



# Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado Minutes Detachment Executive Committee January 25, 2025, Hilton Hotel Ft Collins, CO

The Meeting was called to order on January 25, 2025 at 9:08 am

Roll Call of Officers: Bold indicates present

NEC/Asst Adjutant Nick Arceo (103)

ALT NEC Richard Humphrey (23)

Commander Robert Barry (209)

Sr. Vice Commander

Jr. Vice Commander

Randy Forsythe (65) Excused

Dave Smith (1985) Excused

Adjutant Mark Kilstrom (2) Finance Rick Baldessari (21)

Chaplain vacant

Sergeant-at-Arms Theodore Kuntz (68)

Historian vacant

Judge Advocate Mike Kirschner (2) Excused
Detachment Advisor Doug Wooddell (23)m Excused
Voting PDC Jim Gelwicks (54) Excused
Voting PDC Mike Kirschner (2) Excused

#### Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders: Bold indicates present

John HerathMichael MossRick BaldessariSteve KiddJim GelwicksMark KilstromPete SierminskiScott GarrettMike KirschnerJ.R. KentJim GaddisRon Noakes

Nick Arceo Bobby Jones Richard Humphrey

#### Roll Call - Squadrons: Bold indicates present

1	2	4	5	10	13	15	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	26	28	32	38	39
54	55	58	62	65	66	68	70	73	75
<b>78</b>	81	88	89	97	100	101	102	103	109
111	113	119	132	151	160	161	170	178	180
193	200	204	206	207	209	211	11-11	1187	1985
1992	2000	2001	2008	2017	2527				

<u>Distinguished Members and Guests:</u> Past SAL National Vice Commanders; Rick Baldessari, Past Department Commander; Richard Humphrey

<u>Reading of Minutes</u>: Tom Yangley moved to accept the minutes as previously published, second by Richard Humphrey, npo discussion, carried

<u>Correspondence:</u> Adjutant Mark Kilstrom from the Fisher House thanking us for a \$400.00 donation. The letter did not state from where the donation oringinated.

**Special Guests:** none

<u>Vice Commanders Reports</u>: No Vice Commanders present.

**NEC Report Nick Arceo:** Nothing new since last meeting to repor

Advisor Report Doug Wooddell: Excused from meeting – no repo

Commander Robert Barry: Rob reported on the Special Convention that the Department is having, the new Constitution and By-laws will be voted on this afternoon followed y election of Department officers. Rob also reported on the progress of his Honor Bell project, over \$11,000 has been raised so far and he has been told other donations are on the way. Stuffed animals are available for donations to the fund. Rob also spoke on the success of the awards presentation dinner the previous evening at Post 4 and the large turnout we had.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Adjutant Mark Kilstrom reported on the national final report for 2024 and the most recent 2025 national report as of January 22, 2025 and the most recent Detachment Report. The reports are at Annex A.

**Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari:** We added one new permanent member from Squadron 178.

Finance Rick Baldessari. Rick gave a summary of the current status of the Detachment Finances. We currently have \$58,136 in our checking and currently owe national approx. \$27,000. The only expenditures from the 2025 budget is the \$27 for the MailChimp account. The full report is at Annex B.

Americanism/Children & Youth: Ton Yangley stated that registration for Boys State is up from last year. All registration is now done electronically, and new technology ism being used to promote the program with great success. The program is evolving in that the city government aspect is being phased out. Adjutant Mark added that an application to renew the Daniels Foundation grant has been submitted. Anyone interested in working with the program or being counselors can apply on the website www.coloradolegionboysstate.org.

<u>VA&R/VE&E</u>: Nick Arceo (103) provided information relevant to Veterans Assistance, Rehabilitation, Education & employment. The full report is at Annex C.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Update on Department Status:** Commander Rob gave an update during his Commander's report.

Cancelation of Squadron Charters: Adjutant Mark stated he has been in contact with the Post Commanders at Posts 18 and 2001. At this time, they do not want to surrender the charters for their respective squadron charters. Squadron 55 has revitalized and now has 17 members. A letter was sent to the Commander of Post 62, no response has been received. Post 200 currently has no Post officers on file with the Department, so no letter was sent. A request for cancellation of the charter for Squadrons 62 and 200 have been submitted to the Department administrators.

