

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: July 19th, 2015 SEC Fall River MA.

MEETING called to order by Commander Steven Dugan at 1:00PM (?)*.

OPENING PRAYER led by Commander Steven Dugan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Provost Marshal Jim Jones.

PREAMBLE led by Commander Steven Dugan

ROLL CALL led by Commander Steven Dugan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from State Convention held June 13th, 2015. Motion made by Dave Spencer. Second by Ken Moniz. Motion passed.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bills: None Reported*

Communications: None Reported*

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Commander Steven Dugan gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion made to accept the Commander's report made by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Jim Jones. Motion passed.

1ST Vice Commander Dave Prescott gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion made to accept the 1ST Vice Commander's report made by Mark Serpis. Second by Jim Jones. Motion passed.

2ND Vice Commander Mark Serpis */**

3RD Vice Commander Floyd Francis gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion Made to accept the 3RD Vice Commander's report made by Dave Prescott. Second by Mike Veator. Motion passed.

Finance Officer David Spencer gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion made to accept the Finance Officer's report made by David Spencer. Second by Dave Prescott. Motion passed.

Provost Marshal Jim Jones gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion made to accept the Provost Marshal's report made by Floyd Francis. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

Immediate Past Commander Ken **Moniz** gave a verbal/submitted a written report*. Motion made to accept the Immediate Past Commander's report by David Spencer. Second by Sonny Kaizer. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In accordance with the Sons of AMVETS By-Laws, Article II, Section 3, sub section f, the annual audit of the Department's financial records was conducted on July, 19TH, 2015 at Post 60, Fall River, MA immediately prior to this State Executive Committee Meeting*/***.

Motion to accept audit results made by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prior to the submission for consideration of the Commander's appointments to the body present, Commander Dugan directed the Department's concern and his attention to Michael Bruno. Having considered him for appointment as Adjutant and with strict admonition, he sought assurance that Michael would make every effort to support this Department in this capacity. Mr. Bruno gave him this assurance.

Accepted Appointments by Commander Steven Dugan with no votes required:

NEC Man Kenneth Moniz Webmaster David Spencer

Accepted Appointments by Commander Steven Dugan with vote(s) required:

Judge Advocate: Clifford Kaizer - Adjutant: Michael Bruno.

Motion made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

Discussion was conducted with regard to the spending of budgeted items for National Convention to include AMVETS National Quartermaster, purchase and embroidery for new covers, purchase of new name badges, Delegate Fees, NEC travel expense and National Convention hospitality room sponsored by AMVETS Department of MA.

Motion to donate \$50.00 to the AMVETS annual golf tournament made by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding ideas to celebrate this year's 20TH Department Anniversary.

Discussion was held regarding joint Department pig roast, date and time to be determined. Motion made to expend up to \$500.00 if event presents itself and if funds are available made by Michael Bruno. Second by Ken Moniz. Motion passed.

Discussion was held to donate to **Heaven Helping Hands**. Motion to donate \$100.00 to this organization made by Mike Bruno. Second by Sonny Kaizer. Motion passed.

Squadron 51, in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, Post 51, conducted a Surf and Turf Raffle. As a result, both organizations donated \$440.00 to this Department. After discussion, as it benefits both organizations, a motion was put forth to remit \$220.00 to

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Mass. Motion made by Mark Serpis. Second by Dave Prescott. Motion passed.

*The information here was provided to me by Commander Dugan and is based upon his notes. Written reports submitted to him are not in my possession. I am certain that ANY report can be made available upon request.

**While Mark Serpis was present at this meeting the Commander's notes do not indicate if a written/verbal report was or was not submitted

***While the audit was conducted prior to my arrival at this meeting, the Commander's notes do not include those present. As I was not present for this audit to record this information I believe it is available to you from Commander Dugan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. August 4, 2015 US Coast Guard Birthday
- B. August 14, 2015 Victory In Japan Day (1945)
- C. August 16 – 23, 2015 National Convention, Birmingham, Al
- D. August 30, 2015 Post 51, Randolph, Joint Fundraiser to benefit Randolph Veterans Agent, \$10.00 pp, 2 – 6 PM
- E. September 7, 2015 Labor Day Parade, Marlborough, MA
- F. September 17, 2015 Constitution Day
- G. September 18, 2015 US Air Force Birthday
- H. September 20, 2015 POW/MIA Day
- I. September 20, 2015 State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 12, Chicopee, MA @ 1:00 PM
- J. September 28, 2015 Gold Star Mother's Day
- K. October 12, 2015 US Navy Birthday
- L. November 7, 2015 Pilgrim Awards, Post 147 Haverhill, \$30 +- pp. Cocktails from 6 -7 PM. Tickets for this event are still available and can be purchased by contacting Gerry Marchand at 603 – 944 – 2059. Tickets for this event will also be available at SEC Chicopee. SHOULD YOU OR YOUR SQUADRON WISH TO ATTEND I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONTACT MR MARCHAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. To my knowledge tickets are not available through this Department.
- M. November 8, 2015 Veteran's Day Observances at Bourne National Cemetery, 1:00 PM
- N. November 10, 2015 US Marine Corps Birthday
- O. November 11, 2015 Veterans' Day
- P. November 15, 2015 State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 147, Haverhill, MA @ 1:00 PM
- Q. November 26, 2015 Thanksgiving

- R. December 7, 2015 Pearl Harbor Day
- S. December 25, 2015 Christmas Day
- T. January 1, 2016 New Year's Day
- U. January 17, 2016 State Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA
- V. March 20, 2016 State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 79, Natick MA @ 1:00 PM. All Department Officers, PDC's and Sons currently on AMVETS committees please be at Natick between 10:30 and 11:00 AM for Convention Book photos.
- W. May 15, 2016 State Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA
- X. May 22, 2016 Memorial Day Observances at Bourne National Cemetery # 1:00 PM
- Y. June 11, 2016 20TH Annual State Convention, Sturbridge, MA
- Z. August 7 -14, 2016 National Convention, Reno, Nevada

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Nothing Reported

BENEDICTION given by Commander Steven Dugan

RETIRING OF COLORS by Provost Marshal Jim Jones

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:46 PM July 16TH, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Bruno, PDC

Adjutant, Sons of AMVETS, Dept. of MA