



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Minutes
Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO
June 23, 2018

Salute: Commander Jim Gaddis

Opening Prayer: Nick Arceo

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Jim Gaddis

Blue Star Banner: Commander Jim Gaddis

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Wall

Preamble: Mike Moss

Meeting called to order at: 9:07 AM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC	Pete Sierminski (32)	
ALT NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Commander	Jim Gaddis (87)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Ron Noakes (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Ken Taylor (209)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Wall (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain	Trystan Cline (209)	Absent
Historian	Rick Kettering(209)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	Excused
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pierce Hasert (70)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ilyas Hasert (70)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Detachment Advisor	Shane Hasert (70)	Excused

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in Bold)

Lionel Sandoval	<u>John Herath</u>	Gary Ray	Ben D. Owens III
Ernie Clark	<u>Michael Moss</u>	Ken Yanke	<u>Rick Baldessari</u>
<u>Steve Kidd</u>	<u>Jim Gelwicks</u>	Mark Kilstrom	Shawn McCrary
<u>Pete Sierminski</u>	<u>Scott Garrett</u>	<u>Mike Kirschner</u>	J.R. Kent
<u>Jim Gaddis</u>			

Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in Bold)

1	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	5	6	<u>10</u>	13	15	<u>17</u>	18
19	20	<u>21</u>	22	<u>23</u>	24	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	39
<u>54</u>	55	58	62	66	67	70	73	75	81
<u>87</u>	89	97	100	102	<u>103</u>	111	113	115	119
134	151	160	161	170	<u>178</u>	180	187	193	200
203	204	<u>207</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>211</u>	322	1111	1879	1976	<u>1985</u>
1992	2000	2001	2002	2008					

Distinguished Guests: National Vice Commander Mid-West Region Joseph Navarette, Past National Commander Mike Moss, Past National Vice Commanders Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Past National SGT-at-Arms Mike Kirschner, Past National Asst. SGT-at-Arms Pete Sierminski, Past Department Commanders Richard Humphrey, Doug Wooddell.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to waive reading of minutes. 1st Rick Baldessari. 2nd Mike Kirschner. Passed.

Correspondance: None

Appointments: None

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr Vice Commander Ron Noakes: Recap of Friday's report.

Jr Vice Commanders:

Ken Taylor: Recap of Friday's report.

Nick Arceo: Recap of Friday's report.

Robert Wall: Recap of Friday's report.

Aaron Valdez: Recap of Friday's report.

Robert Jones: Recap of Friday's report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Ron Noakes: Recap of Friday's report.

Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks: Recap of Friday's report.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks: Suggested breakdown for surplus funds disbursal:

- 1) \$500.00 General Fund Reserve
- 2) \$800.00 National Campaign Fund
- 3) \$1,000.00 Jr Shooting
- 4) \$500.00 VA&R
- 5) \$500.00 Second Chance Bicycles
- 6) \$1,000.00 National Endowment Fund
- 7) \$300.00 Rocky Mt Hyperbaric
- 8) \$300.00 Colorado Girls State
- 9) \$300.00 Colorado Junior Auxiliary
- 10) \$300.00 National Emergency Fund
- 11) \$5,500.00 Total

Motion to accept surplus breakdown. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Robert Wall. Passed.
So far, there is no one offering to take over as Finance officer.

VA&R Rick Baldessari: Recap of Friday's report.

Americanism Ron Noakes: Recap of Friday's report.

Guests:

Paul Grimse, Colorado American Legion Baseball Chairman. Colorado is hosting regional finals at Metro State University August 7-12. Volunteers are needed to do anything and everything. Volunteers can contact Paul or Laurie Kuntz.

Ann Ritacco presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commander Jim Gaddis.

Committee Reports:

Children & Youth Scott Garrett: Recap of Friday's report.

Legislative Mark Kilstrom: absent

Public Relations Trystan Cline: absent

Detachment Advisor Shane Hasert: absent

NEC: Pete Sierminski. At Fall NEC, a resolution was passed to reinstate call-ins at both Fall & Spring NEC's for all commission & committee people. Chris Cook, OK, will follow Pete as Mid-West NVC. The Ad-hoc Committee on Strategic planning presented a 37 page report with ideas for moving the SAL at National level into the future.

ANEC: No report.

All reports accepted as there were no objections.

Appoint Convention Committees:

Credentials Scott Garrett, Robert Jones, Scott Hastie

Constitutional Amendments Scott Garrett, Mark Kilstrom, Richard Humphrey, Ken Yanke

Membership Ron Noakes, Nick Arceo, Robert Wall

Legislation and Rules Pete Sierminski, Mike Kirschner, Mike Moss

Break to Convention Committees

Rick Baldessari requested that all attendees introduce themselves and state squadron # and any positions that they hold.

Unfinished Business:

Nominations for Office

- a. Announced
 - i. Ron Noakes – Commander
 - ii. Nick Arceo – Sr Vice Commander
 - iii. Aaron Valdez – Jr Vice Commander
 - iv. Tommy Patton – Jr Vice Commander
 - v. Robert Jones – Jr Vice Commander
 - vi. Robert Wall – SGT-at-Arms
 - vii. Scott Garrett – NEC
 - viii. Ken Yanke – ANEC (Adjutant Scott read Ken’s resolution as he was not present.)

Convention Committee Reports

Credentials: 247 paid out of possible 816 for \$494.00

Constitutional Amendments: 12 resolutions from Convention Constitutional Amendments Committee approved.

Membership: Follow National membership goals & target dates.

Legislation and Rules: Follow Code for Convention.

FYI, Greeley was voted for 2019 Convention.

Recess until 1:15 PM.

Reconvene 1:29 PM

Final Credentials Report: 268 paid out of possible 816 for \$536.00 Motion to approve. 1st Dan Szelkowski. 2nd Robert Wall. Passed.

Resolutions:

- 1) #1. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Rick Baldessari. Passed.
- 2) #2. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Rick Baldessari. Passed.
- 3) #3. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Aaron Valdez. Passed.
- 4) #4. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Scott Hastie. Passed.
- 5) #5. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Ron Noakes. 30 for. 160 against. Failed.
- 6) #6. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Scott Hastie. Passed.
- 7) #7. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Scott Hastie. Passed.
- 8) #8. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Robert Wall. Passed.
- 9) #9. Motion to approve. 1st Aaron Valdez. 2nd Robert Wall. Passed.
- 10) #10. Motion to approve. 1st Dan Szelkowski. 2nd Ron Noakes. Passed.
- 11) #11. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Eugene Zias. Passed.
- 12) #12. Motion to approve. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Scott Hastie. Passed.

New Business:

Appointment of Election Judge: Mike Moss

Additional nominations for Detachment office: none

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Result</u>
Commander	Ron Noakes	JR Kent	Dan Szelkowski	White ballot
Sr Vice Comm	Nick Arceo	Dan Szelkowski	Aaron Valdez	White ballot
Jr Vice Comm	Aaron Valdez	Rick Baldessari	Dan Szelkowski	White ballot
Jr Vice Comm	Thomas Patton	Rick Baldessari	Dan Szelkowski	White ballot
Jr Vice Comm	Robert Jones	Rick Baldessari	Dan Szelkowski	White ballot
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Wall	Rick Baldessari	Ron Noakes	White ballot
Chaplain	vacant			
NEC	Scott Garrett	Rick Baldessari	Ron Noakes	White ballot
ANEC	Ken Yanke	Rick Baldessari	Ron Noakes	White ballot
PDC (2)	Mike Moss	Jim Gelwicks	Dan Szelkowski	White ballot
	Steve Kidd	Scott Garrett	Robert Wall	White ballot

Member of the Year: XXXXXX

Detachment Mom: XXXXXX

Dual Member of the Year: XXXXXX

Site selection for CWF Banquet 1st Saturday in April: Post #2, Pueblo.

Selection of Delegates for National Convention:

Mike Moss (delegate at large)

Pete Sierminski (delegate)

Richard Humphrey (delegate)

Ron Noakes (delegate)
Jim Gaddis (delegate)
Nick Arceo (delegate)
Ken Yanke (delegate)
Scott Garrett (delegate)
Mike Kirschner (delegate)
Walter Kraus (delegate)
Rudi Miller ?? (alternate)

Motion to approve Delegate to National Convention. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Scott Hastie. Passed.

Stipend Distribution for Convention: \$4,000.00

Appointment of Officers by incoming Commander for 2018-2019

- a. Adjutant: Scott Garrett
- b. Finance Officer: Jim Gelwicks
- c. Historian: Jacob Langloy
- d. Assistant Adjutant: vacant
- e. Assistant Finance Officer: vacant
- f. Assistant Sergeant At Arms: Teddy Kuntz
- g. Judge Advocate: Richard Humphrey
- h. Detachment Advisor: Richard Humphrey

Committee Chairmen Appointments for 2018-2019 by Incoming Commander

- i. Membership
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 1. Sr Vice Commander (Chairman): Nick Arceo
- j. Finance
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 1. Detachment Finance Officer (Chairman): Jim Gelwicks
 2. Detachment Adjutant: Scott Garrett
 3. Detachment Sr Vice Commander: Nick Arceo
 4. Department Finance Officer: ???
 - ii. Not automatic appointments
 1. Pete Sierminski
- k. Permanent Membership
 - i. Automatic Appointments
 1. Finance Officer (Chairman): Jim Gelwicks
 2. Detachment Adjutant: Scott Garrett
 3. Membership Chairman: Nick Arceo
 4. Detachment Advisor (no vote): Richard Humphrey
 - ii. Not automatic appointments
 1. Rick Baldessari
- l. VA&R: Nick Arceo
- m. Americanism: Robert Wall
 - i. Jr Shooting: Ken Taylor
 - ii. Oratorical: Nick Arceo
 - iii. Baseball:
 - iv. Boy's State:
- n. Children and Youth: Scott Garrett

- o. Legislative: Mark Kilstrom
- p. Public Relations: vacant

Motion to approve appointments. 1st Pete Sierminski. 2nd Rick Baldessari. Passed.

Good of the Sons: none

Guest: Introduction of National Vice Commander Mid-West Region Joseph Navarette (NM) by NEC Pete Sierminski. NVC Joseph gave greetings and thanks from National Commander Danny Smith. He then spoke of the need to continue our membership drive, and added that he would have enjoyed the CWF Banquet.

Installation of Detachment officers by NVC Joseph Navarette. Commander Ron to be installed at Convention Banquet.

Next Meeting will be Saturday, July 28, 2018, 1:00 PM, at Post #38, 6685 Southmoor Dr., Fountain, CO 80817

Closing Prayer: Nick Arceo

Closing - Commander Jim Gaddis

"Till We Meet Again Let Us Remember That Our Obligation to Our Country Can Only Be Fulfilled by the Faithful Performance of All Duties of Citizenship. Let Service to the City, State, and Nation Be Ever a Main Objective of the Sons of the American Legion. Let Us Ever Be Watchful of the Honor of Our Country, the American Legion, Our Organization and Ourselves, That Nothing Shall Swerve Us from the Path of Justice, Freedom, Loyalty and Democracy."

Retirement of the Colors: Rick Baldessari will retrieve the POW/MIA banner from the empty chair.

Adjournment - Commander Jim Gaddis

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM.

