



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Minutes  
Post-Convention Detachment Executive Committee  
July 23-2022

**Salute**

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

**POW/MIA Ceremony:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Blue Star Banner Ceremony:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Recitation of Preamble:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Roll Call of Officers:**

NEC/Asst Adjutant	Scott Garrett (200)
ALT NEC	Nick Arceo (103)
Commander	Richard Humphrey (23)
Sr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Ron Noakes (2)
Jr. Vice Commander	Bobby Jones (28) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Randy Forsythe (65) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Smith (1985) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Rob Berry (209)
Adjutant	Mark Kilstrom (2)
Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)
Asst Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)
Chaplain	Brad Henderson (209)
Historian	vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)
Judge Advocate	vacant
Detachment Advisor	Doug Wooddell (23)
Voting PDC	Pete Sierminski (32)
Voting PDC	Jim Gelwicks (54)

**Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present**

Rick Baldessari

Scott Garrett

Pete Sierminski

Nick Arceo

Ron Noakes

Mark Kilstrom

Jim Gelwicks

### **Roll Call – Squadrons Represented**

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**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, Past Department Commander and Legion NVC Doug Wooddell, Past Department President Laurie Kuntz

Meeting called to order on July 23, 2022 at: 1:07 PM

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion to accept July 2, 2022 Minutes as published 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Garrett. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Arceo. Passed.

**Correspondence:** Adjutant Mark presented a small plaque given to the Detachment from the Department Oratorical Chair for our donation to the Oratorical program. Mark read a letter from V4HV thanking us for our donation.

### **Vice Commanders Reports:**

**Senior Vice Walter Weld:** Stated that once again he is responsible for membership, we reached our goal for 2022, and stated he and the Commander plan to visit each Squadron.

**Junior Vice Ron Noakes:** No Report

**Junior Vice Rob Berry:** The National Commander was in Colorado Springs for the National Junior Shooting Finals. He had chance to spend the day with him and took him up for a flight around southern Colorado in his private plane.

**Chaplain Brad Henderson:** No reported hospitalizations or deaths. Jim Gelwicks reported that Ken Demming Jr. longtime adjutant for Squadron 54 and past Detachment Jr. Vice Commander passed away last week, he does not have an address for any family members to send a card to..

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership Walter Weld:** We have reached 100% and asked if the Adjutant has received any memberships or enough to reach our 105%, we have not. Past Adjutant Scott stated he was informed by the Department Book keeper that she received some on line renewals and will be sending the check out, he advised her to send it to Adjutant Mark. There were 23 from Squadron 11-11. Adjutant Mark asked Walter about an article in the Post 1 news letter about membership. Walter hasn't read it yet. Mark Asked him to provide a membership article for the next electronic update. The Commander added that on the most recent national membership report we are at 101% and need 89 to make 105%. Renewal rate is 83.5% we are 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation for membership.

**Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari:** No change since Convention. The fund from permanent membership account have been moved to the general fund to pay for the Permanent Members

**Finance Rick Baldessari:** Finance report is printed and available, we have spent about 1/3 of our budget this year, we have just over \$12,000 left in the budget, we have large expenses coming up with National Convention. Committee met earlier today and discussed increase the CWF and Awards Banquet funding to \$500 for next year, they discussed increasing the line item for national travel by \$1,000 and recommends moving money from mid-year conference and convention to in-state travel of about \$600. They also discussed adding funds to cover two tickets to the banquets for mid-year conference and convention. The quarterly Vanguard reports will be added into the finance report. There has been no word on if past Commander Jones will need financial assistance for his travel to national Convention.

**VA & R Nick Arceo:** Nothing new since convention

**VE&E Nick Arceo:** Nothing new since convention

### **Americanism Ron Noakes:**

**Boy Scouts:** The Denver area council will be renamed and will be announced in the fall. A check was issued to help a scout in Pueblo for her eagle scout program.

**Baseball:** Walter Weld reported the Department is still looking for more coaches, sponsors and teams. The B or lower-level state tournament was canceled this year.

