MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sandra Davis Department Commander Lisa A. McPhee Department Adjutant

To be approved at the Department Executive Committee Meeting November 18, 2023 Post 440 Nonantum 295 California St Newton MA 02458

AGENDA FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON September 16, 2023. Starting at 1:00 PM

Meeting Called to order by Department Commander Sandra Davis

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- 1. SALUTE TO THE COLORS-ALL
- 2. INVOCATION
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ALL
- 4. POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY William Chisholm
- 5. PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ALL
- 6. ROLL CALL BY DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT PAST ADJUTANT Milton Lashus
- ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on June 8, 2023 and June 11, 2023 at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough MA
- 8. DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT Milton Lashus
- 9. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT Nelson Blake
- **10.** OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
- **11.** UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- **12.** NEW BUSINESS
 - A. CORRESPONDENCE
 - **B.** MOTIONS

C. COMMANDERS APPOINTMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13. GOOD OF THE LEGION
- 14. NO FURTHER BUSINESS MOTION TO ADJOURN
- **15.** CLOSING PRAYER
- **16. RETIRE THE COLORS**

Meeting called to order by DC Sandra Davis at 1:00 PM SALUTE TO THE COLORS – Sgt. Bruce Heisey INVOCATION – Asst. Chaplain Kevin Hamel PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ALL POW/MIA CHAIR – Bill Chisholm PREAMBLE - All

Roll Call – by Adjutant McPhee

Present: CMDR Davis; DSVC Blake; DVC Conner; DVC Jerdan; DVC Pajak; TRS Lashus; ASST CHAP Hamel; NEC Pajak; ALT NEC Lenotte; PDC Nay; PNC Comer; PNC Morin; JA Brault; SGT Heisey Asst Sgt. Desrosiers; Lewis; Doud; Lewis; Photo Borges; D1C Keil; D2C Duffy; D3C Fontaine; D5C Desrosiers; D6C Lewis; D7C Scott; D8C Cannon; D10C Burke; AD1C St Pierre; AD4C Gallant; AD5C Blake; AD7C Chisholm; AD8C Manning; AD9C Borges; AD10C Montelo; PDC Davis; Dias; Mckittrick; MacDonald; Starks **Excused:** ADJ McPhee; Chap Salois; HIST Howe; Asst Sgt. - DECW Lacoste; AJA Brehio; HON SGT Lizotte; Aide Favazza; AD2C White; AD3C White; D9 Mangels

Absent: AJA Atkins; D4C Hallene; AD6C Milot

Minutes

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES of the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING on June 8 and June 11, 2023 as PRINTED/DISTRIBUTED and Emailed. Motion made by DVC Pajak and 2nd DSVC Blake Any discussion? Motion carried

Treasurers Report

PDC Lashus

Budget we are doing okay USAA sent a check for \$11589.00 a little short than what was budgeted. That's all we will be getting and it will go down every year. With membership at 50% so that means dues are coming in regularly. First quarter very slow Investments from June Boston Harbor 6.85% Total \$1105219.42 RBC Scholarship fund 7.7% General fund 7.56%

Rehab 6.97% Special 7.61% 0462 3.77% Total \$3011638.00 Total in both funds \$4116857.42 as of September 16,2023 Motion made by D2C Duffy and 2nd D10C Burke

Any discussion? Motion carried

Membership Report

DSVC Nelson Blake Membership Chairman

Membership report September 16th 2023

As of today we have 7 of 10 districts that have met or surpassed the 50 percent goal of those three district 3 haven't reached the 50 percent goal they are less than 5 percent away from the 50 percent and as a department we are sitting at 53.02% and as of the 11th of September we are sitting at 20th of 55 departments we have plenty of room to improve so as your department senior vice commander/membership chair I am putting a challenge out to the department and district as you all know I am not a New England sports fan and as you can see I am wearing a Boston red sox bowtie as long as we are making goal I will be wearing the bow tie to all department functions and will keep wearing it tell we miss a goal , also I challenge the department if we have 100% or better before department convention I will wear a Boston Red Sox

tie or any other New England sports team tie, as of the 7th of September the sons of the American Legion where sitting at 15.34% sitting at 34 overall national as their goal was 10% on the 13th of September. Nelson Blake DSVC/ Membership Chairman

Motion made by DSVC Blake and 2nd D2C Duffy

Any discussion? Motion carried

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement

Louis Brault Chairman

REPORT OF THE YOUTH LAW CADET PROGRAM

The youth Law Cadet program for 2023 was held from August 10th thru the 13th at the Mass. State Police Academy in New Braintree Ma.

