

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

2024 FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Bartonville Post 979

September 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

- Detachment Commander Rick Allen called the meeting to order at 1130 hrs.
- The colors were in place, hand salute rendered.
- Detachment Chaplain John Nemanich gave the prayer.
- 3rd Division Commander Garrett Slevin Sr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Commander Allen led the POW/MIA Ceremony.
- Detachment Sgt-At-Arms Glenn Kraemer placed the POW/MIA flag
- Detachment Sr Vice Commander Wayne Madson led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL

Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn called the roll. Only the voting member of the Divisions and Districts are listed.

P = Present, A = Absent, E = Excused, NC = Not Certified

PNC's present: Stillwell & Cisna

PDC's present: Vozar, Stillwell, Slevin Sr., Cisna, Tharp, Shipley, Hayse, Gort, Stander, O'Connell

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	P/E/A		P/E/A		P/E/A
Commander Allen	P	2nd Dist Cmdr	A	15th Dist Cmdr	P
Sr Vice Madson	P	2nd Dist Sr	A	15th Dist Sr	A
NEC Hayse	P	2nd Dist Jr	A	15th Dist Jr	A
ANEC O'Connell	P	3rd Dist Cmdr	A	16th Dist Cmdr	A
Adjutant Van Horn	P	3rd Dist Sr	A	16th Dist Sr	na
Asst Adjutant Gort	P	3rd Dist Jr	A	16th Dist Jr	na
Finance Officer Stander	P	4th Dist Cmdr	A	17th Dist Cmdr	A
Judge Advocate Trout	E	4th Dist Sr	A	17th Dist Sr	P
Judge Advocate Emeritus Stillwell	P	4th Dist Jr	A	17th Dist Jr	A
Parliamentarian Cisna	E	5th Dist Cmdr	P	18th Dist Cmdr	P
Chaplain Nemanich	P	5th Dist Sr	na	18th Dist Sr	A
Historian Shipley	P	5th Dist Jr	na	18th Dist Jr	P
Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer	P	7th Dist Cmdr	A	19th Dist Cmdr	P
Cmdr's Sgt-At-Arms McDermott	E	7th Dist Sr	A	19th Dist Sr	P
Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Brown	E	7th Dist Jr	A	19th Dist	E
		8th Dist Cmdr	P	20th Dist NC	NC
1st Div Sgt-At-Arms Bolden	A	8th Dist Sr	A	20th Dist NC	NC
2nd Div Sgt-At Arms Schuppner	A	8th Dist Jr	A	20th Dist NC	NC
2nd Div Sgt-At Arms Buschbacker	A	9th Dist Cmdr	P	21st Dist Cmdr	P
4th Div Sgt-At-Arms Hornback	A	9th Dist Sr	A	21st Dist Sr	P
4th Div Sgt-At-Arms C. Friedman	P	9th Dist Jr	na	21st Dist Jr	E
Cmdr's Aide Hunter	E	10th Dist Cmdr	A	22nd Dist Cmdr	A
Cmdr's Aide Young	E	10th Dist Sr	P	22nd Dist Sr	P
Sr Vice Aide Madson Jr	E	10th Dist Jr	A	22nd Dist Jr	P
1st Div Cmdr Hudson	E	11th Dist Cmdr	A	23rd Dist Cmdr	P
1st Div Sr Ranney	P	11th Dist Sr	P	23rd Dist Sr	P
1st Div Jr Brennan	A	11th Dist Jr	P	23rd Dist Jr	P
2nd Div Cmdr Hollis	P	12th Dist Cmdr	A	24th Dist Cmdr	E
2nd Div Sr Bacon	E	12th Dist Sr	A	24th Dist	na
2nd Div Jr Taylor	P	12th Dist Jr	A	24th Dist	na
3rd Div Slevin Sr	P	13th Dist Cmdr	E	25th Dist NC	
4th Div Cmdr Monroe	P	13th Dist Sr	A	25th Dist NC	
4th Div Sr M. Friedman	P	13th Dist Jr	A	25th Dist NC	
4th Div Jr Ronna	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Cmdr Trout	E	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Sr Curtis	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
1st Division Advisor Faraci	E				
2nd Division Advisor Westerhausen	E				
3rd Division Advisor Seward	E				
4th Division Advisor Reed - VC	E				
5th Division Advisor Flanagan - C	E				

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JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

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

MINUTES OF DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Motion by NEC Hayse to accept the minutes of the Detachment Convention as printed, subject to audit, with second, the motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer introduced the guests.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Commander Allen appointed 4th Division's Stillwell as Chairman, with 1st Division's Gort as members.

FINANCE REPORT

Detachment Finance Officer Phil Stander asked if there were any questions regarding the printed finance report. He then discussed importance of filling out expense report form correctly and timely. He also reminded everyone that donation checks to the Detachment need to be made out to the Detachment of Illinois and in the MEMO section, notate the charity. Motion NEC Hayse to accept, subject to audit, with the second, motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES & #1 PINS

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Madson presented the #1 Pins:

He awarded those winners to the following:

Division Winner 1st Division at 50.78%

District Winners:

1st Division 3rd District at 68.84%

2nd Division 13th District at 38.77%

3rd Division 16th District at 56.78%

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4th Division 19th District at 44.37%
5th Division 23rd District at 35.32%

Madson commented about the Committee meeting. Ideas were discussed about different fundraising ideas and membership retention. Also discussed were the uncertified Squadrons. There were 29 new cards submitted today.

Sr Vice Commander Madson motioned to accept the report, with the second, passes.

DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORTS

1st Division No Report.

2nd Division Commander Hollis– working on membership and uncertified Squadrons. All Districts are certified.

3rd Division – working on getting Districts certified.

4th Division Commander Monroe reported on what's going on with Division. He also mentioned a membership drive in Danville Oct 25-27 for Legion Family. Members from National will be present.

5th Division Sr Vice Commander Curtis reported on working on membership.

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE AT END OF THE MINUTES

Americanism Commission

Commission Chairman Hayse delivered his report which is at the end of the minutes

Children & Youth Commission

Chairman Hollis delivered his report which is at the end of the minutes

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Finance Commission

Vice Chairman Cisna delivered his report which is at the end of the minutes. There are expenditures in the report, which 3rd Division Commander Slevin motion to accept these out of overage, with the second, motion passes.

National Security

Chairman O'Connell delivered the report which is at the end of the minutes.

Legislative Commission

Chairman Kraemer delivered the report which is at the end of the minutes. Kraemer also encouraged anyone to come over to the Sgt-At-Arms table to sign up for Voter's Voice.

Leadership & Training Commission

Chairman Miller delivered the report which is at the end of the minutes. Also stated there is a training session scheduled in the First Division October 26th.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Member Taylor read the report which is at the end of the minutes.

Public Relations Commission

Chairman Gort gave the report which is at the end of the minutes

Commander's Advisory

Chairman Vojar gave the report which is at the end of the minutes.

Motion by IPDC Vojar to accept all the reports, minus the Finance Commission because it had it's own motion, with the second, passes.

