



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa



720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting **Des Moines, Iowa** **April 29, 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 Mike Monserud, James Lastovka, 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. All Commission/Committee Chairman were present; 7 Past Commanders present; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Randy Freel, and Alan Schenck. There were 14 Squadrons, 2 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 21.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve minutes of February 10, 2018 as presented; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 1st quarter (January-March 2018) with beginning balance of \$20,132.05, total expenses of \$7,783.65, total income of \$8,689.25, leaving a balance of \$25,289.74. Bob told everyone about the new voucher forms that are on the S.A.L. (Legion) website for us to fill in and email. These forms are Travel, Check Request, and Request For Purchase; plus there is a booklet on the website explaining how to use each form. Please start using these forms from now on. Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the finance report as presented; motion carried.

Commander Bonesteel introduced our guests and invited them to give any remarks they wish to make: Department Commander Mike Etzel, Department President Vicki Klinkenhammer, Department Adjutant John Derner, and Leading Candidate for Department Commander Scott Moline.

Department Advisor Randy Freel presented his report, report is on file.

Adjutant Brian asked about the E-newsletters and everybody liked them and was asked how to subscribe, but Brian admitted he didn't know how to have people sign up for the E-newsletter. Adjutant Derner said he might know how to do it, or should ask Past National American Legion Commander Dave Rehbiel how to set that up.

Historian Sypherd asked for pictures and articles for Commander Bonesteel's History book. Mike also talked about sending him stuff for the Detachment Facebook page.

Membership Chairman Dale Hidlebaugh reported where the Detachment sits in the membership rankings. Ames turned in 8 members, that puts them over 2 over 100% goal.

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

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Bobby Jackson noted that Commander Gary Bonesteel has applied to be the Iowa City S.A.L. VAVS representative, and Mike Monserud. has applied to be the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown VAVS representative. V.A.&R report is on file.

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler asked to hold off on purchasing stuff for the Spirit Lake and Sioux City CBOCs as he hasn't had a chance to talk to anyone about what those facilities will need.

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

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald talked about how to get information and how to contact your legislators to give your opinions and suggestions. Offer them your support in their work as Legislators.

Public & Media Communications talked about using the newspaper and using social media a lot more. Report is on file.

Detachment Commander Gary asked everyone to really get on the Squadrons to get their Consolidated Squadron Reports in. He also asked everyone to push membership to get the last 300.

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

Sick Call: There were two: Past National Vice-Commander John Sansoucie (MO) on his Dad's death, and Past National Commander Mike Deacon asked for prayers for his mother-in-law Kay McVey as she is now in hospice.

Unfinished business: Bob Rosenboom reported the Nicole Clapp campaign doing fine and they have our money. Mike Deacon report Richard Young will not be able to be National Vice-Commander for the foreseeable future, so we will pass for this turn.

Motion by Michael E. Sypherd Sr., **Washington**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to make one donation to the Iowa American Legion Foundation a year; to decided at the Fall Conference how much to donate, and present the check at Mid-Winter; motion carried.

Detachment Advisor Randy Freel reported since Mid-Winter he has had contact with the Perry American Legion Post, they have elected new younger leadership who is in the process of restarting the Post and have expressed an interest in restarting the Squadron as well, so Mr. Freel asked the Perry Squadron be pulled for now from the Squadron Closure list. It was also noted Lisbon has decided to close the Squadron.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharais, **Hampton**, to have Vice-Commander Mike Monsrud represent the Detachment at the Spring National Executive Committee meeting since neither National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson or Alternate National Executive Committeeman Richard Young were able to attend. Motion carried.

No one had talk to Bob about being the Detachment Webmaster.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to set the reimbursement rate for the 2018 National Convention at \$500.00, motion carried

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Michael E. Sypherd Sr., **Washington**, to approve the Detachment Operating Structure as amended (see motion above); motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to adopt the 2017-2018 Convention Rules as presented; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom lead the Detachment through the budget. Motion by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to present the budget to the Department Finance Committee and the Detachment of Iowa for their approval. Motion carried.

Adjutant Kessler asked for some clarification on some old Standing Rules he found and what the Detachment wished to do with them. All were kept, with some being reclassified to better suit their intentions.

PNC Deacon reported the Mid-Winter Hospitality went well, just need to work on getting help lined up. The Detachment decided not to host a hospitality room at this years Convention.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to purchase three (3) Sons of The American Legion watches from Emblem Sales for the winning District Membership Award, motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate to Wreaths Across America project by giving \$100.00 to the Keokuk National Cemetery, \$100.00 to Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery in Marshalltown, and \$100.00 to Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Timothy Zacharias, **Hampton**, to do 200 calendar books, and have the Detachment Vice-Commander distribute them either by delivery or mail, motion carried.

Past Detachment Commander Ken Rochholz reported he had collected \$95.00 in registration fees at the Conference. Motion by Mike Monsrud, **Ames**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton** to give the registration fees to the Recreational Fund at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to give \$200.00 to the Department Parking Lot project for the Department hosting the Spring Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to use the Nomination/Endorsement Form with due date of June 15th, and years you wish to serve being added to the form; motion carried.

Delegates from the Detachment to attend the Department of Iowa Leadership School were: Mike

Monsrud, Brian Kessler, Timothy Zacharias, and Jim Lastovka,

Those expressing an interest to go to the 2017 National Convention in Minneapolis are: Commander Gary Bonesteel, Alan Schenck, Bob Rosenboom, Ken Rochholz, Mike Monsrud, Mike Deacon, James Dean, Brian Kessler, Devin Von Querner, Bobby Jackson, Richard Young, Michael E. Sypherd Sr., Mike Etzel (Alt.) Scott Moline, and Jim Peterson.

Durant Squadron gave donations of \$200.00 for the Child Welfare Foundation and \$200.00 for the National Emergency Fund.

Past Detachment Commander volunteers to serve on the S.A.L. Member of the Year Selection Committee: Ken Rochholz, Michael E. Sypherd, and Dennis Theobald.

The Detachment decided to continue having the Fall and Spring Conferences at Department/Detachment Headquarters.

Under the Good of the Sons: The DEC was reminded the S.A.L. Member of the Year nominations are due June 15th, and the Convention Newsletter articles are due May 13, 2018.

The next DEC meeting will be held on July 14th, 2018 at the 5 Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo following the Detachment Convention.

Chaplain Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Bonesteel closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:56 AM.

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