

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

**2018 WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Squadron 449, Yorkville, Illinois
December 1, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Detachment Commander Gort called the meeting to order at 1300 Hours.
The colors were in place, hand salute rendered.
Detachment Chaplain John Nemanich gave the prayer.
2nd Division Detachment Commander Bacon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Commander Gort led the POW/MIA Ceremony.
Detachment Sgt-At-Arms placed the POW/MIA flag on the chair.
Detachment Senior Vice Commander Phil Stander led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll.

Detachment Officers: Commander Gort; Sr Vice Stander; NEC Hunter; ANEC Melone; Adjutant J. Van Horn; Asst Adjutant Ray (excused); Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Parliamentarian Cisna (excused); Chaplain Nemanich; Historian Shipley; Service Officer Cavanaugh; Sgt-At-Arms Haddick; Sgt-At-Arms Emeritus Dailey (excused); Commanders Sgt-At-Arms Z. Van Horn & Schoo; Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Mount (excused); Division Sgt-At-Arms 2-Haddick & Schuppner, 4-Phelps & Woodburn (excused), 5-I. Hayse (excused) & Trainer (absent); Commanders Aide Radnitzer & Trout; Sr Vice Aide Geary; Webmaster Sense (absent); PUFL Stillwell;

Division Officers: 1st Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 2nd Commander & Sr Vice, Jr Vice (absent); 3rd Commander, Sr Vice (absent); 4th Commander, Sr Vice (absent); 5th Commander (excused), Sr & Jr Vice;

District Officers: 9th Senior Vice; 10th Commander, Sr & Jr Vices; 11th Sr Vice; 12th Commander & Jr Vice; 13th Commander; 14th Commander excused; 18th Commander; 19th Commander excused; 22nd Commander excused; 24th Commander & Sr Vice

PNC's: Stillwell, Cisna (excused)

PDC's: Hayse, J. Schultz (excused), Stillwell, Potempa, Slevin Sr., Cisna (excused), Tharp, Christie (excused), Williamson (excused), Melone, Ray (excused), Hunter, Cavanaugh, Geary, Shipley

Advisors: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th (excused)

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JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

Detachment Judge Advocate Stillwell discussed who is eligible to make motions, etc. during the DEC.

MINUTES OF CONVENTION

2nd Division Commander Bacon motioned to accept all the Fall DEC Minutes as printed, with the second, passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

List the guests – see SIGN IN sheet

Commander Gort instructed Sgt-At-Arms to escort Department President Deb Lewis to the podium for remarks.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander Gort appointed Geary (2nd Division) as Chairman of Resolution Committee with Schoo (5th Division) and Stinson (1st Division) as Committee members.

DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

1st Division Commander & Jr Vice, 2nd Commander, 3rd Division Commander, 4th Division Commander & 5th Division Sr Vice all spoke about upcoming events and Squadron activities remaining for the year.

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FINANCE REPORT

Detachment Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the printed finance report. He then discussed importance of filling out expense report form correctly. With none, NEC Hunter motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES & #1 PINS

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Stander gave the membership report, including review the Uncertified Squadrons. Reviewed the Charter Actions who were removed and asked that they be contacted. 93 cards were turned in. He then awarded #1 Pins to the following:

Division Winner – 1st Division (given to Division Commander)

District Winners:

1st Division – 3rd District (given to Division Sr Vice)

2nd Division – 10th District (given to 10th District Commander)

3rd Division – 16th District (given to 16th District Commander)

4th Division – 19th District (given to PDC Shipley)

5th Division – 25th District (given to Division Sr Vice)

Sr Vice Commander Stander motions to accept his report, with the second, passes.

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Commission/Committee Reports that were submitted are at the end of the minutes. This section of the minutes will review who made the motion and if it passed. If there was anything added beyond the reports, it will be listed here, too.

Americanism Commission

Commission member Hayse reported on the movie *They Shall Not Grow Old* and showing December 17th & 27th. Reported that Detachment Chaplain reviewed National Chaplain's Conference he attended in September. Reminded people of upcoming Oratorical Contest and this coming Summer's Boys & Girls State programs. IPDC Hayse motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

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Children & Youth Commission

Vice Chairman Slevin Sr. gave his report (in report section of minutes). Slevin Sr (3rd Division Commander) motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Finance Commission

Chairman Koop gave his report (in report section of minutes). NEC Hunter motioned to accept it, with the second, passed.

National Security

Chairman Geary gave a report. 24th District Commander Trout motioned to accept it, with the second, passed.

Poppy's

Chairman Schuppner gave his report. It was encouraged that all Squadrons help their Post & Auxiliary during their respective Poppy Days. A suggestion of purchasing plastic "Army" soldiers and tying a Poppy to them to encourage donations has worked for some. 12th District Commander Schuppner motioned to accept it, with the second, passed.

Legislative Commission

Vice Chairman Griffith reported a discussion of the liaison positions from The American Legion and SAL. The SAL is promoting a closer connection between liaisons and their Squadrons. 13th District Commander Griffith motioned to accept it, with the second, passed.

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SAL Leadership Training Commission

Chairman Cavanaugh reported they are willing to do trainings but haven't had any interest. Encouraged District Commanders to set them up. 18th District Commander Cavanaugh motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Vice Chairman Hunter gave his report (in report section of minutes). He also stated GTTY Promoter Christie resigned his position and the Commission will handle the next raffle internally until next year's Commander appoints a new Promoter. NEC Hunter motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

Public Relations Commission

Committee Vice Chairman Trout gave the report (in report section of minutes) and motioned (24th District Commander) to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Commander's Advisory Committee

Chairman Hayse reported that the Commander received notice from Matt Christie that he was resigning from the Finance Commission and as GTTY Promoter. It was questioned how Christie, National Vice Commander, can maintain his National elected position after moving to Florida. It was also mentioned that Christie addressed the delegation at our recent Detachment Convention promising the rumors of him moving to Florida were false and he plans on staying in Illinois until his National term is up. The Committee is going to work on creating a list of requirements for those who are elected or appointed to National positions. Some questions and comments from the DEC were asked regarding Christie and both the Commander and Chairman answered briefly and moved along the report. Hayse (IPDC) motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

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Commander's Report

Commander Gort talked about Consolidated Squadron Reports and how important it is to educate all Districts and Squadrons to get them submitted. He asked for a better turn out this year.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Squadron 911 \$100 each to CMN, Josh Dogs, Scholarship
Squadron 911 \$150 each to NEF & CWF
Squadron 32 \$100 to CWF
Squadron 974 \$2000 to OCW
Squadron 914 \$100 to Legacy Scholarship, \$45 to CWF
Squadron 840 \$840 to CWF
Squadron 590 \$50 to CWF
Squadron 595 \$228 to CWF
Squadron 596 \$66.62 to CWF
Squadron 167 \$213.86 to CWF
Commander Gort \$50 each to OCW & CWF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Geary stated the only resolutions were the hospitality resolutions. All were accepted. Motion by NEC Hunter to accept the report, with the second, passed. Commander Gort presented Certificate of Appreciation to the Legion Family Members.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Hunter stated anyone interested in serving on a National Commission or Committee to let him know by February 1st and send a SAL Bio of yourself. Renewals are important part of organization and effort to work on those Nationally is in place. When the Consolidated Squadron Reports come out, please submit them. NEC in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the resignation of Matt Christie, Commander Gort appointed First Division Kevin O'Connell to finish the term of the First Division's seat on Finance Commission, with Advisors approval. Motion by 3rd Division Commander Slevin to accept appointment, with the second by 10th District Commander Haddick, the motion passed. Christie also resigned his position as Gifts To The Yanks promoter. Commander Gort stated the VA&R Commission will handle this internally for the balance of the year.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

It was stated that Jim Borgman's brother died. A moment of silence was extended.

Sr Vice Stander presented Commander Gort with his certificate of National Commander's Class held back in October. The Commander wasn't able to attend the Sunday presentation of certificates.

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ADVISOR'S REMARKS

All is well.

50 – 50 DRAWING

Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50. Total was \$164 with Phil Stander winning \$83.

Closing & Benediction

Chaplain Nemanich said a prayer.
Sgt-At-Arms removed the POW/MIA flag.
The Colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.
Commander Shipley adjourned the meeting at 1440.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant

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DETACHMENT CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT

Detachment Of Illinois Children & Youth Fundraising Goals

A reminder that the fundraising goals for the Detachment this year are easily obtainable.

We are striving once again to make a total donation to all C & Y and other Legion programs that is **10%** larger than the total donations made during the past membership year! **That makes our 2018-2019 goal at approximately \$33,608.00!**

Our 2017-2018 numbers were AWESOME! \$8,546.00 to CWF, \$5,565.00 to Special Olympics, \$3,000.00 to the Children's Miracle Network, \$1,005.00 to Josh Dogs, \$600.00 to Operation Military Kids, and \$11,836.00 to all other C & Y programs and charities! A grand total of \$30,552.00 in donations to help children everywhere!

Illinois KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Donations may include the following:

- The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
- Sons of the American Legion, Detachment. of IL – SAL Scholarship Fund
- "Josh Dogs"
- Children's Miracle Network Hospitals
- Special Olympics

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Annual Detachment CMN Hospital Tour

Just a reminder that our 13th annual tour of the CMN wings of St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois will take place once again on February 11th. We will be inviting National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs as well as The American Legion National Commander and The National American Legion Auxiliary National President to attend this event. Keep watch for further details.

This concludes my report.

V.A. & R.

Commission: Chair - Bruno Williamson ,Vice-Jimmy Hunter; George Koop; Kevin Williams; Chris Schoo. GTY Liaison Matt Christie

1) VAVS - Illinois VAMC's- Jessie Brown we are still waiting on confirmation on Derrick Stinson; Hines - we are still looking for a rep for Hines, I was given a name for that position but I have emailed him once and I have left 2 phone messages with no response, ; James Lovell Federated - Bill Geary,, Illiana - Ed Cavanaugh, like Derrick I'm still waiting on my paperwork as deputy rep; Marion - Donnie Houghland.

So as of right now Illinois still has 3 confirmed VAVS reps.

2) Fisher House - Chris Schoo - Hines VA and Jefferson Barracks St Louis VAMC

The Fisher house was founded around 25 years ago by Zachery Fisher in Bethesda Maryland at Walter Reed VA Hospital.

He saw a need for people to stay at no cost while their loved one, family member or friend is in a VA hospital, so he started the Fisher house foundation.

Now there are 78 Fisher houses located on 24 military installations and 33 VA medical centers.

A Fisher house will have up to 21 suites with a private bedroom and bath with a common kitchen, laundry facility, dining, and living area.

All of the Fisher houses are free, but you have to be eligible which is determined by the commander or director of that VA facility.

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Fisher houses are paid for through Congressionally allowed funds and voluntary donations.

You can also volunteer at the local level with monetary donations, provide food or supplies, overflow lodging, bottled water, assist in rides, sponsor events, or donate new appliances.

There is one Fisher house in Illinois at Edward Hines JR. VA and the manager there is Holly Wright, her email is holly.wright@va.gov please contact her if you can help out. We also support the Fisher House at the St. Louis VAMC and the house manager is Vanniecia Brown and her email is vanniecia.brown@va.gov. You can also go to each houses website to see their wish and needs list.

3) GTY (gifts to yanks) - Matt Christie

4) OCW (operation comfort warrior) - George Koop

As the war in Afghanistan winds down, U.S. military personnel are coming home where they join other recent veterans who served in Iraq. Many of the service members have left the battlefield only to be faced with a new fight: a struggle to overcome the mental and physical wounds suffered during deployment. Those with traumatic brain injury (TBI) or post-traumatic stress disorder, (PTSD) are returning home in unprecedented numbers. In fact, the army has said that up to 20 percent of the men and woman who served in Afghanistan or Iraq have suffered TBI. While the care at many military hospitals and warrior transition units is extraordinary, The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW) program was created to provide "nonessentials" – items that help wounded warriors' recovery.

Operation Comfort Warrior is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVD's, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

It works by the Legion contacting officials at military hospitals, warrior transition units and surrounding communities, and obtains lists to determine which items are needed. Once a need is identified, the items are ordered by

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the Legion and delivered in an expeditious manner. It's as simple as that. No red tape.

5) Guitars for Veterans - Bruno Williamson

In 2007 a Milwaukee guitar instructor Patrick Netteshein introduced Vietnam combat Marine Dan Van Buskirk to the guitar. After a few months of working together, the human interaction and self-expression through music greatly helped Dan with his PTSD. Patrick and Dan shared what they learned with Veterans at the Clement J. Zablocki VAMC in Milwaukee and Guitars 4 Veterans (G4V) was born. Now they are in 40 states with 80 chapters, with assistance from over 200 volunteers.

Thousands of our troops are coming home with PTSD and statistics are showing that more of our Nation's best are committing Suicide and dying than have died in battle since the Vietnam War. More than 1/2 of the 2.6 million Veterans that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan struggle with physical and mental challenges and we all know that we are losing 22 veterans a day to Suicide.

Over the last 7 years the program has been refined to provide guitar instruction, an acoustic guitar and an accessory kit, all free to the Veteran. The structured program is run by volunteers primarily through VAMC's or CHOC's. Weekly lessons are provided individually to help Veterans learn at their own pace. And monthly group sessions are organized by each chapter to provide the Veterans a communal atmosphere for Veterans to share similar experiences while playing music.

To date G4V has given 30,000 lessons and has distributed 3000 guitars to Veterans. There are 4 chapters in Illinois, 2 in Chicago, 1 in Rockford and Evanston.

G4V is a 501c3 non-profit organization. How can we Sons help? For \$200 you can send a Veteran through the program. Donations of money, guitars and related gear are accepted. At the Spring DEC there will be a fundraiser that weekend for G4V.

6) Wreaths Across America

Morrill Worcester grew up remembering his visit to Arlington National Cemetery that he won as a 12-year-old paperboy. Years later as a very successful owner of Worcester Wreath Company in 1992 they found themselves with a surplus of wreaths near the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, he realized he had a opportunity to honor our Veterans. In 1992 with the help of a state senator, a trucking company, a number of individuals and organizations and the

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American Legion and VFW, they began laying wreaths on the graves of Veterans and the tomb of The Unknown Soldier.

After going on quietly for years until , in 2005, a photo appeared on the internet of the wreaths. After that the program went national with requests coming from all over the country to emulate the program at their local national and state cemeteries.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths, Mr. Worcester donated 7 wreaths to each state for each branch of service. In 2006 the Civil Air Patrol, with the help of other civic organizations, simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies were held at 150 locations across the country. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as escort for the wreaths going to Arlington. Thus began the annual " Veterans Honor Parade " that travels the East coast in early December.

In 2007 the Worcester family, along with Veterans and other groups and individuals, formed Wreaths Across America. A non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization to continue and expand this effort.

The mission of the group is simple;
Remember. Honor. Teach.

In 2008 over 300 locations had wreath laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,00 wreaths were placed on Veteran's graves. And that year, December 13, 2008, was unanimously voted by the U.S. Congress as Wreaths Across America day.

In 2014 Wreaths across America program laid over 700,000 wreaths at 1,000 locations in the U.S. , Pearl Harbor Memorial, Bunker Hill Valley Forge and the sites of 9/11. The goal of covering all the graves in Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths. The wreath laying is held annually on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in December. This year it is December 15th.

The Wreaths Across America annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become know as the " World's Largest Veterans Parade ", stopping along the way to remind people how important it is to;

Remember. Honor. And Teach.

7) With the Holiday season upon us Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) across the country do a wonderful job supporting our Veterans at VA Medical Centers (VAMC), Community Living Centers (CLC), and Greenhomes. But there is a great lull after the Holidays. Don't forget them in January, February (there's salute week 2/11-15) which celebrates the hospitalized

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Veteran. Remember our Veterans and current military members; this is our Primary mission.

