

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

**2013 Detachment Convention – Tinley Park, Illinois
June 30, 2013**

Session 2 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Detachment Commander Jimmy Hunter called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

The colors were in place and Commander rendered a hand salute.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll. The following were present: Commander Hunter, Sr Vice Commander Cavanaugh, NEC Geary, ANEC Phelps, Adjutant Van Horn, Asst Adjutant Cisna, Finance Officer Tharp, Judge Advocate Jarosz, Parliamentarian Stillwell, Chaplain Hickem, Medical Officer Griffin, Service Officer Hurt, Sgt-At-Arms Phelps, Commander's Sgt-At-Arms JD Strum, Sr Vice Commander's Sgt-At-Arms Haines, Division Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz & Shipley, Commander's Aides Borgman & Hickem, PUFL Admin Stillwell; 3rd District, 5th District, 8th District, 9th District, 10th District, 11th District, 12th District, 13th District, 16th District, 19th District, 25th District; PNC's Stillwell & Cisna; PDC's Schultz, Stillwell, Potempa, Hickem, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Tharp, Christie, Williamson, Sawicki & Melone; Department Commander Wagner, Department Senior Vice Commander Stegmuller, Department President Sienkiewicz.

WELCOMING REMARKS – GUEST SPEAKERS

Post 615 Commander, President, SAL Commander & Rider's Director spoke.
Village of Tinley Park's Mayor Pro Tem Ms. Leone spoke.
Department Senior Vice Commander Stegmuller spoke.
Department First Division Commander Cicero spoke.

SAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Flanagan reported that Department approved all Officer's and Committee/Commission appointee's for the upcoming year. Congratulated the Detachment and Commander Hunter on a successful year. During his meeting, there was a lengthy discussion regarding educating the Squadrons and Districts.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Bill Pillman presented the Bowling Tournament Report and Awards. Stated there were 16 bowlers. Pillman gave out various "fun" awards. Pillman motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

Commander Hunter asked Pillman if there were any golf awards. Pillman stated he did not get any information from Golf Chairman, Tom Barnett.

Phil Shipley presented awards for History & Scrap Books. There was only one book turned in. With that, Squadron 615 won. Shipley motions to accept report, with the second, passed.

Harl Ray announced the Scholarship winners. The current balance in the account is \$20,694. It was determined each winner would get \$750. Those were: Charles Garrett, 19th District; Trevor Sampson, 12th District; Ryan Geary & Nicholas Born, 11th District; Blake Kilcoyne, 8th District; Kory Brown & Josh Higgins, 16th District; Drew Howell, 25th District; Ryan Huffer, 17th District; Paul Burton, 19th District; Kyle Woodworth, 8th District; D'Mario Turner, 19th District; Brandon Beerup, 12th District; Daniel Wilson, 8th District. Charlie Sullivan's was rejected due to improper support materials provided. Ray motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Commander Hunter turned microphone over to Senior Vice Commander Cavanaugh for Membership Awards. The following received Founder's Awards for starting a new Squadron:

- 1st Division, 2nd District, Squadron 923/FDR Chicago
 - o Jim Borgman
- 1st Division, 5th District, Squadron 623/Paul Revere
 - o Jim Borgman
- 1st Division, 8th District, Squadron 991/Marrs-Meyer/Worth
 - o Jim Borgman, Bill Pillman & Jimmy Hunter

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- 2nd Division, 10th District, Squadron 738/Deerfield
 - o Glenn Koets & Doug Haberkamp
- 2nd Division, 11th District, Squadron 392/Peotone
 - o Ed Cavanaugh & Jimmy Hunter
- 4th Division, 17th District, Squadron 122/Cullom
 - o Ron Shapland, Ed Cavanaugh & Jimmy Hunter
- 4th Division, 21st District, Squadron 436/Litchfield
 - o Harl "Butch" Ray & Jimmy Hunter
- 4th Division, 21st District, Squadron 1922/State Police
 - o Harl "Butch" Ray
- 4th Division, 21st District, Squadron 554/Carlinville
 - o Harl "Butch" Ray
- 5th Division, 23rd District, Squadron 321/New Baden
 - o Harl "Butch" Ray
- 5th Division, 23rd District, Squadron 460/Ramsey
 - o Dave Harris, Ed Cavanaugh & Jimmy Hunter

Then Sr Vice Cavanaugh issued the following awards:

The Anthony Badamo Trophy

- 3rd Place: Zion Squadron 865, 10th District with 136.4%
- 2nd Place: Elred Squadron 1135, 20th District with 157.1%
- 1st Place: Belleville Squadron 58 from the 22nd District with 227.3%.

