



*Sons of The American Legion*  
*Detachment of Iowa*

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Des Moines, IA 50309



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**37<sup>th</sup> Detachment Convention**  
**Waterloo, Iowa**  
**July 14, 2018**

The Detachment held its Annual Memorial Service at 9:00 AM organized by Chaplain Timothy Zacharias, with assistance by Adjutant Brian Kessler.

Commander Gary Bonesteel called the meeting to order in proper fashion at 9:08 AM. Chaplain Timothy Zacharias offered the opening prayer. Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules that would govern the meeting.

Adjutant Brian Kessler gave the roll call with 8 Detachment Officers present with 1 excused; 5 Committee Chairman with 1 excused; 1 District Commander, 7 Past Detachment Commanders; 2 Detachment Advisors. 4 District Advisors; 19 Squadrons present and 25 registered delegates with 4 guests.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the July 22, 2017 Detachment Convention minutes as printed; motion carried.

Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom was unable to give Detachment Finance report because he hadn't received the second quarter (final quarter for the SAL fiscal year) financial report from Department. Bob hopes to be able to present both the yearend report and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report at the Fall DEC meeting.

Department Commander Mike Etzel brought greetings and thanked us for our help, and brought us up-to-date on his project.

American Legion National Vice-Commander Byron Callies from the Department of South Dakota brought greetings and thanks from the National American Legion.

Vicki Klinkhammer, Department Auxiliary President brought greetings and discussed her accomplishments.

Leading Candidate Nichole Clapp for National American Legion Auxiliary President brought greetings and thank you.

National Vice-Commander Joseph Navarrete from the Detachment of New Mexico brought greetings from the National Sons of The American Legion.

National Membership Chairman Seth Rippe from the Detachment of Nebraska brought greetings from the National Membership Committee.

Liaison with The American Legion/Internal Affairs Randy Freel gave his report that he gave to the Internal Affairs Committee and is on file with the Adjutant.

National Membership Committee member Brian Kessler talked about hitting our targets for 2017-2018 membership year.

Americanism Commission James Lastovka gave his yearend report and is on file.

V.A. & R. Chairman Bobby Jackson talked how we need to discuss how we can get our Squadrons to volunteer more and we should talk about it Fall DEC.

Sioux Falls VAVS representative Brian Kessler reported on happenings of the Sioux Falls SD VA Hospital.

Veterans Employment and Education Chairman Mike Monserud gave his report and is on file.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald noted he has not seen any new legislative incentives.

Commander Bonesteel thanked all his officers and all the new Squadrons that have come on board.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Chaplain sent 12 cards for those that were sick.

Unfinished business: Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to close the following Squadrons: Anita #210 (7), Ashton #290 (9), Avoca #227 (7), Bloomfield #78 (5), Brayton #350 (7), Carroll #7 (8), Cedar Falls #237 (3), Charles City #174 (4), Coon Rapids #357 (8), Iowa Falls #188 (3), Garwin #71 (3), Graettinger #162 (8), Grinnell #53 (5), Kingsley #140 (9), Lisbon #109 (2), Peterson #10 (9), Terril #432 (9), Volga #327 (4), and Urbandale #663 (6); motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to ratify 2018-2019 Budget as presented by Detachment Executive Committee; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to accept Alternate National Executive Committeeman Richard Young's resignation; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to accept all Consolidated Squadron and Detachment Reports as presented and are on file; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give \$1,000.00 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota: Gary Bonesteel (Chairman), Brian Kessler (Secretary), Alan Schenck, Bob Rosenboom, Ken Rochholz, Mike Monserud, James Dean, Devin Von Querner, Bobby Jackson, Jim Valentine, Jim Peterson, Mike Etzel, Scott Moline, Randy Freel, John Derner, Dana Thompson, Richard Bullock, and for the Detachment to pay the registration fees; motion carried.

The following people volunteered to serve on National Convention Committee's during the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 24 through 26, 2018:

Americanism: Gary Bonesteel; Constitutional Amendments Mike Monserud; Internal Affairs: James Dean; Membership; Brian Kessler; Finance: Bob Rosenboom; Legislation and Rules: Alan Schenck; VA&R: Bobby Jackson, with Children & Youth and Credentials being filled by whoever was available at the time.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give \$500.00 to the National Emergency Fund and Children Welfare Foundation at the National Executive Committee Fall Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by James Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$500.00 to the Marshalltown VA Home for their Christmas gifts or Christmas Gift Cards and give \$500 worth of Personal Care Kits to Iowa City VA Hospital, Des Moines VA Hospital, Sioux Falls VA Hospital, Omaha VA Hospital; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to give each new CBOC in Spirit Lake and Dakota Dunes, South Dakota (Sioux City) \$250 to buy whatever they need on behalf of the Detachment of Iowa; motion carried.

Mike Deacon said if we wait our turn for National Vice-Commander Central Region in eight years we will have someone ready, but if we are going to get Ken ready, we need to get him out to National. The biggest thing is if someone wants to get in line for National Vice-Commander, then they need to talk to the Past Detachment Commander's and Past National Commanders and work with them to get all the steps in training to become the best candidate.

Motion by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give up to \$200 for a pizza party for the Iowa Junior Shooting Contest for those who stay at Camp Dodge; motion carried

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give \$50 each to the Iowa Foundation on behalf of Rolland Rochholz, Past Detachment Commander Ken Rochholz's brother, and Lorna Valentine, Past Detachment Commander Jim Valentine's mother; motion carried.

#### Elections of 2018-2019 Detachment Officers:

Ames endorses Mike Monserud for Detachment Vice-Commander. Tim Zacharias nominated Jim Zacharias, Mike Monserud nominates James Lastovka, Bob Rosenboom nominated Carey Tandy, Alan Schenck nominated James Dean and Alan Schenck nominated Gary Smith as Detachment Vice-Commanders. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, that nominations cease and call for a vote by delegate strength to choose 5 Vice Commander; motion carried. Mike Monserud, Jim Zacharias, James Lastovaka, Carey Tandy, and James Dean were elected as Detachment Vice-Commanders for 2018-2019 year.

Tim Zacharias nominated Bob Rosenboom for Detachment Finance Officer. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instruct to cast one unanimous ballot for Bob Rosenboom to be the Detachment Finance Officer for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried.

Jim Zacharias nominates Tim Zacharias, Jim Valentine nominated Trevor Davidson to be Detachment Chaplain 2018-2019. Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike

Monserud, **Ames**, nominations cease and call for a vote by delegate strength to choose the Detachment Chaplain for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried. Trevor Davidson was elected the Detachment Chaplain for 2018-2019.

Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to nominate Devin Von Querner for Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Devin Von Querner to be the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried.

Alan Schenck, **Bedford**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, nominate Michael E. Sypherd Sr. as Detachment Historian. Motion by James Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Michael E Sypherd, Sr. to be the Detachment Historian for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to nominate Ken Rochholz as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Ken Rochholz to be the Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried

Mike Monserud, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, for Alan Schenck for Detachment Commander 2018-2019. Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for Alan Schenck to be the Detachment Commander for the 2018-2019 year; motion carried.

Commander Bonesteel turned the podium over to 9<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain James Kessler for installation of the 2018-2019 Detachment Officers.

Table discussion on freezer till Fall Conference; with one idea being raffle at Mid-Winter for Commander's project.

Need to contact Past Commander about getting pictures on wall at Detachment HQ, table till Fall Conference.

Next meeting was set for July 20, 2019 at the Airport Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Des Moines Iowa.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed in proper order at 1:26 PM.

*Brian Kessler*

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