

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

**Tinley Park, Illinois
June 28, 2013**

Pre-Convention DEC Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Friday, June 28, 2013 at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois by Detachment Commander Jimmy Hunter.

The colors were in place, the Commander rendered a hand salute.

Detachment Chaplain Fred Hickem offered the prayer.

Detachment Judge Advocate John Jarosz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Hunter led the POW/MIA ceremony.

Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Ed Cavanaugh led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll. The following were present: Commander Hunter, Sr Vice Cavanaugh, NEC Geary, ANEC Phelps, Adjutant Van Horn, Asst. Adjutant Cisna, Finance Officer Tharp, Judge Advocate Jarosz, Parliamentarian Stillwell, Chaplain Hickem, Historian Shipley, Medical Officer Griffin, Service Officer Hurt, Commander's Sgt-At-Arms JD Strum & Haines, Division Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz, Commander's Aide Borgman; 1st Division Commander & Senior, 2nd Division Senior, 4th Division Commander & Junior, 5th Division Commander; 5th District, 8th District, 9th District, 10th District, 11th District, 13th District, 19th District, 25th District; PDC's Ray, Slevin Sr., Christie, Sawicki, Melone,; Advisor's Groharing, Phelps & Flanagan. Detailed list on file.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DEC MEETING

Motion by NEC Geary to accept minutes of the Spring DEC as printed, with the second, passed.

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms introduced Harrell Sorrels, NVC from Indiana; Joe Gladden, Leading Candidate for National Commander from Maryland; Mark Tansel, National Chairman of SAL Internal Affairs from Indiana; Past Department Commander's Flanagan & Groharing.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sr. Vice Cavanaugh asked to defer report until Convention Session.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the Finance Report printed out. PDC Hickem asked about clarifying if the National Candidate Fund is for any National Office position. PDC Melone stated it is for National Appointment, Elected or NEC. Tharp stated it is not for NEC. PDC Sawicki stated there are only 2 elected National positions, National Commander and National Vice Commander. Tharp stated this should be discussed with Finance Commission and that it is only for elected National Offices. PDC Stillwell stated it is a Campaign Fund for elected National Offices. Hickem questioned why there is a Resolution for Harl Ray for National Chaplain and if he is entitled to any of these funds. Stillwell stated Ray's resolution is strictly for support from the Detachment and the funds are only for elected National Offices. Tharp asked if there were any other questions, with none being asked, Pillman of the 8th motioned to accept the report, with the second, report passed.

Report on file

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commander asked if any Commission or Committee's had reports. Contest Chairman Pillman reminded everyone scrapbooks/history books need to be turned in by 9 AM on Saturday. All other Commission/Committee's asked for their reports to be deferred except for Finance Commission.

Finance Commission Chairman Cisna presented the budget for 2013-14 year. Stated the major addition to the budget was approving outgoing Detachment Commander National Convention funds. Tharp discussed the minor changes. Sawicki asked if in the future, the budget could have previous years next to proposed budget for comparison. With no further questions, Pillman of the 8th

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District motioned to accept the report and budget for 2013-14, with the second, the motion passed.

There was no unfinished business or correspondence.

NEC Geary asked to defer his report until Convention Session.

There was no new business brought before the DEC.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

NEC Geary asked if he could bring up our National Guests for brief introductions and statements. Geary stated each will be making further statements during Convention Session. The Detachment welcomed NVC Sorrells, which he thanked us for the invitation and introduced his travel partner, Mark Tansel, Chairman of National SAL Internal Affairs. Then the Detachment welcomed Leading Candidate for National Commander Joe Gladden, who thanked us for the invitation and stated he had a good time at the golf outing. Commander Hunter thanked both for coming.

Stillwell reminded those who wish to be considered delegates to National Convention to fill out the proper paperwork and turn in by Sunday morning.

Advisory Chairman Flanagan stated he would defer his report for Convention Session.

Closing & Benediction

Chaplain Hickem gave the closing prayer.

Commander rendered hand salute of colors.

Meeting ended at 7:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Detachment Adjutant Jeffrey Van Horn.