**Oratorical** nothing new since convention

**Boys State:** no info, the Commander state the Boys State Chairman Tom Bock is at Boys nation at this time

**Junior Shooting:** Post 209 Shooting is down for the summer. Post 2008 is down for the summer; Post 2 is holding their tournament September 23 & 23 at Centennial High School.

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** We have \$1,500 donated from the Detachment this year. Adjutant Mark reported that \$165 was collected for the Vets Kids fund from the sale of Commander Jones' pins. That money was turned over to him at convention.

**Public Relations:** Adjutant Mark stated the electronic update went out on Wednesday, and apologized to the Commander for sending it out before he received the Commander's article. Mark stated we want an article from each committee chair by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September for the next one.

**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.

**Advisor Doug Wooddell:** Past Department and Detachment Commander J R Kent suffered a stroke but is now home and does not want any calls, visits or cards. Doug informed that Annette Johnson was elected Department Commander off the floor at Convention. Doug stated that the Department Constitution was changed to allow the DEC to meet electronically so future DEC meetings will be via Zoom. The last DEC Meeting was a zoom meeting during which the Commander appointed Committees. The Department Constitution was also changed to remove the Dept HQ Address and merely state that Dept HQ will be within the State of Colorado. Doug shared some information of the matter concerning Department possibly selling of the Department HQ building. Doug Confirmed that Next years' Convention will be in Ignacio, Mid-year is scheduled for the Crown Plaza in Denver.

**NEC Scott Garrett:** No Report

**Commanders Comments:** His mission this year is to rekindle the spark. This will be a good year, we're coming out of two years of inactivity due to COVID. He wants the leadership to get out in the field and let him know when and where they are going and he will try to get there with us. Promote the programs especially the Five ideas and 10 ideas programs. He will inform everyone where he is going and when. He intends to visit each squadron twice starting on the western slope. He has nine Posts in mind where he wants to start a Squadron. He wants the website kept up to date with Squadron Contacts. The Commander wants to meet with Vice-commanders after the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

Rick Baldessari asked for copies of SCRs. Adjutant Mark will provide them. NEC Scott Garrett listed National Convention Delegates, Danny Smith (at-large), Scott Garrett, Brad Henderson, Richard Humphrey, Bobby Jones, Nick Arceo, Mike Kirschner, Mark Kilstrom, Wally Weld, Rick Baldessari. Our current membership is 2,675. Currently we are allowed eight delegates so one of those listed will have to be an alternate. Scott is required to send in a Convention Committee recommendation form, Richard id listed for Legislative Committee, Nick Arceo listed for VA&R, Rick Baldessari listed for Finance, Brad Henderson for Americanism, Mark Kilstrom requested History/Scrap book, but is not on the submission form, as an alternative he requested internal affairs, Wally Weld will be listed at Scott's decision. All room reservation forms have been submitted to Department. Mark stated he could pick up delegate badges on Thursday morning.

**New Business:**

Committee Chairs and remaining members were appointed at convention by the incoming Commander and approved by the Convention. Jim Gelwicks moved to transfer \$600.00 from unused funds for Detachment Mid-year and Convention to the instate travel funds, second by Ron Noakes, carried.

**Good of the Sons:**

Laurie Kuntz stated the Auxiliary National President Vickie Koutz, will be visiting Colorado October 2-4.

Adjutant Mark advised that Dept Commander Annette Johnson is on the Board of Directors for the Fisher House and they would like the SAL to get back involved again. After discussion of the past activities we have done. Mark stated he would get with her and discuss in more detail what they are looking for. Lauri Kuntz stated the Auxiliary was recently there and one of the things they need most is grocery cards.

Ron Noakes advised of an active duty soldier who bought a home in Fremont County that needs a whole new septic system because it was not inspected, Post 209 is holding benefit dinner for the family and there is a go fund me page.

Scott Garrett stated that he still managing the web site, and he will be posting National Committee reports on the site.

Next meeting will be Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Post 209 in Colorado Springs at 1:30 pm followed by the Awards Banquet.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

**Closing:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Adjournment** – Commander Richard Humphrey

**Salute**

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

