Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

28 October 2026

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DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 27 May 2026, 10:30hrs

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In Attendance: **Blaine Kiley – Chair**
Trevor Jenvenne – Vice Chair
Terrance Deslage – Member
Ron Bourque – Member
Mario Couture - Member
Charls Gendron – Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 14:37hrs 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 welcomed all new members appointed to the Committee following the August National Convention and expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve in this capacity over the next two years. The Chair then facilitated a roundtable introduction, allowing each Comrade an opportunity to introduce themselves.

As this was the Committee's first meeting since the summer, the Chair provided an overview of the Committee's mandate and responsibilities, with particular emphasis on the review and vetting process for major award submissions. The Chair also confirmed that the Committee will continue to meet monthly via Zoom, with meeting agendas distributed approximately one to two weeks in advance of each scheduled meeting.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

Nil

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2026 were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the modified Minutes of 27 May 2026.

CARRIED

7. DOMINION CONVENTION

The Chair addressed the few items that were pertinent to the Committee at Dominion Convention so as to bring all members up to date on the way ahead. He noted the following items:

1. The Veterans Scroll on Blue shirt was approved.

2. The wearing of the Memorial Ribbon on Legion formal dress was approved, while

3. The Kentucky Bow tie worn with formal legion dress was not approved.

It was also further carried that the development of Indigenous Dress regulations will start to take place to be incorporated in the RCL Dress regulations and the Chair gave a quick recap of what has already been done in that regard in the CAF and RCMP dress regulations. Comrade Trevor will be the leading member for this review having already been involved in the RCMP regulation development and for his personal background in Indigenous issues.

8. STALE DATED MINUTES FOR MAJOR AWARD

The Chair raised an inquiry regarding the validity of signed Minutes submitted in support of Major Award applications, particularly in cases where the Minutes were dated more than one year prior to submission.

While one Provincial Command has established a policy of not accepting Minutes dated more than one year prior to a Branch submission, the DC Committee agreed that it will continue to accept properly signed Minutes regardless of the date recorded. However, the Committee reserves the right to question Minutes that are considered significantly outdated and, where warranted, will assess their validity on a case-by-case basis.

9. INFORMAL DRESS – SGT-at-Arms

The Chair raised this matter following an email inquiry regarding the wearing of the Sgt-at-Arms sash with the Blue Shirt dress. He clarified that Colour Party members are not authorised to wear the Blue Shirt while performing Colour Party duties. He further noted that the Blue Shirt is designated as an informal dress uniform and, as such, the Sgt-at-

Arms sash is not to be worn with it. The members present were in full agreement with this clarification.

10. NATIONAL DAY for TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Chair, through Comrade Trevor, has confirmed that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is an officially recognized day for the half-masting of the Canadian Flag. Accordingly, the RAP Manual will be amended to include this day in the list of occasions on which the RCL will observe the half-masting protocol.

11. LEGION DRESS

The Chair introduced this topic following an inquiry regarding the possibility of incorporating a formal raincoat/overcoat into Legion Dress. While all members were in agreement with the concept in principle, it was noted that the proposal must first proceed through the formal Resolution process before it can be approved and officially incorporated into the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Dress Regulations.

12. MINIATURE MEDALS

Following a query regarding the wearing of miniature medals, and clarification that there is no such thing as RCL miniature medals, the Committee agreed to amend Section 116 of the RAP Manual by adding the word "Government of Canada issued." This amendment is intended to eliminate any ambiguity and clarify that the section refers specifically to CAF military miniature medals.

13. CONSECRATION OF COLORS

A query was raised regarding the process and protocol for the Consecration of Colours, including various flags and banners. This matter is clearly outlined in the RAP Manual, which details the applicable procedures and protocols to be followed. Accordingly, no changes will be made to the existing policy, which will remain in effect as currently established.

14. RAP MANUAL AMENDMENTS

The Committee Coordinators will liaise with the RCL Marketing Department to review how amendments are distributed throughout the RCL and via Legion Despatch, following recent questions regarding the formatting and presentation of these communications.

15. VETERAN'S FLAG

The Chair provided background information regarding an incident at one Branch involving the unveiling and presentation of a Veterans flag, which had not been approved by the RCL, to Provincial Government officials, followed by its subsequent hoisting at the Branch. The Chair reiterated that any items intended for official use at a Branch, including

at official functions or events, must receive prior approval from the DEC before being introduced or used.

16. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
BC/YUKON	2			
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As this was the first review instance for all new members, The Chair went thru the application process following the document titled "Flow to a perfect application for MSM. MSA and Pam Leaf, available online.

17. NEW OR GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

16. FUTURE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held via Zoom at 14:30hres on November 30th. 2026.

17. CLOSING COMMENTS

Once again, the Chair welcomes and thanks all new members for their commitment and participation. We look forward to continuing the important work ahead and drawing upon each member's unique background, knowledge, and experience to further advance the RCL Ritual and Awards business.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

17. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the closing ceremonies were carried out by Comrade Trevor and the meeting was adjourned at 15:45 PM.

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Committee Secretary