

MINUTES OF THE S E C: held July 16th, 2017 at Post 51, Randolph, MA

Meeting called to order by Commander David Prescott at 1:01 PM*

INVOCATION given by Adjutant Michael Bruno to include asking all present to please keep Massachusetts AMVETS Department Commander / Sons Coordinator Joseph Kenyon, his family and loved ones in their thoughts and prayers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by 3rd Vice Commander James Jones

PREAMBLE led by Commander David Prescott

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS conducted by Adjutant Michael Bruno

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (As they arrive) At his point Commander Prescott acknowledged and introduced National 2ND Vice Commander Ken Barber (Dept. of Florida) to our floor and invited him for comment (applause given by body present). Vice Commander Barber extended his thanks and congratulations to the Department for all that we have done this year regarding Project and Program reporting. He further acknowledged Sons throughout the Nation for all they have accomplished and remarked that this year's total has exceeded \$10,000.000.00 (applause given by body present). In acknowledging this Department's efforts during this past year, he remarked that he is aware that our Squadrons are doing more than they are reporting. He did encourage all Squadrons to make every effort possible to not only continue their support but also to report all that they are doing to this Department on behalf of the Sons of AMVETS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: State Convention, June 10th, 2017, Sturbridge, MA. Motion made by Finance Officer David Spencer. Seconded by Adjutant Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None reported

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Commander David Prescott submitted a written report. In addition to his written report Commander Prescott indicated that he did attend National Commander Mark Serpis' Testimonial held on July 15th, 2017. Motion made to accept the Commander's report made by 2nd Vice Commander Mark Serpis. Seconded by Adjutant Michael Bruno. Motion passed,

1ST Vice Commander Scott Soucy submitted a verbal report to include his transition with Commander Prescott on July 8th, 2017 at Post 1980 Marlborough, MA. He informed the body present he is trying to get a handle on what he supposed to do and is confident once membership is submitted to him he will be all set. He is hoping he will be successful in his efforts and also extended his hope that we all have a great year. **

Motion made to accept the 1ST Vice Commander's report made by Scott Soucy. Seconded by Adjutant Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

2ND Vice Commander Mark Serpis submitted a verbal report. Prior to doing so he extended his thanks and acknowledgement of ALL of the AMVETS family regarding his testimonial. He acknowledged and extended his thanks to Steve Dugan and Kathy Ludecker for everything that was done regarding this event. His report indicated that he was in Alaska for the past eleven days. National numbers reported as of July 15th, 2017 for the Department of Massachusetts stand at \$ 611,151.00. (applause given by body present). He further stated some of the Squadrons could do better in reporting. He informed the body present that Squadrons can contact him directly via phone, text, email, etc. and he will prepare and submit reports for you. He further stated he is going to contact all Squadrons directly and will continue to do so. He further stated his effort to contact all Squadrons is already underway.

Motion made to accept the 2ND Vice Commander's report made by Adjutant Michael Bruno. Seconded by 3RD Vice Commander James Jones. Motion passed.

3RD Vice Commander James Jones submitted a verbal report to include his attendance and participation at Squadron 51 Shake and Bake Country Night Dinner on March 25th, 2017. He attended Squadron 51 Annual Bike Run to benefit Heidrea For Heroes on May 21st, 2017. He further stated that during Memorial Day weekend, as a Member of Post 51 Honor Guard, he participated in all scheduled events. He further reported his attendance at State Convention on June 10th, 2017 as well as his attendance at Squadron 51 Annual Cookout held on June 18th, 2017. On July 3RD, 2017 he participated with Post 51 Honor Guard in the Randolph Independence Day Parade. He further reported his attendance at National Commander Mark Serpis' testimonial on July 15th, 2017.

Motion made to accept the 3RD Vice Commander's report made by IPDC Steve Dugan. Seconded by Ken Moniz, PDC. Motion passed.

At this point Commander Prescott recognized and invited Leon Proctor to address the body present. Mr. Proctor brought forward the following information:

This year the AMVETS are having the Pilgrim Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 in conjunction with the AMVETS National District 1 Meeting.

AMVETS Department of MA has accepted our submission for the Edmund J. Veator, Sr. Aid and Support Award, Cherylann Lambert Walsh, and will go forward with proper notification.

This event will be held on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 in conjunction with the AMVETS National District 1 meeting being held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge

MA 01566. Cocktail hour will be from 6 – 7 PM with dinner and ceremony to follow. ALL PRESENTATIONS/ACCEPTANCES will be limited to 3 minutes each!

Cost to attend this event is \$35 pp. ***

Should anyone want to stay over at the hotel Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday the room rate is \$ 99.00 plus tax/night PROVIDED THAT YOU RESERVE YOUR ROOM UNDER NATIONAL DISTRICT 1. Otherwise you will need to pay regular hotel rates. Hotel phone # 508 – 347 – 7393.

Mr. Proctor acknowledged and thanked Mike Bruno for his recent efforts in providing him with candidate information.

Hospitality Room will be the Heritage Room.

