



Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309



Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa

April 24, 2022

Commander Michael Monserud opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Pro-tem Mike Deacon offered opening prayer.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, second by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer** to grant District Representatives voice and vote at this meeting, motion carried.

Members in attendance were Commander Michael Monserud; Vice-Commanders James Lastovka, Doug Honse, and Cliff Barker; Adjutant Brian Kessler; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Sergeant-At-Arms James Dean, National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz, and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson. District Representatives from 1st, 4th, and 7th District were present. Five Chairman were present; eight Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel, James Dean, District Advisors Ken Rochholz, Richard Witt, and Randy Freel. There were seven guests, thirteen Squadrons, for a total attendance of twenty-one.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to approve minutes of February 12, 2022, meeting as printed; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 1st quarter (January - March 2022) with beginning balance of \$20,459.41, total expenses of \$21,397.20, total income of \$13,837.00, leaving a balance of \$11,405.09. With no additions or corrections, the report was placed on file for audit.

Commander Monserud introduced the guest attending the Conference. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Bob Waugh brought greetings from the Department and thank the Sons for the support of the American Legion.

Programs Director Ryan Kowlessar brought the Headquarters report. Ryan asked for moment of silence for past Department Finance Officer Ken Danielson.

Liaison Randy Freel presented his report to Legion DEC. Richard Witt gave his report on the 4th District.

Commander Mike Monserud and Adjutant Brian Kessler discussed the membership.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Durant**, second by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to have the Detachment Commander and Adjutant to work on getting to 105% membership the best they can after the 100% Target Date but before June 1st for this year, motion carried.

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

V.A.&R. Chairman Bobby Jackson read his report and is on file.

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

Veterans Employment and Education Chairman and American Legion Riders Liaison Cliff Barker gave his report.

Bobby Jackson noted about the Pennies for Heroes Day, sponsored by Legion Riders of Cumming Post #562 on May 29, 2022. At the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter Iowa starting at 10:00 AM.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald report is on file.

National Executive Committeeman Ken Rochholz gave his report.

Adjutant Kessler led the DEC through the Squadron Notes, Missing Officers Reports and Missing Officers Verifications asking the Vice-Commanders to call the Squadrons in their areas to get their missing reports in ASAP.

Detachment Commander Monserud gave his report. With the extra donations the sons received at Mid-Winter Conference for the Iowa Veterans Home, they are building children's home to help employees with childcare.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Paul Habben of Palmer.

Unfinished business: Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, second by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to table USS Iowa Donation till Detachment Convention, motion carried.

The DEC took a preliminary look at the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Detachment decided to add Webmaster to DEC and change judge advocate to parliamentarian. Adjutant Kessler commented if they find more changes to let him know before July 1st, so he can write up the formal language to make the changes.

New business: Motion Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to have the Adjutant mail the Consolidated Squadron Reports and the Squadron Data Reports to all Squadrons; motion carried.

Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to renew the Legion Insurance Trust Officers Insurance coverage for another year and add Webmaster to the list of officers covered, motion carried.

Motion by Jim Lastovka, **Swisher**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to order three (3) watches for the 2021-2022 membership contest, motion carried.

Motion to Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, seconded by Cliff Barker, **Ames**, to donate \$300.00 for Wreaths Across America for the Keokuk National Veterans Cemetery, Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery, and the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to set reimbursement rate for national convention delegates specified in the Operating Structure at \$500.00, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to set the 2022-2023 Operating Structure as presented; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom presented the 2022-2023 budget. Motion by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, seconded by James Lastovka, **Swisher**, to present the 2022-2023 Detachment budget as presented to the Department Finance Committee and the Detachment of Iowa for their approval, motion carried.

Motion to Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by James Lastovka, **Swisher**, to adopt the 40th Convention rules as presented, motion carried.

It was decided the laptop we donated to Headquarters in October would be good enough donation for hosting the Fall and Spring meetings in 2021-2022.

Motion by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to give \$110.00 registration fee to Iowa Veterans Cemetery, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Doug Honse, **Rock Valley**, to request incoming National Commander Chris Carlton for Mid-Winter and whoever Commander Monserud and PNC Deacon recommend for Convention, motion carried.

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

Past Detachment Commander's Ken Rochholz, Dennis Theobald and Dale Hidlebaugh volunteered to be on the Member of Year Committee for 2021-2022.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Ken Rochholz, **Durant**, to keep coming to Detachment Headquarters for Fall and Spring Conference on the same weekends as previous years, motion carried.

Leadership School attendees authorized by the Detachment: James Lastovka (Leading Candidate for Detachment Commander 2022-2024), Brian Kessler, Cliff Barker, Doug Honse, Michael Garcia.

Delegates to National Convention: Mike Deacon (At-Large), Michael Monserud, Brian Kessler, Ken Rochholz, Daniel Blazek, Steve Colcord, Cliff Barker, James Dean, Bobby Jackson, Samuel Johnson, Ethan Johnson and James Lastovka.

Muscatine Squadron donated \$100.00 each to Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, Veterans & Children's Foundation and to the Detachment National Campaign Fund. PDC Dennis Theobald donated \$500.00 to the Detachment National Campaign Fund.

Received a thank you from Iowa Veterans Home, for the donations. Received a card of thanks from the Roxie Rohner family for the Detachment's Sympathy card.

The next DEC meeting will be held on July 9th, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport & Convention Center starting immediately following Detachment Convention.

Chaplain Pro-Tem Mike Deacon offered the closing prayer, with Commander Monserud closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:07 AM.

Brian Kessler

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