



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

**Committee Reports (continued)**

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** CWF. Colorado is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Midwest Region with \$1,200.00 behind 1<sup>st</sup> place Texas with \$12,533.00. No report on Colorado Veterans Kids Fund.

**Public Relations:** vacant

**Legislative Richard Humphrey:** Washington Conference is cancelled except for the laying of wreaths.

BUDDY CHECK BILL—Requires the VA to designate one week per year for the purpose of organizing an outreach event and educating veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks.

Went to the Senate March 2021. Passed without comment October 2021 and sent to the House. Hickenlooper and Bennett from Colorado are Co-Sponsors.

Introduced in the House in May 2021 and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and sent to Subcommittee on Health in August 2021. No Colorado Co-Sponsors.

S-3227 – Trying again to get those noncitizen veterans who served in our Armed Forces and have been removed from the US or are inadmissible citizenship due to their service to this country. Introduced Thursday 11/18 and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

S-3255 – Direct VA to increase the number of Vet Centers in certain states based on population metrics. Introduced Thursday 11/18 and referred to Veterans Affairs.

**VA & R Nick Arceo:**

VA&R report, the commission had a zoom conference call on 10/25/2021.

- The commission set some SMART goals for this year, task, and goal dates
- Promote National Veterans Assistance Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May

- Goal of 20 applications for the Rigsby award
- Contact Detachment Commanders RE individuals for the Rigsby award
- Increase VA Reps & Deps by 10%
- Increase SAL members volunteering at VA facilities
- Please forward photos of all activities to snapshots of service

VE&E report, the commission had a conference call on 10/20/2021.

- The Commission monthly conference call is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6pm Mountain time, please join the call
- Review of our goals for this year  
Increase Detachment VE&E participation by 10%  
Encourage local job fairs and employment opportunities  
Provide resources to end Veterans Homelessness
- The Marvin P. Nay Award, let's get names turned in for this award. Every Detachment has a member that does an outstanding job when it comes to Veterans involvement. I have the Criteria and Nomination forms
- At the fall NEC a resolution was passed to award the individual a Uniform Cap, like the Rigsby cover.

From Rick Baldessari. Dual member Colorado pins are still available at \$5 ea.

**NEC Scott Garrett:** CSR recap. National numbers. Americanism. \$1.58M, 1.93M hrs. C & Y. \$772K. 112K hrs. VA&R. \$872K. 132K hrs. VEE. \$152K. 9800 hrs. IA. \$1.992M. 258K hrs. Total. \$5,368M. 2.44M hrs.

National Convention Resolutions.

- 1.** NEC Reimbursement for National Convention. Passed.
- 2.** Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to investigate financial feasibility to separate from The American Legion. Returned to Colorado for Department approval.
- 3.** Wording change to Article X, Section 2 of National Constitution. Passed.
- 4.** Change to wording of eligibility due to Patriot's Act. Passed.
- 5.** Change to wording of Preamble due to Patriot's Act. Passed.
- 6.** Change call letter from sixty days to thirty days. Passed.
- 7.** Change Change call to non scheduled NEC meeting from thirty days to five days. Passed.

**ANEC Nick Arceo:**

The following resolutions were presented to the SAL-NEC and accepted. By unanimous consent, the committee read and reviewed each resolution. The sub-committee accepted the actions of

the SAL-NEC. Resolutions 5 & 6 have financial implications and will need final approval by The American Legion Finance Committee.

- SAL Res. No. 1: Recognizing Recipients of the “Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award” ACCEPT
- SAL Res. No. 2: National Commander Recommendation Committee Formation RETURNED TO OKLAHOMA by Internal Affairs Commission
- SAL Res. No. 3: Leadership Selection Committee Formation: RETURNED TO OKLAHOMA by Internal Affairs Commission
- SAL Res. No. 4: Create the “Squadron Commander of the Year Award” ACCEPT
- SAL Res. No. 5: Funding for 50th Convention Commemoration Committee ACCEPT
- SAL Res. No. 6: Creation of Standing Committee and Funding for Century Committee (CENTCOM) ACCEPT \*roll call needed to pass this\*
- SAL Res. No. 7: Donation of \$500,000. to the Veterans and Children Foundation from the SAL Reserve Fund ACCEPT
- SAL Res. No. 8: Donation of \$130,000. To American Legion Baseball from the SAL Reserve Fund ACCEPT
- SAL Res. No.9: Amend the Makeup of the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee ACCEPT  
Commander’s class has been moved to National Convention  
NEC men training class will be held in the fall\*NEW CLASS\*  
A field trip to a local Cemetery was taken on Saturday afternoon to place flags on Veterans graves in support of Commander Fox’s Special project “Flying Flags for Hero’s”

**Advisor Shane Hasert:** Absent

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

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Mike Kirschner and Mark Kilstrom nominated to Voting PDC. Motion to accept nominations. 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Yanke. 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith LaMee. Passed.
- 2) Squadron Data Report reminder & update.
- 3) Upcoming CWF Banquet. Chaplain Brad expressed concerns about Sqd #209 being capable of handling the event. Motion to vote on Sqds #2 or #1985 to be a backup location. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Kilstrom. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Arceo. Discussion. Motion amended to change location during this meeting. Motion with amendment Passed. Sqd #2 was chosen for the CWF Banquet site by a vote of ten to three.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Motion to accept 2022 Detachment Budget. 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Baldessari. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Sierminski. Passed.
- 2) Mark Kilstrom will be the representative for the Flying Flags for Heroes project. His goal is 5,000 flags placed at various cemeteries.

- 3) CentCom Committee representative requested by National Committee. No volunteers.
- 4) Motion to appoint Richard Humphrey as Junior Vice Commander. 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Garrett. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wally Weld. Passed.
- 5) Motion to add VEE Award to future Awards Banquets. 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Garrett. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Kilstrom. Passed.
- 6) Motion to approve \$1,500.00 from National Candidate's Fund for upcoming NVC Mike Kirschner. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Kirschner. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Gelwicks. Passed.

**Good of the Sons:**

- 1) Scott Garrett to step down as Adjutant at June Convention. Mark Kilstrom has volunteered for the position.
- 2) Keith LaMee. City of Colorado Springs has allocated \$500,000.00 for repairs to a monument in Veterans Park which may not be enough.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 22, 2022, 1:30 PM, Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

**Closing:** Commander Bobby Jones

**Adjournment** – Commander Bobby Jones

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.