

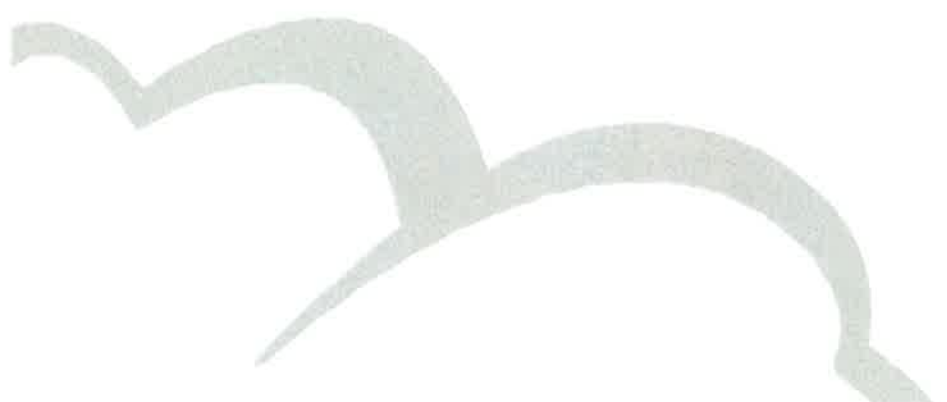
Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

28 November 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, 28 November 2024, 13:00hrs**

File: 51-2

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

 Charls Gendron – Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 13:05hrs 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 Comrade Gerry as a new member of the Committee, and a brief round table introduction ensued. The Chair spoke to the month being quiet as for topics to the Committee as it is usual following the Remembrance period. The DEC meeting went well with good presentations and that tabled amendments to our manual were approved (see items 9 and 10).

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

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. REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES- NATIONAL LEVEL

The Chair briefly spoke on a letter received regarding the inclusion of Land Acknowledgement in the National Remembrance Ceremonies protocol and stated that this has been referred to the National Executive level for further review and response.

9. LEGION DRESS - CONVENTION CLOSING CEREMONIES

DEC has approved the amendment to Legion Dress policies that will now dictate that Legion Dress will be worn during National Convention closing ceremonies. The Ritual, Award and Protocol Manual will be amended.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

10. CANADIAN FLAG HALF MASTING

DEC has approved at convention an amendment to the Ritual and Award Manual Section 929 that will now include Past Provincial Lieutenant-Governor in the list of people for whom, upon their passing, the National Flag will be half-masted at all Legion establishments.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

11. ABORIGINAL VETERAN PIN

The Chair spoke on a query received about the permanent wearing of the Aboriginal Veteran pin produced a few years ago and available thru the Legion Supply Department.

Following a roundtable discussion, the Chair will refer this topic to the ADI Committee for follow up under their terms of responsibility with DEC. The Ritual and Award Committee will action amendment if necessary to the manual when directions are received from DEC on the matter.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
NL	1		2	
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BC/YUKON	1		2	
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13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Mary-Ann requested that a reminder be sent to all Branches regarding the Land Acknowledgment requirements as per the RAP Manual section 304. The Committee Coordinator will discuss with the National Executive level as to how to proceed on this.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

14. FUTURE MEETING

There will not be any Committee zoom meeting scheduled for December. Applications will be processed electronically throughout the month.

The next virtual Committee meeting will take place on January 30th, at 11:00AM Ottawa time.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked all for their participation and input and wishes all members and their families a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

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 14:55 PM.

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Committee Chair

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Committee Secretary