



# *Sons of The American Legion*

## *Detachment of Iowa*



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### **Detachment Executive Committee Meeting** **Des Moines, Iowa** **October 29, 2017**

Commander Gary Bonesteel opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplin Timothy Zacharias offered opening prayer. Detachment Judge Advocate Michael Deacon stated the rules of the meeting.

Members in attendance were Commander Gary Bonesteel; Vice-Commanders Carey Tandy, Mike Monserud, James Lastovka, and Jim Zacharias; Adjutant: Brian Kessler; Chaplin Timothy Zacharias; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Judge Advocate Mike Deacon; National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Richard Young. Sergeant-At-Arms Bruce Wright was excused due to prior commitment. All Chairman were present; 8 Past Commanders; Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Randy Freel, Gary Haverman and Alan Schenck. There were 15 Squadrons, 9 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 27.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to approve minutes of July 22, 2017 as presented; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 3rd quarter (July - September 2017) with beginning balance of \$20,132.05, total expenses of \$8,987.66, total income of \$10,270.22, leaving a balance of \$21,414.61. Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to approve the finance report as presented; motion carried.

Commander Bonesteel introduced the guest attending the Conference. Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Mike Etzel brought greetings from the Department of Iowa and thanked the Detachment for all we do.

Leading Candidate for Department of Iowa American Legion Commander Scott Moline brought greetings and discussed his upcoming year as Department Commander.

Department of Iowa American Legion Adjutant John Derner read highlights from this District Fall Conference report. National American Legion Commander Rohan coming to Iowa for her official visit March 21-24, 2018 for a Spring Membership Tour.

Department Advisor Randy Freel presented his report he will be giving to the Department DEC meeting on November 4. Report is on file.

Alan Schenk, 7<sup>th</sup> District Advisor, reported on their membership and also how he got all his Squadrons last year to get membership in.

James Dean, 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander, talked about the Districts membership and his attempts to contact those with goose eggs to replace with numbers.

Randy Freel, 6<sup>th</sup> District Advisor, talked with their membership and the Squadrons that are currently trying to either restart or close them.

Jim Zacharias, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, went over their membership and some Squadrons that had problems.

National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson reported on the Fall NEC meeting.

Membership Chairman Dale Hidlebaugh asked for membership, several Squadrons turning membership at the start of the meeting. He then reported where the Detachment stood in the National standings.

Mr. Rosenboom reported on which membership cards were still at Department as the time of the meeting. They were: Peterson #10; Iowa City #17; Creston #70; Tama #73; Bennett #104; Storm Lake #115; Guthrie Center #124; Glenwood #141; Graettinger #162; Akron #186; Lenox #250; Wellman #427; and Hornink #492.

Officers reported on their visits to Fall District Conferences.

Americanism Chairman James Lastovka read his report on the different programs that the Americanism Committee handles and their deadlines to be registered or will be happening into Department.

Children & Youth Chairman Michael E. Sypherd Sr. reported on our donations to Child Welfare Foundation and the grants they awarded.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Bobby Jackson asked for VAVS Reps and Deputies at the VA Hospitals served by Iowa.

Sioux Falls VAVS Representative Brian Kessler gave his report and it's on file.

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

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald discussed the different legislation that will be coming up.

Detachment Commander Gary reported on his travels especially to Marshalltown Iowa Veterans Home and Iowa City VA. Commander also showed off the awards we won last year at National Convention for last year's results. Commander would like to be 100% in membership by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

Sick Call: Mike and Annie Blanchard.

Unfinished business: Richard Young's money is there but no definite year yet.

Nichole Clapps campaign is going fine, and we still need to give \$2,500.00 to meet our obligation to her campaign. Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to table discussion on new donation till Mid-Winter; motion carried.

Adjutant Kessler noted that he hadn't sent out the closure letters yet, due to being to busy.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, not to have District Mentors this year, but do a conservative effort to get District Representatives at the Mid-Winter District Caucuses; motion carried.

New business: Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to table email discussion till Mid-Winter with Adjutant doing more research; motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$240.00 to the Vets of Valor radio-a-thon; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to donate \$500 to National Endowment Fund, motion carried.

Motion by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, seconded by Tim Zacharias, **Hampton**, that we no longer do membership buttons; motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to authorize funds up to \$1,500.00 for the Children's Activity Center at Mid-Winter Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Michael Sypherd, Sr, **Washington**, not to lay a wreath this year during Washington Conference; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, to nominate Mike Monsrud for National Management Institute at Spring NEC class of 2020; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to give the \$130.00 registration fee for the Fall DEC meeting to Commander's Project; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, if it works out, to share the Children's Activity Room to do the Root Beer floats; motion carried.

Do the same training we have done with updates.

National Vice-Commander Membership tour and Past District Commander's turn-in was reviewed.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Monserud, **Ames**, to donate another \$2,000.00 on top of the \$130.00 we donated earlier at the meeting to the Commander's project of paving the parking lot at Department Headquarters; motion carried.

Motion by Michael Sypherd, Sr., **Washington**, seconded by Jim Zacharias, **Hampton**, to change the domain name of the Commander's website to "iowasal.org"; motion carried.

Jim Peterson asked if he could get the SAL National Commander or Vice-Commander to come to his Squadron meeting, and it was explained to Jim if we don't get a National guest we would send in his request.

Under the God of the Sons: A list of possible new Squadrons was discussed with Van Horn, Rock Valley, and Ellston being mentioned.

Spring Conference, Swisher offered to host. Motion by Michael Sypherd, Sr., **Washington**, seconded by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer** to have Spring Conference at Department Headquarters; motion carried. Need to stress in the newsletter that everyone is welcome but no training. April 29, 2018 will be spring conference

The next DEC meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa starting at 9:00 AM.

Chaplain Zacharias offered the closing prayer, with Commander Bonesteel closing the meeting in proper fashion at 1:15 PM.

*Brian Kessler*

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