



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
Post #38, Security, CO
July 28, 2018

Salute: Commander Ron Noakes

Opening Prayer: Nick Arceo

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Ron Noakes, apron placed by Mark Kilstrom

Blue Star Banner: Commander Ron Noakes

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Taylor

Preamble: Jim Gelwicks

Meeting called to order at: 1:08 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC	Pete Sierminski (32)	
ALT NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Commander	Ron Noakes (2)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain		
Historian	Jacob Langley (38)	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Wall (2)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	
Voting PDC	Steve Kidd (1985)	Excused

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in Bold)

Lionel Sandoval
Ernie Clark
Steve Kidd
Pete Sierminski
Jim Gaddis

John Herath
Michael Moss
Jim Gelwicks
Scott Garrett

Gary Ray
Ken Yanke
Mark Kilstrom
Mike Kirschner

Ben D. Owens III
Rick Baldessari
Shawn McCrary
J.R. Kent

Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in Bold)

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<u>87</u>	89	97	100	102	<u>103</u>	<u>111</u>	113	115	119
134	151	160	161	170	178	180	187	193	200
203	204	207	<u>209</u>	<u>211</u>	322	1111	1879	<u>1976</u>	1985
1992	2000	2001	2002	2008					

Distinguished Guests: Past National Commander Mike Moss, Past National Vice Commanders Ken Yanke, Jim Gelwicks, Past National Asst. SGT-at-Arms Pete Sierminski, , Past National Historian Mark Kilstrom, Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept June 22 & 23, 2018 Minutes as written. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Dan Szelkowski. Passed.

Correspondence:

- 1) Request for donations from USO (3x).
- 2) Request for donation from Volunteers of America
- 3) Thank you notes from Denver VA, Grand Junction VA, Rifle Nursing Home, Past Dept President Ann Ritacco
- 4) Resignation email from Thomas Patton (resigned as Jr Vice Commander)

Appointments: Trystan Cline appointed Detachment Chaplain and Boys State (sub of Americanism), Nick Arceo interim Baseball (sub of Americanism). Motion to accept. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Ken Taylor. Passed.

Guests: None

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr Vice Commander Nick Arceo: Post #103 family participated in the Columbine July 4th parade.

Jr Vice Commanders:

Aaron Valdez: Filled in for Commander Ron by participating in a Never Forgotten ceremony.

Robert Jones: Squadron #75 Cortez is in turmoil. Squadron contact currently is Post Commander Magnuss.

Committee Reports:

Membership Nick Arceo: Current 2019 membership is 338, already passed Sept 12 target of 10% . 2018 is 3,073, 4 above 100%. 105% is possible by end of year.

Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks: Currently at 197, down from 200. Two deceased and one out of state transfer.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks: October NEC per diems as follows: Pete Sierminski, Scott Garrett, Mike Moss have National call-ins. Ron Noakes gets a partial from National. Ken Yanke and Nick Arceo get Detachment reimbursement. Status of Mike Kirschner unknown.

VA&R Nick Arceo: Next VAVS meeting is August 2. The transition from the old VA hospital to the new is underway. Hospitalized veterans are on the 7th floor with thirty beds and lots of activities available. PTSD unit now accepting female patients. Volunteers are needed and can volunteer for one day per month.

Americanism: Robert Wall excused

JR Shooting: Ken Taylor. Eight posts now have Jr Shooting programs: #2, 15, 18, 58, 115, 209, 2006, 2008. Post #38 is in the planning stage. Detachment State Championship is working on an acceptable date with Fort Carson.

Oratorical: Nick Arceo. Working to finalize arrangements with Metro State for March 2019 for state contest.

Baseball: Nick Arceo. Volunteers needed for Regional finals. Contact Wally Weld or Laurie Kuntz.

Boy's State: Next meeting is August 4, 10:00 AM, at Dept HQ.

Children & Youth Scott Garrett: Colorado at \$50.00 to CWF. Question: Will CWF return to the Federal donation check off list? Unknown at this time.

Legislative Mark Kilstrom: No report pending reappointment. (Reappointed)!

Public Relations Trystan Cline: Not present

Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey: VA Hospital is open!! Dept Commander Smith is big on communications this year. His project is Colorado Veterans Assistance Fund. N. Korea is starting to release remains from the Korean Police Action.

NEC Pete Sierminski: Two upcoming resolutions. 1) Ned Fox, CA, endorsed for National Vice Commander, West Region. 2) NECmen to get travel reimbursement to National Convention. Motion to support Resolution #2. 1st Ken Yanke. 2nd Keith LaMee. Passed.

Motion to accept reports. 1st Keith LaMee. 2nd Aaron Valdez. Passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Mike Moss proposed that due to the increasing scope of duties required of the Detachment Adjutant, two nights lodging at Mid-Winter Conference, and three nights lodging at State Convention be added to the Detachment budget. Jim Gelwicks said that this could be discussed at the next finance committee meeting.
- 2) Commander Ron spoke about his Mission Statement for this year. He noted Dept Commander Smith's emphasis on branding our organization.

Special Presentations: Election certificates handed out.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Keith LaMee. A WWI stamp honoring 43,000 Colorado veterans is being released.
- 2) Adjutant. Forms available on line and hard copy.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 17, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post #32, 315 S. Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501, followed by the Detachment of Colorado Awards Banquet.

Closing Prayer: Nick Arceo

Closing - Commander Ron Noakes

Retirement of the POW/MIA apron: Mark Kilstrom

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

