



**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
July 24th, 2021**

1. Commander Jeremy Revell (JR) called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain PDC Dave Hendee (DH). Sgt-At-Arms Jamie Westcott reported the following guests, Department of Vermont Commander Cathy Tester and SAL Advisor Bruce Paquin (BP); JW then posted the POW/MIA banner and Blue Star banner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander Brian Massey (BM).
2. Adjutant Marc Colety (MC) read the roll call and a quorum was announced.
3. A Motion was made by MC and seconded by BM to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed.
4. Finance Office Norm Scolaro (NS) presented the finance report to the DEC. A motion was made by Lucas Herring (LH) and seconded by Dave Hendee (DH) to accept the report as read. The motion passed.
5. Appointments: Commander Revell requested the following appointments. PDC NEC Henry Cleveland (HC) installed the below noted officers at the close of the meeting. Committee appointments were discussed, modified, and are listed below as approved.
 - Adjutant – John Waite (Installed)
 - Sgt. At Arms – Jamie Westcott (Installed)
 - Historian – Nominated Tim Dowdy, not in attendance.
 - Judge Advocate – Nominated Harold Trombley, not in attendance.
 - Activities Committee: Co-Chairs Henry Cleveland and Bill Brothers (BB): Members John Waite, Brian Massey, Dave Hendee
 - Americanism Committee: Chair Randall McGrath: Members Brian Massey, Mike Felber, John Christian (JC)
 - Awards Committee: Chair PNVC John Waite: All PDC's, Brian Massey, Lucas Herring, Marc Colety.

- Children & Youth Committee: Chair: Marc Colety: Members Mike Felber (MF), Elwood Bourne (EB), Henry Cleveland.
- Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Chair John Waite: Members Harold Trombley (HT), Steve England.
- Finance Committee: Chair Norm Scolaro: Marc Colety, Brian Massey, Lucas Herring, John Waite, Harold Trombley.
- Legislative Committee: Chair Lucas Herring: Members Mike Felber, Steve England (SE).
- Membership Committee: Chair Brian Massey: All Area, District and County Commanders, Tom Burrows.
- Public Relations Committee: Chair: John Waite. Marc Colety and Lucas Herring.
- Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairs: Henry Cleveland and Harold Trombley: John Christian, Adam Holden, Steve England.
- VA&R Committee: Chair Elwood Bourne: Members Bill Brothers
- VAVS Committee: Chair Bill Brothers
- Advisory Committee: Chair John Waite: Henry Cleveland, Harold Trombley, Steve England, and Dave Hendee.

6. Committee Reports:

- Activities: Henry Cleveland – Brandon Golf Tournament May 21st. A motion was made by DH and seconded by SE to accept the report as presented, the motion carries.
- Advisory: No update since convention report in June.
- Americanism: Brian Massey – Discussed the Scouts program and the Oratorical program. A question was raised by BP about the Five Star and 10 Ideals Programs. A motion was made by LH, seconded by DH to accept the report as given, the motion carries.
- Awards: - John Waite (JW) reported he has the District Commander of the Year plaque from Adam Holden (AH) to present to LH along with the Butch Miller Coin when it is ready. LH brought up tallying your hours throughout the year for year end of reports. Commander Tester discussed the use of google forms to do so. It was decided there was more work to do coming up with initial ideas at the Awards Committee and subsequent DEC meetings. A motion as made by LH and seconded by BM to accept the report, the motion carried.
- Children and Youth: – Mike Felber was not present.
- Constitution & Bylaws: John Waite – A brief discussion of the status of the change presented and discussed at the June Convention. A motion was made by DH and seconded by HC to accept the report, the motion carries.
- Membership: Brian Massey. Current membership at 3,461 and 87.6% of goal. Need 688 for 100% goal in 4 days. Discussion about how to determine realistic membership quotas which could be different than national quota total. More dialogue about mailings, personal contact, sending bills, renewal raffles and better marketing of what we do. Getting legionnaires to join as duals and reaching out to their families. Talked about honoring the member you joined under by paying dues by Veterans Day. Also talked about finding a way to keep reporting a year's membership until Dec. 31st. Motion made by HC, seconded by SE, the motion carried.
- VA&R: Marc Colety – No update since convention report in June.
- VA&E: Bill Brothers – No report.

- Public Relations: Marc Colety – No update since convention report in June. LH passed around a newsletter for review, followed by a brief discussion. A motion was made by DH and seconded by HC to accept the report, the motion carried.
- Scholarships – Henry Cleveland – Asks that everyone posts the applications up inside their posts, we need more scholarship applications. Just sending them to the schools is not getting it done. JR talked about Bristol's lack of success in getting applications this year. A motion was made by SE and seconded by DH to accept the report, the motion carries.
- Legislative: Lucas Herring – Housing and Veterans Affairs Committee in the VT House, nothing equivalent on the Senate side. Brief discussion on the veteran pension taxation issue. Another event at the State House to be planned for this year. Commander Tester suggested LH and Dick Farmer to get together. Ron Morelli from Post 1819 is on the Department Veterans Committee. A motion was made by DH and seconded by MC to accept the report, the motion carries.

7. Sick Call and Relief. – Detachment to send a note to PDC Frank Gabaree (FG), he is not doing well. Individuals should send something to FG also. PDC Don Gile (DG) is now in a full-time care home.

8. Notes and Correspondence.

- None

9. Old Business.

- None

10. New Business.

- LH Map of squadron locations for planning purposes for county and district levels activities and support.
- LH handed out the Lions Club information as an example of how their new officers etc. are communicated with. MC brought up mentoring of new DEC officers to get them involved and active quickly.
- Commander Tester reported Fall Conference is being planned for Vergennes, the date is still open.
- Fall Conference S.A.L. training should be planned around MyLegion.
- JR Committee appointments were approved after a motion by LH and a second by BM.
- Officer appointments for adjutant and Sgt. At Arms were approved after a motion to accept by HC and a second by DH.
- JR's Commanders Project was presented as the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF). A flyer was handed out with their 2021 fact sheet of services and accomplishments. A motion was made by JW and seconded by MC to approve the project, the motion carries.
- JW made a motion to donate \$7,500 to the American Legion Charitable Foundation. The motion was seconded by HC. Commander Tester presented the status of the foundation.

She informed the assembled it was her intent to have S.A.L. representation on the foundation's board for this 5013C. The motion passed.

- JW reported Team Green Mt. has been dissolved, all individually donated monies have been returned. The fund still has \$12,000 left from other fund-raising activities. JW made a motion to disperse the remaining proceeds as follows \$3,925 to The Dodge House, \$3,925 to the VVAF to \$3,295 to ALCF.
- HC discussed the Allyson Waite Calcutta Tickets. Sept. 18th BM made a motion, seconded by DH to allow a flyer to be distributed to the squadrons. The motion carries.
- BB discussed the Post 49 Corona party August 7th, noon to 6 PM.
- Department Commander Cathy Tester took the podium and discussed open and transparent communication between the Department and the rest of the Legion family. She formally introduced BP as her S.A.L. representative. She invited JR to attend all Department DEC meetings.
- S.A.L. Department Advisor BR spoke briefly after his formal introduction from Commander Tester and was complimentary of the Detachments efforts and results.

11. Other Business:

- Installations of Adjutant PNVC John Waite and Sgt. at Arms Jamie Westcott were conducted by HC.
- Bill Brothers discussed a willingness to take Rutland County Commander. JR was enthusiastic and said he would get with BB after the meeting.

12. Closing Ceremonies:

- Chaplain DH read our closing prayer. Commander JR adjourned the meeting after a motion was made by SE and seconded by MC at 1:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Colety

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