

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 15th, 2017 AMVETS Post 1980 Marlborough, MA

Meeting was called to order by Commander Steven Dugan at 12:58am

Opening Prayer was led by Chaplain Michael Bruno.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by acting Provost Marshal Jim Jones.

Preamble was led by acting Provost Marshal Jim Jones.

Roll Call was led by Adjutant Scott Soucy.

Motion was made for the approval of the November minutes made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion Passed.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communications: David Spencer received a letter from our bank informing us of an independent audit by G.T. Reily & Company out of Milton, MA. The purpose was to make sure they gave us correct amount of interest, and etc. (Normal stuff that goes on from a bank)

OFFICERS REPORTS

Commander Steven Dugan submitted a verbal report. Motion to accept the Commander's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by Mark Serpis. Motion Passed.

1ST Vice Commander Dave Prescott submitted a written report. Motion to accept the 1ST Vice Commander's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by Jim Jones. Motion passed.

2ND Vice Commander was excused.

3RD Vice Commander James Jones submitted verbal report. Motion to accept the 3RD Vice Commander's report made by Michael Bruno. Second by David Prescott. Motion passed.

Adjutant Scott Soucy submitted verbal report. Motion made to accept the Adjutant's report made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

Finance Officer David Spencer submitted a written report. Motion made to accept the Finance Officer's report made by Dave Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

Provost Marshal was excused.

Chaplain Michael Bruno had nothing to report at this time.

Immediate Past Commander Ken Moniz had nothing to report at this time.

NEC Kenneth Moniz submitted a verbal report. Motion made to accept the NEC Man's report by Michael Bruno. Second by Scott Soucy. Motion passed.

Meeting was paused for a 10 min break at 1:46pm

Meeting resumed at 1:58pm.

Webmaster David Spencer submitted a verbal report. Motion to accept the Webmaster's report made by David Spencer. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Sons Commander Mark Serpis informed us about his Special Project, will contribute to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. (Brochures were handed out with details, see last page).

The upcoming State Raffle will be another Scratch Ticket Raffle. Winner will be drawn at the March S.E.C. in Natick, MA. Winner will receive a full book of \$5 Scratch Tickets.

It was noted that every attempt at contacting Squadron 70 Falmouth has been met with failure. We may make one more attempt to contact this squadron as to determine if any funds are still in that squadron's bank account.

NEW BUSINESS

We will be purchasing the convention t-shirts early this year. As soon as Scott Soucy gets a design available Bill Barry can get them made. David Spencer made a motion to accept the final design once it's been sent to the Commander and him to view. Second by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

David Spencer presented a draft of the page we have in the Convention Booklet. With the exception of Sq. 70, it has the officers and squadrons giving thanks and support to our National Sons Commander Mark Serpis.

We at the State Dept need to get the word out to our local squadrons and try to get some new blood into the state meetings, or at least get some new members up from the squadrons to get their feet wet and see what it's all about here at state.

David Prescott informed us of a possible fundraiser that we could do at state convention. An email was sent to David, they are veteran window decals and magnets. They have ones from every war, also ones from peacetime. The window decals are \$5 for one but \$4 after that with multiple purchases. The Magnets are \$6 each.

The Amvets National Commanders' project for the Desert Storm Memorial Wall will be tabled to the March S.E.C.

David Spencer noted that there are 4 Amvets Post locations in Massachusetts that have Amvets and Ladies Auxiliary but no Sons Squadrons. They are Summerset, Russell, Avon and Ipswich. We should try to reach out to these Posts and try to form a Sons Squadron in these locations. It's preferred that we form on at a post that already has an Auxiliary that way they already know what they are getting into with a Sons Squadron, because it's a similar setup.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Olympics February 11th, 2017

Passion Plunge Meeting will be in Natick on February 11th at 12pm. (More info online)

Squadron 51 Randolph Amvets Riders event. Free admission, Sat January 28th, 2017 @1-5pm

Mark Serpis Testimonial will be on Sat July 15th, Randolph at 2pm, \$30 per ticket

The Spring N.E.C will be in Alexandria, Virginia _____ 9-11th, 2017.

Steamship Round in Natick, MA, Sat 21st @ 4pm. \$16 per ticket.

Chicken BBQ Squadron 2012 Westminster, Sunday January 22nd, 2017 @ 1-4pm

GOOD AND WELFARE

Acting Provost Marshal collected \$1 in fines.

Good and Welfare: Amvets Coordinator Joe Kenyon is in poor health. Michael Bruno made a motion for someone from the State Dept to speak to his wife Caroline and offer any help and if there is needed help to have a budget of \$100 for a donation or supplies etc to help Joe and family. Second by David Spencer. Motion passed.

Benediction given by Chaplain Michael Bruno.

Retiring of the Colors by Acting Provost Marshal Jim Jones.

Motion to adjourn made by David Spencer. Second by everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Soucy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Scott Soucy

Adjutant, Sons of AMVETS, Dept. of MA