



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Minutes  
Mid-year Detachment Executive Committee  
January 28, 2023, John Harold Buckley Post 32, Longmont, Colorado

**Salute**

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Commander Richard

**Recitation of Preamble:** led by Commander Richard

Meeting called to order on January 28, 2023, at: 2:09 pm

**Roll Call of Officers:**

**(Those present in bold type)**

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

**Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present:**

Rick Baldessari	Jim Gelwicks	Mark Kilstrom
Pete Sierminski	Mike Kirschner	Ron Noakes
Nick Arceo		

**Roll Call – Squadrons:  
(Squadrons present in Bold)**

1	2	4	5	10	13	15	17	18	19
20	<b>21</b>	22	<b>23</b>	24	26	28	<b>32</b>	38	39
<b>54</b>	55	58	62	<b>65</b>	66	<b>68</b>	70	73	75
77	81	87	89	97	100	101	102	<b>103</b>	111
113	119	151	160	161	170	178	180	193	200
204	206	207	<b>209</b>	<b>211</b>	11-11	<b>1985</b>	1992	2000	2001
2008	2017								

**SQUADRON EVERLANSTING**

Commander Humphrey presided over the Squadron Everlasting Ceremony for PDC Ernie Clark and Past Sergeant-at-Arms Kenny Werdeski and presented the resolution for Ernie Clark to his daughter Betty. The Resolution is attached as Annex A.

**Distinguished Guests:** National Vice Commander Mike Kirschner, Past National Vice Commanders; Pete Sierminski, Rick Baldessari, Jim Gelwicks, Past TAL National Vice-Commander; Doug Wooddell, Past Department Commanders; Doug Wooddell, Richard Humphrey.

**Reading of Minutes:** Pete Sierminski moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as published, second by Ron Noakes, the motion carried.

**Ann Ritacco** from Colorado ALA addressed the meeting seeking financial assisting to assist with sending ALA Junior members to the Junior meetings in Minnesota next year. Rick Baldessari mentioned that the Detachment made a donation from our 2022 budget that was given today in an envelope to the ALA Sgt-at-Arms right after the PCC lunch, so she probably hasn't rec'd it yet. Jim Gelwicks stated will bring it up at our convention when we look at disbursement of our 2022 budget surplus.

**Correspondence:** Adjutant Mark Kilstrom read: a card received from Department of Oklahoma regarding Teddy Kuntz' Alf dog project; a letter from Veterans 4 Hospitalized Veterans thanking the Detachment for our donation of \$250.00; a letter from Small Business Entrepreneurships, digital.com asking that we set a hyperlink on our website that links to their website to provide assistance to entrepreneur veterans, there was not discussion on the matter, no action taken.

**Guest Speaker:** ANEC Arceo introduced NVC Michael Kirshner (CO)

NVC Mike spoke on the "Be The One" campaign and how even a small gesture can make a huge difference not just to a veteran, but also a veterans' family member as well. NVC Kirschner spoke on TAL National Commander and SAL National Commander joint project of the Veteran's & Children's Foundation. NVC Kirschner thanked the organization for the outpouring of support during the troubling times following the passing of his wife. The NVC complemented Colorado on our membership performance and encouraged us to take over 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Midwest Region. He also complemented us on our history of being one of the largest contributors to the CWF.

Commander Humphrey presented NVC Kirschner with a Resolution commending him for the many ways he has distinguished himself and brought great credit upon the Detachment of Colorado. The Adjutant read the resolution. Jim Gelwicks moved to adopt the resolution, there were several seconds, motion to adopt the resolution, motion carried. The resolution attached is as Annex B.

## **Officer Reports:**

**Junior Vice Ron Noakes:** Ron is working on speaking to schools in the Pueblo area about Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical Contest and Baseball.

**Junior Vice Randy Forsythe:** Randy spoke of some activities Post, Unit and Squadron did to replace flags that were destroyed in a fire. The flags were coffin flags from veterans in the area that were donated by the survivors of the veteran's and each flag had a name on them.

**Junior Vice Rob Barry:** See Attached Annex C

**NEC Scott Garrett:** Attached as Annex D. NVC Mike Kirschner that realignments of regions will be effective MY 2025

**Chaplain Brad Henderson:** Brad relayed a story of some time he spent with an elderly disabled veteran who is beginning to have cognitive issues and the positive effect his visit it had on the veteran and how it ties into the "BE THE ONE" campaign. Brad mentioned his assisted living center organized a "Sock Hop" and the price of admission was a pair of socks, 700 pair of socks were donated that were to be donated to homeless children.

**Commander Richard Humphrey:** Commander Richard reported that he has visited 13 Squadrons so far this year and has nine visits scheduled for February and four or five for March and he has noticed a lot of difference in how various Squadrons conduct their meetings.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Adjutant Mark Kilstrom gave the membership report see annex E. Mark placed extra emphasis on renewals and that Vice Commanders need to be aware of Squadrons in their areas that are lagging in meeting goals and contact them and/or visit them. Mark congratulated the Squadrons that have already reached 100% and that they will get certificates signed by TAL and SAL National Commanders for being at 100% before the Legion birthday.

**Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari:** Rick stated that we are at 206 Permanent members. And we picked up another today from Squadron 2008. Rick asked anyone who has receipts to get turned in for 2022 to do so quickly. Currently we have an \$800.00 surplus from the 2022 budget. Rick stated he has not received any issued checks or expenditure reports since December 22. It was discovered during discussion that emails the Adjutant has been sending through the Department Server are not going through to Comcast and Hotmail accounts. Jr Vice Randy stated that this came up during the Department DEC meeting and steps are being taken to correct the issue. The 2023 budget was approved at the last meeting. Rick asked if there were any recommendations for changes, Adjutant Mark said he had some items under new business that may require changes.

**Finance Rick Baldessari:** The final financial statement is attached as Annex F.

## **Americanism Ron Noakes:**

**Scouting:** Rick stated the Eagle Scout of the Year nomination forms are on the National Website. Ron Noakes stated the Scout they supported in Pueblo has completed a project and has been awarded Eagle Scout.

**Junior Shooting:** Ken Taylor reported that Post 209 has a class starting February 9<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup> is their marksmanship class. There was discussion of how other Squadrons can get a program going and requirements and well as discussion of the use of the mobile range.

**Boys State:** Mark Kilstrom reported on Boys State. Attached as annex G. Tom Yeagley from Post 1 added a few comments on the positive effects the program has on the young men that attend.

**Oratorical:** Attached as Annex H.

**Baseball:** Ron said they hope to bring Legion Baseball into southern Colorado.

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** Pete Reported on Current CWF Contributions. Attached as Annex I.

**Public Relations vacant:** no report

**Tom Yagley,** (visitor) from Post 1 expressed condolences for the loss of PDC Ernie, that he was a great friend of Post 1 and they did a number of bicycle drives to help Ernie's program. The Post one family gathered some funds to help out and they will pass it on to his family.

**Legislative Richard Humphrey:** Washington Conference is at the end of February. There will be wreath laying ceremonies at various monuments including the Tomb of the Unknown. It is also the time when the TAL Commander gives report to Congress on what The American Legion does and what our legislative priorities are. "The Be The One" campaign on veteran and active-duty suicide prevention was included as a part of the Defense budget. There is more information on the National website on Legion legislative priorities. Randy Forsythe added that the Colorado United Veterans Council, in the wake of the Biden Administration gaining the release of WNBA player Brittney Griner, is promoting a resolution to encourage the Biden Administration to secure the release of Marine Veteran Paul Whelan from Russian captivity.

**VA & R Nick Arceo:** Attached as Annex J.

**Advisor Doug Wooddell:** Doug reported that there are around six different bills working through the Colorado Legislature. One would change the law that prohibits State run Veterans' Homes to accept donations, that they are now not allowed to. Another is to give 100% property tax exemption for immediate Gold Star Family members. Another involves income tax exemption for military pensions. Doug gave an update on the status of the potential sale of the Department HQ building, stating the building has been listed but is not for sale. as of yet there have been no actual bids presented. If a bid is given and the DEC accepts it, notification will be sent to each post for membership vote. Each Post must vote by 2/3rds of members present at the Post meeting to approve the sale, in order for Post to vote in favor of the sale at a Department Convention. The Depart must take a vote of Post present at a Department Convention, and 2/3rds of the Post present at Convention must vote in favor of the sale for it to proceed.

Department convention will be held in Ignacio, CO from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **New Business:**

National Committees/Commissions: Adjutant Mark Kilstrom stated he received an email from NEC Scott Garrett that he needs to know if there is anyone interested in serving on any national committee or commission.

Selection of Host Squadron for Awards Banquet: Squadron 68 self-nominated by Scott Armstrong, to host the Awards Banquet. There were no other Squadrons that expressed interest. Ron Noakes moved we have Squadron 68 host the event, seconded by Randy Forsythe, no discussion, motion carried.

Office Equipment-Adjutant: Mark Kilstrom, reported that the Detachment Laptop which has operating system Windows 7 is no longer functioning due to age and can no longer update drivers and service package. Also, his personal computer which he's been using for Detachment business crashed and had to be replaced, but all Detachment historical info had

been recovered, and is currently backed-up on “OneDrive” cloud storage, and newer laptops do not have CD drives so current Detachment Legion CD for Certificates and emblems will need to be purchased from Emblem sales on thumb drives. Mark stated he had priced some online that ranged from the mid \$200-Mid \$300 range that offer Windows 11 and Office 365 that has all the apps needed along with 1TB of “OneDrive” cloud storage that will automatically back up all our information. The Office 365 has an annual fee of \$69.00 but also allows sharing of data to other users who have password access. Mark also stated that the current projector the Detachment owns is not compatible with new computers and he purchased one with his own funds for \$124.xx to use for this meeting. If the detachment would like to have it he want’s reimbursed, if not he will keep it for personal use and the Detachment will not have one. Mark stated he will have the hard drive pulled from the old laptop and have it destroyed so that PII won’t be compromised. Rick Baldessari stated we have \$2,475.00 in our budget for office expenses, so we have the funds for purchase of these new items. Mark further stated that he has several years of old detachment membership rosters that need to be properly destroyed so that members PPI will not be exposed. It was suggested to check on community sources that periodically offer those services for free. Mark also suggested that we consider purchasing a Zoom account and for \$100.00/year it will allow us to bring in other members remotely to our meetings, up to 100 participants per meeting and up to 30 hours per meeting with no limit on the number of meetings. It was suggested that through blast emails Mark try to get an idea from our members reached how many would participate.

Pete Sierminski moved that the Detachment approve the purchase of the projector and a new laptop computer, second by Randy Forsythe. No discussion, motion carried.

### **Good of the Sons:**

Candidate Announcements: Randy Forsythe (65) announced will again seek office as Jr. Vice Commander. Rob Barry (209) announced he will seek the office of Sr. Vice Commander. Mark Kilstrom (2) announced he is interested in seeking the office of ANEC. Nick Arceo announced he will seek the office of NEC. Ron Noakes (2) stated he does not wish to further continue as Jr. Vice. Jake Alexander stated that pending the approval and receipt of Squadron 109 Charter he would seek the office of Jr. Vice.

Commander Humphrey called for a moment of silence for recently departed 2011 Detachment Mother of the Year, Yvonne Kirschner, Chaplain Brad offered prayer.

Next meeting will April 1<sup>st</sup> at American Legion Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Post 209 at 2:00 pm  
Followed by the annual CWF Banquet.

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Brad Henderson

**Closing:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Adjournment** – Commander Richard Humphrey

**Salute:** "I Now Declare this Meeting of the Executive Committee, Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion, Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.



# **Sons of The American Legion**

## **Resolution**

*Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, The Great Commander, to  
summon the immortal legions of our beloved comrade,*

***Ernie Clark. and***

*Whereas, We humbly bow to the will of Devine Providence, while  
ever cherishing in our hearts the memory of distinguished service to  
our country and outstanding contributions to the Sons of The  
American Legion comradeship; now be it*

*Resolved, that the Detachment of Colorado*

*Sons of The American Legion does morn the passing of our comrade*

***Ernie Clark*** *that we commend to all the works,*

*and to God the spirit; and be it further*

*Resolved, that in token of our common grief, a copy of this  
resolution transferring **Ernie Clark** to the Squadron Everlasting*

*Sons of The American Legion be presented to the next of kin.*

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*Detachment Commander*

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*Detachment Adjutant*

# Sons of The American Legion



## Resolution

No. DEC 2023-01

**Source:** Detachment of Colorado Detachment Executive Committee

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner is the son of a Vietnam War Veteran. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has been a member of Squadron 2, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado for 25 years. And

**Whereas,** during his 25 years as a member of the Sons of The American Legion, Michael Kirschner has served as the Adjutant and Finance Officer for Squadron 2 for over 20 years. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has distinguished himself while serving as the Commander for the Detachment of Colorado for membership year 2012-2013 by inspiring through his unique and effective leadership style motivated the Detachment of Colorado to achieve the great accomplishment of earning the National Triple Nickle Award. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has also distinguished himself by serving as the National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for membership year 2013-2014. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has also distinguished himself by serving as the Sons of The American Legion National Sergeant-at-Arms for membership year 2014-2015. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has also distinguished himself by serving as a member on the Sons of The American National Internal Affairs Commission from 2018 through 2021. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner has also distinguished himself by serving as the Mid-west membership Chairman for the Sons of The American Legion for membership year 2021-2022. And

**Whereas,** Michael Kirschner further distinguished himself by being elected to the high office of National Vice Commander of the Sons of The American Legion for membership year 2022-2023. Be it therefore

**Resolved,** by the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American in regular session in the city of Longmont, Colorado on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 does hereby commend and expresses great gratitude to Michael Kirschner for his many admirable accomplishments he has achieved. His record of service is in keeping with the highest standards of the Sons of The American Legion and brings great credit and honor upon himself, the Detachment of Colorado and the Sons of The American Legion.

