



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Executive Committee & General Membership Meeting
January 23rd, 2021**

1. Commander Hendee called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain England. Sgt-At-Arms Jamie Westcott reported no visitors for the meeting. DH reported SAL Advisor PDC Dave Woodard would be attending later (he did not) The POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner were posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander DH.

2. Adjutant Marc Colety (MC) read the roll call and a quorum was announced.

3. Motion was made by NEC/PNVC John Waite (JW) and seconded by Harold Trombley (HT) to dispense of the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

4. Finance Office Norm Scolaro (NS) was present to answer questions on the previously distributed finance report to the DEC. Motion made by accept by PDC HT and seconded by MC. Motion passed.

5. Sick Call and Relief. S. Area Commander Bill Brothers is excused with a COVID diagnosis. S13 Commander Walt Carroll is attending a funeral for his stepdaughter. PDC Don Giles has moved into Heaton Woods in Montpelier and is not doing well.

6. Notes and Correspondence. None presented.

7. Committee Reports:

Activity Committee Report given by ALTNEC PDC Henry Cleveland (HC). Updated golf information has been given to MC for posting on the website (complete) and will soon be distributed by HC. No Caspian Arms raffle this year. HC proposes a cash raffle in its place to raise \$2,500 and pay out three places. A motion was made by MC and seconded by Sr. Vice Jeremy Revell (JR); the motion carried. A motion was made by Herb Fisher to rename the golf tournament for Anthony Morgan, seconded by N. Area Commander Brian Massey (BM). The motion was modified in discussion to rename the annual trophy instead and there will be further discussion on the exact wording of the trophy as suggested by NEC PNVC JW. PDC HF agreed with the modifications. The motion carried.

A motion was made to accept report by PDC Herb Fisher and seconded by BM. The motion passed.

Advisory Committee report presented by NEC PNVC JW. Commentary and subsequent discussion on communications. John talked about doing a Detachment level mailing. JW offered to help any squadron and mentioned that MC was also willing to assist as are all PDC's. District 5 Commander Adam Holden (AH) discussed his squadrons growing email list. Motion to accept made by MC and seconded by HC. The motion passed.

Americanism Committee Report submitted by BM. There was no discussion or objections. Motion to accept made by JW and seconded by JR. The motion passed.

Children and Youth Committee Report given by District 1 Commander Mike Felber (MF). MF presented that the latest CWF report is as of 1/8/21. Goal for 2021 nationally is \$363,313. Total received is \$64,801.33. The total goal for Vermont is \$3,791. Total received to date is \$0. Motion made to accept by JR and seconded by Chaplain PDC Steve England (SE). The motion passed.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report submitted by NEC/PNVC JW. A quick review of the wording of the proposed changes was discussed with no additional modifications. Motion made to accept by JR and seconded by PDC Herb Fisher (HF). The motion passed.

Legislative Committee Report submitted by Historian Lucas Herring (LH). No discussion or objections were noted on the report as submitted. Motion made to accept the report by BM and seconded by SE. The motion passed.

Membership Committee Report given by Sr. Vice Commander JR. JR wants to get to 90% renewal percentage, currently about 380 not renewed. We are currently 44th in the nation, historically we are much higher. NEC JW to forward his recently drafted membership letter. ALTNEC HC will assist with the northern squadrons with assistance from SE. MC has been assisting with the Bennington County squadrons. Discussions about email lists, squadron newsletters etc. JR will update the membership benefits forms. Tom Burrows to forward his email list to MC for inclusion on the newsletter distribution. MC mentioned we are over 400 on that distribution now and if we exceed 500, we pass the limitations of Gmail. Would require moving to a subscription service like Mailchimp. JW mentioned there is some expectation of a cascading distribution when sent to DEC and Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. PDC Terry Farr told JR he was happy to be back in touch with the Detachment. JW reported National has one more mailing coming out January 29th, 2021. Motion was made to accept by MF and seconded by LH to accept the report. The motion passed.

NEC Report submitted by NEC PNVC JW. JW reported on the National Membership Call from last week. We are moving quickly to an online renewal which will require having every squadrons dues structure submitted. JW reported all previous years submitted now are at the current dues structure. After 2022 the green bar sheet will discontinue and the only way to get membership for squadrons will be through MySAL. Ken George and JW discussed the inactive Island Pond and Stowe squadrons and how to get them off our master list of Vermont squadrons. JW reported on Legion.org training on the last Tuesday of every month. He will forward more information. Motion was made to accept by JR and seconded by HF. The motion passed.

Public Relations Committee Report submitted by Adjutant MC.
No discussion or objections were noted on the report as submitted.
Motion was made to accept by JR and seconded by MF. The motion passed.

Scholarship Report submitted by AltNEC HC.
No discussion or objections were noted on the report as submitted.
Motion was made to accept the report by JR and seconded by Chittenden County Commander Elwood Bourne (EB). The motion passed.

VA&R Committee Report given by MC.
No discussion or objections were noted on the report as submitted.
Motion made to accept by MF and seconded by JR. The motion passed.

8. Old Business.

DH thanked DEC officers and squadron officers for all their help this year.

SE asked about the schedule for Enosburg Prime Rib Challenge event. Current plan is for spring when post opens again.

9. New Business.

JR reminded everyone of upcoming donations and the need to discuss with squadrons, specifically Commander's Project, Ronald McDonald House and CWF.

SE asked about last years awards that had not been distributed yet. DH reported he is preparing them to mail to their recipients.

DH reminded everyone of an upcoming Adjutant's Training at Middlebury scheduled for April 10th at 9:00AM. This is currently scheduled as in person training.

JR suggested the Detachment may want to consider putting together its own program for training on MySAL at the squadron level. JW suggested it be open to all squadron members.

10. Other Business:

Pre-nomination of officers for 2021-2022:

DH nominates Sr. Vice Jeremy Revell for Commander, seconded by MF, JR accepts the nomination.
JR nominates N. Area Commander Brian Massey for Sr. Vice, seconded by SE, BM accepted the nomination.

DH nominates Finance Officer Norm Scolaro for Finance Officer, seconded by MF. NS accepts the nomination.

DH nominates Chaplain Steve England for Chaplain, seconded by JR. SE accepted the nomination.

11. Chaplain Steve England read our closing prayer.

12. Commander DH adjourned the meeting at 12:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

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