

**DOMINION COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE RITUAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
LEGION HOUSE
Via ZOOM Conferencing, 28 September 2023 at 10:00HRS**

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In Attendance: Blaine Kiley – Chair
 Mary Ann Latimer – Vice Chair
 Tony Chevalier – Member
 John Cher – Member
 Jack Porter – Member
 Charls Gendron – Coordinator

Excused: Don McCumber – Member

1. OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 10:03hrs 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 everyone back from the summer hiatus for meeting and congratulated again Comrade Tony for his appointment as New Brunswick Provincial Command President.

5. CORRESPONDENCES

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Nil.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 July 2023, were reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of 27 July 2023.

CARRIED

8. Chapter 2 RAP MANUAL

In light of a few issues earmarked in recent award submissions, the Chair presented some amendments to the members for discussion to update the sections in reference in order to have a smooth process of submission.

After discussion, Section 201 b. will be amended to remove the wording "Since last award". The manual amendment will be posted through the Legion Dispatch in the coming month.

ACTION: Coordinator

9. Chaplain Manual

The Chair updated the Committee on the action taken so far. The Committee will base its reviewing work on the present Canadian Forces Chaplain manual to bring the Legion one in line with it. Because of summer requirement of members, the timeline of October previously earmarked for a first draft will likely move right but no new definite date has been targeted.

10. Korean War Veterans

The Committee has been approached by the DC Exec staff to present opinion on what celebrations of the last Korean War Veterans should take place and the format. The committee expressed the view that the very same plan previously adopted for commemorating the last First World War Veterans should take place. The Coordinator will forward the Committee position.

ACTION: Coordinator

11. Corps of Commissioner Medal

The Chair brought this point as info. A query was made on the wearing of this medal on Legion dress. As this medal is one formally recognised by the Canadian Forces, the wearing on Legion dress is regulated by Section 113 of the RAP manual.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Command	MSM	MSA	Palm to MSM	Palm to MSA
NB	1		1	
BC/YUKON	1			

13. NEW or GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing was brought up for action. The Chair reiterated that no generic Land Acknowledgement will be issued by DC to any Provincial Command. As previously distributed through Legion Dispatch and included in the RAP manual, Land Acknowledgement must now be included in all Legion opening ceremonies for any type of formal meeting but the specifics of such are the responsibility of Provincial Command and Branches to develop and draft to recognize the specific locations and groups where the meeting takes place.

The Chair also reiterated that award submissions will continue to require full details of nominating meeting with dates, location, the full names of all present, including those of the nominator and seconder of motion for an award to any member.

14. FUTURE MEETING

The next Committee virtual meeting will take place on October 26th, 2023.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair concluded in thanking everyone and look forward to the fall period of work for the Committee.

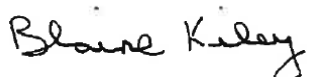
17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING CEREMONY

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.



Blaine Kiley

Charls Gendron

Committee Chair

Committee Secretary