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Richard Humphrey

Detachment Commander

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Mark A Kilstrom

Detachment Adjutant

## Annex C

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Vice Commander Report: Rob Barry

Squadron 209 will be hosting the CWF banquet on 1 April 2023. Meetings will begin at 1400. Social hour from 1700 to 1800 with one of Crew 762's own members playing the Harp. Posting of Colors at 1800 followed by opening remarks and dinner. Dinner will be Chicken Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Side Salad and Dessert for a suggested donation of \$20. All proceeds and tips at the cash bar will go to CWF. There will be a silent auction, a 50/50, and A.L.F. dogs available for purchase. In order to maximize revenue, Squadron leadership is working with local, Veteran-friendly businesses to sponsor a table at one of three levels of contribution.

I have begun outreach to several posts about the A.L.F. dogs. Squadron 209 received a second shipment of 50 dogs and are looking for a variety of support options to include: battered women's shelters, homeless Veterans with small children, Family Readiness Groups, etc. I am creating a Bullet Background Paper on suggestions for program implementation that can be adapted to a Squadron's specific needs for their location.

I have informally been visiting posts at their various functions. I am having conversations on how they are running their programs, retaining members, and gaining new members. I am not only talking to officers but gaining information from any Son that is willing to share.

I am also creating a proposition for all SAL squadrons in the southern area to have a get together this summer. This is in its infancy state, but there will be more to follow.

I am not sure if you are aware, but we spearheaded getting an AED installed in Post 209. I am now working on a program to reach out to each squadron to take the initiative to make this happen in their posts as well. More to follow with this as well.



## Annex D

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### NEC Report

The revised National Constitution & By-Laws was received early December and is on the detachment website. It was revised to eliminate any differences between it and the Legion docs.

A major change is that going forward we will elect five NVC's not by region but at large who will each be assigned a region. Regions are also being realigned to mirror the Legion's regional breakdown. Therefore we in CO will be assigned to the West Region.

Two questions I have are 1) When it will take effect and 2) Will the SAL be allowed to officially ratify it?

As of this fall, all NEC men are assigned to a national committee/commission as a liaison with voice but no vote. Scott is one of three assigned to the Finance Commission.

A PUFL AD Hoc Committee was established at Fall NEC to investigate and present viable options for a national PUFL program reporting to the National Convention in August 2023. Scott is assigned to this committee as well.

Annex E

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Detachment Membership Report as of January 20, 2023

Squadron	City	2022	2023	1/20/23	1/20/23	1/20/23	75%	Needed	Percent	Renewal	Projected	PUFL
			Goal	Mail-In	Online	Strength	Target	Target		Percent	Delegates	
							2/15/23					
1o	Denver	139	140	109	0	109	105	0	77.64%	64.75%	20	7
2os	Pueblo	121	122	83	0	83	92	9	67.92%	61.16%	17	1
4os	Fort Collins	101	102	71	0	71	77	6	69.60%	55.45%	16	0
5o	Colorado Springs	63	64	37	0	37	48	11	58.15%	55.56%	13	17
10	Boulder	86	87	45	0	45	65	20	51.81%	48.84%	14	0
13obs	Canon City	10	11	14	0	14	8	0	127.27%	100.00%	10	1
15os	Loveland	56	57	27	0	27	42	15	47.74%	44.64%	12	7
17os	Edgewater	40	41	20	0	20	31	11	48.78%	50.00%	11	3
18	Greeley*	0	10	0	0	0	8	8	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
19os	Ft. Morgan	25	26	5	0	5	20	15	19.23%	20.00%	5	0
20os	Sterling	36	37	36	0	36	28	0	97.30%	100.00%	13	1
21os	Golden	99	100	72	0	72	75	3	72.01%	63.64%	16	12
22	Northglenn	110	111	66	0	66	83	17	59.41%	56.36%	16	13
23os	Aurora	28	29	24	0	24	22	0	82.76%	82.14%	11	17
24ob	Olathe	14	15	16	5	21	11	0	106.67%	100.00%	11	0
26	Eaton	15	16	0	0	0	12	12	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
28os	Durango	28	29	15	0	15	22	7	51.72%	39.29%	11	0
32os	Longmont	403	407	256	0	256	305	49	62.89%	60.30%	35	11
38os	Fountain	98	99	72	0	72	74	2	72.74%	71.43%	16	47
39os	Manitou Springs	48	49	31	0	31	37	6	63.27%	41.67%	12	0
54os	Gunnison	31	32	3	9	12	24	12	9.38%	25.81%	3	3
55	Buena Vista	11	12	3	0	3	9	6	25.00%	27.27%	3	0
58b	Broomfield	12	13	13	0	13	10	0	100.00%	91.67%	10	0
62	Craig	1	10	1	0	1	8	7	10.00%	100.00%	1	1
65osb	Delta	14	15	0	15	15	11	-4	100.00%	100.00%	0	0
66abos	Akron	30	31	33	0	33	23	0	106.45%	100.00%	12	0
68NEW os	Brush	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	N/A	N/A	10	0
70os	Johnstown	39	40	20	0	20	30	10	50.00%	51.28%	11	0
73	Montrose	4	10	0	0	0	8	8	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
75osb	Cortez*	0	10	13	0	13	8	0	130.00%	0.00%		0
81osb	Flagler*	0	10	15	0	15	8	0	150.00%	0.00%	11	0
87os	Denver	1	10	1	0	1	8	7	10.00%	100.00%	1	1
89o	Hayden	12	13	12	0	12	10	0	92.31%	83.33%	10	0
97	Paonia	21	22	0	0	0	17	17	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
100os	Carbondale	72	73	2	0	2	55	53	2.75%	2.78%	2	2
101ob	Denver	24	25	32	0	32	19	0	128.00%	95.83%	12	0
102	Fort Lupton	15	16	0	0	0	12	12	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
103osb	Littleton	17	18	18	0	18	14	0	100.00%	100.00%	11	3
109NEW os	Windsor	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0.00%	#DIV/0!	11	
111s	Louisville	57	58	40	0	40	43	3	69.48%	68.42%	13	6
113	Alamosa	10	10	7	0	7	8	1	70.00%	60.00%	7	0
119os	Estes Park	44	45	30	0	30	34	4	66.67%	56.82%	12	1
151os	Commerce City	15	16	6	0	6	12	6	37.50%	40.00%	6	6
160a	Byers	20	21	20	0	20	16	0	95.24%	100.00%	11	0
161os	Arvada	156	158	123	0	123	118	0	78.07%	71.15%	21	2
170os	Westcliffe	14	15	11	0	11	11	0	73.33%	64.29%	10	0
178o	Lakewood	209	211	193	0	193	158	0	91.43%	84.69%	28	17
180o	Keenesburg	51	52	16	0	16	39	23	30.77%	29.41%	11	0
193os	Denver	17	18	13	0	13	14	1	72.22%	76.47%	10	8
200os	Grand Junction	3	10	2	0	2	8	6	20.00%	66.67%	2	1
204	JP Martinez - Denver	25	26	24	5	29	20	0	92.31%	88.00%	11	0
206os	Aurora	14	15	0	12	12	11	-1	80.00%	100.00%	0	0
207os	Pueblo West	8	9	8	0	8	7	0	88.89%	100.00%	8	1
209os	Colorado Springs	70	71	1	59	60	53	-7	84.87%	68.57%	1	1
211osb	Headquarters	8	9	13	0	13	7	0	144.44%	100.00%	10	7
1111o	North Jeffco	89	90	2	86	88	67	-21	97.90%	73.03%	2	2
1985os	Firestone	65	66	53	0	53	49	0	80.73%	70.77%	14	1
1992os	Aurora	35	36	26	0	26	27	1	72.22%	74.29%	12	2
2000	Loveland	18	19	0	2	2	14	12	0.00%	22.22%	0	0
2001	Evergreen	4	10	0	0	0	8	8	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
2008os	Falcon***	24	25	24	0	24	19	0	96.00%	100.00%	11	4
2017NEW os	Limon	NEW		15	0	15	0	0	N/A	N/A	11	
	Total Renewals					0	0			1646		
	Detachment Goal	2780	2900	1820	193	2013	2175	162	69.42%	59.21%	578	206
1/16/23	National Goal	2682	2729			1869	2047	178	68.49%			

**S.A.L. Detachment of Colorado**

**Unrestricted Budget**

27-Dec-2022

2022

Nov DEC

**Budget**

**Spent**

**Remainder**

**INCOME**

<b>5180</b>	<b>Delegate fees - Detachment</b>	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
<b>5210</b>	<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$17,437.00	\$17,607.00	\$170.00
<b>5215</b>	<b>Permanent Mem Transfer</b>	\$209.00	\$209.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,046.00</b>	<b>\$18,216.00</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>7500</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>8100 &amp; 8200</b>	<b>Office &amp; Facility Expenses</b>	\$2,596.00	\$2,450.08	\$145.92
<b>8300</b>	<b>Travel - Colorado</b>	\$3,900.00	\$3,468.22	\$431.78
<b>8320</b>	<b>Per Diem - Natl Travel</b>	\$1,300.00	\$1,245.00	\$55.00
<b>8340</b>	<b>National Convention</b>	\$4,500.00	\$4,503.00	(\$3.00)
<b>8350</b>	<b>St Convention</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>8360</b>	<b>Mid Year</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>8500 &amp; 8600</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$600.00	\$494.37	\$105.63
	<b>9000 Program Donations</b>			
<b>9010</b>	<b>CWF</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>9030-9070</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Community</b>	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
<b>9200-9400</b>	<b>Legion Donations</b>	\$2,950.00	\$2,750.00	\$200.00
<b>9500</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	\$450.00	\$800.00	(\$350.00)
<b>9910</b>	<b>Payments to Affiliates</b>	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00

**Total Expenditures** **\$18,046.00** **\$17,210.67** **\$835.33**

**Budget Revenue Available** **\$1,005.33**



Annex F continued

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Finance Report Current Status of 2022 Unrestricted Budget, pending outstanding receipts.

<b>S.A.L. Detachment of Colorado</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Budget</b>				
<b>27-Dec-2022</b>				
<b>2022</b>				
<b>Nov DEC</b>				
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remainder</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>5180</b>	<b>Delegate fees - Detachment</b>	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
<b>5210</b>	<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$17,437.00	\$17,607.00	\$170.00
<b>5215</b>	<b>Permanent Mem Transfer</b>	\$209.00	\$209.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,046.00</b>	<b>\$18,216.00</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>7500</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>8100 &amp; 8200</b>	<b>Office &amp; Facility Expenses</b>	\$2,596.00	\$2,450.08	\$145.92
<b>8300</b>	<b>Travel - Colorado</b>	\$3,900.00	\$3,468.22	\$431.78
<b>8320</b>	<b>Per Diem - Natl Travel</b>	\$1,300.00	\$1,245.00	\$55.00
<b>8340</b>	<b>National Convention</b>	\$4,500.00	\$4,503.00	(\$3.00)
<b>8350</b>	<b>St Convention</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>8360</b>	<b>Mid Year</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>8500 &amp; 8600</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$600.00	\$494.37	\$105.63
<b>9000 Program Donations</b>				
<b>9010</b>	<b>CWF</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>9030-9070</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Community</b>	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
<b>9200-9400</b>	<b>Legion Donations</b>	\$2,950.00	\$2,750.00	\$200.00
<b>9500</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	\$450.00	\$800.00	(\$350.00)
<b>9910</b>	<b>Payments to Affiliates</b>	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$18,046.00</b>	<b>\$17,210.67</b>	<b>\$835.33</b>
	<b>Budget Revenue Available</b>			<b>\$1,005.33</b>

## Annex G

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### Boys State Report

Adjutant Mark attended the Department Boys State Committee meeting at Post 1 on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Boys State will be held 4-10 June at Northeast Jr College in Sterling, CO a week before Girls State.

All Boys State activities will be held in one building (French Hall). The dorms are in close proximity to the French Hall. Staff and advisors will be in separate a dorm, but Jr Counselors will be housed in the same dorm as attendees.

Training for Jr Counselors will take place via zoom meetings ahead of time.

The Department had considered contracting commercial busses to transport the attendees to Sterling due to the distance. However due to liability and insurance concerns this idea has been scrapped.

There will be 6 cities with two counselors for each.

Special guest advisors and speakers include a past CO State Senator, a current CO State Senator, a current District Attorney and the editor of the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

The Committee has developed a marketing logo for Colorado American Legion Boys State and a unique logo symbolizing the uniqueness of Colorado, which is still being refined to comply with Legion Logo copyright proprieties.

Post Coordinator guides have been sent to each Post and should be here at this conference.

Legion required background checks will be conducted for all counselors and all counselors will undergo sexual abuse training, Training for Post Coordinators is taking place this weekend.

## Annex H

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### Oratorical

February 4, 2023, • • 9AM • Golden View Classical Academy 601 Corporate Circle Golden, CO 80401 For info on how to participate in the Oratorical contest: [www.colegionoratorical.org](http://www.colegionoratorical.org) The Oratorical Contest presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Young orators can earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students.

Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year.

The American Legion awards scholarships to the top four (4) finalists at the Colorado contest.

American Legion – Colorado

1st Place \$3000

2nd Place \$1500

3rd Place \$1000

4th Place \$500

Our winner will represent Colorado at the National Finals on April 21-23, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN.

Each Department (state) Winner who is certified into and participates in the National Contest's First Round receives a \$2,000 scholarship.

Those who advance past the First Round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

The overall National Contest Winner is awarded a \$25,000 scholarship.

Second Place receives a \$22,500 scholarship.

Third Place receives a \$20,000 scholarship.

The American Legion National Organization awards scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.



Annex I

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Children & Youth CWF Report

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF) - DONATIONS REPORT

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,053	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 555.00	27.0%	\$ 0.27
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,627	\$ 1,627.00	\$ 1,678.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,076	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 10,504.00	130.1%	\$ 1.30
AR - ARKANSAS		441	\$ 441.00	\$ 200.00	45.4%	\$ 0.45
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 1,183.56	11.0%	\$ 0.11
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,784	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 5,130.00	184.3%	\$ 1.84
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,856	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 1,100.00	59.3%	\$ 0.59
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,433	\$ 2,433.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
DC - DIST OF COL		113	\$ 113.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 19,010.00	88.1%	\$ 0.88
FR - FRANCE		156	\$ 156.00	\$ 100.00	64.1%	\$ 0.64
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 1,360.00	30.5%	\$ 0.31
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00	400.0%	\$ 4.00
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ 200.00	31.0%	\$ 0.31
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,348	\$ 13,348.00	\$ 2,671.78	20.0%	\$ 0.20
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 225.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,836	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 154.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 365.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
KY - KENTUCKY		2,586	\$ 2,586.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 1,510.00	85.2%	\$ 0.85
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,596	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,051	\$ 16,051.00	\$ 580.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 121.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
MX - MEXICO		31	\$ 31.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,311	\$ 24,311.00	\$ 5,158.00	21.2%	\$ 0.21
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,289	\$ 11,289.00	\$ 6,827.75	60.5%	\$ 0.60
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	725	\$ 725.00	\$ 137.00	18.9%	\$ 0.19
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,197	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 350.00	10.9%	\$ 0.11
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,076	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 850.00	79.0%	\$ 0.79
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,913	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 4,845.00	70.1%	\$ 0.70
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ 75.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,811	\$ 5,811.00	\$ 2,488.78	42.8%	\$ 0.43
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,364	\$ 9,364.00	\$ 270.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 4,800.00	319.1%	\$ 3.19
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 9,993.00	33.4%	\$ 0.33
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,698	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 2,293.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,051	\$ 1,051.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,144	\$ 30,144.00	\$ 6,842.80	22.7%	\$ 0.23
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,343	\$ 1,343.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,428	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 587.00	41.1%	\$ 0.41
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 6,370.98	10.5%	\$ 0.11
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ 75.00	111.9%	\$ 1.12
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ 10.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00		0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,485	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 400.00	26.9%	\$ 0.27
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,360	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,451.85	106.8%	\$ 1.07
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,683	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 911.61	54.2%	\$ 0.54
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,584	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 9,884.00	177.0%	\$ 1.77
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 475.00	107.5%	\$ 1.07
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,830	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 1,950.00	50.9%	\$ 0.51
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,079	\$ 4,079.00	\$ 11,700.00	286.8%	\$ 2.87
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,504	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 675.00	27.0%	\$ 0.27
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 2,727.25	113.4%	\$ 1.13
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 605.00	14.5%	\$ 0.14
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,295	\$ 1,295.00		0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -	\$ 3,699.91		
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 349,789.25</b>	<b>366,511</b>	<b>\$ 366,511.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,550.27</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>

## Annex J

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VA&R report

Here is a recap of last year's efforts:

In-kind Donations: \$1,030,455

Number of Volunteers: 414

Regular Volunteer Hours: 37,819

Occasional Volunteer Hours: 8,092

Program supported: SCI, H2, NAC, Compassionate Contact Corp, breast cancer awareness, RMR baby shower, Veterans week, Vietnam recognition day, CRRC stand down, mobile food pantry, HUDVASH move in kits, PACT Act events, 12 Days of Holiday's, Spring beautification project, COVID vaccine clinic, Ross's Presents, blood drive, suicide prevention, Blue Star Marker, National Salute, thanksgiving turkey baskets, flag day and much more! I volunteer three days a week. Two days in the emergence room, one day setting up the V4HV tables and popcorn stand. The VA has recently allowed our group back in for sales. We had to negotiate a percent fee to the canteen services. I serve as the VAVS Sons Representative. By the way, I need a few Deputy Representatives. I spent Christmas eve on the psychiatric unit. Post 103 family every year put together Christmas gift bags for the veterans on this unit. We have plans to hold an event every month this year. I continue to sit on the national VA&R commission. The monthly zoom meetings are a great success. We have had an average of 20 participants. Please join our monthly zoom meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. contact me for the link. Our commission has two goals this year, 1) to have the reps and depts certified by the SAL. This resolution was passed at the fall NEC and is waiting for legion approval, I feel this will be a successful attempt. 2) to create a national award outside the VA system, this will be a second award. There are plenty of Sons that do things for veterans not within the VA system that need to be recognized. Currently we have 42 reps and depts. Need help here. VAVS national conference this year will be held in Denver, April 26-28. Just a reminder for the new suicide hot line 988-ex1 please promote this number. Also, another new number, veteran's crisis line, 1-800-698-2411 again this is a new number, not to be confused with the suicide number.

Upcoming Events:

Quarterly VAVS meeting: The next VAVS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2 February 2023 at 10:00 in the Prairie Sage Conference room (Building A, Rm A2-102) as well as on-line via Microsoft Teams. The agenda with the meeting details be published and distributed the week of January 23rd.

Blood Drive: The next Vitalent blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st from 10:30am to 4:00pm. A flyer is attached for your information and allow you to schedule your time. Please give so that others may live.

National Salute to Veteran Patients: The annual VA's National Salute to veteran patients is scheduled from February 12th thru February 18th. We can always use valentine cards to deliver to our veteran patients. A list of events for the National Salute to veteran patients will be published later this month.

VA Goes Red for Women: The VA is bringing awareness and knowledge to women veterans and their families about heart disease and stroke. There is a VA Goes Red Event scheduled for Thursday, February 9th from 11:00am to 1:30pm in the auditorium.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are always looking for volunteers. For these and other volunteer opportunities, please see anyone of the volunteer staff. Listed below are some of our volunteer opportunities:

Patient Transport

Dialysis Clinic Assistant



## DAV Volunteer Drivers

All Veterans Honor Guard at Fort Logan National Cemetery

Administrative help at Fort Logan offices

Audiology assistance at the Golden VA Clinic

Laboratory check-in at the Golden VA Clinic

Greeter and way finder at the information desks

Veterans Voices – Help with interviewing and recording veterans' experiences during their time in the service.

Emergency Department Assistant

Compassionate Contact Corps – Telephone conversations with housebound veterans.

Move Program – Make reminder calls for upcoming appointments.

As you can see there is always something that you can do for our veterans. That's what the Sons do!! If interested, please see me for details.

January 28, 2023, Midyear VE&E report

VE&E Talking Points for Regional Calls

(From 01-18-23 National SAL VE&E Commission Meeting)

VE&E Commission Goals

1) Finalize the "Suggested Operation Practices" (or SOP) and Tri-Fold Brochure to give SAL VE&E Commissions or Committees a list of ways that their Detachments can advocate for, assist, and promote Veterans Employment and Education.

Approval for Tri-Fold Brochure and SOP (Standard Operating Practices) – The final drafts of these documents have been approved by the VE&E Commission and are currently going through the approval process. Once approved they will go to the NEC to be voted on. Now added to this goal - The commission is now working on creating a brief video that can be shown at NEC meetings during short breaks, or can also be made available to detachments, districts and counties to promote VE&E activities.

2) Embrace The American Legion "BE THE ONE" program. Finding ways to approach this program at our Legion Posts can be challenging. If our Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, or Riders are having an event it may be possible to include an information table with some literature, brochures, etc. from [www.betheone.org](http://www.betheone.org). Or if you have identified a Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator at your nearest VA, they may be able to help with some supporting material or even a representative at the event.

3) Establish a relationship with Legion VE&E at all levels. We now have the schedules for meeting and activities taking place during the Washington Conference. Chairman Jim Coates and Vice Chairman Bruno Williamson will be attending The American Legion VE&E meetings on Monday, Feb. 27. Chairman Coates also received permission to sit in on the Department of NY Employment Committee which took place at their Mid-Winter Conference on Jan. 21.

4) Work with the VA to gain access to supporting materials for VE&E and suicide prevention. If you have a VA facility near you and we have not checked to see if they have a Community Engagement and Partnerships Coordinator, please give your VE&E Commission member the name and address of the VA facility and we can check to see if there is a contact for you.

5) Also, please begin considerations for Marvin Nay Award applications. Criteria and Nomination Forms can be found at [www.legion.org/Sons](http://www.legion.org/Sons) and search Marvin P. Nay award. We are also working on some improvements to the nomination form which should be completed soon. Nominations must be received prior to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission meeting at the Spring NEC Meetings for consideration. (The award recipient will be chosen at that time to ensure adequate time to order and receive the award plaque and cap for presentation at the National Convention.)