

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

**2015 Pre-Convention DEC Minutes  
June 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Detachment Commander Jarosz called the meeting to order at 1813 at Palatine Memorial Post 690, 122 West Palatine Road, Palatine, Illinois  
Commander appointed PDC Sawicki as temporary Judge Advocate  
Colors were in place and hand salute was rendered  
Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave the prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Shipley led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Commander did the POW/MIA Ceremony  
Detachment Senior Vice Commander Geary led the Preamble

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. The following were present (detailed list available upon request): Commander Jarosz; Sr Vice Geary; NEC Williamson; Adjutant Van Horn; Asst Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; Division Sgt-At-Arms: 1<sup>st</sup> – Gort; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Boyd Sr., & Haddick; 4<sup>th</sup> – Haines; Commander's Aides Cisna & Christie; Sr Vice Aide Koop; 1<sup>st</sup> Division Jr Vice; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander & Jr Vice; 8<sup>th</sup> District Sr Vice; 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander; 21<sup>st</sup> District Commander; PNC Reis & Cisna; PDC's Slevin Sr., Cisna, Tharp, Christie, Williamson, Sawicki, Ray, Hunter; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Advisor Phelps

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DEC MEETING**

Motion by 10<sup>th</sup> District Commander Koop to accept the printed minutes from the Spring DEC, with the second, passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz introduced the guests (list on file).

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Sr Vice Geary chose to withhold the membership report until Convention, but stated he will accept all cards.

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**FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the printed finance report. With none, 8<sup>th</sup> District Sr Vice Borgman motioned to accept the printed report, with the second, passed.

**STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Commission Chairman Koop discussed the printed budget for the upcoming 2015-16 membership year. Stated for the most part, items were left alone. Condensed some budget areas into one where two different line items covered same event (mostly on Commander's budget like Lincoln Pilgrimage). Koop (10<sup>th</sup> District Commander) motioned to accept the budget for the 2015-16 membership year, with the second, passed.

Koop and Finance Officer Tharp then discussed a Finance Commission meeting held in April at Palatine Memorial Post 690. The Commission rewrote the rules for Detachment Finances. A lot of it had to do with the old Administrative Account we no longer have. National Office Candidates expenses were updated. National Convention Delegate allowances were updated to divide the delegate allowances by the number of delegates present vs. the standard \$200 per delegate. Motion by Koop to accept the changes, with the second, passed.

Commander Jarosz asked if any other Commission or Committee's would like to give a report. All stated they would wait until Convention.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Senior-Vice reviewed the following Charter Actions from the Spring DEC. He stated the following were in good standing.

923 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District – 12 cards  
1052 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District – 64 cards  
735 – 4<sup>th</sup> District – 20 cards  
391 – 11<sup>th</sup> District – 13 cards  
673 – 11<sup>th</sup> District – 10 cards  
382 – 11<sup>th</sup> District – 19 cards  
620 – 19<sup>th</sup> District – 52 cards  
1083 – 20<sup>th</sup> District – 13 cards  
492 – 20<sup>th</sup> District – 12 cards  
496 – 20<sup>th</sup> District – 10 cards  
439 – 21<sup>st</sup> District – 14 cards  
219 – 23<sup>rd</sup> District – 15 cards  
178 – 25<sup>th</sup> District – 12 cards

Motion by Sr Vice Geary to remove Charter Actions on the Squadrons listed in good standing, with the second, passed.

Geary then motioned to cancel the Charter (at the Post's request) of Squadron 983 from the 16<sup>th</sup> District, with the second, passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT**

NEC deferred his report until Convention.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

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**FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL**

PDC Sawicki stated to date, 86 Squadrons have turned in Consolidated Squadron Reports. Cut-off date is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commander Jarosz thanked everyone for the great year and reminded that immediately following the close of this DEC, the Patriot Guard will perform their POW/MIA Ceremony.

**ADVISOR'S REMARKS**

Advisor Phelps congratulated the Detachment on a good year.

**Closing & Benediction**

Chaplain Borgman read a closing prayer.

Commander Jarosz commanded a hand salute to the colors in place.

Meeting adjourned at 1851.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey J Van Horn  
Detachment Adjutant

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Detachment Commander Jarosz called the Convention to order, located at Merle Guild Post 208, 121 North Douglas Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois at 1300 hours  
Commander Jarosz appointed Denver Phelps as Temporary Judge Advocate  
Post 208 Eagles Color Guard presented the colors  
Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave the prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Shipley led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Commander Jarosz performed the POW/MIA Ceremony  
Detachment Senior Vice Commander Geary led the Preamble

**READING OF THE CALL TO CONVENTION**

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn read the Call To Convention

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Adjutant Van Horn called roll. Present were: Commander Jarosz; Sr Vice Geary; Adjutant Van Horn; Asst Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Griffin; Division Sgt-At-Arms: 1<sup>st</sup> - Gort; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Boyd Sr., Haddick; 4<sup>th</sup> - Haines; Commander's Aide Christie; Sr Vice Aide Koop; Webmaster Senese; Detachment Jr Vice Commanders (Division Commanders): 1<sup>st</sup> - Pillman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Haberkamp, 4<sup>th</sup> - Shipley, 5<sup>th</sup> - Hayse; Districts Present: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; PNC's Reis & Cisna; PDC's Cavanaugh, Slevin Sr., Ciaccio, Tharp, Christie, Ray, Hunter; Advisor's Cox, Phelps

The Adjutant declared a Quorum

**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Shipley reviewed the rules of 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Detachment Convention and motioned those rules apply to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Detachment Convention, with the second, passed.

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**GUESTS**

Sgt-At-Arms introduced the guests (on file), then escorted Arlington Heights Mayor Thomas W. Hayes to speak.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the printed Finance Report. With none asked, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Pillman motioned to accept the report as printed, subject to an audit, with the second, passed.

10<sup>th</sup> District's Koop motioned that the Detachment donate \$1,000 to the National Endowment Fund in memory of Terry Woodburn, with the second, motion passed.

**DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT**

2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION – 3 new Squadrons, 2 members received the Chaplain's Cross, and 2 Member Of The Year Candidates

1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION – Thanked everyone for their support and attending the Detachment Convention in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division's 9<sup>th</sup> District.

4<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION – Thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division's help in obtaining new Squadron in Gillman.

5<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION – Talked about the Division Raffle and saving Villa Ridge from a cancelled Charter.

3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION – No report.

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**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Ray reported:

The Official Delegate Strength of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Detachment Convention, based on the May 29, 2015 membership report, is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 0; At-Large Delegates - 0; Total Delegates - 0  
2<sup>nd</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 5; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 4; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 5  
4<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 13; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 14  
5<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 7; At-Large Delegates - 3; Total Delegates - 10  
7<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 11; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 12  
8<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 46; At-Large Delegates - 6; Total Delegates - 52  
9<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 16; At-Large Delegates - 4; Total Delegates - 20  
10<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 25; At-Large Delegates - 8; Total Delegates - 33  
11<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 41; At-Large Delegates - 3; Total Delegates - 44  
12<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 41; At-Large Delegates - 2; Total Delegates - 43  
13<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 10; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 11  
14<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 7; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 8  
15<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 8; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 9  
16<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 30; At-Large Delegates - 2; Total Delegates - 32  
17<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 34; At-Large Delegates - 3; Total Delegates - 37  
18<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 36; At-Large Delegates - 3; Total Delegates - 39  
19<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 62; At-Large Delegates - 13; Total Delegates - 75  
20<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 17; At-Large Delegates - 4; Total Delegates - 21  
21<sup>st</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 9; At-Large Delegates - 2; Total Delegates - 11  
22<sup>nd</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 29; At-Large Delegates - 6; Total Delegates - 35  
23<sup>rd</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 55; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 56  
24<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 42; At-Large Delegates - 1; Total Delegates - 43  
25<sup>th</sup> District: Membership Delegates - 42; At-Large Delegates - 4; Total Delegates - 46  
2910 Membership Delegates - 1; At-Large Delegates - 0; Total Delegates - 1  
DETACHMENT TOTAL:  
Membership Delegates - 590; At-Large Delegates - 72; Total Delegates - 662

Ray stated the report will remain in recess until Session 2 before election, which Chairman Cisna will deliver the final report.

**DONATIONS**

Commander announced donations at end of reports

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**AMERICANISM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Borgman stated his Committee had 3 Resolutions presented. Resolution 2015-A-1 titled Support of Religious Freedom; Resolution 2015-A-2 titled Reaffirming In God We Trust as the Official Motte of the United States; and Resolution 2015-A-3 titled Reiterate Commitment to the American Legion Service To God and Country Program. Borgman read the Resolved lines. The Committee motioned and passed to adopt the Resolutions and send on to National Convention. Boys State was a success albeit poorly attended with approximately 460 citizens. Efforts are underway to define recruitment procedures and new ideas are being presented to re-energize future camps.

Chairman Borgman motioned to accept the Americanism report, with the second, passed.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Ray reported the Scholarship winners will be announced during Session 2. The Committee recommends the Overage amount dedicated to Toby Tire be transferred to Josh Dogs. With accepting this report, this will happen. CWF donations to date are \$6,517.38. St John's CMN Children's Hospital Tour was a success with Josh Dogs being distributed by Commander Jarosz and Auxiliary National President Janet Jefford. Extra Josh Dogs will be sent home with PDC's Hunter & Slevin to be handed out at Chicago and Peoria Children's Hospitals. American Legion Family hosted a tent during Special Olympics with over 100 dozen popsicles handed out to the athletes. One year is ending, another year begins ... remember no donation to C&Y programs are too small. Goals are only numbers and all funds raised go to the betterment of children.

Chairman Ray motioned to accept the Children & Youth report, minus the Scholarships, with the second, passed.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Griffin reported the Opioid Safety Act was introduced June 25, 2015 was assigned to committee and will track veteran's narcotic prescriptions. HR 2591 (allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of taxes to Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund) is still in committee. The Brave Act, which gives preferences to companies that employ veterans for contracts, is in the Veterans Affairs committee. S1463 is a bill which helps veterans who live more than 40 miles away from a VA facility to receive medical care at a community-based outpatient. HR294 authorizes the Sec of VA Affairs to transfer a veteran who requires nursing home care to a



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medical foster home that meets VA standards is pending in the Senate, already passed in the House. Chairman Griffin motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

**NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT &  
POPPY SALES & DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Phelps discussed various National Security concerns, especially illegal immigrants.

Poppy Sales in dire need of help and hopes that Squadrons actively pursue this venture.

Chairman Phelps motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chairman Christie gave a Gifts To The Yanks report, but stated he will expand further during Session 2. Department GTTY Promoter Ron Umdenstock spoke and thanked the SAL. Out of 780 Posts in the state, only 146 donated. Out of 489 Auxiliary Units, only 198 donated. Complimented the SAL on their yearly raffle. \$150,384.18 was raised this past year, \$10,000 short of the goal. Chairman Williamson (who was excused) submitted a report on the Illinois Legion Family Bowling Tournament at Savoy in April, \$1000 was raised after expenses. \$500 will go to both Fisher Houses in Hines VA in Chicago and Jefferson Barracks in St Louis. Discussed Dreams for Veterans, which is kind of like Make a Wish, serves our nation's military communities by giving back to the terminally ill veterans and their families through the fulfillment of a final dream. Resolution 2015-C-VA1 titled Memorial Resolution for Terry Woodburn was read by Chaplain Borgman.

Vice Chairman Christie motioned to accept his report minus the GTTY portion, with the second, passed.

**DONATIONS**

Donations were received. Session 2 minutes will list all Convention donations.

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**REPORT FROM THE NEC**

National Chaplain Harl Ray read NEC Williamson's report:

The Spring NEC was the first weekend in May, over \$177,000 in donations were received that weekend. Most notably: One of Commander Moss's projects NEF \$16,000, and CWF \$127,000.

National American Legion Commander spoke about his 4 X4 goal, \$4 million dollars in donations to TAL programs and a Legion family membership of 4 million members. The monies donated at the spring NEC took us over the \$4 mill dollars, but it looks as though we are going to come up short on the 4 mill members.

**CWF** as of the NEC 47% of the monies raised were by the SAL, 18 charities were chosen after the fall NEC for a total of \$560,00. At the close of books \$618,896.51 was raised, this was an increase of over \$73,000 from last year. The SAL raised \$360,510 58% of the total raised.

**NMI 1** – we need a candidate ASAP, the class is filling up rapidly. In the past we have submitted names for NMI 1 after the fall DEC, but that may be too late this year. **Are there any recommendations?**

**PR:** noted that with \$177,000 donated this weekend that there are many stories there. They would like more entries for "Snap Shots of Service"

**NEF:** Commander Moss's goal of \$90,000 it doesn't appear that we will reach that.

**Resolutions:** There were 15 resolutions presented to the NEC, several were returned to their respective Detachments as they were not in proper form, including one that Illinois submitted. If I understand the emails correctly our resolution was going to be handled administratively. There were 2 res of note that passed, **SAL Res 2 – NEC SPRING 2015** meeting call in change, the monies have changed a bit and who attends has changed drastically. **SAL RES 7 – NEC SPRING 2015 – Re-aligning the SAL structure to coincide with that of The American Legion**, I will just list what the new Commissions are now

**LEGISLATIVE COMM**  
**PUBLIC AND MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS COMM**  
**VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMM**  
**(NEW)VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION COMM**  
**AMERICANISM COMM**  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE  
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE  
**INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION**  
CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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MTD COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**SUB – COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

All of these changes become effective at the close of the National Convention in Baltimore this August.

Before anyone asks why we voted to pass these 2 resolutions; . TAL is already doing this, so we are going to be doing this whether we wanted to or not.

**Cmdr Advisory & Comm/Comm:** at the end of the NEC, the 3 permanent members of the C A and the chairman of the committee on commissions all spoke on the need to train the members in our Detachments to be able to move up to the National level. The NEC's in the spring are asked to send recommendations to Nations for the different comm/comm. This year only 21 Detachments submitted recs for a total of 51. I submitted 5. The general consensus was we need new blood to come to the NEC, and we need new people to serve on the different coms. Mind you it will take an act of God for those "gentlemen" to ever give up those spots.

National Chaplain Ray motioned to accept NEC Williamson's report, with the second, passed.

**SESSION 1 WRAP-UP**

Commander made the following announcements:

A reminder from the Adjutant: if you wish to be a delegate at the National Convention in Baltimore August 28 – 30, you need to fill out the nomination form at the back table.

Bowling will start at 1600 hours and afterwards there will be dinner and entertainment at Post 208.

If you're interested in bowling, please see a member of Squadron 208 and they can make arrangements for you.

The Detachment Chaplain would like to remind everyone the Detachment Memorial Service will be between 8:30 – 9:30 AM at Memory Gardens, located at 2501 East Euclid Avenue, Arlington Hts.

Session Two will start PROMPTLY at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

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**Other Items:**

Commander Jarosz had Chaplain Borgman read a Memorial Resolution in memory of John Reis Jr. Then the Commander presented the family, June (his mother) and PNC Greg (his brother) a framed copy of the Resolution.

Mrs. Reis, along with Greg, thanked the Detachment for all the thoughts and prayers.

The Commander called for a hand salute to the colors posted.

Session ended at 1452 hours.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey J. Van Horn  
Detachment Adjutant

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Commander Jarosz called Session Two to order at 1003 hours. Colors were in place, Commander called for a hand salute.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. Present were: Commander Jarosz; Sr Vice Geary; NEC Williamson; Adjutant Van Horn; Asst Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Griffin; Division Sgt-At-Arms: 1<sup>st</sup> – Gort, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Boyd Sr. & Haddick, 4<sup>th</sup> – Haines; Commander's Aides Cisna & Christie; Sr Vice Aide Koop; PUFL Admin Stillwell; Detachment Jr Vice Commanders (Division Commanders) Pillman (1<sup>st</sup>), Haberkamp (2<sup>nd</sup>), Shipley (4<sup>th</sup>) & Hayse (5<sup>th</sup>); Districts present: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; PNC's Stillwell, Reis & Cisna; PDC's Cavanaugh, Stillwell, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Ciaccio, Tharp, Christie, Sawicki, Ray, Hunter; Advisor's Phelps & Flanagan; Department Sr Vice Commander Gardner

The Adjutant declared a Quorum.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Sawicki reported:

2015-C1      Candidate Resolution-1 for ANEC (Hunter)  
2015-C2      Candidate Resolution-2 for NEC (Father G)  
2015-C3      Candidate Resolution-3 for Commander (Geary)  
2015-C4      Candidate Resolution-4 for Senior Vice (Shipley)  
Resolutions 1 – 4 to accept and place on file

2015-C6      Colorado  
2015-C7      Georgia

Accept 6 & 7 to accept and place on file, with Committee suggesting Detachment Commander to present these to each of the two Detachments at National Convention.

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2015-C5      Memorial Resolution (PDC Harlan)  
Accept 5 and place on file then asked Detachment Chaplain Borgman to read, everyone stood and uncovered.

Motion by Sawicki to accept the Resolution Committee's report, with the second, passed.

**WELCOMING REMARKS – GUEST SPEAKERS**

Tom Morrison, 54<sup>th</sup> District Representative (SAL member of 690)  
Paul Gardner, Department of Illinois Senior Vice Commander  
Cheri Stanton, Department of Illinois Candidate for Senior Vice Commander  
Kathy Cisna, Department of Illinois First Vice President  
Ciara Smith (2015) & Nicole Whiteside (2016), Honorary Jr Aux Presidents  
Alexis Horn, Little Miss Poppy  
Robert Graham, Department of Illinois First Division Commander  
Pat Kowalski, Department of Illinois First Division President  
Bill Pillman, Detachment of Illinois First Division Commander  
Tom Folgstat, Department of Illinois 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Lois Kurowski, Department of Illinois 9<sup>th</sup> District President  
Eugene Gort, Detachment of Illinois 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Don Horn, Post 208 Commander  
Susan Wojcik, Auxiliary 208 President  
Gary Lenz, Squadron 208 Commander  
JoEllen Debrow, Unit 208 Jr's Coordinator  
Commander Jarosz presented the Post 208 Family with Hospitality Plaques

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

- No scrapbooks were presented.
- Bowling awards – Bowling Chairman was not present.
- Detachment & Division Members of the Year
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Paul Hayse presented First Division Member of the Year to Ricardo Fernandez (received by Hunter in his absence). 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Member of the Year presented to George Koop. Detachment Member of the Year to Sergio Senese Jr. from the First Division (received by Belovicz in his absence)

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- Harl Ray read the Scholarship winners (17 applications received, 1 was rejected due to improper format). Each awarded \$500.
  - Trevor Sampson, Squadron 294
  - Tanner Sampson, Squadron 294
  - Paul Burton, Squadron 290
  - Joshua Eckert, Squadron 491
  - Kory Brown, Squadron 979
  - Brandon Seyller, Squadron 979
  - Michael Smith, Squadron 50
  - Brandon Beerup, Squadron 489
  - Jordan Ohlendorf, Squadron 685
  - Joseph Sawicki, Squadron 330
  - David Healy, Jr., Squadron 50
  - Benjamin Umland, Squadron 55
  - Logan Moody, Squadron 776
  - Daniel Wilson, Squadron 50
  - Thomas Cooper, Squadron 442
  - Tyler Paulsen, Squadron 735

Ray motioned to accept the scholarship winners and they each receiving \$500 in scholarship money, with the second, passed.

- Chaplain Borgman reviewed the list of Chaplain's Cross presented during the morning's Memorial Service
  - Bill Schultz, Squadron 771, 10<sup>th</sup> District
  - Robert Wittkowski, Squadron 1276, 16<sup>th</sup> District
  - Mike Dickenson, Squadron 308, 13<sup>th</sup> District

Commander turn podium over to Sr Vice at 1050 hours

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**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Senior Vice Geary presented the Membership Awards:

Anthony Badamo Trophy: largest % increase (20+ members last year),

1. Marris Meyer Squadron 991, 8th District, went from 62 to 103 members, 166.1% increase.
2. Georgetown Squadron 203, 18th District, went from 22 to 36 members, 163.6%
3. Lena Squadron 577, 13th District, went from 20 to 32 members, 160% increase.

Clyde Stillwell Trophy: largest % increase overall,

1. Shelbyville Squadron 81, 19th District, went from 18 to 35 members, 194.4% increase.
2. Saybrook Squadron 427, went from 12 to 22 members, 183.3% increase.
3. Marris Meyer Squadron 991, 8th District, went from 62 to 103 members, 166.1% increase.

James T. Cunningham, Jr. Trophy: largest % increase (75+ members last year),

1. Fairfield Squadron 176, 24th District, went from 81 to 129 members, 159.3% increase.
2. Evanston Squadron 42, 7th District, went from 99 to 122 members, 123.2% increase.
3. Chicago, Wm McKinley Squadron 231, went from 154 to 187 members, 121.4% increase

Roy Mitchell Trophy: largest number of increase in members,

1. Fairfield Squadron 176, 24th District, went from 81 to 129 members, 48 members increase. (159.3%)
2. Marris Meyer Squadron 991, 8th District, went from 62 to 103 members, 41 members increase. (166.1%)
3. Chicago, Wm McKinley Squadron 231, went from 154 to 187 members, 33 members increase. (121.4%)

Senior Vice Geary then awarded the large #1 Pins

- 1<sup>st</sup> Division, the 4<sup>th</sup> District wins – awarded to: Division Commander
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, the 10<sup>th</sup> District – awarded to: District Commander & Sr
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 15<sup>th</sup> District – not certified – no pin
- 4<sup>th</sup> Division, 21<sup>st</sup> District – awarded to: District Commander
- 5<sup>th</sup> Division, 22<sup>nd</sup> District – awarded to: Division Commander
- For Division's – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division – awarded to: Division Commander & Sr



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**DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Senior Vice Commander Geary asked Commander Jarosz to give his final report.

Commander Jarosz thanked everyone for the year and was very grateful for everyone's involvement. Communicate & Educate was his theme and he felt we went above and beyond to do this.

PDC Stillwell motioned to accept the Commander's Report, with the second, passed.

Sr Vice turned podium over to Commander at: 1120 hours

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gifts To The Yanks Raffle from promoter Matt Christie:

- 97 Posts participated to the raffle.
- 67 Units participated to the raffle.
- 37 Squadrons participated to the raffle.
- 1 District participated to the raffle.
- 1 Division participated to the raffle.

Christie also thanked Steger Funeral Home in Steger, Illinois who donates the printed tickets every year (13,000 tickets).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place -- \$1,146 goes to Viola American Legion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- \$764 goes to SAL Squadron 911
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place -- \$382 goes to Lee Trost, Post 747
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place -- \$382 goes to Squadron 55
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place -- \$382 goes to American Legion 990

\$5,500 to be donated at Department Convention.

Department of Illinois GTTY Promoter Ron Umdenstock thanked the Detachment. Ron also showed what the gift bags consist of.

Christie motioned to accept the GTTY portion of the VA&R Report, with the second, passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Credentials Report by Tommie Cisna has not changed from the report in Session 1. 662 Delegates total. Cisna motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Commander called for a break at 1130 hours.

Commander called session back at 1149 hours.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Commander appointed the following to serve as Election Judges:

Chairman: Jim Ciaccio  
Judge: Jeff Haddick  
Judge: Jim Schuppner

PDC Hunter motioned to suspend the convention for purposes of elections, with the second, passed.

The Commander turned the podium over to the Adjutant to call roll for the election for Alternate National Executive Committeeman. The Adjutant called the roll for election. The 7<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 8<sup>th</sup> District. The 8<sup>th</sup> District nominated Jimmy Hunter from Squadron 615 with a speech from delegate Mike Sawicki for the position of ANEC, 2015-17. The 9<sup>th</sup> District seconded the nomination with a speech from delegate Jim Borgman of Hunter for ANEC. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Strum, from Squadron 55, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office of ANEC, the Detachment Adjutant cast one unanimous vote and close the election, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Hunter as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. The Commander declared Jimmy Hunter as Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the year 2015-17.

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The Adjutant called roll for the election for National Executive Committeeman. The Adjutant called the roll for election. The 7<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 19<sup>th</sup> District. The 19<sup>th</sup> District nominated Father Gary Gummersheimer from Squadron 58 with a speech from delegate Bob Tharp for the position of NEC, 2015-17. The 8<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 24<sup>th</sup> District. The 24<sup>th</sup> District seconded the nomination of Father Gary Gummersheimer from with a speech from delegate Paul Hayse for the position of NEC, 2015-17. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Koop, from Squadron 911, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office of NEC, the Detachment Adjutant cast one unanimous vote and close the election, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Gummersheimer as National Executive Committeeman. The Commander declared Father Gary Gummersheimer as National Executive Committeeman for the year 2015-17.

The Adjutant called roll for the election for Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The Adjutant called the roll for election. The 7<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 19<sup>th</sup> District. The 19<sup>th</sup> District nominated Phillip Shipley from Squadron 287 with a speech from delegate Tommie Cisna for the position of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, 2015-16. The 8<sup>th</sup> District recognized delegate Harl Ray for the purpose of seconding the nomination of Shipley for Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Koop, from Squadron 911, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, the Detachment Adjutant cast one unanimous vote and close the election, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Shipley as Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The Commander declared Phillip Shipley as Detachment Senior Vice-Commander for the year 2015-16.

Newly elected Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Shipley gave a brief speech, thanking everyone for their support, especially the 19<sup>th</sup> District and 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

The Adjutant called roll for the election of Detachment Commander, 2015-16. The 7<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 10<sup>th</sup> District. The 10<sup>th</sup> District nominated William Geary from Squadron 911 with a speech by delegate George Koop. The 8<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 19<sup>th</sup> District with delegate Harl Ray giving a seconding nomination speech for Geary. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Borgman, from Squadron 615, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office of Detachment Commander, the Detachment

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Adjutant cast one unanimous vote and close the election, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Geary as Detachment Commander. The Commander declared William Geary as Detachment Commander for the year 2015-16.

Newly elected Commander Geary thanked everyone for their support and thanked members from his Post who came to the Convention.

IPDC Hunter motioned to return to normal business now that elections are over, with the second, passed.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Chairman Cisna reported the Detachment has 34 Delegates available for National Convention, which 31 are to be selected by this Convention. The Detachment also has 28 alternates. Cisna reported 19 delegates requested to be nominated to the National Convention.

Delegates At Large: JR Stillwell; Greg Reis; Tommie Cisna

Delegates: John Jarosz, Jr., Chairman; Jeffrey Van Horn, Secretary; Harl Ray; Bruno Williamson; Father Gary Gummersheimer; William Geary, Vice Chairman; Mike Sawicki; Jimmy Hunter; George Koop; Ed Cavanaugh; Matt Christie; Phil Stander; Dock Sanders; Paul Garrett; Jim Borgman; Garrett Slevin, Sr.

Cisna motioned to accept these delegates, with the second, passed.

Commander called for a break at 1232 hours.

Commander returned to session at 1245 hours.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

The Installation Team installed the new officers

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**FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL**

Total donations presented at the Convention:

Squadron 911: \$100-Scholarship, \$100-Special Olympics, \$100-Josh Dogs,  
\$300-National Endowment  
First Division: \$250-CWF, \$250-CMN, \$250-NEF  
Eugene Gort: \$100-Legacy Scholarship  
12<sup>th</sup> District: \$100-NEF  
Squadron 287: \$50-Fisher House  
Squadron 690: \$150-Legacy Scholarship, \$150-Honor Flight Chicago, \$150-  
National Endowment, \$150-NEF  
Squadron 32: \$150-C&Y  
Squadron 55: \$155-National Endowment, \$155-CWF  
Squadron 615: \$500-GTTY, \$500-NEF, \$500-Comfort Warriors  
Squadron 208: \$1796.98-Hines Fisher House, \$1347.74-Chicago Homeless  
Sandwich Run  
Auxiliary 208: \$300-Fisher House, \$300-Chicago Homeless Sandwich Run  
Squadron 974: \$625-Legacy Scholarship, \$625-Fisher House

Adjutant Van Horn read a letter from June Reis regarding John Reis Jr.

JR Stillwell thanked everyone for prayers, phone calls, cards, etc. during his recovery

Pam Ray presented the Commander with a Girls State shirt and reminded everyone to support Sharon Conatser for National Auxiliary President.

**SAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Flanagan stated the that there weren't any problems this year and the Department is proud of all the accomplishments the Detachment made.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adjutant made announcements regarding Post-Convention DEC and National Delegates meeting.

The Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50 drawing. \$400 was collected and \$200 went to Jerry Griffin.

**BENEDICTION & CLOSING**

Commander Jarosz asked if there was any further business. There was none.

Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave closing prayer.

Commander Jarosz rendered a hand salute to the colors in place.

The Convention adjourned at 1355 hours.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey J. Van Horn  
Detachment Adjutant

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Detachment Commander Geary called the meeting to order at 1420 hours at Merle Guild Post 208, 121 North Douglas Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Colors were in place and hand salute was rendered  
Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave the prayer  
Detachment Finance Officer Tharp led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Commander did the POW/MIA Ceremony  
Detachment Senior Vice Commander Shipley led the Preamble

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. The following were present (detailed list available upon request): Commander Geary; Sr Vice Shipley; ANEC Hunter; Adjutant Van Horn; Finance Officer Tharp; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz; PUFL Admin Stillwell; 1<sup>st</sup> Division Sr Vice; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander; 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander; 5<sup>th</sup> Division Commander; District Commanders: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; IPDC Jarosz; PNC's Stillwell, Reis & Cisna; PDC's Slevin Sr., Ciaccio, Tharp, Christie, Ray, Hunter, Cavanaugh

The Adjutant read the Commander's Appointments, which were approved by the Department of Illinois Internal Affairs Commission, for the 2015-16 Membership Year:

Judge Advocate	JR Stillwell
Asst Adjutant	Harl "Butch" Ray
Chaplain	James Borgman
Parliamentarian	Tommie Cisna
Historian	Jimmy Hunter
Service Officer	Ed Cavanaugh
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeff Haddick

**COMMANDER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

First Division	John Jarosz, Jr. – Chairman
Second Division	Mark Melone
Third Division	<i>open</i>
Fourth Division	Harl Ray – Vice Chairman
Fifth Division	Father Gary Gummersheimer

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COMMANDER'S ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Jerry Griffin  
Marty Belovicz

COMMANDER'S AIDES: George Koop  
Tommie Cisna

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER'S ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Jim Schuppner

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER'S AIDE: Denver Phelps

WEBMASTER: Sergio Sense Jr.

Motion by 5<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Hayes to accept all appointments, with the second, passed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:  
Commander Geary talked about his upcoming membership year and the 4-Pillars of the American Legion. Stated he wants to take the positive momentum from IPDC Jarosz and keep it rolling.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS: No remarks.

The Commander called for a moment of silence.  
The Chaplain offered the Benediction.  
The Colors being in place a salute was rendered.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1428 hours.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey J. Van Horn  
Detachment Adjutant