

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of AMVETS
State Executive Committee
AMVETS Post 495, Millis, MA
July 18, 2004

Commander David Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Chaplain Leo Manning read the Invocation. Commander Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Immediate Past Commander Barry led the reading of the Sons Preamble.

Commander Spencer announced his appointments for 2004-2005. At Convention, Commander Spencer appointed Henry Shilo to 2nd Vice Commander and Leo Manning to Chaplain, which were accepted by the body at that time. He made the following appointments on the floor which were accepted by the SEC.

3rd Vice Commander-Charles Daviau (Squadron 12)
VAVS Coordinator-Sonny Kaizer (Squadron 79)
PRO/Historian-Robert Deleskey, Jr. (Squadron 208)
NEC man-David Spencer (Squadron 208)
Deputy Provost Marshal: Michael Veator (Squadron 1980)

These were accepted by the body, and were accepted by those appointed either on the floor or in advance for those who could not attend, except for Sonny Kaizer, who will be contacted regarding this.

There is also a vacant seat on the Finance Committee. The Commander, Finance Officer, Immediate Past Commander, Judge Advocate, and the Immediate Past Finance Officer are the permanent seats on the Committee. The vacancy comes about due to the Judge Advocate also being the Immediate Past Finance Officer. The Commander wishes to appoint 1st Vice Commander Bruno, and this was accepted by the body.

The Commander installed the newly appointed officers.

Roll Call was done by Commander Spencer.

Commander David Spencer-PRESENT
1st Vice Commander Michael Bruno-PRESENT
2nd Vice Commander Henry Shilo, Jr.-PRESENT
3rd Vice Commander Charles Daviau-PRESENT
Finance Officer James Flanigan, PDC-EXCUSED
Judge Advocate Cliff Kaizer, PDC-ABSENT
Provost Marshal Paul Chaves-ABSENT
Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC-PRESENT
Chaplain Leo Manning-PRESENT
PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey, Jr.-EXCUSED

NEC David Spencer, PDC-PRESENT
Deputy Provost Marshal Michael Veator-EXCUSED
Squadron 1-Present (Squadron 1 represented by Leo Manning)
Squadron 12-Tardy (Squadron 12 represented by Phil Wood)
Squadron 19-Not Present
Squadron 51-Present (Squadron 51 represented by Mark Serpis)
Squadron 74-Not Present
Squadron 79-Not Present
Squadron 147-Not Present
Squadron 208-Not Present
Squadron 495-Present (Squadron 495 represented by Joe Crump)
Squadron 1977-Not Present
Squadron 1980-Not Present
NO SONS COORDINATORS PRESENT AT START OF MEETING

Approval of Minutes of Convention

MOTION: to accept the Minutes of 2004 State Convention as written and mailed by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Immediate Past Commander Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

Bills & Communications

Commander Spencer received a letter from AMVETS State Commander Tom Glenn giving us official approval for the Convention Raffle.

We received the Post 147 Newsletter.

The Call to Convention has been received. There is a lot of stuff going on at National Convention. Commander Spencer briefly went over each item in the packet. The most pressing item is the two proposed dues increases, one for \$1.00, and the other for \$2.00.

Commander's Report

See Attached.

MOTION: to accept the Commander's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Immediate Past Commander Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

1st Vice Commander's Report

See Attached.

MOTION: to accept the 1st Vice Commander's Report by Joe Crump, seconded by PDC Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

2nd Vice Commander's Report

See Attached

MOTION: to accept the 2nd Vice Commander's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by PDC Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

3rd Vice Commander's Report

EXCUSED DUE TO JUST BEING APPOINTED AS AN OFFICER TODAY

Judge Advocate's Report

See Attached

MOTION: to accept the Judge Advocate's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by PDC Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

Immediate Past Commander's Report

Since Convention I have been to Jamaica Plain VA for a VAVS meeting on June 30, helped AMVETS on June 29 with BINGO and served food and drinks. I helped with a cookout at Natick on July 4th, and attended Millis' Installation on July 10th.

MOTION: to accept the Immediate Past Commander's Report by Joe Crump, seconded by 1st Vice Commander Bruno. **MOTION PASSES**

Chaplain's Report

See Attached

MOTION: to accept the Chaplain's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

(PDC Barry left the meeting at this time to return to his Post for a Sons function)

PRO/Historian's Report

See Attached

MOTION: to accept the PRO/Historian's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Daviau. **MOTION PASSES**

GUEST-Leon Proctor, AMVETS State 2nd Vice Commander

Leon Proctor talked to the Sons of AMVETS about joining some of his Committees. He has 7 or 8 Committees which could use help. He needs help specifically with the Americanism Committee and the Safe Driver's Challenge Committee.

The Americanism Committee next meets on September 9th in Natick at 7:30pm.

If there any committees you would like to be on see 2nd Vice Proctor and he will see that Commander Glenn appoints you to that Committee.

We need one man on the SDC Committee itself, and as much help as we can get on the day of the event. The SDC will be at Natick.

The Blood Drive Committee is also important since Blood Levels in Massachusetts are at crisis levels.

There is also the Scouting Committee, which honors Boy Scouts when they hit Eagle Scout.

He would like to get the Sons involved as much as possible to help out with these Committees.

Thanks for any help you can give.

(2nd Vice Commander Proctor left the floor and returned to the AMVETS meeting at this time)

COMMANDER SPENCER: The AMVETS have given us a challenge, gentlemen. They need help. If anyone would like to serve on one of those committees, see Leon today and see me so I know what Committee you are asking for.

National Executive Committeeman's Report

The mailing has already been addressed and nothing else has really come out since the March NEC that has not already been discussed.

Proposed 2004-2005 Budget

Commander Spencer submitted a proposed budget for 2004-2005 for review & approval.

MOTION: to accept the Proposed 2004-2005 Budget by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business

Project Reporting by State Officers

Commander Spencer addressed how State Officers should be counted on Project Reports. If a State Officer goes to an event, and they can write a report for their activities, it should go on a report with their time/mileage/etc. counting towards their Squadron. If it is a STATE SONS EVENT, it should then be written up with their time counting towards the State Sons.

Role of State Officers at Squadron Level

Commander Spencer addressed how State Officers get to go to Local meetings at Squadrons other than their own. If you want to make a visit, get permission in advance if at all possible. We are not members of those Squadrons and have no authority there. It is an issue of respect. If an officer wants to make a visit, he should also notify the State Commander so that he knows who is going where.

2005 Convention Raffle Update

We have permission to proceed; we are just waiting for the tickets to be made. As soon as they are printed they will be sent to all Squadrons and State Officers.

Parades

We need to have more Sons marching than just the State Commander, especially if there is a Squadron in that city or town. There were a lot of comments made last year when the Commander marched with the Squadron 208 Color Guard that he should be in front of the Color Guard so we get more recognition, but if there are no other Sons marching, then he has to march with the AMVETS or not at all, which gives us no recognition. The Marlboro Labor Day Parade is on Sept. 6th, and this usually has a high amount of AMVETS attendance. They form up on French hill off of Pleasant St early in the morning.

2004 Walkathon

1st Vice Commander Bruno discussed the Walk-A-Thon from Winthrop conducted in April. He would like his share of funds raised to go to the Scooter fund.

MOTION: to allocate the Michael Bruno's share of funds raised at the Walk-A-Thon (\$230.00) to the Scooter fund by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

A check needs to be cut for the 2nd Scooter to be placed. This will probably be at the Brockton VA. The check will be submitted at the National Convention

Awards Committee/Awards

The Commander submitted a revised Awards Booklet, with new information. It was never accepted, so the Commander made changes. He discussed the changes from the last edition with the body. The main changes are adding a Squadron of the Year Plaque and adding the wording for the Largest Squadron Plaque.

MOTION: to accept the proposed 2004-2005 Awards Booklet by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Joe Crump. **MOTION PASSES**

New Business

National Convention Delegates

National Convention is coming up and we need to pay for our delegates. Under the Standing Rules we are required to pay for all delegates from the State. At this time only Commander Spencer and PRO/Historian Deleskey are committed to going. If anyone else goes, we will reimburse their \$25.00 pre-registration fee at the September SEC.

MOTION: to pay the National Delegate fees for any delegates to the National Convention by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Joe Crump. **MOTION PASSES**

AMVETS State Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship

MOTION: to purchase a hole sponsorship for the AMVETS State Golf Tournament by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Daviau. **MOTION PASSES**

State Installation Party

The State Installation Party is on August 28th at Natick Post 79. All Officers are required to be there. They are asking for us to help sponsor it. The Auxiliary gives \$250.00.

MOTION: to allocate \$125.00 for the State Installation Party by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Pilgrim Awards Booklet Ad

MOTION: to allocate \$100.00 for a full page ad in the Pilgrim Awards Booklet by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Uniform Badges for 2004-05 Officers

MOTION: to purchase uniform badges for the 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander and Deputy Provost Marshal by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Fall 2004 Function

The Commander and Vice Commanders have begun discussing events for this year. They talked about a Deep Sea Fishing Trip. 2nd Vice Commander Shilo talked to some Deep Sea Fishing groups about a group rate. We could go out of Gloucester or Plymouth depending on how much we want to spend and how far we think people will travel to go out.

Commander Spencer with the approval of the SEC appointed a Deep Sea Fishing Trip Committee consisting of 2nd Vice Commander Shilo (Chairman), 1st Vice Commander Bruno, and 3rd Vice Commander Daviau to get this put together for the September SEC.

We also need to put together a release form for the trip for anyone who goes with us to absolve the AMVETS, and Sons of AMVETS if anything happens.

The Committee will meet prior to the State Installation of Officers in Natick on August 28th at 5pm.

GUEST-Guy Massa, AMVETS PDC

PDC Massa addressed the floor regarding the Walk-A-Thon last April. He presented Commander Spencer with the Sons portion of funds raised (\$325.00).

He also extended an invitation for the Sons to participate in the next Walk-A-Thon at Winthrop Post 48 for October 24th.

New Business (Cont.)

Spring 2005 Function

We should try to keep in mind a function for the Spring. We may want to do the Patriot's Day Party again, but maybe hold it in Hudson this year.

Upcoming Events

The Commander announced the following upcoming events:

National Convention-August 8-14

Sons of AMVETS 208 Pig Roast, August 21, 11am, \$10pp.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip Committee, August 28, 5pm at Natick 79

State Installation, August 28 at Natick 79 at 6pm. All Officers should be there in full uniform.

Labor Day Parade in Marlboro, September 6th

Auxiliary 208 Blood Drive, September 11th

Chicopee Installation, Sept. 19th, 1pm

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Randolph Installation, 6pm, August 21st

Hudson Installation, 6pm, Sept. 10th

Sons 495 Chicken Bake, Sept. 18th, 12pm
Haverhill Installation, 6pm, Sept. 18th

Benediction was read by Chaplain Leo Manning.

MOTION: to adjourn by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm

NEXT SEC: at 1pm