



MINUTES  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Colorado State Convention  
Convention Detachment Executive Committee  
Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, Co  
June 24, 2017

**Meeting called to order at:** 9:13 AM

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Nick Arceo

**Salute:** Commander Jim Gaddis

**POW/MIA Ceremony:** Commander Jim Gaddis

**Blue Star Banner:** Commander Jim Gaddis

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dave Smith

**Preamble:** Mike Kirschner

**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)	
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)	
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  
Ernie Clark  
Steve Kidd  
Pete Sierminski

**John Herath**  
Michael Moss  
**Jim Gelwicks**  
Scott Garrett

Gary Ray  
Ken Yanke  
**Mark Kilstrom**  
**Mike Kirschner**

Ben D. Owens III  
**Rick Baldessari**  
Shawn McCrary  
J.R. Kent

**Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in bold type underscored)**

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	4	<u>5</u>	6	10	13	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	18
19	20	<u>21</u>	22	<u>23</u>	24	28	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>
<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	<u>178</u>	180	187	193	200
203	204	<u>207</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>211</u>	322	1111	1976	1985	1992
2001	2002	<u>2008</u>							

**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 June 23rd Minutes as recorded. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Kilstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Valdez, Passed.

**Guests:** None

Introduction of first time attendees.

**Committee Reports**

**Public Relations:** Mike Moss Excused

Update: Stephen Lee is willing to maintain the website for us or, at our request, will take the website down. In either case a new domain name will be needed.

Motion to accept Vice Commander/Committee Reports. 1<sup>st</sup> Aaron Valdez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trystan Cline, Passed.

**Appoint Convention Committees:**

**Credentials:** Scott Garrett, Keith LaMee

**Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions:** Pete Sierminski, Dave Smith, Scott Hastie

**Membership:** Nick Arceo, Mark Kilstrom, Ron Noakes

Motion to accept Convention Committees. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Hall, Passed.

**Break to Convention Committees**

**Reconvene:** 10:19 AM

## **Unfinished Business**

Nominations for Office:

Previously Announced

Jim Gaddis – Commander

Ron Noakes – Sr Vice Commander

Nick Arceo – Jr Vice Commander

Aaron Valdez – Jr Vice Commander

Nick Arceo – Chaplain    Withdrawn

Floor Nominations

Robert Wall -- Jr Vice Commander

Ken Taylor -- Jr Vice Commander

Trystan Cline – Chaplain, nominated by Steve Wolford

Pierce Hasert – Sgt-at-Arms

Motion by Jim Gelwicks to award a certificate for “Sgt-at-Arms Emeritus” to Ken Wederski. 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Humphrey, no discussion, Passed.

## **Convention Committee Reports**

**Credentials:** Preliminary Delegate count 283 Paid.

Motion to accept Credentials Report. 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Szelkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Noakes, Passed.

## **Constitutional Amendments/ Resolutions:**

Resolution presented from the floor by Squadron #2 to change National Preamble was read by Pete as no copies were available. Committee’s recommendation on the resolutions will be presented at time of voting.

Motion to accept Constitutional Amendments/ Resolutions Report. 1st Mark Kilstrom, 2nd Robert Wall, Passed.

## **Membership:**

Membership goal for 2018 to be membership count as of June 16 plus 1%, minimum goal for all squadrons is ten members. Membership target dates as follows:

Aug 11 – 35%, Nov 18 – 50%, Dec 15 – 75%, Jan 19 – 90%, Mar 13 – 100%.

Membership report (spreadsheet) will still reflect National target dates. Colorado target dates will be included with membership report commentary.

Motion to accept Membership Report. 1<sup>st</sup> Aaron Valdez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Noakes, Passed.

**New Business:**

Disposition of 2016 Budget Surplus (\$2,500.00):

\$500 National Candidate Fund  
\$850 National Convention Stipend  
\$250 Vets for Vets  
\$250 RCI Redistribution Inc  
\$250 Legacy Scholarship Fund  
\$150 Florence State Nursing Home  
\$250 Colorado Girl's State

Motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Valdez, Passed.

**Good of the Sons:**

Squadrons 17, 21, 178 annual Duck Race to be held July 28-30, 2017

Brass PUFL cards presented to Jonathan Basil (2008), David Berry (2008), Dave Smith (15).

**Break for Lunch**

**Reconvene:** 1:34 PM

**Final Credentials Report:** Final delegate count 285 paid & verified.

**Resolutions:**

Res #	Committee Recommendation	Motion	Second	Disposition
#1	Move Forward	Mark Kilstrom	Keith LaMee	Pass
#2	Move Forward	Mark Kilstrom	Keith LaMee	Fail
#3	Move Forward	Mark Kilstrom	Keith LaMee	Fail
#4	Move Forward	Mark Kilstrom	Keith LaMee	Fail
#5	Move Forward	Mark Kilstrom	Keith LaMee	Pass
#6	Withdrawn	-	-	-
#7	Move Forward	Ron Noakes	Keith LaMee	Pass
#8	Move Forward	Aaron Valdez	Keith LaMee	Fail*
#9	Move Forward	Rick Baldessari	Dan Szelkowski	Pass*

\*Not submitted 45 days prior to Convention. Unanimous vote needed to pass.

**New Business:**

**Appointment of Election Judge:** Jim Gelwicks

**Elections:**

Officers:

Nomination	Position	Motion to accept	Second	Disposition
Jim Gaddis	Commander	Rick Baldessari	Keith LaMee	White Ballot
Ron Noakes	Sr Vice Commander	Rick Baldessari	Fred Muskopf	White Ballot
Ken Taylor	Jr Vice Commander	Mark Kilstrom	Rick Baldessari	White Ballot
Nick Arceo	Jr Vice Commander	“	“	“
Robert Wall	Jr Vice Commander	“	“	“
Aaron Valdez	Jr Vice Commander	“	“	“
Trystan Cline	Chaplain	Nick Arceo	Ron Noakes	White Ballot
Pierce Hasert	Sgt-at-Arms	Ron Noakes	Aaron Valdez	White Ballot

Detachment Member of the Year XXXXX

Detachment Mom XXXXX

Dual Member of the Year XXXXX

These individuals to be announced at November 18 Awards Banquet

2018 CWF Banquet site. Security #38.

**Finalize Selection of National 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

Motion to accept. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Kilstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonny Sonnichsen, Passed.

**Appointment of Detachment Officers:**

Adjutant Scott Garrett  
Finance Officer Jim Gelwicks  
Asst Sgt-at-Arms Ilias Hasert, Ken Wederski

**Committee Chairman Appointments:**

- a. Membership
  - i. Automatic Appointments
    - 1. Ron Noakes Sr Vice Commander (Chairman)
- b. Finance

- i. Automatic Appointments
    - 1. Jim Gelwicks Detachment Finance Officer (Chairman)
    - 2. Scott Garrett Detachment Adjutant
    - 3. Ron Noakes Detachment Sr Vice Commander
    - 4. Department Finance Officer
- c. Permanent Membership
  - i. Automatic Appointments
    - 1. Scott Garrett Detachment Adjutant
    - 2. Jim Gelwicks Finance Officer
    - 3. Ron Noakes Membership Chairman
    - 4. Shane Hasert Detachment Advisor (no vote)
  - d. VA&R Rick Baldessari
  - e. Americanism Ron Noakes
  - f. Children and Youth Scott Garrett
  - g. Legislative Mark Kilstrom
  - h. Public Relations Trystan Cline
  - i. Judge Advocate Richard Humphrey
  - j. Detachment Advisor Shane Hasert

Motion to accept appointments. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kirschner, Passed.

**Good of the Sons:**

Post #2 is hosting a BBQ & “Christmas in July” Raffle on July 4.

Post #2 is hosting Junior Shooting Instructor training on July 28-30. Cost \$125.00

Next Meeting will be DEC Saturday, July 22, 2017, 1:00 PM, Post #5, 15 E. Platte Ave., Colorado Springs, CO.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Nick Arceo

**Closing** - Commander Jim Gaddis

**Retirement of the Colors:** Sgts-at-Arms Pierce Hasert, Aaron Valdez

**Adjournment** - Commander Jim Gaddis

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.