

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

2012 PRE-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Detachment Commander Ray called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM at Holiday Inn Urbana, Urbana, Illinois.

The Colors being in place a salute was rendered.

The Detachment Chaplain asked for a moment of personal privilege and was granted by Commander, spoke a few words, then gave the invocation.

4th Division Commander Phil Shipley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commander conducted the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Senior Vice-Commander Hunter led the reciting of the Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion.

Commander entertained a motion to deviate from the agenda, motion by Freidman of 19th, seconded and passed.

Commander called Judge Advocate Cisna for comments on correct procedure in making motions and seconds and who is eligible.

The Adjutant called the roll of Officers and a Quorum was present (see addendum).

MINUTES OF THE SPRING D.E.C. -- Motion by NEC Geary to accept the minutes since they are printed, and seconded by First Division Commander Borgman; PDC Chelmowski asked that they be read; PDC Melone stated a correction in the minutes that should read that Detachment Commander Ray read a letter from Department of Illinois Commander Dave Hicks. Motion passed with the noted correction to be made in minutes.

The Commander introduced National Vice-Commander John Sansoucie and then introduced the family and friends of Col. Glenn David McElroy. Col. McElroy's dog tags are to be retired during the Patriots Ceremony. American Legion Service Officer of Champaign County Mark Freidman then talked about Col. McElroy's history.

Recess at 5:26 PM for Patriots Ceremony and reconvened at 6:23 PM.

The Senior Vice-Commander gave a Membership Report stating 11 Districts are at or above 100%, 5 Districts are at 2% or less to become 100%, 3 Divisions are at 100% and recognized the 2nd Division at being 100% for 13 straight years, along with Wauconda #911 and St Libory #683. Motion by Senior Vice to accept, seconded and passed.

The Finance Officer gave a Finance Report and stated current balance sheet is available on back table and asked if any questions. Motion by Hudson of the 12th District to accept, subject to audit, seconded and passed.

Commander asked that the minutes reflect that Past Detachment Commander Jim Ciaccio has entered the room.

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS: All Commission/Committee Reports were deferred by their respected Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen until Saturday, June 23rd except for Finance Commission.

FINANCE COMMISSION by Vice-Chairman Ed Hudson.

Vice-Chairman Hudson requested permission to have Finance Officer Tharp to go through the details of the proposed 2012-13 Budget --- permission was granted by the Commander. FO Tharp explained how eliminating the Administrative Checking account and how this will be handled. He went over the changes in line items (see addendums). PDC Melone asked about increase of line item 301001 and 301002 and questioned the amount reported. Hudson stated each was \$3000 and \$2800 respectfully. Tharp stated the amount was increased so much because if they go over that budget area, they will have to go to Finance Committee to ask for additional funds and the amount of the increase was always available, just wasn't a line item in the past. Motion by 12th District Commander to accept report, seconded and passed.

Commander asked Adjutant to note that Medical Officer Griffin was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 4th Division Commander Shipley questioned why Commander Ray wasn't in the same uniform as the rest of his Detachment Officers. Commander stated his father-in-law would not let him live through the weekend if he wasn't in a suit.

CORRESPONDENCE -- none

REPORT OF THE N.E.C.: NEC Geary said he will defer his report until Saturday, June 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Mark Freidman mentioned Post 24 is serving dinner until 8:00 PM.

Commander mentioned the Hospitality room by atrium.

PDC Melone said PDC Breakfast is at 7:30 Sunday morning in hotel.

PDC Stillwell reminded people to sign up for nominations as delegate for National Convention.

22nd District Commander Stratton reminded people about raffles.

The Commander called for a moment of silence.

The Chaplain offered the Benediction.

The Colors being in place a salute was rendered.

The Commander adjourned the meeting, in proper form, at 6:46 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant