



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa



720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

October 27, 2019

Commander Michael Monserud opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Pro-Tem Tim Zacharias offered opening prayer. Detachment Judge Advocate Mike Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander Michael Monserud; Vice-Commanders James Lastovka, James Dean, Gary Bonesteel, Steve Colcord and Mike Etzel; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Jim Valentine. District Representatives from 1st District and 4th District were present. Four Chairmen were present; Six Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, Randy Freel, and James Dean. Chaplin Trevor Davidson and Sergeant-At-Arms Doug Honse were excused. There were fourteen Squadrons, three guests in attendance for a total attendance of twenty-three.

Executive Secretary/Membership Marcia Hoch presented a class on online membership processing. Marcia also brought the Department Adjutants report for the Fall Conferences.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give District Representatives voice and vote for this meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to approve minutes of July 20, 2019 meeting as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2019) with beginning balance of \$11,681.89, total expenses of \$10,634.76, total income of \$7,435.00, leaving a balance of \$8,482.13. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit. It was decided to keep paying the Past Detachment Commanders for mileage for coming to the meeting until sometime in the future it comes financial unfeasible.

Commander Monserud introduced the guest attending the Conference. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander James Kessler brought greetings from the Department and thanked the Detachment for making the presents known and promoting the American Legion Family. Iowa American Legion Auxiliary President Kelly Elliott brought greetings from the Department and talked about her goals for the year.

Randy Freel, 6th District Advisor, mentioned Story City has started to revitalize itself and when looking for new Officers make sure they can do the job and have the heart to keep doing it. Ken Rochholz First District Advisor talked about how membership is being worked on, but they are working on it slowly. Richard Witt has two new Squadrons wanting to start and is going to work on getting membership in.

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

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairmen Bobby Jackson gave his report and is on file

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave his report and is on file.

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

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz reported on all the resolutions that was talked about at Fall NEC.

Detachment Commander Monserud gave his report.

Motion by James Lastovka, **Swisher**, seconded by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel.

Unfinished business: Discussed 4 new Squadrons chartered and 4 more actively working on starting.

New business: Motion by Ken Rochholz, seconded by Steve Colcord, to purchase the EU Electronic LED countdown clock for \$176.99 for the Junior Shooting Sports program or whatever program the Department of Iowa might need it for; motion carried.

Judge Advocate Michael Deacon lead discussion on Campaign Fund line item for upcoming National Officers. Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom said there was a \$1,000.00 starter money in the line item from Richard Young's campaign for National Vice-Commander.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to change the Expense Voucher to take out "SAL, Detachment of Iowa" and replace with "Campaign Fund"; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Mike Etzel, **Marion**, 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 Mike Etzel, **Marion**, to nominate James Lastovka for National Management Institute during the Spring NEC class of 2022; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Mike Etzel, **Marion**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate for the National Sons of The American Legion Commander; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by James Dean, **Whiting**, 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 give the \$95.00 registration fee for the Fall DEC meeting to Commander Monserud's project; motion carried.

It was decided to do Root Beer floats again at Mid-Winter Conference and have everybody work shifts. The Detachment wants to continue the class with Marcia Hoch, Brian Kessler, and Mike Deacon presenting the class.

Motion by Mike Etzel, **Marion**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate \$50 to each of the three National Cemeteries for Wreaths Across America; motion carried

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Alan Schenck, **Bedford**, to give \$300.00 to the Detachment members going to Lincoln Pilgrimage Feb. 11-12, 2020; 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: The members of the DEC were reminded they need to get their proof of eligibility into the Detachment Adjutant before next year.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 15th, 2020 at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 8:30 AM.

Chaplain Pro-tem Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Monserud closing the meeting in proper fashion at 12:30 PM.

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