**Final Approval of 2025 Budget:** There being no requests for changes to the proposed budget, Rick Baldessari moved to approve the 2025 budget as presented, second by Richard Humphrey, no further discussion, carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Appointment of Detachment Chaplain:** Adjutant Mark introduced John Martinez (2) who currently serves as chaplain for Post and Squadron 2. John gave a brief biography of himself and participation in The American Legion. With there being no objections, Commander Rob appointed John as Detachment Chaplain.

**Appointment of Be The One Chairman:** Commander gave a brief summation of the Be The One initiative and that the national organization wants each detachment to have a point person to develop and lead the initiative. With no one expressing an interest, the matter will be carried over.

Appointment of Ad-hoc Constitution and By-laws Committee: With the adoption of a new Department Constitution and By-laws, it will be necessary to review the Detachment Constitution & By-laws and our policy documents to ensure we are aligned with the Department. Therefore, Commander Rob appointed an Ad-hoc Constitution & By-laws committee consisting of PDC Jim Gelwicks as Chairman and the following members: Adjutant mark Kilstrom, NEC Nick Arceo, Finance Officer Rick Baldessari and PDC Michael Kirschner.

Host Squadron for 2025 Awards Banquet: There was a lot of discussion on how well the awards presentation at Post 4 and how well it went. Conversation revolved around the practicality of continuing to have a special date in November for the awards banquet. Given that the main item of business for our November meeting to approve the annual budget and considering the travel requirement and likelihood of adverse weather, it makes more sense to have an electronic meeting. Given the success of the event last night, plus the traditionally stronger turnout at the mid-year meeting, Nick Arceo moved that we move our awards presentation to be conducted during our mid-year conference, Second by Richard Humphrey. There was no further discussion, motion carried.

Announcement of Candidates for MY 2025 Officer Positions: Commander Rob announced his intention to seek re-election as Detachment Commander for the next year. Adjutant Mark announced that Sr, Vice Randy Forsythe is announcing he is a candidate for Detachment Commander. There were no further announcements

Other: NEC Nick Arceo mentioned that we will be hosting the leading candidate for SAL National Commander, Bill Clancey (NY) for our April Meeting and CWF banquet. As the host we will need to arrange to cover his lodging and meals and a donation to his campaign and a gift for his visit. Adjutant Mark reminded everyone that last year when we hosted the leading candidate, we were denied our request to make a campaign contribution as The American Legion National Treasurer deemed that as a donation to an individual. The response will be the same this year. The Adjutant will request from PNC Rehbein authorization to pay for lodging accommodations and meals, we have a gift on hand to present him.

#### **Special Presentations:** None

Good of the Sons: Tom Yangley made mention that on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Post 1 will be holding it's annual awards banquet. This is to recognize post members and members of the community for extraordinary service to others, the community or The Legion that are worthy of special recognition. If we know of someone that should be recognized, please contact him.

Our Next meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Harold Buckley Post 32, 315 South Bowen St Longmont, CO. The ad-hoc C&BL committee will have a working session at 11:00am the same day and location

