

DOMINION RITUAL AND AWARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes 29 May 2025

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29 May 2025 – VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
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MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Blaine Kiley	-	Chair
Mary-Ann Latimer	-	Vice-Chair
Ernie Tester	-	Member
Gerald Budden	-	Member
Antonin Chevalier	-	Member
Charls Gendron	-	Committee Coordinator

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 11:06hrs EST on 27 March 2025 via videoconferencing . The Chair opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment and conducted the opening ritual.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

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 Agenda if so required.

CARRIED

4. OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed all, stating that this is the first meeting following the last DEC meeting and there is a full agenda. With summer approaching it is likely to be a quiet period. As in past years, meetings via zoom will only be scheduled if a need occurs. Major award applications will continue to be reviewed monthly and the submitting command will be advised of the approval decision.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of 27th March 2025 were distributed and reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes dated 27th March 2025.

CARRIED

8. Canadian Flag Pin

As a show of support to Canadian Sovereignty, DEC has approved the wearing of a Canada Flag pin on Standard Legion Dress. As such, the Canadian Flag pin available through Legion Supply (Item 400815, **only type allowed**), is approved for wear on Standard Legion Dress **only** for an initial period of two years (1 June 2025 to 1 June 2027). The pin is to be worn on the outside of the Support our Troop pin and levelled to it. This will also be published in the next Legion Despatch publishing.

9. LEGION DRESS

A query was made as to how to wear the Informal Blue Shirt. The Committee concluded that it cannot create a specific dressing policy regarding how to wear a specific piece of Legion informal dress. It is incumbent to all members to promote a clean and presentable appearance while respecting differences that may be faced by members with the limitations of mandated clothing garments available only through the Legion supply system.

10. HAND SALUTES

A query was made as to an RCL policy regarding members that may not or cannot physically make a hand salute as detailed in the RAP Manual. The Committee will not

create new policy(ies) that could possibly meet all various situations. If a hand salute per say cannot be physically made, a local decision on what is an appropriate gesture of respect that meet the limitations is to be agreed upon for that occasion and the responsibility of the members in charge of the event.

11. INSTALLATION – APPOINTED POSITIONS

A query was made regarding the protocol for appointed positions. The RAP manual stipulates for which positions following an election an Installation ceremony must take place but not for many “appointed” positions. It was agreed that the decision of which positions that must receive an Installation ceremony is not of this Committee’s responsibility but for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. If the Ritual and Award Committee receives directions to include more positions that are not presently listed in the RAP manual for Installation Ceremonies, an amendment will be made accordingly.

12. MEMORIAL CROSS RIBBON

Once again, a query was made regarding the wearing of the Memorial Ribbon on Legion dress. This topic has been addressed many times in the past and the Committee position has remained the same. The Memorial Ribbon is a Canadian Forces award given for wear on civilian dress only. It is not approved to wear on Military uniform even if a recipient is a serving military member. When it comes to wearing of Military awards and decorations, the RCL follow the very same rules as the CAF. Although the Committee recognises the meaning of this award, the issue is not about dress regulations only. Unless the policy changes for CAF members, the RCL will continue to follow CAF policy. As such, the Memorial Ribbon is not authorised for wear on Legion Dress.

13. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
ONT	1			
MB/NWT			2	
NB	1			

14. NEW OR GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Mary-Ann mentioned that there is a lack of respect for Legion dress policies at various meeting and Conventions. It also was brought up that on some occasions, Legion medals not earned are worn. The concept of Stolen Valour does not apply to Legion awards and in such case should be processed under an Article 3 by the member in position of authority. The same responsibility lies with them in making sure the dress policies are applied and always respected on all occasions.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

As mentioned in the opening remarks, electronic meetings will be held for the summer months (June and July). Only if a topic requires immediate in-person discussions will a zoom meeting take place.

16. CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking everyone and wish all a safe and enjoyable summer period.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking everyone and hope to see many at the upcoming DEC meeting in April.

18. CLOSING RITUAL

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The contents of Committee minutes are subject to the approval of Dominion Executive Council, or Dominion Convention as appropriate.

Blaine Kiley

Charles Gendron

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Chair

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