



1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commander Dan Dean Struck the gavel and opened the meeting at 1839hrs, 08JUN2026

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Preamble to the AMVETS Constitution by Commander D. Dean
 - i. We, the American Veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our state and to our nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans; and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the grace of God.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Presentation of Colors - Salute to the Flag
- e. Moment of silence

3. SPECIAL OPERATION – SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

- a. Commander D. Dean called to temporarily suspend the regular meeting for the Swearing of Officers. Second by T. Stocker
 - i. Commander D. Dean Swore in incoming Commander John Cavanagh
 - 1. Commander D. Dean ceremoniously turned over gavel to Commander J. Cavanagh
 - 2. Commander D. Dean to Commander J. Cavanagh, “Install your Post”
 - a. Commander Cavanagh swore in all incoming officers
- b. Motion to resume regular meeting by R. Monts, 2nd by J. Cavanagh
- c. Commander J. Cavanagh assigned Vice Commander Richard L. Monts to chair the meeting

4. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- a. Vice-Commander R. Monts Called Roll of Officers, Recorded by Adjutant O’Connor
 - i. Present: Commander John Cavanagh, Vice Commander Richard L. Monts, Adjutant Tim O’Connor, Financial Officer Dan Dean, Public Relations Officer Terry Stocker, Trustee Brenda Dean Trustee Ron Hughes, Trustee Dan Dean
 - ii. Present: via Video Call 2nd Vice Commander Dan Wismer for Swearing In

5. READING OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

- a. Adjutant O’Conner Read Prior Meeting Minutes
 - i. Minutes from the previous meeting Motion to Accept, by D. Dean, 2nd by T. Stocker, so moved.

6. AGENDA

- a. Agenda of meeting distributed by R. Monts



7. **PROCEDURAL ITEMS** (R. Monts)

- a. Addressed Meeting Procedural process, IAW National, Department, and Local AMVETS Constitution & Bylaws
 - i. All in attendance received a copy
 1. Highlights covered
 - a. Parliamentary procedures
 - b. Roberts Rules of Order
 - c. Chair of Meeting
 - i. Discussion decorum
 - ii. Chair must recognize speaker
 - iii. One order-of-business at a time
 - iv. Free Debate
 - v. Equal Vote
 - vi. Will of Majority Rules
 - vii. Minority has right to be heard equally
 2. All items for discussion or debate shall be for the good of the Post
 - a. Allowance of not rising to discuss
 - b. Unanimous consent is allowed
 3. Motion process
 - a. Motion can be verbal and/or formally written
 - i. Motions must be in the affirmative
 - ii. Motion is addressed to the Commander
 - iii. Amendment process
 - iv. Withdraw process
 - v. Table process
 - b. Motion may be presented during
 - i. Special Order
 - ii. Reports of Officers
 - iii. Committee Reports
 - iv. New Business
 - c. Methods of Vote
 - i. Verbal Roll Call
 - ii. Show of Hands
 - iii. Ballot
 1. Chair of meeting only votes on ballot, or as a tie breaking vote
 - d. Point of Order Process
 - e. Point of Information Process

8. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- a. Commander J. Cavanagh
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- b. 1st Vice R. Monts
 - i. Membership (Deferred) until 9.a.ii
- c. 2nd Vice T. Stocker



- i. Nothing to Report at this time
- d. Finance Officer D. Dean
 - i. Reviewed Financial Report, deferred vote to accept until 9.b.i
- e. Adjutant T. O'Connor
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- f. Public Relations Officer T. Stocker
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- g. Trustee B. Dean
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- h. Trustee R. Hughes
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- i. Trustee D. Dean
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time

9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Membership Committee (R. Monts)
 - i. 24 new Active Veteran memberships have been processed with National since 01MAY2026
 - ii. Reading of Social Membership Applications (Names redacted for privacy)
 - 1. Rachel C [REDACTED], Motion to accept D. Dean, 2nd R. Hughes, so moved
 - 2. Michael P [REDACTED], Motion to accept J. Cavanagh, 2nd R. Hughes, so moved
 - 3. Joseph T [REDACTED], Motion to accept T. Stocker, 2nd D. Sean, so moved
 - 4. Jeff C [REDACTED], Motion to accept D. Dean, 2nd T. Stocker, so moved
 - 5. Debra M [REDACTED], Motion to accept J. Cavanagh, 2nd T. O'Connor, so moved
 - 6. Dominick M [REDACTED], Motion to accept J. Cavanagh, 2nd T. O'Connor, so moved
- b. Finance Committee / House Committee / Canteen (D. Dean / D. Starr)
 - i. Received financial report
 - 1. Canteen Manager David Starr presented financial report, bank account balances, etc. (Copy of report supplied to all present) (Redacted for Public)
 - a. Cash on hand
 - i. Home Account [REDACTED]
 - ii. Membership [REDACTED]
 - iii. Gaming [REDACTED]
 - iv. Christmas Club [REDACTED]
 - b. Bills to be paid in June presented (may be +/- due to billing dates & adjustments)
 - i. Verizon [REDACTED]
 - ii. Met-Ed [REDACTED]
 - iii. Hulu [REDACTED]
 - iv. City of Easton [REDACTED]
 - v. Easton Suburban Water [REDACTED]
 - vi. UGI [REDACTED]
 - vii. Astound [REDACTED]



- viii. Various Canteen bills (FWGS, Nazareth Bev, Pest Control, Alarm system, amusements, etc.)
 - 1. Motion to pay D. Dean, 2nd T. Stocker, so moved
- c. Veterans Service
 - i. Nothing to Report at this time
- d. Events & Fundraising
 - i. Facebook Followers have gained Dozens
 - ii. White Clover sign-in started at \$0.25 per visit, to be split with club and member drawn at monthly meeting
 - 1. IAW PA Small Games of Chance
 - iii. More events needed, ideas to be presented in future
 - 1. Nursing Home Visit
 - 2. Cemetery Flags
 - 3. Memorial Day Parade
 - 4. Potential Pocono Casino Trip
 - 5. Potential Raceway trip
 - iv. Fundraising
 - 1. Basket raffles
 - 2. Dinners
 - 3. Meat Raffles
- e. Honor Guard / Color Guard
 - i. D. Dean mentioned need for personnel, uniforms, ceremonial weapons, etc. to be checked and requisitioned as needed
 - 1. To be looked into as membership settles and improves

10. SPECIAL ORDERS Items required to be addressed at this meeting (e.g., elections, constitution / bylaws amendments).

- a. R. Monts *Presented Resolution to Amend Title of Canteen Manager*
 - i. Reading of Resolution by R. Monts
 - 1. Resolution Attached
 - a. Motion presented and made R. Monts, 2nd T. Stocker
 - i. Roll call vote unanimous
 - ii. Motion Carries, ayes have it, so moved
 - ii. Commander Cavanagh & Meeting Chair welcomed David Start, Executive Director of Post #17 and Canteen to meeting for formal attendance and post business Meetings
- b. R. Monts *Presented Resolution to request Executive Director to attend Board of Directors Meetings*
 - i. Resolution Attached
 - 1. Motion presented and made R. Monts, 2nd D. Dean
 - a. Roll call vote unanimous
 - b. Motion Carries, ayes have it, so moved



- c. R. Monts presented *Resolution for Annual Social Membership Dues increase*
 - i. Reading of Resolution by R. Monts
 - 1. Resolution Attached
 - a. D. Dean requested point of information, discussion of the increase being too significant
 - b. T. Stocker reminded attendees that they can earn credits via participation
 - c. R. Monts reminded attendees that if a member can attend the club, use poker machines, play pull tabs, etc. a \$9.00 increase is modest, also considering the savings of drinking in a private Post vs. a public bar
 - d. D. Starr stated Traveling bar sports teams are required to be a member to participate at Post Bar Sports Events
 - i. R. Monts Amended to keep dues for only those and that purpose exclusively for Pool League, Quoits League, Shuffleboard teams
 - 1. All other attendance would require membership at the full rate
 - e. Motion to accept with amendment R Monts, 2nd J. Cavanagh
 - i. Roll call vote unanimous
 - ii. Motion Carries, ayes have it, so moved

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

- a. No unfinished business other than Swearing in of Officers at 3.a & 3.c
 - i. David Staff to complete the necessary filing with AMVETS National / Department by 15JUN2026

