

**Department Reconnect Committee Meeting**  
**September 22, 2006**

The meeting of the Department Reconnect Committee was called to order by Joseph Salvia, Chairman at 9 a.m. in the Dennison 4 room of the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Joseph Salvia, Chairman  
Kenneth Pierce  
Jim Maggard  
Michael Krieg  
Tom Derenzy  
James Schutze  
Binnie Price  
John Helminski

Department Chairman Joseph Salvia welcomed all. Kenneth Pierce nominated Binnie Price to serve as Secretary, second by Jim Maggard.

Chairman Salvia called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag. Binnie Price offered prayer.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Salvia spoke of wearing cover at all times for visual aid. The Post is where it is going to happen. Directives will not be effective if the Post does not implement them and work for a goal.

Reconnect – We all served, if we forget the connection to that service we are just a bar.

Tammy Walker referred to Operations Military Kids as a tool for Reconnect. Also, she stated that membership solicitation is not a part of Reconnect.

Chairman Salvia requested comments from the floor.

Mark Loster stated General Cutler called for a banquet on Veterans Day.

Binnie Price commented that dependents (wife & family) fall back on the Legion. We are the connection to the services etc. that they can avail themselves to.

James Maggard wanted to stay focused on the people now not later.

Jack Helminski stated that there was a bad experience with the military police. The Chairman stated that would be addressed and rectified. The Chairman stated that an appointment should be set up and the problem will be resolved.

Ways to save money: The community is waiting for ways to be involved. Let them know what you need to perform your tasks. You will be surprised at the response.

Ken Dittenber introduced Martin “Marty” Conatser National Commander Candidate. Conatser emphasized that you can’t make the assumptions that everyone knows you are in the service-Legion: Be visible. Start with the people in your communities, on person at a time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being to further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.