

Department of Massachusetts
Sons of AMVETS
State Executive Committee Meeting
Lynn Post 161
January 15, 2006

Commander Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Commander Spencer read invocation, and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Reading of the Sons of AMVETS Preamble.

Roll Call was done by Commander Spencer.

Commander David Spencer-Present
2nd Vice Commander Henry Shilo, Jr.-Present
Adjutant Scott R. Marshall-EXCUSED
Finance Officer James Flanigan, PDC-ABSENT
Judge Advocate Joseph Crump-EXCUSED
Provost Marshal Philip Wood, Jr.-EXCUSED
Immediate Past Commander William Barry, PDC-PRESENT
Chaplain Leo Manning-ABSENT
PRO/Historian Robert Deleskey, Jr.-ABSENT
VAVS Coordinator Cliff Kaizer, PDC-EXCUSED
NEC William F. Barry, PDC-PRESENT
NO SONS COORDINATORS PRESENT AT START OF MEETING
Mike Bruno was present to represent Squadron 1, Steve Dugan was present to represent Squadron 51.

Approval of Minutes of

MOTION: to accept the Minutes of the November 2005 SEC as submitted, by Mike Bruno, seconded by Steve Dugan. **MOTION PASSES**

Bills & Communications

The only Communication was from National Finance Officer/Legislative Director Larry Combs, in regards to making sure that if anyone is going to be part of the Legislative Drive that they let him know.

Commander's Report

Commander Spencer reported his activities for the last 2 months and his planned activities for the foreseeable future. He also reported attending Convention Corp, which will be addressed under new business.

MOTION: to accept the Commander's Report by Mike Bruno, seconded by Bill Barry.
MOTION PASSES

Membership Report

We stand at 238 members as of this meeting. 68 are new, 147 are renewals and 23 are life members.

MOTION: to accept the Membership Report by Mike Bruno, seconded by Bill Barry.
MOTION PASSES

2nd Vice Commander's Report

As of the beginning of this meeting, we stand at 76 reports with a total value of \$43,024.00. Six Squadrons have not reported.

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

Adjutant's Report

ABSENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Finance Officer's Report

Commander Spencer addressed our Financial standing.

Judge Advocate's Report

ABSENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Provost Marshal's Report

ABSENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Immediate Past Commander's Report

PDC Barry informed us of what he has been doing.

MOTION: to accept the Immediate Past Commander's Report by Mike Bruno, seconded by Henry Shilo, Jr.. **MOTION PASSES**

Chaplain's Report

ABSENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

PRO/Historian's Report

ABSENT-NO REPORT SUBMITTED

VAVS Coordinator's Report

VAVS Coordinator Kaizer reminded us who our reps and deputies were and also reminded us that February is the month that the Sons perform their joint review.

MOTION: to accept the VAVS Coordinator's Report by Mike Bruno, seconded by Henry Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

National Executive Committeeman's Report

The NEC went over the things that happened at the last NEC meeting, including that they are trying find funds to pay the National Executive Director.

MOTION: to accept the National Executive Committeeman's Report by Mike Bruno, seconded by Henry Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

Unfinished Business

- A. Squadron 19 remains in bad standing for not having submitted a Change of Officers form. Another reminder letter will be sent.
- B. Commander's Project is on hold waiting for a letter from WALMART
- C. May SEC will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel (Convention Hotel).
- D. Reminder that awards eligibility closes on May 1st.
- E. Commander discussed purchasing Title Placards to designate seating for the officers at the meetings, especially Convention. Commander Spencer would like each Officer to donate \$20 each to help off set the costs.

MOTION: to purchase 13 name plates with Mike Bruno donating \$40.00 by Mike Bruno, seconded by Steve Dugan. **MOTION PASSES**

New Business

- A. Squadrons 19 and 1977 have not submitted the minimum membership and are nor in membership suspension. Letters will be sent out on Tuesday.
- B. Spring NEC is the last week of March. Anyone going, please let the Commander know.
- C. The Commander brought up to purchase a special award for Scotty Rowbotham, who was instrumental in getting the first Squadron started in Mass as well as the Department. This award would be presented at the State Commander's Banquet.

MOTION: to purchase an award from the Sons of AMVETS for Scotty Rowbotham by Mike Bruno, seconded by Henry Shilo. **MOTION PASSES**

- D. Commander Spencer was informed by the AMVETS that all AMVETS State Officers are required to pay delegate fees, and so this will be the case this year for the Sons.
- E. Commander Spencer was informed by the AMVETS that no State Officers (except the Commander) get a room paid for by the Department either.
- F. Commander Spencer had some ball caps made up to sell and make money. He took the money from the Commander's Emergency fund and is seeking reimbursement to the fund.

MOTION: to reimburse the Commander's Emergency Fund in the amount of \$100 by Mike Bruno, seconded by Bill Barry. **MOTION PASSES**

Upcoming Events

The Commander read a list of upcoming events

Good and Welfare

A member of Hudson 208 had a heart attack but is recovering. A member of Natick 79's mother passed away recently. A member of Roslindale 1 lost his infant son.

Benediction was read by Commander Spencer

The Commander declared the meeting adjourned at 2:26pm