



Sons of The American Legion
 Detachment of Colorado
 Minutes
 Detachment Executive Committee
 January 22, 2022

Salute

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Blue Star Banner Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Kirschner

Recitation of Preamble: Mark Kilstrom

Meeting called to order on January 22, 2022 at: 1:38 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)	Absent
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	Mike Kirschner	
Voting PDC	Mark Kilstrom	

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present

Rick Baldessari	Scott Garrett	Jim Gaddis	Pete Sierminski
Jim Gelwicks	Mark Kilstrom	Mike Kirschner	Nick Arceo

Roll Call – Squadrons Represented

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 54 103 170 200 209 211 1985

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

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept July 17, 2021 Minutes as written. 1st Pete Sierminski, 2nd Brad Henderson, Passed.

Special Presentations: None

Correspondence: Thank you note from Walsenburg VA Nursing Home.

Special Guest: None

Vice Commanders Reports:

Senior Vice Walter Weld: (see membership report)

Junior Vice Ron Noakes: Absent

Junior Vice Jim Gaddis: No report

Committee Reports

Membership Walter Weld: We missed January 60% target. (We got credit for 56% despite 150 renewals received but not acknowledged by National.--Scott) Wally would like to see more interaction on membership between TAL & SAL at post level.

Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari: No change.

Finance Rick Baldessari: Not much change since last meeting. Check acc't is above \$15,000.00. Budget was approved at November meeting.

Americanism Ron Noakes:

Junior Shooting: No report

Boys State: 2022 kickoff meeting will be at HQ on Saturday, January 29, 10:00 AM.

Baseball: Wally attended a meeting on Sunday January 16 with 190 coaches. A lot is still undecided following COVID.

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout of the Year application form is available and due in February.

Oratorical:

The Committee continues to have Zoom meetings. We have updated our flyer; this includes a donation form. Our website has also been updated,

www.colegionoratorical.org, email contact [terri clinton@yahoo.com](mailto:terri_clinton@yahoo.com)

2022 Committee members, Chairman Terri Clinton, Nick Arceo, Deborah Davis, Tom Florez, Shane Hasert, Janelle Mendelson, Laurie Kuntz, Tracy Trujillo, Gary Force and Steve Valdez.

We have 22 students as of now.

Laurie Kuntz is our volunteer coordinator and may be reached at laurie.auxiliary@yahoo.com

This year's contest will be held on March 5 at Golden View Classical Academy, 601 Corporate Circle, Golden CO 80301

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: Colorado is at \$2,100.00 in donations at this point.

Public Relations: vacant

Legislative Richard Humphrey:

Buddy Check Bill is in the Sub-committee on health since August.

Suicide Prevention Bill is also stalled in committee.

An abbreviated Washington Conference will take place, placing wreaths at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and placing flags at a yet to be determined cemetery for the National Commander's Project.

VA & R Nick Arceo:

Here are the notes from the last zoom call I attended.

Some new goals/action ideas, promote Veterans National assistance day, May 21st

Focus on increasing candidates for the Charles Rigsby Award by 20%

It seems hard to get people for this award, it really shouldn't be. Reach out to the past winners.

Need to increase Reps & Deps by 10%

VFHV group again this year did Christmas bags for the 30 Veterans on the lock down unit at the Aurora VA Hospital. We continue to support Veteran activities throughout the hospital. Thanks for the yearly donation to this group, it allows us to do many worthwhile events.

Would love to see more Sons Volunteering at the VA. Lots of opportunities available. See me.