



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa



720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

October 28, 2018

Commander Alan Schenck opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Trevor Davidson offered opening prayer. Detachment Judge Advocate **Devin** stated the rules of the meeting.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve the agenda as presented; motion defeated.

Members in attendance were Commander Alan Schenck; Vice-Commanders James Lastovka, Mike Monserud, James Dean, and Jim Zacharias; Adjutant: Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Chaplin: Trevor Davidson; Sergeant-At-Arms: Devin VonQuerner; Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz. District Representatives from 6th District and 8th District were present. Six Chairman were present with Membership Gary Bonesteel being excused; 7 Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Randy Freel, and James Dean. There were 15 Squadrons, 4 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 26.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give District Representatives voice and vote for this meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve minutes of July 14, 2018 as presented; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve minutes of August 26, 2018 as presented; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2018) with beginning balance of \$19,746.94, total expenses of \$14,028.55, total income of \$10,867.60, leaving a balance of \$16,585.99. Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the finance report as presented; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$1,000.00 for the Nichole Clapp campaign, motion carried. With this donation, the Detachment has given the Clapp campaign \$3,000.00.

Commander Schenck introduced the guest attending the Conference. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander J. Scott Moline brought greetings from the Department of Iowa, thanked the Detachment for all we do and talked about his goals.

Department of Iowa American Legion Adjutant John Derner read highlights from this District Fall Conference report. John also read a resolution honoring Marlene Valentine as Department

Executive Secretary. He also asked for volunteers at the Headquarters office.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharais, **Hampton**, to accept and adopt Sons of The American Legion Resolution #2 honoring Marlene Valentine as presented by Department Adjutant John Derner; motion carried.

Leading Candidate for Department of Iowa American Legion Commander James Kessler brought greetings and discussed his upcoming year as Department Commander.

Department Advisor Randy Freel presented his report he gave to the Department DEC meeting on October 27. Report is on file. Randy Freel, 6th District Advisor, talked with their membership and trying to get their membership sent in timely.

Ken Rochholz First District Advisor talked about how membership is being worked on but they are working on it slowly.

Vice-Commander Jim Zacharias went over his 3rd District assignment; went over their membership and some Squadrons that had problems.

Membership report was given by Central Region Membership Chairmen Mike Monserud.

Americanism Chairman James Lastovka read his report.

Children & Youth Chairman Michael E. Sypherd Sr. presented a handout with the 2019 Child Welfare Foundation grants.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairmen and National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson reported on the Fall NEC meeting.

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave his report.

Veterans Employment & Education Chairman Mike Monserud gave his report.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald talked about voting and his report in on file.

Public & Media Communications Chairmen Timothy Zacharias gave his report.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz talked about Child Welfare Foundation.

Detachment Commander Alan during his report asked the members in attendance why they do what they do for the Sons of The American Legion, talked about how to be a better leader, and how to stay better informed.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel, and Dave Zacharias of Stacyville,

Unfinished business: Haven't heard from anybody yet on being webmaster.

Commander talked about communicating more with the Squadrons to get them involved and volunteering more.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to sell the freezer to Mike Monserud for \$100.00; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton** to give the \$100.00 from the sale of the freezer to Child Welfare Foundation from the Detachment; motion carried.

Work on getting the pictures from Past Detachment Commanders Donald Troup, Cliff Carr, Reggie Mattison, Dale Hidlebaugh, Kent Stiles, Terry Johnson, Bob Rosenboom, Michael Blanchard, Michael E. Sypherd, and Gary Bonesteel.

Tabled District Cookout proposal till Mid-Winter Conference.

New business: Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to accept the resignation of Carey Tandy as Detachment Vice-Commander; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to accept the appointment of Gary Smith as Detachment Vice-Commander, a secret ballot was called for with 7 for, 9 against; motion defeated.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve and advance the Fifth Grade Flag Essay contest to a National level; motion defeated.

It was suggested to further discuss the Fifth Grade Flag Essay resolution at Mid-Winter Conference.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate \$50.00 to the Iowa American Legion Foundation on behalf of Thomas S. Deacon; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to donate \$500.00 to the Iowa American Legion Foundation on behalf of the Detachment of Iowa with presentation at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate \$240.00 to the Vets of Valor radio-a-thon during one of the matching hours; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to authorize funds up to \$1,500.00 for the Children's Activity Center at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, not to lay a wreath this year during Washington Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate for the National Sons of The American Legion Commander; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to nominate Doug Honse for National Management Institute during the Spring NEC class of 2021; motion carried.

Discussion was called about updating the guidelines for the presentation of Membership Watches to the Iowa American Legion District Commander, Advisor and the Squadorn who they felt helped reach the membership goal the best. Mike Monserud offered a suggestion to give the Squadrons with the biggest percentage in each class a watch. It was decided to table the discussion till Mid-Winter Conference.

It was decided to do Root Beer floats again at Mid-Winter Conference and have everybody work shifts. Adjutant Derner said that we had lost the Children's Activity Room and we would probably be moved down with the rest of the hospitality rooms. It was then realized that we wouldn't have the refrigerator and would need our freezer back. Mike Monserud said he would loan the freezer back to the Detachment for the hospitality room.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate as a thank you for the Department hosting Fall Conference \$1,000.00 to the Commander's project of paving the parking lot at Department Headquarters; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give the \$125.00 registration fee for the Fall DEC meeting to Commander's Project of the Parking lot fund; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to just give the remaining Detachment Pins away to whoever wants them; motion carried.

American Legion Department of Iowa National Vice-Commander's Membership tour and Past District Commander's turn-in was reviewed. It was decided to have a membership meeting with whomever shows up at the turn-in at 10:00 AM.

Under the Good of the Sons: Muscatine is hosting a Veterans Day dance on November 10.

National Public & Media Communications Seth Rippe wants photos of who you are sponsored under for your Sons of The American Legion eligibility.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 2th, 2019 at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Davidson offered the closing prayer, with Commander Schenck closing the meeting in proper fashion at 1:00 PM.

Brian Kessler
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