

**MINUTES FROM May 3, 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 as well as Butch Raynes.

Chaplain Roger Hoffmann recited the opening prayer.

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called Sergeant-at-Arms to declare the meeting open for conduct of official business.

Roll Call of officers 2

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called roll call of the detachment’s officers:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Position | Name | Present | Excused |
| **Commandant** | **JJ Mcgrath** |  |  |
| **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** |  |  |
| **Past Commandant** | **Rik Coffman** | **X** |  |

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 March 1, 2023 present on website.
* Motion made to accept, seconded and accepted.

Correspondence 7

Jim Gill in stage 4

Paymaster report 8

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

seconded and so moved unanimously.

Sickness 9

Fred’s neighbor and member Jim Gillian in Dana Farber

Reports of officers 10

* Roger related that the roster and TACOM report needed for National signoff
* Fred to work with JJ for serial numbers of rifles
* Roger to ask for $1000 at state convention for Huntington House
* EGA’s out of stock
* Chaplain read ceremonies attended

Reports of standing committees 11

* Scholaship to be given to Norton students?
* Pat’s daughter to be contacted by Roger?
* Tabled till fall

Reports of special committees 12

* None.

Unfinished business 13

Memorial Day parade Norton at 9:30

Breakfast at 8:30

New business 14

* Webpage and Facebook disgusted
* Postponed for further discussion
* Rik to contact Mass department regarding detachment info

Installation of officers 15

TBD

Good of the League 16

* none

Announcements 17

Next Meeting is Wednesday June 7, 2023.

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

Closing ceremony 18

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called for moment of silence for deceased members.

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called Sergeant-at-arms to retire the colors.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms called for hand salute.

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman read closing prayer.

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman called Sergeant-at-Arms to officially close the meeting

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

Senior-Vice-Commandant Rik Coffman ended meeting at 1844 hrs with 1 rap of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted

Rik Coffman

Adjutant