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

- FINE – Paul Hayse for not having his NEC cover, \$20 to OCW
- Squadron 974, \$250 each to Honor Flight, Special Olympics, CWF & OCW
- 23rd District, \$200 to VCF
- Squadron 911, \$111 to VCF, \$300 to Special Olympics, \$200 to Scholarships, \$200 to NEF, and \$100 to CMN
- 9th District, \$100 to OCW
- Raffle winner Michael Monroe, \$46 to OCW

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Campaign for National Office - financial guidelines for campaign (copy at end of the minutes). PDC Bob Tharp presented his Ad-Hoc Committee's final version of the guidelines. Motion by 9th District Commander Jacobs to approve the guidelines, with second, passes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter with a check for \$6,868 from American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, for donation to IPDC Mike Vozar's project, Honor Flight. Included was a breakdown of all the Units in the state who donated funds to the project.

Letter from Honor Flight Chicago for our donation of \$3,658.

Letter from Red Cross for our donation of \$250.

Letter from TAL for donation of \$100 to Be The One.

Letter from TAL for donation of \$1,450 to NEF.

Letter from TAL for donation of \$1,350 to OCW.

Letter from CWF for donation of \$850.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Stillwell stated the only Resolutions were the Hospitality ones to the Post Family. IPDC motioned that they are approved and placed on file, with the second, passes. Hospitality Resolutions were presented to Post 979 Family Officers.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Hayse read his report. It is included at end of the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Van Horn for Adjutant -- Motion by 3rd Division Commander Slevin Sr. to accept, with the second from 4th Division Commander Monroe, passed.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Allen thanked the 15 delegates who went to National Convention. He also spoke about his project, OCW. The Commander also stressed the importance of the Detachment raffle and asked all to do their best to sell tickets.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention reports are at the end of the minutes.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

- ANEC O'Connell spoke about the Eagle Scout project happening at Department headquarters. Scout Keegan Grosse, from Troop 2007 in Normal, is raising funds to update the memorial and signage on the property. O'Connell motioned that the Detachment donate \$500, out of overage, to his project. With the second by IPDC Vozar, the motion passes.
- ANEC O'Connell presented the 100% membership ribbon to IDPC Vozar for his year.
- PDC Shipley mentioned that PDC Stratton's burial of ashes will be October 18th at Camp Butler. Contact Phil with more information.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

None.

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50 – 50 DRAWING

Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer conducted the 50-50. Michael Monroe won \$46 and donated it to OCW. Detachment's split was \$47.

Closing & Benediction

Nemanich said a prayer.

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

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

Commander Allen adjourned the meeting at 1300.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant



DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS

2024 Fall DEC

September 28, 2024

American Legion Post 979

Bartonville, Illinois

Rick Allen, Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Adjutant

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CALL TO ORDER Detachment Commander	
POST THE COLORS	Legislative Commission
INVOCATION Detachment Chaplain	S.A.L. Leadership Training Commission
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Host Division Commander	Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission GTTY Promoter Poppy Promoter VE&E Promoter VAVS Promoter
POW/MIA CEREMONY Detachment Commander Detachment Sgt-At-Arms	
PREAMBLE Detachment Senior Vice Commander	Public Relations Commission Convention Board of Managers Commander's Advisory Committee
ROLL CALL Detachment Adjutant	All Donations to Commissions & Committees
JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS Judge Advocate	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Detachment Sgt-at-Arms	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT NEC or ANEC
APPOINT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Detachment Commander	NEW BUSINESS Appointments Adjutant
FINANCE REPORT Detachment Finance Officer	FOR THE GOOD OF THE S.A.L. Guests Remarks PUFL Administrator Remarks National Convention Reports Other items
MEMBERSHIP REPORT & ACTIVITIES Presentation of #1 Pin's Detachment Senior Vice-Commander	
STANDING COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES	
Americanism Commission Boys State Promoter Flag Alliance Promoter Contest Promoter Legacy Scholarship Promoter	ADVISOR's REMARKS 50-50 DRAWING
Children & Youth Commission Child Welfare Promoter	CLOSING Detachment Commander
Finance Commission	BENEDICTION Detachment Chaplain
National Security Commission Police School Promoter	RETIRE THE COLORS
	ADJOURN Detachment Commander

Sign up for the Detachment email list. Send email to
SALJeffVH@gmail.com and request to be put on the email list.
Please include your Squadron, District or Division title.
Membership Report is updated weekly and posted on website at
www.SALIllinois.org

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**CALL TO THE FALL
DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: August 25, 2024
To: Detachment Officers
Division Commanders
Division Vice-Commanders
District Commanders
District Vice-Commanders
Detachment Commission & Committee Members
Past Detachment Commanders

In compliance with Article VII, Section 1, of the Detachment Constitution, the Detachment Commander has instructed me to issue the following **Call for the Fall Detachment Executive Committee Meeting**. This is a paid Call (\$50) for those who qualify in person and fill out an expense form.

The Executive Committee of the Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion, will meet at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 28th, 2024, at American Legion Post 979, 4501 Airport Road, Bartonville, Illinois.

Detachment Officer's will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, 1100 Bass Pro Drive, East Peoria, IL. It is less expensive if you make reservations online or via the IGH app. There is no room block.

Membership & Squadron Activities Committee (all Division & District Commanders & Sr Vice Commanders) will meet from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

As a regular meeting of the Executive Committee any Detachment business may be considered.

Commission and Committee will be held virtually via Zoom and have meetings complete BEFORE the DEC. Meeting reports need to be emailed to the Adjutant no later than Sunday, September 22nd. The Zoom meeting schedule is included. Contact each Chairman for login information.

Voting DEC members, Detachment Officer's and Committee/Commission members who are unable to attend should contact the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant via email by September 26th, 2024.

Please bring any membership cards that you have as well as any Officer Certifications.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Jeffrey J. Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant

C.C.: Department Advisory Committee

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2024 FALL DEC Commission/Committee Zoom Meeting Schedule

This is the schedule for the Fall DEC Commission/Committee meetings held via Zoom. Please contact the Chairmen for the Zoom access information.

If there is a meeting scheduled before yours, please mute yourself until that meeting is finished.

Mon 09/09

7:00 PM – Legislative — Chairman Glenn Kraemer

7:30 PM - Leadership & Training — Chairman Larry Miller

Wed 09/11

7:00 PM – Americanism — Chairman Paul Hayse

7:30 PM – C&Y — Chairman Bill Hollis

Mon 09/16

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM – National Security — Chairman Kevin O’Connell

7:30 PM - VA&R — Chairman Bruno Williamson

Wed 09/18

7:30 PM – Public Relations — Chairman Eugene Gort

Make up date if needed

Mon 09/23

7:00 PM – Finance Commission — Chairman Jeff Trout

7:30 PM – Commander’s Advisory — Chairman Mike Vozer

REPORTS DUE BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, EXCEPT FINANCE & COMMANDER’S ADVISORY, DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD.

At the DEC, the Membership & Squadron Activities Committee will meet from 10:00 AM–11:00 AM. Members of this Committee are all Division & District Commanders & Senior Vice Commanders. They are eligible for a paid call.

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Rick Allen

Detachment Commander

2024-2025

Rick Allen is a 13 year charter member in good standing with the Sons of the American Legion at Skinner Trost Squadron 122 in Cullom, Illinois.

His eligibility is thru his father, Richard Allen who served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 in Korea. His father was a member of the Skinner Trost American Legion Post 122 and served as Commander in Cullom, IL.

Rick has always been a volunteer for many organizations. It wasn't until he retired that he found his real vision to work with the Sons of the American Legion and working with the legion and their programs to support the Veterans. He believes in the Legion Family and their support.

Rick has been elected at Squadron, District, and Detachment positions in the Sons of the American Legion. He has taken part in many Revitalizations with the legion in 2022. He was 4th Division Member of the Year and on December 4, 2023, he was recognized by the National American Legion for his work in Training and field work in the 4th Division Revitalization Program. He has taken part in cooking for the Veterans at Danville VA.

During his 2023-2024 term as Detachment Sr. Vice Commander, which ended on June 10, 2024, they were over 100 % of the Goal and 90% plus retention. His program is Operation Comfort Warrior designed to help Veterans with needs they could not receive from the Federal programs. Those who suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), this program offers support. 100% of donations go directly to veterans.

A graduate of Tri-Point High School, Cullom, Illinois. Rick worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation as a Highway Maintainer for 28 years. He retired and now works on the farm. He has been married to his wife Vicki for 42 years, and is the proud father of two children (and spouses), Jeremy and wife Lisa and Rebecca Henrichs and husband Justin. Rick has 4 grandchildren, three girls and one boy.

Motto: Planting the seeds of progress for a stronger family.

Commander's Project: Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)



Operation Comfort Warriors represents the Legion's expression of gratitude to those who sacrificed to protect our freedoms.



HOW RECIPIENTS BENEFIT

Today, wounded warriors need a variety of items to help in their recovery. Some patients require loose-fitting sweatsuits to cover their healing wounds without adding pressure to burns sustained in combat. Others use fitness equipment to rebuild strength in their muscles. Still others enjoy the camaraderie and fresh air that come from a fishing trip, thanks to donated gear.

Some gifts have included sports equipment for the adaptive therapy program at Fort Jackson, gift cards to patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and fishing and kayak gear at Fort Drum.

The success of the program relies entirely on donations, which are used to purchase items for U.S. servicemembers.

To make a donation, go to legion.org/ocw.



Operation Comfort Warriors



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OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have drawn to a close, many servicemembers left the battlefield only to be faced with a new fight: a struggle to overcome the mental and physical wounds suffered during deployment. Those with traumatic brain injury (TBI) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) returned home in unprecedented numbers. In fact, the Army has estimated that up to 20 percent of the men and women who served in Afghanistan or Iraq have suffered a TBI.

Even when not at war, those in the military still face inherent dangers during training exercises and while performing other hazardous duties.

While the care at military hospitals and warrior transition units is extraordinary, The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program was created to provide "non-essentials" – items that help wounded warriors in their recovery but don't usually show up as a budget line on government spreadsheets. OCW is not a program designed to help with bills (mortgage, rent, utilities or credit cards), car repairs or home repairs.

HOW TO HELP

Most military medical centers are not equipped to store large quantities of care packages. The Legion strongly prefers monetary donations so that it can expedite the purchase and delivery of items to servicemembers.

HOW TO GIVE: Visit legion.org/ocw to donate electronically, using your credit card. Checks may be mailed to The American Legion, Operation Comfort Warriors, PO Box 361626, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

HOW TO RAISE MONEY: A fundraiser such as a motorcycle run or a fish fry can be a great way to gather donations. A Legion post, Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, Legion Riders chapter, church group or other charitable organization could assist in sponsoring a fundraiser. Proceeds from a fundraising event can be donated to OCW via the website or mailing address listed above.

HOW TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Check out legion.org/ocw for the latest news and information about the program.



HOW IT WORKS

The American Legion is contacted by individuals, VA hospitals, warrior transition centers and communities with needs for wounded, injured, disabled or ill servicemembers. Once a need is identified, the items are ordered by the Legion and delivered in an expeditious manner. It's as simple as that. No red tape.

All of OCW's administrative and marketing costs are paid from Legion membership dues, meaning that 100 percent of donated funds go directly to purchasing comfort items for the servicemembers.

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Balance Sheet
As of September 22, 2024

	<u>Sep 22, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Annual Donations	16,252.74
Children and Youth	791.61
EDWARD JONES	
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - A	8,517.33
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - C	16,098.80
INVESTMENT CO OF AMERICA...	18,958.51
INVESTMENT CO. OF AMERICA...	20,560.36
Total EDWARD JONES	<u>64,135.00</u>
National Candidate fund	39,727.07
Overage Savings	71,785.87
SAL General Checking	23,484.24
Scholarships	20,926.73
Total Checking/Savings	<u>237,103.26</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>237,103.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>237,103.26</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	205,037.44
Retained Earnings	12,413.44
Net Income	19,652.38
Total Equity	<u>237,103.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>237,103.26</u>

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Budget vs. Actual
 August 2024 through July 2025

	Aug '24 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
Income			
100000 - INCOME			
110000 - PER-CAPITA	21,538.00	70,000.00	-48,462.00
120000 - INTEREST	11.59	20.00	-8.41
130000 - CONVENTION			
130001 - REGISTRATION	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Total 130000 - CONVENTION	0.00	900.00	-900.00
150000 - OTHER			
150001 - Dept. SWEEPSTAKES	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
150002 - MISC	100.00	0.00	100.00
150003 - Detachment Sweepstakes	1,080.00	27,198.00	-26,118.00
Total 150000 - OTHER	1,180.00	29,698.00	-28,518.00
170000 - INVESTMENT			
	4,234.55	0.00	4,234.55
Total 100000 - INCOME	26,964.14	100,618.00	-73,653.86
160000 - DONATION SAVINGS			
160008 - GIFTS TO YANKS	120.00	0.00	120.00
160028 - HONOR FLIGHT	7,368.00		
Total 160000 - DONATION SAVINGS	7,488.00	0.00	7,488.00
Total Income	34,452.14	100,618.00	-66,165.86
Expense			
010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT			
010006 - MISC.	104.46	0.00	104.46
010011 - NAT. REPORTS	700.00	0.00	700.00
010012 - detachment Sweepstakes	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00
Total 010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT	804.46	15,000.00	-14,195.54
200000 - GENERAL ADMIN. EXPENSE			
201000 - POSTAGE			
201100 - OFFICERS			
201104 - FINANCE OFFICER	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 201100 - OFFICERS	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 201000 - POSTAGE	0.00	300.00	-300.00
202000- SUPPLIES			
202101 - ADJUTANT	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
202102 - FINANCE OFFICER	64.04	1,250.00	-1,185.96
202103 - HISTORIAN	0.00	100.00	-100.00
202104 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 202000- SUPPLIES	64.04	3,150.00	-3,085.96
203000 - MAINTENANCE			
203099 - MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 203000 - MAINTENANCE	0.00	100.00	-100.00
204000 - NAME TAGS, PLAQS, PINS			
204100 - NAME TAGS			
204101 - OFFICERS	119.28	250.00	-130.72
Total 204100 - NAME TAGS	119.28	250.00	-130.72
204200 - PINS			
204201 - INCOMING COMMANDER	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00
204202 - PAST COMMANDER	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Total 204200 - PINS	0.00	3,850.00	-3,850.00

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Budget vs. Actual
August 2024 through July 2025

	Aug '24 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
204300 - PLAQUES			
204301 - PAST COMMANDER	0.00	50.00	-50.00
204302 - DIV. MEMBER OF THE YR.	0.00	50.00	-50.00
204303 JR Mem. of Year	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 204300 - PLAQUES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>-150.00</u>
Total 204000 - NAME TAGS, PLAQS, PINS	<u>119.28</u>	<u>4,250.00</u>	<u>-4,130.72</u>
Total 200000 - GENERAL ADMIN. EXPENSE	183.32	7,800.00	-7,616.68
207300 - MANDATED			
207301 - SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	7,108.00	-7,108.00
207303 - ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
207304 - ANNUAL AUDIT	0.00	1,900.00	-1,900.00
Total 207300 - MANDATED	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,508.00</u>	<u>-10,508.00</u>
208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES			
208002 CHECKS	0.00	175.00	-175.00
Total 208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>-175.00</u>
270000 - INVESTMENT	1,888.58	0.00	1,888.58
300000 - FUNCTIONING EXPENSES			
301000 - ELECTED OFFICERS			
301001 - COMMANDER	476.68	4,000.00	-3,523.32
301002 - SR. VICE COMMANDER	966.13	3,500.00	-2,533.87
301003 - N.E.C.	0.00	900.00	-900.00
301004 - A.N.E.C.	0.00	900.00	-900.00
3010205 - IM. PAST. COMMANDER	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Total 301000 - ELECTED OFFICERS	<u>1,442.81</u>	<u>9,750.00</u>	<u>-8,307.19</u>
302000 - APPOINTED OFFICERS			
302001 - ADJUTANT	179.81	1,750.00	-1,570.19
302002 - ASSIST. ADJUTANT #1	0.00	500.00	-500.00
302003 - FINANCE OFFICER	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
302004 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302005 - JUDGE ADVOCATE	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302006 - HISTORIAN	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302009 - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302014 - COMMANDERS AIDE #1	0.00	300.00	-300.00
302015 - COMMANDERS AIDE #2	0.00	300.00	-300.00
302016 - SR. VICE AIDE	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302017 - COMM. SRGT AT ARMS #1	0.00	150.00	-150.00
302019 - SR. VICE SRGT at ARMS	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 302000 - APPOINTED OFFICERS	<u>179.81</u>	<u>6,400.00</u>	<u>-6,220.19</u>
303000 - COMMISSIONS			
303101 - FINANCE PLANNING	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total 303000 - COMMISSIONS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-1,500.00</u>
304000 - COMMITTEES			
304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING			
304101 - CONVENTION SITE	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
304102 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>-1,300.00</u>
Total 304000 - COMMITTEES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>-1,300.00</u>

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306000 - NATIONAL CONVENTION			
306001 - REGISTRATION FEES	-70.00	1,500.00	-1,570.00
306002 - DELEGATE ALLOWANCES	7,995.00	8,000.00	-5.00
306003 - LUNCHEON	1,550.78	1,200.00	350.78
306004 NAT. CON. DEL. SEC.	550.00	550.00	0.00
306006 - DELEGATION CHAIRMAN	0.00	550.00	-550.00
306008 - INCOMING COMMANDER	0.00	550.00	-550.00
Total 306000 - NATIONAL CONVENTION	<u>10,025.78</u>	<u>12,350.00</u>	<u>-2,324.22</u>
Total 300000 - FUNCTIONING EXPENSES	11,648.40	31,300.00	-19,651.60
400000 - DETACHMENT CONVENTION			
401000 - HOUSING			
401001 - COMMANDER	0.00	600.00	-600.00
401002 - REGISTRAR	0.00	450.00	-450.00
401003 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401004 - SENIOR VICE COMMANDER			
401004A - COMM - PRES DINNER	0.00	90.00	-90.00
401004 - SENIOR VICE COMMANDER - Other	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total 401004 - SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	0.00	690.00	-690.00
401005 - ADJUTANT	0.00	500.00	-500.00
401006 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	450.00	-450.00
401007 - JUDGE ADVOCATE	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401008 - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401009 - HISTORIAN	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401010 - FINANCE OFFICER	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401015 - IMD PAST COMMANDER	0.00	450.00	-450.00
401016 - NEC	0.00	600.00	-600.00
401017 - ANEC	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401018 - GIFTS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
401020 - SR VICE COM. CANDIDATE	0.00	450.00	-450.00
401021 - Comm Sgt at Arms	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401022 - Sr Vice Sgt at Arms	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 401000 - HOUSING	0.00	6,790.00	-6,790.00
402000 - REGISTRATION			
402003 - SUPPLIES	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 402000 - REGISTRATION	0.00	100.00	-100.00
403000 - ADMINISTRATION			
403003 - FLOWERS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 403000 - ADMINISTRATION	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 400000 - DETACHMENT CONVENTION	0.00	7,090.00	-7,090.00
500000 - MEMBERSHIP			
501000 - DIVISION COMMANDERS			
501100 - COMMANDERS (5)	75.00	1,500.00	-1,425.00
501200 - SEN. VICE COMM. (5)	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Total 501000 - DIVISION COMMANDERS	75.00	2,250.00	-2,175.00
502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS			
502100 - COMMANDERS / CHMN (23)	0.00	2,760.00	-2,760.00
502200 - SR VICE COMMANDER (23)	0.00	1,150.00	-1,150.00
Total 502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS	0.00	3,910.00	-3,910.00
503000 - CARAVAN			
503003 - NATIONAL CARAVAN	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total 503000 - CARAVAN	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00

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504000 - AWARDS			
504001 - CITATIONS & PLAQUES	0.00	500.00	-500.00
504003 - BREAKFAST & JACKET	0.00	660.00	-660.00
504004 - MEMBERSHIP AWARDS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
504005 - COMMANDERS SHIRT	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 504000 - AWARDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,360.00</u>	<u>-2,360.00</u>
Total 500000 - MEMBERSHIP	75.00	13,520.00	-13,445.00
600000 - DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS			
601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE			
601101 - WREATH & RECEPTION	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
601200 - COMMANDER			
601203 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601200 - COMMANDER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
601300 - NEC			
601303 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601300 - NEC	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
601400 - HISTORIAN			
601403 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601400 - HISTORIAN	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
601500 - ADJUTANT			
601501 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601500 - ADJUTANT	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
601600 - SR VICE COMM.			
6016001 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601600 - SR VICE COMM.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE			
601903 - EXPENSES	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total 601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
Total 601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>-4,000.00</u>
602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.			
602100 - COMMANDER			
602103 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 602100 - COMMANDER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
Total 602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER			
603100 - COMMANDER			
603103 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603100 - COMMANDER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>
603200 - Sr Vice			
603201 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603200 - Sr Vice	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>
Total 603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>
605000 - AUX. PATRIOTIC CONF.			
605100 - COMMANDER			
605103 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 605100 - COMMANDER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>

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605200 - HISTORIAN			
605201 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 605200 - HISTORIAN	0.00	200.00	-200.00
605400 - AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN			
605403 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 605400 - AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 605000 - AUX. PATRIOTIC CONF.	0.00	600.00	-600.00
606000- JR AUXILIARY ANN. CONF			
606100 - COMMANDER			
606103 - EXPENSES	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 606100 - COMMANDER	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 606000- JR AUXILIARY ANN. CONF	0.00	150.00	-150.00
609000 - HOMECOMINGS			
609100 - DEPT. COMMANDERS GIFT			
609101 - DETACHMENT COMMANDER	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 609100 - DEPT. COMMANDERS GIFT	100.00	100.00	0.00
609200 - DEPT. PRESIDENTS GIFT			
609201 - DETACHMENT COMMANDER	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 609200 - DEPT. PRESIDENTS GIFT	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 609000 - HOMECOMINGS	200.00	200.00	0.00
Total 600000 - DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS	200.00	5,650.00	-5,450.00
700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT			
710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE			
710101 - WREATH	0.00	175.00	-175.00
710102 - PRESENTOR OF WREATH	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
710103 - BUS TRIP & MEALS	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE	0.00	1,725.00	-1,725.00
710200 - Central Region Extra			
710201 - Central region Ext	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total 710200 - Central Region Extra	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total 700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT	0.00	3,575.00	-3,575.00
900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
901000 - CONTINGENCY			
901001 - MTG. CALL PAY	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
901099 - MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 901000 - CONTINGENCY	0.00	5,200.00	-5,200.00

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SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

Budget vs. Actual

August 2024 through July 2025

	<u>Aug '24 - J...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>
908000 - NATIONAL HOSPITALITY	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total 900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total Expense	14,799.76	100,618.00	-85,818.24
Net Income	<u>19,652.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,652.38</u>

Americanism

The Americanism Commission met via zoom on September 11th 7:00pm Central time with nine people in attendance. Chairman Hayse gave opening remarks, opening prayer was given.

Roll call was called with four Divisions in attendance.

National Americanism Commission Officer Mike Vozar gave the National Americanism report.

There was no religious Emphasis Report.

Under Flag Alliance, Tommie Cisna reported no movement, but stated we need to push flag education in schools, Boy Scouts, and anywhere we can get the word out.

Mike Vozar gave his Boys State report.

Under Awards it was brought to my attention we are not having a lot of participation on applications. I am going to reach out to Division Commanders to try to get their District Commanders to push to get more applications in. Adjutant Jeff Van Horn noted that the application needs to be revamped to make it more presentable, also, maybe to keep the Division Member of the year and to change Detachment Member of the year to the J. R. Stillwell Lifetime Achievement Award.

Under new business Adjutant Jeff Van Horn suggested we should put together a calender of events for Americanism based on things we can distribute to Detachment.

Chairman Hayse gave closing remarks and the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Hayse, Chairman.

BOYS STATE REPORT – MIKE VOZAR

- 218 Citizens Attending the 2024 session
- Registration for 2025 Session is now open on website
- Cost remains at \$400 per boy
- We will not turn away any youth based on ability to pay

- Continuing efforts to further develop and expand Alumni group to create networking and assist with recruiting
- Continue to remind about the Boys State program at Squadron, District, and Division meetings and other venues

FALL DEC NATIONAL AMERICANISM REPORT – MIKE VOZAR

- American Legion programs that fall under the Americanism pillar include Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boys State , Junior Shooting Sports, Scouting and Flag Education.
- NEW NATIONAL CHAIR IS JEFF HICKS FROM NEW JERSEY
- NEXT NATIONAL CALL MONDAY SEPT 16
- AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL – GREAT LAKES REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HELD AT POST 76 IN CAROL STREAM AS FIRST YEAR OF THREE YEAR COMMITMENT

- TROY ALABAMA DEFEATED MIDLAND MICHIGAN FOR ALWS CHAMPS
- NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH ACADEMY WAS A SUCCESS – 9 PARTICIPANTS – JEFF TROUT WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS
- GET WORD OUT ABOUT ACADEMY FOR NEXT YEAR IN TAMPA
- National Americanism Goals 2023-24
- Increase Boys State participation numbers by 10%.
- Increase flag education programs by 10%.
- Support the Flying Flags for Heroes program by increasing Detachments participation by 10%.
- ALSO SUPPORTING MORE STATES TO START YOUTH POLICE SCHOOL – ILLINOIS HAS ONE DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE OUR PROGRAM
- BACK TO FFH

- THIS WAS COMM FOX PROJECT ##'S WAY DOWN
- 29 DETACHMENTS REPORTED NO FLAGS
- ALL ACTIVITY TO BE REPORTED ON WEBSITE
- ILLINOIS HAD THREE REPORTED PLACEMENTS
- ENCOURAGE MORE FFH ACTIVITY AND LOOK AT EVENTS FOR DEC, DIVISION, DISTRICT MTGS IF POSSIBLE
- **The 2025 National Oratorical Finals will be May 16-18 in Hillsdale, Michigan – Jeff Trout volunteered in 2024**
- **Changes expected with State Oratorical Contest – Possibly move to Bloomington next March. Only four contestants this year. Need to promote Oratorical program**

- **SHOOTING SPORTS MOVED TO HILLSDALE COLLEGE IN MICHIGAN. THEY BUILT A NEW INDOOR AIR RIFLE RANGE FACILITY**
- **RUMORED SOMEONE ON TAL SIDE IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM IN ILLINOIS**
- **WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL SCOUT TROOPS, SCHOOLS, YOUTH GROUPS, CHURCHES ON TEACHING FLAG ETIQUETTE**

Children & Youth Report

The Fall Detachment Children and Youth Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday September 11th and called to order at 7:35pm by the Chairman Bill Hollis. Roll Call was held, and the following members were present for the meeting:

Chairman: Bill Hollis – Present

Vice Chairman: Butch Ray – Present

Member: Adam Anderson – Excused

Member: Garrett Slevin, Sr. – Present

Member: Isaiah Curtis – Present

Promoter: Phil Stander – Absent

Guests

Detachment Commander – Rick Allen

Detachment Sr. Vice Commander – Wayne Madson

Detachment Adjutant – Jeff Van Horn

Old Business

Butch stated that the Kardz for kids program has ended and he has split all cards that have been split between Peoria and Springfield Children's Hospitals. Also, if any other Squadron, District or Division has any additional funds it will be recommended that it is allocated to VCF.

