



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

February 11, 2023

Commander James Lastovka opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplain Sean Veltkamp offered opening prayer and Detachment Parliamentarian Michael Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander James Lastovka; Vice-Commanders Doug Honse, Steve Colcord, Cliff Barker; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Steve Malmquist; Sergeant-At-Arms James Dean; Chaplain Sean Veltkamp; Parliamentarian Michael Deacon, Webmaster Bob Rosenboom; National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson, Immediate Past Detachment Commander Michael Monserud. District Representatives from 1st District, 2nd District, 4th District, and 7th District were present. Four Chairman were present, and one was excused; five Past Commanders with one excused; Advisor in attendance were Randy Freeland, James Dean, and Gary Quinlan. District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, and Randy Freeland. There were 2 guests present, thirty-seven Squadrons, for a total attendance of seventy.

Motion by Steve Malmquist, **Ames**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to approve minutes of October 30, 2022, meeting as corrected; motion carried. Motion by Richard Witt, **Oelwien**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to amend the minutes and rewrite the squadron closures as it was intended, motion carried.

Steve Malmquist gave the Detachment Finance report for the 4th quarter (October - December 2022) with a beginning balance of \$11,520.38, total expenses of \$2,492.17, total income of \$16,162.70, leaving a balance of \$23,590.91. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Commander Lastovka introduced the guest attending the Conference. Chief Rami Dia and Petty Officer Kolten Flook from the USS Iowa brought greetings from the crew and Command Staff new Arizona class submarine.

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

Ken Rochholz talked about First District membership problems.

Richard Witt Fourth District submitted his report and is on file.

Randy Freeland discussed the problem Squadrons in Sixth District.

Commander Lastovka and Adjutant Kessler discussed the membership.

Americanism Commission Chairman Daniel Blazek read his report discussing what is Americanism.

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

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

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Chairman Cliff Barker gave his report and is on file.

American Legion Riders Department Chairman Cliff Barker gave his report and is on file.

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

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz gave his report.

Webmaster Bob said he would get back on the website, he thought he had it cleaned up and noticed that stuff is not coming off.

Adjutant Kessler led the DEC through the Squadron Notes.

Detachment Commander Lastovka gave his report.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Richard Witt, **Oelwien**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Unfinished business: Motion by Michael Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to donate \$500.00 to Child Welfare Foundation; motion carried

Motion by Michael Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to donate \$500.00 to National Emergency Foundation; motion carried

Motion by Michael Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to give \$500.00 donation to The American Legion Children & Veterans Fund; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monesrud, **Ames**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to give \$2,500.00 to the USS Iowa SN797 Commissioning Committee, motion carried.

Tabled discussion Squadron Closure till Spring Conference due to no response from Department Headquarters on what they wanted for a Closure list.

New business: Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to approve resolution 1 as presented; motion carried.

Tabled discussion on what the #729 dues will be till Spring Conference.

Motion by Mike Monesrud, **Ames**, seconded by Sam Johnson, **Washington**, to approve the Consolidated Squadron Report & Squadron Data Report be sent to every Squadron every Spring; motion carried.

Consensus of the DEC was to fix the Detachment Colors instead of buying new.

Tabled discussion till Spring Conference on funds for Veterans Hospitals and Iowa Veterans Home.

Discussed National Committee and Commission appointments with everyone being reminded the deadline for submission is March 31, 2023. The only person interested in a National Committee was Michael Monserud for Member Training and Development.

Spring District Conference Assignments

- 1st District: April 29th at Swisher – Commander Lastovka
- 2nd District: April 15th at Farley – NEC Rochholz
- 3rd District: March 11th at Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown – Commander Lastovka
- 4th District: April 15th at Osage – Commander Lastovka
- 5th District: April 8th at Mount Ayr – Alt. NEC Jackson
- 6th District: April 15th at Ankeny – Vice-Commander Barker
- 7th District: March 25th at Shenandoah – Dist. Rep. Blazek
- 8th District: March 25th at Whitmore – NEC Rochholz
- 9th District: April 1st at Wall Lake – Vice-Commander Honse

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

Le Mars Squadron donated \$500 for Child Welfare Foundation, and Marion Squadron donated \$300.00 for Child Welfare Foundation.

The next DEC meeting will be held on April 30th, 2023, at the Department Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM

Chaplain Sean Veltkamp offered the closing prayer, with Commander Lastovka closing the meeting in proper fashion at 12:00 PM.

Brian Kessler

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