

Department of Massachusetts  
Sons of AMVETS  
State Executive Committee  
AMVETS Post 161, Lynn, MA  
January 18, 2004

Commander David Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

Chaplain Leo Manning read the Invocation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Michael Bruno acted as Provost Marshal and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Sons Preamble.

Roll Call was done by Commander Spencer.

Commander David Spencer-Present  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Harry Dascoli-Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Michael Bruno- Present  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Michael Veator-Absent  
Finance Officer James Flanigan, PDC-Excused  
Judge Advocate Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Tardy (arrived after meeting ended)  
Provost Marshal Paul Chaves-Excused  
Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC- Present  
Chaplain Leo Manning- Present  
PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey-Excused  
VAVS Coordinator Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Tardy (arrived after meeting ended)  
NEC Cliff Kaizer, PDC-Tardy (arrived after meeting ended)  
Squadron 1-Present (Squadron 1 represented by Leo Manning)  
Squadron 12-Present (Squadron 12 represented by Phil Wood)  
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-Not Present  
Squadron 1980-Not Present  
Squadron 1996-Not Present  
NO SONS COORDINATORS PRESENT AT START OF MEETING

**Approval of Minutes of the November SEC**

**MOTION:** to accept the Minutes of the November SEC as written and mailed by Tom Fraser, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno. **MOTION PASSES**

## **Bills & Communications**

Commander Spencer had some communications from National.

National Sons of AMVETS Commander Charlie Summerall's Testimonial will be held on April 3, 2004 in Tampa Florida. Attire is Western Casual for this event. Cocktails 5:30-7, with a Buffet Dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$49.00 per night. The Contact Person is Nancy Norman whose phone number is (352) 475-5257. Checks should be made payable to Sons of AMVETS.

There were also a few items brought up at the NEC meeting in December. There is now a National Executive Director for the Sons of AMVETS. His name is Dave Murka and he is out of Ohio. His annual Salary will be one dollar.

The Silver Helmets are coming up as well. The Sons do lobbying of Senators and Congressmen during this week. Please contact National Headquarters if you would like to help out with this.

\*\*Commander Spencer turned the gavel over to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander for purposes of giving his report.\*\*

## **Commander's Report**

\*\*As attached\*\*

**MOTION:** to accept the Commander's Report by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Tom Fraser. **MOTION PASSES**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dascoli returned the gavel to the Commander

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Report**

\*\*As attached\*\*

**MOTION:** to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Report by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Immediate Past Commander Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Report**

\*\*As attached\*\*

**MOTION:** to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Report by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dascoli, seconded by Immediate Past Commander Barry . **MOTION PASSES**

### **Finance Officer's Report**

\*\*As attached\*\*

There was discussion as to the contents of the Finance Officer's Report in regards to what monies were moved and where and when the Finance Committee would be meeting. The Finance Committee will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in February (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 7:30pm at a location to be determined.

**MOTION:** to accept the Finance Officer's Report by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dascoli. **MOTION PASSES**

### **Immediate Past Commander's Report**

Immediate Past Commander Barry reported that things have been slow since the last SEC due to the holidays. He attended a wake for a member of Sons and a fundraiser at Natick as well as Commander Burnell's Christmas Party and a holiday party at Jamaica Plain hospital.

**MOTION:** to accept the Immediate Past Commander's Report by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Thomas Fraser. **MOTION PASSES**

### **Chaplain's Report**

No Report at this time

### **Unfinished Business**

**New York City Bus Trip:** This was run as scheduled on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We raised on the trip a total of \$580 on the trip. Two people said they were going to purchase two tickets each even though they would not be going, but those two people have not come forward, so they are not included in this amount. This amount represents the 14 tickets actually sold plus there was a 50/50 run which raised \$40, twenty of which went to the bus driver to bolster his tip. Assuming those monies are not forthcoming, we will have lost just about \$800 on this function.

### **GUEST-Guy Massa, PDC**

AMVETS PDC Guy Massa addressed the body regarding Winthrop 48's walkathon to be held in April (a copy of the information packet is included in this mailing). He is looking

to have as much participation in this as possible this year. This function helps raise funds for the AMVETS, Auxiliary and Sons for all of their projects throughout the year.

There will be a Color Guard Competition at Convention again this year, it will be held on Saturday afternoon.

### **New Business**

It was discussed how to raise money to help the Department during our shortfall this year. The Commander brought up holding a 50/50 to be drawn every SEC/Convention. It could be either a \$5.00 ticket or \$1 ea/6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be sent out to each Officer and each Squadron. The plan is to put the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander in charge of this once the tickets are printed and we have approval. This is something easy that can be done at home. Tickets will be numbered. Tickets should be turned in every SEC.

**MOTION:** to accept the 50/50 raffle at \$5 per ticket at each remaining SEC & Convention for this year upon approval by Commander Burnell by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Tom Fraser. **MOTION PASSES**

### **Deceased Member Notifications**

It has been noticed that notifications of deaths of our members has not been happening. There is a form that is supposed to be filled out by the Squadron Commander or Chaplain when a member dies to give official notification of the passing of a member to State and National. This is supposed to go to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and he sends copies to the State Chaplain and to National Headquarters. In this way both State and National can properly honor their deceased members at Conventions. However, we need to be notified by phone whenever this happens so that we can attend wakes.

### **VAVS Project Reporting**

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno attended the VAVS Seminar in December, and it was brought up during one of the seminars that there were no 4 hour minimums in project reporting despite whatever rumors were floating around. This was confirmed by AMVETS State Commander Burnell. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno would like the VAVS Coordinator to confirm with the VA whether or not there were supposed to be 4 hour minimums so that we can do our reports accurately within the VAVS guidelines.

### **Upcoming Events**

The Commander announced the following upcoming events:

- A. February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004-Superbowl Sunday
- B. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004-Valentine's Day
- C. March 7, Natick 79 sponsoring a Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun.
- D. SEC, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 at Natick Post 79-Officers must arrive in full uniform by 11am for pictures with the AMVETS. Anyone else who would like to appear in the Sons group photo should also be in uniform (good shirt and tie is okay too).

The SEC will start immediately upon our pictures being finished (approximately 12:30pm)

- E. NEC, March 22-28, 2004 in Vienna, VA
- F. National Sons Commander's Testimonial, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004
- G. SEC, May 16, 2004 at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center
- H. Convention, June 17-20, 2004 at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center
- I. Off Station Parties
  - 1. January 21 at Marlboro 1980
  - 2. January 22 at Randolph 51
  - 3. February 4 at Tyngsboro 247
  - 4. February 22 at Marshfield 1996 (Held at Marshfield Elks)

Benediction was read by Chaplain Leo Manning.

**MOTION:** to adjourn by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Immediate Past Commander Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

NEXT SEC: March 21, 2004 at Natick Post 79 at 1pm

**ALL OFFICERS MUST BE IN UNIFORM AND MUST BE PRESENT AT POST 79  
NO LATER THAN 11AM!!!**