Closing Prayer: Chaplain John Martinez

Closing: Commander Robert Barry

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am

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2024 SAL End-of-Year Membership Report as of: December 31, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 12/31/2024	2024 FINAL MBRSHP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	NEW MEXICO	1,582	-335	1,996	126.17%	92.68
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-278	1,970	122.28%	95.69
3	LATIN AMERICA	33	-4	39	118.18%	65.63
4	PUERTO RICO	156	-13	177	113.46%	98.04
5	DIST OF COL	91	-6	102	112.09%	94.38
6	ARIZONA	8,595	-571	9,596	111.65%	88.23
7	FLORIDA	23,066	-1,423	25,642	111.17%	88.81
8	HAWAII	120	-6	132	110.00%	97.48
9	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-66	1,714	109.17%	87.62
10	IDAHO	659	-26	718	108.95%	78.96
11	OREGON	1,534	-58	1,669	108.80%	87.43
12	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-69	2,027	108.69%	91.07
13	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-202	6,530	108.35%	91.88
14	WISCONSIN	4,398	-119	4,737	107.71%	92.37
15	WASHINGTON	2,682	-56	2,872	107.08%	81.52
16	IOWA	4,914	-95	5,255	106.94%	92.69
17	MICHIGAN	26,236	-390	27,938	106.49%	92.26
18	RHODE ISLAND	348	-5	370	106.32%	88.07
19	ALASKA	1,740	-19	1,846	106.09%	84.53
20	MISSISSIPPI	736	-6	779	105.84%	86.51
21	MAINE	2,757	-2	2,897	105.08%	89.32
22	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	3	5,701	104.95%	89.97
23	NEW YORK	30,663	110	32,086	104.64%	93.15
24	COLORADO	2,952	12	3,088	104.61%	85.98
25	NEW JERSEY	9,662	39	10,106	104.60%	90.77
26	MARYLAND	16,803	75	17,568	104.55%	92.08
27	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	13	2,896	104.55%	83.50
28	TEXAS	5,783	45	6,027	104.22%	85.02
29	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	29	2,694	103.90%	86.84
30	FRANCE	168	2	174	103.57%	87.50
31	CALIFORNIA	11,292	170	11,687	103.50%	85.36
32	VIRGINIA	4,367	73	4,512	103.32%	86.33
33	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	19	1,110	103.26%	91.38
34	WYOMING	1,248	26	1,284	102.88%	88.43
35	DELAWARE	2,596	61	2,665	102.66%	88.95
36	MINNESOTA	11,435	275	11,732	102.60%	92.49
37	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	1,644	64,239	102.38%	92.34
38	ОНЮ	31,690	834	32,441	102.37%	91.68
39	ILLINOIS	13,716	377	14,025	102.25%	92.20
40	VERMONT	3,920	132	3,984	101.63%	92.02
41	TENNESSEE	1,792	72	1,810	101.00%	80.75
42	INDIANA	37,244	1,495	37,611	100.99%	90.41
43	LOUISIANA	1,821	77	1,835	100.77%	89.87
44	ALABAMA	2,100	90	2,115	100.71%	83.80
45	GEORGIA	4,887	226	4,905	100.37%	84.61
46	KANSAS	6,055	339	6,019	99.41%	89.59
47	NEBRASKA	6,992	406	6,936	99.20%	92.78
48	UTAH	460	32	451	98.04%	78.62
49	MISSOURI	3,337	284	3,220	96.49%	83.22
50	MONTANA	1,091	105	1,041	95.42%	87.04
51	ARKANSAS	406	42	384	94.58%	74.26
52	KENTUCKY	2,399	290	2,229	92.91%	76.53
53	OKLAHOMA	1,430	222	1,280	89.51%	69.06
54	NEVADA	387	76	330	85.27%	72.54
55	PHILIPPINES	79	31	52	65.82%	63.29
	Grand Totals:	382,111	3,974	397,243	103.96%	90.38
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#### 2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

WESTERN REGION					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal		
NEW MEXICO	1,582	1,996	126.17%		
LATIN AMERICA	33	39	118.18%		
ARIZONA	8,595	9,596	111.65%		
HAWAII	120	132	110.00%		
IDAHO	659	718	108.95%		
OREGON	1,534	1,669	108.80%		
WASHINGTON	2,682	2,872	107.08%		
ALASKA	1,740	1,846	106.09%		
COLORADO	2,952	3,088	104.61%		
CALIFORNIA	11,292	11,687	103.50%		
WYOMING	1,248	1,284	102.88%		
UTAH	460	451	98.04%		
MONTANA	1,091	1,041	95.42%		
NEVADA	387	330	85.27%		
PHILIPPINES	79	52	65.82%		
Totals:	34,454	36,801	106.81%		

SOUTHEAST REGION					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal		
PUERTO RICO	156	177	113.46%		
FLORIDA	23,066	25,642	111.17%		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,714	109.17%		
MISSISSIPPI	736	779	105.84%		
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	2,896	104.55%		
TEXAS	5,783	6,027	104.22%		
VIRGINIA	4,367	4,512	103.32%		
TENNESSEE	1,792	1,810	101.00%		
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,835	100.77%		
ALABAMA	2,100	2,115	100.71%		
GEORGIA	4,887	4,905	100.37%		
ARKANSAS	406	384	94.58%		
Totals:	49,454	52,796	106.76%		





