

Minutes of the Meeting: September 15th, 2013 SEC.

Meeting called to Order by Commander Kenneth Moniz at 1:03 PM.

Prayer led by Steve Dugan.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Provost Marshal Michael Veator.

Preamble led by Commander Kenneth Moniz.

Roll Call led by Adjutant Scott Soucy.

Approval of minutes from the July 21st, 2013 Meeting. Motion made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed. (Immediately following, Finance Officer David Spencer noted that there were 8 errors that were either spelling or bad grammar).

This resulted in \$\$\$Cha-Ching!

Bills and Communications:

Bills: No Bills.

Communications: No Communications.

Officers Reports:

Commander Kenneth Moniz read his report. Motion made to accept the Commander's report made by David Spencer. Second by Steve Dugan. Motion Passed.

1st Vice Commander Michael Bruno read his report. Motion made to accept the 1st Vice Commander's Report made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Spencer. Motion Passed.

2nd Vice Commander Patrick Dean gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept the 2nd Vice Commander's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Prescott. Motion Passed.

3rd Vice Commander read his report. Motion made to accept the 3rd Vice Commander's report made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

Adjutant Scott Soucy read his report. Motion made to accept the Adjutant's report made by Scott Soucy. Second by David Spencer. Motion Passed.

Finance Officer David Spencer read his report. (He also combined his Webmaster's report with his Finance report as well). Motion made to accept the Finance Officer's report and Webmaster's report made by Dave Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

Provost Marshal Michael Veator gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept Provost Marshal's report made by Michael Veator. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

Chaplain Steve Dugan gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept the State Chaplain's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by Michael Veator. Motion Passed.

Immediate Past Commander Michael Bruno gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept the Immediate Past Commander's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Spencer. Motion Passed.

NEC Man Michael Bruno read his report. Motion to accept NEC Man's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Spencer. Motion Passed.

VAVS Coordinator Patrick Dean gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept VAVS Coordinator's report made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

Just after the 1st Vice Commander's report was finished, Leon Proctor came to our meeting for two reasons. He announced that the Honors & Awards Banquet would be on November 2nd, 2013. Cocktails at 6pm, Banquet at 7pm & it's \$35.00 per person. Also that two children would be receiving awards, one 12 yr. old and one 10 yr. old.

Leon also made us aware that it was decided that the Edmund J. Veator Award could only be chosen by either the Sons or the Members of the Honors & Awards Committee.

Second topic was about the Special Olympics Pledge Forms for the Chicken Dip. This event will be on February 28th, 2014. Goal is to raise \$15,000. (Last year \$13,000 was raised).

After Leon Proctor left, a member of AMVETS Post 12 Chicopee presented us a Certificate of Appreciation for donating funds to help rebuild their Post.

Unfinished Business:

NEC Man Michael Bruno made us aware about the Memorial Stone to be placed at the Bourne National Cemetery and Trail. He needs estimates for the construction and placement of the Stone. May be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 in some cases. We may even receive donations from the National Sons or the Service Foundation if we can. David Spencer made a motion to make this a Line Item in the budget and to move forward with this plan. Second by Scott Soucy. Motion Passed.

There is no new word yet on a New Bank for the Sons Of AMVETS State Department at this time.

New Business:

The National Sons Of AMVETS adopted a new policy at this year's National Convention in Reno, NV. It is about the online Facebook, Twitter, Email or any other social media outlet and to please keep the integrity of the Sons Organization in mind when you are online in any forum. (For more info please see attached).

NEC Man Michael Bruno at this time presented Awards from this year's National Convention to Squadron 51 Randolph. 100% renewals, 2nd Highest in Project Reporting and for Squadron of the Year. Also National Project Reporting Awards were handed out to each individual Squadron.

There was a motion made by David Spencer to pay \$75.00 for the Sons of AMVETS website to maintain and keep it running for another year. Second by Patrick Dean. Motion Passed.

There was a motion made to buy a inside page instead of a half page for the Pilgrim Awards book, which would cost \$150 but we only need to raise \$40. Motion made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Spencer. Motion Passed.

Congrats to our New Squadron 70 Falmouth, MA. They have enough members to start a new Squadron and we gave them their starting kit at this meeting☺. All they need is to get their EIN #. Motion made accept the new Squadron 70 Falmouth pending processing Approval by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed. Also another motion was made to donate \$200 to start their Squadron Development. Motion made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

Upcoming Events:

Squadron 147, Haverhill: Post Installation September 22nd, 2013. Cocktails 1pm, Installation 2pm, Dinner 4pm.

Squadron 51, Randolph; Post Installation September 28th, 2013. Cocktails 6pm Installation 7pm.

Squadron 51, Randolph; Chili Cook off @ 1pm. \$10 entry, \$5 tasting.

North Adams Parade October 6th, 2013 Time still TBA

Bourne, MA Veterans Day Ceremony November 10th, 2013.

Good & Welfare:

Finance Officer Received \$23.00 from the Provost Marshal.

\$10.00 was from the Adjutant ☺.

Benediction done by Chaplain Steve Dugan.

Colors Retired by Provost Marshal Michael Veator.

Motion to adjourn made by everyone.

Meeting officially adjourned at 2.45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

**Scott D Soucy
State Sons Adjutant
Department Of Massachusetts**