



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
Post #32, Longmont, CO
November 17, 2018

Salute: Sr Vice Commander Nick Arceo

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

POW/MIA Ceremony: Sr Vice Commander Nick Arceo, apron placed by Teddy Kuntz & Richard Humphrey

Blue Star Banner: Commander Ron Noakes

Pledge of Allegiance: Nick Arceo

Preamble: Ken Yanke

Meeting called to order at: 1:09 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
ALT NEC	Ken Yanke (111)	
Commander	Ron Noakes (2)	Excused
Sr. Vice Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	Absent
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain		
Historian	Jacob Langley (38)	
Sergeant-at-Arms	vacant	
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	
Voting PDC	Steve Kidd (1985)	Absent

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in Bold)

Lionel Sandoval
Ernie Clark
Steve Kidd
Pete Sierminski
Jim Gaddis

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)

1	2	4	5	6	10	13	15	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	28	32	38	39
54	55	58	62	66	67	70	73	75	81
87	89	97	100	102	103	111	113	115	119
134	151	160	161	170	178	180	187	193	200
203	204	207	209	211	322	1111	1879	1976	1985
1992	2000	2001	2002	2008					

Distinguished Guests: National Commander Doc Gibbs, National Vice Commander Pete Sierminski (Past National Asst Sgt-at-Arms), Past National Commanders Mike Moss & Danny Smith, Past National Vice Commanders Ken Yanke, Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Past National Sgt-at-Arms Mike Kirschner, Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Dept. Commanders Richard Humphrey & Doug Wooddell, Dept Commander Robb Smith, Dept President Laurie Kuntz, Dept Finance Officer Al Justice.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept July 28, 2018 Minutes as written. 1st Ken Taylor, 2nd Aaron Valdez, Passed.

Appointments: Teddy Kuntz appointment to Sgt-at-Arms. 1st Jim Gelwicks, 2nd Mike Kirschner, Passed.

Correspondence:

- 1) CWF thankyou to Detachment including a gold Heritage Circle CWF medal.
- 2) USO request for donation 6x.

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr Vice Commander Nick Arceo: Nick was a volunteer at the American Legion Regional Baseball finals. A successful 3rd year in Colorado and 2nd at Metro State. On Veterans Day, he volunteered at a catered lunch with music for the Hospitalized Vets Psych ward.

Jr Vice Commanders:

Aaron Valdez: Aaron attended a (inaudible) party for the veterans at Post #2.

Robert Jones: Absent

Committee Reports:

Membership Nick Arceo: Nick read a short essay on the importance of a ‘relationship with yourself’. Thanks to everyone for making a difference. Pete Sierminski presented PNC Danny Smith with his

Squadron #32 Longmont membership card. Nick mentioned the need for renewals and reaching for a new high membership. Commander Ron's goal of 4,000 members can be achieved in the next few years. The Midwest Region is currently (Nov 15) in second place nationally. Colorado is at 870 members or 26.9% of goal.

Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks: Currently at 196 permanent members.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks: 2018 is currently under budget. Jim has agreed to serve one additional year as Finance Officer. 2019 budget. Permanent Membership payment was reduced from \$512.00 to \$200.00 as no squadrons requested a refund for 2019. In State Travel budget was approved by the Finance Committee to include two nights lodging for Mid-Winter Conference and three nights for Convention to be shared by the Commander & Adjutant. October & May NEC per diems will be \$645.00 for 2019: Air \$440.00, lodging \$145.00, misc 60.00.

VA&R Nick Arceo: The new VA hospital no longer has a clothing room, but has an agreement with GoodWill stores that vets can use vouchers for clothing. Coffee & popcorn sales are up and running. Last year's net was over \$50,000.00.

Americanism:

JR Shooting: Ken Taylor attended the October National Jr Shooting Conference with Co-Chair Harry Fisher. Adequate liability insurance was stressed. A motion was made for yearly affiliation notices as the Jr Shooting Committee can only account for five of supposedly forty programs in Colorado. Currently Security #38 and La Junta #9 are trying to start their own programs. A training session will be held at Mid-Winter for the purpose of starting a program.

Oratorical Nick Arceo: Oratorical will be held at Metro State in Denver on March 9. An 8 page info packet is available. Goal is twenty applicants.

Baseball Nick Arceo: Paul Gremse has sent a letter to all Posts requesting financial assistance.

Boy's State Scott Garrett: We are planning a golf tournament for this year, most likely in July. Help is needed, first to locate a suitable course, and second to fine tune the details.

Children & Youth Scott Garrett: No financial data was available due to issues at HQ. CWF, with 366,000 members raised \$402,000.00 this year. Children & Youth, according to submitted Consolidated reports raised over \$1,500,000.00. Total Consolidated Reports (Americanism, C & Y, VA & R, and other) exceeded \$10,000,000.00 with over two million volunteer hours. Currently, Colorado has donated \$70.00 or \$0.09 per diem to CWF. Impressive!?

Legislative Mark Kilstrom: Democrats now control the House of Representatives. What might happen going forward is unclear. A bill giving vets access to medical treatment outside of the VA is still on the table.

Public Relations Trystan Cline: COALPA (Colorado American Legion Press Association) is up and running. For more info, contact Jr Vice Commander Tony DuMosch. Community service program can be performed at the Weld County Food Bank on Saturday, January 27 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey: Went to Florida for his mother's birthday over Veterans Day weekend and participated in American Legion events while there.

NEC Scott Garrett: At the October NEC on Saturday, we were introduced to Kenneth George, the new National SAL Liaison. Also, a vacancy on the Legislative commission was approved appointing Richard Humphrey to fill the position. Sunday there were six resolutions presented.

- 1) #1 was withdrawn.
- 2) #2 Recognition of Detachment of District of Columbia was approved.
- 3) #3 &4 were intents to run for office and filed.
- 4) #5 was to make male spouses and widowers of veterans eligible for SAL membership. Rejected by Internal Affairs.
- 5) #6 Increase the SAL members on the National Convention Committee from one to five was passed.

No dollar amounts for donations received were available.

Guests: NEC Scott Garrett introduced National Commander Greg ‘Doc’ Gibbs. Commander Gibbs began by emphasizing good Public Relations, and suggested forwarding to the National PR Committee. This is our 100th anniversary year and the SAL will be showcased as will The American Legion. We would like to see all time high donations and membership for the 100th year. Key words to get new members: JUST ASK! CWF donations are progressing, but the National Emergency Fund also needs much help with all of Mother Nature’s disasters this year. Paradise CA is in dire need of help, gas cards, food cards, gift cards, etc. We also need to impact involvement of our 20-30 year old members and encourage their participation at State and National levels.

National Vice Commander Pete Sierminski mentioned that the Individual Recruitment Award (recruiting five new members) includes a pin, and a National Commander’s pin is available for recruiting three new members. Remember, we are all part of ‘Team 100’. CWF is now within about \$45,000.00 of reaching the \$8 million mark.

Department Commander Robb Smith delivered much kudos for the Fall Conferences, and warmly praised Detachment Commander Ron Noakes for his efforts despite a defective right hip. Mid-Winter this year will have the breathing space that was lacking last January.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Motion to accept the 2019 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Ken Yanke. Passed.
- 2) Motion to accept finance policy change to reimburse up to five nights lodging at Midyear & Convention for Commander & Adjutant. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Mike Moss. Passed.
- 3) We are in need of more Junior Vice Commanders.
- 4) A resolution written by Squadron #38 was objected to by PDC Jim Gaddis, and per Roberts Rules, a vote to bring the resolution to the floor failed 9 to 2.

Special Presentations: None

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Gunnison Mayor Jim Gelwicks read a Veterans Day Proclamation.
- 2) Trystan Cline attended a Veterans Day Celebration with guest speaker Ret. Lt. General Carol Mutter, the first woman to wear three stars.
- 3) Post #21 will hold its annual Wild Game dinner prior to the Superbowl with proceeds going to VA & R.

- 4) Rick Baldessari still has dual membership pins for \$5.00 and Past Commander Club applications for only \$2.00 per year.
- 5) Post #32 held a standdown on November 15 with approx. 45 veterans attending. Squadron #32 did some cooking and other assistance.
- 6) Commander Gibbs donation coin is \$30.00 (donation for ??)
- 7) Send banquet pictures to Scott Garrett for posting on the website.
- 8) Any NMI applicants for this year?
- 9) The Legion NEC passed a resolution for Congress to open eligibility dates continuously from December 7, 1941 to the present.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, 1:30 PM, Doubletree Hotel, 919 7th Street, Greeley, CO.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

Closing: Sr Vice Commander Nick Arceo

Retirement of the POW/MIA apron: Sgt-at-Arms Teddy Kuntz & Richard Humphrey.

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM.

