



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
November 16, 2019

Salute: Commander Nick Arceo

Opening Prayer: Rick Baldessari

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Nick Arceo

Blue Star Banner: Commander Nick Arceo

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nick Arceo

Preamble: Ken Yanke

Meeting called to order at: 2:06 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

NEC/Adjutant	Scott Garrett (23)	
Alt NEC	Ken Yanke (111)	
Commander	Nick Arceo (103)	
Sr. Vice Commander	Robert Jones (28)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Aaron Valdez (2)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Steve Kidd (1985)	Excused
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Chaplain	Trystan Cline (209)	Excused
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Absent
Sgt-at-Arms Emeritus	Ken Wederski (23)	Excused
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	Excused
Voting PDC	Mike Kirschner (2)	

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders (Present in Bold)

Lionel Sandoval
Ernie Clark

John Herath
Michael Moss

Gary Ray
Ken Yanke

Ben D. Owens III
Rick Baldessari

Steve Kidd
Pete Sierminski
Jim Gaddis

Jim Gelwicks
Scott Garrett
Ron Noakes

Mark Kilstrom Shawn McCrary
Mike Kirschner J.R. Kent

Roll Call – Squadrons (Present in Bold)

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1976	1985	1992	2000	2001	2002	2008			

Distinguished Guests: Past National Vice Commanders Ken Yanke, Jim Gelwicks, Rick Baldessari (PN Chaplain), Past National Sgt-at-Arms Mike Kirschner, Past Dept. Commander Richard Humphrey, Doug Wooddell.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept August 3, 2019 Minutes as written. 1st Mike Kirschner, 2nd Jim Gaddis, Passed.

Correspondence: Five donation requests from the USO. One thank you letter from CWF for Squadron #211. Six thank you letters from The American Legion for various contributions from the Detachment of Colorado.

Guests: None

Vice Commanders Reports:

Sr Vice Commander Robert Jones: Sent out membership emails.

Jr Vice Commanders:

Aaron Valdez: No report received.

Walter Weld: No report received.

Steve Kidd: No report received.

Committee Reports:

Membership Robert Jones: Commander Arceo commented on status of Triple Nickel. Sqd #65 Delta is chartered. Sqd #9-11 Palmer Lake has been sent to National. Sqd #77 Simla was turned in to Dept and is now MIA. Replacement charter application being prepared. Commander Arceo is scheduled to meet with both Idaho Springs & Central City shortly. Post #50 Palisade is working on a charter. Question asked about 2020 membership status as compared to last year. Percentages are about equal. Membership was turned in to Adjutant Scott.

Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks: PUFL currently at 196. Jim has investigated options for the CD's to increase investment return. Two PUFL apps turned in and approved by the PUFL Committee during the meeting bring PUFL total to 198.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks: 2020 budget reduced by 5% to 2,750 members based on current membership. The Finance Committee is beginning the process of removing the PUFL CD's from Bellico. Mutual funds are being considered for increased return on investment.

VA&R: vacant

Americanism Ron Noakes:

Jr. Shooting:

The SAL Southern Colorado JSSP Championship was held at Pueblo Centennial High School on Saturday September 28, 2019. Over 30 shooters from Southern Colorado participated in this CMP sanctioned match. Awards were given in both Sporter and Precision categories. Along with American Legion Awards, CMP Awards were presented in Gold, Silver and Bronze. Thanks to all who participated!

The American Legion State Championship was held at Doherty High School in Colorado Springs on November 9, 2019. Participants came from Widefield, Mesa Ridge, and Doherty High Schools as well as 4H and The American Legion.

This was a CMP sanctioned 3X20 Match which included shooters in both Sporter and Precision Class. American Legion Awards were given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all positions, Prone, Standing and Kneeling as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall for both classes.

Captain Greg Thomas of Doherty High School presented ROTC Medals to shooting teams from Widefield, Mesa Ridge and Doherty. This was a well-run Match that went smoothly and we plan to make it an Annual Event.

Special Thanks go out to Mr. Ron Noakes of Post #2 who helped organize the Match, Mr. Bob Tyler of the CMP who ran the Range, David Hall, Becky Hall, Jeraud Stuart, and Chuck Sorrels of Post #209 who set up the range and scored the match.

Post 208 Young Guns graduated 4 Students on November 15th, 2019. No information on their next class.

Post 209 will graduate 9 students on November 21st, 2019. Their next class will start on February 13, 2019.

Post 2 will be graduating students in November also. I do not have the number.

Baseball:

As of this time we do not have much to report. I have been advised that there as some changes coming, but no details have been given.

Boys State:

President Max Gross reported on initial meetings with UCCS for our 2020 program. The dates for 2020 are confirmed and meeting space requirements are set. We have begun discussions with UCCS on a multi-year contract to lock in space requirements and prices. We are also meeting with UCCS to at least lock in future dates. More to follow.

Chairman Jay Bowen reported that in December we will have the information ready to stuff envelopes for the school and Post mailings. Hopefully we will have lots of members attend the meeting to help with this project.

Post 209 in Colorado Springs conducted a fundraiser for Boys State Oct. 25 and raised over \$1,500 for us.

Director Tom reported we have updated the Post Chairman's Guide and will be distributing it soon. Dates for 2020 Colorado Boys State are May 30 thru June 4, 2020 with Staff arriving on May 29 for orientation.

Final numbers for 2019 Colorado Boys State were 184 graduates with 35 Staff members. (17 Senior and 18 Counseling) We did have 245 Online Applications.

Both Max and Tom attended the Boys State Director's Conference in Indianapolis. The conference did have several presenters addressing promotion of Boys State. They recommended us using key words like: Scholarships, Government, Youth Education and Civics when promoting BS on social media. They also recommended using Youtube videos as well. They said the quality of the sound is more important than the actual video. Interesting? They suggested live streaming some BS events on social media as well. We need to have a Media Team for Colorado Boys State, so if you have a desire or some talent and want to help do this, please let us know.

Ben Birdsell reported on the updates to our website.

Oratorical: Information will be coming out soon.

Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout of the Year applications are due by February.

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: No report.

Legislative Mark Kilstrom: Richard Humphrey reported that the POW Act was passed by Congress. The POW/MIA flag will now fly on government buildings below the Stars & Stripes. The Coast Guard Payment Act is languishing in a committee. Commander Clint Bolt will lay wreaths at the WWII & Korea Memorials. Commander Arceo and Richard Humphrey will be going to the Wash DC Conference.

Public Relations Ken Yanke:

The Public Relations Committee is not asking the members of the Detachment members to do anything different in supporting their Veterans, the community or the Children of their Community.

We ask that they continue doing everything they have been doing.

However we ask them to report it, via Social Media or via the National Snapshots of Service.

Ad Hoc Committee for Detachment Districts Scott Garrett: The Department By-Laws only address District boundaries. No help there. We are bound by what Dept does, so if they have no zones, counties, etc, we cannot either. Our options are limited.

Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey: No report.

NEC Scott Garrett: Disposition of Resolutions presented at October NEC:

#1. Endorsement of Michael Fox for National Commander. Filed

#2. Bio with history of offices held required for National officers and Committeemen. Rejected.

#3. Add VEE line to Consolidated Report. Passed.

#4. National Officers & Committee Chair must provide proof of eligibility. Passed with amendment clarifying that other proofs of service in addition to a DD-214 are acceptable.

#5. Eligibility requirements arising from passage of the Legion Act excluded stepsons. Rejected.

- #6. Wording in the constitution pertaining to dues increases. Passed
- #7. Endorsement of Jason Roberts for National Vice Commander. Filed.

Motion to accept reports. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Mike Kirschner. Passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Motion to approve 2020 budget. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Rick Baldessari. Passed.
- 2) Motion to move CD's at Bellco to an acceptable mutual fund. 1st Jim Gelwicks. 2nd Ron Noakes. Passed.

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Update on the CWF Banquet & DEC in April. Entrée will be chicken fried steak. DEC will begin at 2:00 PM.
- 2) Ron Noakes brought up using Junior ROTC as a recruiting tool.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 18, 2020, 1:30 PM, at Hotel Elegante, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Closing Prayer: Rick Baldessari

Closing – Commander Nick Arceo

Retirement of the POW/MIA apron

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.