The course started with 66 student troopers and as is always the case we had 2 student troopers resign when they realized what the course was not like summer camp or computer camp and the stress of the first couple of hours wore them down. Day 2 saw 2 more student troopers depart due to existing medicinal conditions that came back during the course.

On Sunday August 13^{th,} at 1100hrs, we graduated 62 highly motivated student troopers and returned them to their families care after graduation.

During the course they were introduced to a variety of specialty units within the MSP just a few present were the air wing, the stop unit (SWAT) mounted unit, the water unit both underwater and surface operations the mobile command post and its use during the Boston Marathon. Also the k-9 unit drug detection and fugitive apprehension. The star of the day was the bomb disposal unit with its new robotic dog and track mounted retrieval unit. They also spent time learning how to drive correctly to include pursuit of a vehicle tactics and defensive driving.

Back at the academy they learned hostage negations tactical recovery of an officer to name a few in addition to the laws governing the police with the new laws in the state.

I would really like to thank the post that sponsored a student trooper, I believe you gave those students a life lesson that they will carry with them through their lives.

Of course with everything there is a downside a handful of students went to post to get them to sign off on their applications and they said they never heard of the program shame on us for not getting the information to the post and schools. During the past year we worked with the MSP with their help we were able to secure a \$16,000.00 grant to work with the schools in inner city and rural areas to have them attend the program and hopefully spark an interest in a career in law

enforcement or the military.

In closing I would like to thank all of the legionnaires who attended graduation it was an honor to see that many legionaries in the audience so again thank you for supporting the program.

Past dept. commander Sally Nay I would like to thank you for this appointment, and commander Davis I would like to thank you for the re-appointment I'm looking forward to working with you.

I would like to submit this as a final report for Youth Law cadet 2023 Louis E. Brault

Chairman Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program Motion made by PDC Brault and 2nd NEC Pajak

Any discussion? Motion carried

AMERICANISM

Robert Jerdan Chairman

I have No reports to give you as my committee has not met as of yet 9/16/2023.

Let's remember American Born and Foreign Born information is on masslegion.org if you have any question give me a call or email. Also coloring books sold in emblem sales and any flag ceremonies your post may have. District 7 it is your year for the Joseph Steen Scholarship.

Given one in progress.

For God and Country,

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scott Conner Chairman

Al White Community Service awards have been selected for May 2023 none for June and July (time has expired), none so Far for August and September.

Most posts have community service events and projects, there are plenty of opportunities to take the time and submit for recognition. Applications and requirements can be found at <u>www.masslegion.org</u> – Programs – Community service. Need help, e-mail or call me.

Al White Award presented was to Auxiliary Unit 138, spencer, for hosting a community day with various activities including A "Mutual of Omaha" event.

Conway Award – For outstanding Legionnaire, demonstrating commitment to the Community, continuously during the 2023/2024 year.

Pendill Award – For Exemplary Community Service by a Post during the 2023/2024 year.

Schreiber Award – For Outstanding Community Service by a Post during the 2023/2024 year.

The Annual Awards will be presented during convention.

Community Service Report submitted as one in progress.

Chairman Scott Conner

Motion made by DVC Conner and 2nd by D10C Burke

Any discussion? Motion carried

TRAINING

Scott Connor Chairman

Department Training Committee

Minuteman Monday

Aug - National Convention and how to get the most out of it.

Sept – preempted with 9/11 commitments

Oct – Membership – How to interpret the weekly membership report, and where to find new to you membership

Nov – How to prepare for Tax season. Especially the "Business Models"

Training Committee will be putting together a Fall Program, please contact me for topics you think would benefit Posts and members. Please see the flyers on the tables.

Any Info, Programs. District Training. Please let me, or the 2023/2024 training chair know, we can develop training event for you.

Legion College – Dept. of Mass 2023 nomination is Gary Fontaine of District 3, good luck Gary, practice your singing skills. Considering NALC, feel free to reach out to any graduate for a brief description.

Training Report submitted as one in progress.

