



MINUTES
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Colorado State Convention
Pre - Convention Detachment Executive Committee
Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Co
June 23, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 1:22 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:

Preamble:

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC	Pete Sierminski (32)	
ALT NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Commander	Jim Gaddis (87)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Ron Noakes (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Ken Taylor (209)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Smith (15)	Absent
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain	Nick Arceo (103)	
Historian	Rick Kettering(209)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Assistant Adjutant	Ken Yanke (111)	Excused
Sergeant-at-Arms	Aaron Valdez (2)	Excused
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pierce Hasert (70)	
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ilyas Hasert (70)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Wederski	Excused
Detachment Advisor	Tom Florez (2)	Excused

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>	111	113	115	119
134	151	160	161	170	178	180	187	193	200
203	204	<u>207</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>211</u>	322	1111	1976	1985	<u>1992</u>
2001	2002	2008							

Distinguished Guest: Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain) Past National Asst. SGT-at-Arms Pete Sierminski, , Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey

Reading of Minutes: Adjutant Scott Garrett

Motion to accept April 1 Minutes as written. 1st Richard Humphrey, 2nd Nick Arceo, Passed.

Correspondence:

Letters of Donation Requests received from USO, Mount Evans Home Health Care.
Thank you letter from CWF for \$1,379.00 donation.

Appointments: None

Guests: None

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr. Vice: Ron Noakes; For the past year, Ron, Ken Taylor & Comm Jim have been visiting various Squadrons, pushing Josh Dogs & other SAL programs. An area of concern is membership retainage. Ron suggests trying recruitment training.

Jr. Vice: Ken Taylor: Visited Post #82, Elizabeth with Comm Jim to discuss a new Squadron.

Jr. Vice: Dave Smith: Absent

Committee Reports

Membership: Ron Noakes: Renewals are at 86.2% currently. Membership is 3055. 105% goal is 3158 members. With renewals received Friday, 34 members are needed to reach All-Time High.

Permanent Membership: Jim Gelwicks

Added two new PUFLs, lost one. Current total is 200.

Finance Committee: Jim Gelwicks

Current years budget is healthy. 2016 budget has a \$2,500.00 surplus. Jim suggests moving \$500.00 to National Candidate fund.

VA&R: Rick Baldessari

Volunteer hours have dropping over the last couple of years. Volunteers are still needed for VAVS. Rick made a motion to donate \$150.00 to Grand Junction VA, \$150.00 to Denver VA, and \$150.00 to Fitzsimons Nursing Home. 2nd by Dan Szelkowski. Passed.

Americanism: Ron Noakes

Ron & Co were pushing Boys State & Oratorical programs at Squadron visits. Rye, #115, Pueblo, #2, and Colo Spgs, #209 Junior Shooting programs going well. Falcon, #2008, is trying to start its own Junior Shooting. Baseball doing well. Oratorical & Boys State did great!

Children & Youth: Scott Garrett

CWF: 2016-17 totals. National Legion family, \$886,637.42. No head-shaving at National Convention. National SAL, \$590,413.91. Colorado, \$28,783.83, \$9.57 per capita, 1st in Region, \$\$ & per capita.

CVKF: \$5,183.69 given out year to date. \$300.00 received in donations, same timeframe. \$19,886.53 currently on hand. We need to push donations hard! Annette Johnson expected to take over as Chairperson.

Legislative: Pete Sierminski

Flag amendment reintroduced in House with 23 co-sponsors. Nothing in Senate so far this session. Commemorative 100th Anniversary coin (awaiting Congressional approval) was introduced. \$5 gold coin, \$1 silver, and \$.50 coin.

Public Relations: Mike Moss Excused

Shane Hasert told Comm Jim a new website should be functional by end of July. Contact needs to be made with Stephen Lee to try taking old website down.

Detachment Advisor: Tom Florez not present

Motion to accept Vice Commander/Committee Reports. 1st Pete Sierminski, 2nd Ron Noakes, Passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Tentative list of Convention Delegates:

Pete Sierminski and guest
Nick Arceo
Richard Humphrey
Jim Gelwicks
Jim Gaddis
Scott Garrett
Mike Kirschner and guest
Mike Moss and guest
Ken Yanke

Special Presentations:

Good of the Sons:

Adjutant: Be aware that 2018 membership cards have been reformatted. "Knowledge is Power" books are still available.

Jim Gelwicks: Legacy Scholarship Fund Ride to pass thru Colorado August 12-13. Stops at Lamar, lunch, Pueblo, overnight, Gunnison, lunch, Grand Junction.

Next Meeting will be DEC Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:00 AM, Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Nick Arceo

Closing - Commander Jim Gaddis

Retirement of the Colors:

Adjournment - Commander Jim Gaddis

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

