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Department of Maryland



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Subject: Council of Administration Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Chesapeake City Memorial Post 7687, 304 Basil Avenue, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, 410-885-5217,

From: Douglas C. MacArthur, State Adjutant

Commander Perry (prior to opening the meeting) introduced the Outside accountant for the Department of MD who gave an in-depth report of their firms findings thus far in the review of the VFW Dept of MD financial records.

Commander Perry called the Council meeting to order at 1200 hrs. Opening ceremonies according to the Ritual; Salute to the Colors, the Opening Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

Commander Perry recognized special guest

1. NDCM#3 Brian Sturgis

PAST STATE COMMANDERS PRESENT: Williams, Sturgis, Miller, McConville, Kimball, MacArthur

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All State Officers were present with the exception of D6 Kurt Surber, Christine Sandoval sat in for Commander Surber.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as Distributed/corrected. Motion carried.

STATE OFFICERS REPORTS

Commander Perry: *Post meetings attended:* *District meetings attended:* ,
Posts visited socially:

Also attended: Nat'l President Homecoming events; Sept CoA; National Legislative Conference; Nat'l Commanders Homecoming events; 10159 Anniversary Celebration; USS Cole services at Antietam and Boonesboro

Senior Vice Commander Everett: *Posts meetings attended:* 2678 *District meetings attended:* D14
Posts visited socially: 160, 10077, 8185, 8065, 10159, 10028, 10067, 6506, 2621, 8276

Also attended: Sept CoA;10159 Anniversary Celebration; Headquarters (2); Cunningham Funeral; Bank of America (Signatures)

Junior Vice Commander Williams: *Post meetings attended:* 467, *District meetings attended:* D7
Posts visited socially: 6658, 3285, 10077, 10076, 8806

Also attended: Nat'l President Homecoming Banquet; Sept CoA, PSC Cunningham Funeral, Headquarters (6), Bank of America (Signatures)

- *Spoke about new National Logo*
- *Discussed "Teamwork" – Need to appreciate your Auxiliary as they are doing most of the work.*
- *Need more public awareness*

Quartermaster (Open until 11/3/18 election): *Post meetings attended:* *District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:

Also attended:

Adj MacArthur discussed the path forward once a new Quartermaster is elected and installed at this meeting. Working in the future with the outside accountant to provide a more concise version of Quickbooks geared to the VFW Dept of MD needs and schedule training for the new quartermaster on same. He gave the quartermaster's P&L report, copy of which is enclosed. Motion made and seconded to approve the Quartermaster's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Adjutant/Quartermaster ProTem MacArthur: *Post meetings attended:* *District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially: 2916

Also attended: Nat'l President Homecoming events; PSC Cunningham Viewing, Bank of America (Signatures)

- *Website back on line. Described how to get on-line*
- *CA reports should be on-line at this time*
- *Cmdr looking for a new Webmaster who is more experienced or hire someone*
- *Membership to be discussed under unfinished business*
- *May 3rd is Golf Tournament-split evenly between VFW and AUX for Veterans Programs*
- *Eastern States is now Eastern Conference – MD will host in Oct 2020*
- *Travel Rpts must be submitted in order to get check*

Judge Advocate Fuentealba: *Post meetings attended:* *District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:

Also attended:

- *Dept of MD Employee's manual- Last version is still in effect. Book should be revised to conform with current activities.*

Surgeon Bennett: *Post meetings attended:* 1858, 5367, 751 *District meetings attended:* D11
Posts visited socially: 10076, 219, 3065, 2916, 8509

Also attended: HQ (2);

- *Send Surgeon reports to Department.*

Chaplain Daniel: *Post meetings attended:* , *District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:

Also attended: 9/11 Memorial Service, PSC Cunningham Funeral, VA Visits

- *Receiving reports – thank you – new report template on website.*

- Spoke about Suicide prevention
- Change Direction day – 9/15 and 9/30
- Auxiliary Bus Trip to National Home in April
- Homeless Veterans

The National Home prayer and the deceased comrade's prayer were given.
Taps was played.

Chief of Staff L. Williams: Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:
Posts visited socially:
Also attended:

Inspector T. C. Williams: Post meetings attended: 2562 District meetings attended: D2
Posts visited socially: 1936, 10077, 8185, 8065, 2652, 8065,
Also attended: Sept CoA, PSC Cunningham Funeral, Funeral in DC, HQ (3)

Immediate Past Commander Miller: Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:
Posts visited socially:
Also attended:

3-YR. TRUSTEE – John DallaTezza:

2-YR. TRUSTEE – Lamont Gibson:

1-YR. TRUSTEE – Bryan Lankford: Read Trustee Report through June 2018 and September 2018.
Motion made to accept as read. Motion carried.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS' REPORTS

Motion was made and seconded to accept as submitted. Motion carried.

