 **MINUTES FROM Oct 4 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

Acting 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 6 detachment Marines

Chaplain Roger Hoffmann recited the opening prayer.

Commandant JJ McGrath called Acting 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** |  |

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

Correspondence 7

Beurut Bombing 40th ceremony in Falmouth

Jim Leonard’s son says Jim is in dementia stage but sable. Wants to attend

Paymaster report 8

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

seconded and so moved unanimously.

$115 moved to continue with P O Box tabled for further info

Sickness 9

Fred’s neighbor and member Jim Gillian in Dana Farber

Reports of officers 10

* Chaplain read ceremonies attended

Reports of standing committees 11

* None

Reports of special committees 12

* None.

Unfinished business 13

none

New business 14

* Small party for BB on November 1

Installation of officers 15

* none

Good of the League 16

* none

Announcements 17

Next Meeting is Wednesday November 1, 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 read by chaplain.

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

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms called for hand salute.

Chaplain Roger Hoffmann read closing prayer.

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

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

Commandant JJ McGrath ended meeting at 1851 hrs with 1 rap of the gavel.

Respectfully submitted

Rik Coffman

Adjutant