

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of AMVETS
State Executive Committee
AMVETS Post 12, Chicopee, MA
September 19, 2004

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

As Chaplain Leo Manning was not present, Commander Spencer read the Invocation. Provost Marshal Paul Chaves led the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Sons Preamble.

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-PRESENT
Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC-EXCUSED
Chaplain Leo Manning-EXCUSED
PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey, Jr.-EXCUSED
VAVS Coordinator Cliff Kaizer, PDC-ABSENT
NEC David Spencer-PRESENT
Deputy Provost Marshal Michael Veator-ABSENT
Squadron 1-Not Present
Squadron 12-Present (Squadron 12 represented by Ray Provost Sr.)
Squadron 19-Not Present
Squadron 51-Not Present
Squadron 74-Present (Squadron 74 represented by Jason LaChance)
Squadron 79-Not Present
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

GUEST-AMVETS State 3rd Vice Commander Randy Boothby

3rd Vice Commander Boothby wanted to thank the members of the Sons of AMVETS for the great job they do at the VA facilities across the State. He is glad to see all the help that we are able to provide.

Approval of Minutes of the July 2004 SEC

MOTION: to accept the Minutes of July 2004 SEC as written and mailed by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Commander Spencer noted that he neglected to send out the JA's report last month, and that it would be included in the next mailing.

Bills & Communications

No bills or communications at this time.

Commander's Report

See Attached.

MOTION: to accept the Commander's Report by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by 2nd Vice Commander Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

1st Vice Commander's Report

See Attached.

MOTION: to accept the 1st Vice Commander's Report by Provost Marshal Chaves, seconded by 3rd Vice Commander Daviau. **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 Provost Marshal Chaves. **MOTION PASSES**

3rd Vice Commander's Report

Commander Sir, I was asked to run for 3rd Vice on July 18. I gladly accepted it as one of the highest honors. It will prove to be a tough challenge to accomplish. I was installed on August 28, 2004 at Natick.

I was given the task to obtain raffle tickets for the 2005 Convention for all the Sons to sell. They were purchased at Hadley Printing for the price of \$60 for 500 Tickets. I made a visit to an AMVETS Post on August 19, 2004 in Florida. What an amazing visit. This was on my vacation down in Florida. I was also asked to help on a committee to get a deep sea fishing trip arranged. We had one meeting on August 28. We came up with some details but need to have another meeting.

MOTION: to accept the 3rd Vice Commander's Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Jason LaChance. **MOTION PASSES**

Finance Officer's Report

The Finance Officer was not present today. He passed along to the Commander that we are in good shape financially.

Judge Advocate's Report

NOT PRESENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

MOTION: to accept the Judge Advocate's Report by _____, seconded by _____.
MOTION PASSES

Provost Marshal's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Immediate Past Commander's Report

See Attached

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

Chaplain's Report

See Attached

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

VAVS Coordinator's Report

NOT PRESENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

PRO/Historian's Report

See Attached

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

A question was raised about where to send pictures for the PRO Book. You can send pictures to the State Commander, and he will forward them to the PRO/Historian.

Another Question was raised about whether photos could be sent online, these can be emailed to the Commander as well.

National Executive Committeeman's Report

See Attached

MOTION: to accept the NEC Report by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Provost Marshal Chaves. **MOTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business

2005 Convention Raffle Update

The raffle tickets have been printed at a cost of \$60 plus tax. 10 tickets will be issued to each State Officer and each Squadron Commander. We will send more out at the request of each Squadron, and will keep Officers supplied with tickets. The more we sell, the better we can do on this raffle.

MOTION: to reimburse the 3rd Vice Commander \$68.25 for the total cost of the raffle tickets by 1st Vice Commander Bruno, seconded by Provost Marshal Chaves. **MOTION PASSES**

Deep Sea Fishing Trip Committee Update

At this time, the committee recommends holding off on the trip until at least the early spring to give us more time to get more information before moving forward so that we might get the best deal and be able to keep prices as low as possible. They are unsure about whether to charter a whole boat or to go with a group rate. The final decision will be based on the economics of the situation.

AMVETS Walkathon

The AMVETS want to move the walk-a-thon forward to October 24th. AMVETS PDC Guy Massa gave us some flyers to hand out to the members. The proceeds are split between the AMVETS, Auxiliary and Sons depending on who raises the money.

GUEST-AMVETS State Commander Tom Glenn

Commander Glenn wanted to let the Sons know that the Department is here to help us as we have been helping them. There are more and more soldiers being killed, becoming POWs or going MIA or being seriously hurt. They will be in need, some physically and some mentally. We depend on the Sons to help us. My focus this year is to help the hospitalized veterans. Sometimes all they need is someone to go in and just talk to them.

Commander Spencer noted after Commander Glenn left the floor that historically speaking, we didn't get a lot of visits from the AMVETS, but starting last year with Commander Dick Burnell, we've been getting visited fairly regularly. They are noticing what we are doing gentlemen.

New Business

Name Plates for Officers

Commander Spencer brought up that he would like to see the Officers purchase Name Plates to be displayed in front of them during the meetings of the SEC and especially the Convention. He would like to see these purchased as a donation by the current State Officers, and not to use any State monies. The nameplates would carry the titles only, so that they could be carried down the line for future officers to use. The place that makes our plaques for Convention gave us an approximate price of \$17 each. We should purchase as many as possible, so the Commander would like each officer to give at least \$20, which will give us a few extra dollars per person. He does not want any money today, he just wants people to keep this in mind for the next meeting.

2005 Pre-Printed Renewal Cards

We just received the 2005 Pre-Printed membership cards in the past week. In the past, since we have started distributing them to the Squadrons, there has been some trouble in getting them all back in time to get them to National at the end of the membership drive. We have a cut-off date from National, so we need to have a cut-off date to make sure we have everything on time. The 1st Vice will be distributing these out to the different Squadrons over the next 10 days. If this is delayed, he will contact the Squadrons involved. The Squadrons that are here today, will be getting them today after the meeting. All Cards must be returned by the March SEC meeting.

Upcoming Events

The Commander announced the following upcoming events:

- A. Sept. 25, Installation of Officers, Hudson Post 208, 6pm

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- C. Sept. 30, Off Station Party, Hudson 208 at 6pm
- D. Oct. 2, Post 74 Dinner & Comedy Show, \$20pp, 5pm
- E. Oct. 3, Fall Foliage Festival Parade, North Adams, 10am
- F. Oct. 6, Bingo Party at Bedford VA
- G. Oct. 8-12, AMVETS Washington DC Trip, See AMVETS 1st Vice Kenyon
- H. Oct. 12, Off Station Party, Fitchburg 29 at 5:30pm
- I. Oct. 14, Fall Festival at Bedford VA, 5:30pm
- J. Oct. 21, Bingo, Chelsea Soldiers Home, 2pm
- K. Oct. 24, Walk-A-Thon, Winthrop Post 48, 1pm
- L. Oct. 27, Off Station Party, Marlboro 1980 at 5:30pm
- M. Oct. 28, Off Station Party, Hudson 208 at 6pm
- N. Nov. 3, Sad Sack Bingo at Bedford VA at 6:30pm
- O. Nov. 5-6, VAVS Seminar in Mystic CT
- P. Nov. 6, Pilgrim Awards, Randolph Elks, 6pm
- Q. Nov. 12, Blood Drive, Chicopee Post 12
- R. Nov. 13, Off Station Party, Fitchburg 29 at 5:30pm
- S. Nov. 13, Squadron 208 5th Anniversary Party, 6pm
- T. Nov. 21, SEC, McKeon Post 146 at 1pm
- U. Nov. 24, Off Station Party, Hudson 208 at 6pm
- V. Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Home Alone, Hudson 208, 12pm

Benediction was read by Commander Spencer.

The Meeting Adjourned at 2:15pm

**NEXT SEC: November 21, 2004 at McKeon Post 146 in
Dorchester, MA at 1pm**