

**M. R. SARGE WAREHIME  
Chapter #33 – Odenton**

**Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2024  
Nominations/Elections**

**Opening Ceremony** – The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by Cdr Ben Green. Opening Ceremony conducted.

The meeting opened with prayer by Comrade L. Miller and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag rendered.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Commander – Ben Green - Present

Sr. Vice Commander – Tracy Neal (Not Installed) - Present

Jr. Vice Commander – Lorraine Fraser - Present

Adjutant – Deborah Rider - Present

Treasurer – Catrina Redfield - Present

Chaplain – Mitchell Ross – Absent (late arrival)

Sergeant of Arms – Rick Corbin - Absent

Officer of the Day – Burt Pearman – Absent (late arrival)

Benefits Protection Team Leader – Demetrious Jones – Present

- Quorum of Officers met.

**Attendance - Membership Total: 27**

Cdr B. Green: I announce to postpone our regular Chapter meeting to conduct the nominations and elections for our 2024-2025 Chapter Officers. A majority vote is required to proceed. Motion to proceed by Foster Harmon and Seconded George Franklin. Those in favor of the motion to postpone our Chapter meeting for Chapter Elections say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none. The vote is approved to proceed with Chapter Nominations and Elections.

Cdr B. Green: Comrade M. Whitfield, please proceed with the nominations.

Comrade M. Whitfield: The voting order will be as follows:  
Officer of the Day, Sergeant of Arms, Chaplain, Treasurer, Jr. Vice

Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Commander. If there are more than one nominee, the members must exit the room during voting and reenter for the results. Adjutant D. Rider will record the count of votes.

**Officer of the Day - George Franklin** – Unanimous (M. Whitfield)

Burt Pearman – Not present (D. Rider)

Cdr Ben Green - Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none. Approved, G. Franklin, Chapter Officer of the Day.

**Sergeant at Arms – Lottie Miller** – Unanimous

Cdr Ben Green - Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none. Approved, L. Miller, Chapter Sergeant at Arms.

**Treasurer – Catrina Redfield** (D. Rider) – 12 votes

Mattie Whitfield (F. Harmon) – 6 votes

Cdr B. Green: Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none. Approved, C. Redfield, Chapter Treasurer.

**Jr. Vice Commander – Eliot Wilson** – Unanimous (M. Whitfield) – 13 votes

Lorraine Fraser – (Self/current) – 4 votes

George Scott – Declined (M. Whitfield)

Robert Henry – Declined (M. Whitfield)

M. Whitfield – Next is 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice. There are four but we can do two.

Adj D. Rider – This has never been recorded in any prior Chapter elections.

PDC G. Ross – Point of Order, Is it written in your Constitution and By Laws for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice?

Adj D. Rider – No, it is not written.

Cdr B. Green – I move we revisit having a 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice, if needed, at a later time but not now. Motion by R. Henry / L. Miller

Cdr B. Green: Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none. Approved, E. Wilson, Chapter Jr. Vice Commander.

**Sr. Vice Commander – Ben Green** (D. Jones) – 13 votes

Foster Harmon – (G. Franklin) – 7 votes

Adj D. Rider – Cdr B. Green as our current Chapter Commander, are you removing yourself from your current position?

PDC G. Ross – When are the election results due? Is there a disconnect/  
conflict?

Adj D. Rider – April 30<sup>th</sup>

Comrade B. Pearman – If it does not go in effect until April 30<sup>th</sup>, it should not  
stop the Cdr from any nominations.

Cdr B. Green – I step down as Chapter Commander.

M. Whitfield: Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none.  
Approved, B. Green, Chapter Sr. Vice Commander.

**Chaplain – Mitchell Ross** - Unanimous

Cdr Ben Green - Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none.  
Approved, M. Ross, Chapter Chaplain.

**Commander – Robert Henry** (L. Miller) 12 votes

Mattie Whitfield (B. Jenkins) 6 votes

Tracy Neal (L. Fraser) 2 votes

Cdr B. Green: Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none.  
Approved, R. Henry, Chapter Commander.

**Cdr B. Green – The results of our Chapter Elections for 2024 – 2025 are:**

**Commander – Robert Henry**

**Sr. Vice Cdr – Ben Green**

**Jr. Vice Cdr – Eliot Wilson**

**Treasurer – Catrina Redfield**

**Chaplain – Mitchell Ross**

**Sergeant at Arms – Lottie Miller**

**Officer of the Day – George Franklin**

**Good of the Order: Announcements:**

Look to discuss a Chapter Summer picnic, FMN partial report sent to  
Department Chair. Chapter raised over \$300. We welcome more volunteers.  
No sign up roster. We overlap the hours from 10am to 4pm on Sat/Sun only.  
Dept CSP training on May 13, OC, MD. Our nomination form will be turned into  
the Department for B. Green, B. Pearman, D. Rider, V. E. Smith. L. Fraser: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
DEC is on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, American Legion, Severn; April 20, DAV Chapter 1  
is having a Veteran Claims Clinic. CSO volunteers requested; 80<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention, Department of Maryland pm 12 – 17 May, OC, MD. Registration

required; National Convention, Phoenix, AZ on 2 – 6 Aug. Registration required. We are officially M. R Sarge Warehime, Odenton MD.; Elected Officers thanked the Chapter for their votes and support.; Those attending CSO are asked to share feedback with their Chapter; Every member should have a copy of the Chapter and Department Constitution and By-Laws; 3m Ear Plugs were defective and Lawsuit case in Federal Court; DAVA is looking for members; Shared Mid-Winter goals, and discussions; Chapter 7- Rosie Trailblazer event on 3/16, 10 am – 2pm, Bowie; Chapter 1, Veterans Claims Clinic, 4/20, 9am – 1pm in Baltimore; New Caregivers Program; Orientation Guide information; DAV 80<sup>th</sup> Convention having 60s-70s entertainment on May 15<sup>th</sup>; JVC Banquet tickets given out; FMN Campaign can include membership and fundraiser at the same time; DAV March Membership Madness until 3/30.

Motion/B. Pearman/M. Ross - Chapter reimburse per diem and mileage for members attending CSO training (B. Pearman/M. Ross)

Cdr B. Green: Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "No. Hearing none.

**Approved, Chapter to reimburse members attending CSO training for mileage and Per Diem.**

D. Jones – I am resigning from my position as LVAP Coordinator, Webmaster and Benefit Protection Team Leader. Anyone interested let me know.

M. Whitfield – volunteered to be LVAP Coordinator

V. E. Jones – volunteered to be the Webmaster.

**Memorial Ceremony.** Conducted by Cdr B. Green

**Closing Prayer** – Led by Chap M. Ross

**Closing Ceremonies** – Cdr. B. Green

**Meeting adjourned:** Cdr. B. Green at 8:14pm. Refreshments provided.

Next Meeting is Installation of Officers on 4/9/2024.