



Sons of The American Legion



Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

**Detachment Convention
Des Moines, Iowa
July 22, 2017**

The Detachment held its Annual Memorial Service at 9:00 AM organized by Chaplain Dennis Theobald, with assistance by Adjutant Brian Kessler.

Commander Gary Bonesteel called the meeting to order in proper fashion at 9:08 AM. Chaplain Dennis Theobald offered the opening prayer. Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules that would govern the meeting.

Adjutant Brian Kessler gave the roll call with 10 Detachment Officers present with 4 excused; 7 Committee Chairman; 1 District Commander, 5 Past Detachment Commanders present with 1 excused; 3 Detachment Advisors. 2 District Advisors; 30 Squadrons present and 43 registered delegates only 19 attending the meeting.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to approve the July 16, 2016 Detachment Convention minutes as printed; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report with beginning balance for the 2016-2017 year of \$21,182.59, total expenses of \$34,830.54, total income of \$33,780.00, leaving a balance for the year of \$20,132.05. Bob noted we donated \$ 9,675.50 this past year. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to approve the Finance Report for audit as printed; motion carried.

Department Commander Ken Rochholz, brought greetings and thanked us for our help, and also brought us up-to-date on his project.

American Legion National Vice-Commander Douglas L. Boldt from the Department of Nebraska, brought greetings and thanks from the National American Legion.

Vicki Klinghammer Leading Candidate for Department President brought greetings and discussed her goals.

Leading Candidate Nichole Clapp for National President brought greetings and thank you.

Liaison with The American Legion/Internal Affairs Randy Freel gave his report that he gave to the Internal Affairs Committee and is on file with the Adjutant.

Membership Chairman Dale Hidlebaugh talked about hitting our targets for 2016-2017 membership year.

V.A. & R. Chairman Bobby Jackson talked about Stand Down in Des Moines Sept. 15-17, 2017 on East 12th St. Bobby asked for help to unload, set up, security and help tear down.

Adjutant Kessler asked the officers and members if they get an email from him please let the receipt comes back so he can know they got the message.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald talked about American Legion 100th Anniversary Coin Legislation and the need to have contact with your local and national representatives in Government.

Veterans Employment and Education Chairman and Sioux Falls VAVS representative Brian Kessler reported Squadrons should keep in contact with Veterans who have recently lost their jobs or just returning to make sure they know of job openings, job fairs and also opportunities they can use to find new job skills or training to get a new job.

The Sioux Falls VA Stand Down in September 22, at the VFW on South Minnesota, volunteers are needed. Sioux City CBOC is awaiting final design and okay's, then they will have 365 days to build and get the facility ready. Decided on Christmas gifts for the residents and also heard from two departments on what they do at the hospital.

Ames squadron talked about things they are doing to help Veterans and Children in the community. **Swisher** talked about their Cassian at parades. **Bedford** squadron had a car show, made close to \$500 and September 10th they will be doing a flag retirement ceremony at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Nicolas Ring, **Glenwood**, seconded Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to approve all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Mike Blanchard having problems with his right foot do to an injury.

Unfinished business was updates on the National Campaign Funds for Nichole Clapp and Richard Young. Nichole's campaign has taken her \$1,000.00, but Richard's is still there.

Mike Deacon read Richard's email discussing his situation, is on file with Adjutant. Mike is going to talk to Richard about how he feels and see what he wants to do before Reno.

Root Beer Floats went over really well and the freezer worked perfectly. Commander talked about needing shifts for people volunteering to help serve the floats.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to close the following Squadrons: Bloomfield #78 (5), Coon Rapids #357 (8), Graettinger #162 (8), Iowa City #17 (1), Kingsley #140 (9), Monroe #363 (5), and Storm Lake #115 (9); motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, to ratify 2017-2018 Budget as presented at Spring Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to accept all Consolidated Squadron and Detachment Reports as presented; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to give \$1,000.00 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund; motion carried. It was decided to have the donation given at National Convention by Commander Bonesteel.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada: Gary Bonesteel (Chairman), James Dean (Secretary), James Peterson, Jim Valentine, Ken Rochholz, Gary Haverman, John Derner, Richard Bullock, Ron Struble, Gary Smith, Scott Moline, Marvin Carr, and for the Detachment to pay the registration fees; motion carried.

The following people volunteered to serve on National Convention Committee's during the National Convention in Reno, Nevada on August 18 through August 24, 2017:
Americanism: Bruce Wright; Children & Youth Jim Valentine; Constitutional Amendments Richard Bullock; Credentials: Richard Young; Internal Affairs: James Dean; Membership; Gary Bonesteel; Finance: Ken Rochholz; Legislation and Rules: Mike Deacon; VA&R: James Peterson.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to give \$500.00 each to the Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund at the National Executive Committee Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$500.00 to the Des Moines VA Hospital, Iowa City VA Hospital, Sioux Falls VA Hospital, Omaha VA Hospital and to the Marshalltown VA Home for the Christmas gifts or Christmas Gift Cards; motion carried.

Mike Muncerd, **Ames**, nominates Nicholas Ring, Michael Sypherd, **Washington**, nominates Carey Tandy, Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg** nominates Jim Lastovka Timothy Zachauris, **Hampton**, nominated Jim Zacharias and Mike Deacon **Ames**, nominates Mike Monserud as Vice-Commander. Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, close nominations. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Nicholas Ring, Carey Tandy, Jim Lastovka, Jim Zacharias and Mike Monserud to be the Detachment Vice-Commanders for the 2017-2018 year; motion carried.

Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Mike Sypherd, **Washington**, to nominate Bob Rosenboom for Detachment Finance Officer. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscaine**, seconded by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instruct to cast one unanimous ballot for Bob Rosenboom to be the Detachment Finance Officer for the 2017-2018 year; motion carried.

Hampton Squadron endorsed Timothy Zachauris to be Detachment Chaplain 2017-2018. Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, nominates Dennis Theobald to be Detachment Chaplain 2017-2018. Motion by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to close nominations for Detachment Chaplain and have a vote by delegation strength to elect the Detachment Chaplain. Timothy Zachauris was elected by vote to be the Detachment Chaplain 2017-2018.

Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, seconded by Mike Sypherd, **Washington**, to nominate Bruce Wright for Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Bruce Wright to be the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2017-2018 year; motion carried.

Mike Deacon, **Ames**, nominate Mathew Gray as Detachment Historian. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Mathew Gray to be the Detachment Historian for the 2017-2018 year and if he declines Commander appoints someone; motion carried.

Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Mike Sypherd, **Washington**, to nominate Bobby Jackson as National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Bobby Jackson to be the National Executive Committeeman for the 2017-2019 year; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to nominate Richard Young as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Mike Sypherd, **Washington**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Richard Young to be the Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the 2017-2019 year; motion carried

Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, for Gary Bonesteel for Detachment Commander 2017-2018. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Jim Zachauris, **Hampton**, the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Gary Bonesteel to be the Detachment Commander for the 2017-2018 year; motion carried.

Commander Bonesteel turned the gavel over to Dave Travis for the purpose of installation of the 2017-2018 Detachment Officers.

Rick Cobie was presented the 2016 SAL Member of the Year Award. Mr. Cobie was nominated by Ackley Squadron.

Next meeting was set for July 14, 2018 at the 5 Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, in Waterloo, Iowa.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed in proper order at 12:41 PM.

Brian Kessler

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