

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

**2014 FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2014 – Macomb Squadron 6**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Bill Geary called meeting to order at 1300. Detachment Commander Jarosz was excused.  
The Colors were in place, hand salute rendered  
Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave the prayer  
First Division Commander Pillman led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Senior Vice Geary did the POW/MIA Ceremony  
Second Division Commander Haberkamp led the Preamble

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. The following were present:  
Sr Vice Commander Geary; Asst Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; Division Sgt-At-Arms Haddick (2<sup>nd</sup>) & Garrett (4<sup>th</sup>); Commander's Aide Christie; Sr Vice Aide Koop; First Division Commander & Jr Vice; Second Division Commander; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander, Sr & Jr Vice; 8<sup>th</sup> District Sr Vice; 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Sr & Jr Vice; 11<sup>th</sup> District Jr Vice; 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander; 18<sup>th</sup> District Commander; 19<sup>th</sup> District Jr Vice; 21<sup>st</sup> District Commander; PNC Stillwell; IPDC Cavanaugh; PDC's Stillwell, Slevin Sr, Tharp, Christie, Ray, Hunter; First & Fourth Division Advisors

**JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS**

Judge Advocate Stillwell commented on procedures of meeting, making motions, etc.

**MINUTES OF CONVENTION & DEC MEETINGS**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

List of Guests on file

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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Sr Vice appointed 4<sup>th</sup> Division's Stillwell as Chairman, with 4<sup>th</sup> Division's Peters and 2<sup>nd</sup> Division's Haddick as members.

**DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**

First, Second and Fourth Division Commanders gave report on membership and activities happening within their Division's.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES – PRESENTATION OF  
#1 PINS**

Fourth Division Commander Shipley gave the membership report. Stated 14<sup>th</sup> District filled out their certification. Discussed Individual Recruiter Pin. The #1 pins were awarded to:

DIVISION – 1<sup>st</sup> Division at 70.47%, pins given to Commander  
DISTRICT – 1<sup>st</sup> Division – 4<sup>th</sup> District, pins given to 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander  
DISTRICT – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division – 10<sup>th</sup> District, pins awarded to Commander & Sr  
DISTRICT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Division – 16<sup>th</sup> District, pins awarded to Commander  
DISTRICT – 4<sup>th</sup> Division – 21<sup>st</sup> District, pins awarded to Commander  
DISTRICT – 5<sup>th</sup> Division – 22<sup>nd</sup> District, pins to be awarded later

Sr Vice Geary stated if you are not on his membership email list, to get him your email address. As of the meeting, there are 4 District's not certified, 24 Squadrons not certified, and 77 Squadrons with zero members.

Shipley motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chairman Geary stated the audit was reviewed and the auditors saw no problems with how we handle our funds. The Audit Report is on file with the Finance Officer and Adjutant. Motion by First Division Commander Pillman to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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**FINANCE REPORT**

Detachment Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the financials that was put out. There were none. Reminded people with budgets to fill out the expense report properly or the items will be returned. Motion by 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander Slevin Sr to accept report, with the second, passed.

**STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Americanism Commission**

Chairman Borgman reminded everyone to fly flags at half-staff on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Stated due to his workload, he is hoping someone will step up and take over as Chairman of Americanism next year as he is busy with his National commitments, personal and work life. Four Chaplains info in bulk mailing and Four Chaplains Sunday is 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in February. Participants are needed for Department Oratorical Contest March 7<sup>th</sup> in Peoria. PDC Hunter was named to Boys State Board. Dates this year are June 13-19. Start recruiting!!!!!! National Commander Moss has a goal of \$50,000 this year for NEF, please help contribute! Encouraged everyone to visit National's website and download the Americanism Manual. Reminded anyone who has items that could be of National interest to submit to him. Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Pillman to accept report, with the second, passed.

**Children & Youth Commission**

Chairman Ray reported National's goal for CWF is \$400,000 this year, Detachment's goal is \$1 more than last year (\$18,000). Josh Dogs have been ordered and will be distributed at St Johns during Lincoln Pilgrimage in February with National Commander Moss. 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Koop motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

**Contest Commission**

Chairman Pillman encouraged everyone to get a Division Member/Detachment Member of the year submission. The same with the Scrapbook. Promote within. Motion by Pillman to accept, with the second, passed.

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**Finance Commission**

Chairman Koop stated the Commission is in process of reviewing all line items in the budget and rewriting some of the policies for items as some are outdated and refer to the Administrative Account that no longer exists. The Leadership & Training Budget has no provisions and if the Commission is to use the account, it must be preapproved by the Detachment Commander until guidelines are set up. The Commission is requesting up to \$1,000 for expenses to hold an off-site meeting to get all the guidelines up to date. PDC Hunter stated Edna Taylor donated \$100 to be used for Boys State brochure mailing. Koop motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed, including the up to \$1,000 expense for special meeting.