D1C Wade: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting: 12/2/18 at 1300hrs, Post 2632-23282 Three Notch Rd, California, MD
Following meeting: 1/20/19 at 1300hrs, Post 8674-AL/VFW 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughsville, MD
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D2C T. C. Williams: Membership last year: 2235, to date: 2034, inspections: 100%.
Next meeting: 11/6/18 at 1900hrs, Post 341-Kennilworth Ave, Washington, DC
Following meeting: 1/15/18 at 1900hrs, Post 8950-Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D3C Hensley Jr: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D4C Lankford: Membership last year: 1122, to date 888, inspections: 100%.
Next meeting: 9-23-18 at 1300hrs, Post 5246-Federalburg, MD
Following meeting: 11-18-18 at 1200hrs, Post 5118-Easton, MD
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D5C King: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: 0%.
Next meeting: 11/28/18 at 1900hrs, Post 327-5th Avenue, Lansdowne, MD
Following meeting: 1/23/19 at 1900hrs, Post 304-1838 Generals Hwy, Annapolis, MD
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D6C Surber: Membership last year: 958, to date: 854, inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: 11/28/18 at 1900hrs, Post 327 5th Avenue, Lansdowne
Following meeting: 1/23/19 at 1900hrs, Post 304 1838 Generals Hwy, Annapolis
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D7C Becker: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D10C Edwards: Membership last year: 912, to date: 744, inspections: %.
Next meeting: 12/3/18 at 1900hrs, Post 8185-520 Susquehanna Rvr Rd, Port Deposit, MD
Following meeting: 2/4/19 at 1900hrs, Post 8175-208 West High St., Elkton, MD 21921
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D11C Goering: Membership last year: 615, to date: 570, inspections: 100%.
Next meeting: 11/6/18 at 1900hrs, Post 2916-600 E Patapsco Ave, Curtis Bay, MD
Following meeting: 12/4/18 at 1900hrs, Post 3065-Union Ave at Falls Road, Hamden, MD
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D14C Wisniewski: Membership last year: 2402, to date: 2129 , inspections: 100%.
Next meeting: 11/25/18 at 1300hrs, Post 2621-208 Riverside Road, Essex, MD
Following meeting: 1/20/19 at 1300hrs, Post 10067-6309 Ebenezer Road, Gunpowder, MD
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D16C Rippon: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMANDER'S TESTIMONIAL – Tom Kimball, PSC:

- Reservation Request Form has been put out – if you want to sit together, money must be received at the same time

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE – Tom Kimball, PSC:

- Thanks for help with last minute Veteran requests

SERVICE OFFICER – Walters: During the months of **September and October 2018** the Department Service Office reviewed and worked **417 case files**, cleared **976 ratings** for Maryland Veterans; processed **417 awards, and had 1,785 e-mails**. The Service Office **took 96 Power Of Attorneys** (POA) from Veterans this past month. We received **1,884 phone calls or messages** that we know of. The awards, lump sum and retroactive, for the two months **total \$7,272,056.97**. Annual running grand total amounts were **\$27,590,961.93**. These figures include compensation, pension, insurance, burial allowance, education and miscellaneous monies for veterans, their dependents and other survivors.

The Post Service Officers spent 932 hours in home visits; **329 hours** in hospital and nursing home visits; visited **363 hospitalized** veterans; assisted **247 veterans** with healthcare referrals; and issued **585 pieces** of medical equipment. These past two months the **Post S/O's traveled 4,764 miles** talking to veterans to help them with their wants and needs. The grand total of all activities and equipment out on loan was **\$43,135.93**.

District Commanders have received X&O reports and Post activities. Navy Blue Water Vet Bill is still pending. National is looking into purchasing new computers for Service offices.

COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT – Mary Walters:

- Asked for donations for Commander's Special Project

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Percy Elliott / PROGRAM BOOK – John DallaTezza:

- District Cmdrs have Hospitality Room forms in front of you. Please get them out to Post and members
- Convention Meeting in January this year
- John – Program Book – get out there and get those ads and boosters. There is a fillable form on-line. No increase in ad costs. Deadline is in the packet and on the website.

