

**MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION:** held June 8th, 2019 at Sturbridge, MA

- I. CALLED TO ORDER by Commander David Prescott at 1:05 PM
- II. INVOCATION led by Adjutant Michael Bruno, PDC. In doing so he extended Department's condolences to include asking all present to keep in their thoughts and prayers the family, loved ones and friends of Doug Buxton, Squadron 2012, upon the recent passing of Crystal Rebecca Buxton.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Provost Marshal Edward Murphy
- IV. PREAMBLE led by Commander David Prescott
- V. ROLL CALL conducted by Adjutant Michael Bruno

Officer	Sat	Sun
Commander: David Prescott	P	
1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander: Steven Dugan, PDC	P	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Richard Cattell	P	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: James Jones	P	
Finance Officer: David Spencer, PNC	P	
Adjutant: Michael Bruno, PDC	P	
Judge Advocate: Gregg Ludecker	P	
Provost Marshal: Edward Murphy	P	
Immediate PDC: Kenneth Moniz, PDC	NP	
Chaplain: Steven Dugan, PDC	P	
NEC: Gregg Ludecker	P	
Webmaster: David Spencer, PNC	P	

- VI. Credentials Report (Conv. Book, p. 12) submitted by 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander Steven Dugan, PDC\*

Credentials Report Convention 2019

Squadron	COF	Saturday*				Final Report**			
		Del.	Alt.	Off.	Total	Del.	Alt.	Off.	Total
12	Y	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
32	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Y	2	0	6	8	2	0	6	8
60	Y	3	1	0	3	3	1	0	3
74	Y	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
79	Y	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3
147	Y	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
208	Y	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
495	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1977	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1980	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	Y	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	9	13	1	8	21	13	1	8	21
<b>Majority</b>		11				11			

\*Recorded information/notation indicated a Motion being made to accept the Credentials report as stated by Finance Officer David Spencer, PNC. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve Convention Agenda as presented (Conv. Book, p.9) made by David Spencer. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

VIII. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS: Commander Prescott asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of our deceased Members recognizing Kenneth Hayes, Squadron 495. (Conv. Book, page 1). Moment of Silence observed by entire body present.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS conducted by Commander David Prescott\*\*\*

Past State Commander: James Flannigan (1996-97)	NP	
Past State Commander: David Helmuth, (1997-98, 2000-01)	NP	
Past State Commander: Clifford Kaizer (1998-2000)	P	
Past State Commander: William Barry (2001-2003)	P	
Past State Commander: David Spencer, PNC (2003-06)	P	
Past State Commander: Henry Shilo, Jr. (2006-08)	NP	
Past State Commander: Joseph Crump (2008-09) (d)	P in Spir.	
Past State Commander: Mark Serpis, PNC (2009-11)	P	
Past State Commander: Michael Bruno (2011-13)	P	
Past State Commander: Kenneth Moniz (2013-15)	NP	
Past State Commander: Steven Dugan (2015-17)	P	

All Past State Commanders present stood up and were acknowledged with applause by the body present.

\*\*\*At this point Adjutant Michael Bruno asked Commander Prescott to allow this record to reflect that Joseph Crump PDC, deceased, be marked as Present in Spirit. So noted and so ordered.

X. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Commander Prescott acknowledged and introduced to our floor Kenneth Barber, National Commander, Sons of AMVETS and invited him to address the body present. Recorded information/notation indicated acknowledgement by applause of the entire body present.

Commander Barber addressed the body present to include his greetings to Commander Prescott, Officers, Fellow Sons. He noted that his dissertation is in the Convention Book (p. 5).

He further informed the body present his Project for his year is Mission: Veterans Mobility, a collaborative effort of National Sons of AMVETS and our Fellow Sons at the Department and Squadron levels to provide mobility scooters to our Veterans in need and to improve their quality of life. (Flyers available provided to the body present). In so doing he stated the Sons of AMVETS Department of Florida has been involved in this Project for a long time with much success and as such he has adopted this Project on a national level. He further stated that this effort has generated a significant amount of money. As such, he put forward that if a Department or Squadron, wishes to provide \$ 500.00 he would be able to provide matching funds while the money lasts. He noted that the opportunity is there for Departments and Squadrons may be able to have fundraisers to raise the initial amount but that funds to match will be limited based upon demand.

He also remarked that many here may know of a chair that may be available within your community that may be available to reach out, see what it may need and, if possible, make it available to a needy veteran.

Flyer indicated Support Donations may be sent to Mission: Veterans Mobility, c/o National Sons of AMVETS, 4647 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706.

He further raised the topic of Rolling Thunder. He described this event as a yearly event held in Washington, D.C. brought forward by motorcycle groups from around the Nation to not only keep our POW/MIA's in the forefront but to insist Congress support and endorse any legislation regarding those unaccounted for from WW II through Desert Storm and beyond.

He informed the body present the organizers of this effort can no longer continue to do so but that the AMVETS Family throughout the country are taking this on. He further informed the body present that in so doing the organizers will be coming to the Sons of AMVETS floor at Louisville, KY. to seek support at all levels. He stated the National AMVETS Riders are spearheading this effort.

He further indicated that, in organizing next year's event, it cannot be called Rolling Thunder due to copyright concerns. He indicated that AMVETS may hold some sort of competition to re-name this event. He indicated that while AMVETS are taking this on they will need help in support staff and fundraising efforts. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

When this event forms, Commander Barber indicated that this event will provide an opportunity to provide Membership in AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of AMVETS as has been previously done by former organizers in years past.

He further indicated that recruitment flyers are available on the National website (found under Forms, Join Flyer 1 – 6) and may prove to be an asset within your Post thus concluding his comments.

At this point and prior to his leaving the podium, Commander Prescott presented Commander Barber with a challenge coin from the Town of Chicopee as a token of thanks from the Members of the Sons of AMVETS, Department of MA. Acknowledgement by applause given by the entire body present.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Post 79 Natick, MA. (Ref.: Convention Book, pp 13-17).

Motion to accept the minutes as published made by David Spencer. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Upon review by the body present it was noted by David Spencer that there was a total of three grammar/spelling errors in the published Minutes. Adjutant Bruno acknowledged these errors and stated he would make the necessary corrections. As such and in accordance with Department tradition it was noted that Provost Marshal Murphy levied a fine of \$5.00/error. In acknowledging the \$15.00 fine Adjutant Bruno asked Provost Marshal Murphy if he would add \$5.00 to the fine for Mr. Bruno acknowledging being “ugly” for the rest of the day. Recorded information/notation indicated acceptance of the additional \$5.00. Total fine remitted was \$ 20.00. Motion passed.

XII. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

David Spencer reported that since our last meeting he has the bill for the plaques which will be paid for after today. He further reported he wrote a check to our AMVETS Convention Corp. to cover the cost for our National Guests’ room for this year. Recorded information indicated a motion having been made to accept previously budgeted expenditures by Steven Cohen. Seconded by Gregg Ludecker. Motion passed.

XIII. OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Commander Prescott submitted a written report (Conv. Book, p. 18). Motion to accept the Commander’s report, having been read to the body present, made by Clifford Kaizer, PDC. Seconded by Michael Bruno.

Upon call for questions David Spencer brought forward to Commander Prescott and the body present his acknowledgement and thanks to Commander Prescott for giving every effort possible to the betterment and enhancement of our Membership during these past two years.

He further noted Commander Prescott did so in the face of many challenges with “dignity and grace” and further noted under his leadership we have had a somewhat successful two years and offered Commander Prescott his personal thanks. Acknowledgement by applause given by the entire body present

David Spencer also brought forward to the body present facts before the Department regarding Squadron Members stepping up into Department. He noted that, as happened last year in not providing proper transition in a more timely and effective manner, transition of Officers does pose challenges. Noting that Department Officers routinely meet six times a year and at certain events as they come up. Should anyone wish to step in then by all means do so. He assured anyone wishing to do so that the DEPARTMENT will aid and assist in any necessary transition. He remarked that it is inherent that any transition may take time.

David Spencer further noted that if anyone would like to step up during this year or in the future that perhaps an individual may want to seek out the next Commander-elect with regard to consideration of selecting appointed Offices for a time before one makes any decision about elected office.

National Commander Barber offered the suggestion that perhaps the elected Officers start maintaining some sort of notebook or log for the year regarding their duties. The objective might aid in future transition to someone new if he has a simple but not complete outline to go by. Motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dugan submitted a written report (Conv. Book, pp. 19-20) to include 448 total Members to date and moved for its adoption. Seconded by David Spencer. Motion passed.

At this point recorded information indicated Commander Prescott acknowledging AMVET 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice Commander Arty Marchetta to our floor for the purpose of presentation of certificates to the Department, Squadrons and AMVETS Riders. \*\*\*\*Recorded information indicated Commander Prescott, under Presentation of Awards, presented the following Certificates on behalf of the AMVETS Department of MA:

AMVETS Commander’s Certificate of Appreciation presented to AMVETS Riders, Chapter 51, Randolph

AMVETS Certificates of Appreciation presented to Squadrons 12, 32, 51, 60, 74, 79, 147, 208, 1980 and 2012. During this presentation recorded information indicated David Spencer informing Commander Prescott his observation that Provost Marshal Murphy had “gone out of his way” to cut the Colors.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Cattel submitted a written report (Conv. Book, pp. 21-22) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Jones submitted a written report (Conv. Book, p. 23) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by David Spencer. Motion passed.

Finance Officer Spencer submitted a written report (Conv. Book, pp. 24-26) to include verbal explanations pertinent to his written report and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Steven Cohen. Motion passed.

Adjutant Bruno submitted a written report (Conv. Book, p. 27) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Richard Cattel. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Ludecker submitted a joint report (Conv. Book, p. 28) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

Provost Marshal Murphy gave a verbal report to include his encouragement to all present to give consideration with reference to stepping into Department. Motion to accept his report made by Michael Bruno. Seconded by Gregg Ludecker. Motion passed.

IPDC Report: None submitted

Chaplain Dugan submitted a written report (Conv. Book, p. 29) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Richard Cattel. Motion passed.

NEC Ludecker submitted a joint written report (Conv. Book, p. 28) already adopted.

Webmaster Spencer submitted a written report (Conv. Book, p. 30) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Steven Cohen. Motion passed.

Council of Past Department Commanders report verbally submitted by Michael Bruno to include informing the body present that the AMVETS plan to hold the 2019 Pilgrim Awards sometime this coming November. Specific details for this event are yet to be determined. He noted that normally the Council of PDC's usually review any candidates for the Edmund J. Veator Aid and Support Award during the Council's meeting but had no submissions this year.

He further stated that applications for this award was sent to all Squadrons in their Call to Convention paperwork. As it turns out the E-Board will have to make this determination at the upcoming S E C this July. He informed all present it is the Councils' recommendation that if anyone has a candidate for this award to please submit your paperwork to the Department on or before the July S E C.

He further informed the body present that the Council has taken under advisement the prospect of reaching out to existing Posts without Squadrons to consider assistance in forming new Squadrons. Upon agreement the Council will seek to draft a letter to send to existing Posts and/or phone calls in an attempt to reach this objective.

He further informed the body present that while the Council is aware that Project reporting is being done, we are also aware that what Squadrons and Members are actually doing is somewhat under reported. The Council advises that all Squadrons not only continue current reporting but also to make every effort in reporting what is not known. The Council further advised all present to reach out to your Squadron Officers, your Department and/or this Council for any assistance in maintaining this objective.

Prior to Council adjournment the PDC's present extended its thanks and appreciation to National Commander Kenneth Barber for his attendance and valuable input during this meeting.

A motion to accept the report of the Council of Past Department Commanders was made by Michael Bruno. Seconded by Gregg Ludecker. Motion passed.

#### XIV. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

##### A. Membership Awards

1. Most New Members: Squadron 79
2. 100 % Renewals: Squadrons 60, 74, 79, 495, 1977
3. Largest Squadron: Squadron 79 Traveling Plaque
4. Overall Membership: Squadron 1977 Joseph Crump Memorial Plaque

##### B. Programs Awards

1. Most Program Hours: Squadron 51 @ 4444 hours
2. Appreciation Certificates: presented to Squadrons 12, 32, 51, 60, 74, 79, 147, 208, 495, 1980 and 2012
3. Overall Programs: Squadron 51

##### C. Squadron of the Year: Squadron 60

##### D. Commander's Special Award: Squadron 51

##### E. Son of the Year: Not awarded

#### XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Steven Cohen brought inquiry as to Duties of Officers. Mr. Cohen was informed that those requirements are outlined in the National Guidebook which is available to all on the National website (Ref.: Forms).

Other than this inquiry, recorded information/notation indicated no unfinished business.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proposed Budget 2019-2020 (Conv. Book, pp. 32-33) presented by David Spencer to the body present.

In so doing he reported, on the income side of the Proposed Budget, Membership projection is based upon actual numbers submitted last year as a flat amount. Increases to the Proposed Budget are submitted as we did not specifically budget accounting for the National dues increase implemented last year. This year the proposed budget accounts for that based upon anticipated Membership projections for this coming year. He also noted on the income side an increase to Life Membership as that has increased. No other significant changes to this budget have been proposed for this year. Motion to approve the Proposed Budget 2019-2020 was made by David Spencer. Seconded by Michael Bruno.

During call for questions on the motion, recorded information indicated an inquiry from Clifford Kaizer regarding Proposed Standing Rules Amendments (Conv. Book, p. 34). Having informed Mr. Kaizer that a motion was on the floor and subject to a vote and in relevance to Mr. Kaizer's inquiry, for the record, Mr. Spencer withdrew his motion to address a "secondary item".

Mr. Kaizer asked Mr. Spencer where in the budget did it indicate where more than one check is being given out to the delegates. Mr. Spencer informed Mr. Kaizer that the amendment, while not currently under consideration at this point in the agenda, simply states that if a sitting Commander appoints himself as NEC he could "potentially make money to travel to things" and this resolution would be addressed shortly. This answer satisfied Mr. Kaizer.

Motion to accept the Proposed Budget 2019-2020 made by David Spencer. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

- B. 990 Filing Status: (Handout of chart provided to the Members present)

Prior to presentation, Mr. Spencer acknowledged and welcomed Edmund J. Veator, AMVETS PDC to our floor.

Recorded information indicated Mr. Spencer addressing this issue to the body present as followed: To begin with, he noted that National AMVETS are currently "coming down hard" on this issue. He indicated that when this Department and Squadrons initially formed we obtained a tax ID number and that was it. He stated that in the year 2009 the rules changed resulting in

our National organizations to enforce the three year filing requirement which, on every level, has been somewhat limited.

The National Sons are going to fix this issue by requiring that all Departments and Squadrons provide proof of filing and Change of Officers Form on a yearly basis in order to revalidate.

In relevance to the handout provided, he informed the body present that Squadron 147, Haverhill has provided him with a letter of reinstatement. As such, they are now in good standing with the IRS. Further discussion indicated that the handout was created approximately two weeks ago. As such the IRS has listed as revoked Squadrons 12, 32, 79, and 1977. He further reported that while Squadrons 60 and 2012 are currently reported as NOT IN IRS SYSTEM, not being listed under tax exempt status and further noted this concern should be an "easy fix".

At this point Edmund J. Veator indicated that Squadron 32 has hired a professional to assist in resolving their issue. Mr. Spencer informed the body present that hiring a professional to resolve this issue is the best route to take.

Mr. Spencer informed the body present Squadron 2012 has corrected this issue and has forwarded their paperwork directly to National. He further informed the body present that filing 990 paperwork is a simple online process involving answering several questions, submitting it and printing out the response. He further noted that any Squadron GROSSING \$ 50,000.00 dollars or more in a given fiscal year would be required to file a paper return.

