



Sons of The American Legion *Detachment of Iowa*

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



38th Detachment Convention **Des Moines, Iowa** **July 20, 2019**

The Detachment held its Annual Memorial Service at 8:30 AM organized by Chaplain Trevor Davidson, with assistance by Adjutant Brian Kessler.

Commander Alan Schenck called the meeting to order in proper fashion at 9:08 AM. Chaplain Trevor Davidson offered the opening prayer. Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules that would govern the meeting.

Adjutant Brian Kessler gave the roll call with 12 Detachment Officers present with 1 excused; 5 Committee Chairman with 1 excused; 1 District Commander, 2 District Representatives, 7 Past Detachment Commanders; 2 Detachment Advisors. 4 District Advisors; 22 Squadrons present and 41 registered delegates with 3 guests.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to approve the July 14, 2018 Detachment Convention minutes as printed; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom reported the final totals for 2019 with beginning balance of \$19,746.94, total expenses of \$43,144.57, total income of \$35,751.60 leaving a balance of \$12,353.97. With no questions the report was filed for audit.

National Commander Greg 'Doc' Gibbs brought greetings from the National Headquarters and what his goals for the year were. Iowa presented Doc a coin tower as a gift made by Jim Valentine.

Department of Iowa Commander Scott Moline brought greetings from Department and talked about his year and how he expects if you are going to join Riders to do service, you need to also do service in the group you joined through.

National Membership Chairman Joseph Navarrete from the Detachment of New Mexico talked about how well we have done in membership.

National Public & Media Communications Chairman Seth Rippe from the Detachment of Nebraska thanked the Detachment for everything we do and talked about a couple of highlights from his committee.

Nichole Clapp gave remarks and thanked the Detachment for their help with her campaign. She discussed her homecoming on October 3rd-5th, 2019 at the Meskwaki Hotel. She passed out her homecoming brochure, highlighted the activities during the homecoming and noted the deadline for reservations being September 25th 2019.

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. 4th District Advisor talked about how things are going.

Ken Rocholz talked about happenings at Spring NEC and the national dues increase of \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Americanism Chairman James Lastovka presented his report and is on file.

Rick Cross gave a report on how things are going in the 6th District for Children & Youth Committee.

VAVS Representative Brian Kessler talked about the “My Life, My Stories” program the Sioux Falls VA Hospital is starting in the summer. The program is designed to help healthcare providers get better acquainted with the Veterans they serve by writing story about the Veteran in the Veterans own words and placing it in their medical file.

Veterans Employment & Education Mike Monserud gave his report and is on file.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald gave has report and is on file.

Public and Media Communications Chairman Tim Zacharias gave his report.

Commander Alan Schenck gave his report for the year.

Membership Chairman Gary Bonesteel gave his report and presented the membership watches for the highest percentage of member for the three categories. They went to Squadrons in group 1 - Urbandale; group 2 - Eldora; group 3 - Ely.

Gary also presented the Sons of the American Legion Member of the Year award to Trevor Davidson of Bondurant Squadron #396.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded Jim Lastovka, **Swisher**, to approve all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Past National Commander Chuck Gannon wife Kristian passed away. Past Detachment Commander Gary Bonesteel with health problems.

Unfinished business: Brian discussed the Squadron Closures update and reminded everybody that the only way a Squadron would close if we had a letter from that Post saying they want them to close and a member of the Detachment talks to them. Commander Schenck noted he had turned Gravity’s charter application in on Friday to Marcia.

As of Convention no one had offered to take over as Webmaster for the Detachment.

Motion by James Dean, **Whiting**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to ratify 2019-2020 Budget as presented by Detachment Executive Committee; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to accept all Consolidated Squadron and Detachment Reports as presented and are on file; motion carried.

Motion by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to give \$1,000.00 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, to approve the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2019 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana: Alan Schenck (Chairman), Brian Kessler (Secretary), Ken Rochholz, Mike Monserud, James Dean, Bobby Jackson, Jim Valentine, Mike Etzel, Randy Freel, Dennis Theobald and Rick Cross 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 Indianapolis, Indiana on August 23 through 25, 2019:

Americanism: James Lastovka; Children & Youth: Alan Schenck; Constitutional Amendments Dennis Theobald; Credentials: Bobby Jackson; Internal Affairs: James Dean; Membership; Mike Monserud; Finance: James Dean; Legislation and Rules: Brian Kessler; and VA&R: Bobby Jackson.