The Clyde Stillwell Trophy

- 3rd Place: Belleville Squadron 58, 22nd District with 227.3%
- 2nd Place: Colona Squadron 1233, 15th District with 245.5%
- 1st Place: Winchester Squadron 442 from the 10th District with 278.6%.

The PFC James T Cumming Membership Trophy

- 3rd Place: Lake In The Hills Squadron 1231, 11th District with 116.3%
- 2nd Place: Morton Grove Squadron 134, 7th District with 119.5%
- 1st Place: Mt Vernon Squadron 141 in the 23rd District with 134.2%.

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The Roy Mitchell Membership Trophy

3rd Place: Mt Vernon Squadron 141, 23rd District with 26 new members

2nd Place: Belleville Squadron 58, 22nd District with 28 new members.

1st Place: Bartonville #979, 16th District, with 31 new members.

The Senior Vice Commander then awarded #1 pin's from the DEC's because new ones were ordered. When Division & District Officer's receive one at the DEC now, they can keep them, as they are smaller pins. The larger ones will be awarded at Convention to overall winners.

From the Fall DEC: Commander and Senior Vice Commander of the First Division, 9th District, 10th District, 16th District, 19th District and 22nd District

From the Winter DEC: Commander and Senior Vice Commander of the 1st Division, 8th District, 10th District, 15th District, 19th District and the 22nd District

From the Spring DEC: Commander and Senior Vice Commander of the 1st Division, 2nd District, 10th District, 20th District, 21st District and the 22nd District

In the 1st Division, the 2nd District wins, however they are not certified.

In the 2nd Division, the 10th District wins.

In the 3rd Division, 20th District wins, however they are not certified.

In the 4th Division, 21st District wins

In the 5th Division, 22nd District wins, however they are not certified.

For Division's, 1st Division's Commander and Senior Vice Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CROSS

Detachment Chaplain Hickem awarded Chaplain's Crosses to Tom Seick, 9th District, Squadron 690; Greg Stafford, 21st District, Squadron 1922; Brian Dilday, 25th District, Squadron 647.

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DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Sr-Vice:

I will now call on the Detachment Commander for his report.

Commander Jimmy Hunter deliver's his report.

Senior Vice Commander Cavanaugh then called on Commander Hunter to give his report. Hunter talked about his year and push for membership, his projects, and working together with the Legion, Auxiliary and Riders. He talked of his travels, all the Squadrons and Posts he visited, and all of the new people he met. He is proud of the new Squadron's created this past year. He thanked the Detachment, Department and more importantly, his family for allowing him to serve. Cavanaugh entertained a motion to accept the Commander's report, so-moved by Pillman of the 8th District, with the second, the motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander Cavanaugh turned the microphone back over to Commander Hunter.

The Commander asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

The Commander asked if there was any new business. 2nd Division Commander Haberkamp reminded everyone to turn in their Certification and Consolidated Squadron Reports, mentioning everyone in the 13th District has submitted both.

The Commander asked for any other new business. With none, the Commander called for a break at 11:45 AM.

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Session was reconvened at 12:08 PM.

Commander called upon Matt Christie to give the final report of Gifts To The Yanks, part of the VA&R Report. Christie reported 101 Posts, 74 Units and 49 Squadrons mailed in tickets. 8 more Squadrons turned in tickets during Convention and \$301 in ticket sales this past weekend. He thanked Steger Funeral Home in Steger, Illinois for printing 25,000 raffle tickets for free. The Detachment gave them a plaque for their participation. Winners were:

- 1st Place: Squadron 613 for \$1,437
- 2nd Place: Stan Croom from Dekalb for \$958
- 3rd Place: Marie Monk from Ashkum for \$479
- 4th Place: Squadron 380 for \$479
- 5th Place: Mike Vance from Girard for \$479

The Detachment will present a check for \$7,078 to Department of Illinois at their Convention in Springfield in July. Christie motioned to accept his report, with the second, motion passed.

