



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
November 20, 2021

Salute

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Blue Star Banner Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Gaddis

Recitation of Preamble: Walter Weld

Meeting called to order on November 20, 2021 at: 1:40 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)	Excused
Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)	
Asst Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
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	Shane Hasert (70)	Absent
Voting PDC	vacant	
Voting PDC	vacant	

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present

Rick Baldessari
Nick Arceo
Mark Kilstrom

Scott Garrett
Steve Kidd

Jim Gaddis
Jim Gelwicks

Pete Sierminski
Ken Yanke

Roll Call – Squadrons Represented

1	2	5	21	23	28	32	54	103	111
200	209	211	1985						

Distinguished Guests: National Vice Commander, Midwest, Juan Torres, Past National Vice Commanders Rick Baldessari (also Past National Chaplain), Pete Sierminski (also Past National Ass't SSA), Jim Gelwicks, Ken Yanke, Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Department Commander Richard Humphrey.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept July 17, 2021 Minutes as written. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Ken Yanke. Passed.

Correspondence: Thank you's for donations from: Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans, \$500, National Emergency Fund, \$750, Temporary Financial Assistance, \$750, CWF \$1,200, VA Nursing Home, Florence, \$200, Eastern Colorado Health Care, \$250, VA Nursing Home, Fitzsimons, \$200. Thank you note from Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric for support. Thank you note from Sqd #89 for Detachment volunteered services.

Special Guest: NEC Scott Garrett introduced National Vice Commander Midwest Juan Torres. NVC Torres spoke about the membership rebound since last year and wants to challenge the Southern Region for first place. He mentioned The American Legion National Commander Dillard's project, Veterans and Children Foundation, spoke about the Squadron Data Reports, and SAL National Commander Fox's Project, Flying Flags for Heroes.

Vice Commanders Reports:

Senior Vice Walter Weld: Attended seven front range district meetings with Richard Humphrey.

Junior Vice Ron Noakes:

With Covid there has not much going on. I was able to attend the District #8 meeting in Pueblo and meet with Vice Commander Wally, and others. I have tried to stay in touch with what is happening in our area, but once again not much is happening.

Junior Vice Jim Gaddis: Attended District #3 meeting and found two SAL members present.

Committee Reports

Membership Walter Weld: Currently at 28%. We have two prospective new squadrons, Manzanola and Fairplay.

Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari: Currently at 209 members. Nine new PUFLs were from Sqd #5.

Finance Rick Baldessari: 2021 budget income projection is about \$800.00 short due to lagging member renewals. 2022 proposed budget is \$18,100.00 based on 75 members less than 2021.

Americanism Ron Noakes:

Junior Shooting:

The program is live and strong in Southern Colorado. Posts 209 has just graduated a new class and are pursuing the marksmanship program now, Post 2008 is just about to complete a class and continuing with marksmanship. Post 2 is continuing with their weekly practices. Post 2 has a new class starting January 11th, 2022.

We are looking at doing an Instructor Training for Rifle in the near future. We will be including training for boy Scouts and others.

The Tournament that was scheduled did not take place as interest was not there due to "COVID". We are looking at a future dates and will keep you advised.

Baseball:

I have not personally heard much, please have Wally give an update if he would.

Boy Scouts:

From Rick Baldessari. Applications for Eagle Scout of the Year need to be turned in to BSA by March 1.

Oratorical:

I have been in contact with a source at District 60 School and we are trying to arrange a meeting with all school speech and debate coaches. With this new flier coming out it may open new doors.

From Nick Arceo:

- The committee has held several Zoom meetings
- On Monday November 14, 2021, we held an Oratorical planning and training meeting
- Topics covered
 - Reviewed Video submission guidelines
 - Post certification- what does that mean?
 - Develop Host post by the end of November
 - Post fundraiser ideas
 - Revise the donation letter, how do we distribute?
 - Review Website
 - Review Financial Reports

National Contest?

Develop Training Outline for 11/23 Zoom meeting

- Important dates:

Oratorical Training: Nov. 23, 2021, 7pm, via zoom

Post Certification: January 29, 2022

Department Contest: March 5, 2022, time TBD, Golden View Classic Academy

National contest: April 23-24, 2022, Indianapolis, IN