

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 27th October 2022 at 10:00HRS**

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

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:02hrs 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 members following a relatively quiet period for the Committee since the last meeting. The Legion Poppy Campaign and the Remembrance weeks are upon us, and he wishes everyone great success with them within their respective Command.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

The Chair mentioned that specific topic of correspondences will be addressed on their own during this meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee Coordinator stated for information that all changes and amendments of the Ritual and Award manual have been send into manual publisher(Canvet). The updated manual should be available for view on the web by December.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on September 28th, 2022, were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved that the minutes of the committee meeting, September 28th, 2022, be adopted as written.

CARRIED

8. RAP MANUAL CHANGES

See para 6 above. The Chair reminded all that once published, the following All-Branch newsletter will have the specifics changes for all members to read.

9. PAST OFFICE MEDAL

In response to a query from Ontario Command on the period eligibility to be counted in regard to the COVID extension of positions, the following Committee position on the subject was emailed to them, which would be similar to all other Provincial Command on the topic:

"All members of the Dominion Command Ritual and Awards Committee agree that the awarding of the medal should be based on the term of office for the portfolio the member was initially installed. Awarding of Past Officer Medals are based on normal officer terms identified in regulations policies and procedures. Extension the term of office due to Covid was an emergency contingency in effect only until the situation improved. Once this occurs, we will revert back to normal policies."

Blaine Kiley
Chair, Ritual, Award, and Protocol Committee
Dominion Command

10. LADY AUXILIARY MEDALS

The Chair received a query in regard to the wearing of LA medals by a member who left the LA and joined the RCL. He confirmed that Section 132 of the manual is clear, covers the topic and allows a previous member of the LA, now a member of the Legion only to wear her awarded LA medals on her Legion uniform.

11. FOREIGN SERVICE MEDALS

A series of queries by the same individual was made to the Chair on the rules for wearing non-Commonwealth WWII Foreign service medals on Legion dress. The Chair provided the following response in line with the direction of the RAP manual Section 115:

"In response to your last e-mail message the wearing of Foreign Medals on Legion dress remains not allowable unless authorized by the Dominion Executive Council of the Royal Canadian Legion."

As indicated in my previous message Foreign Medals are not authorized on the Canadian Forces Uniform and by extension Legion Dress. The Royal Canadian Legion is a military based organization and utilizes Canadian Forces policies and procedures as a guide. Information provided in my previous message and the link to:

Chapter 6 – Commonwealth and foreign honours to Canadians - Canada.ca

offers an opportunity to obtain approval to wear a foreign medal on a Canadian Forces Uniform. This procedure must be followed, and approval received to allow the wearing of the medal on the Canadian Forces Uniform.

To allow the wearing of a foreign medal on Legion Dress a copy of the Government approval from the Chancellery of Honours must be provided to the Dominion Executive Council for approval consideration.

Should you wish to change or modify current policy identified in the Ritual, Award, and Protocol Manual is necessary to do so through a resolution. The resolution, initiated at Branch or Provincial Command, would need to be approved and then be submitted to the Dominion Command Executive Committee for review, approval consideration, and future direction.”

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
BC/Yukon	5			
NB	1			

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting via Zoom will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, 2022.

14. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee Coordinator reminded the Board that the pre-DEC Committee report will only address the upcoming project to update the Legion Chaplain Manual.

The Chair mentioned that a TV segment on CTV network profiled an individual producing knitted purple poppies for animal and that this had been mentioned to the DC Poppy and Remembrance Committee.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded that any updates leading to or from the Nov DEC will be provided to all members electronically as made available.

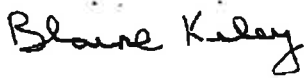
16. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

17. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary