they are counted in your post membership when transferred.

The reason why we have post 0297 is because of Evelyn Lamb started the post was to move members into post 297 is they want to belong to The American Legion but not in a local post. About 8 years ago we took post 297 out of District 7 because people were complaining that they were getting extra delegates to the National Convention. That's why we changed the constitution of Post 297 to reflect to same constitution as 0462 given to us by National. So we can operate post 0297, at some point in time that 0462 has no members we will still have post 0297.

That post 140 is not authorized to transfer any members from DMS 0462 by Department or National.

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any question? Motion carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Received a thank You from Paige Sherry for the scholarship she received
2. Received a thank you from Julia Birtwell for the scholarship she received
3. Received a thank you from Veterans Transition House for the \$250.00 donation
4. Received a thank you from Quincy Community Action Program for our donation.
5. Received a thank you from Mr. Kingsley W. Doe for the 1<sup>st</sup>. prize Winter Sweepstakes Check
6. Received a letter from Michael Deegan, rescinding his candidacy for Dept. Vice CMDR
7. Received a request from Post 397 to solicit funds from Dept. Post to assist them in putting on The American Legion Baseball Northeast Regionals
8. Received District 1 January 16, and February 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes
9. Received District 2 January 16, 2022 & March 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes
10. Received District 3 January 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
11. Received District 5 January 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes & March 13, 2022 Call to Council
12. Received District 6 November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes
13. Received District 7 January 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes & March 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
14. Received District 8 January 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes
15. Received District 9 February 24, 2022 Meeting minutes
16. Received District 10 January 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes & March 20, 2022 Call to Council
17. Received Department Children & Youth February 9, 2022 Committee Agenda , Handouts & Minutes
18. Received Department Finance Committee January 15, 2022 Report
19. Received Department Americanism February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes
20. Received a letter from District 5 Middlesex County to appoint William McCarthy of Arlington Post 39 as the VA&R Representative to the VA Hospital in Bedford

File all correspondence except number 7 and number 20

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

Number 7

1 To allow Post 379 to solicit funds from Department and post to assist them in putting on The American Legion Baseball Northeast Regionals

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

## COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS

Number 20

1 To appoint William McCarthy of Arlington Post 39 as the VA&R Representative to the VA Hospital in Bedford Edith Norse Rogers. And the appropriate forms be sent to National for approval.

So Moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

2 D5C Robert Desrosiers moved that James Blake be Senior Vice for District 5 and Alternate Executive Committeeman for Department.

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Any discussion? Motion carried

3 Convention appointments read and approved

Move the adoption of the convention appointments PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Comer Any discussion? Motion carried

## NEW BUSINESS

### Motions

1 To approve the Legion Riders Chapter Post 121 Berkley Ma as recommended by Riders Chairman Louis Brault.

So moved PDC Brehio and 2<sup>nd</sup> many Any discussion? Motion carried

2 Mark Avis makes a motion to approve the 2022 baseball rules for the Department of MA

So moved PDC Avis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by DVC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

3 James Sinatra ask that they be allowed to turn in the charters for Post 94 Firemen's and Post 251 Policemen's from District 7.

So moved AD5C Sinatra and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PNC Morin Any discussion? Motion carried

4 D4 Commander Scott Conner ask that a letter to suspend Post 119 Harvard be sent from Department.

So moved D4C Conner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by many Any discussion? Motion carried

5 PNC Morin that a special meeting be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 PM. (Pre-Convention DEC meeting)

So moved PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D5C Conner Any discussion? Motion carried

## ENDORSEMENTS

**District 4 Worcester County** Meeting on January 6, 2022 unanimously endorsed Sandra Davis for Senior Vice Commander for 2022-2023. AT The County Meeting on March 12, 2022 in Auburn Post 279 unanimous endorsed Cindy Lacoste for Executive Committee Women and Scott Conner for Department Vice Commander for 2022-2023

**District 6 Norfolk County** on March 23, 2022 unanimously endorsed the following candidates for the 2022-2023 Sally Nay for Department Commander, Sandra Davis for SVC, Scott Conner for DVC and Robert Jerdan for Department Historian.

**District 7 Suffolk County Meeting** on March 19, 2022 unanimously endorsed District 4 CMDR Scott Conner for Department Vice Commander

**District 8 Essex County Meeting** on January 16, 2022 unanimously endorsed District 4 CMDR Scott Conner for Department Historian 2022-2023

**District 10 Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties** on January 16, 2022 unanimously

Endorse the following candidates' for 2022-2023 Department Senior Vice CMDR Sally Nay for the high office of Department Commander, Department Vice Commander Nelson Blake for re-election and District 4 Commander Scott Conner for election to Department Historian.

**GOOD OF THE LEGION**

1 Medal of Honor Highway – House has voted faithfully to move the bill forward and to also ask the State for the signs.

Motion by PNC Morin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by SRVC Nay

2 DVC Nelson Blake presented PDC Jodie Pajak with photos of her 2 years of Department Commander.

3 DVC Sandra Davis appreciation day is April 10, 2022 at 12 PM

4 DVC Lisa McPhee appreciation day is April 2, 2022 at 1 PM. Meat and sports memorabilia raffle.

5 Raymond Samko –New Editor Beth Hallene will be assisting with the Vets news being sent out every two weeks. Round of applause for Ray “Sun Shine” Samko.

6 The Fall meetings will be held at post 435 at 9:00 AM, Nov 12, 2022

Technical Motion was read by PNC Morin Any discussion? Motion carried

**NO FURTHER BUSINESS**

Motion to adjourn DVC Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> by NEC Davis Commander any discussion? Motion carried

**CLOSING PRAYER** – PNC John P “Jake” Comer

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

**NEXT SPECIAL DEC  
MEETING  
THURSDAY-JUNE 23, 2022  
2:00 PM MEMBERSHIP  
DEC MEETING  
TO FOLLOW  
BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA  
HOTEL**