

Dominion Command Ritual and Award Committee

Meeting Minutes

24 September 2025

*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, 24 September 2025, 10:30hrs**

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In Attendance: **Blaine Kiley – Chair**
 Tony Chevalier – Member
 Ernie Tester – Member
 Gerald Budden – Member
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair (Excused)
 Charls Gendron – Coordinator

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:35hrs 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 everyone following a busy summer with award submissions now heading to the Remembrance period and with on-going Centenary preparations going full force.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee coordinator mentioned the upcoming DEC meeting and required report to be completed.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 May 2025 were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 29 May 2025.

CARRIED

8. PAST SERVICE BARS

The Chair mentioned that queries were received on the lack of specific Service Bars for the Auxiliary Ladies and the one for Chairman where the wording should be amended to Chair. Although there is indeed a lack of Lady Auxiliaries Service Bars for all positions, this is reflective of the limited numbers of positions for this group throughout every Command. Any change to the present situation and availability will need to be justified and submitted to DEC as a substantial cost to the Legion is involved. Regarding the Chairman Bar to be changed to read "Chair", this has already been accepted and discussion with the Supply Department has taken place. Again, this is a question of supply and demand vs the cost associated with the present level of stock (15 years' worth) of an item rarely bought. The Supply Department now has the lead on this as to when this will make sense to execute the change.

9. LEGION DRESS

The Chair received a query on the wearing of white gloves for Colours Party with summer dress and blue shirt dress vs what the manual presently stipulates for individuals involved in this task. The Chair reiterated first that no colour party should be wearing the blue shirt dress, and this is clear in the manual. As for summer dress, the Committee reviewed the wording in section 103 and 940 and amendment to coordinate both will be made to the manual.

ACTION: Committee Coordinator

10. ELECTRONIC VOTING MAJOR AWARDS

The Committee accepted that any Branch electronic motion and acceptance voting for major award submission will continue to be accepted but doesn't nullify the need to have copies of all related emails and Minutes of such motion included with the overall award submission forwarded to Provincial Command and Dominion for their review. Any submission missing these will not be considered and returned for proper completion.

11. LEGION DRESS ADDITIONAL ACCOUTREMENTS

The Chair reiterated that any request for any new "dress accoutrement" related to any causes which are not already stipulated or addressed in the Ritual and Award Manual must be made thru the Legion Resolution process.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
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Of note, the RAP Manul section 208 will be amended to read:" If **previously** awarded, ...

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

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14. FUTURE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will take place on October 30th, 2025, at 10:30EST.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked all for their participation and input and wishes all members and look forward to their inputs in the upcoming fall session.

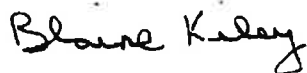
16. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

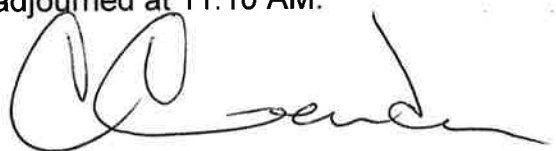
17. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Committee Chair



Charls Gendron

Committee Secretary