

Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

26 September 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, 26 September 2024 at 10:00HRS**

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

Absent: **Don McCumber – Member**

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:01hrs 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 back from the summer break. It was a nice to meet most of them at the National Convention and look forward to the start of a new year at the helm of the Committee.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 June 2024, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 27 June 2024.

CARRIED

8. DOMINION CONVENTION

The Chair provided a quick wrap-up of the events of the convention and noted that the Committee presentation went very well and was voted in favour without issue.

9. RESOLUTIONS

3 Resolutions were voted in favour of the Committee recommendations and will be actioned in the coming year.

In no specific order, they are:

- a. A new Bursary bar will be created to be worn on the Branch Service medal.
- b. The proposal to add former Provincial Lieutenant Governor to the list of officials for whom the Legion flag will be lowered, and
- c. Create a Cenotaph decommissioning protocol.

Comrade Tony will be taking the lead to initiate the third point. The Committee coordinator will see to the other two with the appropriate authorities at National Headquarters.

There will be further discussion regarding the proposal voiced during the past year on the possibility of increasing the number of Legion's sponsored Cadet medal.

**Action: T. Chevalier
Committee coordinator**

10. RITUAL, AWARD AND PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

The Chair stated that, as per every convention year, Committee members are changed at the discretion of the new President. Invitation letters have been sent out, once all confirmed, the new members will be advised of the Committee process and officially announced. He wants to thank all those that will be departing, for their particularly important contribution and professionalism in accomplishing their tasks over the last 3 years.

11. CONVENTION CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Chair informed the Committee that discussion will be held at DEC level in the coming months to direct that Legion formal Dress with medals will be the dress for all future National Convention Opening and Closing ceremonies for all convention attendees.

ACTION: Chair

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
NS/NU	1			
ONT	1			
MB/NW ONT			1	

The Committee coordinator will draft an improved definition of requirements to be followed for submission of MSM and MSA and will be incorporated in the RAP manual once approved by the Committee.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Mary-Ann asked about the design of the proposed Centennial medal. The design and approval are the responsibility of the Centennial Committee. Our committee will only be involved in amending the RAP manual as required once available to wear on the directions of DEC.

Comrade Mary-Ann mentioned comments voiced at Convention regarding the number of bars that a member can wear on a single Legion medal. The Committee coordinator will confirm the number and will table and amendment to section 125 to clarify once for all this issue.

The Chair mentioned that there could be more discussion over the coming year regarding the Purple Ribbon and Memorial pin given out by the CF and the inclusion of those for wear on Legion dress.

The Chair also reiterated that any inclusion of Native flags, dress items or others are becoming more prominent under the EDI initiative and must be approved by DEC thru the Resolutions process. Anything not presently described in the RAP manual as of the date of this meeting is not authorized for wear or display.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place in on 31st October 2024. With the new

members now spanning the country, the meeting will now start at 13:30 Ottawa time.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked everyone for their work. Comrade Jack had already mentioned that he will not be back as member of this committee. The Chair thanked him very much for his work, dedication, and involvement in advancing the work of the Legion thru this committee.

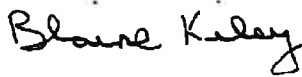
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary