

Sons of AMVETS  
Department of Massachusetts  
State Executive Board Meeting  
Natick, Post 79  
December 19, 2007

Commander Henry Shilo Called meeting to order at 7:40pm

Officers Present: Commander Henry Shilo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Joseph Crump, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice  
Commander Alan Gentile, Immediate Past Commander David Spencer

Officers Excused: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Michael Bruno, Finance Officer James Flanigan

Officers Absent: Adjutant Steven Dugan, Judge Advocate Philip Wood, Provost Marshal Mark  
Serpis

INVITED GUESTS: NEC William Barry (PDC), VAVS Clifford Kaizer (PDC)

Business

1. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bruno**: No one has been able to reach him by phone in over a month. Commander Shilo reached him earlier tonight and Bruno reports he has been having major difficulties with his cell service and getting calls and messages (Bruno does not have a land-line at this time).
2. **Membership**: is WAY, WAY down. We should be close to 200 members for 2008, and are well under 100. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Crump will send letters to the Squadrons.
3. **Squadron 1980**: Complained that they did not get cards. They have not attended a single SEC and only sent one delegate to the State Convention. Due to the finances involved with Membership cards, from now on letters will be sent to all Squadrons each year that if they want their cards, they MUST attend an SEC and sign a receipt for them. This follows the AMVETS model.
4. **Cash Calendars**: Cash flow on this is negligible. We are about a third of the way to the break even point. We may have made a mistake trying to do this in January, due to Thanksgiving and New Years taking up a lot of spending money in the immediately proceeding months. Will hold off on drawing anything until the SEC. In the mean time, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Gentile will contact the Officers not present and Squadron to let them know we need the monies back in ASAP.

Good and Welfare

Immediate Past Commander Spencer reported that Bill Jackson, a National Officer from Ohio, had been in a very bad car accident in Minnesota. He is recovering at the hospital in Minnesota and it is not clear when he will return home.

Respectfully Submitted

David E. Spencer  
Immediate Past State Commander