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**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** 



MIDWEST REGION						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,970	122.28%			
IOWA	4,914	5,255	106.94%			
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	1,110	103.26%			
KANSAS	6,055	6,019	99.41%			
NEBRASKA	6,992	6,936	99.20%			
MISSOURI	3,337	3,220	96.49%			
OKLAHOMA	1,430	1,280	89.51%			
Totals:	25,414	25,790	101.48%			

NORTHEAST REGION						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
DIST OF COL	91	102	112.09%			
CONNECTICUT	1,865	2,027	108.69%			
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	6,530	108.35%			
RHODE ISLAND	348	370	106.32%			
MAINE	2,757	2,897	105.08%			
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	5,701	104.95%			
NEW YORK	30,663	32,086	104.64%			
NEW JERSEY	9,662	10,106	104.60%			
MARYLAND	16,803	17,568	104.55%			
FRANCE	168	174	103.57%			
DELAWARE	2,596	2,665	102.66%			
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	64,239	102.38%			
VERMONT	3,920	3,984	101.63%			
Totals:	143,078	148,449	103.75%			

CENTRAL REGION					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal		
WISCONSIN	4,398	4,737	107.71%		
MICHIGAN	26,236	27,938	106.49%		
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	2,694	103.90%		
MINNESOTA	11,435	11,732	102.60%		
OHIO	31,690	32,441	102.37%		
ILLINOIS	13,716	14,025	102.25%		
INDIANA	37,244	37,611	100.99%		
KENTUCKY	2,399	2,229	92.91%		
Totals:	129,711	133,407	102.85%		

#### **SAL YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP - 2024**

DETACHMENT	MBRSP TOTALS
ALABAMA	2,115
ALASKA	1,846
ARIZONA	9,596
ARKANSAS	384
CALIFORNIA	11,687
COLORADO	3,088
CONNECTICUT	2,027
DELAWARE	2,665
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	102
FLORIDA	25,642
FRANCE	174
GEORGIA	4,905
HAWAII	132
IDAHO	718
ILLINOIS	14,025
INDIANA	37,611
IOWA	5,255
KANSAS	6,019
KENTUCKY	2,229
LATIN AMERICA	39
LOUISIANA	1,835
MAINE	2,897
MARYLAND	17,568
MASSACHUSETTS	5,701
MICHIGAN	27,938
MINNESOTA	11,732
MISSISSIPPI	779
MISSOURI	3,220
MONTANA	1,041

DETACHMENT	MBRSP TOTALS
NEBRASKA	6,936
NEVADA	330
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,530
NEW JERSEY	10,106
NEW MEXICO	1,996
NEW YORK	32,086
NORTH CAROLINA	2,896
NORTH DAKOTA	1,110
OHIO	32,441
OKLAHOMA	1,280
OREGON	1,669
PENNSYLVANIA	64,239
PHILIPPINES	52
PUERTO RICO	177
RHODE ISLAND	370
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,714
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,970
TENNESSEE	1,810
TEXAS	6,027
UTAH	451
VERMONT	3,984
VIRGINIA	4,512
WASHINGTON	2,872
WEST VIRGINIA	2,694
WISCONSIN	4,737
WYOMING	1,284
TOTAL:	397,243

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;u>28</u> detachments bolded represent new membership All-Time High for <u>2024</u>