**National Security & Poppy's**

Chairman Phelps discussed immigration issues. 1,000 troops are being redeployed to Afghanistan and the Chairman questions why don't we try to win these wars vs. sending troops as advisors. Recently the wreckage of a B24 bomber was found in the jungles of New Guinea. Of the 5-man crew that was captured, one was shot for not keeping up. His remains have been found and returned home for burial. Poppies are still going downhill and any and all help is needed!!! Now is the time to get candidates for Police School! 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Koop motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

**Legislative Commission**

First Division Member Borgman discussed Illegal Aliens and employment. In 26-years, illegal aliens have grown from 4-5 million to 30-40 million, filling our prisons, hospitals, schools, jobs, costing American billions of dollars in social services, healthcare, schooling, etc. And Washington has very minimal attempts at providing legislation to end this. Motion by Borgman (8<sup>th</sup> District Sr Vice) to accept report, with the second, passed.

**SAL Leadership Training Commission**

No report.

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**Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

Vice Chairman Christie reported that Reps/Depts are still needed at Jesse Brown. Creative Arts Fest in Milwaukee there were several IL VA people in attendance. Legion Family Bowling Tourney on April 25<sup>th</sup>, see your bulk mailing or website for info. Received a thank you letter from Land of Lincoln Honor Flight for our \$250 donation. North Chicago VA has a new administrator. IL VA homes now have to have food catered in, no more bringing food in. Gifts To The Yanks raffle will be out this Spring. First Division Commander Pillman motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

**Commander's Advisory Committee**

No report.

**Detachment Convention Committee**

Vice Chairman Koop reported that Squadron 208 is working with Arlington Racetrack to have an outing on Friday afternoon. There will be bowling Saturday. There will be shuttle service between the main hotel and Post 208. Friday Night's DEC and POW/MIA Ceremony will be held at Palatine Post 690. Motion by 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Koop to accept report, with the second, passed.

**Public Relations Commission**

Vice Chairman discussed the website and how it is now updated. Also reminded everyone of Snapshots in Service. Motion by First Division Commander Pillman to accept, with the second, passed.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS**

Squadron 208: \$150 to CWF Per Capita, \$150 to NEF, \$150 to National Endowment Fund

Squadron 738: \$37 to CWF Per Capita

Squadron 615: \$191 to CWF Per Capita, \$150 to CWF

Jeff Haddick: \$80 to CWF

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Stillwell reported Resolutions 2014-W1, 2014-W2 & 2014-W3 (Hospitality Resolutions to Post, Unit & Squadron 6) were adopted. Resolution 2014-W4 (POW/MIA Chair) was adopted with recommendation to forward to NEC. Resolution 2015-C1 (Candidate Resolution) was accepted and placed on file for Convention. Motion by First Division Commander Pillman to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Chairman Stillwell then read a special Memorial Resolution in memory to Detachment Sgt-At-Arms Emeritus John Reis, Jr. The resolution will be signed by the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant, then presented to June Reis, mother of John, by Detachment Commander Jarosz.

Sr Vice then called up representation of Macomb Post 6 Family and presented hospitality resolutions/plaques for hosting the DEC.

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT**

National Chaplain Ray gave the report submitted by the NEC. It reviewed the NEC, held October 10-12, 2014. Stated if one is interested in serving on a National Commission or Committee to submit your bio to the NEC by 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March, 2015. Motion by First Division Commander Pillman to accept report, with the second, passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL**

PDC Hunter asked everyone to take a Piggy Bank back to your Post for CWF.

PUFL Administrator Stillwell suggested a PUFL membership for Christmas

National Chaplain Ray stated he is receiving a list of SAL members who passed away every two weeks. Discussed Operation Back to God.

Stillwell reminded everyone of the upcoming State Caravan.

16<sup>th</sup> District Commander Slevin Sr. stated his father will be 96 on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Vern Mathis stated his group will be doing the POW/MIA Ceremony at Detachment Convention.

Adjutant Van Horn discussed the website and all the changes to it. Stated any event or items wished to be posted on website needs to come directly to him. Sending directly to Webmaster will just delay things.

**ADVISOR'S REMARKS**

Vice-Chairman Phelps said "just keep doing what you're doing."

**50 – 50 DRAWING**

Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz conducted the 50-50 drawing. \$165 was collected, with \$80 going to Jeff Haddick, who donated his winnings to CWF.

**Closing & Benediction**

Chaplain Borgman said a prayer.

The Colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.

Sr Vice Commander Geary adjourned the meeting at 1455.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn  
Detachment Adjutant