



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Colorado State Convention
Detachment Executive Committee
June 26, 2021

Posting of Colors

Opening Prayer – Rick Baldessari

POW/MIA Ceremony - Commander Nick Arceo

Blue Star Banner Ceremony - Commander Nick Arceo

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ron Noakes

Recitation of Preamble, led by Commander Nick Arceo

Meeting called to order on June 26, 2021 at: 9:12 AM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (200)	
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:

Lionel Sandoval
Pete Sierminski

John Herath
Scott Garrett

Rick Baldessari
Jim Gaddis

Jim Gelwicks
Ron Noakes

Roll Call – Squadrons:

1	2	5	21	23	28	32	54	103	111
161	200	207	209	211	1992				

Distinguished Guests: National Vice Commander Midwest Chris Cook, Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Pete Sierminski (PN ASAA), Lionel Sandoval, Past Dept Commander Richard Humphrey

Reading of Minutes: Motion to suspend reading of June 25, 2021 Minutes. 1st Rick Baldessari. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Guests: NVC MW Chris Cook with introduction by NEC Scott Garrett.

NVC Chris passed along greetings from National Commander Clint Bolt who gave kudos for our CWF donations. Chris spoke at length about membership.

Appoint Convention Committees:

Credentials	Chair Scott Garrett
Resolutions	Chair Pete Sierminski
Membership	Chair Robert Jones
Legislation and Rules	Chair Rick Baldessari

Break to Convention Committees

Convention Committee Reports

Credentials: 214 Delegates and 4 Delegates-at-Large Paid. Total 218 delegate votes allowed.

Resolutions: Recommendation to approve Resolutions 2020-1 and 2020-2. Recommendation to table Resolution 2021-1.

Membership: Discussion focused on recruiting, training, and retaining new members. No specific membership goals were discussed.

Legislation and Rules: No Legislative to speak of. Recommended approval of PUFL and Finance policy changes.

Unfinished Business:

Nominations for Office

- a. Previously Announced
 - i. Robert Jones – Commander
 - ii. Walter Weld – Sr Vice Commander
 - iii. Mike Wescott – Jr Vice Commander
 - iv. Nick Arceo – Alternate NEC

- b. Additional Announced
 - i. Ron Noakes – Jr Vice Commander
 - ii. Jim Gaddis – Jr Vice Commander

PUFL Policy: Motion to approve changes (see attachment). 1st Rick Baldessari. 2nd Pete Sierminski. Passed

Finance Policy: Motion to approve changes (see attachment). 1st Rick Baldessari. 2nd Lionel Sandoval. Passed.

2019 and 2020 Budget Surplus. Motion to disburse surplus as noted on spreadsheet (see attachment) 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Ron Noakes. Passed.

Recess

Final Credentials Report: 214 Delegates and 4 Delegates-at-Large Paid. Total 218 delegate votes allowed.

Resolutions:

- 1) Motion to read resolved clauses only. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Mike Wescott. Passed.
- 2) 2020-1, Change to Eligibility. 1st Pete Sierminski. 2nd Ron Noakes. Passed.
- 3) 2020-2, Change to Preamble. 1st Mike Wescott. 2nd Brad Henderson. Passed.
- 4) 2021-1, Create National Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Separation From The American Legion. Motion to table. 1st Ron Noakes. 2nd Lionel Sandoval. Motion rejected. Motion to accept resolution. 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Ron Noakes. Passed with amendment to remove third (final) whereas section. (see attachment)

New Business:

Appointment of Election Judge – Rick Baldessari

Elections:

- 1) Officers (all elected by white ballot)

Commander	Robert Jones
Sr Vice Comm	Walter Weld
Jr Vice Comm	Ron Noakes
Jr Vice Comm	Jim Gaddis
Jr Vice Comm	Michael Wescott
Sgt-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz
Chaplain	Brad Henderson
NEC	Scott Garrett
ANEC	Gregory Nick Arceo
- 2) Member of the Year XXXXXX
- 3) Dual Member of the Year XXXXXX
- 4) Detachment Mom no nominations received
- 5) 2021 Awards Banquet #1985 Firestone
- 6) 2022 CWF Banquet #209 Colo Springs
- 7) Selection of Delegates for the 2021 National Convention
 - a. Nick Arceo
 - b. Scott Garrett
 - c. Walter Weld
 - d. Richard Humphrey
 - e. Jim Gaddis

- f. Lionel Sandoval
 - g. Mike Kirschner
 - h. Pete Sierminski ??
 - i. Mike Moss (delegate-at-large)
 - j. Danny Smith (delegate-at-large)
- Motion to accept delegates. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Mike Wescott. Passed.

- 8) Stipend Distribution for Convention not discussed
- 9) Appointment of Officers for 2021-2022 by incoming Commander
 - a. Adjutant Scott Garrett
 - b. Finance Officer Rick Baldessari
 - c. Historian vacant
 - d. Assistant Adjutant vacant
 - e. Assistant Finance Officer Jim Gelwicks
 - f. Assistant Sergeant At Arms Mike Wescott
- 10) Committee Chairmen Appointments for 2021-2022 by incoming Commander
 - a. Membership
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 - 1. Walter Weld Sr Vice Commander (Chairman)
 - b. Finance
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 - 1. Rick Baldessari Detachment Finance Officer (Chairman)
 - 2. Scott Garrett Detachment Adjutant
 - 3. Walter Weld Detachment Sr Vice Commander
 - 4. Jim Gelwicks Detachment Asst Finance Officer
 - 5. Department Finance Officer
 - c. Permanent Membership
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 - 1. Rick Baldessari Detachment Finance Officer (Chairman)
 - 2. Scott Garrett Detachment Adjutant
 - 3. Walter Weld Membership Chairman
 - 4. Richard Humphrey Detachment Advisor (no vote)
 - d. VA&R Nick Arceo
 - e. Americanism Ron Noakes
 - f. Children and Youth Pete Sierminski
 - g. Legislative Richard Humphrey
 - h. Public Relations vacant
 - i. Judge Advocate Richard Humphrey
 - j. Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey
- 11) Charles B Rigby Award – VA & R Volunteer not addressed at this time

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Post#2 has a free three day camp for 8-13 year old young guns starting Monday. Cost is \$50. July will be one for 14-18 year olds.
- 2) Post-Convention DEC will be at Post #2, date to be determined.
- 3) Wally looking for volunteers for a clinic to assist PTSD for first responders and others.
- 4) CSR's needed by July 1.

- 5) Commander Nick read a certificate thanking the Detachment for the donation to the Creative Arts Festival, ALA President Traci's project.

Next Meeting will be at Post #2, Pueblo, date/time TBD

Closing Prayer by 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."

Retirement of the Colors: The SGT-at-Arms will retrieve the POW/MIA banner from the empty chair.

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 3:15 PM.

Attachments

1) Changes to PUFL Policy

Permanent Membership Plan Document additions in **bold**. Deletions in ~~strikeout~~.

4. Squadrons will remit to Detachment... For calculation purposes, Squadron dues **must** include the current per capita National and Detachment dues. **Squadron dues discounts shall not be credited.** A receipt...

14. The Permanent Membership Committee...until the next ~~Detachment Midyear Conference~~ or Detachment Convention for whichever time is shorter. A Detachment Midyear Conference or **The** Detachment Convention shall vote on all changes...

15. Any conditions...and recommend actions to the ~~Detachment Midyear Conference~~ or Detachment Convention. ...

2) Changes to Finance Policy

Financial Policy Document additions in **bold**. Deletions in ~~strikeout~~.

5. E.b) There are no Detachment of Colorado district organizations. All squadrons are entitled and responsible for direct representation at state meetings. Travel expenses in conjunction with **the** Detachment Convention ~~and Detachment Midyear Conference~~, including Detachment Executive Committee meetings held on site are not eligible for reimbursement except when hosting a national guest. ~~Travel expenses in conjunction with regular meetings of the~~

~~Detachment Executive Committee are authorized for Executive Committee members driving beyond 50 miles from home at a rate of 14¢ (fourteen cents) per mile. Total payments are limited to budgeted amounts. Payments for travel to regular Detachment Executive Committee meetings are limited to one payment per Squadron.~~

4. The Detachment Executive Committee shall approve a Detachment Unrestricted Budget prior to the start of a fiscal year. ~~Delegates at the~~ **The January Detachment Executive Committee meeting** ~~Midyear Conference~~ shall review, consent and/or modify budget expenditures.

1. 5D. 8. 9. 10. & 11. Contain "Midyear" for deletion, for example:
11. This Financial Policy may be revised, amended or replaced during a Detachment Convention, ~~Detachment Midyear Conference~~ or regular meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee. A simple majority vote adopts all changes

3) Resolution 2021-1

The Sons of The American Legion
Detachment Executive Committee
held on
June 26, 2021
Resolution

No.: DEC Resolution #1 – June 2021

Title: Creation of Exploratory Committee to Investigate Separation from The American Legion

Origin: Detachment of Colorado

Whereas, The Sons of The American Legion was created as a program of The American Legion in 1932, and

Whereas, The ratio of membership of The Sons of The American Legion is growing in proportion to the membership of The American Legion and in the near future is expected to exceed the IRS guideline that Sons of The American Legion membership not exceed more than 25% of The American Legion, and

~~Whereas, The American Legion is moving to make The Sons of The American Legion financially self-sufficient, therefore be it,~~

Resolved, That The Sons of The American Legion shall establish an Ad Hoc Committee of either seven (7) or nine (9) members, two (2) of which shall be Past National Commanders, two (2) of which shall be NEC men, the current or past Finance Commission Chairman, and either two (2) or four (4) members at large, and be it further,

Resolved, That the purpose of said Ad Hoc Committee shall be to investigate the feasibility of reorganizing the Sons of The American Legion as an organization associated with, but separate from The American Legion, and be it further,

Resolved, That said Ad Hoc Committee be given a budget not to exceed \$200.00 for incidentals, and be it finally,

Resolved, That said Ad Hoc Committee shall report its findings to the Sons of The American Legion National Convention in August, 2022.

4) Budget Surplus Approved Expenditure

WORKSHEET FOR CONVENTION SURPLUS FUNDS VOTE

Total Convention Distribution = \$9,800

			CONV
	3305 Reserve		
	(\$3500)		500
	3310 Natl Campaign (\$3985.10)		500
	3320 VA&R \$186.31		1500
	3330 JR Shooting (\$154.84)		1000
	2016-20	2021	
9000 Program Donations			
9010 CWF	30,157.87	1,100.00	1200
9053 Boy Scouts	200.00		100
9055 Child Services	1,425.00		
9063 USO	200.00		
9073 Assist Individual	1,300.00		
9074 Food Pantry/Shelter	300.00		
9075 Civic Projects	500.00		
9210 Boys State	1,900.00		750
9220 Legion Baseball	4,500.00	500.00	250
9230 Jr Shooting	961.16		
9240 Oratorical	4,050.00	750	
9250 NEF	1,450.00		750
9260 Legacy Scholarship	1,636.00		
9270 TFA Vet & Child (Endow)	1,710.00		750
9290 OCW	2,615.00		
9300 Dept Commander's Project		350.00	
9340 CO Vet Kids Fund	6,030.95	500	
9360 CO Vet Asst Fund	1,775.22	500	
9400 Dept President's Project		350.00	
9410 Girls State	750.00		400
9450 Jr Auxiliary	450.00		250
9490 Unrestricted	1,050.00		
Total Community & Youth	62,961.20	4,050.00	
9500 Veterans			
9511 Patient Welfare	450.00	200.00	
9519 General Benefit	450.00	200.00	
9521 Homelake	2,397.93	200.00	
9522 Fitzsimmons	150.00	200.00	
9523 Rifle	150.00	200.00	
9524 Florence	150.00	200.00	
9525 Walsenburg	150.00	200.00	
9531 Friends of FH	2,574.80		250
9551 Crawford House	1,705.00		200
9553 Hyperbaric—	1,188.12	100.00	400

	Brain Injuries			
	9554 Community	750.00		
	9555 Hospitalized			
	Veterans	200.00		500
Total Veterans		<u>10,315.85</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	
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	Creative Arts Festival			500
Total Donations		73,277.05	5,550.00	9,800.00