



**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Vermont  
Regular Meeting  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

1. Commander England called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Sgt-At-Arms James McSparran and Asst Sgt-At-Arms posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee.
2. Chaplain Bruce Gideos gave the invocation.
3. Adjutant called the roll and report we had a quorum. 46 members were present representing 21 Squadrons.
4. Reading of the Minutes by Adjutant Lucas Herring.
  - Motion by David Hendee and seconded by Bruce Gideos to dispense with reading the previous minutes. Motion passed.
5. Finance Officer Norm Scolaro gave the Finance Report.
  - Motion made by Bruce Gideos and seconded by Jeremy Revell to accept the report as read. Motion passed.
6. Recess. The meeting was recessed to attend the Legion meeting for the presentation of hours.
  - Veterans Hours 25,817 and \$79462.56
  - Children and Youth Hours 2,925 and \$37,139
  - Americanism Hours 5,743.50 and \$47,690
  - Community Hours 1,712.40 and \$33,430
7. Committee Reports:
  - Activities - Detachment Golf. Henry Cleveland presented on behalf of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golfing event. \$9,558.14 was raised. Charlie O'Brien's Team won the Golfing event. \$431 was raised through Whiffle Ball. Terry Burns, Tyler Bradley, and Peter Valley won individual awards for closest to the pin. Donations of \$1000 will be made to both the Dodge House and Rutland Mission as voted on at the EC Meeting. Motion to accept by Bill Brothers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Gideos. Motion passed.

- Children and Youth – Henry Cleveland presented for Children and Youth. He spoke that this information was presented Nationally, which there were awards for Vermont this past year. He promoted bringing Jr. Members to the meeting and to have a representative at Boys State, which was held in Lyndon this past year. Motion to accept by Herb Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Massey. Motion passed.
- Americanism – David Hendee spoke to the Candlelight Ceremony by Girls State and he was brought back for inauguration and we need to support them as our future leaders. Motion to accept by Bill Brothers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Gideos. Motion passed.
- Veterans. No Report.
- NECMAN Report – Henry Cleveland spoke that there is a lot of information that comes back from National. Resolution #1 for Call Ins was adopted. Resolution #2 to approve Endorsement of Steven A. Rover for National Vice Commander. Resolution #3 to Endorse Matthew T. Christie. Resolution #4 Judging Criteria for VA&R was adopted. Resolution #5 Consolidation Report Form reconstruction was adopted. Resolution #6 to Endorse Christopher L. Cook was adopted. Resolution #7 to Endorse Clint D. Bolt was adopted. Resolution #8 to Endorse Thomas P. Skelly was adopted. Resolution #9 for Child Welfare Donation of \$5,000 was adopted. There was discussion on Strategic Planning. Motion to accept by Bruce Gideos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hendee. Motion passed.
- Constitution and Bylaws – John Waite spoke to the bylaw changes for the dues increase, which partially is for the cost of staff at Department that support Detachment functions. A notice was sent to all Squadrons, which is the increase of \$1 to \$2 from annual memberships to support the budget increase. Vote for the bylaw changes was 20 in favor, 1 opposed for approval. The bylaw change will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- Scholarships – Harold Cleveland presented Dennis A. Comai scholarships to the winners. 2 winners for \$1000 Tanner Bitsburger from Green Mtn. Union High School, and Logan Gifford from Hazen Union High School. 2 winners of \$500 Richard Holcomb from Poultney and Kaylee Atwood. Both the male recipients have received applicants to be members, and both female recipients are Auxiliary members already.
- Membership – Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee reported membership is 94.90%. He noted membership slowed toward the end. He noted all squadrons that attained 100%. Award went to Alburg for membership for over doubling their members. He noted he has learned a lot this year in this roll and thanked members for their support. In the Northeast, Vermont is now 9<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Nationwide. He spoke about the Unofficial Gathering for the Northeast and that the Detachment of Vermont was noted for its success. He noted two members with 40 years of membership. Commander England and Sr. Vice Commander Hendee handed out membership for 25 years of service. PNVC John Waite noted that membership number are down nearly by 400 by those that are not renewing. Motion to accept by Lucas Herring, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Gideos. Motion passed.
- Public Relations – Commander England noted the use of the Facebook page.
- Advisory Committee – No report.

