

VE&E Nick Arceo: I represent the Midwestern region. Our commission holds a monthly conference call on the 3rd Wednesday of each month 6p.m. mountain time, please join our call, 508-924-3315 NO ACCESS CODE NEEDED. Here is a brief overview of our Commission's overall mission, "to assist The American Legion in ensuring that American's Veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families". We have a new Chairmen, Chuck Treat. This year the commission is focusing on selling the benefits of VE&E at the Post and Squadron levels, participation of VE&E & how it can help our Veterans. VE&E is helping Veterans find ways to hold their heads up high and preparing them after their service. Here's how we do this, sharing and receiving vital information on the monthly conference calls, sharing information such as the National VE&E newsletter, sharing the SOP (suggested operating procedure) with Detachments, this is a tool to assist Detachments in establishing a VE&E Committee. We also have power-point for them to view. Here are some highlights of our last call.

*Continue to encourage Detachments to establish a VE&E committee

*A reminder of the Marvin P. Nay VE&E outstanding Contributor Award, last year we had our first awardee. (I forward info on this every month)

*Continue to reference job fairs and stand downs in your area

*Still having some concerns with the Monthly National VE&E newsletter

*Contact Detachment Commanders, do they need assistance, how can I be of help?

Rick Baldessari made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Hospitalized Veterans program at the Aurora VA with money from the VA & R Fund. 2nd Mark Kilstrom. Passed.

NEC Scott Garrett: The Legion Internal Affairs Committee at Fall NEC replaced the SAL Oversight Committee, Advisory Board, and Committee on Committees with new Legion approved committees with new members. As two of these committees are comprised of SAL members, and other committees, commissions have had member changes and are conducting business without ratification, NEC Scott Garrett intends to contest these changes at the Spring NEC meeting.

Advisor Shane Hasert: Absent

Motion to accept reports. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Brad Henderson. Passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Mark Kilstrom gave an update on Flying Flags for Heroes.
- 2) Motion to approve Sqd #209 to host November Awards Banquet. 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.
- 3) Update on squadron charter cancellations. Motion to add Sqds #115 and #1976 to cancellation list. 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Mark Kilstrom. Discussion. Mark felt yet another letter should be sent to the posts. Scott advised that this was now in Dept hands. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) Ad-hoc committee authorized to review operational documents for corrections to grammar, spelling, gibberish, etc. Mark Kilstrom to chair and report to Pre-DEC meeting.
- 2) Announcement of Detachment Officer candidates for 2022-23.

Ron Noakes Jr Vice Commander

Teddy Kuntz Sgt-at-Arms

- 3) Motion to give \$400.00 to Chris Carlton Campaign. 1st Scott Garrett. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Squadron Packets available after the meeting.
- 2) Rick Baldessari has applications and renewal reminders for Past Commander's Club.
- 3) Keith LaMee. Veterans Memorial Park open discussions still taking place at City Council meeting rooms.
- 4) Chris Carlton expressed thanks for the donation.
- 5) Ron Noakes asked about Detachment funding for 5 Star/10 Ideals medals.

Next meeting will be Pre-Convention DEC meeting, Friday July 1, 1:30 PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 15500 E. 40th Ave, Denver, CO, 80239, and Convention DEC meeting, Saturday, July 2, 9:00 AM, same location.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Brad Henderson

Closing: Commander Bobby Jones

Adjournment – Commander Bobby Jones

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.