



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
July 14th, 2018**

1. Commander England called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M. and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain Harold Trombley. Guests Leading Candidate for National Vice Commander Mike Cotten, NEC Toby Cullen, and AltNEC Scott Underkoffler from Delaware were introduced. Sgt-At-Arms Jim McSparran posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee.
2. The Adjutant read the roll call and a quorum was announced.
3. Motion by David Hendee and seconded by Bion Wyman to dispense of the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.
4. Finance Office Norm presented the finance report to the DEC. Discussion on the information to include in the minutes.
 - Motion made by Adam Holden and seconded by David Hendee. Motion passed.
5. Appointments. Commander England listed of the following members for appointment.
 - Adjutant – Marc Colety
 - Sgt-At-Arms - James McSparran
 - Asst Sgt-At-Arms – Anthony Ingalls
 - Historian – Lucas Herring
 - Judge Advocate – John Waite
 - Activities – Chair, Henry Cleveland; Bill Brothers, David Hendee, Jeremy Revell, John Waite, Bruce Gideos.
 - Americanism – Chair, Brian Massey; Mike Felber, Eric Buckley
 - Awards – Chair, John Waite; All PDC and David Hendee.
 - Children and Youth – Chair Jeremy Revell; Henry Cleveland, David Hendee, John Waite, Kevin Mullen.
 - Constitution and Bylaws – Chair, John Waite; Harold Trombley, David Hendee.
 - Finance – Chair Norman Scolaro; Marc Colety, David Hendee, Jeremy Revell, Harold Trombley, John Waite, Henry Cleveland.

- Membership – Chair, David Hendee; All District and County Officers.
 - Public Relations – Chair, Marc Colety; Lucas Herring, Tim Dowdy
 - Scholarship – Co-Chair Henry Cleveland and Harold Trombley; Bruce Gideos, Eric Buckley.
 - VA & R – None
 - VAVS – Open
 - Advisory – Bruce Gideos, John Waite, Eric Buckley, Harold Trombley, Henry Cleveland.
- Motion to accept the appointments by Harold Trombley and seconded by Marc Colety.

6. Committees.

- Activities – Henry Cleveland mentioned the we are going to do the Golf Tournament and Pistol Raffle as performed in previous years. The Golf Tournament is May 18th, 2019 and is the 21st Anniversary of the event on Armed Forces Day. He wanted to make sure that we increase communication on the event this year and to bring a copy of last year's donations. Motion to accept the report by David Hendee and Seconded by Bion Wyman. Motion passed.
- Americanism – Commander England noted that Flag Day was a well-attended in Barre. Northern Area Commander Jeremy Revell noted that there is a BBQ in Bristol that helps with the Independence Day parade. Chaplain Harold Trombley noted that Squadron #26 did a flag burning ceremony on June 14th. Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee added that he attended Boys State and Girls State and encourage others to attend if possible.
- Children and Youth – Henry Cleveland stated that Hardwick is purchasing back to school items for students, which could be a great membership recruitment activity. Commander England still has 12 coins for purchase. Motion to accept the report by David Hendee and seconded by Bion Myman. Motion passed.
- Scholarships - Henry Cleveland presented on those that received scholarships this past year and to make sure to reach out to get people to apply. He is hoping to have the winners in the next Newsletter and use the conference call for communication. Motion to approve by Harold Trombley and seconded by David Hendee. Motion passed.
- Awards – John Waite suggested that Activity Reports and other forms be removed and/or updated on the website. Motion to accept by David Hendee and seconded by Adam Holden. Motion passed.
- Constitution and Bylaws – John Waite discussed the bylaw at convention, which is at Department for approval. There is nothing in the bylaws for the National Guard Emergency Assistance Fund under non-standing committees. Squadron Bylaws have been a slow process in getting those documents in. David Hendee noted that Fair Haven is close to approving documents for that squadron. Motion to accept by David Hendee and seconded by Harold Trombley. Motion passed.
- Membership - Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee reported that it was a good year for membership, but we still have 169 members to get for 100%. He gives a big shout out to Alburg at 216%. Pownal was the first to achieve 100% for Detachment of Vermont Squadrons. Family Tree is a good tool and he is open for receiving other tools for recruitment. Discussion on membership retention to see if a plan can be developed to gather memberships. Commander England noted membership roundup will be before Fall Convention this year. Prime Rib Challenge will be in place again this year and information on when the dates are will be provided. Motion to accept the report by Henry Cleveland and seconded by Jeremy Revell. Motion passed.
- Public Relations – Draft Directory is prepared from Installation and Directory Page information and has been sent for input to the DEC members with email addresses. Newsletter has been transitioned to Marc Colety for publication. Facebook page is

established with 5 members able to make posts as needed. Email Distribution list has been updated to include information from installation forms. Motion to accept the report by John Waite and seconded by Jeremy Revell. Motion passed.

