

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

**2013 FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2013 – Wauconda Squadron 911**

CALL TO ORDER

Detachment Commander Cavanaugh called meeting to order at 1314 hrs.
The Colors were in place.
Detachment Chaplain Borgman offered the prayer
2nd Division Commander Haberkamp led the Pledge
Commander Cavanaugh read the POW/MIA ceremony
Detachment Sr. Vice-Commander Jarosz led the Preamble

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. For detailed list, contact Adjutant, however the following were present: Commander Cavanaugh, Sr Vice Jarosz, NEC Williamson, Adjutant Van Horn, Asst Adjutant Ray, Finance Officer Tharp, Judge Advocate Stillwell, Chaplain Borgman, Historian Shipley, Sgt-At-Arms Phelps, Sgt-At-Arms Emeritus Reis, Commander Sgt-At-Arms Haines, Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Hermes, Asst Sgt-At-Arms Senese, Belovicz, Commander's Aides Cisna & Hunter, 1st Division, 2nd Division, 4th Division, 4th District, 8th District, 9th District, 10th District, 11th District, PNC's Stillwell, Reis & Cisna, PDC's Hunter, Schultz, Stillwell, Slevin Sr, Cisna, Tharp, Williamson, Melone & Ray, 4th Division Advisor Phelps

During Roll Call, Sylvester Hendricks tried to call the 3rd District Present and stated he was the Commander of the District. Adjutant pulled out copy of official certification from the District clearly stating he was not an officer. Hendricks shared a picture taken from Detachment Convention where officers were sworn in and he was in the picture. Judge Advocate Stillwell stated that situation is purely a ceremony and doesn't make said person official. Hendricks tried to continue the discussion and the Adjutant stated the matter closed and continued on with the Roll.

JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

Judge Advocate Stillwell stated who is eligible for making motions, voting, etc.

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MINUTES OF DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Koop of the 10th District motioned to accept the Pre-Convention DEC, Session 1 & 2 of the Convention minutes as printed. With the second, motion passed. Adjutant didn't realize copies of the Post-Convention DEC weren't available. He said it will be available at Winter DEC.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms introduced the guests. For detailed list, see Adjutant.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander Hunter appointed 3rd Division's Slevin Sr as Chairman with 1st Division Tom Pillman, 2nd Division Melone, 2nd Division Fargquist & 4th Division Haines as members.

DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

Division Commanders from the 2nd, 4th & 1st Division gave reports.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – PRESENTATION OF #1 PINS

Sr Vice Jarosz discussed communication and importance of getting Squadrons & Districts certified. Also discussed was a visitation form and members from 2910. He presented #1 pins to Division & District Commanders and Sr Vice-Commanders from: 1st Division, 9th District, 10th District, 16th District, 19th District & 24th District. Jarosz motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Officer Tharp presented the Finance Report along with the budget. There were no questions; Koop from the 10th District motioned to accept report, with the second, passed. Copy on file with Adjutant.

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COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism: Chairman Borgman reported that the Detachment consider instituting a Chairman for Boys State on the Squadron, District and Division levels, like Department of Illinois. Currently they are barely getting 500 boys to participate. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT, Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposing an amendment to Constitution that would give Congress authority to protect flag from physical desecration. Encouraged contacting Senators and Representatives on Flag issues. Religious Emphasis at the opening and closing of DEC's there will be words of scripture for inspiration. Borgman still on National Americanism Commission. Jr shooting National Championships held Aug 23rd in Colorado. 8th District's Borgman motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

Children & Youth: PDC Ray reported that there is \$1,539.90 remaining in Josh Dog fund and Commission voted and approved to use funds to purchase more dogs to be split between Illinois Children's Hospitals. Commission also approved to send \$1,000 to Toby Tire program. Detachment received thank you cards and letters from all three IL CMN hospitals for donations this past year. Also received 10 letters from scholarship winners from Convention. Commission congratulates IPDC Jimmy Hunter on his year with CWF, raising \$30,427 during his year. The Detachment won the per capita award for Central Region on National level. Hunter thanked everyone for all their help. Goal for this year is \$1 more. Eugene Gort is new CWF promoter. National Commander Joe Gladden's goal is to pass \$6 million and raise \$500,000 for the year. Banner program is available and forms are available today and will be in bulk mailing. Discussed CAT program. NEC Williamson motioned to accept the report as given and there was a second. PDC Melone asked about a letter that supposedly PDC Stratton received and Commander Cavanaugh stated it was in hands of Department Internal Affairs. Melone asked if Commander has copy of letter, which he said yes. Adjutant stated he never received a copy of letter. PDC Ray stated Stratton did a fantastic job raising funds and it will be difficult to do what he has done in the past, but we will all work hard on it. The motion passed.

Commander Cavanaugh turned podium over to Sr Vice Jarosz at 1426. Sr Vice called upon Contest Committee for report.

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Contest: Chairman Pillman stated Committee discussed Convention Scrapbook mishap at Convention. Committee wants Adjutant to include the rules and regulations in bulking mailing. Pillman motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

Finance Commission: Chairman Cisna discussed Finance Commission/Finance Officer Guideline book and changes to be made to be done. Approved Finance Officer \$500 to upgrade his QuickBooks. Overage funds of 36% to CWF, CMN, Toby Tire, Special Olympics, NEF & GTTY (each to get 6%). \$4,959.46 remains for the year for donations. It was recommended by Bill Geary that we round each amount to \$1,000. PDC Melone asked what the invoice from Department was and if itemized. Finance Officer stated yes and it was \$3,354.03. This amount is over the \$5,700 what Department budgets for the SAL. 1st Division's Pillman motions to accept report, with the second, Geary clarifies that by approving this report we are making the 6 donations \$1,000 even, passed.

National Security & Poppy Commission: Chairman Phelps discussed Syria and immigration problems. Also discussed how the government is going into people's banking accounts to tracking their spending, along with emails and phone calls. Stated now is the time to start recruiting participants for shooting sports and police school. Stressed the importance of Poppy Program and alluded to a problem at Hines Medical Center. Stated he will report on this later. 10th District's Koop motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

Legislative Commission: Chairman Griffin reported discussion on Immigration Bill and how National Legion feels blanket amnesty would send message that America's Immigration Laws are to be scoffed at. HB 2563 allows members of military to bypass state skills test in applying for CDL license. HB 3186 recognizes members of military who have training and clinical experience when applying to be EMT. SB 204 makes college degree requirement exemptions for certain members of military applying for Illinois State Police positions. Discussed SAL Homeland Security & Civil Preparedness Committee's "be ready, be informed, be prepared" motto and website ready.gov/America. 10th District's Koop motioned to approve, with the second, passed.

Sr Vice Commander Jarosz turned podium back over to Commander Cavanaugh at 1452.

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Leadership & Training: Commander Cavanaugh reported his new Squadron Training Program. Plans to present it in different Districts throughout the State and asking at least one officer from each Squadron in that District to attend. Training will be designed to show the Squadron Officers what their duties entail and how to handle various problems. 10th District's Koop motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

VA&R: Discussed the Reps & Deps for VA Hospitals and Homes and looking for a few more. From National Post Convention NEC, Commander Gladden's VA&R Projects are Fisher House & Missing In America Project. Discussed Dunham Sports in Danville who didn't want to hire vets for employees. Maryland Squadron 77 received Squadron of the Year for VA&R and Detachment of GA Detachment of the Year for VA&R. 30% Consolidated Squadron Report Forms on National level, 105 from IL. Squadron 287 in IL was 17th in Nation. Williamson motioned to accept his report, with the second; Stillwell mentioned National will only accept a Squadron report or Detachment report. District and Division reports are not accepted on National level, motion passed. Williamson then gave his NEC report (details later in the minutes).

Public Relations: Vice Chairman Cisna reported on Snapshots of Service contest from Aug 1 to 30 days prior to National Convention. Also National is looking for pictures for new SAL handbook. Bulk mailing needs to be submitted to Detachment Adjutant by the 15th of each month. Publications Chairman/Asst Adjutant Ray discussed Detachment directory and getting in the information. Ray also discussed Convention ad book contracts will be in every bulk mailings and would like them have in by 15th of December. Cisna then talked about National Legion & SAL Commander and National Auxiliary President in DEC reporting to Congress. Motion by 10th District's Koop to accept report, with the second, PDC Melone asked why we have a Publications Editor since the Asst Adjutant is handling publications and it was stated that there really isn't one anymore, the motion passed.

No Commander's Advisory Committee, SAL Advisory Committee or Detachment Convention Committee reports.

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

The following made donations:

Squadron 911: \$350/CWF, \$250/GTTY, \$100/Scholarship, \$111/Legacy,
\$100/NEF

Squadron 979: \$350/NEF, \$700/CWF

Eugene Gort: \$50/CWF

Butch Ray: \$75/CWF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Officer Tharp stated someone needs to motion \$60.60 to transfer over to cover the \$1,000 round up in donations. Motion by 1st Division's Pillman, with the second, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Slevin Sr had 4 Hospitality Resolutions and stated all were adapted to Post 911, Squadron 911, Unit 911 & ALR 911. 10th District's Koop motioned to accept report, with second, passed. Plaques were presented to members of 911 family.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Williamson reported on National Convention in Houston. Commander Gladden's program is Legacy Scholarship. Randy Eicher from Ohio is our National Vice Commander. IL has two National Chairman, Sawicki on Membership Training Development & Ray on Homeland Security. Other IL members on National Commission/Committees are Christie-Membership, Hunter-VA&R, Borgman-Americanism. Fall NEC is Oct 11-13 in Indy. Mentioned donations at Detachment Convention for Kristie Krigbaum's goal of National Jr President fell short as she didn't get elected. Motion by Williamson to accept his report, with the second, passed.

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PDC Ray asked for a moment of personal privilege and was granted. Ray stated today was Bruno & Patti Williamson's anniversary of 33 years. All are amazed that Patti has put up with Bruno for that long.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee/Commission Appointments (on file – Geary to be Chairman of Americanism and Borgman as Vice-Chairman. Also no more Detachment Publications Editor). Motion by 1st Division's Pillman to accept appointments, with the second, passed.

Jeffrey Van Horn as Detachment Adjutant. Motion by 10th District's Koop to accept, with the second, passed.

Robert Tharp as Detachment Finance Officer. Motion by 1st Division's Pillman to accept, with the second, passed.

JR Stillwell as PUFL Administrator. Motion by 10th District's Koop to accept, with the second, passed.

PDC Melone requests the letter the Commander received from Department regarding PDC Stratton to be presented to the Detachment Adjutant to be read at this meeting or the next DEC. If not this meeting, this request will show up under Old Business for next meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

Stillwell promoted the PUFL Program. Stated there are almost 150 PUFL members.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

No Report

50 – 50 DRAWING

Eugene Gort won the 50-50 and won \$50, which he donated to CWF.

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Closing & Benediction

Commander asked if there was any other business. PDC Melone took a moment of personal privilege and stated he was happy to see that JR Stillwell was still the PUFL Administrator, which was created when Melone was Detachment Commander. He hopes future Commanders will follow suit.

IPDC Hunter stated everyone needs to work on retentions.

Commander called for moment of silence.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

The colors, which are in place, were hand saluted.

The meeting adjourned at 1544.

Minutes compiled by:
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