Chairman Scott Conner

Motion made by DVC Conner and 2nd by D3C Fontaine

Any discussion? Motion

Motion carried

CHIDLREN & YOUTH

<u>Drew Pajak Chairman</u>

The Children and youth Committee met on August 22nd via zoom for the first meeting. Americanism Director Mark Avis Spoke to the committee to start the meeting by thanking the members for being on the committee and taking the time to work the program.

The first thing discussed was the Commanders Charity for the year being the Child Welfare Foundation. Fundraising was discussed to include continuing the feed the pig program and a Polo Shirt designed by the Commander to be sold throughout the department. The new design has been approved by national and order forms will be available this week.

The second topic was information articles to be included in the E Legionnaire each month to make members aware of the programs under Children and youth's purview. Chris Manning offered to cover the topic of the Commanders Charity Child Welfare and DECW Cindy Lacoste will provide one for Temporary Financial aid.

We discussed the upcoming convention and what the committee needed from National to be able to spread the word on the Programs for which we have dealings. The big thing the committee is looking for if brochures on the programs. As National no longer is printing these we ask the department to look into setting up or advising which line item can be used for the printing needs of the committee.

Items in the works for the committee are as follows, we have a lead on funding for the Youth Cadet Program which will be passed on the Chairman Brault and funding for the Boys State Program which will be turned over to Chairman Avis. Fundraising containers were received from CWF and have begun being distributed to post as they are visited. Envelopes are also available for Posts, Units, Squadrons and Chapters to send in donations to the Commanders Charity. We ask that all donations be recorded with the department Adjutant so the total may be properly accounted for at the National Convention.

Director Avis asked that the Committee reach out to the Chairman of all Programs in the Department for youth and see if any assistance is needed. He advised that all these programs fall under the Children and youth area and that the committee should ensure that the department does all that it can to promote and ensure that these programs succeed.

Next Meeting will be at the call of the Americanism Director who wishes an in person meeting with all three committees. Since the Meeting a request for TFA was received and the application was sent to the individual but was never returned. Another was received by the Department Commander looking for insurance help that may lead to something in the future. But for now, the Member is asking for help promoting an event to help cover expenses for his son's medical care for Brain Cancer. (See attached) a copy of the event will be shared with the body.

This report is one in Progress.

Respectfully submitted Drew Pajak Chairman Motion made by DVC Pajak and 2nd DVC Conner

Any discussion? Motion carried

Boys State

George Oleen read report by PNVC Mark Avis

Boys State Report for 2023

This will be a two part report for Boys State, the 2023 program had 190 participants. This is the first time in my over 25 years of being involved we have fallen below 200. The bills have all been submitted and paid. I am still waiting on a check from the Foundation for checks sent to them and scholarships they have provided. With the rising cost of insurance, I see this year falling short of making its budget and will have to draw from its reserves.

Commander is submit this as a final reportMark Avis Chairman Boys State Motion made by NEC Pajak and 2nd by DVC Pajak Any discussion? Motion carried

Boys State Report for 2024

The 2024 Boys State program will be held on June 15-21 at Stonehill College and staff will report on June 14, 2024.

You heard my final report for 2023 and the dismal numbers for the program. This year we are going to align one boys state councilor with each district chairman so that my Boys Staters can help with recruitment and also the possibility of raising money for kids. All my district chairman, I need you to contact the posts in your district and ask them to sponsor a boy and if possibly a girl to the programs. My goal for this year is 280 boys to the program that will be an increase of 90 boys from last year. The cost will remain the same as last year which is:

"EARLY BIRD" \$350.00 UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2024 RHEN THE REGULAR PRICE OF \$375.00 WILL BE

CHARGED PER BOY. For this and all programs to work it takes everyone to do their part in supporting the programs of this department. A meeting of the Boys State committee will take place soon. We are finalizing plans to do all the application process on line and simplify things. Boys State is looking forward to having your support of the Americanism programs.

The Committee is also thinking of charging for the dinners on Legion night. The reason for this is low numbers of Boys, rising cost of the meals and trying to make budget without raising to costs.

In closing: The Boys State interest application is on line @ www.maboysstate.org and post letters will be going out shortly.