INSPECTOR – T. C. Williams, PSC:

- There will be a resolution at the Convention to Re-District. We have to change our By-Laws in order to affect that.
- All Post inspections are due by the end of this month. Still missing some bonds and missing June and September Audits. Please see your X&O Reports
- Surgery on 11/7 – unavailable for about two weeks

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - SAFETY – Arthur Westbrook:

- Safety Reports from CA reports. Please get them in on time! Behind where we were last year. Just need one report from each post for each month.

MEMBERSHIP / LIFE MEMBERSHIP – H. Steve Mason, PSC:

- Cmdr Perry reported that Maryland is at 88.60% and thanked everyone for their hard work, but still need to get to 100%.
- Want to recognize Post 3285 as they are the winner of the Division 1 Commander's Challenge. Will receive \$500 as will the Department.
- Most Posts are at about 80%; first Post to make 100% was Darlington-Dublin Post 10146, D5 – Next was Post 9376, D1 – Then Post 3285, D7
- Pins will be disbursed at the January mtg because my Chairs aren't here today
- Will be recognizing all Posts that made 100% at my Testimonial

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - YOUTH ACTIVITIES/PATRIOT'S PEN – Christine Sandoval:

- Scout of the Year due in March
- Assisting Mike Reamy with Patriot's Pen as he is ill and will be depending on Mike Perini for his guidance and help
- See e-mail for additional information

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY – Mike Perini:

- Mike Reamy still in Rehab and not doing well – please keep in your thoughts & prayers
- VOD/PP – passed out District entry forms to all District Cmdrs
- Still looking for a Post to host Banquet (approx. 220 persons – Hosts donates hall, Dept pays up to \$300 for dinner)
- Have not received any Post Award sponsorships

TEACHER OF THE YEAR – William Barkley:

- Information on the website wrong. Providing District Commanders with packets – please get to your Post Commanders
- Due to me by December 15, 2018

VAVS – Bill Miller:

- Need VAVS Rep and Dep needed and Perry Point after January 1st.
- Remember Veterans on Veterans Day
- VA.gov website to be updated

CMDR Perry: Post 341 helped veterans who were displaced by a fire with toiletries. Thank you very much.

The National Home prayer and the deceased comrade's prayer were given.
Taps was played.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJ MacArthur advised that the Council needed to elect a Quartermaster.

Commander Perry called for nominations for Quartermaster.

- **PSC McConville** nominated PSC Bill Miller for the position of Quartermaster who accepted the nomination
- Hearing no further nominations, **ADJ MacArthur** cast one unanimous for PSC Miller for Department Quartermaster.
- **PSC McConville** then installed PSC Miller as Quartermaster

ADJ MacArthur opened the discussion on the floor regarding the 50/50 Life Membership program because the chairmen were not present at the meeting. The program has been on hold since the last CoA meeting in September. A motion was made to continue the 50/50 program without change until December 30, 2018. After December 30, 2018, you must be a member of a Department of MD post or At-Large for two (2) years to use the 50/50 LM Program. Motion seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the two year requirement. Motion as amended by Comrade Miller to a one (1) year requirement. Show of hand vote Ayes: 13

JA Fuentealba made a motion to amend the motion illuminated the two year requirement entirely. Motion to amend seconded. Discussion of financial effect ensued.

PSC/Quartermaster Miller made a motion to amend the motion to change the two year requirement to a one (1) year requirement. Motion to amend seconded. Additional discussion ensued. Show of hand vote Ayes 12. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

JA Fuentealba: Made a motion that the Commander appoint a committee including two past department commanders to review the Department Employee handbook and make recommendations to the Council for any changes. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

ADJ MacArthur: Motion to provide a down payment of \$750.00 to the Princess Royale Hotel for the 2020 Eastern Conference. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

NDCM Sturgis: Provided highlights of National Bulletin

D4 Cmdr Lankford: 5246 Hosting – Veterans Day Parade, all are welcome. Nov 10, 2018

7687 Commander Brown advised there would be Crabcakes and Fried chicken for lunch. **Commander Perry** presented him a check for \$200.00 to cover lunch with Commander Brown graciously donated to the Commander’s Special Project.

POST COMMANDERS PRESENT: 160, 521, 652, 1858, 1936, 5246, 8276, 8810, 9083, 10028,
10077

Sr. Vice Cmdrs: 521, 8185

Jr. Vice Cmdrs: 5838

There being no further business to come before the Council, Commander Perry called for the closing ceremonies and the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2019
Gunpowder VFW Post 10067
6309 Ebenezer Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-335-8933
12:00 Noon