



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
July 13th, 2019**

1. Commander Dave Hendee called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Steve England. Acting Sgt-At-Arms Harold Trombley reported PDC Dave Woodward as a guest; Harold then posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander Jeremy Revell.
2. Adjutant Colety read the roll call and a quorum was announced.
3. A Motion was made by J. Revell and seconded by L. Herring to dispense with 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 B. Brothers and seconded by J. Revell to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
5. Appointments: Commander Hendee listed the following appointments. PDC H. Trombley installed the below noted officers. Committee appointments were discussed, modified and are listed below as approved.
 - Adjutant – Marc Colety (Installed)
 - Sgt. At Arms – Jamie Westcott (To be installed)
 - Historian – Lucas Herring (Installed)
 - Judge Advocate – John Waite (Installed)
 - Essex County Commander – Haven Hayes (To be installed)
 - Rutland County Commander – Dan Manieri (To be installed)
 - Washington County Commander – Roy Willard (To be installed)
 - Activities Committee: Co-Chairs Henry Cleveland and Bill Brothers: John Waite, Steve England, Bion Wyman and Jeremy Revell.
 - Americanism Committee: Chair Brian Massey: Mike Felber and Adam Holden.
 - Awards Committee: Chair John Waite: Jeremy Revell and all past PDC's.

- Children & Youth Committee: Chair Mike Felber: John Waite, Henry Cleveland, Harold Trombley and Adam Holden.
- Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Chair John Waite: Harold Trombley and Lucas Herring.
- Finance Committee: Chair Norm Scolaro: Marc Colety, John Waite, Henry Cleveland, Jeremy Revell and Steve England.
- Membership Committee: Chair Jeremy Revell: All Area, District and County Commanders.
- Public Relations Committee: Co-Chairs Marc Colety and Lucas Herring: Steve England and Tim Dowdy.
- Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairs: Henry Cleveland and Harold Trombley: John Waite, Adam Holden, Dave Woodward.
- VA&R Committee: Chair Marc Colety: Bill Brothers
- VAVS Committee: Chair Bill Brothers.
- Legislative Committee: Chair Lucas Herring.
- Advisory Committee: Chair John Waite: Henry Cleveland, Harold Trombley, Steve England, Eric Buckley and Bruce Gideos.

6. Committees.

- Activities: H. Cleveland – No report other than one scholarship is still left to present.
- Americanism: B. Massey – No report. Discussed 2018 communication issues.
- Children and Youth: – No report.
- Awards: John Waite – Discussed potential new Detachment of Vermont award in Americanism program. Brian and John to discuss and outline proposal. Jeremy discussed a possible Auxiliary award. John to draft proposal. Motion was made by H. Cleveland and Seconded by L. Herring to accept the report. Motion passed.
- Constitution & Bylaws: John Waite – John reported that the National Resolution on a dues increase was sent in, confirmed, filed and accepted on behalf of Detachment of Vermont. There was also discussion about the fact some Detachments may have counter-proposed an even higher increase in dues and what that might cause with the process.
- Membership: Jeremy Revell – Reported 3,967 members at 101.38%. 4 of 5 Districts at 100%, the last one needs 3 more renewals or new members. Jeremy mentioned pushing for early renewals, he is putting a package together to mail to squadrons along with new quotas.
- VA&R: Marc Colety – New Committee, no report until Fall Conference.
- Public Relations: Marc Colety – Discussed options on replacing website when needed based on this springs announcement from the current provider. Henry reported that there is an option to remain with the current provider at an increased cost. This communication had not reached PR Chair Colety previously. Henry to forward to Marc information on new options and costs with current provider ASAP. This sounds like it might be the best option.
- Legislative: Lucas Herring – Reported on status of the Federal Legion Act as having passed the Senate and awaiting the bill to reach the House floor for vote when they reconvene.

7. Sick Call and Relief. – It was reported Scott Wright’s brother Stewie passed away. Bellows Falls Mike Shaughnessy died Thursday unexpectedly. Bion Wyman had surgery recently. J. Waite check with Bellows Falls squadron if there is any help required for the family of M. Shaughnessy. PDC Cleveland and Waite emphasized the importance of Detachment representation at services as Mike was an outstanding member and officer for long time.

8. Notes and Correspondence.

- None

9. Old Business.

10. New Business.

- B. Brothers brought up DAV drivers, can we do some appreciation event for next year? (Luncheon at the VA possibly). Bill will bring more info to the next meeting.
- H. Trombley made a motion and Jeremy Revell seconded the motion for J. Waite to get a Past Commander’s Ring at Detachment expense. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. Trombley discussed a Past Commanders Shirt. B. Brothers made a motion to buy all active PDC’s shirts to recognize their previous and continuing efforts. L. Herring seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of sharing the bus costs at National. We do not have enough information to render a decision. No motion was made.
- Judy Cenate is looking for help moving bins to the Bennington Gift Shops on November the 16th, 2019. Commander Hendee to get more information.
- Commander D. Hendee reported that his Commander’s Project is to be the National Guard Emergency Relief Fund (NGEAF). He proposed raising \$8,000 to reseed the fund in our budget. J Waite made a motion to approve and S. England seconded. The motion passed.

10. Other Business:

- Fall Conference will be at Barre Post 10 on October 26th at 9:30 and 10:30.
- Mid-Winter convention scheduled for the Double Tree in Burlington again.
- NECman J. Waite to provide conference scheduled attendees for National Committees as soon as it is completed. John reported the delegate fee is \$300 and \$25 for a guest fee.
- Reminder of Red Shirt Friday for Convention and that Sunday is a suit and tie day.
- J Waite talked about the possibility of creating the Sons of The American Legion Relief Fund. This seemed to be a universally liked concept. We will discuss more after everyone has time to consider it at Fall Conference.
- L. Herring proposed creating a standing conference call monthly for DEC. After much discussion and comparing calendars and squadron meeting schedules it was decided to

proceed with the idea on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM – (218) 399-7800 - Access # 1904710. We will start on August 13th, 2019.

- L. Herring reported the Detachment history book was sent to National and presented PDC England with a bound copy for himself. Lucas will upload it to our new google drive or email a copy to M. Colety for storage.
- PDC S. England spoke briefly on his past two years as Detachment Commander.
- Commander Dave Hendee announced his slogan for 2020 as “Rock the Membership”

11. Chaplain England read our closing prayer.

12. Commander Hendee adjourned the meeting with a motion by H. Trombley seconded by L. Herring at 2:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

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