

**Sons Of The American Legion  
Detachment of Illinois**

**2014 FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**September 6, 2014, Louisville #914**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commander Jarosz called meeting to order at 1300.  
National Chaplain Harl Ray was appointed Temporary Chaplain  
The Colors were in place, hand salute was rendered  
Ray did the invocation  
IPDC Cavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Jarosz did the POW/MIA Ceremony  
Senior Vice-Commander Geary led the Preamble

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. The following were present: Commander Jarosz; Sr Vice Geary; NEC Williamson; Adjutant Van Horn; Asst Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Parliamentarian Shipley; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Koop; 1<sup>st</sup> Division Sgt-At-Arms Gort; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Sgt-At-Arms Haddick; Commander's Aide Cisna; Sr Vice Aide Griffin; 1<sup>st</sup> Division Jr Vice; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander; 18<sup>th</sup> District Commander; 19<sup>th</sup> District Sr Vice; PNC's Stillwell & Cisna; PDC's Cavanaugh, Stillwell, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Tharp, Williamson, Ray; Advisor's Piento, Cox, Phelps & Flanagan

**JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS**

Judge Advocate commented on procedures of making motions, etc.

**MINUTES OF DETACHMENT CONVENTION & DEC'S**

Motion by Koop of the 10<sup>th</sup> District to accept all the minutes as printed, with the second, the motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

List of Guests on file.

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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Commander Appointed Shipley as Chairman with Stander and Metz as members.

**DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**

4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander offered a brief report stating he will be resigning and the Division will resubmit a new certification.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES**

**PRESENTATION OF #1 PINS**

Sr. Vice reported on membership and effort to get all Divisions, Districts and Squadrons certified. The #1 pins were awarded to:

DIVISION – 1<sup>st</sup> Division at 43.4%, pins given to Division Jr. Vice

DISTRICT – 1<sup>st</sup> Division – 4<sup>th</sup> District at 69.9%, not certified

DISTRICT – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division – 10<sup>th</sup> District at 46.9%, awarded to Cmdr. & SR

DISTRICT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Division – 16<sup>th</sup> District at 42.9% awarded to Commander

DISTRICT – 4<sup>th</sup> Division – 18<sup>th</sup> District at 28.3% awarded to Commander

DISTRICT – 5<sup>th</sup> Division – 25<sup>th</sup> District at 15.8%, pins to be awarded later

Motion by Geary to accept his report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Officer asked if there were any questions about report distributed during meeting. With none, reminded that when people with budgets submit an expense report, to put the Budget Item Number in the appropriate area or the report will be returned.

Motion by Koop of the 10<sup>th</sup> District to accept the report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

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**STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*(Only who gave reports are listed)*

**Children & Youth Commission**

Chairman Ray congratulated CWF Promoter Gort on a good year and discussed CAT. CWF Banner Flyer will be available after the Fall NEC in October and be put in the bulk mailing. Discussion on the Scholarships and how the actual amount available to be dispersed will be made clearer.

Slevin Sr. of the 16<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept the report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, came a discussion by Slevin Sr. that State of Illinois returned our Toby Tire Donation check, stating having more than enough funds and Commission decided to use those funds to buy additional Josh Dogs, the motion passed.

Commander turned podium over to Sr Vice-Commander Geary at 1342.

**Finance Commission**

Chairman Cisna reported discussion by Winter or Spring DEC to reevaluate the 6 donations for end of the year overage ... each Chairman will be contacted. Of the 6, Toby Tire for \$675.59 was discussed and decided to split evenly amongst Commander's Projects. Anyone submitting expense form must fill it out completely or the Finance Officer will return it to individual. Requests that come to Commission: ALA Dept. National Campaign Fund for \$1,000; SAL Hall of Fame Trip for Jarosz and Gummersheimer for \$1,600; Hall of Fame dinner for Jarosz, \$100; Camp Lincoln – Lincoln Pilgrimage donation of \$200; over-budget for caravan pin of \$168.64 totaling \$3,068.36.

The Adjutant stated approval of this report also approves the requests unless specifically spelled out in the motion.

Slevin Sr of the 16<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept entire report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

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**National Security & Poppy's Commission**

Chairman Phelps discussed pulling out of Iraq early and seeing what happened and wondering if the same will happen in Afghanistan. Talked about illegal immigrants and how taxpayers bear the burden of them. A NY soldier from WW2's remains has been identified. Poppies still need help!

Motion by Phelps to accept report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Legislative Commission**

Chairman Griffin reported the following legislation was discussed:

- H. R. 3230, the Veteran's Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. This Act will provide an additional \$15 billion of emergency funding to ensure veterans prompt access to medical care and needed infrastructure and allows the Secretary to fire top executives who don't have veteran's best interest at heart.
- The Act also expands traumatic brain injury care programs for veterans.
- A new Department of Defense decision will enable Vietnam veterans and others to request upgrades to their less than honorable discharges due to extenuating factors not known at the time of their separation; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Koop of the 10<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

**SAL Leadership Training Commission**

Vice Chairman Ray stated this upcoming year they will try to hold and promote more District and Division training sessions, much like what IPDC Cavanaugh and PDC Hunter did last year.

Motion by Koop to accept, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Senior Vice returned podium to Commander at 1403.

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**Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

Chairman Williamson discussed the Rep/Deps. Discussed a mission plan he created when National VA&R Chairman. Creative Arts Fest in Milwaukee November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stated there are 2 Fisher Houses we support, one at Hines VA in Chicago and the other at Jefferson Barracks in St Louis. Working on a bowling tournament to be hosted by Department Commander, Department President and Detachment Commander in the Spring.

Motion by Williamson to accept the report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Public Relations Commission**

Chairman Cisna discussed Detachment Senior Vice Commander Geary being mentioned in the Chicago Suburb's Daily Herald regarding video gaming and how it has helped his Post. There are PSA materials, PR package regarding 09/11, and a DVD history of the American Legion and a PR handbook provided by National, just ask!! Mentioned submitting stories to papers, radio, TV about consolidated reports, meetings, elections, etc.

Motion by Phelps to accept report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

***COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS***

Squadron 911 donated \$100 to CMN, Fisher House, & NEF; Misc. donations of \$240 to CWF; NEC Williamson donated \$20 to Chicago Homeless Sandwich Run.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Received a letter from June Ries on the passing of her son, John Jr. The Adjutant read the letter.

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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Shipley stated there were only Hospitality Resolutions and all were accepted.

Slevin Sr of the 16<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept the report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Commander Jarosz then presented plaques to the host Post Family.

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT**

NEC Williamson discussed National Convention. Stated Illinois is home to the National Chaplain, Harl Ray. Mike Sawicki remained Chairman of the MTD Committee and Jim Borgman is still on Americanism Commission. Discussed National Commander Mike Moss's goals for the year. Stated upcoming NEC the second weekend in October. Williamson motioned to accept his report, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee/Commission Appointments**

The Commander stated there was a list of Committee/Commission appointments being passed around. He stated all names for Committee/Commission/Adjutant/Finance Officer have been approved by Department of Illinois Internal Affairs. He gave everyone a moment to review. He then asked for a motion to accept the appointments. Koop of the 10<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed.

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**2014-15 Appointments to Detachment Commissions, Committee &  
Liaison/Promoters**

**Americanism Commission**

Chairman		<b>Jim Borgman</b>
Vice Chairman		<b>Jeff Roscow</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Division		<b>Harl "Butch" Ray</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Division		<b>Jeff Roscow</b>
Liaison to Department Religious Emphasis Committee		<b>Jim Borgman</b>
Liaison to Flag Alliance		<b>Tommie Cisna</b>
Liaison to Boys State Committee		<b>Father Gary Gummersheimer</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division		<b>Jeff Haddick</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Division		<b>Don Wilson</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Division		<b>Jim Borgman</b>

**Children & Youth Commission**

Chairman		<b>Harl "Butch" Ray</b>
Vice Chairman		<b>Garrett Slevin Sr.</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Division		<b>Marty Belovicz</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Division		<b>Jim Hurt</b>
Child Welfare Promoter		<b>Eugene Gort</b>
Children's Miracle Network Promoter		<b>Phil Shipley</b>
Toby Tire Promoter		<b>Harl "Butch" Ray</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division		<b>Jerry Griffin</b>
	<i>To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Division		<b>Garrett Slevin Sr.</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Division		<b>Harl "Butch" Ray</b>

