

The American Legion, Department of Washington  
Special Department Executive Committee Meeting  
Lacey, Washington – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The American Legion Department of Washington Special Executive Committee meeting was called to order by the Department Commander Gary Roach on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Department Headquarters in Lacey, Washington. The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm and opened in due form and according to ritual via teleconference.

Department Adjutant Leo Gruba conducted the Roll Call at the request of the Department Commander. The following members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business.

Department Commander Gary Roach; Department Vice-Commander Area I Carrol Stripling; Department Vice-Commander Area II Kenneth Christian; Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman; Department Vice-Commander Area IV Bob Bradford; Junior Past Department Commander Wayne Elston; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dale Davis; Chaplain Chris Kunhert; Sgt-At-Arms Larry McCarthy; 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Jordan Houghton; 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Frank Sterling; 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock; 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dave Jacobs; 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Matthew Jackson; 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Christopher Brock; 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Richard Wallace.

Non-voting members present: Department Adjutant Leo Gruba; Department Service Officer Theresa Williams.

Excused Absence: Department Vice-Commander IV Bob Bradford; National Executive Committeeman Ken Lee; 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Perry Mendenhall; 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander John Kent; 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Kevin Russell; 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jaci Goo; 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander Don Parchen and Finance Officer Bill Powell.

Vacant positions: Historian and Judge Advocate.

**(Attachment A)**

Department Vice-Commander Area II Kenneth Christian moved to adopt the agenda as presented, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Dale Spurlock second, motion carried.

**(Attachment B)**

9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock moved to place Brewster Post 97 on probation, Department Vice-Commander Area II Kenneth Christian second, discussion. Roll Call vote was performed. Motion carried.

**(Attachment C/D)**

The Special Executive Committee meeting was adjourned according ritual and in due form at 3:34pm.

Leo Gruba  
Department Adjutant

Gary Roach  
Department Commander

Draft Date: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Correction Date:

Approval Date:

Attachments:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Agenda
- (c) Brewster Post 97 Identified Issues
- (d) Roll Call Vote
- (e) Teleconference Call Log

## SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - January 18, 2019

## THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>Commander</b>	Gary Roach	X			
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area I</b>	Carrol Stripling	X			
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area II</b>	Ken Christian	X			
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area III</b>	Denny Pittman	X			
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area IV</b>	Bob Bradford		X		
<b>N.E.C.</b>	Ken Lee		X		
<b>ALT. NEC</b>	Dale Davis	X			
<b>JR. P. D. C.</b>	Wayne Elston	X			
<b>Chaplain</b>	Chris Kunhert	X			
<b>Historian</b>	vacant				
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	Larry McCarthy	X			
DISTRICT COMMANDERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>1st</b>	Jordan Houghton	X			
<b>2nd</b>	Perry Mendenhall		X		
<b>3rd</b>	John Kent		X		
<b>4th</b>	Frank Sterling	X			
<b>5th</b>	Kevin Russell		X		
<b>6th</b>	Dale Spurlock	X			
<b>7th</b>	Dave Jacobs	X			
<b>8th</b>	Matthew Jackson	X			
<b>9th</b>	Chris Brock	X			
<b>10th</b>	Dick Wallace	X			
<b>11th</b>	Jacki Goo		X		
<b>12th</b>	Don Parchen		X		
DISTRICT VICE COMMANDERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>1st</b>	Chris Kunhert				
<b>2nd</b>	Jeff Westlund		X		
<b>3rd</b>	vacant				
<b>4th</b>	Kevin Robertson				
<b>5th</b>	Ron Madderra		X		
<b>6th</b>	Larry Stewart				
<b>7th</b>	vacant				
<b>8th</b>	Mike Bondurant				
<b>9th</b>	Scott Derting				
<b>10th</b>	Robert Clark				
<b>11th</b>	Harry Brown		X		
<b>12th</b>	vacant		X		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>Adjutant</b>	Leo Gruba	X			
<b>Service Officer</b>	Theresa Williams	X			
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	vacant				
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bill Powell		X		

# THE AMERICAN LEGION



**Department of Washington**  
**Special Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Teleconference**

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Preamble

**ROLL CALL**

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Probation of Post 97 – 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Chris Brock

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

Benediction  
Adjourn Meeting

**From:** Christopher Brock <chrisbrock43@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** Commander; Denny Pittman; <jacigoo@aol.com>; Earl Thompson; commander@post206.org; Perry Mendenhall; John Kent; Frank Sterling - Post 118; Kevin Russell; sparkeyd69@compwrx.com; jacobs@inlandnet.com; Matt Jackson; chrisbrock43@gmail.com; Dick Wallace; Kathy Schuoler; adjutant@walegion.org; Carrol Stripling - 11th; Kenneth Christian Jr; Bob Bradford; ckuhnert@atlaspowrecorp.com; mccartyedgar@outlook.com; dso@walegion.org; willybp@hotmail.com; Wayne Elston; kentoni7@aol.com; Dale Davis  
**Subject:** Request to do a Teleconference DEC meeting to discuss and place Brewster Post #97 on Probation are other actions  
**Attachments:** Brewster.pdf

/Please Vote ASAP

Hello Fellow DEC Members;

I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. The purpose of this E-Mail is to request that the DEC have Teleconference DEC meeting to place Brewster Post #97 on Probation or Suspension effective immediately. I do not believe we can wait until Midwinter to do this as the post is on the verge of operational and financial failure.

**We must have a vote to have A special DEC meeting By Telephone please respond to all with your Vote ASAP, if anyone has any questions please call me my home phone number is 509-486-2750.**

There are several items of concerns for me at this post:

1) They are having internal fights which has caused the post to be on their 3rd post commander this Legion year and they now have no Vice Commanders due to them being moved up in positions and have not elected any new. Post members do not attend meetings and they do not conduct post meetings properly.

