

**VE&E Nick Arceo:**

The Commission held its January Conference call on 1/19/2022.

We welcomed new Chairman Chuck Treat.

Here are a few highlights from the call. We have had some problems getting the monthly National VE&E newsletter. The problem has been fixed and I will continue sharing this with everyone in the Mid-west region.

We are looking into getting this newsletter shortened up a bit.

Concern with the lack of participation in the Midwest Region

National Commander Fox's comments, Keep focused, having a new Chairman is a positive move. This is a big Commission on the Legion side, continue to move forward, you have a great Chairman in Chuck.

Leading Candidate for National commander Chris Carlton comments, you are doing a great job, you are a great Commission, keep in mind your "Mission Statement", that is what sets you apart from everyone else.

Continue to focus on the Marvin P. Nay award.

Here are our top 3 items of focus

- 1) Sell the benefits of the VE&E commission, 2) show how participation of VE&E can help Veterans, 3) Lastly discuss our goals

Encourage everyone to attend our monthly conference calls. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6pm Mountain time. 508-924-3315 no access code needed

**NEC Scott Garrett:** Per Ken George, National Liaison, individual online renewals are on indefinite hold due to poor response for Squadron Data Reports. Squadron online renewals are continuing.

**Advisor Shane Hasert:** Absent

Motion to accept reports. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Kirschner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Sierminski, Passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Mark Kilstrom gave a summary of the Flying Flags for Heroes and an update on progress. Squadron #5 placed 441 flags in conjunction with 'Reach Across America'. Post #1 has 300-350 flags for use for photo opportunities.

**New Business:**

- 1) Per Ken George regarding Squadron Data Reports, detachments should begin process to cancel charters of inactive squadrons. Motion to pull charters for Squadrons 3, 6, 67, 77, 88, 94, 123, 134, 187, 203, 322, 911, 1879, 2002. 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Kilstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Henderson, Discussion, Passed. Motion results to be forwarded to Department for evaluation and processing.

- 2) Awards Banquet selection to be addressed at April DEC meeting as no firm offers were offered.
- 3) Announcement of candidates for Detachment Office:
  - a. Walter Weld – Commander
  - b. Richard Humphrey – Sr Vice Commander
  - c. Brad Henderson - Chaplain

**Good of the Sons:**

- 1) February 3 at Post #5, Colo Springs Parks Dept is meeting with stakeholders of Veterans Memorial Park to discuss refurbishment.
- 2) Wally has 60-70 classroom size flags available for the taking.
- 3) Rick B requested a list of hotels for CWF Banquet lodging.
- 4) Chuck Morrison, Past Commander for Squadron #21 passed away recently.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, 2:00 PM, at Post #2, 701 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Pueblo 81003.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

**Closing:** Commander Bobby Jones

**Adjournment** – Commander Bobby Jones

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.