

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 1st February 2023 at 10:00HRS**

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In Attendance: Blaine Kiley – Chair

Tony Chevalier – Member
John Cher – Member
Jack Porter – Member
Don McCumber – Member
Charls Gendron – Coordinator

Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair, absent due to technical difficulties and therefore excused
John Cher – Member - absent due to technical difficulties and therefore excused

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:00hrs 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 apologized for the last-minute change of meeting timings. He stated that the Vice-Chair has been excused from the meeting due to unforeseen issues.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on December 22nd, 2022, were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved that the minutes of the committee meeting, December 22nd, 2022, be adopted as written.

CARRIED

8. RAP MMANUAL

The Chair briefly recapitulated that the RAP manual will be amended to reflect the DEC decision to allow Service Undress Ribbon to be worn on the informal dress shirt. He reiterated that no Legion undress ribbons are allowed to be worn on the Informal Dress shirt.

9. HALF MASTING

As information to the Committee, the Chair stated that queries had been received from Ontario Command in regard to half-masting the Canadian Flag on the passing of “past” holder of position as those listed in Section 929. The present Legion policy is based on the specific writing from the Govt of Canada list for Half-masting the Canadian flag and will not change. The Chair referred to the Resolution process if anyone wishes to undertake having this policy amended.

10. WELCOMING CEREMONIES

Also, as information, the Chair will be discussing with the DC Membership Director in amending their manual to reflect the new policy wording and direction for welcoming new members as stated in the RAP manual Section 4, and specifically point that this process is an optional and a Branch decision.

11. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
Intl USA			1	
BC/Yukon	1			
NFLD and Labrador	1			
AB/NWT	1			
NB	1			
ON	1			
NS/NUNAVUT			1	

Following the meeting, the Chair reiterated that all Provincial Commands will be reminded of the new requirements (in bold) of Section 2027 to be included in all award submission

in that:

b. The date and type of meeting where the award was approved, " that a copy of the minutes of the meeting where the application was approved are attached to the application form. The minutes **must** include the name(s) of the member(s) the award(s) being applied for, **and the full name of the nominator and seconder. The minutes must also be signed by the appropriate signing authorities.** If it is the wish to keep the name(s) of the applicant(s) confidential, an 'in camera' provision could be utilized at an Executive Meeting to discuss the application(s). The minutes of the 'in camera' portion of the meeting are to be included with the rest of the Executive Meeting minutes when submitting the application and **must include the name(s) of the member(s) and the award(s) being applied for and the name of the nominator and seconder.**

12. PROVINCIAL QUEEN PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDALS

The Coordinator told the Committee that the Govt of Canada has now approved the Provincial Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals and is now part of the official list of approved service medals by The Chancellery that can be worn. As such, Legion members who received that medal can now mount and wear it in accordance with Section 115 of the RAP manual along other service medals.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/medals/cf-honours-policy-manual/chapter7/annex-a.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/medals/medals-chart-index.html>

13. FLYING OF FLAG IN SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC SOCIAL CAUSE

The Chair stated that he received many queries on Branches being allowed to fly flags that reflect various social causes specific to their area. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, will submit a policy proposal for review by the DEC at their next meeting in April.

14. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Don McCumber asked about the OSI medal. The Coordinator point out that this Past Service medals and bar is already included in the Section 275 of the manual.

15. FUTURE MEETING

The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, 2023, at 10:00AM.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded in mentioning that the Committee will most likely be getting busier with queries of all sorts in the coming months and again apologized that last minute's

by all members.

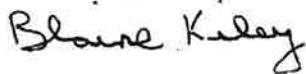
16. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

17. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary