

NEWS FROM THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT

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I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended our Detachment Executive Committee meeting on September 27th, held at the Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree Hotel in Springfield. In the "new world" of Covid, we had to create an environment that followed State of Illinois Covid Regulations, along with the DoubleTree's Covid policies.

When we sent out the Call To Order, we made it very clear that only voting DEC members (Division & District Commanders, along with 5 voting Detachment Officers which are the Commander, Sr Vice, NEC, ANEC and IPDC), Detachment Officers and Commission/Committee Chairmen would be able to attend in the actual meeting room. We also had an "over flow" room set up, PLUS the entire DEC would be live via Zoom.

In the Call, it was asked to RSVP whether you were going to attend in person or via Zoom. We were also looking for a count for the over-flow room. Very few people RSVP'd. Those who did, I thank you for being attentive to the Call asking for this information. There were costs involved that we needed to be prepared for. The day before the meeting, we cancelled the over flow room. The morning of the DEC, some SAL members showed up to be in the meeting. They were not voting members. However, the way the "in person" numbers were showing, they would definitely be allowed to come into the room. We explained the situation to them, including the information that was in the Call, and said if they could "hang tight" until after Roll Call, we would be more than happy to let them in.

We shouldn't of been in that position in the first place. When we ask for information like this, we aren't asking for the "heck of it". We need to know. We need to follow the Covid policies of the State, local and the facilities where we are meeting. And we need to be prepared for all scenarios that may happen. It takes less than two minutes to send an email. Depending upon the situation of Madison County and Columbia for the Winter DEC, we may need to go through this again. So I ask you, I beg of you, if we are asking for RSVP information or limiting the meeting to certain people, please respect us for the decision we have to make and help us help you. Answer the questions if asked.

I personally think that overall, the combined in-person and virtual DEC went well. There were a couple of hiccups but we managed and pulled it off. I want to thank everyone who helped out, especially Detachment Assistant Adjutant's Eugene Gort & Butch Ray, Detachment Sgt-At-Arms Jeff Haddick and of course, our Detachment Commander Phil Stander.

If any Commission or Committee Chairmen wish to hold Zoom meetings, please contact me.