



MINUTES
 Sons of The American Legion
 Detachment of Colorado
 Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
 Post #5 Colorado Springs, CO
 July 22, 2017

Salute: Commander Jim Gaddis

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Jim Gaddis

Blue Star Banner: Commander Jim Gaddis

Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Wooddell

Preamble: Mark Kilstrom

Meeting called to order at: 1:22 PM

Roll Call of Officers

Officers Present in bold type

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

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

Lionel Sandoval

John Herath

Gary Ray

Ben D. Owens III

Ernie Clark
Steve Kidd
Pete Sierminski
Jim Gaddis

Michael Moss
Jim Gelwicks
Scott Garrett

Ken Yanke
Mark Kilstrom
Mike Kirschner

Rick Baldessari
Shawn McCrary
J.R. Kent

Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in bold type underscored)

1	2	4	<u>5</u>	6	10	13	15	17	18
19	20	21	22	<u>23</u>	24	<u>28</u>	32	<u>38</u>	39
<u>54</u>	55	58	62	66	67	<u>70</u>	73	<u>75</u>	81
<u>87</u>	89	97	100	102	<u>103</u>	111	113	115	119
151	160	161	170	178	180	187	193	200	203
204	207	<u>209</u>	<u>211</u>	322	1111	1985	1992	2001	2002
<u>2008</u>									

Distinguished Guest Past National Vice Commander Jim Gelwicks, Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Dept. Commanders Richard Humphrey, Doug Wooddell (National Vice Commander)

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept June 23-24 Minutes as written. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Ken Taylor. Passed.

Correspondence:

Squadron #38 requested reimbursement of PUFL dues for 2018.
USO sent two donation request letters.
Crawford House sent a donation request letter.

Guests: None

Senior Vice Commander Report: Ron Noakes excused.

Junior Vice Commanders Reports:

Ken Taylor: Results presented from the National Junior Shooting Competition held July 22, 2017, Saturday morning.

Nick Arceo: Squadron #103 Golf tourney Friday, July 21, raised \$5,000.00 +/- for CWF. Oratorical meeting will be held Saturday, July 29, 10:00 AM at Dept HQ.

Robert Wall, Aaron Valdez excused.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

2017 membership at 3086. National shows 3078 (last transmittal not yet reported). All time high short 20. 105% short 77. 2018 currently 328, 11%.

Permanent Membership:

Jim Gelwicks. Current roster is 200. 2017 gained two, but lost one.

Finance:

Jim Gelwicks. Budget is in good shape. Question asked about the expiration dates of the CD's and are they fixed rates. Discrepancy between Total Assets & Total Liabilities is Equipment (depreciation).

VA&R: Rick Baldessari not present.

Americanism: Ron Noakes excused.

Children & Youth:

Scott Garrett: No CVKF meeting since last DEC. National has not yet started CWF reports for 2018.

Legislative:

Mark Kilstrom: House Veterans Affairs Committee passed unanimously the GI Bill rescinding time limits on activating benefits. American Legion 100th Anniversary coin still pending. Veterans Second Level Protection Act also pending.

Public Relations: Trystan Cline: No report.

Detachment Advisor: Shane Hasert: No report.

All reports accepted as no objections presented.

Unfinished Business:

Appointments:

Permanent Membership Committee: Rick Baldessari, Mark Kilstrom

Finance Committee: Nick Arceo, Ken Taylor

Children & Youth Committee: No appointments. Scott Garrett will contact Squadrons prior to upcoming DEC's for input.

Legislative Committee: Trystan Cline, Tommy Patton

Public Relations Committee: Patrick Malin

Detachment Advisor: None

All reports accepted as no objections presented.

Motion to appoint Robert Jones as Junior Vice Commander. 1st Mark Kilstrom. 2nd Ken Taylor. Passed.

Motion to appoint Ken Wederski as Asst Sgt-at-Arms (overlooked at Convention). 1st Trystan Cline, 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Website: Scott Garrett provided Shane Hasert with a skeleton outline of items for inclusion. No further action at this time.

Vice Commander Duties & Responsibilities: Commander Gaddis will provide a list of programs he wishes to be presented during visitations to ensure consistency. A schedule of Squadron meeting times will be provided to determine who will conduct which visitations.

Officer reports: Judge Advocate Richard Humphrey brought up that Officer Reports are REQUIRED by Constitution and should be so stated at visitations. Also, four Squadrons present at this DEC had not turned in an Officer Report. (38, 54, 87, 211) (#38 report got lost. #54 turned in at DEC)

Membership goals: Clarification of cut off date for 2018 goal referred back to standing Membership Committee.

New Business:

Trystan Cline elected as Detachment Chaplain at Convention is no longer eligible to be Squadron #209 DEC representative. #209 is aware and will address at next Squadron meeting.

Motion to remove “Squadron Commander & Adjutant” (Article I, Section 2) from Code of Convention call letter recipients. 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Keith LaMee. Failed.

Motion to allow monies for Legacy Run to go thru Detachment checking account for tax exemption purposes. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Ken Taylor. Passed.

Special Presentations:

John Herath presented a plaque for Arthur D. Houghton Award for membership from 1993.

Good of the Sons:

Ken Deming is hospitalized for a leg amputation. Jim Gelwicks passed around a card.

Keith LaMee mentioned a July 5 presentation in Pueblo regarding a Medal of Honor recipient.

Scott Garrett addressed the differences in the 2018 membership cards. The Detachment Directory is now available thru the Detachment Adjutant (by email).

A card should be sent to Pat Smith, Department Adjutant.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 18, 2017, 1:00 PM, Post #209, 3613 Jeannine Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80917, followed by the Detachment Awards Banquet.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

Closing: Commander Jim Gaddis

Salute: Commander Jim Gaddis

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