He further stated to the body present that there is no "easy legal fix" and stated for the record that neither this Department nor National will offer any. Mr. Spencer informed the body present Squadrons needing to come into compliance with their tax exempt status will be required to fill out the proper paperwork AND pay a \$ 600.00 fee. Recorded information indicated Mr. Spencer had prepared a seven page packet and made copies available. He noted when dealing with the IRS you MAY be able to discuss a reduction or elimination of this fee but CLEARLY STATED he offered no guarantee of any success should anyone make this attempt and advised all to be prepared to pay the reinstatement fee. He further stated that the Department Officers are available at present to help the Squadrons fill out the paperwork and any further questions can be answered by calling him directly.

Upon inquiry, recorded information indicated Mr. Spencer clarified that the \$ 600.00 fee only applies to Squadrons currently NOT in compliance with maintaining their tax exempt status. He further explained that the National Sons of AMVETS will be bringing forward a resolution this year which will mandate that every Department and all Squadrons provide proof of 990 filing on a yearly basis. In the case of Massachusetts, as a Department, Squadrons will be required to

provide proof of 990 compliance along with current Change of Officers Form on a yearly basis in order to comply with revalidation requirements.

Mr. Spencer noted that there are currently five Squadrons that are revoked. Noting the time frame involved in dealing with the IRS, Mr. Spencer made a motion to include any of these five Squadrons providing proof of compliance prior to the end of this calendar year, December 31st, 2019 AND PROVIDED THAT THE SQUADRON DID EXPEND THE FEE, be reimbursed \$ 200.00 towards the cost of the \$ 600.00 fee. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

Mr. Spencer further informed the body present each Squadron and the Department filed for their EIN numbers at different times based upon their inception. He stated most of the Squadrons and the Department match the AMVETS tax year which ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Some Squadrons do not. He cited Squadron 1980 Marlborough ending on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Squadron 79 Natick ending on January 31<sup>st</sup> and Squadron 495 Millis ending on January 31<sup>st</sup>. He noted that EVERY SQUADRON literally has FIVE months from their end date to file their 990 Form. THE EASIEST WAY is to simply go online, answer a few simple questions, submit your response, print the confirmation \*\*\*\*\* (NOT STATED AND ADVISED: WHEN FILING ONLINE PLEASE PRINT MULTIPLE CONFIRMATION COPIES: at least one for the Department which will be required to be kept on file and a Squadron copy).

He further offered, given Squadrons have these five months, realizing it may be an intrusion, without a Standing Rules resolution and while knowing the end dates and current information is available that at the end of the fourth month that the Department notify the Squadrons and offer to file these documents on their behalf and, in so doing, brought this subject forward for discussion. Recorded information/notation indicated no response.

#### XVII. PROPOSED STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS (Conv. Book, p. 34) Amendment to the Standing Rules, Resolution 2019-1

Upon introduction recorded information/notation indicated David Spencer, Finance Officer, author of this proposed Standing Rules amendment, was brought forward to the podium for presentation and discussion

Mr. Spencer read this resolution in its entirety without interruption, Standing Rules, Article IV, Section 5 as proposed to include the following..."For any Officer who is traveling on behalf of the Department, no member can claim monies from more than one budgeted line item for more than one trip without a recorded vote of the State Finance Committee except and wherein the State Department pays delegate fees, where the Department pays for Saturday night banquet tickets or if the Commander is utilizing funds from the "Commander's Miscellaneous" line item.

Recorded information indicated upon conclusion of presentation that a motion to approve this resolution was made by David Spencer. Seconded by Michael Bruno. Motion passed.

At this point recorded information indicated a motion to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of final nominations was made by Michael Bruno. Seconded by David Spencer. Motion passed.

