



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



39th Detachment Convention
Des Moines, Iowa
July 10, 2021

The Detachment held its Annual Memorial Service at 9:00 AM organized by Chaplain Pro-tem Timothy Zacharias, with assistance by Adjutant Brian Kessler.

Commander Michael Monserud called the meeting to order in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Chaplain Pro-tem Timothy Zacharias offered the opening prayer. Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules that would govern the meeting.

Adjutant Brian Kessler gave the roll call with 11 Detachment Officers present with 2 excused; 4 Committee Chairman with 1 excused; 1 District Commander, 3 District Representatives, 7 Past Detachment Commanders; 2 Detachment Advisors. 5 District Advisors; 33 Squadrons present and 50 registered delegates with 4 guests.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Bob Bellinghousen, **Ames**, to approve the July 20, 2019 Detachment Convention minutes as printed; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom reported the final totals for 2021 with beginning balance of \$19,746.94, total expenses of \$34,743.91, total income of \$25,910.00 leaving a balance of \$4,622.98. With no questions the report was filed for audit.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Iowa President Kelly Elliot brought greetings from the Auxiliary.

American Legion Department of Iowa Commander James Kessler brought greetings from Department.

National Vice-Commander Richard 'Doc' Pfiffer brought greetings from the National Headquarters and what the National Commander's goals for the year were.

National Vice-Commander Bruce Feuerbach brought greetings from the National American Legion organization, and Vincent "Jim" Troiola National Commander Candidate (NY) brought greetings and discussed his goals during his year as Commander.

National American Legion Auxiliary President Nichole Clapp gave remarks and thanked the Detachment for all our help we do for the family and also all the help we gave her before and during her time as National President.

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

4th District Advisor Richard Witt gave his report. 6th District Advisor Randy Freel gave his

report.

Membership Watches were handed out to (11-25) Roland #307 with 16, (26-50) Parkersburg #285 with 9 and (51+) Whittemore #425 with 37.

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

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

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

Public and Media Communications Chairman Tim Zacharias gave his report.

Commander Michael Monserud gave his report for the year.

Motion by Jim Valentine, **Bondurant**, seconded Bob Bellinghousen, **Ames**, to approve all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel of Shellsburg, Jim Zacharias of Hampton.

Unfinished business: Adjutant Kessler discussed the Squadron Notes.

Motion by Jim Zacharias seconded by Richard Witt, to table discussion on Wreaths Across America Donation till Fall DEC Conference.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to ratify 2021-2022 Budget as presented by Detachment Executive Committee; motion carried.

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

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona: Michael Monserud (Chairman), Brian Kessler (Secretary), Ken Rochholz, Steve Colcord, James Dean, Bobby Jackson, Mike Etzel, Alan Schenck, Daniel Blazek, 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 Phoenix, Arizona on August 27 through 29, 2021: Americanism: James Lastovka; Children & Youth: Rick Cross; Constitutional Amendments Brian Kessler; Credentials: Steve Colcord; Internal Affairs: James Dean; Membership; Ken Rochholz; Finance: Daniel Blazek; Legislation and Rules: Michael Monserud; and VA&R: Mike Etzel.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to table all donations to the National Emergency Fund and Children Welfare Foundation; the Marshalltown Iowa Veterans Home, to Iowa City VA Hospital, Des Moines VA Hospital, Sioux Falls VA Hospital, Omaha VA Hospital; to Iowa American Legion Foundation, and to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, till fall conference; motion carried.

Elections of 2021-2022 Detachment Officers:

Nominations were opened for Detachment Vice-Commanders with endorsements for Jim Zacharias, James Lastovka, Doug Honse, Cliff Barker, and Richard Cross by their respective Squadrons. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, that nominations cease and call for a vote by delegate strength to choose 3 Vice Commanders; motion carried.

James Lastovka, Doug Honse, and Cliff Barker were elected as Detachment Vice-Commanders for 2021-2022 year.

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to nominated Bob Rosenboom for Detachment Finance Officer. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Bob Rosenboom to be the Detachment Finance Officer for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried.

Hampton Squadron endorsed Timothy Zacharias for Detachment Chaplain 2021-2022. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Timothy Zacharias Detachment Chaplain for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried.

Whiting Squadron endorsed James Dean for Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for James Dean to be the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried.

Timothy Zacharias nominated Rick Cross as Detachment Historian. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, nominations cease, and that the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Rick Cross to be the Detachment Historian for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried.

Durant Squadron endorsed Ken Rochholz as National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Ken Rochholz n to be the National Executive Committeeman for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried

Lorimor Squadron endorses Bobby Jackson as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Bobby Jackson to be Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried

Ames Squadron endorses Mike Monserud for Detachment Commander 2021-2022, Timothy Zacharias nominates Jim Zacharias. Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Bob

Rosenboom, **Palmer**, that nominations cease and call for a vote by delegate strength to choose the Detachment Commander; motion carried. Michael Monserud was elected to be the Detachment Commander for the 2021-2022 year; motion carried.

Commander Monserud turned the podium over to Jim Valentine for installation of the 2021-2022 Detachment Officers.

Next meeting was set for July 9, 2022, at the Des Moines 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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