

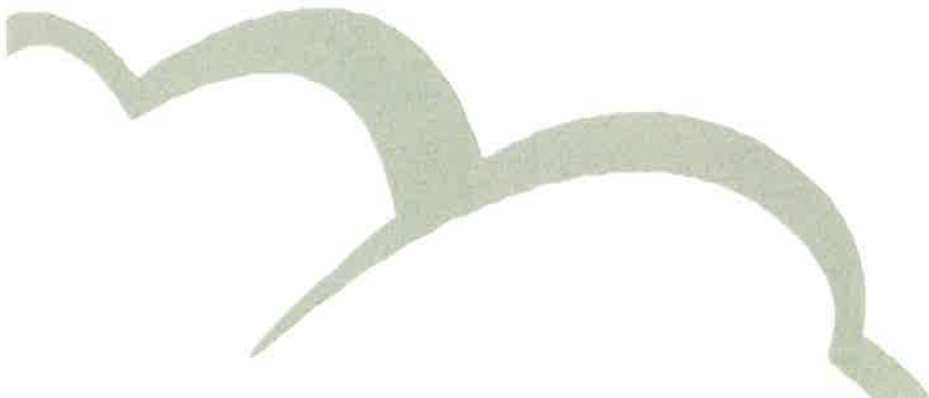
Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

31 October 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.

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**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 31 October 2024, 13:00hrs**

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In Attendance: **Blaine Kiley – Chair**
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair
 Tony Chevalier – Member
 Ernie Tester – Member

Charls Gendron – Coordinator

Excused: **Gerald Bodden – Member**

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:00hrs 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 welcomed all the new members (Comrade Ernie Tester and Gerald Bodden) to the Committee and looks forward to advancing the Legion agenda with great and constructive discussions. He also thanked the departing members (John Cher, Jack Porter, and Don McCumber) for their great contributions over the last two years and wish them success in their future work with the Legion. This was followed by a round table introduction by all members present.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee Coordinator asked for tombstone information to be emailed to him by the new members.

ACTION: Comrade Ernie
Comrade Gerald

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26 September 2024, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 26 September 2024.

CARRIED

8. APPLICATION PROCESS

The Committee Coordinator provided the members with a copy of the revised Major Award Application Process form. Discussions addressed a few items that will be changed and then promulgated thru the normal Branch notification process.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

9. LEGION DRESS CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Chair presented this topic that ensued from the August Legion Convention. A motion will be introduced at the DEC November meeting to include the wearing of Legion Dress for the Closing Ceremonies of National Convention. If approved, the Committee Coordinator will make the appropriate amendment to the Ritual and Award Manual.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

10. WELCOMING CEREMONY SECTION 404 RAP MANUAL

The Chair discussed the topic of the Welcoming Ceremony, Section 404 of the RAP Manual. The wording of "and present you with your legion badge" under Presiding Officer requires removal. The Welcoming Ceremony is discretionary, should a Branch elect to conduct a ceremony it is a Legion Pin presented not a Legion Badge. The Committee Coordinator will amend the RAP manual accordingly.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
NL	1			
ONT				1
BC/YUKON			2	

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place in on 28th November 2024. With the new members now spanning the country, the meeting will now start at 13:00 Ottawa time.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked again the new members and thanked everyone for their upcoming work during the Remembrance period.

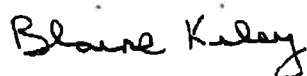
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 13:54 PM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary