



MINUTES
 Sons of The American Legion
 Detachment of Colorado
 Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
 (held at) Post #1985 Firestone CO
 April 1, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 1:01 PM

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Nick Arceo

Salute: Commander Jim Gaddis

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Jim Gaddis

Blue Star Banner: Commander Jim Gaddis

Pledge of Allegiance: Nick Arceo

Preamble: Ken Yanke

Roll Call of Officers

NEC
 ANEC/Adjutant
Commander
 Sr. Vice Commander
 Jr. Vice Commander
 Jr. Vice Commander
Finance
Chaplain
 Sergeant-at-Arms
Sergeant-at-Arms
 Asst Sergeant-at-Arms
Asst Sergeant-at-Arms
Judge Advocate
Historian
 Advisor
 Assistant Adjutant

Officers Present in bold type

Pete Sierminski (32)
Scott Garrett (23)
Jim Gaddis (1)
 Ron Noakes (2) excused
 Dave Smith (15) absent
 Ken Taylor (209) excused
Jim Gelwicks (54)
Nick Arceo (103)
 Aaron Valdez (2) excused
Pierce Hasert (70)
 Ken Wederski (23) excused
Ilyas Hasert (70)
Richard Humphrey (23)
Rick Kettering (209)
 Tom Florez (2) excused
Ken Yanke (111)

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in bold type)

Lionel Sandoval	John Herath	Gary Ray	Ben D. Owens III
Ernie Clark	Michael Moss	Ken Yanke	Rick Baldessari
Steve Kidd	Jim Gelwicks	Mark Kilstrom	Shawn McCrary
Pete Sierminski	Scott Garrett	Mike Kirschner	J.R. Kent

Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in bold type underscored)

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19	20	<u>21</u>	22	<u>23</u>	24	28	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	39
<u>54</u>	55	58	62	66	67	<u>70</u>	73	75	81
<u>87</u>	89	97	100	102	<u>103</u>	<u>111</u>	113	115	119
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2008									

Distinguished Guest: Jeff Frain, National Commander, Ken Yanke, National Vice Commander, Midwest, Terri Shelefontiuk, Dept Sr Vice Comm, Robb Smith, Dept Jr Vice Comm, Past National Commander Mike Moss, Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain) Past National SGT-at-Arms Mike Kirschner, Past National Asst. SGT-at-Arms Pete Sierminski, Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Dept. Commanders Richard Humphrey, Doug Wooddell

Announcement: This meeting will be conducted in strict accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, per Commander Gaddis.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Harry Ciruli to accept minutes as written, 2nd by Rick Kettering. No discussion. Passed.

Correspondence:

- 1) Thank you from the VA for \$150.00 donation.
- 2) Thank you from the USO for donation received and request for a donation.
- 3) Thank you from Janelle Rodriguez for donation to Oratorical contest.
- 4) Request from Ernie Clark for donation to Second Chance Bicycle shop.
- 5) Thank you from Walter Kraus & family for donation to his grandson's recovery.
- 6) Squadron #23 Resolution for Constitution change.

Senior Vice Commander Report: see attachment

Junior Vice Commanders Reports:

Ken Taylor: see attachment.

Dave Smith was absent and did not transmit a report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Scott Garrett) March 28 membership by National is 2703, 4 short of 90%. Approx 70 more ready for transmittal, plus what is received at DEC.

Permanent Membership: Jim Gelwicks. Squadron #38 letter for reimbursement was not received at HQ. This was rectified. One new PUFL received with another pending. Total currently at 198.

Finance: Jim Gelwicks. Approx. \$1,500.00 needed to meet 2017 budget. \$1,700.00 spent so far this year. 2016 surplus is approx. \$500.00.

VA&R: Rick Baldessari. New director Warvi is looking for volunteers for recreational therapy. Volunteer hours are down about 15%. Projected donation at Convention is \$400.00.

Americanism: Baseball. Lynn Peterson. Colorado is hosting Regional tournaments for the next two years at Metro State, cost about \$15,000.00 per year. A 100 oz silver bar will be auctioned to help raise funds.

Children & Youth: Scott Garrett. CVKF has currently \$23,200.00 on hand, down from approx. \$31,000.00 Jan 1st. We need to encourage donations. Colorado is currently 1st in region, 3rd in nation in CWF per capita donations, \$3.51, behind Hawaii, \$9.09, and Arizona \$10.54. Arizona is triple its 2016 donations, Commander Frain was asked why this is. NVC Yanke hinted at sandbagging.

Legislative: Pete Sierminski. The American Legion's agenda for the 115th Congress includes reforming the VA Appeals process as it is broken, a fully funded National defense, improving the transition from military to civilian life. NVC Yanke spoke of the wreath laying at Washington Conference and attending the planning committee meeting for the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

Public Relations: Mike Moss. Shane Hasert spoke about the website update. The current website cannot be updated. We will get a new domain name, "detachment.coamlegion.org" at no charge. Details and format are still pending. Discussion included live recording of meetings, with or without visual, or possibly interactive live meetings with West slope participants. Conference call participation was also mentioned.

Detachment Advisor:

Tom Florez was not present.

Motion to accept Vice Commander & Committee Reports. 1st Pete Sierminski. 2nd Rick Baldessari. No discussion. Passed.

Guests: NEC Pete Sierminski introduced National Vice Commander Midwest Ken Yanke who spoke briefly about the "Knowledge is Power" book. Pete then introduced National Commander Jeff Frain.

Commander Frain spoke of passion and our need to promote Legion membership which will increase the SAL ranks as well. He mentioned the CWF pin "A Cut Above The Rest" selling for \$100.00 each, and explained the sandbagging by Arizona, matching donations made by other Arizona Squadrons.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) All correspondence should be directed thru Department Headquarters, including all mailings and email so as to avoid confusion about where to send it this year and in the future. Commander to appoint committee chair in next two weeks to set up guidelines for electronic communications and voting.
- 2) Access of financial records should be handled similarly.
- 3) Call to Convention will include packets sent to each squadron including call letter and all pertinent forms as needed. Calls to Detachment officers, Past Detachment Commanders, Squadron Commanders & Adjutants (those who have provided contact info) will get call letter only, and will only receive a letter by mail if no other means is available (email or Observer). A suggestion was made that postcard notification might be viable.

New Business: A motion to sponsor a resolution for Spring NEC was denied as it was not presented by an authorized DEC representative.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Nick Arceo announced his candidacy for Jr Vice Commander
- 2) Rick Baldessari spoke of the July 30 Duck Race at Buffalo Bill Daze in Golden.
- 3) Mark Kilstrom presented six resolutions for consideration at Convention.
- 4) Nick Arceo extended Roger Masse' thanks for Oratorical and gave a list of this years winners.

Our next meeting will be Pre-DEC Friday, June 23, 2017, time TBD, at Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO. Convention DEC will be Saturday, June 24, 2017 time TBD at same location.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Nick Arceo

Closing: Commander Jim Gaddis

Salute: Commander Jim Gaddis

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM