 **MINUTES FROM March 1, 2023 MCL METRO SOUTH DETACHMENT 1115**

**WHERE:** VFW Norton Ma

Proceedings were held at the VFW Norton at 38 Summer St Norton Ma..

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called meeting to order at 18:10 hrs calling upon Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the building for the start of the meeting.

Opening ceremony 1

Sergeant-at-Arms secured the quarters and announced he was satisfied all that were present were authorized to be there.

Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by the Detachment Marines.

There were 5 detachment Marines present

Chaplain Roger Hoffmann recited the opening prayer.

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting open for conduct of official business.

Roll Call of officers 2

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called roll call of the detachment’s officers:

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| Position | Name  |  Present | Excused  |
| **Commandant** | **JJ Mcgrath**  | **X** |  |
| **Sr Vice Commandant** | **Rik Coffman** |  **X** |  |
| **Jr Vice commandant** | **Patrick Ballinger** |  |  |
| **Judge Advocate** | **Fred Williams** | **X** |  |
| **Adjutant** | **Acting Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |
| **Paymaster** | **Ron Hill** | **X** |  |
| **Chaplain** | **Roger Hoffman** |  **X** |  |
| **Sergeant at Arms** |  **Pat Ballinger** |  |  |
| **Quartermaster** | **Fred Williams** | **X** |  |
| **Webmaster** | **Acting Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |
| **Honor Guard Captain** | **JJ McGrath** | **X** |  |
| **Past Commandant** | **Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |

Meeting postponed for voting of officers.

One vote presented with current slate of officers.

Motion to accept made by Ron, seconded and seconded by JJ and motion was carried.

Meeting continued

New Members 3

* No new members applications

Voting new members in 4

* None.

Install new members 5

* None.

Minutes of previous meeting 6

* Minutes for December 7 2022 present on website.
* Motion made to accept by Ron seconded by Roger and accepted.

Correspondence 7

Rik read letter from Helen Thompson regarding Joe

JJ discussed Iwo Jima veteran ceremony

State concerned about recruiting

Paymaster report 8

* Paymaster report made, motion made to accept subject to audit,

by Roger, seconded by Rik and so moved unanimously.

Sickness 9

Fred’s neighbor and member Jim Gillian passed

JJ’s wife, Kathleen’s mother died.

Reports of officers 10

* EGA;s needed.

Reports of standing committees 11

* None.

Reports of special committees 12

* None.

Unfinished business 13

Need to recruit especially active marines

New business 14

* none

Installation of officers 15

TBD

Good of the League 16

* none

Announcements 17

Next Meeting is Wednesday Apr 5, 2023.

* The start time for the meeting will be at 1800 at Norton VFW.

Closing ceremony 18

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called for moment of silence for deceased members.

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called Sergeant-at-arms to retire the colors.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms called for hand salute.

Commandant JJ Mcgrath read closing prayer.

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called Sergeant-at-Arms to officially close the meeting

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms declared the meeting officially over.

Commandant JJ Mcgrath ended meeting at 1903 hrs with 1 rap of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted

Rik Coffman

Adjutant