

**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; 1st Division Sgt-At-Arms Gort; 2nd Division Sgt-At-Arms Haddick; Commander's Aide Cisna; Sr Vice Aide Griffin; 1st Division Jr Vice; 4th Division Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 10th District Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 16th District Commander; 18th District Commander; 19th 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 10th 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

4th 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 – 1st Division at 43.4%, pins given to Division Jr. Vice

DISTRICT – 1st Division – 4th District at 69.9%, not certified

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

DISTRICT – 3rd Division – 16th District at 42.9% awarded to Commander

DISTRICT – 4th Division – 18th District at 28.3% awarded to Commander

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

Motion by Geary to accept his report, with the 2nd, 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 10th District to accept the report, with the 2nd, 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 16th District motioned to accept the report, with the 2nd, came a discussion by Slevin Sr. that State of Illinois returned our Toby The 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 16th District motioned to accept entire report, with the 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 10th 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 2nd, 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 2nd. 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 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 16th District motioned to accept the report, with the 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 10th District motioned to accept, with the 2nd, the motion passed.

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

Americanism Commission

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

Children & Youth Commission

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

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Contest Commission

Chairman	Bill Pillman
Vice Chairman	Doug Haberkamp
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3 rd Division	Mike Fritch
Detachment Convention Bowling	Dan Ronayne
Detachment Convention Golf Chairman	N/A
<i>To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
4 th Division	Phil Shipley
5 th Division	Danny Seagraves
<i>To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
1 st Division	Bill Pillman
2 nd Division	Doug Haberkamp

Finance Commission

Chairman	George Koop
Vice Chairman	Matt Christie
<i>To serve until the close of the 2015 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
2 nd Division	George Koop
3 rd Division	Bear Van Brocklin
Detachment Finance Officer	Bob Tharp
Department Finance Commission Liaison	George Koop
Department Economics Commission Liaison	George Koop
<i>To serve until the close of the 2016 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
1 st Division	Matt Christie
5 th Division	Fred Hickem
<i>To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting</i>	
4 th Division	Tommie Cisna

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Legislative Commission

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

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1st Division **Jim Borgman**
Legislative Commission Liaison **Jerry Griffin**

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

2nd Division **Jerry Griffin**
3rd Division **Mike Ayala**

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

4th Division **David McKnelly**
5th 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

1st 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

3rd Division **Bear VanBrocklin**
4th Division **Denver Phelps**

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

2nd Division **Bill Frangquist**
5th Division **Fred Hickem**

Poppy Commission

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

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

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

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

1st Division **Bill Pillman**
5th Division **Jim Hurt**

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4th Division **Denver Phelps**

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Public Relations Commission

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

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1st 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

4th Division **Tommie Cisna**
5th Division **Milt Edrington**

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

2nd Division **Mark Melone**
3rd 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

5th 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**

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1st Division **Mike Sawicki**
2nd Division **Mark Melone**

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

3rd Division **open**
4th Division **Ed Cavanaugh**

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission

Chairman	Bruno Williamson
Vice Chairman	Matt Christie

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4 th Division	Bruno Williamson
5 th Division	Jeff Roscow
Detachment Service Officer	Dan Smith III
VA&R Commission Liaison	Bruno Williamson
Gifts To The Yanks Who Give Commission Liaison/Prompter	Matt Christie
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 rd Division	Bear VanBrocklin
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To serve until the close of the 2017 Fall Detachment Executive Meeting

1 st Division	Matt Christie
2 nd Division	George Koop

Audit Committee

Chairman	Bill Geary
Vice Chairman	Bruno Williamson

To serve until the close of the 2015 Detachment Convention

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

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Convention Committee

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Chairman
Vice Chairman
1st Division
1st Division
2nd Division
4th Division
5th Division
Detachment Commander
Detachment Senior Vice-Commander
Detachment Adjutant

Gary Lenz
George Koop
Eugene Gort
Bill Pillman
Jeff Haddick
Butch Ray
Milt Edrington
John Jarosz, Jr.
Bill Geary
Jeff Van Horn

Ex-Officio Members

Detachment Asst Adjutant
Detachment Judge Advocate
Detachment Chaplain
Detachment Sgt-At-Arms
National Executive Committeeman
Chairman, Commander's Advisory
Chairman, Finance Committee
Detachment Advisor
Detachment Bowling Coordinator
Detachment Finance Officer
Department Convention Coordinator

Butch Ray
JR Stillwell
Jim Borgman
Marty Belovicz
Bruno Williamson
Ed Cavanaugh
George Koop
Bill Flanagan
Dan Ronayne
Bob Tharp
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 2nd, passed.

Detachment Finance Officer

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

PUFL Administrator

Commander Jarosz stated he selected JR Stillwell as PUFL Admin. Koop of the 10th District motioned to accept this appointment, with the 2nd, 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 4th Division made the 2nd, the motion passed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

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 2nd 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