

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

**2014 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Centralia Squadron 446, Centralia, Illinois
March 8, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Detachment Commander Cavanaugh at 1306.

The colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.

Detachment Chaplain Borgman said a prayer.

5th Division Commander Roscow led the Pledge.

Commander Cavanaugh did the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Senior Vice-Commander Jarosz led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. The following were present: Commander Cavanaugh; Sr Vice Jarosz; NEC Williamson; ANEC Gummersheimer; Asst Adj Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Shipley; Sgt-At-Arms Phelps; Commander's Sgt-At-Arms Roscow; Commander's Aides Cisna & Hunter; Sr Vice Aide Christie; 1st Division Commander; 2nd Division Commander; 4th Division Commander, Sr & Jr Vice; 5th Division Commander; 8th District Sr & Jr Vice; 9th District Commander; 10th District Jr Vice; 16th District Commander; 25th District Jr Vice; PNC's Stillwell & Cisna; PDC's Hunter, Stillwell, Gummersheimer, Slevin Sr, Cisna, Tharp, Christie, Williamson, Ray. Complete Roll Call on file.

JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

Detachment Judge Advocate JR Stillwell discussed who is eligible on making and seconding motions.

MINUTES OF WINTER DEC MEETING

10th District Jr Vice Commander Haddock motioned to accept the Winter DEC Minutes as printed and published, with the second, passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms read the guests. List on file.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander Cavanaugh appointed JR Stillwell, 4th Division, Chairman of the Committee with 1st Division's Tom Pillman and 2nd Division's Jeff Haddock as members.

DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT

The 2nd, 4th & 5th Division Commander's gave a report. The 1st Division Commander had no report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES
PRESENTATION OF #1 PINS**

Sr Vice Commander gave membership reported discussion of latest membership report (on file), the Family Caravan in January and mysal.org.

#1 Pins earned were for the Division, 1st Division; for Districts leading in each Division: 1st Division is 8th District (pins awarded to Sr Vice Borgman of District); 2nd Division is 11th District (pins awarded to Division Commander Haberkamp); 3rd Division is 15th District (pin's owed); 4th Division is 21st District (given to 21st District Legion Commander); 5th Division is 22nd District (given to 5th Division Commander Roscow).

Senior Vice-Commander Jarosz motioned to accept report, with the second, passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the printed report. With none, 2nd Division Commander Haberkamp motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism Commission

Chairman reported on Legion Baseball and how IHSA doesn't allow players to play in other leagues until their season is done. Boy Scouts has new merit badge available called *Game Design* which teaches elements of structure, basic social skills, courtesy, and sharing and taking turns. Was also mentioned that several camps have shooting programs which helps Junior Shooting Sports. Boys State applications are available and scholarships are also available. Flag protection DVD "For Which It Stands" is available from Emblem Sales. National is working on Chaplain Training. There were 20 contestants at High School Oratorical in which boy from Naperville won the \$2,000 scholarship and chance at National. Motion by 1st Division Commander Pillman to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Children & Youth Commission

Chairman reported that they are requesting money from Finance Commission for 40 Josh Dogs. Was suggested the Scholarship Application be modified to remove change of school penalty. The Finance Commission will be asked to issue a \$5,000 check towards end of May to increase Detachment's donation to meet the \$30,000 CWF goal. Money is still coming in. Motion by 1st Division Commander Pillman to accept the report, with the second, passed.

The Commander turned the podium over to Senior Vice Commander Jarosz at 1407.

Contest Commission

Chairman reported they reviewed the only Division Member of the Year application and that person will be receiving award at Detachment Convention. Motion by 1st Division Commander Pillman to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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Finance Commission

Chairman reported there was a request from C&Y for 40 Josh Dogs to be distributed to CMN Hospitals in Illinois to come from Fall Overage Budget. VA&R requested two laptops (one each for Commander and Senior Vice) be purchased from Operation Laptop for a total of \$250, plus an additional \$50 for two bags. Laptops have links to help Veteran's to apply for jobs and such. VA&R felt it would be a good promotional tool to show when visiting Squadrons, plus give Commander & Sr Vice use of laptop for their work. This is to come out of Overage. Commission stated they were proud of CWF Promoter this year for not asking for any extra money from Detachment for CWF Donations. CWF Promoter felt he was on track for Detachment goal. Detachment Adjutant asked for smaller printer to use for DEC's and asked to be able to purchase one, not to exceed \$150 out of Overage. Chairman stated there was a Budget Meeting for next year's budget held in February at Department. Also encouraged anyone with a budget to use it and make sure they use the Expense Form when turning receipts. Motion by 16th District Commander Slevin to accept, with the second, passed.

Public Relations Commission

Chairman reported on National contest, Snap Shots of Service, asking for pictures of Son's working programs, etc. with covers on. Stated free PR is available everywhere and we need to do better in promoting not only the Sons, but the Legion family in general, on local levels. Motion by 2nd Division Commander Haberkamp to accept report, with the second, passed.

National Security & Poppy's Commission

Chairman reported there was a discussion on the state of our Nation and how it looks like the government is about to slash our military. As far as Poppy's, there is a lot of problems with the VA Hospitals regarding Poppy's and the Legion Commission is working on it. Asked everyone to help participate in Poppy Days. Motion by NEC Williamson to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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Legislative Commission

Chairman reported on Wounded Veterans Recreation Act of 2014 which provides lifetime pass for entry to all National Parks to veterans living with service-connected disabilities; HR357 GI Bill Tuition Act of 2014 which assists veterans by allowing them to attend state-run higher education institutions at the in-state tuition rate; Comprehensive Veteran's & Health Benefits package to expand healthcare and benefits to all generations of veterans and their families and authorizes Community Based Outpatient Clinics in rural and remote areas. Also stated the VA has decided that Vietnam Vets who qualify under Agent Orange exposure will now be covered for strokes in addition to range of diseases and conditions already approved. 2nd Division Commander Haberkamp motioned to accept, with the second, passed.

Sr Vice Commander Jarosz turned podium back to Commander Cavanaugh at 1440.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman reported 3 MC's are covered with paperwork for Hines being processed. Reps are needed for LaSalle & Quincy for the state homes. Creative Arts Fest is October 27th, 2014 in Milwaukee. NVAD is May 17th, help a vet!!! Lovell is starting to find land to build a Fisher House. Williamson took National Commander Gladden & Leading Candidate for National Commander Moss to St Louis Fisher House for a visit. Commission passed a motion to donate \$200 from the VA&R Account to St Louis Fisher House. Commission also passed a motion to purchase SAL Coins from Emblem Sales for troops leaving and returning to home, not to exceed \$110. V-SPAN is sponsoring a program called Operation Laptop which takes old laptops and refurbishes them and sells for \$125 to veteran's organization Posts, VA's, etc. The refurbished laptops come with software installed to help vets find jobs, etc. Honor Flight is still going strong and now working on Korean & Vietnam vets. Motion by Williamson to accept report, with the second, passed.

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Commander's Advisory Committee

Chairman reported that at last DEC, there was discussion to change December DEC to November, with hopes the weather might be better. It was decided to leave as is. Adjutant reported to Committee that he has been complimented about how good the Detachment is doing and how well the Squadron Training Classes are doing. Adjutant then brought up the lack of communication between the Commander, Senior Vice and Adjutant. It was stated that this issue would be corrected. Thanks came from Department Membership Chairman Marty Conaster for the donations to NEF during Caravan. Commander stated he would like to see Divisions and Districts step up their process for producing officers for the Detachment. Hunter motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Detachment Convention Committee

Chairman stated a hotel contract has been received and would be filled out by Adjutant and submitted. Convention hotel will be Comfort Suites in Mattoon. Mattoon Squadron 88 will be host for convention and the convention will be held at the Post. An agenda will be available within a month or so. There will be no golf tournament, however people can get together to play 9 holes if they wish. After Session 1 on Saturday there will be an American Legion Family Picnic. The hope is all Legion Family members of all ages participate. There will be no bowling tournament, but arrangements can be made for those who wish to bowl. Meals will be provided by the Post during the Convention weekend. Convention info will be in remaining bulk mailings and posted on website. Hunter motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

There were no donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PDC Ray & Hunter stated they are trying to get the SAL license plate back in the sights of the General Assembly.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman stated there were only Hospitality Resolutions and the Committee recommends adopting all. Motion by 4th Division Commander Strum to accept report, with the second, passed. Sgt-At-Arms escorted members of Post 446 Family to accept Resolutions and Hospitality plaques from Commander.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC stated he recommended names to National for Committees and Commissions. The names were cleared by Department Internal Affairs. Stated the upcoming NEC the first weekend in May. Williamson motioned to accept his report, with the second, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

CHARTER ACTIONS

Commander turned podium over to Adjutant for Charter Actions. Adjutant read the Actions. Listed is recommendation of each Action and who made the recommendation.

The following Squadrons are **NOT CERTIFIED**

15 th District, Squadron 533 Cuba	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 3 cards
Recommend to cancel Charter by Detachment Senior Vice.		
18 th District, 23 Watseka	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 0 cards
Recommend to cancel Charter by 4 th Division Senior Vice		
18 th District, Squadron 733 Rossville	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 36 cards
Recommend 90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice		
19 th District, Squadron 81 Shelbyville	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 25 cards
Recommend 90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice		
19 th District, Squadron 103 Clinton	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 0 cards
Recommend 90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice		
19 th District, Squadron 458 Neoga	2013 - 0 cards	2012 - 15 cards
Recommend to cancel Charter by 4 th Division Senior Vice		

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The following Squadrons have **10 MEMBERS OR LESS**

2 nd District, Squadron 923 FDR	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 12 cards
90 day extension by 1 st Division Commander		
3 rd District, Squadron 1987 Harold Washington	2013 – 7 (3 new) cards	2012 – 20 cards
90 day extension by 1 st Division Commander		
4 th District, Squadron 735 Summit	2013 – 4 cards	2012 – 22 cards
90 day extension by 1 st Division Commander		
5 th District, 1941 La Grange	2013 – 6 cards	2012 – 21 cards
90 day extension by 1 st Division Commander		
11 th District, Squadron 391 Lombard	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 12 cards
90 day extension by 2 nd Division Commander		
11 th District, Squadron 673 Huntley	2013 – 3 (2 new) cards	2012 – 17 cards
90 day extension by 2 nd Division Commander		
11 th District, Squadron 52 Romeoville	2013 – 6 cards	2012 – 12 cards
90 day extension by 2 nd Division Commander		
12 th District, Squadron 459	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 14 cards
90 day extension by 2 nd Division Commander		
13 th District, Squadron 1025 Thomson	2013 – 6 cards	2012 – 43 cards
90 day extension by 2 nd Division Commander		
14 th District, Squadron 229 Viola	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 15 cards
90 day extension by Detachment Senior Vice Commander		
16 th District, Squadron 445 Bradford	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 40 cards
90 day extension by 16 th District Commander		
16 th District, Squadron 44 Pekin	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 13 cards
90 day extension by 16 th District Commander		
17 th District, Squadron 506 Emden	2013 – 2 cards	2012 – 0 cards
90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice Commander		
19 th District, Squadron 317 Oconee	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 15 cards
90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice Commander		
19 th District, Squadron 725 Windsor	2013 – 4 cards	2012 – 12 cards
90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice Commander		

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20 th District, Squadron 1038 Kane	2013 – 8 cards	2012 – 55 cards
90 day extension by 4 th Division Senior Vice Commander		
23 rd District, Squadron 128 Salem	2013 – 1 cards	2012 – 0 cards
90 day extension by 5 th Division Commander		
23 rd District, Squadron 519 Kinmundy	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 15 cards
90 day extension by 5 th Division Commander		
23 rd District, Squadron 30 Olney	2013 – 3 (1 new) cards	2012 – 80 cards
90 day extension by 5 th Division Commander		
23 rd District, Squadron 423 Mt Carmel	2013 – 0 cards	2012 – 30 cards
90 day extension by 5 th Division Commander		

NEC Williamson motioned to accept all recommended Charter Actions, with the second, passed. The Adjutant will submit list to Department Adjutant for their upcoming DEC.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

National Commander Joe Gladden (MD) spoke to the Detachment about his goals for the year. Complimented the Detachment on the good work we have done and will continue to do. The “hat was passed” during his speech and \$111 was raised for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Mike Moss (CO) echoed Commander Gladden’s kudos and spoke of, if elected in August in Charlotte at National Convention, hopes to continue on the good work Commander Gladden has done.

Other items:

PDC Christie mentioned the Individual Recruitment Awards available if one signs up 5 members.

CWF Raffle was held. The following won:
1st Place for \$636.75 – Post 141, 2nd Place for \$424.50 – Squadron 556, 3rd Place for \$212.25 – Lisa Rosen, 4th Place for \$212.25 – Jim Grabowski, 5th Place for \$212.25 – Squadron 208.

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ADVISOR'S REMARKS

Chairman Flanagan stated only 2 members were present and there wasn't really anything to discuss. Reminded Detachment Adjutant to get list of prospective Officer's for the following year by end of May. Said he sat in on the Commander's Advisor Committee meeting.

50 - 50 DRAWING

Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50 drawing and Finance Officer Bob Tharp won \$55, donating \$20 to the Legacy Coin Commander Gladden was selling.

Closing & Benediction

Commander asked if there was any other business to be discussed. With none, the Chaplain gave closing prayer. The Colors were in place, hand salute was rendered. Meeting adjourned at 1614.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey J Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant