



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
January 18, 2020

Guest: Alternate NEC Jay Bowen introduced The American Legion Candidate for National Commander Randall Fisher who spoke briefly to the meeting.

Salute: Commander Nick Arceo

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Nick Arceo

Blue Star Banner: Commander Nick Arceo

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nick Arceo

Preamble: Commander Nick Arceo

Meeting called to order at: 1:38 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Alt NEC	Ken Yanke (111)	Excused
Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Steve Kidd (1985)	
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	Excused
Chaplain	Trystan Cline (209)	
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Excused
Sgt-at-Arms Emeritus	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	Excused
Voting PDC	Mike Kirschner (2)	

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
Ron Noakes

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	65	66	67	70	73	75
81	87	89	97	100	101	102	103	111	113
115	119	134	151	160	161	170	178	180	187
193	200	203	204	206	207	209	211	322	9-11
1111	1879	1976	1985	1992	2000	2001	2002	2008	

Distinguished Guests: Past National Vice Commanders Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Pete Sierminski (PN ASAA), Past National Sgt-at-Arms Mike Kirschner, Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey,

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept November 16, 2019 Minutes as written. 1st Harry Ciruli, 2nd Ken Taylor, Passed.

Appointments: None

Correspondence: Seven donation requests from the USO. One thank you letter each from Rocky Mountain Regional VA Fisher House, VA Nursing Home at Homelake, and VA Nursing Home in Florence.

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr Vice Commander Robert Jones: Sent out membership emails. Trying to contact Cortez for officer reports, etc.

Jr Vice Commanders:

Aaron Valdez: A new squadron at Post #2015, La Junta, may not be happening as the post is having difficulties.

Walter Weld: Absent, no report

Steve Kidd: Post #1985 provided the food for a 4th of July Firestone fundraiser and the ALR Rodeo, disposed of over 1,000 flags, visited Post #119 Estes Park, and supplied Thanksgiving dinners.

Committee Reports:

Membership Robert Jones: Latest National report (Jan 13) puts Colorado at 1,706 members, 59 better than this time last year. Scott Garrett has about 350 to transmit now. He will change the Detachment report, listing inactive squadrons at the bottom of the report rather than in the body. The national goals

were discussed. Commander Nick gave a new squadron update: Delta #65 and Palmer lake #9-11 are chartered, Simla #77 and Ordway #94 paperwork ready to go to national, and Palisade #50, Central City #166, and Idaho Springs #98 looking very promising.

Permanent Membership: Current PUFL count is 199.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks: Excused, no report.

VA&R: vacant

Americanism Ron Noakes:

JR Shooting: New classes starting at #2, #209, #2008. Post #209 will begin testing a new software program “Orion” to assist in scoring. More tournaments are in planning stage. Still no license plate for trailer.

Oratorical: Brochures available. No report.

Boys State: 15 boys and 16 girls are potential candidates for Boys/Girls State being contacted thru JROTC.

Baseball: No report.

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: Colorado’s donations to CWF are currently \$2,261.00. Per capita this year is being based on this year’s membership, so it bounces up and down. 2018-19 CWF total for Colorado was \$46,195.00, an all-time high. CWF aprons are available for \$20/each.

Legislative Mark Kilstrom: Absent, no report

Public Relations Ken Yanke: Absent, no report

Ad Hoc Committee for Detachment Districts Scott Garrett: As the Detachment is required to follow the Department structure, it is recommended that the Commander assign representatives to each squadron and district on an annual basis, determined by available resources.

Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey: No report.

NEC Scott Garrett: All decisions regarding resolutions presented at the Fall NEC were accepted by the Legion Internal Affairs Committee. A letter from The American Legion Internal Affairs Committee Chairman restated the duties and responsibilities of the National Liaison. A memo was sent out clarifying travel reimbursement policies.

Motion to accept reports. 1st Pete Sierminski, 2nd Ron Noakes, Passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Rick Baldessari is planning to become the new finance officer.
- 2) Update on the PUFL Bellco CD’s is postponed.

New Business:

- 1) Motion to buy a wreath for Washington Conference using VA&R funds. 1st Rick Baldessari, 2nd, Aaron Valdez, Passed.

- 2) Site selection for November 21, 2020 DEC & Awards Banquet. Motion to accept Firestone #1985, being the only offer. 1st Ron Noakes, 2nd Aaron Valdez, Passed.
- 3) Squadron #23 offered to write the constitutional resolutions regarding changes to the preamble and eligibility requirements.
- 4) A memo from national was issued to all detachments with instructions for squadrons to begin online membership transmittals.
- 5) A finalized 2020 budget was not available to be voted on. Motion to approve an interim budget (already approved in November) was presented by Pete Sierminski, 2nd by Jim Gaddis, and was approved.
- 6) Motion to approve a resolution endorsing Mike Kirschner (alias Michael Kirschner al Kirschner) for National Vice Commander pending receipt of a signed endorsement by Squadron #2. 1st, Scott Garrett, 2nd Ron Noakes, Passed.

Special Presentations: Two brass cards were given, one to Doug Wooddell and one to Casey Wooddell.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Commander Nick mentioned his monthly conference call.
- 2) Pete Sierminski is interested in a National Committee/Commission appointment.
- 3) Brochure for 2020 CWF ribbon is available.
- 4) Post #1 gave a \$1,250.00 donation to CWF.
- 5) National Commander Clint Bolt Homecoming info available.
- 6) Trystan Cline and Aaron Valdez announced that they will step down from Detachment offices.
- 7) Announcements for 2020-21 detachment officers: Pete Sierminski, NEC, Scott Garrett, ANEC if open or NEC, Nick Arceo, Commander, Bobby Jones, Senior Vice Commander, Steve Kidd, Junior Vice Commander.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 4, 2020, 2:00 PM, Post #209, 3613 Jeannine Dr, Colo Springs, with CWF Banquet to follow.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Trystan Cline

Closing – Commander Nick Arceo

Retirement of the POW/MIA apron

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

