

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: September 20th, 2015 SEC Chicopee MA.

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

OPENING PRAYER Joint Opening held in the Memory of Kenneth Montgomery, PDC, Sons Coordinator.

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 SEC Fall River held July 19th, 2015. After review of these Minutes by the body present, two errors were noted for correction to the official transcript. The first was a spelling error made on the first page, IPDC Report by Kenneth Monis. The record now reflects the correction, Kenneth Moniz. The second error was under New Business, second to last paragraph, reported as Haven's Hand. The record now reflects the correction to include Heaven Helping Hands. Adjutant fined \$2.00 for errors**.. Motion to accept Minutes made by Dave Spencer. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Bills: Voucher and bank statement submitted to the Department for reimbursement by Michael Bruno for Haverhill membership paid to National in July in the amount of \$99.00. As this item was budgeted for and funds were available, reimbursement was remitted to Mr. Bruno.

Communications: None Reported

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Commander Steven Dugan submitted a written report. Motion to accept the Commander's report made by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

1ST Vice Commander Dave Prescott gave a verbal report. Motion to accept the 1ST Vice Commander's report made by Mark Serpis. Second by Sonny Kaizer. Motion passed.

2ND Vice Commander Mark Serpis submitted a written report. Motion made to accept the 2ND Vice Commander's report by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Ronald Strunk. Motion passed.

3RD Vice Commander Floyd Francis gave a verbal report. Motion made to accept the 3RD Vice Commander's report by Dave Spencer. Second by Dave Prescott. Motion passed.

Adjutant Mike Bruno submitted a written report with summation follow up regarding visitation hours for Kenneth Montgomery.

Motion to accept the Adjutant's report made by Mike Bruno. Second by Ken Moniz. Motion passed.

Finance Officer David Spencer submitted a written report.. Recorded information indicates discussion regarding proper IRS 990 filing inquiry, Squadron 79, Natick MA, from Sonny Kaizer to Department. Recorded response includes verbal discussion with regard to this matter. The discussion did include Sonny Kaizer, David Spencer and Mark Serpis Motion made to accept the Finance Officer's report made by Sonny Kaizer. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Clifford Kaizer gave no report.

Provost Marshal Jim Jones gave a verbal report. Attended Joint Fundraiser held on Aug. 30th at Post 51 to benefit the Randolph Veteran's Agent. Participated in the Annual AMVETS Golf Tournament at Berlin, MA and the Annual POW/MIA Ceremony at Post 51, Randolph. Motion made to accept the Provost Marshal's report by Mike Bruno. Second by Michael Veator. Motion passed.

Immediate Past Commander Ken Moniz gave a verbal report. Attended National Convention, Birmingham Al, attended Post 51 fundraiser held on August 30th and Clambake held at Post 79, Natick, Sept. 19th. Motion made to accept the Immediate Past Commander's report by Mike Bruno. Second by Sonny Kaizer. Motion passed.

NEC Ken Moniz gave as his report National Awards presentations as follows:

- > Programs Award, Category = Other Department of the Year Massachusetts
- > Programs Award, Category = Community Service Department of the Year Massachusetts
- > Membership Award 100% Renewal Squadron 2012, Westminster, MA
- > Membership Award 100% Renewal Squadron 32, Gloucester, MA
- > Squadron of the Year Squadron 51 ,Randolph, MA
- > Squadron of the Year Community Service Squadron 51 Randolph, MA

Ken Moniz also reported that the newly elected National Officers include Commander David Strittmather, Ohio, 1ST Vice Commander Mark Serpis, Massachusetts and Judge Advocate David Spencer, PNC, Massachusetts with congratulations from the body present.

Question presented to NEC regarding online Membership reporting by Mike Bruno. Discussion was held which included input from both David Spencer and Mark Serpis. Based upon recorded discussion in relevance to this question National is not yet ready to implement online Membership reporting.

During this discussion Mike Bruno asked general question regarding new National Sons of AMVETS mailing address. Mark Serpis responded and has informed this Department that effective immediately and based upon the move to our new National Headquarters ALL WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE required or otherwise is to be mailed to:

National Sons of AMVETS

4647 Forbes Blvd.

Lanham, MD 20706

Office # (301) 683 – 4099 Fax # (301) 683 – 3099 ***

National Administrative Assistant, Ramona Joyner

Contact at the address and/or numbers above or via

Email: r.joyner@sonsofamvets.org ***

According to recorded information Mark also informed the body present that connectivity issues including phone, fax and/or email as of this date have yet to be established and he assures that as soon as such information is available National will send proper notifications to Departments, Squadrons and NEC men.***

Motion made to accept the NEC man's report by Mike Bruno. Second by Sonny Kaizer. Motion passed.

Recorded information indicates that during further discussion regarding services for Kenneth Montgomery, Leon Proctor, AMVETS PDC, was allowed on floor. Mr. Proctor made presentation including sponsorship information for this year's Massachusetts Special Olympics Passion Plunge. We were also informed that the Honors and Awards Committee has approved Jeremy Fucile to receive this year's Edmund J Veator Pilgrim Award ****.

Recorded information indicates AMVETS IPDC Jim Peacey was allowed on the floor. He informed all present he was given National Award ... Department Commander of the Year... Jim gave thanks and acknowledgement to our Sons. Recognition and congratulations were given.

Recorded information indicates discussion was held regarding Edmund Veator, PDC, Coordinator, Sons of AMVETS Department of MA and, as he was submitted as a candidate for consideration for an AMVETS National Silver Helmut Award under National Sons consideration, the body present was informed it was awarded and will be presented !! While he was not present on our floor at this time, CONGRATULATIONS...SALUTATIONS...and THANK YOU to you, Ed, from your Sons of AMVETS was given by the body present. This Award will be presented at the National Silver Helmut Awards Ceremony which will be held on March 4th, 2016 at Alexandria, Virginia. ****

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recorded information indicates discussion was held regarding funds of \$500.00 if available, as approved by motion made on July 19th, 2015 regarding joint fundraiser. No such event has been scheduled as of this time. Commander Dugan informed the body present he is still seeking event date with the possibility of a roast beef dinner with AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary. Commander Dugan was informed by Dave Spencer, for the purpose of clarification of the motion, to continue with his effort to develop this fundraiser and, if funds are available, we will expend allotted amount. Commander Dugan informed the body present of his efforts to enjoin the AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary regarding joint fundraising and has stated he will have further information at the November SEC regarding this matter.

Motion made to suspend the normal order of business for the purposes of presentation on the AMVETS floor by Mike Bruno. Second by David Spencer. Motion passed.

At this time in this transcript, while no recorded information exists, I am reporting that the body present, including Commander Dugan and staff, went to the AMVETS floor to allow NEC Kenneth Moniz to present gifts and thanks on behalf of National Commander Strittmather and our Nation's Sons of AMVETS to Commander Don McLean and AMVETS IPDC Jim Peacey for their effort, participation and support in walking the Hill during the past Spring NEC. Presentations were made and the Sons body present left the AMVETS floor.

Motion to resume the normal order of business made by Mike Bruno. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding commemoration of Department's upcoming 20TH Anniversary. Dave Spencer made presentation regarding challenge coins,

Adjutant asked if a location has been assigned for the January and May SEC Meetings. Commander Dugan informed him he does not have an answer yet. There is a possibility in January we may convene an EBoard meeting. Commander Dugan informed the body present he will have the answers at the November SEC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held to donate \$50.00 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Kenneth Montgomery, PDC, Sons Coordinator. Motion made by Dave Spencer. Second by Mike Bruno. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding Department car magnets. Mike Bruno stated they are in his possession and that they will be turned over to Commander Dugan as soon as is convenient to both.

Discussion was directed to 1ST Vice Commander regarding any unprocessed Membership to date. Vice Commander Prescott received D & R from Squadron 2012 today which was mistakenly mailed to Mike Bruno.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Pilgrim Awards ad book. We have budgeted \$100.00 for a full page ad and that will be paid for today. Further discussion was held regarding tuxedo rental for the Commander.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming Joint Testimonial ****.

*As I was tardy for this Meeting, Commander's notes submitted to me do not reflect actual start time.

**Corrected Minutes forwarded to Commander Dugan via email on Oct. 11TH, 2015. Please contact me if you would like a copy. Fines are imposed upon the Adjutant for notable errors to transcripts of Meeting minutes. Fines imposed are placed in a fund to benefit the Provost Marshal's charity of choice which he will announce at the upcoming State Convention in June.

***This information was made available after this SEC Meeting. As the body present was informed this was forthcoming, I have amended the official transcript to reflect this new information.

****Please refer to UPCOMING EVENTS

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- A. September 28, 2015 Gold Star Mother's Day
- B. October 12, 2015 US Navy Birthday
- C. October 24, 2015 Porketta Feed to be held at Post 79, Natick, MA. \$25.00 pp, all you can eat. Time is from 4.00 PM to 7.00 PM.
- D. November 7, 2015 Pilgrim Awards, Post 147 Haverhill, \$30.00 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. You may also contact Leon Proctor for tickets by calling him at (207) 595 - 1169 or via email:leon_proctor@comcast.net.
- E. November 8, 2015 Veteran's Day Observances at Bourne National Cemetery, 1:00 PM
- F. November 10, 2015 US Marine Corps Birthday
- G. November 11, 2015 Veterans' Day
- H. November 15, 2015 State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 147, Haverhill, MA @ 1:00 PM
- I. November 26, 2015 Thanksgiving
- J. December 4 - 6, 2015 Fall NEC Alexandria, VA

- K. December 7, 2015 Pearl Harbor Day
- L. December 25, 2015 Christmas Day
- M. January 1, 2016 New Year's Day
- N. January 17, 2016 State Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA
- O. February 13, 2016 AMVETS Passion Plunge to benefit MA Special Olympics to held at Post 79, Natick, MA. Event begins at 9.00 AM. Sponsorship information and pledge forms should be available through your Post, by contacting Commander Dugan and/or Leon Proctor.
- P. March 1 – 6, 2016 Spring NEC Alexandria, VA
- Q. March 4, 2016 National Silver Helmut Awards Dinner Alexandria, VA
- R. 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.
- S. April 23, 2016 Joint Testimonial to be held at the Randolph Elks from 7.00 PM to 12.00 AM. Ticket cost and availability TBA
- T. May 15, 2016 State Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBA
- U. May 22, 2016 Memorial Day Observances at Bourne National Cemetery @ 1:00 PM
- V. June 11, 2016 20TH Annual State Convention, Sturbridge, MA
- W. August 7 -14, 2016 National Convention, Reno, Nevada

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Earlier during this Meeting, a moment of silence was observed in the memory of Francis R. "Butchie" Dolan, Squadron 1980 ,Marlborough, MA. The body present was informed Butchie succumbed to cancer about three weeks ago.

Mike Bruno informed the body present that he may have to undergo additional surgery and that he will keep Commander Dugan informed.

Commander Dugan presented Michael Veator with Squadron Commander's pin in recognition of new Squadron.

BENEDICTION given by Commander Steven Dugan

RETIRING OF COLORS by Provost Marshal Jim Jones

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:49 PM September 20TH, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Bruno, PDC

Adjutant, Sons of AMVETS, Dept. of MA