



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2015**

1. Commander Buckley opened the meeting per the ritual at 10:00 a.m.
2. Acting Chaplain Bruce Gideos gave the invocation.
3. Adjutant called the roll and report we had a quorum. 44 members were present representing 20 Squadrons.
4. Motion and seconded to dispense with reading the previous minutes. Motion passed. Minutes will be on the back table at Midwinter and Convention.
5. PNVC John Waite, Scholarship Chairman, presented a \$1000.00 scholarship to Heaven Smith from East Hardwick, Vermont. She attended our convention with her mother Corrina and Mark. She also read her essay titled "What a Veteran Means to Me". Our second \$1000.00 was given to Vanessa Griswold from Chester who could not attend. The two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to Emily Cormier of Enosburg and Samantha Mills of West Rutland.
6. Commander Buckley called for all checks that were to be donated prior to the Detachment going to the Legion Convention to present their hours and monies for the year. With no checks coming forward, the Detachment departed via 3 vans to the Legion Convention being held in the Great Room on Okemo Mountain.
7. Finance Officer Norm Scolaro gave the Finance Report. Motion and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.
8. Americanism Chairman Don Tetreault informed the audience that the National Organization was looking for Detachments or Squadrons to assemble a Color Guard or Honor Guard. They could be used for Veteran's funerals and also for competition at the National Convention. The Sons of the American Legion are the main supporter of CWF and to date have donated more than \$6,000,000.00. We are looking to make the \$7,000,000.00 target prior to National Convention. We

are hoping the Americanism Manual will soon be ready for issue to squadrons and Detachments. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

9. PNVC John Waite introduced our guest for Convention, Cliff Smith, Past National Commander from the Detachment of Massachusetts. PNC Smith gave a few brief remarks and the meeting moved forward.
10. Senior Vice Commander Henry Cleveland gave the Report for Children and Youth in the absence of our current chairman. We donated \$5265.00 for 2015 to CWF. We also donated 5,071 hours as a Detachment to Children and Youth and \$43,558.00 in monies. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.
11. Membership chairman Henry Cleveland reported that we were at 97.96 % for 2014-2015. Twenty (20) squadrons attained 100 percent during the year. Two squadrons, #26 and #39 attained 100 percent prior to Mid-Winter and were awarded S.A.L. jackets. Squadron 29 from Readsboro won the Prime Rib Barbeque for their efforts in membership. He also recommended looking at the Family Tree form that is on our website to determine new members.
 - Membership plaque to Harold Trombley of Squadron 26
 - Membership plaque to Jamie Westcott of Squadron 39
 - 100 percent certificates were presented to 18 squadrons
12. NECman Harold Trombley reported that the National organization would like our Public Relations Chairman's name in their file. He also mentioned that VA&R would be helping with the Homeless Veterans Program. They have also pledged to support the Flag Alliance Program Resolution and are urging members to contact their Senators and Legislators in Washington. The NEC also passed a resolution to support Service to God. There have been some changes at the National Organization with the Children and Youth Commission. They will now be a Committee. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.
13. The Golf Chairman reported that the Detachment Golf Tournament was an excellent success. He passed out certificates to all the sponsors of a hole and there were 27 recipients.
14. PNVC John Waite reported that the Constitution and Bylaws have added the duties of County and District Commanders. They have been approved by the Department DEC and will be ready by January 1st. John is also working on an Officer's Guide to be given to all Officers and possibly to Squadrons in the future. There is a possibility we will put them on CD's or add it to the Web Site.
15. Sick Call brought out the name of Judy Boudreau who is battling a disease and the Commander asked for prayers to be given in her name. PNVC John Waite

also mentioned that Past National Vice Commander Tom Wigmore is still undergoing treatment for his disease.

16. Senior Vice Commander provided a new form called “Directory Page Form” and should be filled out as soon as possible and returned to the Detachment Adjutant so that we may have a accurate directory.
17. The Detachment Adjutant provided a sheet for squadrons to sign for their packets that they receive at convention. This will help keep track of membership cards by knowing who has signed for them.
18. The District Commander of the year was awarded to David Hendee, 4th District Commander. Congratulations.

Awards were presented to squadrons for Most Active Squadron in all categories.

- 101-150 members – Squadron 7
- 151-200 members – Squadron 91
- Donations to CWF
- 51-100 members – Squadron 87
- 101-150 members – Squadron 7
- 151-200 members – Squadron 19
- Donations to Veterans
- 1-50 members – Squadron 28
- 51-100 members – Squadron 47
- 101-150 members – Squadron 7
- 151-200 members – Squadron 91
- Nancy Mossey-Tetreault Award – Spencer Bristol Squadron 5
- Member of the Year – Lucas Herring Squadron 10
- Butch Miller Award – Henry Cleveland Squadron 7

19. Elections were held and the following individuals were elected:

Commander - Henry Cleveland Squadron 7
Senior Vice Commander - Steve England Squadron 10
Finance Officer - Norm Scolaro Squadron 3
Chaplain - Bruce Gideos Squadron 37

20. PNVC John Waite installed all newly elected officers, and also the County and District Commanders.
21. PDC Howard Paul installed Henry Cleveland as Detachment Commander for the 2015-2016 year.

22. PNC Cliff Smith left the audience with a few words, saying, National is always looking for good leaders. Utilize the phrase "Choice of Attitude" in your everyday life. He also thanked us for our hospitality.

23. Commander Eric adjourned the Convention at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Tetreault

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