

**2021 Fall Meeting of the  
Reconnect Committee  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Opening:**

The meeting of the Reconnect Committee was called to order at 11:08 a.m. in Parlor B of the Grand Ballroom of Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan on Friday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Chairman Tanner opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 5 committee members present and 2 excused. There were 9 guests present.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the 2021 Reconnect Convention Committee Meeting and the 2020 Fall Reconnect Committee Meeting were distributed. It was moved by Ken Pierce and supported by Catherine Buckley to approve the minutes as printed subject to correction. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Tanner distributed the corrected committee Rules of Procedure that were approved by the DEC at the 2019 Convention. The committee members were asked to review the distributed ROP and determine if any revisions were needed. Chairman Tanner discussed the need to add Homeless Veteran Sub-Committee information to the distributed version of the committee ROP. Chairman Tanner indicated that he requested clarification and direction from Department on the necessary revisions. Once clarified, Chairman Tanner indicated that a virtual vote would be taken on the revised ROP and once approved, the revisions would be forwarded to Department Headquarters.

The committee would also like to see the current universal TFA application revised to a shorter more manageable size as five pages seems excessive and cumbersome. The committee will submit possible suggestions or alternative applications for review.

Alternate NEC Larry Money introduced the Central Division National Vice Commander, Jerry Wilson of Ohio for comments.

**New Business:**

Chairman Tanner discussed the recent merger of the Patriot Fund with the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program. Chairman Tanner also requested that the committee to review and request any needed display or identifying items for use during reconnect presentations. Chairman Tanner discussed and requested the committee to promote the upcoming 3 Balls Racing charity event benefitting the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior program scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Ken Pierce and supported by Alicia Burton to adjourn at 12:08 pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Tanner, Chairman

