



*Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Iowa*

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



**Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
Des Moines, Iowa
October 27, 2024**

Commander Doug Honse opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplain Michael Deacon offered opening prayer. Detachment Parliamentarian Pro-Teem Mike Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander Doug Honse; Vice-Commanders Daniel Blazek, Tanner Large, Glen Johnson IV; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Steve Malmquist; Sergeant-At-Arms Clifton "Cliff" Barker; Chaplain Michael Deacon, National Executive Committeeman Samuel Johnson; Webmaster Bob Rosenboom; Immediate Past Detachment Commander James Lastovka. Parliamentarian and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Michael were excused. District Representatives from First, Forth, and Seventh District were present. Five Chairman were present; Four Past Commanders; Detachment Advisor in attendance was Gary Quinlan, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, and Richard Witt. There were eleven Squadrons, four guests in attendance for a total attendance of twenty.

Motion by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, seconded by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, to approve minutes of July 20, 2024, meeting as printed; motion carried.

Steve Malmquist gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2024) with beginning balance of \$23,523.53, total expenses of \$9,364.81, total income of \$9,236.80, total held in the National Candidates Fund of \$3,600.00, leaving a balance of \$19,795.52. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit. Bob Rosenboom discussed why we are getting charged more for the Legionnaire than we should, Adjutant Derner said they are working on the list to get it cleaned up because it is costing the Legion more as well.

Commander Honse introduced the guests attending the meeting. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Brian Ring brought greetings from the Department. Department Adjutant John Derner asked everybody to take the Departments Fall Conference report home with them and share with the Squadrons. Junior Activities Director for the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Rosemary Lancaster talked about a Children's/Junior Activities Room at Mid-Winter Conference. Cliff Barker brought comments from Department of Iowa Alt. NEC on Bob Waugh. Department Vice-Commander Jeff Large discussed getting in the schools with the National Guard help for things like Boys State, etc.

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

District Advisor from Forth District reported on happenings in the district. The First District talked about what is happening in the district. Cliff Barker mentioned that Johnston Squadron will be closing as all the members have transferred to Baldwin-Patterson Post 274 in Des Moines.

Membership report is on file.

Americanism Chairman Daniel Blazek read his report.

VA&R Chairman Bobby Jackson discussed how Iowa Select is helping Veterans and Veterans function, he has contact information if you wish to contact Iowa Select for your next Veterans event.

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

VE&E Chairman Cliff Barker talked about doing a jobs fair.

Legislative Chairman James Lastovka gave his report and is on file.

Public and Media Communications Chairman Glen Johnson IV gave his report. Bob Rosenboom asked if we should be on the other social media websites, like X, Instagram, etc.? Bob Rosenboom also suggested we get the Boys State information and importance on all social media.

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

Adjutant Brian Kessler discussed Squadron Notes & membership packets at HQ, communication amongst the Officers, and the change in name of the Child Welfare Foundation to Child Well-Being Foundation.

Webmaster Bob Rosenboom said if you have a Squadron that is giving you a problem, Bob will call them.

Detachment Commander Honse gave his report talking about his Conferences he attended.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Unfinished business: The discussion on the membership computers is tabled till Mid-Winter.

New business: Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to give \$50.00 to the Iowa Foundation in honor of Connie Theobald (PDC Dennis Theobald wife); motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to give \$50.00 to the Iowa Foundation in honor of Nancy Malmquist (Finance Office Steve Malmquist's mother); motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Samuel Johnson, **Washington**, to reimburse Glen Johnson IV for going to National Convention in New Orleans at the rate of \$500.00; motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to set aside a donation of \$1,000.00 to Larry "Grumpy" Hartz to help with his "Be the One" Project with either his coins or cards; motion carried. Larry started this project with a wrist band, then went on to coins and now he is working on cards to get the word out. Cliff talked about the program coming to Mid-Winter in training people about how to handle Buddy Checks calls that go wrong. Bob Rosenboom asked if we should be spending this money, unless we all get training ourselves.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, to donate \$500.00 to the Iowa American Legion Foundation at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to donate \$100.00 to Leading Candidate William Clancy, III of New York for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion 2025-2026; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Glenn Johnson IV, **Durant**, not to lay a wreath at the Washington Conference, motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, for those going to Washington Conference, if they don't get reimbursed by National, Detachment will reimburse them \$500.00 for going; motion carried. National Vice-Commander Michael Monserud and National Executive Committeeman Samuel Johnson are going to the Washington Conference.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, to give the \$10.00 registration fee to the Commander to buy socks for his sock project; motion carried. Cliff Barker donated an extra \$10.00 toward the Commander's project.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to give Department of Iowa \$400.00 to help purchase a new computer for hosting Detachment Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to help the Auxiliary with the Children's Activity Room at Mid-Winter Conference not to exceed \$500.00 with receipts; motion carried. Rosemary Lancaster would like to use the hospitality room to show a movie on Saturday, and they would like to have someone come discuss what the Sons of The American Legion does (PDC Deacon and Adjutant Kessler said they would go). Rosemary said they would need stuff for busy bags like small coloring books, toys, etc. to have each Squadron bring them to Mid-Winter, and the kids will be doing chocolate covered pretzel rods to pass out. Rosemary was asked if the Juniors could help with Root Beer floats at each night and she said she would try.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Tanner Large, **Tama**, to do the Root Beer Floats at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to have a table during the programs fair with James Lastovka offering to man the table and clean up, motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to send a gift to National Commander Joseph Navarrete's homecoming with discussion of the cost and what kind of gift to be held at Mid-Winter Conference, motion carried.

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

November membership awards information was reviewed.

Legislative Day at State Capital on January 22, 2025.

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 15th, 2025, at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Michael Deacon offered the closing prayer, with Commander Honse closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:40 AM.

Brian Kessler
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