- VA & R. – There was no report but Harold gave an update on what the committee would entail, which is difficult because meetings are during the week.
- Advisory Board – John Waite will be providing a form and an Officers Report to get back to the Commander. They will be a little more active in the future. At each of the DEC meetings, you will start hearing more from this committee. Henry Cleveland noted that DEC members should be reaching out to this group for advice. Motion to accept the report by Adam Holden and seconded by Jeremy Revell. Motion passed.

7. Sick Call and Relief. Doug Bullard of Post #7 just passed away. Art Healy's service was well attended at the Veteran's Cemetery in Randolph.

8. Notes and Correspondence. Lucas Herring noted the US Army Heritage & Education Center is located in 22 states, but not in Vermont. He will be reaching out as Legislative Chair to see what can be done.

9. Old Business.

- Bricks for the Dodge House have been ordered for the Detachment. Chris is at about 150 bricks, but it looking to reach 250 before ordering. Henry Cleveland noted that we should see how much more needs to be raised and we can reach out to Squadrons for funding. Many Squadrons have been buying blank bricks.
- Commander England spoke about his Commander's Project. His previous project has been paid up for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Marc Colety turned in donations, but there were no memberships to turn in.

10. New Business.

- Commander England noted additional use of the conference lines to increase communications.
- Dues increase will need to be noticed for next year.
- John Waite noted to ship the Colors to National Convention, as this is what is done by other Detachments.
- For this year's Commanders Project, Steve is looking to place a bench in the Veteran's Cemetery in Randolph. This would be in the new section, which was under construction, so the timing is now available. Cost of \$10,000 to raise were presented, which included \$200 to install, construction of walkway and an appropriation for ongoing maintenance. John Waite noted to get a notice from the Veteran's Cemetery that this is approved and use of the emblem from National prior to requesting funds from Squadrons. Action was deferred until Fall Conference.
- Fall Conference will be in Barre on October 20th at 9:30a.m. Training at Fall Conference will be handled by the Advisory Committee.
- Midwinter and Year End will be at the Sheraton in Burlington.
- For National Convention, Harold Trombley is signing up for Internal Affairs, Steve England and Jeremy Revell are signing up for Children and Youth, Tony Morgan at Legislation and Rules.
- Henry Cleveland noted to have Squadrons check the cards to ensure that deceased members and drops are removed from the lists.

- Commander England mentioned combining the Installation Form with the Directory Page and Roster. Discussion was to keep these forms separate. List will be sent out to DEC on what areas still have not submitted so that information can be collected.
- Recommendation from Adam Holden to have the District added next to the Squadron name for each of the squadrons in the Directory.
- Jeremy Revell spoke to the Officer Report and process that they are to do. Many squadrons are “loose” with the process and are not interested in that process, and the question was asked if this is still necessary. John noted that this may have laxed in recent years and the process doesn’t need to be done every time, but that it is still important that it is done.
- John Waite spoked to communications with Department on bylaws that have been put in place, which he will be bringing to Fall conference.
- Leading Candidate for National Vice Commander Mike Cotten of Delaware spoke on behalf of Scott Gibbs for National Commander. He noted that the 18-35 range is a group that we didn’t discuss, but is a group that needs to be targeted. Activities, like the July campout along with the DEC meeting, is an idea he is going to take back to his Detachment. It was mentioned to hold membership cards until End of Year reporting is complete. He spoke about consolidated reports, which Delaware had 100% reporting and he is hoping other Detachments can do the same. He thanked the DEC for the Hospitality.
- ALTNEC Scott Underkoffler spoke about the LIT for the Legion insurance policy.

11. Other Business: Harold Trombley installed the Adjutant, Historian, Sgt-At-Arms and Judge Advocate.

12. Chaplain Harold Trombley read our closing prayer.

13. Commander England adjourned the meeting at 2:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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