Commander Hunter called upon Credentials Chairman Mike Sawicki for a final report. Sawicki presented an updated report. The Commander then appointed Doug Haberkamp as Chairman with Jerry Boyd and Eugene Gort as judges for the elections.

The Commander called upon Adjutant Van Horn to call the roll for election of Alternate National Executive Committeeman. The 3rd District yielded to the 25th District. Fred Hickem from the 25th District nominated Father Gary Gummersheimer with a speech. The 5th District yielded to the 19th District. Tommie Cisna from the 19th District seconded the nomination with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19th District motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for Father Gary Gummersheimer for the position of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the years 2013-2015. Bill Geary from the 10th District seconded the motion, it passed. The Adjutant then casted one vote for Gummersheimer.

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The Commander then called upon Adjutant Van Horn to call the roll for election of National Committeeman. The 3rd District yielded to the 10th District. Bill Geary of the 10th District nominated Bruno T. Williamson with a speech. The 5th District yielded to the 25th District. Fred Hickem with the 25th District seconded the nomination for Bruno T. Williamson with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19th District motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for Bruno T. Williamson for the position of National Executive Committeeman for the years 2013-2015. Bill Pillman from the 8th District seconded the motion, it passed. The Adjutant then casted one vote for Williamson.

The Commander then called upon Adjutant Van Horn to call the roll for election of Detachment Senior Vice Commander. The 3rd District yielded to the 9th District. Matt Christie of the 9th District nominated John Jarosz, Jr. with a speech. The 5th District yielded to the 8th District. Jim Borgman of the 8th District seconded the nomination of John Jarosz, Jr. with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19th District motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for John Jarosz, Jr. for the position of Detachment Senior Vice Commander for the year 2013-2014. Bill Pillman from the 8th District seconded the motion, it passed. The Adjutant then casted one vote for Jarosz.

Newly elected Detachment Senior Vice Commander Jarosz gave a brief speech, thanking everyone for their support, especially his own Squadron of 208. He also thanked members of Squadron 690 who came out to support him today.

The Commander then called upon Adjutant Van Horn to call the roll for election of Detachment Commander. The 3rd District yielded to the 19th District. Tommie Cisna from the 19th District nominated Ed Cavanaugh with a speech. The 5th District seconded the nomination then yielded to Harl Ray to second the nomination with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19th District motioned that the Adjutant cast one vote for Ed Cavanaugh for the position of Detachment Commander for the year 2013-2014. Bill Pillman from the 8th District seconded the motion, it passed. The Adjutant then casted one vote for Cavanaugh.

Newly elected Commander Cavanaugh thanked everyone for their support. He pledged to continue his push for membership and renewals.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Commander asked Chairman JR Stillwell to give report of National Convention Delegates. The following were selected: JR Stillwell, Gregory Reis & Tommie Cisna as Delegates-At-Large. Jim Hunter as Chairman, Ed Cavanaugh as Vice Chairman, Jeff Van Horn as Secretary, Harl Ray as Asst Secretary, Bill Geary, Bob Tharp, Bruno Williamson, Mike Sawicki, John Jarosz, Father Gary Gummersheimer, Matt Christie, George Koop, John P Strum, Mark Melone, John D Strum, Paul Garrett, and Marty Belovicz were the balance of Delegates. On a motion by Stillwell to accept the people selected and elect them as our delegation, with the second, the motion passed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Commander turned the microphone over to Installing Officer, Tommie Cisna. Cisna introduced Jim Borgman as Installing Chaplain and Harl Ray as Installing Sgt-At-Arms. Cisna performed the Installation of all Officers', including capping and uncapping the incoming and outgoing Commander.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

Commander Hunter asked if there were any other donations. Squadron 615 donated \$615 to each of the following: CWF, NEF, Legacy Fund & GTTY.

Commander Hunter asked if there was anything for the Good of The Sons. Several people presented the Commander with parting gifts. There were no other items for the Good.

Department of Illinois Historian won the 50-50 for \$110.

The Adjutant announced there will be a meeting for National Convention Delegates immediately following the close of Session 2 and following that, the Post-Convention DEC.

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BENEDICTION & CLOSING

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

Detachment Chaplain Hickem gave closing prayer.

Commander Hunter rendered a hand salute to the colors.

The Convention adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Minutes prepared by Detachment Adjutant Jeffrey Van Horn.