

Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

30 January 2025

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

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**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 30 January 2025, 11:00hrs**

File: 51-2

In Attendance: **Blaine Kiley – Chair**
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair
 Tony Chevalier – Member
 Ernie Tester – Member
 Gerald Budden – Member

Charls Gendron – Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 11:01hrs with the Land Acknowledgment followed by the opening ritual.

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 members, acknowledging that this is the first meeting of the new year and hoped that all had a great Holiday period. He stated that we are starting the year with a busy agenda and a long list of award submissions.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 November 2024, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 30 November 2024.

CARRIED

8. BREAKING COLORS

The Chair is bringing this item for information purposes only. Following a query on what the rules are for Breaking Colors at any RCL event, he pointed out that this is fully covered in the Ritual and Award Manual at section 954b. and nothing needs to be added or changed.

9. LEGION DRESS - PINS AND RIBBONS

The Chair is bringing this item as follow -up to an email query he received regarding the Memorial Ribbon. The Ritual and Award Manual is up to date as of January 2025 on all directives promulgated by DEC in accordance with our approval process for such item. Although the Memorial Ribbon is one of significant meaning, the wearing of such item on Legion dress is still regulated as any other similar items (Ribbons and Pins) and subject to approval only by DEC. If any movement to change the present list is to be addressed, the process is thru Resolution, not thru email or off-line discussions.

10. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT VIRTUAL MEETING

This topic is addressed in follow-up to query received regarding the Land Acknowledgment directives and referred to in one other Committee Minutes circulated last month. The present statement and direction included at Section 304 of the RAP Manual, including the requirement to have this acknowledgment developed by specific Command or Branches as applicable to their area, and that any virtual meeting is considered to be taking place in the location of the Chair, thus to reflect that area in the acknowledgment, was directed by the Strategic Plan on ADI and approved by DEC. Any changes to the present approved statement in the RAP manual on this topic will only be acted on by the Ritual and Award Committee on specific directions received by DEC, not from any other sources or other Committees. The process for such amendments or changes has been clearly confirmed with the National Executive Director and the Chair is firm that nothing is going to be considered or changed on this topic unless directed by DEC in accordance with RCL process for business. This topic is therefore closed for any discussion till such DEC direction is received.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

11. DECONSECRATING A CENOTAPH

As directed by Resolution voted at the last RCL Convention, a written process for this process was received from NB Command for review, The Committee Coordinator will, review and tailor it to a format that can be incorporated in the RAP Manual, on the same basis as the present process for Consecrating a Cenotaph is published. A draft will be sent to all members before the next meeting for review.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
NL	5			
ONT	1		1	
BC/YUKON	1		2	
NS/NU	2			

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

None for action by the Committee.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place on February, 27th, at 11:00AM Ottawa time.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked all for their participation and input for one of the busiest periods in award submission.

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 11:54hrs.

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Committee Secretary