



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

October 30, 2022

Commander Jim Lastovaka opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplain Sean Veltkamp offered opening prayer. Detachment Parliamentarian Mike Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander James Lastovka; Vice-Commanders Steve Colcord, Cliff Barker, and Doug Honse; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Steve Malmquist; Sergeant-At-Arms James Dean; Chaplain Sean Veltkamp, Parliamentarian Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson; Webmaster Bob Rosenboom; Immediate Past Detachment Commander Michael Monserud. District Representatives from 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 7th District were present. Four Chairman were present; Five Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel, James Dean, and Randy Quinlan, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, and Randy Freel. There were nine Squadrons, four guests in attendance for a total attendance of twenty-three.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to approve minutes of July 9, 2022, meeting as printed; motion carried.

Steve Malmquist gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2021) with beginning balance of \$14,620.81, total expenses of \$6,226.43, total income of \$3,126.00, leaving a balance of \$9,920.38. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Commander Lastovka introduced the guests attending the meeting. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Randy Johnson brought greetings from the Department, and he talked about how great it is having the Department offices fully staffed, and how he is seeing the Family coming together. Department Adjutant John Derner went over his fall report and also went over the Service Office Report at all the good that office has done for our Veterans and the state of Iowa. Stanley Elliot candidate for Department Commander spoke about his goals and his possible themes for next year.

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 talked about happenings in the district and report is on file. Fourth District Advisor Richard Witt gave his report on happenings in the district, and he has heard that Rockwell is talking about closing their Squadron. 7th District Representative Daniel Blazek report on the membership. Cliff Barker said that Roland Squadron might be closing.

Membership was discussed with how slow things have been coming in.

Americanism Chairman Daniel Blazek read his report.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Bobby Jackson talked about how he can't get reactivated at the Des Moines VA as a volunteer and he was tired of fighting for it.

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

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

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

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz reported on Constitution and By-laws for National organization and the National Legion Judge Advocate is working on rewriting them. All NEC is now assigned to a Commission or Committee, but we need to get more Iowa members on the committee and commissions.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, second by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to close all Squadrons except Urbandale in proper fashion; motion carried with one opposed.

Detachment Commander Lastovka gave his report.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Michael Monserud

Unfinished business: Motion by Michael Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley** to table NEF and CWF till Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to table donation for USS Iowa till Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

New business: Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to approve resolution 1; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, to approve the amend Operating Structure; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to only buy Immediate Past Detachment Commanders Squadron dress hat from this meeting forward; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to donate \$300.00 to Wreaths Across America; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to donate \$1,000 to the Iowa American Legion Foundation at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate Donald "J.R." Hall, Jr. of Maryland for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion; motion carried.

Motion by Sam Johnson, **Washington**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to purchase ten desk flag sets from Emblem Sales; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to table the discussion on the SAL joining the Junior Camp till we get an offer from the Auxiliary.

There was no one going to Washington Conference this year, so by consent we are not giving a wreath either.

Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, to give the \$85 registration fee to Department Service Office; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give \$200.00 to the Detachment Commanders project on behalf of the Department for hosting Detachment Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Brian Kessler, **Lake Park**, seconded by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, to re-establish the Boys and Girls State scholarship as prescribed by our Operating Structure; motion carried.

Decided not to do a Children Activity Room this year.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to do the Root Beer Floats at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Doug House, **Rock Valley**, to only have meeting and no workshop in the afternoon; motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to do a table at Mid-Winter Programs Fair; motion carried.

Sergeant-At-Arms and Sean Veltkamp will carry the colors at Mid-Winter Conference.

It was decided to start funding the National Commander's campaign, and it was decided to revisit this discussion at Spring Conference.

Under the Good of the Sons: Everyone was invited to Iowa Veterans Home for their Charter presentation on November 12 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

Legislative Day at State Capital on January 18, 2023.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 11th, 2023, at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Sean Veltkamp offered the closing prayer, with Commander Lastovka closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:35 AM.

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