Commander I submit this report as one of progress Respectfully submitted Chairman Mark Avis Motion made by NEC Pajak and 2nd by PNC Morin

Any discussion? Motion carried

POW/MIA

William Chisholm Chairman

The annual POW/MIA Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 10th at Paxton Post 306. After the opening ceremony, which was highlighted by Mya Dimineck, a seventh-grade student at Paxton Center School, singing the National Anthem; I introduced several guests, PNC John P "Jake" Comer and National Executive Committee Person Jodie Pajak spoke to the audience, and Jodie also brought the greetings of our new National Commander Donald J. Seehafer. Next, I read the Mission Statement of the POW/MIA Committee.

Then members of the Committee and several volunteers proceeded to set the POW/MIA Table, these individuals placed an item on the table and its symbolism was explained.

After the table was completed, each of the Dept. officers present were asked to read an informative article related to the POW/MIA issue they also read the names of a small group POW/MIAs from Massachusetts

The ceremony concluded with the playing of Taps and a closing prayer by Assistant Chaplain Kevin Hamel. Refreshments followed.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the program, in any way.

Special thanks to Paxton Post 306 and Cmdr Adam Doud for hosting the program and Vice Cmdr. Scott Conner and Grace for supplying the refreshments.

Everyone: Save the date SEPTEMBER 08, 2024, FOR POW/MIA CEREMONY

SUBMITTED AS ONE IN PROGRESS

William Chisholm, Chairman

Motion made by DVC Pajak and 2nd DVC Conner

Any discussion? Motion carried

FINANCE REPORT

Frank MacDonald Chairman

Report of the Finance Committee to the Department Executive Committee

The Finance Committee met this morning and approved the following updates:

- As you are all aware since assuming the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee, I have been trying to get a handle on were the money not spent during the previous year budget is accounted for. A few years back we started adding a line to the new budget for Previous year Carryover. While this is a start, we still have work to do. Due to the due diligence of our Treasurer, we have a much better handle on how much money was not expended in the previous year and have moved to change the line item in the 2024 budget to Previous Year Carryover from \$55K to 108K.
- 2. At the request of DVC Drew Pajak the committee approved adding a new line under Marketing to our budget to cover the cost of promotional items for our various community events. The Committee approved adding the new line and budgeting it at 1K.
- 3. The Finance Committee continues to work with the various independent budgets to get them submitted in a timely manner so that they can be approved by the Department Convention. These Budget are:

Athletics (Baseball) Boy's State Youth Cadet Scouting USA Rehabilitation 4. The Finance Committee approved the request from RBC Wealth Management to reinvest the cash buildup in our various accounts into Pioneer Multi Asset Ultra Short Term Fund currently yielding in excess of 6%. The investments will be as follows:

\$5,000.00
\$30,000.00
\$14,000.00
\$14,000.00

5. The National Convention raised the per capita by \$5.00 effective with the 2025 Membership Year (July 2024). The Finance Committee recommends that the Department per capita be increased by \$2.00. Per Capita to the Department effective with the 2025 Membership Year will be a total of \$7.00. Posts are reminded that they must review their dues structure prior to April 2024 when they will have to set the rate with their annual Post Data Form Submission. The Department Membership Coordinator will be sending a notice to all posts.

Report Submitted by Finance Chairman PNVC Frank MacDonald and move for its adoption. Motion made by PNVC MacDonald and 2nd PNC Morin Any discussion? Motion carried

MARKETING REPORT

Michael Davis Chairman

The marketing and fundraising year kicked off as always with our annual address label program. May thanks are due All who donated as this fundraiser raised funds that are earmarked for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation which is of course the first of our organization's Four Pillars. The next fundraiser will be our Winter Sweepstakes which will be drawn at our zoom department executive committee meeting in January. Please consider a donation as this fundraiser helps support our department and its many programs. Thanks in advance for your support.

The marketing committee will once again continue its partnership with The Springfield Thunderbirds of the AHL and our "Veterans of the Game" and "Challenge accepted" advertising campaigns. As you may be aware the team selects a veteran Of the game for every home game and plays an American Legion PSA on the big screen. This program gives us great exposure to the general public and makes them aware of our organization and all its great work and programs.

The committee is exploring other advertising strategies and as always we welcome any and all ideas that will fit into our budget and capabilities.

As always if you have and suggestions or ideas please bring them to myself or the committee.

