



# *Sons of The American Legion*

## *Detachment of Iowa*



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### **Detachment Executive Committee Meeting**

#### **Des Moines, Iowa**

#### **February 10, 2018**

Commander Gary Bonesteel opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Timothy Zacharias offered opening prayer. Detachment Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander Gary Bonesteel; Vice-Commanders Carey Tandy, Mike Monserud, James Lastovka, Nickolas Ring, and Jim Zacharias; Adjutant: Brian Kessler; Chaplin Timothy Zacharias; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Richard Young. Sergeant-At-Arms Bruce Wright was excused due to his son being in an accident. Five Chairman were present, with 2 excused; 8 Past Commanders present and 2 excused; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Randy Freel, and Alan Schenck. There were 26 Squadrons, 9 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 43.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Michael Deacon, **Ames**, to approve minutes of October 29, 2017 as presented; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 4th quarter (October - December 2017) with beginning balance of \$20,132.05, total expenses of \$11,795.47, total income of \$14,765.00, leaving a balance of \$24,384.14. Motion by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the finance report as presented; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to add to a permanent agenda item to donate money to the Iowa Foundation, motion carried.

Commander Bonesteel introduced our guests from Eldora who received their charter for a new Squadron, National Historian Jerry "Jay" Cole, National Commander Danny Smith who spoke to the group. The DEC was also visited and heard remarks from Bill Oxford (NC) candidate for American Legion National Commander, Mike Etzel American Legion Department of Iowa Commander. Nicole Clapp also stopped by to thank the Sons for their help with her campaign for National American Legion Auxiliary President in 2019-2020. Marcia Hoch was in and talked to the DEC about membership and if there was any membership problems they needed help with.

Department Advisor Randy Freel presented his report he gave to the Department DEC meeting on February 9. Report is on file.

Sixth district advisor Randy Freel called Squadrons in his District and several are working on getting in their membership. Randy suggests we close the Perry Squadron. Seventh district advisor Allen Schenk said he still has Guthrie Center cards, and maybe close out Lenox. First district advisor Ken Rochholz is still working on getting Iowa City, even though they talk closure. Third district advisor Jim Zacharias has Waterloo back going, he is also checking on

Tama. Ninth district advisor James Dean said Kingsley is closing by letter from the Post.

National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson asked for VAVS reps in Iowa for Iowa City and Marshalltown.

Membership Chairman Dale Hidlebaugh was not at the meeting, but National Membership Committee member Brian Kessler spoke on the membership.

Americanism Chairman James Lastovka read his report and it's on file.

Children & Youth Chairman Michael E. Sypherd Sr. read his report and it's on file.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Bobby Jackson had no report at this time.

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave his report and it's on file.

Veterans Employment & Education Chairman Mike Monserud gave his report and it is on file.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald was not at the meeting sent a report that was read and is on file.

Detachment Commander Gary reported on his use of Hyperbaric Chamber treatment he has been using. He wants the Legion and SAL to get involved helping to get the VA to start using this as a treatment for Veterans. Commander Smith suggested he and Mr. Deacon write a resolution to bring to the NEC and National SAL for them to approve and send on to the Legion to get the ball rolling.

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

Sick Call: Past National Commander Mike Deacon asked for prayers for his mother-in-law Kay McVay.

Unfinished business: Bob Rosenboom reported the Nicole Clapp campaign was going along fine, and we were close to getting our money all raised for our portion. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give \$1,000.00 to the Nicole Clapp campaign on behalf of the Detachment; motion carried.

Motion by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to accept the report from the Nicole Clapp Campaign; motion carried.

Bob said he hadn't done anything on the website name yet, but he would like to find someone else to take over the website.

Adjutant Kessler noted that he hadn't sent out the closure letters yet, but now that Headquarters is fully staffed, and he has time, he will get them out. It was noted Mount Vernon was going to close.

Commander Gary noted he had delivered the Christmas gifts checks to Iowa City VA Hospital,

and Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown and had received thank you's from them. Bobby Jackson reported he delivered to Des Moines VA Hospital, but he hadn't received a thank you yet or checked to see if the Department did. Brian Kessler reported, with the assistance of Ann Crawford, personal care boxes had been delivered to the Sioux Falls and Omaha VA Hospitals, with only Sioux Falls having sent out a thank you.

District Caucuses were divided up for a representative of the DEC go visit with the Districts about getting District Representatives from each District.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, to go with Delivra Email Service for the Detachment Email Newsletter; motion carried.

New business: Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the appointment of Michael E. Sypherd, Sr. as the Detachment Historian; motion carried.

Motion by Carey Tandy, **Oxford**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to renew the online calendar for the Detachment website; motion carried.

Motion by Richard Young, **Washington**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to purchase envelopes and labels for family membership application packets; motion carried.

Brian Kessler asked to have the donation of something or money to the two new CBOC's serving Iowa be tabled till Spring Conference.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$500.00 to the Iowa American Legion Foundation; motion carried.

Motion by Carey Tandy, **Oxford**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to donate \$500.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation at the Spring National Executive Committee meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Nicholas Ring, **Glenwood**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$500.00 to the National Emergency Fund at the Spring National Executive Committee meeting; motion carried.

Jim Zacharias said he was interested in a possible National Committee Appointment.

The DEC was advised about the Spring Membership tour and the National Commander's Visit in March.

Spring Conferences Assignments were given out with:  
District 1: April 21<sup>st</sup> at Wilton – James Lastovka  
District 2: April 14<sup>th</sup> at Farley – Gary Bonesteel  
District 3: March 31<sup>st</sup> at Hampton – Jim Zacharias  
District 4: April 21<sup>st</sup> at Fayette – Jim Zacharias  
District 5: March 24<sup>th</sup> at Newton – Gary Bonesteel  
District 6: April 28<sup>th</sup> at Waukee – Mike Monserud

District 7: April 7<sup>th</sup> at Mindon – Nicholas Ring

District 8: April 21<sup>st</sup> at Charter Oak – Bob Rosenboom

District 9: April 14<sup>th</sup> at Le Mars – Brian Kessler

Under the Good of the Sons: The DEC was reminded the SAL of the Year is due June 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Spring Newsletter articles are due February 25, 2018.

The next DEC meeting will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Detachment Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Bonesteel closing the meeting in proper fashion at 12:15 PM.

*Brian Kessler*

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