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**Contest Commission**

Chairman **Bill Pillman**  
Vice Chairman **Doug Haberkamp**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

3<sup>rd</sup> Division **Mike Fritch**  
Detachment Convention Bowling **Dan Ronayne**  
Detachment Convention Golf Chairman **N/A**

*To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

4<sup>th</sup> Division **Phil Shipley**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Danny Seagraves**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Division **Bill Pillman**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Doug Haberkamp**

**Finance Commission**

Chairman **George Koop**  
Vice Chairman **Matt Christie**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

2<sup>nd</sup> Division **George Koop**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division **Bear Van Brocklin**  
Detachment Finance Officer **Bob Tharp**  
Department Finance Commission Liaison **George Koop**  
Department Economics Commission Liaison **George Koop**

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1<sup>st</sup> Division **Matt Christie**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Fred Hickem**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

4<sup>th</sup> Division **Tommie Cisna**



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**Legislative Commission**

Chairman **Jerry Griffin**  
Vice Chairman **Mark Friedman**

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1<sup>st</sup> Division **Jim Borgman**  
Legislative Commission Liaison **Jerry Griffin**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Jerry Griffin**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division **Mike Ayala**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

4<sup>th</sup> Division **David McKnelly**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Brian Dilday**

**National Security Commission**

Chairman **Denver Phelps**  
Vice Chairman **Bear Van Brocklin**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Division **Jim Borgman**  
National Security Commission Liaison **Denver Phelps**  
Police School Promoter **Denver Phelps**

*To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

3<sup>rd</sup> Division **Bear VanBrocklin**  
4<sup>th</sup> Division **Denver Phelps**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Bill Frangquist**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Fred Hickem**

**Poppy Commission**

Chairman **Denver Phelps**  
Vice Chairman **Phil Banialis**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Phil Banialis**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division **Garrett Slevin Sr.**  
Poppy Sales/Distribution Commission Liaison **Denver Phelps**

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1<sup>st</sup> Division **Bill Pillman**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Jim Hurt**

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4<sup>th</sup> Division **Denver Phelps**

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**Public Relations Commission**

Chairman **Tommie Cisna**  
Vice Chairman **Marty Belovicz**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Division **Marty Belovicz**  
Technology Committee Liaison (Webmaster) **Mike Sawicki**  
Public Relations/Information Exchange Committee Liaison **Tommie Cisna**  
Detachment Advisor **Bill Flanagan**  
Detachment Commander **John Jarosz, Jr.**  
Detachment Senior Vice Commander **Bill Geary**  
Detachment Adjutant **Jeff Van Horn**  
Detachment Asst. Adjutant **Harl "Butch" Ray**

*To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

4<sup>th</sup> Division **Tommie Cisna**  
5<sup>th</sup> Division **Milt Edrington**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Mark Melone**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division **open**

**S.A.L. Leadership Training Commission**

Chairman **Ed Cavanaugh**  
Vice Chairman **Mike Sawicki**

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

5<sup>th</sup> Division **Jim Hurt**  
Member At-Large **J.R. Stillwell**  
Member At-Large **Jimmy Hunter**  
Detachment Commander **John Jarosz, Jr.**  
Detachment Senior Vice Commander **Bill Geary**  
Detachment Adjutant **Jeff Van Horn**  
Detachment Finance Officer **Bob Tharp**

*To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Division **Mike Sawicki**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Mark Melone**

*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

3<sup>rd</sup> Division **open**  
4<sup>th</sup> Division **Ed Cavanaugh**

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**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission**