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. R. Monts - Begin discussion about Scholarship program from the Post, for a High School Senior in our area, from the general fund, of not more than \$1,000
 - i. No formal information presented, no motion made at this time
 - 1. Would be by application and interview
 - a. Potential candidate to be a child of Active Member
 - b. Someone attending the Military / ROTC, etc.
 - c. Only our local service area to include Greater Easton / Phillipsburg
 - ii. D. Dean would like to discuss this in future
 - 1. May appoint committee to research
- b. Website creation for Post #17
 - i. R. Monts will secure the domain, webhosting, and create site
 - 1. Motion to create a website by D. Dean, 2nd by T. Stocker
 - a. Roll call vote unanimous
 - b. Motion Carries, ayes have it, so moved



- c. R. Monts Discussion on behavior of members
 - i. Foul & Vulgar Language
 - ii. Disrespect
 - iii. Membership ramifications of same
 - 1. Many members and guests have had to be corrected on these behaviors
 - a. Any Board Member attending the canteen should address
 - b. Executive Director to Address
 - i. Bartenders to address immediately with members and guests
 - c. New joining Active Veteran members do not want to hear this language and see this behavior
 - d. We have received no less than two social media comments about the behavior and 'riff-raff' at this club, we have a reputation that we are a not a good place to hang out. We MUST change this perception
 - i. B. Dean, It is the right thing to do, if they can't respect our club, they don't deserve to be here
 - ii. R. Hughes has had multiple conversations with members and guests a well
 - iv. J. Cavanagh to source signs for Post about behavior, privilege, etc.
 - 1. *"PRIVATE CLUB, you do not have the right to anything. Being a member is a privilege, Please Follow our rules, Show respect to others. Bullying, Disrespect, Vulgar Language, or Fighting will not be tolerated. Violation of any of the above may result in revocation of membership."*
 - a. Motion by R. Monts to have signs created 2nd by J. Cavanagh
 - v. R. Monts requested signage for NO WEAPONS, as well as service animals
 - 1. Motion to Purchase by R. Monts, 2nd by R. Hughs
 - vi. R. Hughes, T. Stocker & J. Cavanagh discussion, Any violations could be removal for the night, temporary suspension from the club, pending information being brought to the board for a permanent revocation, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. Bullies always pick on the small person, they must know that we are here for them, and 100% against the improper behaviors.
 - 1. Must be documented on an incident form
 - a. PLCB / PLCE has a formal documentation form as needed
- d. D. Dean represented AMVETS Post \$17 at the B.A.C.K. Motorcycle run this past weekend, had discussions with them to join
 - i. Law Enforcement & First Responder community
 - 1. Would be solid Social Members
 - 2. Would be Strong Supports of our POST
- e. D. Dean Acknowledged Mr. D. Starrs' Significant contribution to turning Post #17 around
- f. T. O'Connor discussion of our Patch "Wall of Honor"
 - i. Requesting unit patches of our veterans
 - 1. Has been posted to social media
 - ii. R. Monts obtaining Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients photos and letter to the Post
 - iii. D. Dean presenting a Scale replica of one Vessel he served on



13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Member announcements
 - i. None at this meeting
- b. Recognitions
 - i. None at this meeting
- c. Volunteer opportunities
 - i. None at this meeting
- d. Community concerns None at this meeting
 - i. None at this meeting
- e. Discussion of having your own voice, we are not looking for “Yes-Men”, we want all to equally participate.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Upcoming events
 - i. Karaoke 19JUN2026
 - ii. Clam Bake 28JUN2026
- b. Deadlines
 - i. 15JUN2026 Filing of Officers with Department
 - ii. 26JUN2026 Last day to purchase Clam Bake Tickets
- c. Ceremonies
 - i. None at this meeting
- d. Post 17 activities
 - i. None at this meeting

15. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Retired the Colors, Salute to flag Called
- b. Benediction
- c. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Dean, 2nd by T, Stocker, and unanimously passed. The meeting was officially adjourned at 1940hrs

I believe these minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the business conducted by the Board of Directors for AMVETS Post #17, Easton, PA

Respectfully submitted,
Tim O’ Connor
Adjutant
11JUN2026