Thank you all and I wish the entire American Legion family all the best as summer closes and we move into the fall season. Respectfully submitted Marketing Chairman PNEC Michael Davis

Motion made by PNEC Davis and 2nd by D8C Cannon

Any discussion? Motion carried

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

PNC Paul Morin

- 1. Let's start with Michaels report he just gave and we are going to give this some thought. The label program has been restricted for many years. And is used for Rehab account but due to the growing amount of money in that account and having problems in other accounts we need to look at where that money can be redirected.
- 2. CPR reports Massachusetts on the National level is up this year with an increase to 66.9%. Commander I hope you set a goal for 75% if not 100%.
- 3. Dues Increase At the National Convention in Charlotte NC it was voted to increase dues up \$5.00. I make a motion to increase department \$2.00 so that will be a total increase of \$7.00. Which will bring the per capita for each member to \$35.00. National is also starting a multiyear membership program where you can pay up to 3 5 years in advance. Some people do not want to pay dues every year so they will have this as an opportunity before the dues increase. Push PUFL's before the dues increase.
- 4. Putting out bids for Department Convention, request for proposals for 2026 -2030.
- 5. After consultation with senior to pay for delegate fee and National Commanders banquet if the delegate wishes to attend banquet.

Motion to accept all my information PNC Morin and 2nd by PNVC MacDonald Any discussion? Motion carried

PNC Comer

Callins and Appointments for National Organization

- 1. When you get a callin letter from National you need to email back received when you receive your letter if there is nothing in the received column. Department needs to reach out to that member and National will resend the email.
- 2. Callins are very difficult in the callin throughout the country there are over 2000 appointments. In the Department of Massachusetts there are about 55 60 in the book. Callin are May, Oct, Washington and National Convention. But you must be in the book in order to get a call. I try and put members that are active in the Department. In Oct you should receive a letter stating what commission you are on.
- 3. The new callin list will be approved at the Oct. meetings. When they are approved National will send out a letter stating what committee you are appointed to. If you are on Americanism council that does not mean you are not a callin for that committee. National send out a Special letter for callins for meetings. Some people thought they were on a callin and called National to cancel but what they do is cancel their name out of the book.
- 4. Each year we collect money for the incoming candidate for National Commander. Every department sends in money as the incoming commander needs to raise \$300,000.00. Our Department gives about \$4000 \$5000 each year, so for those that are on the National list you make your checks out to Dan Wiley from the Department of Kanas. Who is a judge from Kanas and is now the NEC from Kanas. Anyone wishes to contribute see me after.

<u>Baseball</u>

Chairman Richard Paster

1 We finished the 2023 season with a total of 109 teams, 66 Sr. & 43 Jr., 1 Sr. team did not complete the season. 2. The Department Sr. Tournament was hosted by Natick Post 107. Franklin Post 75 beat Shrewsbury Post 397 in the final Tournament game to become the 2023 Sr. Department Champion with a record of 24-0.

3. The Department Jr. Tournament was hosted by Middleboro Post 64. Pittsfield Post 68 defeated Lowell Post 87 in the final Tournament game to become the 2023 Jr. Department Champion. Pittsfield was unable to attend the Region One Jr. Tournament, thus Lowell attended the Tournament in Pittsfield's place and won the Regional Tournament.

4. Shrewsbury Post 397 hosted the Northeast Region One Sr. Tournament which was won by Maine. 2023 is the first year MA has not won the Sr. Region One Tournament in the past 6years.

5. National has informed the Department Baseball Chairmen that it will no longer fund the Chairmen's expenses to attend the Fall Chairman's Conference, thus each Department will be responsible to fund the Chairman's travel and lodging expenses. MA has submitted 3 National Rule changes for consideration at the Fall Chairmen's Conference.

6. The Baseball Committee considered Bids to host the 2023 Sr Department Tournament from Natick Post 107 and Weymouth Post 79, the Committee accepted Natick's Bid. Thus the Sr Tournament will be held at Natick's Mahan Field, beginning on Saturday, July 22, 2023. We are still looking for a host for the Department Jr Tournament which is scheduled to begin on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The Department Sr All Star Games will be held at Mahan Field on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted as a Report in Progress,

Richard D. Paster, Chairman

Motion made by D10C Burke and 2nd by DVC Pajak

Any discussion? Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

A CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Received a thank you from Appalachia Service Project Jenna and John
- 2. Received a thank you from Marissa Randall for the Daniel J. Doherty PNC Scholarship
- **3.** Received a thank you from Jewish war Veterans updating their new Cmdr. Sidney L. Davis, Jr USN
- 4. Received a thank you from Gianna Pompeo for The Department of MA Scholarship
- 5. Received a thank you from Julia Giovanoni for The Department of MA Scholarship
- 6. Received a thank you from Massachusetts 4-H Foundation for \$750.00 Scholarship
- 7. Received a thank you from VA Boston Healthcare System for \$2000 donation to the Adaptive Sports program.
- 8. Received a thank you from Jenna Coburn for the Department of MA Scholarship
- 9. Received a thank You from Veterans & Childrens Foundation for \$5000 donation.
- 10. Received a thank you from Child Welfare Foundation for \$1235.00 donation.
- **11.** Received a thank you from American Legion World Series for \$10,000.00 donation.
- 12. Received a thank you from Owen Fitzpatrick for The Department of MA Scholarship
- 13. Received a thank you from Jack Brady for the Frank R. Kelley Scholarship Award
- **14.** Received a thank you from Stephen Clark for help from Department Veterans Service Officer and he sent a check for a donation of \$300 which went into rehabilitation.
- 15. Received District 1 Meeting Minutes 07/16/2023
- 16. Received District 3 Meeting Minutes 05/06/2023, 07/08/22023

ENDORSEMENTS

1. Paxton post 306 unanimously approved to nominate Grace G. Conner for the office of Department Executive Committeewoman. (Received 9/15/2023)

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Received District 5 Meeting Minutes 05/21/2023

Motion made to file correspondence by D2C Duffy 2nd by PNEC Davis Any discussion? Motion carried

B MOTIONS

1. Motion to accept the new membership category for the 2023-2024 year.

Category	Current	Proposed Change
1	400 & Above	300 & Above
II	301-399	251-299
III	251-300	201-250
IV	201-250	151-200
V	151-200	100-150
VI	100-150	50-99
VII	15-99	15-49

Motion made by DSVC Blake and 2nd by PNC Comer

- Any discussion? Motion carried
- I move that in all future budgets that under National Convention the delegate fee and banquet ticket be purchased for all delegates attending.
 Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by PNC Comer
 Any discussion? Motion carried
- 3. I move that we approve two additional meeting this year. Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by DVC Pajak

- I move that we hold our Department Convention in Marlborough and hire Marianne Kusa-Ryll from Justice Hill Reporting as our stenographer. Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by DVC Pajak
 Any discussion? Motion carried
- Turning in SAL Charters 60 inactive charters Motion made by DVC Pajak and 2nd by D2C Duffy
 Any discussion?
 Motion carried

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- 1. D8C I was just on a turn around on the USS Constitution there is another going out in Oct for more information go on their website they are more than happy to invite veterans aboard.
- 2. DVC Pajak on your table there is a fund raiser for James LaCoursiere in Enfield Ct cost is \$20.00.
- 3. Grace Conner announce her candidacy for DECW
- 4. DVC Pajak Chris Manning show your new pig for the CWF
- 5. PDC Lashus Grace Conner has spent hours in the department office updating the finances so the books can be audited. For the last three years we have not been using the quick books was not be used by the treasurer. Some accounts were not updated for a while. Standing ovation for the work she has done for the Department. PNC endorses Grace Conner for DECW.
- 6. PNC Morin and the adjutant came out with a resolution for what she has done for us in the office that we The American Legion give her a PUFL.
- Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by many
 Any Discussion? Motion carried
 Commander, I have a technical motion. I move that the Department Adjutant, Treasure, Membership coordinator as the Adjutant was excused from this meeting be instructed to review the minutes of the DEC meeting, make any necessary correction without changing the intent of the DEC meeting, and proceed to edit and distribute these minutes.

Motion made by PNC Morin and 2nd by many Any discussion? Motion carried

8. Post 4 Commander Chris Manning thank you for coming to our post for this meeting being we were not sure about the weather. We did a little touch up to the post outside and I think Sandra without a doubt is a primer Commander. PNC Morin let's give the post 4 and all its members a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion to adjourn by PNC Comer and 2nd by DVC Jerdan Any discussion? Motion carried Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms Doud – Hand salute

NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

10:00AM MEMBERSHIP DEC TO FOLLOW

NONANTUM POST 440 295 CALIFORNIA ST NEWTON MA 02458