



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Minutes  
Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting  
Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO  
June 22, 2018

**Salute:** Commander Jim Gaddis

**Opening Prayer:** Nick Arceo

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

**Blue Star Banner:** Commander Jim Gaddis

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Robert Wall

**Preamble:** Mike Moss

**Meeting called to order at:** 1:10 PM

**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	Nick Arceo (103)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Wall (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain	Trystan Cline (209)	Absent
Historian	Rick Kettering(209)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pierce Hasert (70)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ilyas Hasert (70)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Detachment Advisor	Shane Hasert (70)	

## Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in Bold)

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

## Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in Bold)

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19	20	<b><u>21</u></b>	22	<b><u>23</u></b>	24	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>	39
<b><u>54</u></b>	55	58	62	66	67	<b><u>70</u></b>	73	75	81
<b><u>87</u></b>	89	97	100	102	<b><u>103</u></b>	111	113	115	119
134	151	160	161	170	178	180	187	193	200
203	204	207	<b><u>209</u></b>	<b><u>211</u></b>	322	1111	1879	1976	1985
1992	2000	2001	2002	2008					

**Distinguished Guests:** National Vice Commander Mid-West Region Joseph Navarette, Past National Commander Mike Moss, Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Past National Asst. SGT-at-Arms Pete Sierminski.

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion to accept April 7, 2018 Minutes as written. 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Sierminski. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Valdez. Passed.

## **Correspondance:**

- 1) Request for donations from USO (4x).
- 2) Request for donation from Volunteers of America.
- 3) Thank you from CWF for donations of \$275.00 & \$213.75.
- 4) Unit #1985 sent a #100.00 donation to CWF.
- 5) Thank you from Doc Gibbs campaign for \$500.00 donation.
- 6) Thank you from Doc Gibbs for our hospitality at CWF Banquet & DEC.

**Appointments:** None

**Guests:** NEC Pete Sierminski introduced NVC Joseph Navarette. NVC Joe thanked us for his invite & gave kudos to our leadership team.

## **Vice Commanders Reports:**

**Sr Vice Commander Ron Noakes:** Ron visited Sqd #209 & installer their officers.

**Jr Vice Commanders:**

**Ken Taylor:** Update given on Rick Kettering.

**Nick Arceo:** He attended the last VAVS meeting. During NMI #2, he attended the CWF committee meeting. CWF is way behind last year in donations, but getting very close to \$8,000,000. He asked about pictures & an article about our CWF Banquet for the National Update. No pictures are available as

National will only accept pictures from a camera, not smart phones. Adjutant will send an article to National. Poppy day was a successful event for Post #103. Nick participated in three color guard ceremonies, and is hopeful that more color guards will compete at next year's convention.

**Robert Wall:** He installed Sqd #207 officers.

**Aaron Valdez:** He was a bugler for Memorial Day ceremonies in Pueblo.

**Robert Jones:** He informed the DEC of the passing of Ken Williams from Cortez Sqd #75.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership Ron Noakes:**

Ron congratulated the squadrons at or above 100%. July 25 is 105% target goal. He asked for membership to be turned in. Nick Arceo mentioned some of the squadrons way above 100%.

**Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks:** Colorado PUFL's (the oldest SAL PUFL program in the nation) are currently at 200. Application is on the website.

#### **Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks:**

Budget is in great shape. Our reserve is at \$3,000.00 and Jim would like to add \$500.00 to that from the budget surplus. The National candidate fund is adequate for one candidate. We should look at increasing it. The delegate fee deposits total \$2.00 (Sqd #54). The balance will be deposited after convention. Budget surplus is \$5,500.00. Oratorical & Baseball are budgeted items. A hardship request will be addressed under new business.

#### **VA&R Rick Baldessari:**

The last VAVS meeting was May 3. No clothing donations will be accepted at new VA hospital. Also, only prepackaged popcorn is to be allowed. Golden Age games will be held in August, and Wheelchair Games in July. The outpatient facility will shut down at the old VA on July 23, and open at new facility on August 4. Next VAVS will be August 2 at new hospital. VA & R donations of \$150.00 were made to Denver VA, Grand Junction VA, and Rifle convalescent facility.

Nick Arceo volunteers with hospitalized vets at VA hospital on Wednesdays, and will move to new hospital. Guitars for Vets cost \$200.00 each & come with lessons. Post #103 family donated Xmas baskets to the psych ward patients.

Mike Moss announced that Purple Heart recipients are entitled to free vehicle registrations in Colorado FOR LIFE. Question asked about Fisher House. New facility needs \$1,200,000.00 to be built. Old house will continue to be used.

#### **Americanism Ron Noakes:**

Oratorical: Nick said no new report since April DEC, but volunteers are wanted for next year.

Jr Shooting: Ken Taylor said that Sqd #209 graduated 12 students, #2008 graduated 10, & #38 is starting their own program.

Ron: Tommy Patton took part in training at Sqd #2. Sqds #209, 2008, 207 have used the shooting range, and #28, Durango, wishes to. Trystan Cline participated in Boys State as a volunteer.

**Children & Youth Scott Garrett:** Final CWF report had Colorado at \$28,893.00, 4<sup>th</sup> in nation in \$\$\$, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in per capita. No CVKF finance report available.

**Legislative Mark Kilstrom:** absent

**Public Relations Trystan Cline:** absent

**Detachment Advisor Shane Hasert:** No report, but son Ilias is now in outpatient rehab at Craig Hospital, with 6-10 months more to go.

All reports accepted as there were no objections.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) Ron Noakes wants to hold a Colorado Jr Shooting Championship & Banquet, and is asking for \$1,000.00 for expenses.
- 2) Ron talked about “disc golf” for younger members and recruiting.
- 3) Nick Arceo requested \$250.00 in hardship money due to roommate Scott Garrett not attending Spring NEC. Motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Moss. Passed.
- 4) Motion to donate \$200.00 from VA&R account to fund Xmas baskets for hospitalized veterans. 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Baldessari. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Arceo. Passed.
- 5) Discussion of budget surplus funds (to be voted on Saturday).

**Special Presentations:** None

**Good of the Sons:**

- 1) Adjutant Scott listed items received and missing from bulk shipment from National. Also, 2019 membership cards have not arrived.
- 2) Mike Moss reminded all that candidates & CWF Banquet location will be voted on Saturday.
- 3) Richard Humphrey spoke of the Memorial Day walk from Fairmount Cemetery to Post #23 property & flag disposal ceremony. Post #23 will try to do another flag disposal on Veterans Day, with or without a new building.
- 4) Ron mentioned his Friday night hospitality room.
- 5) Tommy Patton mentioned Post #38 Friday steak night and wanted to show off their new flag disposal pit and memorial site.

Next Meetings will be Convention meeting Saturday, June 23, 2018, 9:00 AM, Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

**Closing Prayer:** Nick Arceo

**Closing -** Commander Jim Gaddis

**Retirement of the POW/MIA apron:** Rick Baldessari

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

