



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
Meeting Minutes
Detachment Executive Committee
February 11, 2021

Salute: Commander Nick Arceo

Opening Prayer: Harry Ciruli

POW/MIA Ceremony: Commander Nick Arceo

Blue Star Banner: Commander Nick Arceo

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Nick Arceo

Preamble: Commander Nick Arceo

Meeting called to order at: 7:10 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	Walter Weld (1)	
Jr. Vice Commander	Steve Kidd (1985)	Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211)	Absent
Finance	Jim Gelwicks (54)	
Asst Finance	Rick Baldessari (21)	Absent
Chaplain	Harry Ciruli (103)	
Historian	vacant	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Teddy Kuntz (1985)	Absent
Sgt-at-Arms Emeritus	Ken Wederski (23)	
Judge Advocate	Richard Humphrey (23)	Absent
Detachment Advisor	Richard Humphrey (23)	Absent
Voting PDC	Mike Moss (21)	
Voting PDC	Mike Kirschner (2)	Absent

Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present

Jim Gelwicks	Ken Yanke	Pete Sierminski
Scott Garrett	Mike Moss	

Roll Call – Squadrons Present

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Distinguished Guests: Past National Commanders Mike Moss, Danny Smith, Past National Vice Commanders Pete Sierminski (PNASAA), Jim Gelwicks, Ken Yanke.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept November 21, 2020 Minutes as written. 1st Ken Yanke, 2nd Mike Moss. Passed.

Correspondence: One thank-you letter from Child Welfare Foundation for \$2,000.00. Donation requests from Alzheimer’s Association and Habitat for Humanity.

Vice Commander Reports:

Sr Vice Comm Robert Jones: Joined call during committee reports, no report

Jr Vice Comm Walter Weld: No report

Jr Vice Comm Steve Kidd: Excused, no report

Jr Vice Comm Jim Gaddis: Absent, no report

Committee Reports:

Membership: Robert Jones has reached out to Cortez and we should see membership from there shortly. Scott Garrett reported that detachment membership as of January 29 is 1,623, with about 125 to process. National is currently behind last year by 27,011. Per Joe Navarette, 2022 goals are to be set by National Commander & Membership Committee and should be more reasonable.

Permanent Membership Jim Gelwicks:

There are 200 Permanent Members.

November DEC authorized \$1,206 transfers from Detachment Permanent Member funds to expenditures during 2021. All Permanent Membership Applications and payments must conform to the 2021 National and Detachment dues schedule.

Permanent Membership Funds are invested with Vanguard. At the end of 2020, the fund is 63% stocks and 37% bonds with an annual expense of 0.31%. Distributions (income additions) are made twice a year.

Permanent Membership Account Balances:

November DEC	\$50,059.45
December 31, 2020	\$51,136.12
February 5, 2021	\$51,683.70

The value of the fund will go up and down. 2020 was an up and down year for the fund’s value. If the low and high from last year is applied to our account:

the low value would be \$44,488.42;
the high value would be \$59,829.26.

Expect the markets to go up and down during any year.

I offer the following guidelines for evaluating Detachment's Permanent Membership Funds during our 2025 Convention.

Evaluation Assumptions:

Under the old method of investing Permanent Membership Funds (insured deposits), the best rate for a 5 year CD is Partner Colorado Credit Union at 1.3%. Without annual transfers, our Permanent Membership account would be \$54,224.43 by June 2025. From 2016-2020, the total amount Detachment transferred was \$4,441. For 2021, the transfer is \$1,206. My estimate of the probable 2021-2025 total transfers is \$8,500. Therefore, under the old method, Detachment's Permanent Membership account would be \$45,724.43 in June 2025. (New membership and transfer fees are not included.)

Benchmark for June 2025

Permanent Membership Account Balance: >\$54,224.43
(After subtracting additions)

NOTE:

The Benchmark is a maximum value we could obtain by investing in a CD with an unfamiliar Credit Union.

Finance Committee Jim Gelwicks:

For 2020, the Detachment had a budget short fall of \$420 (\$400 Convention Delegate Fees and \$20 Dues).

NOTE: A Full 2021 Unrestricted budget is not reprinted. The only expense for 2021 is \$11.83 for a Permanent Membership Card.

The current 2021 budget revenue is \$10,219. Remaining budgeted 2021 dues revenue is <\$7,806>.

FYI Donor Designated Funds include:

\$ 154.84 Jr Shooting

Restricted Asset designated as "Release July 1" is surplus from 2019.

Preliminary 2020 surplus is \$6,000, subject to year end review and closing submission of 2020 expenses.

Detachment per diem for attending NEC, if held, is \$645.

2021 line item of \$200 for Mid Year expenses

Department of Colorado 2020 financial assistance to veterans and their families.

Temporary Financial Assistance (National TFA)	\$ 7,275
Colorado Veterans Kids Fund (Department CVKF)	\$ 6,556
Veterans Assistance Fund (Department)	\$16,893

Americanism:

JR Shooting: No info.

Oratorical: Oratorical will take place with participants making a video. Top three will compete in person at Post #1.

Boys State: UCCS will not provide food or lodging this summer, so there is a scramble to find an alternative venue. Hotel Elegante is an option.

Baseball: This season will depend on recreation areas opening up.

Children & Youth Pete Sierminski: CWF is at \$77,615.33 nationally. Colorado is at \$15,450.00, \$5.34/per capita and leading the nation. Squadron #73 donated \$9,000.00 to CWF and \$9,000.00 to CVKF and \$20,000.00 to four additional Legion programs.

Legislative: Vacant, no report.

Public Relations: Vacant, no report.

Detachment Advisor Richard Humphrey: Absent, no report.

NEC Scott Garrett: May NEC including NMI will be by ZOOM.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Motion to approve 2021 budget. 1st Pete Sierminski. 2nd Scott Garrett. Passed.
- 2) Motion to cancel CWF Banquet. 1st Ken Yanke. 2nd Bobby Jones. Passed.

New Business:

- 1) Detachment candidates for 2021-22:
 - a. Scott Garrett plans to step down from NEC
 - b. Ken Yanke plans to step down from ANEC.
 - c. Nick Arceo plans to step down from Commander.
 - d. Bobby Jones has doubts about moving up to Commander.
 - e. No other members to announce.
- 2) Commission appointments are needed at National by the end of March. No one announced interest.
- 3) Trailer registration still up in the air. Commander Nick will go to Denver DMV if necessary.

Special Presentations: None

Good of the Sons:

- 1) Monthly conference call reminder.
- 2) Commander Nick presented a new charter to Squadron #26, Eaton.
- 3) February Tuesday Training will focus on SAL. Scott will blast details.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 8, 7:00 PM via conference call.

Closing Prayer: Commander Nick Arceo

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Salute

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.