2) Attached is a copy of what they go by as there By-Laws (they look more like house rules until you look at the last page) the "By-Laws" reference Courtesy members. They don't talk about programs of The American Legion or even the officers of the Post.

3) This post has a knowledgeable current member of the DEC the Area 3 Vice Commander Denny Pitman who I asked to work with the post and get them going in the right direction. The post E-Board Chair argues with everything he says and then goes behind Denny's back and does what he wants to, up to and including changing meeting minutes.

4) The post hired book keeper asked to have a meeting with me. She gave me a lot of paperwork about financial issues going on in the post. The glaring issue she brought to my attention was that she is about to be fired by the post E-board Chairman because she is no longer going to pay someone under the table.

5) The Post E-Board is comprised of non-elected post members, no officers are on the E-Board and the Chairman runs everything. He even ran the post meeting, this is inappropriate.

There is a lot more going on and it needs fixed asap so please vote quickly so I can get this post fixed. I think it must be before midwinter.

A quick outline of my course of action:

1) Draft a letter in conjunction with the Department Adjutant to go out to all of the post members to let them know what is going on and that there will be a Special meeting called for 2 weeks after the DEC votes to place the Post on probation. At this meeting we will vote for a new 1st and 2nd Vice as the post don't have them and also have the 1st reading of new post By-Laws.

2) Have an Audit of the Post books, assets, and membership roster.

3) Work with Post officers to compose actual by-laws to be presented to post at the special meeting. Have post make House rules.

4) Train post officers on how to do their jobs and explain what the American Legion is, and show them how to run a proper meeting.

5) Disband their E-Board as it is not comprised correctly currently. Let them know they can not fire an employee for refusing to brake the law

This is not all inclusive but what will happen in the 1st 2 weeks after your vote.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote on Teleconference Vote Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Christopher Brock  
The American Legion  
Department of Washington  
9th District Commander

## SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - ROLL CALL VOTE - January 18, 2019


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<b>Commander</b>	Gary Roach	X			
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area I</b>	Carrol Stripling	X		Y	
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area II</b>	Ken Christian	X		Y	
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area III</b>	Denny Pittman	X		Y	
<b>Vice Cmdr, Area IV</b>	Bob Bradford		X		
<b>N.E.C.</b>	Ken Lee		X		
<b>ALT. NEC</b>	Dale Davis	X		Y	
<b>JR. P. D. C.</b>	Wayne Elston	X		Y	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Chris Kunhert	X		Y	
<b>Historian</b>	vacant				
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	Larry McCarthy	X		Y	
DISTRICT COMMANDERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>1st</b>	Jordan Houghton	X		Y	
<b>2nd</b>	Perry Mendenhall		X		
<b>3rd</b>	John Kent		X		
<b>4th</b>	Frank Sterling	X			N
<b>5th</b>	Kevin Russell		X		
<b>6th</b>	Dale Spurlock	X		Y	
<b>7th</b>	Dave Jacobs	X		Y	
<b>8th</b>	Matthew Jackson	X		Y	
<b>9th</b>	Chris Brock	X		Y	
<b>10th</b>	Dick Wallace	X		Y	
<b>11th</b>	Jacki Goo		X		
<b>12th</b>	Don Parchen		X		
DISTRICT VICE COMMANDERS		P	A	Y	N
<b>1st</b>	Chris Kunhert				
<b>2nd</b>	Jeff Westlund		X		
<b>3rd</b>	vacant				
<b>4th</b>	Kevin Robertson				
<b>5th</b>	Ron Madderra		X		
<b>6th</b>	Larry Stewart				
<b>7th</b>	vacant				
<b>8th</b>	Mike Bondurant				
<b>9th</b>	Scott Derting				
<b>10th</b>	Robert Clark				
<b>11th</b>	Harry Brown		X		
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<b>Adjutant</b>	Leo Gruba	X			
<b>Service Officer</b>	Theresa Williams	X			
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	vacant				
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bill Powell		X		

































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**Account:** #s8731056 (American Legion Department of Washington)

## Audio

Caller	Service Type	Start Time	End Time	Duration
+1 360 491 4373 - Leo Gruba	 	2:52:32 PM	2:53:35 PM	2m
+1 509 393 4179 - Dale Spurlock	 	2:53:02 PM	3:34:25 PM	42m
+1 360 491 4373 - Leo Gruba <span style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 2px;">Host</span>	 	2:54:20 PM	3:34:17 PM	40m
+1 509 670 3904 - Denny Pittman	 	2:55:12 PM	3:34:30 PM	40m
+1 360 570 3470 - Ken Christian	 	2:55:27 PM	3:32:57 PM	38m
+1 509 302 1274 - Wayne Elston	 	2:56:20 PM	3:33:42 PM	38m
+1 360 491 4373 - Administrator	 	2:56:51 PM	3:34:44 PM	38m
+1 509 246 5023 - Larry McCarty	 	2:57:17 PM	3:34:19 PM	38m
+1 360 642 4188 - Richard Wallace	 	2:57:31 PM	3:34:19 PM	37m
+1 360 459 7468 - Dale Davis	 	2:57:58 PM	3:34:19 PM	37m
+1 509 280 8852 - Matt Jackson	 	2:58:38 PM	3:34:07 PM	36m
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+1 509 597 7570 - Dave Jacobs	 	2:59:46 PM	3:34:33 PM	35m
+1 253 941 7985 - Carrol Stripling	 	3:00:06 PM	3:34:34 PM	35m
+1 425 941 0387 - Chris Kunhert	 	3:00:09 PM	3:34:24 PM	35m
+1 206 898 7912 - Jordan Houghton	 	3:02:41 PM	3:34:17 PM	32m

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