



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Post-Convention Meeting Agenda
Detachment Executive Committee
July 17, 2021

Salute

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Blue Star Banner Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Noakes

Recitation of Preamble: Walter Weld

Meeting called to order on July 17, 2021 at: 1:11 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (200)
ALT NEC	Nick Arceo (103)
Commander	Bobby Jones (28)
Sr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211)
Jr. Vice Commander	Ron Noakes (2)
Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)
Asst Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54) Absent
Chaplain	Brad Henderson (209)
Historian	vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)
Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus	Ken Wederski (23) Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)
Voting PDC	
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Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present

Rick Baldessari
Nick Arceo

Scott Garrett

Jim Gaddis

Ron Noakes

Roll Call – Squadrons Represented

1 2 5 21 23 28 103 200 209 211

Distinguished Guests: Past National Vice Commander Rick Baldessari (also Past National Chaplain), Past Department Commander Richard Humphrey.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept June 25 & 26, 2021 Minutes as written. 1st Jim Gaddis. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Homelake for \$200.00 donation and CWF for \$1,392.00 donation

Vice Commanders Reports:

Senior Vice Walter Weld: No report

Junior Vice Ron Noakes: Young guns are planning a going away party for new military recruits. Post #2 is planning a Blue Star Banquet.

Junior Vice Jim Gaddis: No report

Committee Reports

Membership Walter Weld: Wally is looking for assistance getting started with membership.

Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari: PUFL count remains at 199.

Finance Rick Baldessari: Nothing to report since last meeting.

Americanism Ron Noakes:

Junior Shooting: Posts #2 & #209 are doing well. No word from #2008. The first junior shooting camp was successful. The second will take place the week of July 26.

Boys State: Reports are that the event was very successful. No further details.

Oratorical:

- The Oratorical committee has a new Chairman, PDC Terri Clinton. Members of the committee are as follows; Nick Arceo, Janelle Mendelson, Gary Force, Tracy Trujillo, Deb Davis, Scott Neff & Laurie Kuntz.
- 2021 winners of the contest, Paige Kastens 1st place-Post #1187, Nathan Tamkin 2nd place-Post #1, Jessica Eyeson 3rd place-Post #58, Stuart Gillman 4th place-Post #1. The finals were held at Post #1. 1st place winner Paige received \$3,000. From the Department of Colorado and \$5,000. From National.
- The committee is already meeting for next years contest. Plans are in the works to bring back the first round of speeches in a live setting as in the past.

- The committee asks that all Posts begin to think about sponsoring a student for this contest.

Baseball: Colorado is currently sponsoring five teams.

Boy Scouts: National regions are being redefined as territories.

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: Absent, no report.

Public Relations: vacant

Legislative Richard Humphrey: The George B Evans Award nominations are due at National HQ. A program called VoterVoice is available online. It allows individuals to communicate directly with their Congresspeople.

VA & R Nick Arceo:

The commission had a zoom conference call on 06/28/2021.

- Commander Bolt addressed the group, still work to be done as we move forward. CSRs are still a concern. Reach out to the newly elected commanders. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.
- National Vice Commander Midwest, Ned Fox, spoke to the importance of getting the CSRs in on time.
- The VA&R commission members gave their reports & regional assignments news. Still need more VAVS representation Need Rigby's award candidates.
- Old business, Detachment Rigby's VA&R Volunteer of the year award challenge.
- New business, NEC meeting review of minutes, 2021-2020 VA&R mission plan suggestions? National convention, VA&R articles, Power point presentation, Promoting MySAL.
- Articles needed, Fisher house, Helmets for heroes' program, VA "My life, My story", Warrior Transition program, women R.I.S.E., Charles Rigsby VA volunteer of the year award, J Parkes youth VA volunteer scholarships, National convention awards~~Kepler, O'Brian, Webster, Rigsby
- Next zoon meeting & conference call, Monday July 26, 2021

VE&E report, the commission had a conference call on 06/16/2021.

- No commission meeting will be held at national convention.
- Make sure to register for national convention.
- Sign the waiver form.
- Commission members were asked to submit a "round up for the year" report. I am looking for members to join these committees. Please see me for details.

NEC Scott Garrett: No NEC activity since last meeting.

Advisor Richard Humphrey: Nothing to report

Motion to accept reports. 1st Ron Noakes. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) One nomination for Detachment Mom received. Approved by white jacket vote.
- 2) No nominations for Charles Rigby Award.
- 3) Election of two voting PDC's tabled.

New Business:

- 1) Approve Committee Chairmen and Committee members
 - a. Jim Gelwicks (Asst Finance) & Harry Ciruli appointed to PUFL Committee.
 - b. Rick Baldessari, Wally Weld, Nick Arceo appointed to Americanism Committee.
 - c. Wally Weld & Rick Baldessari appointed to VA&R Committee.
 - d. Motion to approve Committee Chairs and members. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Walter Weld. Passed.
- 2) Commander Jones' Mission Statement is "Honoring Those Who Walked Before Us".
Commander's Project is Veterans & Children's Assistance Fund (formerly National Endowment Fund).
- 3) National Convention Delegates, Alternates, Guests were finalized on July 10 as this was cutoff for convention rooms and Dept notification.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Monthly conference call will continue. Nick & Commander Bobby to work out details.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 20, 2021, time TBD, Post #1985, 870 1st St, Firestone, followed by the 2021 Awards Banquet

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

Closing: Commander Bobby Jones

Adjournment – Commander Bobby Jones

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

