



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

October 31, 2021

Vice-Commander Jim Lastovaka opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplain Timothy 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, Cliff Barker, and Doug Honse; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Sergeant-At-Arms James Dean; Chaplain Timothy Zacharias, Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; District Representatives from 1st, 4th, and 7th District were present. Four Chairman were present; Five Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, Randy Freel, and James Dean. There were thirteen Squadrons, six guests in attendance for a total attendance of nineteen.

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

Motion by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to approve minutes of July 10, 2021, meeting as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2021) with beginning balance of \$12,908.24, total expenses of \$9,499.60.00, total income of \$9,570.00, leaving a balance of \$20,529.81. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Vice-Commander Cliff Barker introduced the guests attending the meeting. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Robert Waugh brought greetings from the Department and discussed his theme of inculcating our members in the American Legion Family. Department Vice-Commander and Department Membership Chairman Randy Johnson discussed how the American Legion Family needs to get together on membership. Department Adjutant John Derner went over his fall report.

Department of Iowa Liaison and S.A.L. Advisory Committee Chairman Randy Freel read his report he gave to the Department Executive Committee.

District Advisor from 6th District Randy Freel about happenings in the district and report is on file. Fourth District Advisor Richard Witt gave his report on happenings in the district.

Membership was discussed with how to recruit new members.

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

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Bobby Jackson was excused but sent a report and

was placed on file.

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave his report and is on file. The Detachment said the Adjutant could contact the other Detachments about buying a new piano or refurbishing the current piano.

Veterans Education & Employment Chairman Cliff Barker read a report of what VE&E has been up to Iowa.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald was unable to make it but sent his report in on file.

Public and Media Communications Chairman Tim Zacharias read his report and is on file.

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz reported on National Commander's project of Flying Flags for Veterans.

Detachment Commander Monserud gave his report and had a request for the Detachment to purchase two pieces of exercise equipment for the Iowa Veterans Home.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate money to the Iowa Veterans Home to purchase exercise equipment for disabled Veterans. Motion by Cliff Barker, seconded by Ken Rochholz to amend his motion up to \$4,500.00 to purchase SCIFIT exercise machine; motion carried. Final motion was to donate up to \$4,500.00 to the Iowa Veterans Home to purchase SCIFIT exercise machine for disabled Veterans.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to table the purchase of the other machine for Iowa Veterans Home till Mid-Winter conference; motion carried.

Motion by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel and Jim Zacharias.

Unfinished business: Adjutant Kessler went over the Squadron Notes.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to table discussion on donations to Charities till Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$300.00 to Wreaths Across America; motion carried.

New business: Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate Chris Carlton of Indiana for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Tim Zacharias **Hampton**, to purchase 6 desk flag sets from Emblem Sales; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz **Durant**, to appoint Michael Monserud to be the Detachment coordinator for Flying Flags for Hero's; motion carried.

Detachment of Goal of 10,000 flags

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Tim Zacharias **Hampton**, to appoint Matt Carpenter as Century Committee Field Team representative for Detachment of Iowa; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give \$1,400.00 to Department for a new laptop; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant** to give the \$75.00 registration fee to Department of Iowa; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to do the Root Beer Floats at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Under the Good of the Sons: The Detachment received in the mail the Heritage Circle Gift Club Award from the Child Welfare Foundation.

It was noted our National Management Institute students were for the class of 2022 – Mike Monserud, class of 2023 – Doug Honse, and class of 2024 – James Lastovka.

Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, nominates Steve Colcord to be the Alternate to NMI for class of 2023; motion carried.

It was noted there were update numbers for the Consolidated Squadron Reports.

The Detachment was approved to have the Americanism Chairman come to Mid-Winter Conference and the National Veterans Employment and Education Chairman come to Detachment Convention for training.

American Legion Department of Iowa National Vice-Commander's Membership tour and Past District Commander's turn-in was reviewed.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 12th, 2022, at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Timothy Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Monserud closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:47 AM.

Brian Kessler

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