



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

October 29, 2023

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

Members in attendance were Commander James Lastovka; Vice-Commanders Steve Colcord, Doug Honse and Daniel Blazek; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Steve Malmquist; Sergeant-At-Arms James Dean; Chaplain Levi Frost, Parliamentarian Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Samuel Johnson; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Michael Monserud; Webmaster Bob Rosenboom; Immediate Past Detachment Commander Michael Monserud. District Representatives from 1st, 4th, and 7th District were present. Six Chairman were present; Six Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel, James Dean, and Randy Quinlan, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, and Randy Freel. There were Twelve Squadrons, four guests in attendance for a total attendance of twenty-two.

Motion by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to approve minutes of July 15, 2023, meeting as printed; motion carried.

Steve Malmquist gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2023) with beginning balance of \$20,481.61, total expenses of \$9,756.32, total income of \$7,120.10, leaving a balance of \$15,245.39. 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 Stanley Elliot brought greetings from the Department, SAL representatives at the five district conferences that he attended. Department Adjutant John Derner asked everybody to take the Departments Fall Conference report home with them and share with the Squadrons. Department of Iowa Auxiliary President Mary Sypherd brought greetings from the Department of Iowa. Junior Activities Director for the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Alida Kolthoff talked about a Childrens/Junior Activities Room at Mid-Winter Conference.

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 the report is on file. Fourth District Advisor Richard Witt gave his report on happenings in the district. 7th District Representative Daniel Blazek report on the membership.

Membership was discussed with how slow things have been coming in. PUFL program is coming in a couple of years.

Americanism Chairman Daniel Blazek read his report.

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

Legislative Chairman Doug Honse gave his report and is on file.

Public and Media Communications Chairman Samuel Johnson gave his report and is on file.

National Executive Committeeman Samuel Johnson gave his report and is on file.

Detachment Commander Lastovka gave his report talked about his Conferences he attended, and the requests he has been receiving to attend special functions.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Dustin Kacklee, Commander at Keokuk and SAL member passed away. Marlene Valentine not doing well, ask the Chaplain to send a card to PDC Jim Valentine and family.

Unfinished business: NONE.

New business: Motion by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to have Mike Monserud discuss with the Iowa Veterans Home about the donation of \$6,700.00 they would like to return go towards their iPad/tablet project; motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate Joesph Navarrete of New Mexico for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion 2024-2025; motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to give the \$80.00 registration fee to Iowa Veterans Emergency Fund; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$200.00 to Iowa Veterans Emergency Fund in the name of the Department of Iowa for hosting Detachment Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Michael Sypherd, Sr., **Washington**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to help the Auxiliary with the Children's Activity Room at Mid-Winter Conference not to exceed \$500.00 with receipts; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to appoint Cliff Barker as the contact person for the 100th Anniversary Sub-Committee; motion carried.

Sam asked the Junior Auxiliary to help with the floats. Motion by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to do the Root Beer Floats at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

The DEC decided by concise to only have meeting and no workshop in the afternoon at Mid-Winter Conference.

Sergeant-At-Arms will find someone to help him carry the colors at Mid-Winter Conference.

Under the Good of the Sons: It was noted there were updated numbers for the Consolidated Squadron Reports.

November membership tour information was reviewed.

American Legion National Vice-Commander will be in Iowa in March 2024, not sure what they are doing yet.

Legislative Day at State Capital on January 17, 2024.

Commander read a thank you card from the Wreaths Across America.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 3rd, 2024, at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Levi Frost offered the closing prayer, with Commander Lastovka closing the meeting in proper fashion at 10:40 AM.

Brian Kessler

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