8) VEEC

The National Veterans Employment and Education Commission is requesting all detachments to form their own VE&E Commission/Committee and then in turn, encourage your districts and squadrons to do the same.

One of our goals this year is to **"End Veterans Homelessness"**. Some things you can do to assist with this initiative are: promote veteran employment, volunteer at Stand Downs and Job Fairs, encourage property owners and landlords to house veterans exiting homelessness and collect/distribute move-in essentials.

The VEE commission has also placed on the national website a brochure created by the VA for First Responders. These emergency workers are many times in contact with homeless veterans on a daily basis. This brochure gives these First Responders information that they can provide to these down-on-their-luck veterans. Why not make copies of this brochure and distribute them to your local police and fire departments?

Another way that you can assist is to research organizations in your home state that assist homeless veterans and then throw your support behind them. Some examples of these organizations are: Socks of Love (IL), Veterans Village (MO), MCVET (MD), Operation Job Ready Veterans (IN), Homeless Veterans Fellowship (UT), Three Hots and a Cot (AL), Housing for Homeless Veterans (PA), Project Hope Atlanta (GA), Veterans Foundation (MT), America Family Housing (CA) and the Jericho Project (NY). These are just a few examples.

What organizations can you find near you? Please assist us as we assist The American Legion to "End Veteran Homelessness".

You can find links to upcoming Veterans Job Fairs for Illinois and surrounding states; by going to recruitmilitary.com/events...

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FINANCE COMMISSION

The Finance Commission was sent an invoice from the Department for 500 Commander and 500 Membership Chairman for 100% Membership Pins. The cost of these pins is \$1,520.00. These are the 100% Membership pins that are sent out by the Detachment Commander to Squadrons and Districts that reach 100% in Membership. This is the first time we have had to order these pins in a long time since we had these pins in stock and are now running low. I did approve this invoice and it will be paid from overage. I have also asked our Detachment Adjutant to check with headquarters in Bloomington to see if February 23rd is open so we can schedule our budget meeting. If that date is not open our alternate date is March 2nd. There is one item we will need to address in our budget meeting and that is the Convention Committee meetings in Springfield. We will need to have a line item for this since it will be happening every year. We may also need to address if we need to have a dues increase or not. I would also ask that anyone on the Executive Committee and Committee chairman review the budget and if there is anything that you would like to see changed please send me the information so we can review it at our meeting. We were also asked by Phil Shipley to approve an additional expense for attending the Haven as the Detachment Historian in the amount of \$198.90 to come out of overage. The commission did approve this but also stated that this is the last time we will approve any expenses that have occurred outside of budgeted line items without prior approval from the Finance Commission that was previously stated in the report of 7/13/2018. The last item we discussed is we are replacing Matt Christie on our commission with Kevin O'Connell. We are also

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recommending that the new vice chairman of our commission be Garrett Slevin Sr. replacing Matt. There was no further business, so we adjourned.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations for The Sons is an important task that all members should be involved in.

The Consolidated Report Form, (CSR) that all Squadrons should fill out at the end of the year is quick look at what The Squadron has accomplished throughout the year. Please promote because, "This is who we are" Let's bring those numbers up this year.

At all functions that The Sons are volunteering at, you should be wearing your cover. Other suggestions could be, shirts with Our emblem or ball caps, something that designates that you are a Proud Son taking time to volunteer

Make sure to take time to let your Post and your Unit knows that you are here to help with activities and are willing to help promote PR within The Post and community.

At this time of the year, The Legion Family is hosting Christmas parties. I'm sure the Sons are there helping. Wear your covers, take pictures, send them to your local paper, and let the community know the service you are providing.

There is no such thing as "We didn't do anything during the year" or "We don't want to blow our own horn"

A Squadron will always make a difference in your community.

We need to promote and educate our communities on what we do. Most importantly, we need to fill out Our Consolidated Report Forms