



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Meeting Minutes  
Colorado State Convention  
Pre - Convention Detachment Executive Committee  
June 25, 2021

Posting of Colors

Opening Prayer – Rick Baldessari

POW/MIA Ceremony - Commander Nick Arceo

Blue Star Banner Ceremony - Commander Nick Arceo

Pledge, led by Mike Wescott

"I Pledge Allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America And to The Republic For Which it Stands, One Nation Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All."

Recitation of Preamble, led by Commander Arceo

Meeting called to order on June 25, 2021 at: 1:40 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	Walter Weld (1)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Steve Kidd (1985)	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211)	
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Asst Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)	
Chaplain	Harry Ciruli (103)	Excused
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Absent
Sergeant-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)    Excused

**Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present:**

**Rick Baldessari                Jim Gelwicks**  
**Jim Gaddis                        Ron Noakes**  
**Pete Sierminski                Scott Garrett**

**Roll Call – Squadrons:**

2            4            5            21            28            32            54            103            200            209  
211

**Distinguished Guests:** Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Pete Sierminski (PN ASAA), Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey,

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion to accept April 8, 2021 Minutes as written. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Gaddis. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Wescott. Passed

**Correspondence:** None

**Special Presentations:** None

**Vice Commanders Reports:**

**Senior Vice Bobby Jones:** Sent out email reminding of 105% target date and contacted Sqd #18, Greeley.

**Junior Vice Walter Weld:** American Legion Baseball is back. USO director at DIA has resigned.

**Junior Vice Steve Kidd:** Absent, no report

**Junior Vice Jim Gaddis:** No report.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Bobby Jones:** Current membership is 2,561. Zero membership squadrons are #77, Simla, #81, Flagler, #94, Ordway, and #102, Ft Lupton. All but #81, Flagler, which has zero membership for the past two years, have been contacted. MyLegion.org still has many issues with a lot of info still not available.

**Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks:** Account Update: As of March 31st Vanguard report, the Detachment has \$255/permanent member. At \$6/ member annual expenditure, the fund balance will last 42 years; at \$10/member 25 years; at \$13/member 19 years. No change in payment calculations recommended at this time. Item of Convention New Business: Motion to

amend Permanent Membership Plan to remove outdated (and no longer in effect because of severance clause) references to “Detachment Midyear” and clarify that payments for permanent membership cannot be less than National plus Detachment per capita dues.

**Finance Jim Gelwicks:** Rick Baldessari now has duplicate account files. The current 2021 budget revenue is \$16,008. Remaining budgeted 2021 dues revenue is . (225 more paid 2021 members needed for budget revenue.) Restricted Asset designated as “Release July 1” is surplus from 2019 and 2020. Distribution of (\$9,800) funds is by Detachment Convention vote. See Worksheet.

Items of Convention New Business: Motion to amend Financial Policy to remove DEC stipend ¶ 5.E.b). Motion to amend Financial Policy to set in policy January review of budgeted expenses ¶ 4. Motion to amend Financial Policy to remove outdated (and no longer in effect because of severance clause) references to “Detachment Midyear” ¶1.; ¶5.D.; ¶8.; ¶9.; ¶10.; ¶11.

**Guest Speaker:** Janelle Mendelson from Post #103 presented Commander Nick with a token of appreciation from Post #103.

**Americanism Ron Noakes:** Americanism sucked this past year.

**Junior Shooting:** Post #2 JR Shooting is meeting on Tuesdays. Post #209 team won a competition. No word as to status of #2008 program.

**Boys State:** Will be held mid-July at Hotel Elegante.

**Oratorical:** Only five participants this year. Having first round held virtually did not increase participation.

**Baseball:** Up and running.

**Boy Scouts:** An Eagle Scout award was presented last spring.

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** Colorado CWF results: 4<sup>th</sup> in nation and 1<sup>st</sup> in region in dollars, \$25,897. 1<sup>st</sup> in nation in per capita, \$8.96. No info on Colorado Veterans Kids Fund.

**Public Relations:** vacant

**Legislative:** vacant

**VA & R:** Commander Nick would like to establish a VEE committee at Detachment level.

**NEC Scott Garrett:** Resolutions presented at Spring NEC:

- 1) Change to Rule #1 of NEC (quorum). Approved.
- 2) Creation of 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee. Approved.
- 3) Returned to Originator
- 4) CWF Donation of \$5,000 from 2021 Budget. Approved.
- 5) Empowering National Adjutant to Correct Resolutions. Approved with amendment.

- 6) Establishing a Policy and Procedure for a National Representative to Attend the Funeral or Memorial Service of a Past National Commander or Significant Leader. Approved with amendment.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Sons: 2020-2021 CSR will be sent out electronically ONLY.

New advisories for National Convention were presented (since amended).

**Advisor Richard Humphrey:** Not present.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) Motion to forward Resolutions #2020-1, 2020-2, 2021-1 to Convention Resolutions Committee. 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Noakes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Walter Weld. Passed.
- 2) Motion to NOT include Joe & Judy Ross and Jim & Judy Gates Award form in future squadron packet mailings. 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Sierminski. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Noakes. Passed.

**Good of the Sons:**

- 1) Squadron Data Report is for 2021-22!
- 2) Floyd Lindstrom medals are still on display.
- 3) Chaplain Harry Ciruli is absent due to eye problems.
- 4) VAVSC National Arts Festival will be in Colorado in 2024. Department Auxiliary is trying to raise \$35,000.00
- 5) Ron Noakes wants to see the Junior Shooting trailer used more frequently.

Next meeting will be Saturday, June 26, 9:00 AM, Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO.

**Closing Prayer:** Rick Baldessari

**Closing:** Commander Nick Arceo

"Till We Meet Again Let Us Remember That Our Obligation to Our Country Can Only Be Fulfilled by the Faithful Performance of All Duties of Citizenship. Let Service to the City, State, and Nation Be Ever a Main Objective of the Sons of the American Legion. Let Us Ever Be Watchful of the Honor of Our Country, the American Legion, Our Organization and Ourselves, That Nothing Shall Swerve Us from the Path of Justice, Freedom, Loyalty and Democracy."

**Adjournment** – Commander Nick Arceo

**Salute:** "I Now Declare this Meeting of the Executive Committee, Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion, Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.