Chairman	<b>Bruno Williamson</b>
Vice Chairman	<b>Matt Christie</b>

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4 <sup>th</sup> Division	<b>Bruno Williamson</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Division	<b>Jeff Roscow</b>
Detachment Service Officer	<b>Dan Smith III</b>
VA&R Commission Liaison	<b>Bruno Williamson</b>
Gifts To The Yanks Who Give Commission Liaison/Prompter	<b>Matt Christie</b>
Hospital Reps/Deps:	<i>Jesse Brown: TBA, Hines: Ricardo Fernandez, La Salle: Ed Cavanaugh,</i>
	<i>North Chicago: Rep-Bill Geary/Dep-George Koop, Quincy: TBA,</i>
	<i>Danville: Rep-Ed Cavanaugh/Dep-Bruno Williamson,</i>
	<i>Manteno: Jim Hunter, Anna: Donnie Houghland, Marion: Donnie Houghland</i>

*To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	<b>Bear VanBrocklin</b>
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*To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting*

1 <sup>st</sup> Division	<b>Matt Christie</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	<b>George Koop</b>

**Audit Committee**

Chairman	<b>Bill Geary</b>
Vice Chairman	<b>Bruno Williamson</b>

*To serve until the close of the 2015 Detachment Convention*

Detachment Senior Vice Commander	<b>Bill Geary</b>
Detachment Judge Advocate	<b>JR Stillwell</b>
National Executive Committeeman	<b>Bruno Williamson</b>
Chairman, Commander's Advisory	<b>Ed Cavanaugh</b>
Chairman, Finance Committee	<b>George Koop</b>
Detachment Advisor	<b>Bill Flanagan</b>
Detachment Finance Officer	<b>Bob Tharp</b>

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**Convention Committee**

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Chairman	Gary Lenz
Vice Chairman	George Koop
1st Division	Eugene Gort
1 <sup>st</sup> Division	Bill Pillman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	Jeff Haddick
4 <sup>th</sup> Division	Butch Ray
5 <sup>th</sup> Division	Milt Edrington
Detachment Commander	John Jarosz, Jr.
Detachment Senior Vice-Commander	Bill Geary
Detachment Adjutant	Jeff Van Horn

*Ex-Officio Members*

Detachment Asst Adjutant	Butch Ray
Detachment Judge Advocate	JR Stillwell
Detachment Chaplain	Jim Borgman
Detachment Sgt-At-Arms	Marty Belovicz
National Executive Committeeman	Bruno Williamson
Chairman, Commander's Advisory	Ed Cavanaugh
Chairman, Finance Committee	George Koop
Detachment Advisor	Bill Flanagan
Detachment Bowling Coordinator	Dan Ronayne
Detachment Finance Officer	Bob Tharp
Department Convention Coordinator	Jeff Van Horn

**Detachment Adjutant**

Commander Jarosz stated he selected Jeffrey Van Horn as Detachment Adjutant. Sr Vice Geary motioned to accept this appointment, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Detachment Finance Officer**

Commander Jarosz stated he selected Robert Tharp as Detachment Finance Officer. Slevin Sr. of the 16<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept this appointment, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**PUFL Administrator**

Commander Jarosz stated he selected JR Stillwell as PUFL Admin. Koop of the 10<sup>th</sup> District motioned to accept this appointment, with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

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**Other New Business**

Sr Vice Geary questioned the opening ceremony, specifically the POW/MIA verbiage, of our meetings. He stated the dates should be removed and in many other Legion Family meetings, they are. Geary motioned to remove the dates and adopt a shorter version, Phelps of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed.

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**Other items:**

It was discussed that Special Committee be formed to prepare a Memorial Resolution in honor of John Ries Jr to present to his mother at Detachment Convention. JR Stillwell was appointed at Chairman, with Bob Tharp and Bill Geary as members. Motion by Geary to accept this Special Committee, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the NEC, passed.

**ADVISOR'S REMARKS**

Chairman Flanagan congratulated the Detachment on another good year and wished success for the upcoming year. He stated the Detachment has done a good job of handling "issues" within ranks.

**50 – 50 DRAWING**

Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50. \$102 total was collected.

Amount: \$51 to Winner: Tommie Cisna  
Cisna stated he will donate his winnings to Kathy Cisna's shoe fund.

**Closing & Benediction**

Acting Chaplain Ray gave the closing prayer.  
The Colors were in place, hand salute was rendered.  
Commander adjourned the meeting at 1452.

Minutes completed by:  
Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant