



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Meeting Minutes  
Detachment Executive Committee  
November 21, 2020

**Salute:** Commander Nick Arceo

**Opening Prayer:** Harry Ciruli

**POW/MIA Ceremony:** Commander Nick Arceo

**Blue Star Banner:** Commander Nick Arceo

**Pledge of Allegiance:** JVC Walter Weld

**Preamble:** Mike Wescott

**Meeting called to order at:** 1:14 PM

**Roll Call of Officers:**

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Alt NEC	Ken Yanke (111)	
Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Steve Kidd (1985)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211)	Absent
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Asst Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)	Excused
Chaplain	Harry Ciruli (103)	
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Absent
Sgt-at-Arms Emeritus	Ken Wederski (23)	
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	Absent
Voting PDC	Mike Kirschner (2)	Absent

**Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present**

Jim Gelwicks	Ken Yanke	Pete Sierminski
Scott Garrett	Ron Noakes	

## **Roll Call – Squadrons Present**

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**Distinguished Guests:** Past National Commander Danny Smith, Past National Vice Commander Pete Sierminski (PNASAA), Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion to accept August 1 & 6, 2020 Minutes as written. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Wescott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Yanke. Passed.

**Correspondence:** One thank-you letter from Child Welfare Foundation for \$2,450.00. Donation requests from USO and Habitat for Humanity.

## **Vice Commander Reports:**

**Sr Vice Comm Robert Jones:** Excused, no report

**Jr Vice Comm Walter Weld:** No report

**Jr Vice Comm Steve Kidd:** Excused, no report

**Jr Vice Comm Jim Gaddis:** Absent, no report

## **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Scott Garrett reported that the 11/5 transmittal put the Detachment at 988 with 164 more to send.

**Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks:** Current total is 201. There were no requests for 2021 reimbursements by squadrons. Vanguard currently has a balance of \$50,059.00.

**Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks:** Transitioning to Rick B taking over is still in progress. The finance committee met (minutes posted to website) before the DEC meeting. Highlights: 1) it is expected that National will raise dues to \$10 in the relatively near future, 2) discussion of the viability of keeping ‘two check signature requirement’ in the constitution, 3) 2021 budget was recommended for approval.

**Americanism Ron Noakes:** Per Ron, in a nutshell, everything sucks due to Covid.

**JR Shooting:** Nothing going on.

**Oratorical:** Nothing to report.

**Boys State:** Still in the planning stages. Colorado will admit high school seniors as well as juniors this year, but seniors are not eligible for the national contest.

**Baseball:** Fundraisers are happening, but nothing else.

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** Midwest Region is currently at \$0.32 per capita for CWF, with \$44,635.00 raised to date. It seems that the CWF report has gone back to using previous year’s count for per capita. There was a \$2,000.00 donation to CVKF in August, but no written acknowledgement. It was noted that there has not been a CVKF committee meeting in quite some time.

**Legislative:** Richard Humphrey said that there were numerous items pending in Congress. Colorado has not submitted an applicant for the George B Evans Grassroots Award for some time. He also mentioned an American Legion website “VoterVoice” as a way to contact our congressmen and see pending issues. (I had to ‘search’ VoterVoice on the TAL website to find it.)

**Public Relations Ken Yanke:** Ken advised that he had moved from Public Relations chair to Membership committee, and therefore no report.

**Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey:** No report

**NEC Scott Garrett:** Report given on the 9/29 virtual NEC meeting. Seventeen resolutions voted on and subsequently approved by The American Legion Internal Affairs Committee. SAL liaison Ken George noted that the NEC via Zoom cost about \$15,000 vs NEC in Indianapolis at \$150,000. NEC Minutes for Sept 29 including all resolutions are on the website.

Motion to accept reports. 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Sierminski. 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith LaMee. Passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Motion to approve the 2021 Budget. 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Sierminski. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Yanke. Passed.
- 2) Motion to reimburse Ron Noakes for \$50.00 for gloves sent to Oregon firefighters in Detachment’s name. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Wescott. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wally Weld. Passed.
- 3) Motion to reallocate \$400.00 from Awards Banquet food allowance and \$1,600.00 from National Per Diem money (from 2020 budget) to CWF as a \$2,000.00 donation for the Commander’s Project. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Sierminski. Passed.
- 4) Motion to approve Squadron #209 as host for the April 10, 2021 CWF Banquet. 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Garrett. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Noakes. Passed.
- 5) Squadron membership update. All letters to Posts, Squadrons, and District Commanders were sent.

**New Business:**

- 1) Motion to approve Permanent Membership Expenditure of \$1,005.00 for 2021. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gelwicks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Garrett. Passed.

**Special Presentations:** None

**Good of the Sons:**

- 1) Detachment conference call will take place on Dec 10.
- 2) PDC Steve Kidd’s father passed away just recently. No details on funereal arrangements yet available.
- 3) Floyd Lindstrom display is at the Pioneer Museum in Colo Springs.
- 4) Mid-Winter Conference is still questionable.
- 5) Chaplain Harry Ciruli said that he received a thank you for the condolence card he sent to the LaMee family.
- 6) Richard Humphrey expressed thanks for the condolences he received.
- 7) Richard Humphrey asked who was going to the Washington Conference.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 30, 1:30 PM, Elegante Hotel, 2886 S. Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Harry Ciruli

**Closing** – Commander Nick Arceo

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.