

**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; 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 5<sup>th</sup> District, 8<sup>th</sup> District, 9<sup>th</sup> District, 10<sup>th</sup> District, 11<sup>th</sup> District, 12<sup>th</sup> District, 13<sup>th</sup> District, 16<sup>th</sup> District, 19<sup>th</sup> District, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> District; Trevor Sampson, 12<sup>th</sup> District; Ryan Geary & Nicholas Born, 11<sup>th</sup> District; Blake Kilcoyne, 8<sup>th</sup> District; Kory Brown & Josh Higgins, 16<sup>th</sup> District; Drew Howell, 25<sup>th</sup> District; Ryan Huffer, 17<sup>th</sup> District; Paul Burton, 19<sup>th</sup> District; Kyle Woodworth, 8<sup>th</sup> District; D'Mario Turner, 19<sup>th</sup> District; Brandon Beerup, 12<sup>th</sup> District; Daniel Wilson, 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

Then Sr Vice Cavanaugh issued the following awards:

*The Anthony Badamo Trophy*

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

*The Clyde Stillwell Trophy*

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

*The PFC James T Cumming Membership Trophy*

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

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The *Roy Mitchell Membership Trophy*

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mt Vernon Squadron 141, 23<sup>rd</sup> District with 26 new members

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Belleville Squadron 58, 22<sup>nd</sup> District with 28 new members.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bartonville #979, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> District, 10<sup>th</sup> District, 16<sup>th</sup> District, 19<sup>th</sup> District and 22<sup>nd</sup> District

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

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

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

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, the 10<sup>th</sup> District wins.

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

In the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, 21<sup>st</sup> District wins

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

For Division's, 1<sup>st</sup> Division's Commander and Senior Vice Commander

**CHAPLAIN'S CROSS**

Detachment Chaplain Hickem awarded Chaplain's Crosses to Tom Seick, 9<sup>th</sup> District, Squadron 690; Greg Stafford, 21<sup>st</sup> District, Squadron 1922; Brian Dilday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Haberkamp reminded everyone to turn in their Certification and Consolidated Squadron Reports, mentioning everyone in the 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Squadron 613 for \$1,437
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Stan Croom from Dekalb for \$958
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marie Monk from Ashkum for \$479
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Squadron 380 for \$479
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> District yielded to the 25<sup>th</sup> District. Fred Hickem from the 25<sup>th</sup> District nominated Father Gary Gummersheimer with a speech. The 5<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 19<sup>th</sup> District. Tommie Cisna from the 19<sup>th</sup> District seconded the nomination with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Detachment Senior Vice Commander. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District yielded to the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Matt Christie of the 9<sup>th</sup> District nominated John Jarosz, Jr. with a speech. The 5<sup>th</sup> District yielded to the 8<sup>th</sup> District. Jim Borgman of the 8<sup>th</sup> District seconded the nomination of John Jarosz, Jr. with a speech. It was a unanimous decision. John Strum from the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> District yielded to the 19<sup>th</sup> District. Tommie Cisna from the 19<sup>th</sup> District nominated Ed Cavanaugh with a speech. The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.