Motion by James Lastovka, **Swisher**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give \$500.00 to the National Emergency Fund and Children Welfare Foundation at the National Executive Committee Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Gary Bonesteel, **Shellsburg**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to donate \$500.00 to the Marshalltown VA Home for their Christmas gifts or Christmas Gift Cards and give \$500 to Iowa City VA Hospital, Des Moines VA Hospital, Sioux Falls VA Hospital, Omaha VA Hospital; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$500.00 to Iowa American Legion Foundation at Mid-Winter Conference; motion defeated.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by David Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$1,000.00 to Iowa American Legion Foundation at Mid-Winter; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Rick Cross, **Des Moines #731**, to deny approval of the Detachment Code of Conduct; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to not add the line item of \$500.00 for the Adjutant or Finance Officer; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Rick Cross, **Des Moines #731** to approve resolution #1 Detachment Vice-Commander numbers; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, to send resolution #2 Amendment to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Article X, Section 2 from the Detachment of Iowa with our approval of the resolution; motion carried.

Detachment decided not to raise dues at this time.

Motion by Michael S. Sypherd, **Washington**, seconded by James Zacharias, **Hampton**, to have the Detachment cover the \$542.91 for website hosting and domain name for 5 years coverage; motion carried.

Detachment approved Gary Bonesteel leaving his phone on during meetings in case he receives a phone call about receiving a transplant.

Elections of 2019-2020 Detachment Officers:

Nominations were opened for Detachment Vice-Commanders. James Valentine nominated Gary Smith; Trevor Davidson nominated Gary Bonesteel; Gary Bonesteel nominated Steve Colcord; James Lastovka nominated Mike Etzel; Mike Monserud nominated James Dean; Hampton Squadorn endorsed Tim & Jim Zacharias, Swisher endorsed James Lastovka for Vice-Commander for 2019-2020 Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, that nominations cease and call for a vote by delegate strength to choose 5 Vice Commander; motion carried. James Lastovka, Gary Bonesteel, Mike Etzel, James Dean, and Steve Colcord were elected as Detachment Vice-Commanders for 2019-2020 year.

Michael Sypherd nominated Bob Rosenboom for Detachment Finance Officer. Motion Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Bob Rosenboom to be the Detachment Finance Officer for the 2019-2020 year; motion carried.

Jim Valentine nominate Trevor Davidson for Detachment Chaplain 2019-2020. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Trevor Davidson Detachment Chaplain for the 2019-2020 year; motion carried.

Rock Valley endorsed Doug Honse for Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Doug Honse to be the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2019-2020 year; motion carried.

Mike Monserud nominates Rick Cross as Detachment Historian. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Rick Cross. to be the Detachment Historian for the 2019-2020 year; motion carried.

Mike Monserud nominates Ken Roccholz as National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Ken Roccholz to be the National Executive Committeeman for the 2019-2021 year; motion carried

Mike Deacon nominates Jim Valentine as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Valentine to be the Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the 2019-2021 year; motion carried

Ames Squadron endorses Mike Monserud for Detachment Commander 2019-2020. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Dave Honse, **Rock Valley**, nominations cease, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Mike Monserud to be the Detachment Commander for the 2019-2020 year; motion carried.

Commander Schenck turned the podium over to Past National Commander Dave Rehbein for installation of the 2019-2020 Detachment Officers.

Newly elected Commander Monserud gave his remarks and priorities for the coming year those being membership at 100%; renewals at 95%; all Detachment Executive Committee Officer complete the American Legion Basic Training; revitalize 2 Squadrons; work on succession planning and develop younger members into future leaders.

Bob Rosenboom presented Commander Alan Schenck his Past Commander's Plaque and Pin, and he was informed that his Past Department Commander hat will be ordered.

Next meeting was set for July 11, 2020 at the Airport Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Des Moines Iowa.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed in proper order at 1:26 PM.

Brian Kessler

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