



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Regular Meeting
October 20th, 2018**

1. Commander England called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain Henry Cleveland. Sgt-At-Arms Jim McSparran reported Department Commander Woodward and NVC Paul Spedaliere would be in later for the meeting and then posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander David Hendee.

2. Adjutant Colety read the roll call and reported 23 in attendance.

3. Motion by Dave Hendee and seconded by Jeremy Revell to dispense of the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

4. Finance Office Scolaro presented the finance report.

- Motion made by Henry Cleveland to accept the report and seconded by Bion Wyman . Motion passed.
- Checks were presented as follows:
 1. Carmody 39 – Dodge House - \$500
 2. Carmody 39 – CWF - \$500
 3. Vergennes 14 – Dodge House - \$1000
 4. Bristol 19 – Dodge House - \$500
 5. Barre 10 – CWF - \$500
 6. Barre 10 – Dodge House - \$300
 7. Alburg 60 – Dodge House - \$300

6. Committees.

- Activities – Henry Cleveland reported. Detachment primary fund raising activity is the golf tournament on the 18th of May. Every squadron should get at least one \$300 sponsor at a

minimum. Information will be available at mid-winter. Caspian Arms is donating another pistol for us to raffle off this year.

- Americanism – Brian Massey reported. Oratorical contest for students in Vermont, we need to talk to the students now. Get applications and information up in the posts. Encouraging more participation in the local communities. Halloween, Veterans Day, Christmas holiday help etc. are all opportunities to participate and help out in the local communities. Granite State Race and Fun Walk in Barre at 7:30 registration and parade at 10:30. New scouting memorial will be completed for the day. Had information on flag etiquette to distribute.
- Children and Youth – Jeremy Revell reported. Discussion of the meetings Jeremy attended and donations and hours donated. Discussed the TFA program there to help members. **MORE**
- Scholarships – Henry Cleveland reported. Get the scholarship information posted at your posts. Talk to your members about who is eligible and remember the golf tournament is our primary way we fund scholarships.
- Constitution and Bylaws – John Waite reported he is still trying to collect all the Constitution and By-Laws of the Squadrons. This process has been on-going for two years. John needs help from the rest of the DEC to close this task out.
- Legislative – Lucas Herring reported. Reminded everyone of the upcoming Nov. 6th election. Reported on H1 retirement benefit for veterans benefits not to be taxed which failed last year but can be reintroduced. 45 states already do this. Will update the legislator list and distribute after the elections. Lucas needs two more volunteers to work with him at the statehouse for legislative SAL efforts. No volunteers from the meeting, ask you members at the squadron level.
- Historian – Lucas Herring reported on his contributions to the newsletter which is a new feature this year and encouraged all squadrons to contribute their histories. Detachment yearbook project was mentioned.
- Membership – Dave Hendee reported the statistics for current 2019 membership. Reported on membership drives and prizes from 1st to 14th to get 100%. Also discussed new carrot membership pins. Reminder 2018 cards expire on December 31st. New books were reviewed from Commanders College. Discussed the upcoming membership roundup. John Waite discussed renewals and finishing up 2018.
- Public Relations – Marc Colety reported on the directory being completed, the newsletter process and the website. We are looking to expand the content and value of our newsletter. Send your contributions and pictures to Marc Colety at colety@gmail.com at anytime during the month. Additional reports from squadrons, posts, counties and districts would be greatly appreciated.

- VA & R. – John Waite reported on the wheelchair replacement program at the VA hospitals and the Brick Walkway program. Adjutant Colety to get the information into the newsletter and send out to the distribution lists.
- Advisory Board – John Waite reported on team work and how we can improve with the use of conference calls including having an agendas prepared and conference call etiquette. John is advocating we use all the tools we have at our disposal.
- John Waite reporting as NEC man. Doc Gibbs Homecoming April 26th and 27th.
March 29th unofficial gathering in Delaware for Mike Cotton.
Resolutions passed last week at NEC meetings, more money for NEC's was tabled.
Detachment committee chairman's can get the National committee information from John Waite. Motion to accept by Norm Scolaro seconded by Bion Wyman. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept all of the the previous reports was made by Adam Holden and seconded by Lucas Herring. Motion passed.

7. Sick Call and Relief. 4th District Commander David Woodcock undergoing heart surgery and has verbally resigned. Dennis Barney recently had knee surgery.

8. Notes and Correspondence. None

9. Old business: A couple of squadrons reported have not having received their gift cards. Squadrons are also interested in buying more cards. Norm reported that the funds for the two squadrons is still in the account waiting to get the \$1000 minimum, however Henry reported we no longer need a \$1000 minimum so these will be processed ASAP.

10. New business:

- Training - John Waite presented Technology, Social Media and Consolidated Reports. mySAL.org which can also be used at the Detachment level. There are guidelines on the national site for the use of social media. There will be a change to format of the Consolidated Reports. Remove the old one from the website.
- NEC man John Waite presented two membership videos.
- Commanders project was approved for raising monies for unfunded activities at the two Vermont VA homes.
- Jeremy Revel talked about donations for the Ronald McDonald house in April 2019.
- John Waite discussed the proposal to open up the membership qualification dates at the National level. Will require Congressional approval. John also discussed the Endowment Fund.

11. Other Business:

- Department Commander Woodward came in to speak about membership and the Stop the Slide Program. He handed out pins for recruitment and presented a 100% membership certificate for all three family groups in Lyndon for 2018.
- NVC Spedaliere from Squadron 180 in CT. spoke to the assembled about the importance of membership and his story of becoming a dual member.

12. Chaplain Henry Cleveland read our closing prayer.

13. Commander England adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

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