

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of AMVETS
State Executive Committee
AMVETS McKeon Post 146, Dorchester, MA
November 16, 2003

Commander David Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Commander Spencer read the Invocation. Provost Marshal Paul Chaves led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Spencer led the reading of the Sons Preamble.

Commander Spencer called for a brief recess for the purpose of going up to the AMVETS meeting at the request of AMVETS Commander Burnell.

The meeting resumed at 1:15 pm

Roll Call was done by Commander Spencer.

Commander David Spencer-Present

1st Vice Commander Harry Dascoli-Absent

2nd Vice Commander Michael Bruno-Excused

3rd Vice Commander Michael Veator-Present

Finance Officer James Flanigan, PDC-Absent

Judge Advocate Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Present

Provost Marshal Paul Chaves-Present

Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC-Present

Chaplain Leo Manning-Absent

PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey-Excused

VAVS Coordinator Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Present

NEC Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Present

Squadron 1-Not Present

Squadron 12-Not Present

Squadron 19-Not Present

Squadron 51-Not Present

Squadron 74-Not Present

Squadron 79-Present (Squadron 79 represented by Thomas Fraser)

Squadron 208-Not Present

Squadron 495-Not Present

Squadron 1977-Present (Squadron 1977 represented by Commander James Foren)

Squadron 1980-Excused

Squadron 1996-Absent

NO SONS COORDINATORS PRESENT AT START OF MEETING

Approval of Minutes of the September 2003 SEC

MOTION: to accept the Minutes of the September 2003 SEC as written and mailed with corrections by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Veator.

MOTION PASSES

Judge Advocate Kaizer: I didn't get the reports which were supposed to be attached.

Commander Spencer: I will send those out with the next mailing.

Bills & Communications

We have received the (National) Convention Minutes. We have received the updated Programs Report. Massachusetts finished with a total of \$29,569.14 in reported projects. This was passed along to 2nd Vice Commander Bruno who says this is still short of some projects and will try to address this with the new National 2nd Vice Commander.

National also sent a copy of the VAVS matching funds program from the AMVETS National Service Foundation.

There is an error in the National Convention minutes. Cliff Kaizer is listed as the Alternate NEC. This is not correct. The letter was sent out before the end of July for Cliff's appointment as NEC and this was corrected from the Convention book on the floor of the Convention.

New CBLs are not out yet, they are still waiting for approval from the National Judge Advocate.

If you are planning to attend the NATIONAL Convention in 2004, you should book your hotel now as the 1st Hotel for the Sons is already full.

We have the bill for the bur for the New York Trip. This will be addressed under Unfinished Business when we discuss the trip.

Commander Spencer has received an invitation to attend Commander Burnell's Christmas Party. He is planning on attending.

Judge Advocate Kaizer submitted a check to Commander Spencer for \$156.00 for the Christmas Pool.

Commander Spencer handed the gavel over to 3rd Vice Commander Veator to give his report

Commander's Report

As attached.

MOTION: to accept the Commander's Report as written by Judge Advocate Kaizer, seconded by Past Commander Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

3rd Vice Commander Veator turned the gavel back over to the Commander at this time.

3rd Vice Commander's Report

I attended several installations in the past few months. I attended Post 12's Installation on September 21st. I installed Natick Post 79 with the State Commander. I represented the Commander at Post 32's installation. I carried the POW/MIA flag in the Post 32 Color Guard in the Gloucester Veteran's Day Parade. That is my report at this time.

MOTION: to accept the 3rd Vice Commander's Report by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by Judge Advocate Kaizer. **MOTION PASSES**

Commander Spencer recessed the meeting for the purpose of returning to the AMVETS floor at their request.

Judge Advocate's Report

As attached.

MOTION: to accept the Judge Advocate's Report as written by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by Squadron 79 representative Fraser. **MOTION PASSES**

Provost Marshal's Report

Since the last SEC, I have attended an off-station party for our hospitalized veterans in Hudson. I also participated in our Veteran's Day Parade also in Hudson. I also attended the Pilgrim Awards on November 1st.

MOTION: to accept the Provost Marshal's Report as stated by Judge Advocate Kaizer Bruno, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Veator. **MOTION PASSES**

3rd Vice Commander Veator presented the Provost Marshal with a copy of the Provost Marshal's Manual for his reference.

Immediate Past Commander's Report

Since the last SEC I've been to the VA Hospital in Jamaica Plain for Bingo Parties. Off-Station Parties at Natick for patients from Brockton VA. I went to Bourne Cemetery for Veteran's Day Ceremony. I was at the Natick Ceremonies on Veteran's Day. I hate to say it but now in Bourne for the last 3 years I've been the only Son that's been there and that's bad representation for the Sons. I wish that I could have someone else there with me. That's my report Commander.

MOTION: to accept the Immediate Past Commander's Report by Judge Advocate Kaizer, seconded by Squadron 1977 Commander James Foren. **MOTION PASSES**

It was noted that we need to make some extra effort to attend certain events through the year.

VAVS Coordinator's Report

As attached.

MOTION: to accept the VAVS Coordinator's Report as written by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Veator. **MOTION PASSES**

National Executive Committeeman's Report

There has been nothing since Convention. I have not received any mail from National from Convention.

MOTION: to accept the NEC Report as stated by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Veator. **MOTION PASSES**

Commander Spencer called for a 10 minute recess.

The meeting resumed 2 minutes early as AMVETS 2nd Vice Commander Joe Kenyon wished to address the body.

Guest-AMVETS Department 2nd Vice Commander Joseph Kenyon

2nd Vice Commander Kenyon wanted to present certificates to the Sons Squadrons who helped support the AMVETS Golf Tournament on September 9th. He presented certificates to the Department (accepted by Commander Spencer), to Hudson 208 (accepted by Sons 208 Commander Paul Chaves), and to Millis 495 (accepted on their behalf by Past Commander Barry).

He also wanted to make sure we were all set with our documentation with the Son who is working at Northampton.

Unfinished Business

X-Mas Fund update: I believe we are at approximately over \$2,000.00. I do not have an exact total at this time. The drawing will be at the Natick 79 Christmas Party on December 21st. It will be at Natick because most of the Pool members are from there. Commander Spencer has requested that as soon as a final total is obtained and prizes are determined that that information be transmitted to him via email so that that information will be available through him. The Pool will be closed down the week before and anyone who is not paid up will not be eligible for prizes.

New York City Bus Trip Update: At this time, we have sold 14 tickets out of the minimum 32 tickets we need to sell. So at this point we will not break even. My plan is to go up to the Auxiliary Floor after New Business to see if we can sell some tickets there. If we are going to cancel the trip, it will need to be done by tomorrow.

There was no further unfinished business.

New Business

Awards Committee: It is the Commander's intention to keep this Committee as it has been for the past two years. It will consist of the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander and Immediate Past Commander for purposes of deciding what awards will be given out in terms of plaques and certificates and to come up with criteria. The Commander feels that it is time, now that we are up to 460 members that we have a "Son of the Year" award selected through a nomination process and selected by the awards committee and handed out at the Convention. The Committee meetings will meet between Marlborough, Hudson, and Natick. Beyond that we had the Commander's Award, 2 membership awards, and a program award.

Testimonial: The Commander's sister will be in charge of this event. The location has not been determined at this time. The Commander had wanted to do it at Hudson 208, but it looks as though there will not be enough room. At this point he is leaning to the Hudson Rod and Gun Club. The Commander's preference is to keep it in Hudson, but Natick has been suggested as a good alternative. My goal is to make sure that the State Officers are comped. Tentatively it will be the second weekend in April.

3rd Vice Commander Veator reports that he will be doing a raffle for the State Sons at his Post's Christmas Party next month.

There was no further New Business

Upcoming Events

The Commander announced the following upcoming events:

Home Alone at Hudson 208 on Thanksgiving Day at noon

State Sons New York City Trip, 6am at Natick 79, November 29th

NEC, Dec. 5-6 in Vienna VA

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston, December 7th

Dec. 25, Christmas "Home Alone" at Hudson 208 (noon)

SEC, January 18, 2004 at Lynn Post 161

SEC, March 21, 2004 at Natick Post 79

NEC, March 22-28, 2004 in Vienna, VA

SEC, May 16, 2004 at Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

Convention, June 17-20, 2004 at Sturbridge Host Hotel

Off-Station Party Nov. 26 in Hudson at 6pm

Off Station Party Dec. 18, in Millis at 5:30pm

**Commander Spencer passed the gavel to the 3rd Vice Commander to go to speak on the Auxiliary floor

Benediction was read by 3rd Vice Commander Veator.

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:00pm

NEXT SEC is January 18th, 2003 at Lynn Post 161, MA at 1pm