



THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFFERY S. HOLMES POST 84

April 4, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 1800 hours by Commander Dennis Brown.

Roll call by Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Zucker. Present were: Commander and Judge Advocate Dennis Brown, First Vice Commander and Historian Howard Bixby, Second Vice Commander Penny Johnson, Adjutant and Finance Officer Scott Holmes, Chaplain Luther Johnson and past commander, Charlie Patch. Visiting guest was Patti Holmes.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the December 7th, 2023 meeting was read by Adjutant Scott Holmes. Motion to accept by Sam Zucker and seconded by Penny Johnson. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

1. Finance Officer Scott Holmes reported that we have \$11,247.78 in the bank. Since December the following has been paid: Boy Scout Luncheon - \$75; \$50 fine for late tax filing; and baseball background check for Scott - \$9.50.
2. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

3. The budget for 2024 was presented. A motion by Charlie Patch was made to accept the budget and seconded by Sam Zucker.

Service Report: None

Membership:

1. We have 39 paid up members for fiscal year 2023-24. Our goal is 40 members.
2. There is ongoing membership recruitment.
3. For the Department of Vermont 2024 membership standings as of April 4th, see Appendix A.
4. American Legion and Post membership is possible through national's web site. Individual Posts need to validate such memberships before applicant is accepted.

Americanism:

1. Howard Bixby announced that Flag retirement ceremonies will take place on June 15th at 10 AM.

Children and Youth:

1. The Vermont American Legion state scholarship fund is short \$3000.00. The Department has asked Vermont Posts for assistance with donations. Charlie Patch made a motion that we contribute \$100 of our education allotment. Seconded by Sam Zucker. Motion carried.
2. Charlie Patch reported that we will not have anyone representing the Boys State this year due to conflicting end

of school year events. Girls state is still a possibility and he will let us know by the May meeting.

3. As stated previously, Scott Homes has completed the necessary background check required by the new rules of the American Legion Baseball. Coach Spencer has filed the necessary paperwork needed to register our team.

Old Business:

1. At the April Vet Council meeting, ceremonies for Memorial Day were announced as follows: the VA will hold their ceremony on Monday, May 27th at 10 AM; the local vet organizations will hold their veteran ceremonies on Thursday, May 30th in Hartford starting at 10:30 AM at the Maple Street Cemetery. Honoring Vets at the Villages will also be on this year's venue.
2. Commander Brown reminded us that we still need to plan for the American Legion Family Day in 2024. Discussion followed wherein the decision was made to have a BBQ at one of our baseball home games in July. Time and date to be announced when the baseball schedule is finalized in June.
3. WWI/WWII Monument News
 - a. Commander Brown reported that the site prep work is being finished, including the electrical work, and will be ready by Monday, the 27th, for the 1 PM monument installation ceremonies. He also reported that the memorial bricks have been ordered and received by the Hartford DPW and waiting for the right weather for the mason to install. Mary Kay Brown has invited several people to attend and as

asked a few to speak. The Main Street Museum will provide table and chairs.

- b. Discussion followed on whether we should have a color guard or will the Marine Corps League provide. Commander Brown will ascertain and let us know at the May meeting.
- c. Messrs. Briggs and Bartlett will provide Taps.

4. Blue Star Memorial

- a. Thanks to Mary Kay Brown we now have a permit application to legally work at this site.
- b. Discussion followed on whether Post 84 should adopt this site and maintain it. To be voted on at the May meeting.

5. Hometown Heroes Banners –Commander Brown, as the Committee Chair Person, made a presentation to the Hartford Selectboard. Results did not seem promising. Even though the Selectboard in 2023 allotted monies for this project, some members of the Selectboard feel more discussion is needed as to its purpose and impact on the Hartford citizenry.

6. Charlie Patch asked for permission to proceed with negotiations at the Montague Country Club for our September 21st golf fund raiser. A motion was made by Luther Johnson and seconded by Scott Holmes for him to proceed.

7. The Post's web site is now up and running. Members may access the site at: <https://www.post84vtlegion.org/index.cfm>

8. Members are requested to send comments about the site to Adjutant Scott Holmes at: thordog.holmes@gmail.com

New Business:

1. Alumni Day Parade – Patti Holmes asked if any our members will be marching in the parade on June 22nd. Members need to notify her by April 15th.
2. Special thanks from Commander Brown went to:
 - a. Sam Zucker for the continued recording of our meeting minutes.
 - b. Scott Holmes for maintaining and providing our Finance Report.
 - c. Many thanks to Terry Armstrong for rescheduling our monthly meeting from April 4th to the 11th due to a snow storm.
3. Scott is still in the process of soliciting some of our golf sponsors. Due to their corporate structure, they need more planning time to budget their contributions.

Comrades in distress

Russell Collins

The meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

Sam Zucker, Sergeant-at-Arms for Scott Holmes, Adjutant

Next meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM, at WRJ VA, Freedom Building (formally Building 44), Room 103a.

Appendix A

Department of Vermont 2024 Membership as of 4/4/24

VT Dist 0001 LGN

Addison Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0014	Vergennes Inc	Vergennes	9	19	230	1	259	270 95.93
VT-0019	American Legion Bristol	Bristol	6	29	262	1	298	347 85.88
VT-0027	Middlebury Inc	Middlebury	10	31	169	2	212	217 97.70
SUM:			25	79	661	4	769	834 92.206

Chittenden Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0091	Colchester Inc	Colchester	13	49	466	9	537	563 95.38
SUM:			13	49	466	9	537	563 95.382

Franklin Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0001	Green Mountain Inc	St Albans	5	67	497	2	571	623 91.65
VT-0012	Richford	Richford	1	15	59	2	77	95 81.05
VT-0042	Enosburg Inc	Enosburg Falls	8	24	188	2	222	249 89.16
VT-0060	Creller-Landon Inc	Alburg	2	8	68	0	78	97 80.41
VT-0088	Sheldon Springs Inc	Sheldon Spgs	1	7	29	1	38	36 105.56
VT-CN01	Montreal	Montreal Cana	0	12	17	0	29	33 87.88
SUM:			17	133	858	7	1015	1133 89.585

VT Dist 0002 LGN

Caledonia Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0007	Hardwick Inc	Hardwick	5	13	165	1	184	202 91.09
VT-0030	Lyndon Inc	Lyndon	5	19	87	0	111	116 95.69
VT-0053	Henry L. Danforth, Inc.	Danville	0	3	12	0	15	19 78.95
VT-0058	St Johnsbury Inc	St Johnsbury	2	6	81	2	91	89 102.25
SUM:			12	41	345	3	401	426 94.131

Essex Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0041	Moore-Fox	Gilman	0	3	15	0	18	19 94.74
VT-0047	Northland Inc	Canaan	6	7	118	1	132	129 102.33
VT-0080	Brighton Inc	Island Pond	0	18	111	2	131	147 89.12

SUM:	6	28	244	3	281	295	95.254
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Orleans Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal	
<u>VT-0021</u>	Newport Inc	Newport	5	18	109	3	135	154	87.66
<u>VT-0023</u>	Orleans Inc	Orleans	2	8	100	1	111	120	92.50
<u>VT-0028</u>	Jay Peak Inc	North Troy	17	7	41	0	65	49	132.65
<u>VT-0076</u>	Barton Inc	Barton	0	5	29	0	34	36	94.44
SUM:			24	38	279	4	345	359	96.1

VT Dist 0003 LGN

Lamoille Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<u>VT-0033</u>	Morristown Inc	Morrisville	0	6	53	2	61	67 91.04
<u>VT-0035</u>	Mt Mansfield Inc	Cambridge	0	3	26	1	30	32 93.75
<u>VT-0046</u>	Johnson	Johnson	0	7	28	0	35	36 97.22
<u>VT-0064</u>	Donald Mc Mahon Inc	Stowe	0	3	46	0	49	53 92.45
SUM:			0	19	153	3	175	188 93.085

Orange Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<u>VT-0009</u>	Randolph Inc	Randolph	1	9	73	2	85	90 94.44
<u>VT-0020</u>	Earl E. Brock	Bradford	0	10	27	0	37	43 86.05
<u>VT-0061</u>	Heath-Doyle	Chelsea	3	1	22	0	26	27 96.30
<u>VT-0079</u>	Thetford Inc	Thetford	2	9	21	2	34	32 106.25
SUM:			6	29	143	4	182	192 94.792

Washington Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
VT-0003	Montpelier Inc	Montpelier	4	17	150	7	178	201 88.56
VT-0010	American Legion Barre P Barre		2	45	233	0	280	331 84.59
VT-0059	Harry N Cutting	Waterbury	3	8	154	0	165	200 82.50
VT-0063	Sorrell-Maynard	Northfield	14	11	94	4	123	141 87.23
VT-0075	Mad River	Waitsfield	0	3	15	0	18	19 94.74
VT-1819	Norwich University	Northfield	9	11	97	0	117	129 90.70
SUM:			32	95	743	11	881	1021 86.288

VT Dist 0004 LGN

Bennington Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
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<u>VT-0013</u>	Bennington Inc	Bennington	11	34	234	3	282	307	91.86
<u>VT-0029</u>	Walter L Case	Readsboro	1	1	61	1	64	65	98.46
<u>VT-0044</u>	Mc Bride-Harwood	Dorset	0	3	14	0	17	22	77.27
<u>VT-0069</u>	Paul LaFountain	Arlington	3	28	96	0	127	135	94.07
<u>VT-0090</u>	Pownal Inc	Pownal	0	4	29	2	35	37	94.59
SUM:			15	70	434	6	525	566	92.756

Rutland Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<u>VT-0031</u>	Rutland	Rutland	8	55	415	1	479	538 89.03
<u>VT-0039</u>	J Claire Carmody Inc	Poultney	1	4	80	2	87	99 87.88
<u>VT-0049</u>	Fair Haven Inc	Fair Haven	3	11	96	0	110	127 86.61
<u>VT-0050</u>	Crippen-Fellows Inc	Castleton	3	39	145	0	187	218 85.78
<u>VT-0052</u>	Ralph H Pickett Inc	Wallingford	1	8	47	1	57	56 101.79
<u>VT-0055</u>	Brandon Inc	Brandon	6	25	79	1	111	122 90.98
<u>VT-0087</u>	West Rutland Inc	West Rutland	4	4	112	2	122	141 86.52
SUM:			26	146	974	7	1153	1301 88.624

VT Dist 0005 LGN

Windham Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<u>VT-0005</u>	Brattleboro Inc	Brattleboro	2	46	299	7	354	386 91.71
<u>VT-0015</u>	Nelson E Pickwell	Wilmington	0	6	11	0	17	18 94.44
<u>VT-0016</u>	West River Valley Inc	Newfane	0	2	22	0	24	27 88.89
<u>VT-0017</u>	Cecil A Davis	Whitingham	0	0	12	0	12	15 80.00
<u>VT-0037</u>	Pierce-Lawton Inc	Bellows Falls	2	25	169	2	198	243 81.48
SUM:			4	79	513	9	605	689 87.808

Windsor Co

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal
<u>VT-0008</u>	Lyman F Pell Inc	Norwich	0	12	46	1	59	65 90.77
<u>VT-0011</u>	Geno-Robinson	Bridgewater	0	1	14	0	15	16 93.75
<u>VT-0018</u>	Veterans Memorial	Springfield	0	9	27	1	37	37 100.00
<u>VT-0024</u>	Ora E Paul Inc	Woodstock	0	2	55	0	57	70 81.43
<u>VT-0025</u>	Windsor Inc	Windsor	3	12	113	4	132	145 91.03
<u>VT-0026</u>	Hartford, Inc.	Hartford	0	32	46	2	80	82 97.56
<u>VT-0036</u>	Ballard-Hobart Inc	Ludlow	5	11	147	1	164	188 87.23
<u>VT-0043</u>	Martin-Fales	Rochester	0	3	9	0	12	18 66.67
<u>VT-0048</u>	Hartland Inc	Hartland	0	7	22	0	29	35 82.86
<u>VT-0051</u>	Fuller-Stearns	S Royalton	0	0	15	0	15	18 83.33

VT-0066	Noble-Beckwith	Bethel	1	0	6	2	9	16	56.25
VT-0067	Chester Inc	Chester	8	41	176	0	225	237	94.94
VT-0084	Jeffery S Holmes Inc	White River Ju	1	7	31	0	39	40	97.50
SUM:			18	137	707	11	873	967	90.279

VT Dist 0099 LGN

Post	Name	Location	New PUFL	Renewal	HQ Tran	Totals	Goal	% of Goal	
VT-0100	Headquarters	Montpelier	1	44	237	0	282	325	86.77
SUM:			1	44	237	0	282	325	86.769

Department of Vermont Totals

	New	PUFL	Renewal	HQ Transfers		Goal	% of Goal
Sum:	199	987	6757	81	8024	8858	90.584782