

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 9th District

MEETING Minutes

Saturday, August 6, 2016

9th District Meeting

- Call to Order 1146
- Salute to Colors
- Prayer Chaplin Belovicz
- Moment of Silence -- Commander
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Preamble
- Roll Call Adjutant

Commander – Eugene Gort-p
Jr. Vice Cmdr. – John Nemanich-p
Finance Officer – Matt Christie-a
Chaplain – Marty Belovicz-p
Advisor –
Squadron 36 – present
Squadron # 806 - absent
Squadron # 974 – present

Sr. Vice Cmdr. – Bart Halleman-p Adjutant – Jeff Van Horn-p Judge Advocate – Jeff Van Horn-p Sgt-at-arms – Zach Van Horn-p Squadron # 208 – Not Certified Squadron # 690 - present Squadron # 888 – Not Certified

A quorum was present according to Article VI, Section 3 of the District By-Laws.

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - o Motion by 690 to accept as printed, seconded by 36, passed.
- 9th District Commander Opening Comments
 - o Commander thanked everyone for coming and stated the Division plans on having better communication this year and he intends to make sure the District does, too.
- Special Guests
 - o Tony Scilliano spoke briefly about happenings in the Department, Division and District. Stated next year he would like to have Division Family Installation.
- Membership Report
 - Obetachment is at 20.48%, Division is at 34.24%, District is at 39.73%. Sqd 36 is at 18.75%; Sqd 208 isn't certified but at 36.17%; Sqd 690 is at 57.04%; Sqd 806 is at 0%; Sqd 888 isn't certified but at 2.04%; and Sqd 974 is at 52.31%. Squadron 208 was discussed and Detachment/District Adjutant Van Horn stated the Detachment and Department were handling the situation on a State level. Motion by 690 to accept report, 36 seconded, motion passed.

Adjutant Van Horn reminded members that the ranking officer of the Squadron's present is the only person who casts the vote on motions.

- Committee Reports none
- Old Business none

New Business

- 690 motions to suspend meeting for purpose of Elections, 36 seconds, motion passes. Commander turned podium over to Adjutant to run elections.
- Elections Adjutant stated the only elected positions within the District are Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders and Finance Officer. 690 Motions to nominate Gort (974) as Commander, Nemanich (690) as Sr Vice Commander, O'Connell (36) as Jr Vice Commander, and Brandenburg (888) as Finance Officer; 36 seconds the motion. The discussion had Paul Laws commenting that Halleman has worked hard in the District and doesn't deserve to be passed up as District Commander or removed from the District Executive Board period. Adjutant called for the vote and it was stated a roll call vote should be held on 690's purposed slate of elected officers. Adjutant Van Horn called the roll with AYE in favor of motion or NAY opposed of motion:

36 – AYE
 690 – AYE
 806 – Absent
 888 – Not Certified
 974 – AYE

The motion passed to elect mentioned officers for 2016-17 membership year.

690 Motioned to end elections and return to regular meeting, 36 seconded, motion passed.

Calendar of Events

- August 19th 9th District Legion Family Installation, Merle Guild Post 208, Arlington Hts at 6 PM
- o Aug 26 28 National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
- o Sept 10 DEC, Orlando Crowther Post 16, Canton, Illinois
- Oct/Nov ?? SAL 9th District Meeting
- o Dec 10 DEC, American Legion Post 224, Carmi, Illinois
- o Mar 25 DEC, American Legion Post 974, Franklin Park, IL
- o May ?? SAL 9th District Meeting
- o June 23 25 Detachment Convention, Logan Post 263, Lincoln, Illinois

Open Discussion

- O Detachment Adjutant Van Horn stated the 2018 Convention will start the Illinois Legion Family Convention. All 3 organizations will meet at the same time in Springfield.
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- Closing Remarks
 - o 9th District Advisor Remarks
 - o Commander's Closing Remarks reminded people of the District Installation and to RSVP for it.
- Closing Prayer Chaplin Belovicz
- Salute the Colors
- Meeting Adjourned at 1208