

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

**2015 SPRING DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES, March 21, 2015
Elmhurst Squadron 187**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Detachment Commander John Jarosz, Jr at 1304
Commander Jarosz appointed PNC/PDC Cisna as Judge Advocate for the DEC
The Colors were in place, hand salute rendered
Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave the prayer
Second Division Commander Haberkamp led the Pledge of Allegiance
Commander Jarosz did the POW/MIA Ceremony
Detachment Senior Vice Commander Bill Geary led the Preamble

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll. The following were present: Commander Jarosz; Sr Vice Geary; NEC Williamson; Adjutant Van Horn; Finance Officer Tharp; Parliamentarian Shipley; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Hunter; Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz, Asst Sgt-At-Arms Gort, Boyd, Haddick; Commander's Aide Cisna & Christie; Sr Vice Aide Koop; Webmaster Senese; 1st Division Sr & Jr; 2nd Division Commander & Sr; 4th Division Commander, Sr & Jr; 5th Division Jr; 4th District Commander; 8th District Sr; 9th District Commander, Sr & Jr; 10th District Commander & Jr; 11th District Sr; 12th District Commander & Sr; 16th District Commander; 18th District Commander; 21st District Commander; 24th District Commander; PNC Cisna; PDC Cavanaugh, Slevin Sr, Cisna, Tharp, Christie, Williamson, Melone; 1st & 2nd Division Advisors

JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

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

MINUTES OF WINTER DEC MEETING

Motion by Koop of the 10th District to accept the minutes of the Winter DEC as printed, with the second, passed.

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz introduced the guests. List on file.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of IL Vice President Kathy Cisna spoke briefly.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander appointed 4th Division's Shipley as Chairman, with 1st Division's Nemenach and 2nd Division's Haberkamp as members.

DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

1st Division Senior Vice, 2nd Division Commander, and 5th Division Jr Vice gave report. Commander Jarosz read report from 3rd Division Commander. 4th Division Commander had no report.

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

Senior Vice Commander Geary gave the membership report. Stated everyone should be at 90% by April 8th and to work on renewals. Discussed Individual Recruiter Pin.

The #1 pins were awarded to:

DIVISION – 2nd Division at 70.47%, pins given to Commander & Sr Vice

DISTRICT – 1st Division – 4th District, pins given to Commander

DISTRICT – 2nd Division – 10th District, pins awarded to Commander

DISTRICT – 3rd Division – 14th District, pins to be awarded later

DISTRICT – 4th Division – 21st District, pins awarded to Commander

DISTRICT – 5th Division – 22nd District, pins given to Division Jr Vice

Sr Vice Geary motioned 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 Sr Vice Geary to accept report subject to audit, with the second, passed.

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism Commission

Chairman Borgman wished a belated Happy Birthday to The American Legion, started March 15, 1919. Borgman attended Auxiliary's Patriotic Conference and presented a \$1,500 check from the Detachment for the Auxiliary Scholarship fund. Discussed Spotlight on Americanism articles that are in the bulk mail and on National's website. Commended our own Asst Adjutant, PDC Harl "Butch" Ray on his duties as National Chaplain this past year. Talked about Four Chaplains ceremony at Hines Hospital and reminded people to submit Chaplain's Cross nominations. Cisna reported on Flag Alliance and there has been loss of Congressional support for the bill (SJR17 & HJR47) but still in Committee. There is also a DVD published by National called *For Which It Stands* that he recommends reviewing. Oratorical was held March 7th with 19 participants and homeschooled Rowan Macwan of Naperville won a \$2,000 scholarship. \$13,075 was issued in all. Boys State is June 13-19 and encouraged to get participants. Borgman asked that Squadrons consider donating to NEF as this is one of programs both National Commander Helms and SAL National Commander Moss.

Motion by 8th District Sr Vice Borgman to accept, with the second, passed.

Commander Jarosz turned podium over to Sr Vice Commander Geary at 1401.

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Children & Youth Commission

Vice Chairman Slevin Sr reported the Detachment gave away Josh Dogs once again during Lincoln Pilgrimage to kids at St Johns Children's Hospital in Springfield with National Commander Moss. CWF Promoter Gort encouraged those who haven't done the banner program to please do so.

16th District Commander Slevin Sr. motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Contest Commission

Vice Chairman Haberkamp reported that 4 nominations were submitted for Detachment Member of The Year. The winner was chosen and name submitted to Detachment Adjutant to be awarded at Detachment Convention.

2nd Division Commander Haberkamp motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Finance Commission

Chairman Koop stated the Commission held a Budget Meeting in Bloomington on February 21st. All items were reviewed and adjustments were made. The budget for the 2015-16 year will be presented at the Pre-Convention DEC. A meeting was also scheduled for April 11th & 12th at Palatine Post 690 to review the guidelines and make corrections. This will also be available during the Detachment Convention. A discussion regarding Lincoln Pilgrimage and the National Commander's expenses was discussed. It was determined the Detachment should continue to cover those line item expenses. Sr Vice Geary notified the Commission that he ordered his pins for the upcoming year. Geary also asked for up to \$2,000 from overage for Detachment Officer shirts. The Commission motioned and approved this.

10th District Commander Koop motioned to approve the report, with a second, passed.

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National Security & Poppy's

Committee Member Borgman stated no topics were prepared as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present. PDC Matt Christie introduced 9th District Jr Vice John Nemenach, of Squadron 690, and stated John is a Marine who served with Marine One. John missed eligibility to the American Legion by 6 months. PDC Hunter reported numerous grants are being issued for Child Credits to Illinois to the tune of thousands of dollars per family.

Motion by 8th District Sr Vice Borgman to accept report, with the second, passed.

Legislative Commission

No report.

Sr Vice Commander returned podium back to Commander Jarosz at 1413.

SAL Leadership Training Commission

Chairman Cavanaugh reported that Division and District Commander's need to encourage all Squadrons to ask for training and possibly set up their own sessions within their respective Division or Districts.

IPDC Cavanaugh motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman Williamson mentioned the State Family Bowling tournament benefiting Fisher House in Savoy on April 25th. Check your bulk mailing for info. We have 4 out of 5 VAVS covered with Jesse Brown missing a Rep/Dep. The 3 state veteran's homes have reps. Gifts To The Yanks Promoter Christie stated the raffle tickets will be sent out within a week. Each Squadron will receive \$120 worth of tickets and are encouraged to either buy them or sell them to members. It was also mentioned that the Veterans History Project is still in need of interviewers.

Motion by NEC Williamson to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Commander's Advisory Committee

Chairman Cavanaugh stated the Committee is happy with the direction of the Detachment is heading and with the leadership in place.

IPDC Cavanaugh motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

Detachment Convention Committee

Vice Chairman Koop stated there will be an unofficial golf outing on Friday along with a Day At The Races Friday afternoon at Arlington Park. Saturday will be the bowling tournament following Session 1 of Convention. The Pre-Convention DEC on Friday night is being held at Palatine Post 690, with the Patriot Guard performing their POW/MIA ceremony following the DEC. 690 will also have dinner available. Later Friday night at Post 208 will be Karaoke. Saturday night at 208 will be dinner and entertainment. Official hotel is Wingate by Wyndham in Arlington Heights. Session 1, 2 and Post-Convention DEC will be held at Post 208 in Arlington Heights. All information will be in the next two month's bulk mailing.

Motion by 10th District Commander Koop to accept report, with the second, passed.

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Public Relations Commission

Chairman Cisna stated PR is everyone's job. Report what Squadrons do in the community not only on your Consolidated Squadron Report, but with local media. There are many DVD's, ad scripts, etc. available from National, many at no-charge, to help promote activities and events.

Motion by 10th District Commander Koop to accept the report, with the second, passed.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Squadron 911: \$111 to Legacy Scholarship, \$250 to GTTY, \$200 to Fisher House, \$350 to CWF Banner Program, \$222 to CWF
Squadron 979: \$550 to CWF Banner Program
Squadron 1084: \$100 to GTTY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from National Commander Mike Moss thanking us for our hospitality during Lincoln Pilgrimage. Letter from Illinois National Guard Militia Historical Society thanking us for our \$200 donation.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Shipley reported the only resolutions were the Hospitality Resolutions and the Committee accepts them.

Motion by 4th Division Commander Shipley to accept, with the second, passed.

Hospitality Resolutions and plaques presented by Commander Jarosz to a member of the Post 187 Legion, Aux & SAL.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Williamson reported on National Commander Moss's visit during Lincoln Pilgrimage. Also stated the upcoming NEC is first weekend in May in Indianapolis. Williamson also said Department IA approved the applications to be considered for a National Commission or Committee.

NEC Williamson motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Commander turned podium over to Adjutant for Charter Actions. Adjutant read the Actions. Listed is recommendation of each Action.

The following Squadrons are up for Cancellation:

Squadron 459, 12th District (volunteer cancel)	Squadron 229, 14th District
Squadron 1025, 13th District (volunteer cancel)	Squadron 1166, 14th District

The following Squadrons are **NOT CERTIFIED** and recommended extension until Pre-Convention DEC (pending Department DEC passes recommendations)

Squadron 923, 2nd District — **NOT CERTIFIED, 2 MEMBERS PAID — 12 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**
Squadron 735, 4th District — **NOT CERTIFIED, 9 MEMBERS PAID — 14 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**
Squadron 391, 11th District — **NOT CERTIFIED, 13 MEMBERS PAID**

The following Squadrons have **10 MEMBERS OR LESS**

Squadron 983, 16th District — **CERTIFIED, 5 MEMBERS PAID — 13 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**
Squadron 620, 19th District — **CERTIFIED, 0 MEMBERS PAID — 54 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**
Squadron 1083, 20th District — **CERTIFIED, 0 MEMBERS PAID — 13 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**
Squadron 436, 21st District — **CERTIFIED, 6 MEMBERS PAID — 9 LAST YEAR**
Squadron 178, 25th District — **CERTIFIED, 0 MEMBERS PAID — 13 MEMBERS LAST YEAR**

A discussion was held and the question of "what happens after this?" It was stated that when the list is submitted to Department, it will state that upon approval of our recommendations, the Detachment will revisit the Actions at Pre-Convention DEC and make final Actions for the extensions and that Department allow that Action to stand.

Sr Vice Geary motioned to accept all recommended Charter Actions, with the second, passed. The Adjutant will submit list to Department Adjutant for their upcoming DEC.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

Phil Banialis stated the Vietnam Wall will be in Lockport August 20-24.
Bill Geary stated Wauconda Post 911 is having a Casino Night March 28.
Webmaster Senese reviewed the changes he has made to website.
Encouraged those with items to post to website be sent to Detachment
Adjutant. Senese stated he will not post anything unless Adjutant approves
it first.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

No Report.

50 – 50 DRAWING

Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz conducted the 50-50 drawing. \$450 was collected,
with \$225 going to Ken Trumbell.

Closing & Benediction

Chaplain Borgman said a prayer.
The Colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.
Commander Jarosz adjourned the meeting at 1512.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant