



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
April 2, 2022

Salute

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Blue Star Banner Ceremony: Commander Bobby Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Bobby Jones

Recitation of Preamble: Richard Humphrey

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (200)	
ALT NEC	Nick Arceo (103)	
Commander	Bobby Jones (28)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Ron Noakes (2)	
Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)	
Asst Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	Excused
Chaplain	Brad Henderson (209)	
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	
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	Pete Sierminski	Nick Arceo
Ron Noakes	Mark Kilstrom	Mike Kirschner	

Roll Call – Squadrons Represented

2 5 21 23 28 32 38 103 170 200
209 211

Distinguished Guests: Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton, Past National Commander Danny Smith, Past National Vice Commanders Rick Baldessari (also Past National Chaplain), Pete Sierminski (also Past National Ass't SSA), Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Department Commander Richard Humphrey.

Meeting called to order on April 2, 2022 at: 2:10 PM

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept January 22, 2022 Minutes as written. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Mike Kirschner. Passed.

Special Guest: NEC Scott Garrett introduced Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton

Chris Carlton: Chris spoke on why he joined and his slogan for next year "Passion and Purpose". Purpose is why you join and Passion is the 'fire that lights the way'.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Spanish Peaks VA Nursing Home.

Vice Commanders Reports:

Senior Vice Walter Weld: Excused

Junior Vice Ron Noakes: No report

Junior Vice Jim Gaddis: Excused

Committee Reports

Membership Walter Weld: Richard Humphrey called three squadrons regarding their renewals and got NO call-backs. As of April 1, National showed Colorado at 1,999 which did not include 220 recently transmitted.

Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari: We gained one and lost two putting us at 208 PUFL's.

Finance Rick Baldessari: We need membership renewals to meet budget. So far, so good. We are looking at \$3,350.00 surplus for 2021. No report on Vanguard earnings.

Americanism Ron Noakes:

Junior Shooting: Six new Junior Shooting instructors have been trained. Sqd #2008 has a class starting with eight students, #209 with nine students, #2 with 21 students. Post #5 is interested in starting a program. State tournament will be last Friday-Saturday in September.

Boys State: no info

Baseball: Registration is in progress.

Boy Scouts: Colorado has selected a female Eagle Scout to compete for National award.

Oratorical: The Department of Colorado had a very successful Oratorical contest this year. This was the first year in our new venue, Golden View Classical Academy. We have already secured this location for next year's event. We had 13 students compete this year. The Results are as follows: 1st place Emily Kastens Post 1187, 2nd place Rachael Densmore, Post 1, 3rd place Jackson Kastens Post 1187, 4th place Mae Webster Post 1260. All these students were excellent contestants! This was the closest competition we have ever had. Judges had a tough time this year. The judges got it right! The Department of Colorado is sending a true Champion to the finals in Indianapolis April 22-24, 2022. Our 2023 contest is already set for Saturday February 4, at Golden View Classical Academy.

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: As of April 1, Colorado has donated \$2,100.00 to CWF.

Public Relations: Mark Kilstrom is again printing his *Electronic Update*.

Legislative Richard Humphrey: House bills to protect the flag, veterans deportation protection plan, and Senate buddy check bill are still languishing in Congress. Richard felt that the Washington Conference was great.

VA & R Nick Arceo: I attend the VA&R monthly Zoom calls. Here are the three goals for this year; 1) promote Veterans National Assistance Day, May 21st (3rd Saturday in May), 2) increase Charles Rigsby Volunteer of the year award to 20 applicants, 3) Increase VA Reps & Deps by 10% nationally (down to 28 from a high of 51...we need 3 to move the needle 10%) Here are the notes of the last meeting; please promote Veterans National Assistance Day, there is a poster coming out on this soon, it has been sent to Ken George for approval. Look for candidates for the Rigsby Award. RE the Reps & Deps, we continue to have a decrease in this area. We don't want to lose our seat at the table. We are really having problems with The Legion side...The Legion feels that they have to certify Reps & Deps, and at times feel only Legion members should be in these positions, Committee member Gabe Cinquegrana has had no response from The Legion regarding our concerns in this matter. Why can't we (SAL) confirm our own people?

VFHV, Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans update. Our group takes care of the 30 beds of Veterans on the 2nd floor, which is a psychiatric lock down unit. We supply these Veterans all necessary items including clothes, personal need items, etc. We have not been allowed to set up our selling at the VA Hospital. We have taken our items to an outside business in Castle Rock, Mountain City Supply. Lots of Veterans visit this business and our sales are increasing slowly. Thank you to The Detachment of Colorado for giving us funds to assist our efforts for these Needy Veterans.