## Sons of The American Legion Current Fiancial Position As of January 5, 2025

	Jan 5, 25
ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings 1010 · Wells Fargo Bank 1011 · Checking 1015 · Reserve Savings	48,995.37 20,069.30
Total 1010 · Wells Fargo Bank	69,064.67
1040 · Petty Cash 1050 · Vanguard 1051 · Fund 1052 · Dividend 1058 · NAV Change	1.61 54,698.06 541.68 5,837.00
Total 1050 · Vanguard	61,076.74
Total Checking/Savings	130,143.02
Other Current Assets 1450 · Prepaid National Dues	5,133.00
Total Other Current Assets	5,133.00
Total Current Assets	135,276.02
TOTAL ASSETS	135,276.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable 2010 · Accounts Payable	11,194.89
Total Accounts Payable	11,194.89
Other Current Liabilities 2350 · Deferred Dues 2550 · Squad Dues Credit	42,435.00 194.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	42,629.00
Total Current Liabilities	53,823.89
Total Liabilities	53,823.89
Equity 3100 · Net Assets - Restricted 3140 · Donor Designated	3,508.00
Total 3100 · Net Assets - Restricted	3,508.00
3300 · Net Asset Board Designated 3305 · Reserve 3310 · National Campaign 3320 · VA&R 3330 · JR Shooting 3350 · Release July 1 3370 · Permanent Membership  Total 3300 · Net Asset Board Designa	4,000.00 4,485.10 2,797.46 1,154.84 -600.00 49,942.52
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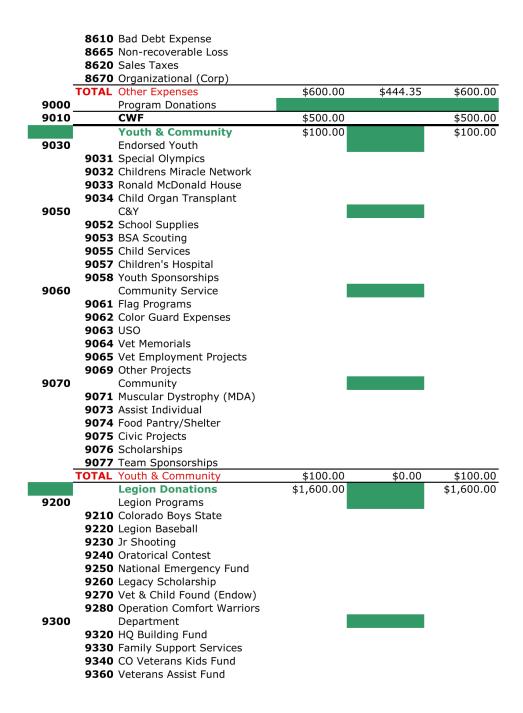
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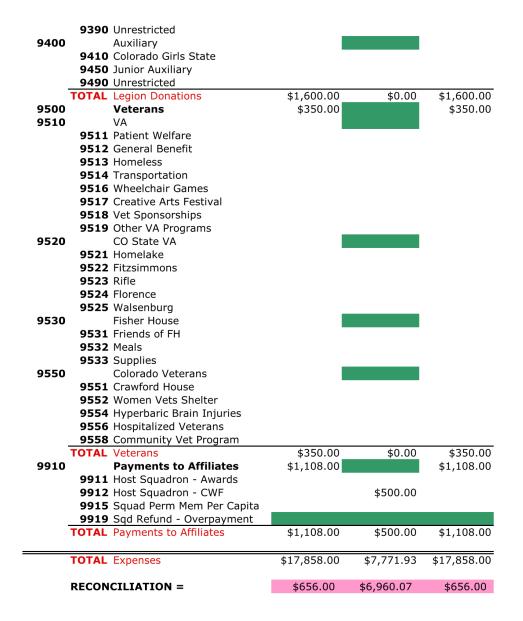
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3510 · Net Assets - Unrestricted	16,164.21
Total Equity	81,452.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	135,276.02

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	S.A.L. Detachment of Colorado				
		Unre			
		31-Dec-2024	2024		2025
		End of fiscal year		Spent	
TNCC	ME				
INCC		Delegate fees - Detachment	\$350.00	\$153.00	\$350.00
		Membership Dues	\$17,857.00	\$14,272.00	\$17,857.00
		Permanent Mem Transfer	\$307.00	\$307.00	\$307.00
	55	Total Income	\$18,514.00	\$14,732.00	\$18,514.00
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EXPEND	ITURE				
7500		<b>Contract Services</b>	\$200.00		\$200.00
	7510	Fundraising Fees			
	7520	Accounting Fees			
		Legal Fees			
_		Contract Employee			
	TOTAL	Contract Services	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
2122		Office & Facility Expenses	\$3,300.00		\$3,300.00
8100	0110	Office Expenses		#10C 2E	
		Office Supplies Computer Supplies		\$196.25	
		Computer Supplies Computer Software		\$424.91 \$111.08	
		Internet		\$111.00	
		Office Equipment		\$238.38	
		Donated items & Supplies		Ψ230.30	
		Telephone			
		Postage & Shipping		\$712.40	
		Greeting Cards		·	
	8160	Flowers			
	8165	Gifts - Special Guests		\$78.89	
		Contribute Officer Campaigns		\$400.00	
		Printing & Copying		\$13.85	
		Photos		\$10.55	
		S.A.L Materials		\$115.95	
0000	8190	Observer			
8200	9210	Facility & Equip Expenses Rent - Office			
		Vehicle Registration			
		Equip Rental & Maintenance			
		Trailer			
		Range Supplies			
		Depreciation - Allowable			
7		Office & Facility Expenses	\$3,300.00	\$2,302.26	\$3,300.00
8300		Travel - Colorado	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
	8302	Meals	_	\$338.02	
	8303	Lodging		\$770.35	

	8305	Gas		\$805.28	
	8306	Parking & Tolls			
	8308	Taxi & Ride Share			
	TOTAL	Travel - Colorado	\$3,500.00	\$1,913.65	\$3,500.00
8320		Per Diem - Natl Travel	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
	8322	NEC			
	8323	Washington Conference		\$760.12	
	8325	Commander Training			
	8326	NMI (SAL U)			
	8327	C&Y Conference			
	8328	Americanism Conference			
	TOTAL	Per Diem - Natl Travel	\$2,500.00	\$760.12	\$2,500.00
8340		National Convention	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
	8342	Natl Delegate Fees			
	8385	Natl Conv Distribution		\$1,785.20	
	TOTAL	National Convention	\$3,500.00	\$1,785.20	\$3,500.00
8350		St Convention	\$400.00		\$400.00
	8351	Dept Delegate Fees			·
	8352	Program			
	8355	Event			
	8356	Convention Supplies		\$66.35	
	8358	Facilities			
		St Convention	\$400.00	\$66.35	\$400.00
8360		Mid Year	\$200.00		\$200.00
	8361	Dept Attendee Fees			
	8365	Expo			
	8368	Facilities			
	TOTAL	Mid Year	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
		Other Expenses	\$600.00		\$600.00
8500		Other Expenses			
	8510	Interest Expense			
	8520	Insurance			
	8530	Natl Membership Dues			
		Member Development			
		Materials			
		Facilities			
		Presenter Honorarium	_		
		Awards			
		Certificates			
		Plaques & Trophies		\$430.49	
		Albums			
		Brass PM Card		\$13.86	
		Advertising & Sponsorships			
		Promotions	_		
		Other Costs			
		Bank Charges & CC Discount		\$0.00	
	8595	Prior Year			
8600		Business Expenses			
	8605	NSF Check			





Minutes

**Detachment Executive Committee Meeting** 

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Annex C

VA&R Report

The National VA&R Committee held a Zoom Meeting on December 9, 2024. All committee members were in attendance. Roll call was given.

**OLD BUSINESS** 

**Members projects-** Bruno- NVCAF(national veterans creative arts festival) Caregivers; Mark- VA RCA (root cause analysis); Eddy-Camp Hope; Buster- Honor Flight; Peter ??; John- service dogs; Nick- V4HV(volunteers for hospitalized veterans)

Last years projects: NVAF, OCW, NVAD, F.H. Women Veterans, Widowers Widows Luncheons

**Area of Responsibility** (Regions) Eddy-Southeast; Buster- Central; Mark-Northeast; Peter-West; Seth-Midwest

Resolutions- Last years- NVCAF, OCW, Rigsby

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Rigsby Application-

**Resolutions-** Homeless Veterans

NAC-Exec Board Mtg; Oct 23-25,2024

**Washington Conference**- Feb 23-25, 2025, Travel days would be Feb. 22 & 26. Both VA&R & VE&E Commissions will meet at the Washington Conference for a joint meeting.

VA S.A.V.E. (suicide prevention) training 30-minute video; BE THE ONE/Colombia University

VE&E

Nothing new to report

V4HV

We continue to make a difference in the lives of hospitalized veterans and veterans in the greater Denver area. Our weekly fundraiser at the hospital raised over \$75,000., all proceeds stay right in the hospital and the community to assist veterans. We are a 501 c (3) non-profit organization.

**NEC** 

Nothing new to report, next meeting will be the Spring NEC meetings in Indianapolis the first weekend in May 2025.