

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

**2019 FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
The Haven, Carbondale, IL
September 7, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Detachment Commander Stander called the meeting to order at 1300 Hours.
The colors were in place, hand salute rendered.

Detachment Chaplain John Nemanich gave the prayer.

5th Division Detachment Commander Brian Dilday led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Stander led the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Detachment Sgt-At-Arms' Haddick & Vozar placed the POW/MIA flag

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Peters led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll.

Blank=present, E=excused, A=absent

Detachment Officers:

Commander Stander
Sr Vice Peters
NEC Melone
ANEC Shipley
Adjutant J. Van Horn
Asst Adjutant Ray-E
Asst Adj Gort
Finance Officer Tharp
Judge Advocate Stillwell
Parliamentarian Cisna
Chaplain Nemanich
Historian Shipley
Service Officer Cavanaugh-A
Sgt-At-Arms Haddick
Sgt-At-Arms Emeritus Dailey-E

Commanders Sgt-At-Arms:
Z. Van Horn-E & Vozar
Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms:
L. Woodburn-E;
Division Sgt-At-Arms:
1-Halleman-A & Wagner-A
2-Haddick
4-C. Woodburn-E
5-McCullough & Miller-A
Commanders Aides:
Kelley-E & Trout
Sr Vice Aide Baumann-E
Webmaster Sense-A
PUFL Stillwell

Division Officers:

1st Commander-E, Senior-A, Junior-A
2nd Commander-E, Senior-A, Junior
3rd Commander (no Senior or Junior)
4th Commander, Senior, Junior
5th Commander, Senior, Junior

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2 nd Not Certified	14 th Commander-A
3 rd Commander-A, Senior-A	15 th Not Certified
4 th Commander-A, Senior-A, Junior-A	16 th Commander-A, Senior-A
5 th Commander-A	17 th Commander-A
7 th Commander-A, Senior-E, Junior-A	18 th Commander-A, Senior-A
8 th Not Certified	19 th Commander, Senior-A, Junior
9 th Commander-A, Senior-A, Junior-A	20 th Not Certified
10 th Commander, Senior, Junior-A	21 st Commander, Senior-A, Junior-A
11 th Commander-A, Senior, Junior	22 nd Not Certified
12 th Commander-A, Senior-A, Junior-A	23 rd Commander, Senior, Junior
13 th Commander-E, Senior-A, Junior-A	24 th Commander, Senior
	25 th Commander, Senior-A, Junior-A

PNC's: Stillwell, Reis-A, Cisna

PDC's (present or excused): Gort, J. Schultz-E, Stillwell, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Tharp, Williamson-E, Sawicki-E, Melone, Ray-E, Hunter, Geary, Shipley, Hayse

Advisors: 5th

Department Officers: Dept Treasurer Myron Kirby

JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

Detachment Judge Advocate Stillwell discussed who is eligible to make motions, etc. during the DEC.

MINUTES OF CONVENTION

Motion by 19th District Commander Shipley to approve the Convention minutes as printed, with the second, motion passed. PDC Hayse stated 5th Division Sr Vice Commander was present during Convention. After investigation, Adjutant Van Horn contacted Hayse after the DEC and told him only the Division Commander's are on Convention Roll Call.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

List the guests – see SIGN IN sheet

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander Stander appointed Geary (2nd Division) as Chairman of Resolution Committee with no other members since there was only a Hospitality Resolution.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following gave reports from the Committees they were appointed to during National Convention:

Paul Hayse, Americanism; Jeff Trout, Children & Youth; Jimmy Hunter, Credentials; Kevin O'Connell, Internal Affairs (report emailed and read); Jim Peters, Membership; Harl Ray, Finance (report emailed and read); Chris Schoo, VA&R. No report submitted by Father Gary Gummersheimer for Constitutional Amendments and Paul Haines for Legislation & Rules.

Each of those who submitted reports were entitled to the additional stipend for National Convention. All submitted reports are at the end of the minutes.

