

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

**2014 Detachment Convention – Mattoon, IL
Session 2 - June 29, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commander called Session 2 to order at 1004.

Commander Cavanaugh called for a hand salute to the Colors.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Adjutant Van Horn called the roll. Present were: Commander Cavanaugh; Sr Vice-Commander Jarosz; NEC Williamson; Adjutant Van Horn; Asst. Adjutant Ray; Finance Officer Tharp; Judge Advocate Stillwell; Chaplain Borgman; Historian Shipley; Medical Officer Friedman; Service Officer Smith III; Sgt-At-Arms Phelps; Commander's Sgt-At-Arms Haines; Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Hermes; Division Sgt-At-Arms Belovicz (1st), Phelps (4th), and Haines (4th); Commander Aide's Cisna and Hunter; Sr Vice Aide Christie; PUFL Admin Stillwell; Division Commander's Pillman (1st), Haberkamp (2nd), Strum (4th); District's 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 23; PNC's Stillwell and Cisna; PDC's Hunter, Stillwell, Smith III, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Ciaccio, Tharp, Christie, Williamson, Ray; Advisor's Cox (2nd), Phelps (4th), and Flanagan (5th); SAL Secretary Hutson.

The Adjutant declared a Quorum.

WELCOMING REMARKS – GUEST SPEAKERS

The following guests spoke:

4th Division Legion Commander Henderson
Department President Zimmerman
Department Vice President Flanagan
4th Division President Haag
19th District President Friedman
Jr. President Ciara Smith
Pam Ray
19th District Legion Commander Walker
19th District Commander Friedman
4th Division Commander Strum

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Historian Shipley presented Detachment Member of the Year award to Glenn Kraemer, Commander of Squadron 991. Borgman accepted the award on his behalf.

Children & Youth Chairman Ray announced the following will receive an \$800 Scholarship from the Detachment:

Erik Proce, Blake Kilcoyne, Daniel Wilson, Trevor Sampson, Kyle Woodworth, Joshua Higgins, Jeff Haney, Alan Van Haney, Charles Garrett, Ryan Geary, Matthew Lesones, Ryan Huffer, Kory Brown, Nicholas Jon Born, Joseph Sawicki, Eric Gier and Tanner Sampson

One Scholarship was denied due to not having the proper materials submitted.

Motion by Ray to accept the Scholarships, with the second, passed.

Detachment Chaplain Borgman awarded the Chaplain's Cross to the following:

9th District, Squadron 974, Kendal Bishop – accepted by Bart Halleman
10th District, Squadron 911, Kevin McKernan – accepted by George Koop
13th District, Squadron 296, Doug Little – accepted by Jerry Griffin
23rd District, Squadron 30, Kim Lee – accepted by Darin Pargin

Commander turn podium over to Senior Vice Commander Jarosz.

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MEMBERSHIP AWARDS/COMMITTEE REPORT

Senior Vice Jarosz presented the following awards:

The Anthony Badamo Trophy

3rd Place: Germantown Squadron 325, 23rd District
2nd Place: Downers Grove Squadron 80, 11th District
Winner: Marrs Myer Squadron 991, 8th District.
Accepted by 1st Division Commander Pillman

Clyde Stillwell Trophy

3rd Place: Galesburg Squadron 285, 15th District
2nd Place: Northbrook Squadron 791, 7th District
Winner: Marrs Myer Squadron 991, 8th District.
Accepted by 1st Division Commander Pillman

PFC James T Cumming Membership Trophy

3rd Place: Chicago/Darius Girenas Squadron 271, 4th District
2nd Place: Fox Lake Squadron 703, 10th District
Winner: Evanston Squadron 42, 7th District
Accepted by 1st Division Commander Pillman

Roy Mitchell Membership Trophy

3rd Place: Evanston Squadron 42, 7th District +19 members
2nd Place: Marrs Meyer Squadron 991, 8th District +31 members
Winner: Germantown Squadron 325, 23rd District with +35 members.
Accepted by 23rd District Commander

Final #1 Pin's based upon membership report dated May 30, 2014:

1st Division, the 2nd District wins, however they are not certified.
2nd Division, the 10th District – awarded to 10th District Commander & Senior
3rd Division, 15th District – awarded to no one at this time
4th Division, 21st District – awarded to 21st District Commander
5th Division, 23rd District – awarded to 23rd District Commander

For Division's -- 1st Division – awarded to Division Commander

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Senior Vice Jarosz then discussed Membership & Squadron Activities Committee meeting. Discussion was on getting everyone certified sooner this upcoming membership year. Also on how to retain members and grow membership. It was also discussed that the membership report sent out in the bulk mailing is 2-3 weeks outdated and the report is updated weekly on the website. It was decided to instruct the Adjutant to remove the membership report from bulk mailings. Motion by Jarosz to accept the report, with the second, passed.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Senior Vice Jarosz then called upon Detachment Commander Cavanaugh to give his report. Commander Cavanaugh talked about his year and how the education classes held worked. He thanked the Detachment for allowing him to serve. A motion by Williamson to accept the Commander's report, with the second, passed.

Senior Vice Commander Jarosz turned the podium back over to Commander Cavanaugh.

The Commander then asked the Sgt-At-Arms to escort members of the Post 88 Family for presentation. He presented the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders each a plaque holding a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the convention, along with each a copy of their Hospitality Resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Commander asked for any unfinished business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Credentials Chairman Stillwell announced there were no changes in the delegate counts.

The Commander appointed the following as Election Judges:

Chairman, Butch Ray, Squadron 24
Judge Tom McKevitt, Squadron 208
Judge Phil Stander, Squadron 911

IPDC Hunter motioned to suspend the convention for purposes of elections, with the second, passed.

The Commander turned the podium over to the Adjutant to conduct election for Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The Adjutant called the roll for election. The 8th District yielded to the 10th District. The 10th District nominated William Geary from Squadron 911 for the position of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, 2014-15. The 11th District seconded the nomination of Geary for Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Strum, from Squadron 55, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, the Detachment Adjutant cast one unanimous vote, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Geary as Detachment Senior Vice-Commander. The Commander declared William Geary as Detachment Senior Vice-Commander for the year 2014-15.

Newly elected Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Geary gave a brief speech, thanking everyone for their support, especially his own Squadron of 911.

The Adjutant then reminded the delegation procedures on yielding during the election, as there was confusion during the Senior Vice election.

The Adjutant called roll for the election of Detachment Commander, 2014-15. The 8th District yielded to the 9th District. The 9th District recognized Delegate Tom McKevitt for the purpose of nomination. McKevitt nominated John Jarosz, Jr. with a speech. The 10th District recognized Delegate Eugene Gort seconded the nomination of John Jarosz Jr. with a speech on behalf of the 10th District. The remaining Districts were unanimous. Strum, from Squadron 55, motioned that since there is only one candidate for the office

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of Detachment Commander, the Detachment Adjutant cast one unanimous vote, with the second, the motion passed. Adjutant Van Horn casted one vote for Jarosz as Detachment Commander. The Commander declared John Jarosz Jr. as Detachment Commander for the year 2014-15.

Newly elected Commander Jarosz thanked everyone for their support and thanked members from his Post who came to the Convention.

IPDC Hunter motioned to return to normal business now that elections are over, with the second, passed.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Cisna reported the following are suggested to represent the Detachment at the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina:

Jr Stillwell, Thomas Cisna and Gregory Reis as Delegates-At-Large
Ed Cavanaugh as Delegation Chairman
Jeffrey Van Horn as Delegation Secretary
Bruno Williamson, Father Gary Gummersheimer, John Jarosz, Jr. Bill Geary, Mike Sawicki, Harl Ray, John P. Strum, Jimmy Hunter, Garrett Slevin Sr., John D. Strum, Matt Christie, George Koop and Phil Stander. Cisna motioned to accept his report, also noting that accepting his report also confirms the National Convention Delegation, with the second, passed.

National Vice Commander-Central Randy Eicher asked the Commander for a moment of personal privilege. The Commander granted it. Randy stated he must be hitting the road to head back home. He thanked the Detachment for the hospitality and congratulated the newly elected Commander and Senior Vice-Commander.

Commander called for break to prepare for Installation at 1119.

Return from break at 1135

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation Team installed the newly elected Officers.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

Additional donations were made (noted in Session 1 minutes).

GTTY Promoter Matt Christie conducted the GTTY Raffle with 2nd Division Advisor, Jeff Cox:

Winner: Ron Tucek for \$881
2nd: Darrell Gerald for \$587
3rd: Manda Markezich for \$293
4th: Don Ford for \$293
5th: Gary White for \$293

Christie then stated \$6,176 will be presented at Department Convention from the Detachment of Illinois for Gifts To The Yanks. Christie motioned to accept this report, with the second, passed.

Jeff Cox then presented Commander Cavanaugh with a plaque for Gifts To The Yanks.

IPDC Hunter then presented Commander Cavanaugh with a gift from the Detachment Officers. It was an SAL watch and gift certificate to a western store.

PNC Stillwell thanked the Detachment for sending him, Cavanaugh and Hunter to California for his induction to the SAL Hall of Fame. He also thanked Cavanaugh and Hunter for going with him.

PNC Cisna reminded everyone about the Interview with a Vet program.

Finance Officer Tharp stated the Scholarship winners will have their checks sent out the first week in August.

SAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Flanagan congratulated all the Officer's for 2013-14 and is looking forward to 2014-15. He stated membership is the backbone of our organization and to keep it up!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjutant made announcements regarding Post-Convention DEC and National Delegates meeting.

The Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50 drawing. The winner was newly elected Detachment Commander Jarosz for \$100. Jarosz donated \$50 to Fisher House and \$50 to Jimmy Profit Sandwiches.

BENEDICTION

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

Detachment Chaplain Borgman gave closing prayer.

Commander Cavanaugh rendered a hand salute to the colors.

The Convention adjourned at 1240.

Minutes prepared by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant