

Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

27 June 2024

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.



**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 27 June 2024 at 10:00HRS**

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In Attendance: **Blaine Kiley – Chair**
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair
 Don McCumber – Member
 Tony Chevalier – Member
 John Cher – Member
 Jack Porter – Member
 Charls Gendron – Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:06hrs and the opening ritual was observed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved that the agenda of the committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MOTION TO DEVIATE

MOTION: It was moved to deviate from the agenda if so required.

CARRIED

4. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcome all and wish for a good start to the summer months. He touched on the last month having been quiet on any Ritual and Award queries and briefly touched on the Convention Report and the Resolutions presented to our committee that will be voted on in August.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 May 2024, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 2 May 2024.

CARRIED

The Chair stated that the next three points are essentially as information on queries answered in the last month.

8. MAJOR AWARD LADIES' AUXILIARY

The process for award submission for Lady Auxiliary is the same as for any Branch nomination as per Section 213-220. Although the executive arrangement and the composition of Executives for meeting may not be as elaborate and consistent as it is in a Branch, signatures of Minutes must be part of any submissions but may be sought directly from Provincial Command level if needed. The Provincial Command level Recommendations is the same and must be secured on the same basis as for any other Major Award submissions.

9. 50 YEAR SERVICE MEDAL

It is reiterated that Section 239 of the RAP manual clearly stipulates that the only requirement for qualifying for this medal is having been a member in good standing of the Legion for a continuous 50-year period. The Branch "Recommendation" wording only refer to the official record of having been presented to an individual if they decided to do so.

10. BARS TO PAST OFFICE MEDAL

The Chair stated that Legion Dress policy is clear that only one Past Office Medal is to be worn on Legion dress, and that the physical size of two inches of ribbon allows for only six bars to be mounted. If a member has been holding more than six positions for which bars are awarded, it is up to the individual to choose which ones they wish to have mounted on the medal using the chart in Section 121 of the Ritual, Award and Protocol Manual as a guide.

11. SALUTING DURING PLAYING OF OFFICIAL PROVINCIAL ANTHEM/ODE

The Chair informed the Committee that the CDS had giving authority for CAF members to salute during the playing of the Newfoundland Ode during the repatriation ceremonies of the unknown soldiers this past month. Such authority is event specific and not to be taken as now general practice.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
BC/Yukon	3		1	
ONT	1			
DEC	1			

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Don commented on who can lay a wreath on behalf of the Silver Cross mother at any event if no actual recipient of the award is present. The Chair stated any representant can do so if it is clearly identified to all present that this person is doing so on behalf of the Silver Cross mothers.

14. FUTURE MEETING

There will be no meeting schedule for July and August. All award submissions received over these two months will be reviewed for approval consideration as they come along. The next virtual Committee meeting will take place in September TBD.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked everyone and looked forward to meeting most of them at the August Convention and wishes all a great and safe summer period.

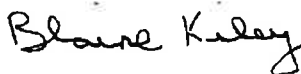
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

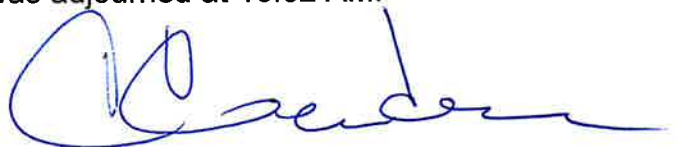
18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary