



**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Vermont  
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting  
July 11th, 2020**

- Commander Dave Hendee (DH) called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Steve England (SE). Sgt-At-Arms Jamie Westcott (JW) no guests; JW then posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DH.
- Adjutant Marc Colety (MC) read the roll call and a quorum was announced.
- A Motion was made by S. Area Commander Bill Brothers (BB) and seconded by Historian L. Herring (LH) to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed.
- Finance Office Norm Scolaro (NS) presented the finance report to the DEC. A motion was made by BB and seconded by District Commander Adam Holden (AH) to accept the report as read. A question was asked about outstanding debits and NS responded the June statement was not in yet. The motion passed. NS suggested moving the \$11,700 in the Commander's Project to the NGEAF. Motion made to accept by BB and seconded by County Commander Elwood Bourne (EB). The motion carried.
- Installation: ALTNEC PDC Henry Cleveland (HC) installed the below noted officers. Committee appointments were discussed, modified and are listed below as approved.
  - Commander Dave Hendee (DH)
  - Sr. Vice Commander Jeremy Revell (JR)
  - Northern Area Commander Brian Massey (BM)
  - Southern Area Commander Bill Brothers (BB)
  - Finance Officer Norm Scolaro (NS)
  - Chaplain Steve England (SE)
  - District 1 Commander Mike Felber (MF)

- District 2 Commander Darrell Degreenia (DD)
  - District 3 Commander Lucas Herring (LH)
  - District 5 Commander Adam Holden (AH)
  - County Commander Elwood Bourne (EB)
  - Sgt. At Arms Jamie Westcott (JW)
  - Adjutant Marc Colety (MC)
  - Historian Lucas Herring (LH)
  - Judge Advocate John Waite (JW)
- Appointments: Commander Hendee listed the following appointments. A motion was made to accept the appointments by HC, seconded by LH and approved.
    - 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.
- Committee Reports
    - Activities: Henry Cleveland – Gun raffle winner was Dale Brown of Cabot, VT. Golf remains on schedule for 9/19/20. If inside food is not available, will set up cart on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. Currently sponsors number 16 totaling \$3,300.49. Kudos to BB and Tom Burrows for soliciting sponsorships to date. More are needed. Motion made and seconded by LH/BB and carried to accept the report as read.
    - Advisory: John Waite – Keep building on the last ten years. Communications are not great as a whole across the Detachment. John commented “Let’s not let a pandemic slow us down!” Henry talked about the future leadership of the Detachment and how the Advisory Committee needs to hear from people about their plans for future offices and what training/help they needed to achieve their goals. Steve commented he wanted to

- hear from people who wanted to move up. Motion made and seconded by JR/EB and carried to accept the report as read.
- Scholarships: Henry Cleveland – Reported winners to be as follows: \$1000 winners are Hunter Smith of Westminster attending S. Maine Community College and Abbygale Laundry from Hardwick attending River Valley Community College. \$500 winners are Ashlynn Depatie of Brandon attending SUNY Cobleskill and Dakota Jones of Irasburg attending Norwich University. Motion made and seconded by LH/BB and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Americanism: Brian Massey – Reported little activity with most programs cancelled for the year or postponed. BM mentioned the 5 Star and 10 Ideals are being updated this year and discussed the Oratorical Contest and thanked everyone for their help. Motion made and seconded by LH/BB and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Children and Youth: Mike Felber – Talked about the thank you received from Christine Bickford on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House for our donation. Looking to raise \$3,000 for the RMH next year. Sq. 7 currently has \$2,000 to donate and Sq. 91 donates monthly supplies. Motion made and seconded by NS/JR and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Awards: John Waite – Still waiting for the awards to be delivered. Planning a virtual awards ceremony in Chester via Zoom. Motion made and seconded by HC/MC and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Constitution & Bylaws: John Waite – John discussed membership and email protocols. JW suggested at Fall Conference we draft some pandemic procedures to add to the Constitution and Bylaws for next year. Motion made and seconded by BB/BM and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Finance: Norm Scolaro – Bank fees charged will be recovered on 4 account, \$3.00 ea. Motion made and seconded by BB/LH and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Membership: Jeremy Revell – We are still 312 short for goal, 2021 cards are here for distribution today. Numbers are down across the nation but we cannot give up. Brief discussion about Sq. 60 membership, John and Jeremy to discuss with Department. Motion made and seconded by AH/SE and carried to accept the report as read.
  - VA&R: Marc Colety – No Report
  - Public Relations: Marc Colety reported we are good to go with the website for another year with current vendor. HC discussed the payment increase to \$320 on the website with NS and requested payment be released to the vendor. A motion was made and seconded by JR/SE and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Legislative: Lucas Herring – Sent current list of bills to all on email listing. Motion made and seconded by AH/MC and carried to accept the report as read.
  - Historian: Lucas Herring – Detachment History Book will be complete this week. Motion made and seconded by AH/MC and carried to accept the report as read.
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- Sick Call and Relief. – It was reported that County Commander Richard Aumand II had a successful surgery earlier this week and was beginning his recuperation. It was suggested the Detachment send a card however Chaplain SE reported we already had. Sq. 10 reported the loss of Hilton Davis and Glenn Bailey.

- Notes and Correspondence.
    - None
  - Old Business.
    - None
  - New Business.
    - DH discussed his possible Commander's Projects for his second year. After some discussion it was decided to move forward with a split between the Veteran's Place and the Open Door Mission. DH wants to raise \$8,000 in total. Motion made and seconded by LH/MC and carried to grant consent for the project as described.
    - JW reported our budget was approved by Department after some discussion and clarifications as presented.
    - JW reported that PDC Dave Woodward will be our SAL advisor again this year.
    - LH reported that Barre was doing a virtual 5K race to raise funds for the Veterans Place.
10. Other Business:
- District Commander Darrell Degreenia reported that Post 30 was doing a 9/11 ceremony and the Detachment was invited to attend. This led to a discussion of contacting Kingdom Campground in Lyndonville, VT to see if the camping trip could be scheduled to coincide with the ceremony.
11. SE read our closing prayer.
12. DH adjourned the meeting with a motion by Sr. Vice Jeremy Revell (JR) seconded by LH at 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marc Colety*

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