



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



40th Detachment Convention
Des Moines, Iowa
July 9, 2022

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

Commander Michael Monserud called the meeting to order in proper fashion at 9:30 AM. Chaplain Pro-tem Sean Veltkamp offered the opening prayer.

Adjutant Brian Kessler gave the roll call with 8 Detachment Officers present with 2 excused; 4 Committee Chairman with 2 excused; 3 District Representatives, 6 Past Detachment Commanders; 1 Detachment Advisors. 5 District Advisors; 28 Squadrons present and 59 registered delegates.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to approve the July 10, 2021 Detachment Convention minutes as printed; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom reported the final totals for 2022 with beginning balance of \$20,459.41, total expenses of \$53,757.63, total income of \$47,823.00 leaving a balance of \$14,524.78. With no questions the report was filed for audit.

Commander Waugh brought greetings from the Department.

National Vice-Commander Angel O. Narvaez of the Department of Puerto Rico brought greetings from the National American Legion.

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.

NEC Ken Rochholz talked about Flags for Heroes.

Adjutant Kessler discussed the Squadron Notes.

Membership Watches were handed out to (11-25) Bondurant #396 with 16, (26-50) Deep River #296 with 21 and (51+) Bellevue #273 with 15.

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

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

Veterans Employment and Education and American Legion Riders Chairman Cliff Barker discussed working with Iowa Workforce Development in getting Veterans Job Fairs. Raised

\$4,300.00 on the Department Legacy Ride. Will be escorting the Indy Car haulers to the Iowa Speedway in Newton.

Commander Michael Monserud gave his report for the year.

Motion by Jim Zarchias, **Hampton**, seconded Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, to approve all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel is healthy and on the bike during Convention.

Unfinished business: Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, second by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to table discussion on donation to USS Iowa submarine till Fall Conference.

New Business: Motion Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley** to approve changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as presented by the Adjutant, motion carried.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2

In ~~The Sons of The American Legion~~ **the** Detachment ~~meetings~~ **Convention**, each Squadron shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for their charter and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. Delegate strength for Detachment Convention ~~and Fall Conference~~ shall be based on current membership ending thirty (30) days prior to the Detachment Convention. ~~Delegate strength for Mid Winter Conference and Spring Conference shall be based on current membership ending thirty (30) days prior to the Mid Winter Conference.~~ Squadrons which charter after the above mentioned cut off dates shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for their charter and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof of their chartering strength.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 6

The administrative power shall be vested in a Detachment Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion to be composed of the Detachment Commander serving during the year preceding the annual Detachment Convention and the following members by virtue of their office: Detachment Commander, three (3) Detachment Vice Commanders, Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Finance Officer, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Historian, Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, Detachment ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian**, National Executive Committeeman, his alternate, **Webmaster, District Representatives**, Past **Detachment** Commanders and members of the Department Sons of The American Legion Committee of The American Legion of Iowa. Past Detachment Commanders, except the immediate Past Detachment Commander, and members of the Department Sons of The American Committee, The American Legion of Iowa, shall serve with voice but no vote.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2

The Detachment Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion shall appoint a Detachment Adjutant, Detachment ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian**, **Detachment Webmaster**, and Detachment Program Committee Chairmen.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 10

Detachment ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian**- The ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian** shall have the duty of knowing the Detachment Constitution and By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order. He shall advise the Detachment Executive Committee on the construction and interpretation of the Detachment Constitution and By-laws and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. His rulings are to be prompt, accurate and impersonal.

RENUMBER BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 11 AND 12 TO 13 AND 14

ADD BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 11

District Representatives – Shall be chosen by The American Legion District Commander on a yearly basis. They shall serve as representatives of their respective Districts to the Detachment and Detachment to the District.

ADD BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 12

Detachment Webmaster – Shall be responsible for the creation, maintenance and upkeep of the Detachments Website, Social Media Channels, and coordination of online meetings of the Detachment.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 2

Following the election of the Detachment Commander, he shall appoint a Detachment Adjutant, ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian**, **Webmaster**, and Detachment Program Committee Chairmen.

ADD BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 7 SECTION 3

Following the election of The American Legion District Commander he shall select a District Representative from the Squadrons in his District who have not been elected or appointed any Detachment Officer higher then Vice-Commander.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 1

The Detachment Executive Committee shall consist of the Commander, ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** Vice-Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at- Arms, ~~Judge Advocate~~ **Parliamentarian**, National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, **Webmaster**, **District Representatives**, and immediate Past **Detachment** Commander. All other Past Detachment Commanders and members of The Department Sons of The American Legion Committee, The American Legion of Iowa are members without vote.

Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to ratify 2022-2023 Budget as presented by Detachment Executive Committee; motion carried.

Motion Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Bill Goodman, **Oxford Junction**, to accept all Consolidated Squadron and Detachment Reports as presented and are on file; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, seconded by Bill Goodman, **Oxford Junction**, to get ribbons in French Blue with appropriate changes; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, to approve the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Michael Monserud (Chairman), Brian Kessler (Secretary), Ken Rochholz, Steve Colcord, James Dean, Bobby Jackson, Mike Etzel, Daniel Blazek, Randy Freel, Dennis Theobald, Samuel Johnson, Ethan Johnson, and the Detachment to pay the registration fees; motion carried.

Motion by Randy Freel, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant** to have the leadership add to the National Convention delegates to fill one delegate at their discretion; motion carried.

The following people volunteered to serve on National Convention Committee's during the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Americanism: Daniel Blazek; Children & Youth: Cliff Barker; Constitutional Amendments Brian Kessler; Credentials: Steve Colcord; Internal Affairs: James Dean; Membership; Ken Rochholz; Finance: Samuel Johnson; Legislation and Rules: James Lastovka; and VA&R: Bobby Jackson.

Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to table discussion on donation to National Emergency Fund till Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to table discussion on donation to the Child Welfare Foundation till Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to approve Christmas Gifts at the V.A. Homes and Hospitals not to exceed \$2,500.00; motion carried.

Elections of 2022-2023 Detachment Officers:

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

Steve Colcord, Doug Honse, and Cliff Barker were elected as Detachment Vice-Commanders for 2022-2023 year.

Ames Squadron endorsement for Steve Malmquist. Motion 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 Steve Malmquist to be the Detachment Finance Officer for the 2022-2023 year; motion carried.

David Honse nominates Sean Veltkamp from Rock Valley as Chaplain. Motion 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 Sean Veltkamp as Detachment Chaplain for the 2022-2023 year; motion carried.

Whiting Squadron endorsed James Dean for Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion 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 James Dean to be the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2022-2023 year; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, for the incoming Commander to appoint a Detachment Historian for the 2022-2023 year; motion carried.

Swisher Squadron endorses James Lastovka for Detachment Commander 2022-2023. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, that nominations cease, and the rules of the Convention be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for James Lastovka as Detachment Commander for the 2022-2023 year; motion carried.

Commander Monserud turned the podium over to Randy Freel for installation of the 2022-2023 Detachment Officers.

Robert Hines of Oxford Junction was announced as the 2022 SAL Member of the Year.

Next meeting was set for July 15, 2023, 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 11:12 AM.

Brian Kessler
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