



**Sons of the American Legion Detachment of
Vermont Detachment Executive Committee
Meeting April 6th, 2019**

1. Commander Steve England called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Henry Cleveland. Sgt-At-Arms Jim McSparran reported no visitors for the meeting and posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander Dave Hendee.
2. Adjutant Colety read the roll call and a quorum was announced.
3. A Motion was made by Dave Hendee and seconded by Bill Brothers to dispense of the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed.
4. Finance Office Scolaro presented the finance report to the DEC. A motion was made by Jeremy Revell seconded by Bill Brothers. The motion passed.
5. Checks were presented by:
 - Squadron 5 – Ronald McDonald House - \$200
 - Squadron 27 – Ronald McDonald house - \$200
 - Squadron 27 – Commanders Project - \$350
 - Squadron 27 – CWF - \$275
 - Squadron 49 – CWF - \$100
6. Committees.
 - Activities – Henry Cleveland: Discussed the golf tournament and following up with people who have made commitments to donate. Henry needs them confirmed and paid a week before golf. A motion was made by Marc Colety and seconded by Bion Wyman to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
 - Americanism – Brian Massey: Thanks to Mike Felber and Norm Scolaro with helping Brian with the oratorical project this year. Boys State in June appears to be coming along in good

shape. A motion was made by Adam Holden and seconded by Dave Hendee to accept the report as read. The motion passed.

- Children and Youth – Jeremy Revell: \$8000 for CWF to date. Wants to get more on Ronald McDonald house, donations are down from last year. Presentation is set for April 19th at 10:00 AM. A motion was made by Adam Holden and seconded by Lucas Herring to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
- Scholarships – Henry Cleveland: No report
- Constitution and Bylaws – John Waite: Only 8 Constitution and Bylaws out of all Vermont squadrons are done to date. John discussed dues increase coming up this year and reminding everyone at visitations and with calls. A motion was made by Marc Colety and seconded by Bill Brothers to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
- Legislative – Lucas Herring: Distributed the legislative report and USS Vermont information. A motion was made by Henry Cleveland and seconded by Bill Brothers to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
- Historian – Lucas Herring: Combined with the report above. No additional report.
- Membership – Dave Hendee: Dave gave some current statistics. 93% of goal completed in Vermont, now 9th in the nation, now 3rd in the eastern region. 8 squadrons are at 100% and 24 are close to breaking 100%. Renewal rates are still lagging, need to work on returning members. A motion was made by Bill Brothers and seconded by Brian Massey to accept the report as read. The motion passed. Discussion by Henry Cleveland on the DEC team helping the Commanders. Brian Massey talk about the quality of new members and making sure they are engaged from the beginning.
- Public Relations – Marc Colety: No report
- VA & R. – no report
- Advisory Board – John Waite: No report
- NEC - John Waite: Discussed the Unofficial Eastern Gathering. Mike Cotton Detachment of Delaware at convention, will bring Toby, wants to play golf. We need to present a gift to him at convention. A motion was made by Lucas Herring and seconded by Bion Wyman to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
- Awards – John Waite: Discussed end of year report requirements. Americanism wants to initiate an award. Motion made by Bill Brothers to accept, seconded by Henry Cleveland. The motion passed.

7. Sick Call and Relief. – Frank Gabaree (3) not doing well, Dave Woodcock (90) is back to the squadron, Bob Stockett (10) is now home and improving, Rick Bliss (67) passed away.

8. Notes and Correspondence. None

9. Old Business. Henry Cleveland asked about the distribution of NGEAF National Guard Relief Fund and if it can it go the reserves? John Waite reported the guidelines don't prohibit it. Marc Colety asked about changing the name to sound less restrictive, John said it was not needed. Lucas Herring made a motion to expand and write guidelines for use of the fund. Bill Brothers seconded. The motion passed.

10. New Business.

1. May 17th Commanders project in Bennington at 11:00 afternoon about 2:00 in White River. \$4000 to donate at each facility. No motions.
2. 100% membership ends 7/1/19 for award of the 100% ribbons. No motions.
3. Preprinted cards, memberships must be to national by the first of May. No motions.
4. Convention is on June 28th, 2019. No motions.
5. Testimonial May 11th in Barre for Commander Steve England at Barre Post 10. We have a photographer lined up. All officers should have stories ready about Steve's two years to share. No motions.
6. Lucas Herring discussed national individual awards. George B Evans grass roots award was specifically cited as a candidate for Legislative activities. We should be sending someone in for every National award. John Waite told the assembled that there were not many national individual awards beyond the membership drive awards. No further information was presented on the subject. No motions.
7. Lucas Herring reminded everyone of the 100th anniversary proclamation being read at 10:00 at the Statehouse on Tuesday, April 9th. No motions.
8. Discussion of scheduling installations as early as possible. No motions.
9. Norm highlighted 2019-2020 new budget changes which were minor. Henry Cleveland made a motion to accept, Bill Brothers seconded. Discussion about dues increase again. The motion passed.

11. Other Business: None
12. Chaplain Cleveland read our closing prayer.
13. Commander England adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

Marc Colety – Adjutant 4/7/19