

**MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2022 MCL METRO SOUTH DETACHMENT 1115**

**WHERE:** VFW Norton Ma

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

Commandant JJ Mcgrath called meeting to order at 18:05 hrs calling upon Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the building for the start of the meeting.

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 10 detachment Marines and 2 state Marines Present for the meeting.

Jim Leonard and his son were 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.

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** | **X** |  |
| **Judge Advocate** | **Fred Williams** | **X** |  |
| **Adjutant** | **Acting Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |
| **Paymaster** | **Ron Hill** |  |  |
| **Chaplain** | **Roger Hoffman** | **X** |  |
| **Sergeant at Arms** | **Pat Ballinger** | **X** |  |
| **Quartermaster** | **Fred Williams** | **X** |  |
| **Webmaster** | **Acting Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |
| **Honor Guard Captain** | **JJ McGrath** | **X** |  |
| **Past Commandant** | **Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |

New Members

* No new members applications, Fred had invited one but no show.

Correspondence 7

* Pat passed along the VA’s thanks for our donation.

Sickness 9

none

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Reports 6, 8, 10

* Minutes for Mar 2, 2022 were posted. Motion by Roger, seconded by Pat and carried.
* Paymaster report available, balance $2,944.15. motion made to accept subject to audit,

Seconded and so moved unanimously.

* Chaplain mentioned rituals and honors.

**OLD BUSINESS: Standing committees 11/12:**

HONOR GUARD

* NA

QUARTERNASTER

* Report made by Fred

Birthday Ball

* Some discussion on where to be held. Norton VFW available. Tabled till closer time.

Scholarship

* Roger announced MCL state scholarship. Due 6/1 applications available 5/5.

John Foster working with Brandon Cross, our scholarship winner, still needs application

to be submitted. Pat’s wishes daughter to be nominated. Roger to get Pat application.

Fund Raiser

* Pat to contact Paul Hurley about possibilities. Pat talked about the car show and flag ceremony

For benefit of state officers present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS 13:**

Motion to adjourn from business for installation of, carried.

Following were sworn in:

Commandant JJ Mcgrath

Seniore Vice Commandant Rik Coffman

Junior vice Commandant Pat Ballinger

Chaplain Roger Hoffmann

Judge Advocate Fred Williams

Installations completed by Warren Griffin, Dave Porter and Roger Hoffmann.

.Motion made to return to business carried.

**NEW BUSINESS 14:**

* Travis mentioned Wild Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian program in West Bridgewater

He will be requesting our presence in May.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE 16**

* Roger mentioned state convention and state officers elaborated on it.

Next Meeting is Wednesday May 4, 2022.

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

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

Acting Adjutant