



Sons of The American Legion



Detachment of Iowa

720 Lyon St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

**Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
Des Moines, Iowa
February 11, 2017**

Commander Gary Bonesteel opened the meeting in proper fashion at 9:00 AM. Detachment Chaplain Dennis Theobald 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 Blanchard, Jim Valentine and James Lastovka; Adjutant: Brian Kessler, Chaplain Dennis Theobald; Finance Officer Bob Rosenboom; Sergeant-At-Arms Bruce Wright; Judge Advocate Michael Deacon; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bobby Jackson with three excused officers. All Chairman were present; 9 Past Commanders, Advisors in attendance were Randy Freel and James Dean, District Advisors Gary Palas, Bradley Knight, Randy Freel, and Alan Schenck. There were 33 Squadrons, 3 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 53.

Motion by Mike Blanchard, **Muscatine**, seconded by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, to approve minutes of October 23, 2016 as presented; motion carried.

Bob Rosenboom gave the Detachment Finance report for the 4th quarter (October - December 2016) with beginning balance of \$21,182.59, total expenses of \$9,797.91 total income of \$14,958.00, leaving a balance of \$28,252.34 . Motion by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, seconded by Bobby Jackson, **Lorimor**, to approve the finance report as presented; motion carried. It was noted, in the check memo they need to specify which candidate to give it to, and also mark for the SAL candidates fund.

National Vice-Commander Central Region Michael Lawler (WI) brought greetings from the National Commander and discussed membership targets.

Department of Iowa Commander Ken Rochholz brought thanks from the Department for all the Detachment does, and discussed his project of replacing the parking lot at the Department/Detachment Headquarters.

Leading Candidate Danny Smith (NE) presented himself and what he plans to do during his service as Commander for the National Sons of The American Legion.

Liaison with the American Legion Internal Affairs Randy Freel brought his report, and is on file

with the Adjutant.

Membership Chairman Dale Hidlebaugh thanked everybody for getting in their membership and please get in your remaining membership in.

Americanism Chairman Gary Palas presented his report from the Legion Americanism Commission meeting on Friday.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman/VAVS for Des Moines VA hospital Bobby Jackson reported on the dates for the Des Moines VA Stand Down were set for September 15th – 17th, 2017.

Veterans Employment. & Education Chairman/VAVS for Sioux Falls VA hospital Brian Kessler talked about some veteran employment job seminars coming up around the area. Brian brought an update for the Sioux Falls SD VA with all the construction and their feelings about the new Veterans Affairs Director.

Legislative Chairman Dennis Theobald talked about the priorities in the State and National Legislatures.

Public Media and Communications Commission Chairman Bob Rosenboom discussed the Marketing Committee meeting. Bob talked starting a Marketing Committee and how important it was going to be for the Family to get their name out in the public.

Commander gave his report and talked about getting the Squadrons that are not working closed or starting to close. He talked about going to various Squadron meeting.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, to accept all reports as presented; motion carried.

For Sick Call Richard Young was noted with his surgery and how slow his recovery could go.

Christmas Gifts to VA Hospitals & Homes with everyone sending thank you letters and loved the gifts.

No funds have been spent for any National Candidate Funds for either Richard or Nichole.

Motion by Mike Deacon, **Ames**, seconded by Dennis Theobald, **Muscatine**, the Detachment place \$1,000.00 in the National Campaign fund for Richard Young for National Vice-Commander; motion carried.

Motion by Carey Tandy, **Oxford**, seconded by Michael Sypherd, Sr., **Washington**, to close the Squadrons listed with no response, with the exception of Cumming; motion carried. It was suggested to make one last ditch effort to get them reestablished at the District Spring Conferences. Those with no responses as of meeting time and voted to be closed are: Ashton, Avoca, Carroll, Central City, Charles City, Coon Rapids, Corydon, Iowa Falls, Lenox, Melcher, Monroe, Terril, Vinton, and West Point.

Motion by Mike Blanchard, **Muscatine**, seconded by Carey Tandy, **Oxford**, to renew the online

calendar for another year; motion carried.

Motion by Bob Rosenboom, **Palmer**, seconded by Mike Blanchard, **Muscatine**, that as the need arise the Detachment may purchase pizza for the Junior Shooting Sports Tournament on Friday evening, March 17, 2017, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Blanchard, **Muscatine**, seconded by Michael Sypherd Sr., **Washington** to donate \$500 each to CWF and NEF for the Spring NEC meetings; motion carried.
Ames donated money for CWF and NEF to be given at Spring NEC meeting.

Two members volunteered to serve on National Committee or Commissions.

Spring District Conference Assignments

- 1st – April 22nd at Columbus Jct. – James Lastovka
- 2nd – April 22nd at Cedar Rapids – Mike Deacon
- 3rd – April 8th at Denver – Mike Deacon
- 4th – April 1st at Osage – Michael Sypherd Sr.
- 5th – April 22nd at Grinnell – Gary Bonesteel
- 6th – April 8th at Maxwell – Gary Bonesteel
- 7th – April 1st at Mindon – Brian Kessler
- 8th – April 22nd at Webster City – Bob Rosenboom
- 9th – April 1st at Sloan – Gary Bonesteel

Discussion was had about the root beer floats location as we didn't have the turn out we expected and as we have had in previous years. A consensus of the DEC was not having a room next year or at this year's Convention, but to use tables and a small freezer to keep the ice cream frozen. Bob said he would look at getting more information for Spring Conference on freezers and if we could set up tables out in the dome area to serve the floats.

Under the God of the Sons:

Spring Conference will be the 23rd of April in Bedford. Training on Consolidate Squadron Reports.

Chaplain Theobald offered the closing prayer, with Commander Bonesteel closing the meeting in proper fashion at 11:50 AM.

Brian Kessler

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