XVIII. FINAL NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS: Conv. Book, p. 35)

### FINAL NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: JUNE 8th, 2019

**OFFICE                      NOMINEE                      NOMINATED BY**

<b>COMMANDER</b>	<b>James Jones</b>	<b>Steven Dugan</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Gregg Ludecker</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
	<b>David Prescott</b>	<b>David Spencer</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
	<b>Mark Serpis</b>	<b>David Spencer</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
<b>1ST VICE COMM.</b>	<b>Steven Dugan</b>	<b>Mark Serpis</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
	<b>Richard Cattel</b>	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
<b>2ND VICE COMM.</b>	<b>Richard Cattel</b>	<b>Mark Serpis</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
<b>3RD VICE COMM.</b>	<b>James Jones</b>	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
	<b>Gregg Ludecker</b>	<b>David Spencer</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
<b>ADJUTANT FINANCE OFFICER JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Gregg Ludecker</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
	<b>David Spencer</b>	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
	<b>Gregg Ludecker</b>	<b>Edward Murphy</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
	<b>Edward Murphy</b>	<b>Michael Bruno</b>	<b>Declined</b>	
<b>PROV. MARSHAL</b>	<b>Kevin Crepeau</b>	<b>David Spencer</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	
	<b>Edward Murphy</b>	<b>Richard Cattel</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	

Recorded information/notation indicated upon completion of Final Nominations and upon the final call from Commander Prescott as to these Final Nominations these results stand. Be it so noted and recorded this day, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

At this point recorded information/notation indicated Adjutant Michael Bruno cast one vote of attrition for all uncontested offices.

XIX. CAUCUSING:

At this point recorded information/notation indicated, as the Office of Commander was being contested between two nominees, Commander Prescott allowed thirty minutes for break and caucus at 2:48 PM. In accordance with our rules Commander Prescott informed all present to return by 3:18 PM.

Recorded information/notation indicated Commander Prescott reconvened Convention at 3:18 PM and ordered Provost Marshal Murphy to secure the doors.

XX. \*\*FINAL CREDENTIALS REOPORT: (Conv. Book, p. 12)

Recorded information/notation indicated that at 3:18 PM, Commander Prescott called for the Final Credentials Report. Final Credentials Report presented by 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander Steven Dugan. RECORDED INFORMATION/NOTATION did NOT indicate any motion being made regarding the Final Credentials Report.

XXI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Recorded information/notation indicated Commander Prescott calling for a vote by paper ballot from the delegates and voting Members present for the Office of Commander of this Department. Upon tally of this vote the Members present elected James Jones, Squadron 51, Randolph as Department Commander for the ensuing year 2019-2020. Acknowledgement and applause given by the body present. Full results are as follows:

Commander James Jones (51)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Steven Dugan, PDC (51)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Richard Cattel (51)

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Gregg Ludecker (51)

Adjutant Michael Bruno, PDC (51)

Finance Officer David Spencer, PNC (208)

Judge Advocate Kevin Crepeau (60)

Provost Marshal Edward Murphy (51)

XXII. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

Recorded information/notation indicated Commander-elect Jones deferring any appointments until the July S E C.

XXIII. UPCOMING EVENTS (Conv. Book, p. 36) to include events added at Convention

- A. June 14, 2019, Flag Day
- B. June 14, 2019, US Army Birthday
- C. June 15, 2019, Squadron 51 Annual Cookout, Food, Raffles & Live band. \$10/pp 2 – 6 PM
- D. June 16, 2019 Father's Day
- E. July 3, 2019, Night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Randolph, MA
- F. July 4, 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Natick, MA, 10 AM
- G. July 20, 2019, Post 79, Natick, MA, hosting Allman Bros. Tribute Band event to include food and raffles. \$20/pp. 2-6 PM.
- H. July 21, 2019 State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 74, Three Rivers, MA @ 1:00 PM
- I. August 4, 2019, US Coast Guard Birthday
- J. August 11, 2019, Annual Randolph/Milton Veterans Agent Fundraiser, Post 51 Randolph, MA. Food, raffles and live band. \$10/pp. 2-6 PM
- K. August 14, 2019, Victory in Japan Day (1945)
- L. August 21-24, 2019, National Convention, Louisville, KY
- M. September 2, 2019, Labor Day Parade, Marlborough, MA, Noon
- N. September 15, 2019, State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 51, Randolph, MA @ 1:00 PM
- O. September 17, 2019, Constitution Day
- P. September 18, 2019, US Air Force Birthday
- Q. September 20, 2019 POW/MIA Day
- R. September 29, 2019, Gold Star Mother's Day
- S. October 12, 2019, US Navy Birthday
- T. November, 2019, Pilgrim Awards. TENTATIVE, Location TBA
- U. November 10, 2019, Memorial Day Observances, Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA
- V. November 10, 2019, US Marine Corps Birthday
- W. November 11, 2019, Veterans' Day
- X. November 17, 2019, State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 12, Chicopee, MA @ 1:00PM
- Y. November 28, 2019, Thanksgiving Day
- Z. December 7, 2019, Pearl Harbor Day

AA. December 25, 2019, Christmas Day

BB. January 19, 2020, State Executive Meeting, Post 147, Haverhill, MA @ 1:00 PM

CC. March 15, 2020, State Executive Committee Meeting, Post 79, Natick, MA @ 1:00 PM. ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS/COMMITTEEMEN PLEASE BE ADVISED: Convention Book photos will begin at 11:00 AM and you are asked to plan accordingly to be present.

DD. June 6, 2020 State Convention, Sturbridge, MA (AMVETS Convention scheduled from June 3 to June 9, 2020)

#### XXIV. CONVENTION REVENUES:

David Spencer informed the body present t-shirt sales were currently in excess of \$ 900.00 and that a final amount would be forthcoming. Raffle item (American Eagle) cost was \$ 125.00. Sales were currently over \$ 200.00 with more sales being conducted on Sunday, with t-shirts, and that a final amount would be forthcoming.

Recorded information/notation indicated Adjutant Bruno asking Provost Marshal Murphy how much in Convention fines had been collected. At this point Mr. Murphy indicated he had collected a total of \$ 40.00.

Subsequent to this inquiry recorded information indicated, solely in efforts to assist Provost Marshal Murphy, David Spencer indicating that he had been “very distressed” and “personally aggrieved” that at this year’s Commanders’ Testimonial he observed the Department’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Steven Dugan having “willfully and with malice aforethought” cut the colors.

Upon inquiry from Michael Bruno as to not only this OFFENSE but also what was observed to be Mr. Spencer’s clearly damaged feelings by the body present on this, a PHOTO of this offense was made available to the body present for review. Upon revelation of this evidence recorded information did indicate response from body present (response audible as sighs and laughter).

In response to this revelation recorded information indicated Mr. Murphy inquiring of Mr. Spencer if there was an award available for “Rat of the Year” (response audible as laughter). Mr. Spencer responded to the effect such an award does not exist however he was able to provide photographic evidence proving the fact that during the Commander’s breakfast this morning the Provost Marshal not only began eating his meal BEFORE the Department Commander but also committed this offense while wearing his cover (response audible as laughter along with visual observation which, for the purposes of this record, can only be described as shock and dismay).

Having been presented with inquiry as to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's offense along with corroborating evidence, Mr. Murphy imposed a \$ 10.00 fine.

Having been presented with inquiry as to the Provost Marshal's two offenses along with corroborating evidence, Mr. Murphy revealed that he was responsible for many UNKNOWN offenses not available to the body present and, as such, imposed a \$ 50.00 fine upon himself.

Recorded information indicated Mr. Murphy reporting to the body present that fines imposed for this Convention totaled \$ 100.00. This amount, in addition to the existing \$56.00 in his budgeted line item, he chose to forego donating to a charity of his choice until after this year (response audible as laughter and applause).

Steven Dugan informed the body present that delegate fees totaled \$ 275.00.

XXV. BENEDICTION delivered by Adjutant Michael Bruno

XXVI. RETIRING OF COLORS (Honors to the Colors) led by Provost Marshal Edward Murphy

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Michael Bruno. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- Denotes first Credentials Report submitted

\*\* Denotes final Credentials Report submitted after caucus

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Bruno, PDC

Adjutant

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