FINANCE REPORT

Detachment Finance Officer Tharp asked if there were any questions regarding the printed finance report. He then discussed importance of filling out expense report form correctly. With none, 4th Division Commander Slevin Sr. motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed. Report at end of minutes

MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES & #1 PINS

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Peters gave the membership report, including review the Uncertified Squadrons. The PUFL was discussed. Adjutant Van Horn stated that the Commander and he were informed by Dept Adjutant & Treasurer that the PUFL program needs to be suspended until the actuary numbers and properly figured. They hoped to have it resolved by the Winter DEC. Peters also stated that National increased their dues by \$3, making the total per capita \$13 starting next year (\$3 for National's increase plus \$3 for Detachment's increase).

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He then awarded #1 Pins to the following:

Division Winner – 1st Division (given to PDC Hunter)

District Winners:

1st Division – 4th District (given to PDC Hunter)

2nd Division – 10th District (given to 10th District Commander)

3rd Division – 16th District (given to 3rd Division Commander)

4th Division – 19th District (given to District Commander)

5th Division – 23rd District (given to District Commander)

Sr Vice Commander Peters motions to accept his report, with the second, passes.

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism Commission

Chairman Hayse gave his report.

The Air Rifle Championship was won by Texas, Tennessee youths.

The American Legions 29th annual Junior 3-position, Air Rifle Championship named its precision and sporter champions. From, Texas, Makenzie Sheffield won the precision with a score of 103.2/2476.2 and Sporter Champion, Jaden Ann Fraser from Tennessee, won with a score of 86.9/336.9. Sheffield and Fraser both received a \$5000.00 scholarship provided by The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion has stepped up to provide air rifle scholarship funding for quite some time. The air rifle championship is open to both boys and girls, so look out boys!!

Eight teams punch ticket to 2019 American Legion World Series

Region 1 Shrewsbury, MA Post 397

Region 2 Randolph CO, NC Post 45

Region 3 Destrehan, LA Post 366

Region 4 Festus, MO Post 253

Region 5 Danville, IL Post 210

Region 6 Fargo, ND Post 2

Region 7 Idaho Falls, ID Post 56

Region 8 Albuquerque, NM Post 13

In one of the most competitive rounds in American Legion Baseball history, all eight regions required the maximum fifteen games to determine a

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champion. With the rain delay, the series took an extra day with final teams playing and the winners were Region 7, Idaho Falls, ID Post 56. This is Idaho's first ALB championship.

Boys Nation finished up in July with a new President and Vice President. Lou Acevedo of Massachusetts, representing the Federalist Party defeated Nationalist candidate, Jack Cobill of Kentucky to become the 73rd President in Boys Nation history. The new Vice President is Thomas Penely of Montana.

The 2019 winner of the Eagle Scout scholarship for \$10,000.00 was Jaden Anderson from Utah.

Patrick Junker, from Iowa, won The American Legion Oratorical finals followed by youths from Illinois and Tennessee it capped off an amazing exhibition of talent by all of our Oratorical competitors. The National Oratorical winner takes in a cool 18,000 for first place, 138,000 total payout at National, plus Department winnings.

C S R # 5, many squadrons are forgetting to mark the year on the form. Without the year the forms are discarded and not counted.

Under Flag Alliance Tommie Cisna urged al to write your Congressman and said the President is on board

Under Boys State, Jimmie Hunter acting on Ed Cavanaugh said we were down from around 1200 boys to 400.

The Legacy Run raised \$ 99,000.00 this year.

Jim Borgman reported on the Youth Room of the 48th Annual SAL Convention. This is the first time a youth room has been established at convention and will most likely become a tradition.

Motion by 24th District Commander Trout to accept the report, with the second, passed.

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Children & Youth Commission

Vice Chairman Slevin stated they didn't have a quorum. He read Chairman Ray's submitted report. PDC Gort then presented last year's CWF Promoter Haddick with a CWF Plaque from National for our donations. Chairman Ray's report:

The American Legion National Children & Youth Conference has been scheduled for September 21-22, 2019.

HOTEL & MEETING SITE INFORMATION

The annual National Children & Youth Conference will be held at:

**Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
31 W. Ohio Street Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 635-2000**

"Youth" is a foundational pillar of The American Legion and the National Children & Youth Conference is an annual American Legion Family event.

Departments and detachments are encouraged to send at least one member from each – The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion – to the conference. This "family participation" builds and strengthens the presence and impact of The American Legion's Children & Youth program across the country.

You are encouraged to make your reservations online through the American Legion's National Website www.legion.org, to ensure you get the Legion's block rate. Once you are registered, you will be directed to the Sheraton's online reservation site. All conference attendees are responsible for making and confirming their own hotel accommodations. **Online hotel registration information is available after completing the conference registration.**

AGENDA

Registration/check-in for the conference will be held on Friday, September 21, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel. The opening session will be held from 7:45 – 9:00 a.m. Saturday. The general session will be from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A patriotic memorial service will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. The general session will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. **The conference will conclude no**

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later than 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Please keep this information in mind when planning your travel arrangements.

SUGGESTED DRESS

Business casual.

The American Legion Endowment Fund

In 1925 American Legion members, Auxiliary & American citizens joined the campaign to take care of World War I veterans, widows and children who struggled to return to regular life. Raising nearly \$5 million and established The American Legion Endowment Fund. Out of this the TFA was founded and the endowment fund continues to help veterans by funding training for service officers, so that they are up to date on the latest veteran claim regulations, procedures and laws within the Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Court of Appeals. Donating Works, your donation to The American Legion Endowment Fund goes directly toward helping children & military veterans.

Temporary Financial Assistance Program (TFA)

The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program was established in 1925 and has awarded cash grants to minor children of veteran who are eligible for American Legion Membership. These grants help families in need with the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health care expenses.

To be eligible for this program the recipients' parent doesn't have to be an American Legion Member, but had to be eligible for membership. If you want to help our Children and Youth by donating to this program please send your donations to The American Legion Endowment Fund, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Note on your donation: TFA. Our Children and Youth count on us for support please help out with a donation.

Know the Warning Signs of Youth Suicide

Recently I was looking over various Children & Youth programs of the American Legion and I noticed that the American Legion is concerned about the welfare of our nation's youth, and the **warning signs of suicide** that may threaten them.

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Suicide!! Current information shows that among young people ages **15** to **24**, this problem continues to be the third leading cause of death and the fourth leading cause of death for **10** to **14-year** old's. Evidence shows that over **4,600** young Americans take their own lives annually, and according to the **Jason Foundation**, more teenagers and young adults die each year of **suicide** than from cancer, heart disease and birth combined. **Suicide** is often a "cry for help" that ends in tragedy. Some people who are contemplating suicide go back and forth, considering life and death, and most exhibit warning signs prior to a suicide attempt.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could familiarize ourselves with those warning signs, such as **abrupt changes in eating habits, decline in schoolwork, or mood swings and personality changes?**

It may be as simple as listening carefully to someone who may need a chance to express his or her feelings and letting them know that you are concerned and want to help, perhaps you could call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (273-8255).

Child Safety

Point of fact: For children 12 and younger, only motor vehicle crash fatality stats are higher than drowning. Anyone who saw Jaws knows how dangerous open waters can be. Right? No...Wrong! Sharks, stingrays, jellyfish, rip tides, shore breaks, and bacteria are only responsible for about 10% of the fatalities. The rest happen in fresh water, and often at home. 85% of all drowning's are preventable. One second can mean catastrophe; one second can mean survival. Results are not always instantaneous. Just a teaspoon of water can suffocate a victim or leave him/her irreversibly brain-damaged.

Most drownings are sudden, rapid, quick, and silent. Oxygen deprivation causes permanent trauma to the human central nervous system. Baths, showers, pools, hot tubs, toilets, buckets; even puddles are a DANGER to everyone, especially, seniors and kids under five. Those who manage to survive face disability, neurological problems, and chronic health issues.

Set the example for others. Teach basic life saving techniques. Have adequate supervision and

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surveillance. Maintain barriers to prevent access to water. Make life preservers and jackets mandatory safety equipment. Insist everyone swim with a buddy. Drown-proof the young by teaching them how to swim. Practice water safety.

About ten people in the U. S. drown each day. Don't be a part of this statistic. Remember the No-No's and enforce them--NO swimming alone; NO diving; NO running; NO horseplay; NO alcohol.

Finance Commission

Vice Chairman Hayse gave his report. First on the agenda was to move \$492.68 from National Candidate account back to general checking to cover Jeff Van Horn's state convention room. The billing was received after the close of books from Department. Second to use overage funds to cover the \$1810.00 over budget for the National Convention delegate per diem. Third Part B page three. The finance officer will stipulate monies to be appropriated at the fall DEC. Fourth to take up to \$900.00 out of overage to cover Commander Phil's shirts. All four were approved. Also brought up were questions on the dues increase. 24th District Commander Trout motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

National Security

Chairman Geary stated the Commission didn't have a quorum but read his report. Two members were present- Bill Geary from the 2nd Division and Wayne Madson from the 5th Division. The 1st Division and 4th Division members were excused, the 3rd Division member was absent. Items discussed in the meeting included National Security at home and abroad. Trying to make peace with the Taliban while they continue to attack us seems useless. Do we leave Afghanistan, just because we have been there too long? It seems we have to stay in these Terrorist Countries as long as there are Terrorists threatening us. On homeland security, what do we do about foreigners crossing our border illegally? This is a political argument. Do we want open borders or closed borders?

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NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION REPORT

Good Afternoon, my name is Bill Geary and Commander Stander has reappointed me as the Chairman of our SAL Commission on National Security. Our mission in the Sons is to assist the Legion in their programs and policies and as chairman I am still working on ways to accomplish that mission as it pertains to National Security. The American Legion does have programs that support National Security to some extent. We have the Youth Police School, JROTC Awards, Law Officer of the Year, & Firefighter of the Year, & Operation Comfort Warrior. We have programs that train our youth in patriotism like Boys & Girls State, High School Oratorical Contest, Sponsoring Boys Scouts & Eagle Scout of the Year, and one of the best programs – Sons of the American Legion. Things like Flag Education and observing patriotic holiday and all of our Americanism programs and VA&R programs certainly help support our National Security.

Is there more that we can do besides sponsoring these great programs? That's what I keep wondering. We have some problems in our Country and in the world that are very troubling and have an impact on our National Security. Just last week we had another mass shooting in Texas. We had Hurricane Dorian cause havoc in the Bahamas and the Eastern shores of the US. Every week and nearly every day we have shootings in our big cities. Chicago had 7 killings over the Labor Day Holiday. We have military in foreign countries getting killed by the enemy, but nothing like the killings we have here in the US. What can we do? As far as hurricanes and other natural disasters, we can't do much except prepare and then help the victims. What can we do about the threats from terrorists and our foreign enemies? Continue to support our Armed Forces. What can we do about our own people shooting each other? Some say we need more laws to prevent people from getting guns. My opinion is if you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns. So, what can we do? We have to support our law enforcement officers. Better background checks could help except many of these people are getting guns illegally anyway. What is the answer? Even the experts can't agree. I guess all we can do is live our lives the right way. Teach our youth the right way and pray that things will improve as long as there are organizations like ours and there are people who care. Let's continue to support our programs and vote for those who believe as we believe and will support the things we support.

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Legislative Commission & Poppy's

No Report.

SAL Leadership Training Commission

Vice Chairman Haddick reported that there were 3 members present, constituting a quorum. The SAL is invited to Legion Membership Training at Geona on Sept 21 and Evergreen Park on Nov 23. 23rd District Commander Madson requested training on Nov 2nd in Salem, which will be finalized by him. Commander Stander requested each Committee/Commission have a fundraiser using all members. Motion by 10th District Commander Haddick to approve the report, with the second, passed.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Vice Chairman Schoo gave his report, including the GTTY donation to Department was \$4,146.82.

Bruno made this document, the 2020 Mission Plan - "ALMOST" everything you wanted to know about VAR but were afraid to ask. This document will be posted on the website for everyone to read but will contain the following;

Mission Statements, Goals and includes the following;

Support Military Troops.

Which includes,

- A. USO
- B. Squadron/Individual Support (phone cards, Care Packages)
- C. Wounded Warrior Project
- D. My Healthy Vet
- E. Operation Comfort Warriors

Collaborative Program Efforts

Which includes,

- A. National Veterans Assistance Day
- B. **Fisher House**
- C. Veterans Suicide Prevention
- D. Bowling for Veterans League
- E. N.E.A.D.S

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- F. Honor and Remember
- G. Homeless Veterans
- I. The Haven

Supporting American Legion and Auxiliary Programs

Which includes,

- A. Heroes to Hometown
- B. Homeless Veterans Initiatives
- C. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- D. Missing in America Project
- E. Honor Flight
- F. State Veterans Homes
- G. D.V.A. Special Events
- H. Guitars for Veterans (G4V)

National Awards

Which includes,

- A. VAVS Member of the Year
- B. Best overall participation in the VA&R program based on the annual report form.
 - 1. Detachment
 - 2. District
 - 3. Squadron

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival - (NVCAF) - This year's festival is in Kalamazoo, Mi and is sponsored by the Battle Creek, Mi. VAMC. The art exhibit and talent show are on November 3rd. It is open to the public and it is free. In past years they required you to get tickets because seating was an issue. This year the event is at the Western Michigan University's Miller Auditorium. 2200 Auditorium Dr, Kalamazoo, Mi 49008 and seating I have been told is not going to be an issue. The art and writing exhibit runs from noon to 1345 hrs. The talent show starts at 1400 hrs. This amazing program provides important rehabilitation for our Nations Veterans using the Arts as a rehabilitative tool. So come to Michigan this is an event you will not forget. Bruno and his wife have attended this festival several times and says it an excellent program for the vets and a worthwhile visit for everyone.

Continuing efforts are still underway for the following;
Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) - current certified VA Reps;
Lovell VAMC - Bill Geary, Illiana VAMC - Ed Cavanaugh, Marion VAMC -

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Donnie Houghland, Derick Stinson was wrongly certified at Hines when he was supposed to be certified at Jessie Brown VAMC. We are still working to correct this. We are still working on getting Ricardo Fernandez's paperwork for Hines VAMC taken care of. And we are still working on my (Bruno) certification as deputy rep at Illiana VAMC.

Don't forget between VAMC's, CBOCS, OPC's, and State VA's we have more than 50 places for Sons to volunteer at for "those who have borne the battle".

Gift To The Yanks Packets that include online merchandise and how to purchase the items, anyone interested I will have them at my table or can send to your Squadron.

IPDC Gort motioned to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Public Relations Commission

Committee Chairman Gort gave the report. The commission discussed the importance of promoting the commander's theme. The "Drive is Alive" Commission members were instructed to promote the theme within their respective divisions. The American Legion Family is embarking on the second century of service. Get your friends together and promote a program of the American Legion. We discussed the importance of increasing our communication to help keep our membership engaged. It is important for us as a commission to tell the story of the Sons of the American Legion. Each commission member has been instructed to write news stories about the events happening in their division. Discussed starting a video campaign to help promote WHY we are Sons. I will get it started by putting out a video talking about why I am passionate about our organization and will encourage other members to follow suite. By pushing why we are passionate about our organization hopefully we can create excitement and increase membership. We discussed the importance of filling out our consolidated report forms and letting the community know about all the great things our organization is doing. We discussed putting video links on our website promoting boys state, junior shooting sports, and other programs. I will follow up with our web master to see if this is possible. Talked about the possibility of starting a newsletter or adding to the legion department newsletter. Will first work on creating contact and then will

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revisit this at a future time. Gort motioned (IPDC) to accept the report, with the second, passed.

Commander's Advisory Committee

Committee Chairman Gort gave the report. All members of the committee were present. To start the meeting there were positive comments made about our commander Phil Stander. Concerns were made about not having a listed directory. No action was taken on this by the committee. There was a protocol issue discussed about Past Commanders having white name badges, but they should be blue. The next discussion was about certifications being rejected if they did not list a legion advisor. Bill Geary made a motion that no certification could be rejected for not having an advisor listed, the motion was seconded by Garret Slevin Sr., a vote was taken with three voting yes and one abstained. The motion carried. We then heard from the NEC Mark Malone about how recommendations for national committees will be handled. They will be submitted to him, he will get a date that will be put out in a future mailing. He will discuss with past National officers the names that our submitted, then bring them to the Department Legion Advisors, and then submit approved names to national for consideration. Gort motioned (IPDC) to accept the report, with the second, passed.

PNC Cisna then spoke of the National Finance Commission appointment and there might be an opening that was mistakenly filled with a person from Illinois. Cisna stated Jeff Van Horn has expressed an interest and the Chairman of the SAL Advisors approved him. He entertained a motion that Van Horn's name be submitted to the National Committee on Committee's for consideration to fill that slot and that the NEC submit the name promptly. 23rd District's Trout so-moved, with the second, passed.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Squadron 32 -- \$200 to CWF
Squadron 2 -- \$100.00 to C&Y
Fines -- \$10 to CWF
Squadron 147 -- \$100 to The Haven

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read thank you letters from the following Scholarship winners: Zach Van Horn, Blake Schumann, Luke Boeckman & Josh Slavin. Received thank you letter from Make A Wish for \$246.92 donation. Received thank you letter from Guitars 4 Vets for \$400 donation. Received thank you letter from St Johns Children's Hospital in Springfield for \$155.16 donation. Received thank you letter from Fisher House for \$100 donation. Received thank you letter for donation of \$4,677.12 at Spring NEC.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Geary stated the only resolutions was the hospitality resolution for The Haven. Commander Stander asked the Sgt-At-Arms to escort The Haven Caretakers Brenda & Dick Gendron for presentation of a plaque. 24th District Commander Trout motioned that the Detachment donate \$100 to The Haven, out of overage, with the second, passed.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Melone thanked everyone for their support and stated that the NEC's role is to take Detachment requests to National and in turn, bring National information back to the Detachment. He introduced ANEC Shipley, who also thanked everyone for their support.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Van Horn for Adjutant -- Motion by 24th District Commander Trout, with the second, passed.

Bob Tharp for Finance Officer -- Motion by 24th District Commander Trout to accept Tharp, with the second, passed.

JR Stillwell for PUFL -- Motion 2nd Division Sr Vice Koop to accept, with the second, passed.

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

PNC Stillwell talked about the new applications that are being produced by National to incorporate The Legion Act.

PDC Geary expressed his views on eligibility, especially the placing of spouses of female veterans in the Auxiliary.

Commander Stander presented PDC Shipley with a camo cap.

24th District Commander Trout talked about The Haven, what it does, how it is funded, etc. He mentioned the Egyptian Past Commander's Club Jamboree coming up in November.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Flanagan stated we need look into changing our Constitution to mimic Department's Article VII regarding finances and not to list an actual amount. Department Treasurer then spoke about Department's \$1.50 portion of the \$3.00 Detachment dues increase. He stated rising costs of operating expenses for Department makes it necessary that the SAL covers their costs accordingly. He stated the SAL hasn't had a Department dues increase in over 20 years.

50 – 50 DRAWING

Sgt-At-Arms conducted the 50-50. Total was \$134 with \$68 going to the winner, IPDC Gort. The Americanism Fundraiser raised \$80.

Closing & Benediction

Chaplain Nemanich said a prayer.

Sgt-At-Arms removed the POW/MIA flag.

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

Commander Stander adjourned the meeting at 1550.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
2019 SAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order on August 23, 2019 at 8:32 am by the Committee Chairman, followed with a salute to the Colors.

The Committee Chairman then listed the annual totals for various Children and Youth projects based on Consolidated Squadron Reports submitted.

- Special Olympics \$202,114 38,691 Hours
- Children's Miracle Network \$ 35,513 3,611 Hours
- Josh Dogs \$ 36,099 2,561 Given Out
- Operation Military Kids \$ 11,642 2,187 Hours
- Other C & Y Projects \$727,366 121,455 Hours
- Totals \$1,012,734 165,944 Hours

These numbers were based on 1,636 CSR Reports out of 6,171 Squadrons = 26.5% Reporting

The Chairman also reminded the Committee that National Commander Gibbs had asked that members try to bring our younger members to Convention with them. Along these lines there was a Youth Room setup for the next day. The younger members were to break out from the General Session and have their own half day program. This was handled by the Chairman of the Americanism Committee.

He then announced there will be a Children and Youth Seminar in Indianapolis on September 22. Part of the seminar will be to consider the revamping of the C & Y section of the CSR. If you look back at the annual totals a large majority of money and hours are listed under the heading of Other Projects. For example, many Detachments have started to adopt the COTA program, Children's Organ Transplant Association. The plan is that you will see programs such as this listed separately on their own line.

Many Detachments present proceeded to comment on what they were doing and it very quickly turned into a Public Relations meeting. The Detachment of Georgia spoke of having adopted the COTA program this year. The Detachment of New York commented that the degree of success between those Posts with children's activities and those without is like night and day. The Detachment of Michigan said that we should try to make all conventions youth friendly.

Following a salute to the Colors the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Jeff Trout

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National Convention Americanism Committee submitted by Paul Hayse

The Air Rifle Championship was won by Texas, Tennessee youths. The American Legions 29th annual Junior 3-position, Air Rifle Championship named its precision and sporter champions. From, Texas, Makenzie Sheffield won the precision with a score of 103.2/2476.2 and Sporter Champion, Jaden Ann Fraser from Tennessee, won with a score of 86.9/336.9. Sheffield and Fraser both received a \$5000.00 scholarship provided by The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion has stepped up to provide air rifle scholarship funding for quite some time. The air rifle championship is open to both boys and girls, so look out boys!!

Eight teams punch ticket to 2019 American Legion World Series

Region 1 Shrewsbury, MA Post 397

Region 2 Randolph CO, NC Post 45

Region 3 Destrehan, LA Post 366

Region 4 Festus, MO Post 253

Region 5 Danville, IL Post 210

Region 6 Fargo, ND Post 2

Region 7 Idaho Falls, ID Post 56

Region 8 Albuquerque, NM Post 13

In one of the most competitive rounds in American Legion Baseball history, all eight regions required the maximum fifteen games to determine a champion. With the rain delay, the series took an extra day with final teams playing and the winners were Region 7, Idaho Falls, ID Post 56. This is Idaho's first ALB championship.

Boys Nation finished up in July with a new President and Vice President. Lou Acevedo of Massachusetts, representing the Federalist Party defeated Nationalist candidate, Jack Cobill of Kentucky to become the 73rd President in Boys Nation history. The new Vice President is Thomas Penely of Montana.

The 2019 winner of the Eagle Scout scholarship for \$10,000.00 was Jaden Anderson from Utah.

Patrick Junker, from Iowa, won The American Legion Oratorical finals followed by youths from Illinois and Tennessee it capped off an amazing

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exhibition of talent by all of our Oratorical competitors. The National Oratorical winner takes in a cool 18,000 for first place, 138,000 total payout at National, plus Department winnings.

C S R # 5, many squadrons are forgetting to mark the year on the form. Without the year the forms are discarded and not counted.

**48th National Convention Indianapolis Indiana
August 23rd 2019, 10:00 Am
Internal Affairs Commission Meeting**

The following is a synopsis of said meeting:

The meeting began at 10:00am sharp with 42 members in attendance. Mark Tansel from Indiana was the Chairperson. A quorum was present.

Discussed the following;

- 1) Resolution SAL-4, 2019 – Awards and Medals, The resolution addressed developing awards for volunteerism the same as the American Legion, after much discussion it was decided there was more work to be done as the resolution was vague and more criteria was needed.
(Motion made to send back to the originator for clarification)
(There was a second to the motion)
(Motion passed)
- 2) Dues Increase, it was discussed that 9 different Detachments passed resolutions this summer calling for a dues increase. A lively discussion took place and the following was learned. Much of the SAL Administrative cost Nationally, has been absorbed by the American Legion. The American Legion has asked for us to pay our fair share. The extra money will help pay the \$700,000 each year the American Legion has been spending for SAL printing, technology, personnel and other cost. A single resolution was written calling for a \$5.00 dues increase to take affect the beginning of 2021.
(Motion was made to)
(Seconded)

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(Motion
Meeting adjourned at 11:15A

Passed)

**MEETING OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
NATIONAL CONVENTION August 23, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 11 A.M. No resolutions.
Roll call taken and a quorum was present.
950 delegates registered at this time. More expected to come later Friday and Saturday.
Credentials will be sent to Adjutants and will be fillable so they can send them back to National asap so they can be printed with correct names. Get delegates in asap. Forms will be sent in June.
Send Convention Committee members in asap.
Only one of three people will be eligible to pick up Credential package. They are ; Delegate Chairman, Delegate Secretary, or Detachment Adjutant.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted
Jimmy Hunter
Convention Credential Committee Member

**VA&R COMISSION
REPORT 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Friday Aug. 23 at 0830 roll call was made; 21 assigned, 4 absent, 1 guest, with 29 members. There was a total of 51 present representing 24 detachments. A salute, a prayer from Rev. Tom, the preamble recited the meeting was called to order.

We discussed that only 1639 consolidated report forms were filled out from a possible 6158 squadrons and that 494 squadrons out of the 1639 squadrons missed their membership. This means they were not eligible for a national award; you must use current year membership online item #5.

Three judges were appointed to select a winner for the Charles B. Rigsby VA volunteer of the year award. There were four candidates for the award and the winner will be announced at Convention. The winner was Nick Acero.

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A motion was made to give certificates to the other applicants to thank them for their time and service for helping our veterans, the motion passed.

In the past year the SONS have 35 Reps and Deps nationwide with 106K volunteer hours, @ \$25 dollars an hour this totals \$2.6M value to service. Please remember when you volunteer to have your hours recorded properly.

It was mentioned that VACO paperwork is still being held up on the Federal level and out of 155 possible representatives we have 31.

It was also mentioned as a reminder that only 3% of Americans wore a uniform for 100% of our freedom.

Meeting was adjourned at 0922.

Submitted by Chris Schoo

**Detachment of Illinois Fall DEC
National Convention Finance Committee Report**

Commander Stander, Members of the DEC and Guests:

Please forgive my absence as our Family is in the House of the Mouse dealing with the effects of what we hope to be only Tropical Storm Dorian!

On Friday August 23rd at 11:30 am the 48th annual SAL National Convention Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman William "Bill" Hill. After a salute to the colors, a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag; the roll call was taken, and the meeting convened.

The Chairman reminded all in attendance that this meeting was to discuss the "Convention Finances" only and that general discussions of the overall national SAL budget would be out of order for this meeting.

He then stated that after this convention is adjourned; the national American Legion office would add up all of the delegate fees of \$25.00 per delegate, calculate of convention expenses and then see if enough fees were collected to cover the cost of this meeting. If not, an increase of delegate fees to the national convention may be considered for the coming 2020 meeting to be

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held in Louisville Kentucky. It was reported that all of this information would be provided to the National Executive Committeemen at the Fall meeting for distribution to the Detachments.

A question was asked about the possibility of not enough delegate fees being present for the expenses of this convention and how that would be handled. The chairman replied that the current SAL national budget would be adjusted by using funds from other line items in needed and necessary as directed by The American Legion SAL Liaison and Internal Affairs.

A question was asked about the possibility of a "Per Capita" dues increase and how that increase if passed and approved would impact the overall budget for the SAL. The Chairman answered that all information pertaining to this possible action was in the hands of all members of the NEC and answers could be found by checking with them.

With no other questions being brought forth, the 48th SAL National Convention Finance Committee meeting was adjourned in good form at 11:52 am.

Commander Stander, this concludes my report.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Butch Ray, SAL National Convention Finance Meeting attendee.

**National Convention Membership Committee Report
Submitted by James Peters**

Membership Committee convened at 9:00 AM. Roll call of Detachments was taken. Committee reported on the Legion Act and its potential impact on membership. Detachment activities and membership highlights were reported. Membership awards were then presented where I received the 100% Membership Ribbon on behalf of the Detachment. Committee adjourned at 10:30 AM.