Mike Bruno asked Mr. Proctor if he has heard if all recipients are coming or not. Mr. Proctor responded he will need to bring all candidates to the AMVETS SEC floor for approval. After which, notifications will begin.

At this point Commander Prescott continued Meeting with Officer's Reports.

Adjutant Michael Bruno submitted a verbal report to include since Convention he has successfully transitioned to his responsibilities as Adjutant. On June 18th and 20th, 2017 he sent out notification to all known contacts regarding the passing of Edwina Moniz. He also reported that as of this date, per order of Department Commander Prescott, that any and all details available to him with regard to funeral arrangements for AMVETS Department Commander / Sons Coordinator Joseph Kenyon have been submitted to all known contacts.

Motion made to accept the Adjutant's report by Mike Bruno. Seconded by Mark Serpis. Motion passed.

Finance Officer David Spencer submitted a written report. He reported an error to his report in the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual, July 2017 through June 2018, Line Item 670 as follows: Reported as \$ 7,816.44 when it should have been reported at \$ 3,316.44 (off by \$ 4,500.00, copy / save error in Quick Book off of old numbers). He reported error has been corrected. He also reported that the budget year 2016 – 2017 has been closed off and is set up for the current year.

Motion made to accept the Finance Officers report made by David Spencer. Seconded by James Jones. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Report: Not submitted

Provost Marshal Report: N/A

Chaplain Report: N/A

Immediate Past Department Commander Steve Dugan gave a verbal report to include once a month with the help of others he is continuing his efforts to feed the Veterans at the Brockton VA Hospital, Spinal Cord Unit, He further reported that he was honored to represent Commander Prescott in the Randolph Parade, July 3RD, 2017. He further reported he was happy to help out with Mark Serpis' testimonial.

Motion made to accept the IPDC report by Steve Dugan. Seconded by Mike Bruno. Motion passed.

NEC Report: N/A

At this point Commander Prescott, after discussing it with him, sought the appointment of Ken Moniz as NEC.

Motion made to accept the Commander's appointment by Mike Bruno. Seconded by Dave Spencer. Motion passed.

Upon passage Mr. Moniz thanked all present for the vote and thanked all and everyone for everything in expressing all condolence regarding the passing of his mom, Edwina Moniz. Once he attends National Convention in August he will bring forward his report in September.

Webmaster Report: **** Acting webmaster David Spencer submitted a verbal report to include that the website is up to date. He reported he removed Squadron 70, Falmouth from website. He is awaiting events update. In response to question raised by Ken Moniz, if possible can we get SEC / Convention Minutes posted on website as well as documents necessary for Call to Convention. David Spencer answered that it is possible. He also asked all present, if anyone has any copies of any S E C or Convention minutes since the Department's beginning to please send them to him. This is an attempt to start the Department archive.

Motion made by David Spencer. Seconded by Mike Bruno. Motion passed.

VAVS Coordinator's Report: N/A

At this point Commander Prescott acknowledged AMVETS Dept. of MA 2ND Vice Commander John Pasierbiak and invited him to address the body present. Mr. Pasierbiak is considering putting together a dinner cruise to benefit Special Olympics, perhaps in the Spring. Nothing is finalized and it is a work in progress.

He informed the body present that he is spearheading a collection of funds in an effort to assist Carolyn Kenyon with funeral expenses for the Late Joseph Kenyon, AMVETS IPDC. He further stated that any donation(s) be sent directly to Carolyn Kenyon, 114 North Main Street, Ware,

MA 01082. After brief discussion on the floor a Motion that Department make a donation of \$500.00 to Carolyn Kenyon was made by David Spencer. Seconded by Mike Bruno. Motion passed. During New Business a "passing of the hat" was conducted among the body present. Total amount to be donated from the Department will be \$635.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Spencer noted that National Convention is fast approaching. If any Squadron or Member is planning to attend please get your registration forms into National, ASAP.

Discussion did indicate Ken Moniz, NEC should submit any report to National by no later than this coming Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Moniz asked if he can use the \$ 500.00 budgeted line item for the NEC to rent a car to attend National Convention. David Spencer said yes.

Motion to donate \$ 2.00 / Department Member to the National Commander's Project made by David Spencer. Seconded by Ken Moniz. Motion passed. (Donated amount will be \$1,032.00 based 516 total current Members**)

Discussion was held regarding Life Member, Lance M. Dyer. It was stated by Mike Bruno that he became a Life Member of Squadron 1, Roslindale immediately upon joining the Sons of AMVETS. His current whereabouts, address, etc. remain unknown and have not been secured for well over fifteen years. It was further reported that no record of any Membership transfer exists. Upon examination of current Membership information it was revealed that Lance Dyer is currently listed as a Life Member of Squadron 32, Gloucester, MA. This, in fact, is NOT the case. Correction will need to be made at both the Department and National levels. As his whereabouts currently remain unknown he will be further reported as MAL.

3RD Vice Commander James Jones reported total revenue for the Dunkin Donuts gift card raffle was \$385.00.

Ken Moniz informed the body present that the AMVETS Post, Somerset, MA has successfully reorganized and that he will be actively be pursuing the formation of a Squadron from their Post.

David Spencer informed the body present that at some point in the future he will need to purchase additional checks for the checkbook. He made a motion to allow him to purchase the minimum amount of checks available from our bank at the cost necessary at that time, funds

for which will be taken from Previous Year's Revenue. Seconded by Mike Bruno. Motion passed.

At this point Commander Prescott informed the body present that he received a phone call from Jeff Brown inquiring about dues previously paid for Membership in Squadron 70, Falmouth, MA. Mike Bruno stated he received a similar call just this week. Mr. Bruno went on to state that the voice message he received indicated he paid his dues and MAY have submitted them to Phil Furtado well over a year ago and was still waiting his Membership. Commander Prescott and Adjutant Bruno will follow up on this matter directly after this Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- A. July 30th, 2017 AMVETS Post 51 Poker Run, \$20.00 rider/\$10.00 passenger. Registration begins at 10:00 AM.
- B. August 4th, 2017 US Coast Guard Birthday.
- C. August 6th-13th, 2017 National Convention, Norfolk, VA
- D. August 14th, 201, Victory in Japan Day (1945)
- E. September 4th, 2017, Labor Day Parade, Marlborough, 12:00 PM
- F. September 9th, 2017 (Rain date Sept. 10th) AMVETS Post 51 Riders 1st Charity Parade Poker Run. \$20.00/Rider \$10.00/Passenger. Registration begins @ 10:00 AM. Kickstands up at noon.
- G. September 15th, 2017, POW/MIA Day
- H. September 16th, 2017 Emmas Foundation Autism Scholarship Fundraiser at the Whitman VFW Post 95 Essex St., Whitman, MA from 4:00 to 11:00 PM. Cookout with band and raffles. \$10.00 pp.
- I. September 17th, 2017, State Executive Committee Meeting @ 1:00 PM, AMVETS Post 74, Three Rivers, MA @ 1:00 PM
- J. September 17th, 2017, Constitution Day
- K. September 18th, 2017, US Air Force Birthday
- L. September 24th, 2017, Gold Star Mother's Day
- M. October 12th, 2017, US Navy Birthday
- N. November 4th, 2017 Pilgrim Awards, Sturbridge, MA, Tickets \$35.00 pp. Cocktails from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. PLEASE contact your Post Commander regarding ticket purchase/sales contact/availability
- O. November 5th, 2017, Veteran's Day Observances at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA @ 1:00 PM
- P. November 10th, 2017, US Marine Corps Birthday
- Q. November 11th, 2017, Veterans Day

- R. November 19th, 2017 State Executive Committee Meeting @ 1:00 PM. AMVETS Post 147, Haverhill, MA
- S. November 23rd, 2017, Thanksgiving Day
- T. December 7th, 2017, Pearl Harbor Day
- U. December 12th, 2017, Hanukkah begins
- V. December 25th, 2017, Christmas Day
- W. December 26th, 2017, Kwanzaa begins
- X. January 1st, 2018, New Year's Day
- Y. January 21st, 2018 State Executive Committee Meeting @ 1:00 PM. AMVETS Post 56, Beverly, MA
- Z. March 18th, 2018 State Executive Committee Meeting @ 1:00 PM. AMVETS Post 79, Natick, MA. ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS must be here NO LATER than 11:00 AM for Convention Book 2018 photos !
- AA. June 9th, 2018 Sons of AMVETS State Convention, Sturbridge, MA @ 1:00 PM

Miscellaneous Announcements: None reported

Good & Welfare: Adjutant Mike Bruno informed all present that information regarding funeral services for the Late Joseph Kenyon, IPDC, AMVETS Dept. of MA was emailed this morning to all known contacts. Mr. Bruno announced all funeral arrangement information available at this time.

3RD Vice Commander James Jones asked for assistance in setting up lottery ticket raffle to be drawn at the November, 2018 SEC.

Benediction: delivered by Finance Officer David Spencer

Retiring of Colors led by Finance Officer David Spencer

Adjournment: Motion made by Ken Moniz. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM

Prior to Call To Order, AMVETS Post 51 Commander / Squadron 51 AMVETS Coordinator, William "Billy O" O'Connell asked Commander Prescott for permission to address the body present. Permission granted. Commander O'Connell extended his thanks and pride to ALL present in and for everything that was done regarding the testimonial for National Sons Commander Mark Serpis *

1ST Vice Commander's report did not indicate current membership breakdown as of this date however, the total number of current Members was provided under New Business**

Mr. Proctor's presentation did include the ticket price as \$35/pp. Recorded information / notation did NOT include any purchase deadline or ticket purchase information***. PLEASE

CONTACT YOUR POST COMMANDER OR AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF MA FOR TICKET
AVAILABILITY.

As David Spencer, PDC is our current elected Finance Officer he has also agreed to continue to
serve as Acting Webmaster****

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Bruno, PDC

Adjutant

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