8. Awards. Henry Cleveland presented awards for Detachment Golf.

#### Most Contributions to Veterans

- 1-50 Pownal Squadron #90
- 51-100 Lyndon Squadron #30
- 101-151 Vergennes Squadron #14
- 151-200 Ballard Hobart Squadron #36

#### Donations to CWF

- 1-50 Pownal Squadron #90
- 51-100 Northland Squadron #47
- 101-151 Montpelier Squadron #3
- 151-200 Bristol Squadron #19

#### Most Active

- 1-50 None.
- 51-100 Lyndon Squadron #30
- 101-151 Barre Squadron #10
- 151-200 Hardwick #7

#### Other Awards:

- 100% Jacket – David Woodcock from Squadron #90
- Nancy Mossey-Tetrault Award was presented to Tim Dowdey of Squadron #14
- District Commander of the Year was presented to Marc Colety of District #4.
- Jr. Squadron Member of the Year was presented to Mike David of Squadron #14.
- Squadron Member of the Year was presented to Jeremy Revell of Squadron #19.
- Butch Miller Award Presented from Jeremy Revell to Brian Massey of Squadron #3.

Motion to accept the report by Lucas Herring, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Gideos. Motion passed.

#### 9. Good of the Legion

- Department Commander Jerry Stewart was introduced. He gave thanks to the Sons of the American Legion for all they have done.

#### 10. District Caucuses and Elections.

Commander England divided those in attendance into Districts for nominations and elections.

#### Area Commanders:

- Northern Area – Jeremy Revell
- Southern Area – Bill Brothers

#### District and County election results are as follows:

- 1st District Commander Mike Felber
- 2nd District Commander – None.
- 3rd District Commander Brian Massey
- 4th District Commander – David Woodcock
- 5th District Commander – Byon Wyman
- Addison County Commander Chris Hanfield
- Bennington County Commander – None.
- Caledonia County Commander – Lyle Degreenia
- Chittenden County Commander Kevin Mullen
- Essex County Commander – Haven Haynes
- Franklin County Commander – None.
- Lamoille County – None.
- Orleans County Commander – None.
- Rutland County Commander – None.
- Washington County Commander Roy Willard

- Windham County Commander – None.
- Windsor County Commander – Adam Holden

Commander Cleveland opened elections for statewide officers.

- Nomination for Stephen England as Commander by Bill Brothers. Nominations were closed. John Waite made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a vote, seconded by Bill Brothers. Motion passed.
- Nomination for David Hendee as Sr. Vice Commander by Bruce Gideos. Nominations were closed. John Waite made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a vote, seconded by Jeremy Revell. Motion passed.
- Nomination for Norman Scolaro as Finance Officer by John Waite. Nominations were closed. Henry Cleveland made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a vote, seconded by Harold Trombley. Motion passed.
- Nomination for Harold Trombley as Chaplain by Henry Cleveland. Nominations were closed. Bill Brothers made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a vote, seconded by Jeremy Revell.
- Nomination for John Waite as NECMan by Henry Cleveland and Tony Morgan by Herb Fisher. The two nominated members were escorted from the room. By hand vote, John Waite was elected by majority vote 36-2.
- Nomination for Henry Cleveland as AltNEC Man by Harold Trombley. Nominations were closed. Chris Hanfield made a motion to have the Adjutant cast a vote, seconded by Adam Holden. Motion passed.

John Waite asked the Sgt-At-Arms to escort newly elected officers to the front of the room. He then performed installation of those offices.

#### 11. New Business

- New membership cards have not yet been received. There is not a timeline yet to receive.
- Mike Felber spoke about the Wounded Warrior efforts. Their squadron is holding a chicken bbq.
- The Dodge House Flag of Honor is to be surrounded by cobblestones. Forms to complete are available for those that are interested.
- Chris Hanfield stated Squadron #14 is doing a car show again this year, and they are also raffling off Red Sox tickets.
- John Waite noted that those with new hats to be requested need to report to Norm Scolaro. Those that need Detachment shirts to provide request to John Waite
- Post #30 is organizing a car show July 21<sup>st</sup>. They are also selling tickets for a gun raffle.
- Squadron #59 is doing a fundraiser where the winner is eligible to drive a car in this year's Enduro, to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.
- Harold Trombley noted that it has been a decision that tickets
- Post #31 also has tickets for sale.

12. Chaplain Bruce Gideos gave the closing invocation. Sgt-At-Arms James McSparran retired the POW/MIA and Blue Star banners. Commander England adjourned the Conference at 12:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lucas Herring*

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Adjutant