



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

February 12, 2022

Commander Michael Monserud opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Timothy Zacharias offered opening prayer.

Members in attendance were Commander Michael Monserud; Vice-Commanders James Lastovka, Doug Honse, Cliff Barker; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson, Immediate Past Detachment Commander Alan E. Schenck with one officer excused. District Representatives from 1st District, 4th District, and 7th District were present. Five Chairman were present, and one was excused; seven Past Commanders with one excused; Advisor in attendance were Randy Freel with one excused. District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, Randy Freel and Alan Schenck. There were 3 guests present, thirty-eight Squadrons, for a total attendance of sixty-two.

Commander Monserud informed the Detachment the National American Legion Judge Advocate had removed the National Sons of The American Legion Judge Advocate and via the Centennial Committee was instructing all levels of the SAL to remove their Judge Advocates and if they desired, replace them with Parliamentarians. With this information he had asked Mr. Deacon to step down as Judge Advocate and then at Detachment Convention we will have to amend, or thru resolution change our Constitution and By Laws to have a Parliamentarian instead of Judge Advocate. We will now have to direct all of our legal matters to the Department Judge Advocate.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give District Representatives voice and vote for this meeting; motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve minutes of October 31, 2021 meeting as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 4th quarter (October - December 2021) with beginning balance of \$20,459.41, total expenses of \$15,438.52, total income of \$13,874.00, leaving a balance of \$18,965.29. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Commander Monserud introduced the guest attending the Conference. Master Chief Darryl Hartley and Torpedoman Third Class Damian Cook from the USS Iowa brought greetings from the crew and Command Staff new Arizona class submarine. Americanism Commission Chairman Joseph Navarette (NM) brought greetings from National, discussed the Flying Flags for Hero's campaign.

Liaison with the American Legion/Internal Affairs Randy Freel read his report he gave to the Department of Iowa Department Executive Committee and is on file.

Motion by Richard Witt, **Oelwein**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to have the Adjutant

send an email to all DEC members with the Constitution, By-Laws and the Standing Rules for them to review and bring back to Spring Conference with any changes they may find; motion carried.

Richard Witt 4th District submitted his report and is on file.

Randy Freel discussed the problem Squadrons in Sixth District.

Ken Rochholz talked about First District membership problems.

Commander Mike Monserud and Adjutant Kessler discussed the membership noting the Detachment had been meeting all its National targets, but there was lots of zero squadrons on the report yet, and the Detachment needed to get in contact with those Squadrons to get their membership in.

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

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission Chairman Bobby Jackson gave his report and is on file.

Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Hospital VAVS Representative Brian Kessler discussed the upcoming Golden Age games coming to Sioux Falls July 18-23, 2022.

Legislative Commission Chairman Dennis Theobald's report was read and placed on file.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to nominate Dennis Theobald for the George B. Evans award; motion carried.

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

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Chairman Cliff Barker talked about a new veteran's employment event and is on file.

American Legion Riders Department Chairman Cliff Barker has 38 riders' chapters in the state. June 11th is Sixth District Legacy Ride to collect money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz gave his report.

Detachment Commander Monserud gave his report, discussing the membership challenge with Nebraska.

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

Sick Call: Gary Bonesteel is doing great and has an appointment for 3-month checkup on February 15th.

Unfinished business: Adjutant Kessler led the DEC through the Squadron Notes where he noted

Walcott Post had submitted a charter application and Independence (4) was inquiring about starting a Squadron.

Le Mars Squadron #241 presented Commander Monserud checks for \$500.00 for Child Welfare Foundation and \$500.00 to Commander Monserud's challenge for new exercise equipment for the Iowa Veterans Home.

Sioux Falls VAVS representative Kessler suggested, and the Detachment agreed to put a hold on the Christmas gifts for the 4 Veterans Hospitals and the Iowa Veterans Home for now.

Motion by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to donate \$1,000.00 to National Emergency Foundation; motion carried

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to donate \$1,000.00 to Child Welfare Foundation; motion carried

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to give \$500.00 donation for the Legacy Scholarship fund to be distributed at the Legacy Ride either 6th District ride or National Legacy Ride; motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$1,000.00 donation to the Iowa American Legion Foundation; motion carried.

Motion by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to give \$1,000.00 donation to The American Legion Children & Veterans Fund; motion carried.

Motion by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$6,500.00 towards Commander Monserud's challenge for the Iowa Veterans Home to purchase SCIFIT exercise equipment; motion carried.

New business: Discussed National Committee and Commission appointments with everyone being reminded the deadline for submission is March 31, 2022.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to nominate Cliff Barker, Mike Monserud, and Brian Kessler to National Committee and Commission appointments; motion carried.

Spring District Conference Assignments

- 1st District: March 26th at Mt. Pleasant – James Lastovka
- 2nd District: April 9th at Clinton – Brian Kessler
- 3rd District: March 19th at Toledo – Tim Zacharias
- 4th District: April 23rd at Manchester – Richard Witt
- 5th District: April 9th at Centerville – Bobby Jackson
- 6th District: April 23rd at Gilbert – Cliff Barker
- 7th District: March 26th at Glenwood – Brian Kessler
- 8th District: April 2nd at Gowrie – Jim Lastovka
- 9th District: April 9th at Onawa – Doug Honse

Discussion was tabled till Spring Conference on a donation for USS Iowa Commissioning.

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

The next DEC meeting will be held on April 24th, 2022, at the Department Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM

Chaplain Timothy Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Monserud closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:35 A M.

Brian Kessler

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