



## *Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Iowa*

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Des Moines, IA 50309



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### **Detachment Executive Committee Meeting Des Moines, Iowa February 13, 2021**

Commander Michael Monserud opened the meeting in proper fashion at 8:30 AM. Detachment Chaplain Michael Deacon 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, James Dean, Steve Colcord and Mike Etzel; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Sergeant-At-Arms Doug Honse, Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Jim Valentine, Immediate Past Detachment Commander Alan E. Schenck with one officer excused. District Representatives from 1<sup>st</sup> District and 4<sup>th</sup> District were present. Three Chairmen were present, and one was excused; eight Past Commanders with one excused; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel, James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, Randy Freel and James Dean. There were twelve guests, sixteen Squadrons, for a total attendance of twenty-nine.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give District Representatives voice and vote for this meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Mike Etzel, **Marion**, to approve minutes of October 25, 2020 meeting as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 4th quarter (October - December 2020) with beginning balance of \$12,908.24, total expenses of \$10,657.46, total income of \$12,756.00, leaving a balance of \$15,245.15. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Commander Monserud introduced the guest attending the Conference. Department of Iowa Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dennis Soppe introduce The American Legion National Vice-Commander Bruce Feuerbach. Vice-Commander Feuerbach brought greetings from the National American Legion. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander James Kessler brought greetings from the Department and thanked the Detachment for making the presents known and promoting the American Legion Family.

Richard Witt 4<sup>th</sup> District submitted his report and is on file.

Commander Mike Monserud and Adjutant Kessler discussed the membership.

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

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave highlights of his report and the whole report is on file.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald gave highlights of his report and the whole report is on

file.

Public and Media Communications Chairman Timothy Zacharias gave his report and is on file.

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz gave his report asking Squadrons to stay active and get him your applications for National Commissions by March 31.

Detachment Commander Monserud gave his report.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel is still dealing with kidney issues and is back on the transplant list.

Unfinished business: Adjutant Kessler led the DEC through the Squadron Notes, Squadrons on MySAL website, and Squadrons who haven't submitted officers verifications yet.

Adjutant Kessler reported the Christmas Gifts. Motion by Doug Honse, seconded by Steve Colcord to allow Brian to send the Christmas Gifts for current needs at the different hospitals and homes up to \$2,500.00; motion carried.

DEC passed an amended resolution on Riders Resolution #19 and is submitting to the National NEC.

The discussion on setting up PUFL had several comments either way, with Durant noting they have their own and would not join the Detachment program. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, seconded by Steve Colcord, to table the discussion on Detachment PUFL till Spring Conference; motion carried.

New business: Leading Candidate for Department of Iowa Auxiliary President Doris Jackson brought to the Detachment a request to purchase business card holders for the family membership applications. She wanted to order 1000 for \$570.00 of the business card holders, and she asked if the Detachment would cover half of the cost. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Steve Colcord, **Durant**, to purchase 1000 business card folders; motion carried. Cut the check to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Iowa.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Steve Colcord, **Durant**, to donate \$1,000 to the Child Welfare Foundation and to include the donation by Le Mars Squadron #241 to be mailed in by the end of May: motion carried.

Motion by Steve Colcord, **Durant**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate \$1000 to the National Emergency Fund to be mailed in by the end of May, motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Steve Colcord, **Durant**, to give \$1,000 to Veterans and Children's Foundation and mailed in by the end of May, motion carried.

Military Burial Rights Resolution submitted by Rock Valley Squadorn #321 was presented for consideration by the Detachment. The Department of Iowa American Legion DEC defeated the resolution at the regular scheduled Mid-Winter Conference meeting on Friday, February 12,

2021. The Detachment felt the resolution was good but felt there needed to be some revision to make it acceptable to send on to the Legislature. Rock Valley Squadron withdrew the resolution so they could rewrite using the recommendations presented at the meeting and resubmitted for the Spring Conference.

Discussed National Committee and Commission appointments with everyone being reminded the deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

Spring District Conference Assignments – Will be filled before the District meetings.

- 1st – April 10<sup>th</sup> at Muscatine –
- 2nd – April 10<sup>th</sup> Online –
- 3rd – April 17<sup>th</sup> at Shellsburg –
- 4th – April 10<sup>th</sup> at Fairbank -
- 5th – March 20<sup>th</sup> at Ellston –
- 6th – April 10<sup>th</sup> at Van Meter –
- 7th – March 27<sup>th</sup> at Silver City -
- 8th – April 11<sup>th</sup> at Wesley –
- 9th – April 17<sup>th</sup> at Holstein -

Under the Good of the Sons, Commander Monserud highlighted the notes listed on the agenda.

Ken Rochholz shared the Durant Squadron is donating \$20,000.00 to the Post for remodeling of the Post Home.

Cliff Baker discussed doing a Wreaths Across America Wreath Ceremony at your local cemetery on the day Wreaths Across America does their Wreath laying in December.

The next DEC meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Department Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa starting at 8:30 AM with hybrid option.

Chaplain Michael Deacon offered the closing prayer, with Commander Monserud closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:08 A M.

*Brian Kessler*

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