The committee has asked Butch to contact the sock company for a new order of socks. The socks will have a new design and will be most likely white. We are looking to sell them for \$15 per pair to hopefully sell them faster than the two years it took for the first set of socks.

Mini Golf / Bowling Tournament by Division would be on the same day, and it would foster comradery between Divisions, Districts, and members.

New Business

Jeff Van Horn said it would be a good idea if the committee could put together a Children & Youth flyer to highlight all the various programs that encompass that C&Y program. This will be worked on and completed before the next DEC.

Guest Comments

The Commander and Vice Commander gave positive closing remarks.

For The Good of The Sons

Butch stated that the Youth Academy would continue at the 53rd National Convention in Tampa, Florida

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm

FINANCE COMMISSION

23 September, 2024

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm. All members were present including special guests, Finance Officer Phil Stander, Adviser Bill Flanagan, Commander Rick Allen, Sr. Vice Commander Wayne Madson, Adjutant Jeff Van Horn, Larry Miller and National Vice Commander Butch Ray.

The Commission was informed that American Legion Auxiliary member, Angie Mulligan, had made buttons as a fundraiser for Pam Ray who is running for American Legion Auxiliary National President. She is asking for a donation of \$2 per button. Jimmy Hunter motioned to purchase 100 buttons for a total of \$200 to be taken from overage. Garrett Slevin seconded. During the discussion it was explained that the Detachment would then have the buttons to offer for a donation of \$2 at Detachment meetings and other events. The motion passed.

Larry Miller, Leadership and Training Chairman, requested up to \$500 in additional funds for training expenses. Tommie Cisna motioned that we add up to \$500 more, to be taken from overage, to help with training expenses. Garrett Slevin seconded the motion. During the discussion it was mentioned that last year some Divisions made donations to the training committee to help offset costs. The motion passed.

National Vice Commander Butch Ray asked that the Detachment continue the CWF socks for kids fundraiser this year. Jimmy Hunter motioned that we purchase 100 pairs of CWF socks, the money to be taken from overage and the proceeds donated to CWF. Tommie Cisna seconded. There was much discussion as to the Detachment getting back the cost of the socks. Jimmy Hunter amended his motion to say that we purchase 100 pairs of CWF socks, the money to be taken from overage and then at the end of sales the purchase cost of the socks be returned to overage and the difference be donated to CWF. Tommie Cisna seconded. The motion passed.

Past Finance Officer Bob Tharp was unable to be on the call but said he will be at the Fall DEC to give his final report on National Candidate Guidelines.

Chairman Jeff Trout announced the annual budget meeting will be held in Bloomington at Department Headquarters on May 31, 2025 at 9:00 am.

With nothing further to come before the Commission, meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Jeff Trout
Finance Chairman
Detachment of Illinois



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS

National Security

Pre-DEC Zoom Meeting

Date: September 16th 2024

Time: 7:00PM

Attendees:

Kevin O'Connell

Guest:

Commander Rick Allen

Sr Vice Wayne Madson

PDC Mike Vozar

Finance Officer Phil Stander

Meeting began at 7:00PM, an explanation of what the National Security Committee is about and the mission it holds. National Security is one of the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

- 1) Strong National Defense
- 2) Military Quality of Life
- 3) Homeland Security
- 4) Foreign Relations
- 5) Full Accounting of POW/MIA
- 6) Operation Comfort Warrior

The Project for this year is locating the unclaimed cremated remains of Veterans left in Funeral Homes and Coroners Offices, and having a proper burial in a Nation Cemetery. Discussed was the method in which this could be accomplished, Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Sincerely,

Kevin O'Connell

National Executive Committee (Alt)

Detachment of Illinois

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS

COMMANDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FALL 2024 MEETING MINUTES – 9/23/24

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM and shared a brief statement highlighting the purposes of the Committee as taken from the establishing Resolution.

Members Present – Chairman Mike Vozar, Jeff Trout, Tommie Cisna, Kevin O’Connell, Mark Young. (All present)

Others Present – Commander Rick Allen, Senior Vice Wayne Madson, NVC Butch Ray, Adjutant Jeff Van Horn, Finance Officer Phil Stander, SAL Advisor Bill Flanagan, Garrett Slevin Sr.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Detachment Cash Raffle.** 2500 tickets were printed. Six tickets were mailed to each Squadron Adjutant on 8/13/24 via First Class postage. We have collected \$1080 to date from ticket sales. There may be more turn in at the Fall DEC. It was mentioned some people apparently did not receive tickets. Working to get tickets out to interested parties that need them.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- Committee members expressed that Commander Allen and Senior Vice Madson are doing a great job. No concerns were mentioned. Suggestion made that efforts continue documenting visits and activities on social media. PNC Cisna reminded not to forget regular “atta-boy” phone calls and visits from leadership to give congratulations and praise for membership or other activities and achievements.
- Commander Allen stated he felt things were going well and did not have any special requests for assistance from the Advisory Committee.
- Senior Vice Madson noted there has been a duplication of invitations for both the Commander and Senior Vice to attend an event. Committee members emphasized the need for both officers to talk regularly about their schedules and that with few exceptions there is no need for both officers to attend events. They should work to each individually attend one Division meeting and also District meetings when possible.

- Adjutant Van Horn suggested the Detachment submit a resolution to the NEC to establish a National Security Commission since it is one of the Four Pillars. PDC O'Connell and Vozar will discuss this with Chairman Fox at the Fall NEC for guidance.
- Senior Vice Madson discussed possible scenarios suggesting the need for a resolution amending the Detachment Constitution to allow a Detachment Commander to be re-elected (non-concurrently) to that position. He will work to draft a resolution for consideration.
- Mark Young reported they are close to chartering a new Squadron at Post 129 in Athens, Illinois. He also mentioned the five day Gold Star Mission Bicycle 500 Mile Ride from Metropolis to Rockford coming up this week.
- National Vice Commander Butch Ray thanked the Detachment for our strong Second Place standing in Central Region membership. He reminded us he is here to help and challenged the Detachment to earn the Hartline Award for chartering the most new Squadrons.
- PDC Jeff Trout discussed the Veterans and Children's Foundation and our \$500,000 national mission to support them. Each Detachment is challenged to collect \$9100. He explained VCF provides temporary financial assistance to military families and supports training for American Legion Service officers. Jeff has been working at the National level to assist in promoting this mission.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Vozar, Chairman

Leadership Training Commission for DEC

The Leadership Training Commission met via zoom at 7:30pm on September 9th, 2024. All Commission members were present:

Division 1 - Glenn Kraemer

Division 2 - Bill Hollis

Division 3 - Mike Vozar (Vice Chair) (fill in)

Division 4 - Tommie Cisna

Division 5 - Larry Miller (Chairman)

Also on line for the meeting was, Commander Allen, Sr Vice Madson, Adjutant VanHorn, Finance officer Stander, and District 15 Commander Canevit.

Miller discussed the training programs topics he envisioned; Officer Duties and Responsibilities, How To Conduct a Meeting, Roberts Rules of Order to be given using a power point method. Reference was made to the power point presentation Miller created for training last year and asked to share it with the commission for information and/or updates.

Adjutant VanHorn added that a discussion during the training should cover what national awards are available and stress those submitting individual(s) for awards to follow the instructions.

Glenn Kraemer suggested that the training be done in an informal round table type setting.

Miller asked about the resolution that set the commission referred to a "Sons of The American Legion College." Adjutant VanHorn commented that the sessions were about 5-6 hours long. I asked if there was any old documentation that could be shared, to please send to me.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Larry Miller, Chairman

Leadership Training Commission



Detachment of Illinois

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Zoom meeting.

The commission met on Monday September 16th via zoom meeting. All the members of the commission were present except one who was excused. All the promoters were present also. Guests; Cmdr Allen, SVC Madson, Adj Van Horn & Finance Officer Stander.

So, I have decided to run the commission like we do at the national level. Were we all the members pick a VA&R a project & report on it over the year. In the past I had not done a respectable job of using the commission members. We were just passing down information from national VA&R. The program does not have to be a national program such as: Fisher House, Honor Flight. Wounded Warrior Project, etc. This could be something that you do in your division, district, or squad. The 5th division has **the Haven**, at one time 1st division did **Guitars4Vets**. They will also pass information down to there respective division and districts to either the VA&R chairman or Commander. The 1st division is Michael Yucuis; 2nd division is Bryson Taylor; 3rd division is Don Ronna 4th division is Bruno Williamson & 5th division is Chris School.

Promoters:

Gift to Yanks (GTY) – Jimmy Hunter – the order applications are now out. If you are involved with this program, contact your TAL division commander.

Veteran Employment & Education (VE&E) - Bruno Williamson- currently on the National SAL level there really is not anything going on. A lot of veterans upon separating from the military have adjustment issues. Different transitioning programs are out there like the D.O. D's SkillBridge pgm. The DoD SkillBridge Program provides a structured pathway for eligible and authorized Service members to participate in job training and employment skills training, including apprenticeships and internships, within 180 days of separation from active-duty service. For more information go to [DOD SkillBridge Program \(osd.mil\)](https://www.osd.mil/skillbridge). **VE&E** is still a new commission. and people do not understand that Veterans Homeless awareness & Veterans Suicide awareness now fall under VE&E.

Poppy – Butch Ray – May 23,2025 is Poppy Day. And I'm hoping that I can be able to promote more SAL involvement with poppies not only in the distribution, but more importantly in the participation and purchase of poppies. Butch is also hoping to put an article in the mailing about the significance of the Poppy and where the donations can and con not be used. The Department of Illinois besides making Poppies for our home state, also makes for poppies for other Departments and this has become a fund generator for the Department of Illinois.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) – Bruno Williamson – of the 5 VAMC's in Illinois we have SAL Representation in 3 of them. Jessie Brown – Derrick Stinson is the Representative; Illiana – Bruno Williamson is the Rep; Phil Shipley is the Deputy Rep; Marion – Jeff Trout is the Rep & Chris School is the Dep Rep. We are looking for volunteers for Cpt James Lovell Federated/Great Lakes & Edward

Hines. To be a Representative or a Regularly Scheduled volunteer you only must volunteer 4 times a year. If you are the Rep/Dep if you go to the quarterly meetings; you have technically fulfilled your obligation. WE have 5 state VA homes & we currently have 1 rep at Manteno – Jimmy Hunter. We could use representation at Anna, Lasalle, Quincy & Chicago. As with the federal VA's, contact the state homes volunteer services to get their application process.

Adjutant Van Horn informed the group that he and Commander Allen went through the Be the One training thru Columbia University & it was about 2 hours long. And that PDC Gort is looking for articles to go in the Detachment E blasts. Commander Allens programs this year is Occupation Comfort Warrior (OCW).

Respectfully Submitted

Bruno "T" Williamson

Detachment VA&R Chairman

Public Relations Commission

The PR Commission met on September 18, at 7:30pm via zoom. In attendance were members Eugene Gort, Bill Hollis, Larry Miller, John Tucker, and Tommie Cisna. Also in attendance were Commander Allen, Sr. Vice Madson, Adjutant Van Horn, and Finance officer Stander. We discussed goals for the upcoming year: 1. To send out 1-2 emails per week. 2. To grow our email list. 3. To keep the website up to date. With the emails we will work with the other committees and commissions to generate content. To expand our email list we will add all current District and division officers, and also look for ways to expand through Facebook and our website. John Tucker has stepped up to help with the website, and we feel that with two individuals working on it, we should be able to keep more up to date. The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

NEC Report

I would like to introduce to you our new Sons of the American Legion National Commander Joseph Navarrete, and from our own State, Central region Vice Commander “Harl” Butch Ray.

I apologize for missing the National Convention with my wife and I getting covid.

Paul A Hayse N.E.C.

Todo es posible con Dios y la familia. Everything is possible with God and family.

It is a phrase Joseph Navarrete uses often and will continue to do so as he serves as the Sons of the American Legion next year.

Navarrete was elected at the 52nd National Convention on Sunday in New Orleans, making history in the process. He’s not only the first National Commander from New Mexico, he’s also the first National Commander to follow in his mother’s footsteps as a Legion family National leader. His mother, Rita, was American Legion Auxiliary President 2009-10.

“My slogan for this year is honoring our heritage and we will carry on our why, representing our Family Services and sacrifices they paid to each other and everyone of us here today”, said Navarrete, whose father Tony presented Joseph for election on Sunday.

The new sons of American Legion national commander noted the organization will continue to support be the one initiative _” we will be helping to end veterans’ suicide together” _ and we’ll continue past national commander Jr. Hall’s four pillars challenge.

Navarrete set a goal for the sons of the American Legion to raise \$500,000 for the veterans and children's foundation.

Harl “Butch” Ray



Sons of The American Legion

Butch's membership to the Sons of The American Legion spans over thirty years of continuous service for God and Country. He is a paid up for life member in good standing of Squadron # 24, located in Champaign, Illinois.

Butch's eligibility in the Sons of The American Legion is through his deceased father, Harl H. Ray, who proudly served in Iran as a member of the 791st Railroad Operations Battalion, Persian Gulf Command, of the United States Army during World War II.

The American Legion Family is a big part of Butch's life. His wife of forty years, Pam, is a member of Unit # 71 in Urbana, Illinois and has served as American Legion Auxiliary President, Department of Illinois and is currently serving at the National level as National Membership Chairman. They have two daughters, one granddaughter and one grandson, all of which are members of the American Legion Family.

Butch has always been active in the programs and activities of the Sons of The American Legion. He has served his Squadron, District, Division and Detachment in many positions and with many responsibilities. On the National level he has served as a member of two committees, and the Veterans Employment and Education Commission, and served as National Chaplain for the 2014-2012 membership year. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.

Supporting the "Aims and principles" of The American Legion has become a routine of service in Butch's life; besides his wife; his Brother-in-Law, Marty Conatser is a Past National Commander of The American Legion, and Marty's wife Sharon held the office of National President of the American Legion Auxiliary during the 2015-2016 membership year.

Butch's motto is "Guided by Tradition!" and he is proud to continue the 100 year traditions of The American Legion Family!

National Convention Committee Reports

National Convention Children & Youth Committee Report

The National Convention Children and Youth Committee Meeting was held on Friday August 22nd and called to order at 8:45am by the Chairman Joe Lohman.

The committee discussed the goal for VCF which is currently at \$1 per member with 33% of the CSR being reported the actual donation was .21 per member. The chairman asked the committee was asked what their thoughts about what the goal should be. The committee recommended to keep the goal at \$1 per member and work on a way or campaign to get the CSR's completed and submitted.

The committee also briefly touched on CODA, Youth Academy, the 4 Pillars Challenge and the Pizza Garden. The National C&Y Zoom meeting will be held the 2nd Monday in September at 7pm EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REPORT

National Convention 2024

Ned Fox called the meeting to order on Friday August 23rd at 11:30 AM. Reported that he had no information for the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 AM

Report of 52nd Convention Legislation and Rules Meeting

The Convention Legislation and Rules Committee met on August 23, 2024 at 11:30 in the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center , Room 207 at the Logan Memorial thing.

The meeting was held to inform, as the National Legislative Commission met on Zoom, dispensed with reading of the minutes.

The Washington Conference was a success. The Legislative chair encouraged everyone who has never been to attend a Washington Conference.

A sheet with the QR code to sign up for Voters Voice was passed around. The QR code is below.

The National Legislative Committee voted to accept the Standing Rules of the Convention.

Discussion on the George B. Evans Veteran Advocate award. There were 2 entries this year. One entry was a short input that answered the questions on the nomination form. The other entry was 9 pages of photos of the person meeting with legislators, state, and local politicians. Encourage additional entries.

March 2-5, 2025 will be the 2025 Washington Conference. The Fall NEC will offer additional information.

The Chairman encouraged more participation in the National Legislative Zoom meetings.

QR Code to register for Voter's Voice



Meeting adjourned



Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois

August 23, 2024

National Credential Meeting
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
MCC, Hall C, 1st floor
11:00 am

The credential meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Thompson at 11:00 am. There were 6 members plus the chairman in attendance.

Harold reported that there were 933 delegates and 101 delegates at large for a total of 1034 delegates registered.

There were 136 Alternates and 145 guests that were also registered.

There were 55 Detachments that were registered.

At the time of our meeting all Detachment packets were picked up except two. They were District of Columbia and Philippines.

Steve Gower from Virginia made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Glen Neval from Minnesota.

The meeting closed at 11:10 am.

Respectively submitted by

Matt Christie
Squadron #690

**LET'S NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11TH
GOD BLESS AMERICA**

52nd Annual Convention Finance Committee Minutes

Date: Friday, 08-23-2024

Time: 11:30 am (Central)

Attendees: Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin

Submitted & Reported by: **Finance Commission Chairman ~ Jeff Van Horn (IL)**

Good morning, Officers, Delegates and Guests. I am Jeff Van Horn from the Detachment of Illinois, home of Jeff Trout.

I was appointed Chairman of the National Finance Commission at the Spring NEC. Much like Children and Youth Chair, Mr. Lohman, this is my first time on the National stage. If I make a mistake, again, like Mr. Lohman, speak to Bill Hill from Maryland.

Briefly, after being caught off-guard for the Pre-Convention NEC to give a report, I would like to say that currently we are reconciled through May 2024.

I would like to thank the members of the National Finance Commission. Also, our NEC Liaisons, Mr. Kelly of Florida and Mr. Hanson of Indiana. And lastly, former chairman, Mr. Hill, for his continued guidance during this transition. After the Pre-NEC, we see how that is going so far! But seriously, thank you, Bill.

The Convention Finance Committee met yesterday at 11:30 AM. We had 21 Detachment representatives and four additional guests. We discussed that there are funds to cover the costs of this year's convention. There were no Resolutions to consider.

With no further discussion regarding this matter, we closed the meeting.

Commander, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving. As a delegate of the 52nd National Convention, from the Land of Lincoln, Illinois, I make a motion to accept the Convention Finance Committee report.

**NATIONAL VA&R CONVENTION
COMMITTEE REPORT
August 23 – 25, 2024
New Orleans, La.**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10 am in room 205 of the NOLA Convention Center. There were 40 members in attendance representing 25 detachments.

The chairman gave a recap of the commission's year:

OCW – comfort Items – part of JR's squadron 4 pillars challenge

NVCAF – National Veterans Creative Arts Festival -using the arts for rehab

Women Veterans & the R.I.S.E. PGM – pgm to help /w PTSD & MST

NVAD – National Veterans Assistance Day - May 18,2024 the 17th year that the SAL have been promoting this project.

Widows & Widowers luncheons –Alabama pgm bring spouses together

Fisher House – home away from home, 93 US, 2 Germany, 1 UK, serving 445,000 military & veteran families, saving them \$575 mil

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE: Wash conf was Feb 24 – 28, 2024, this was the first time ever that the entire commission was called in to the conference. And that is because the National VA&R Commission will no longer be meeting at the NEC's.

As is usual with this conference there is an incredible amount of information that is provided. There was so much info coming from Veterans Health Admin (VHA), Veterans Benefits Admin (VBA), & National Cemetery Admin (NCA), & private organizations working with VA. It was hard for all of us to take notes, let alone try to listen. Thankfully there is a link for all the presentations & it is:

[Legion.org/Washington conference/presentations](https://legion.org/Washington-conference/presentations)

The chairman mentioned 2 things that stuck out at the conference., **1)** the VA invested in research over a decade ago in 3D printing Today they can print dentures in days in what used to take months, they can print a patient's organs & study them prior to surgery. Printing limbs isn't to far away, along with organs for transplants. **2)** Compassionate Contact Corp, essentially buddy checks. The volunteer after some training is paired with a homebound veteran. And they call in weekly to check up on their veteran. The duration of the call is up to the veteran & volunteer. Everythin is don over the phone & you are credited hospital volunteer hours.

VAVS – Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service -had a goal of having representation in 55 VAMC's this year. The commission started the year at 29, we are currently at 35 VAMC's. We had 2 dozen past applications that did not get process correctly from our original certifying body or there were issues with the local VA submitting those certifications to VACO. And of those, 11 have been recertified. I am waiting on responses for the rest of them. So that should bring our number to 46 VAMC's with SAL

representation.

National Advisory Committee (NAC) – the SAL is part of this Federally mandated committee. One of over 100 VSOs across the country & we are a voting member. We are also a part of the Executive Board, 1 of 25 that serve on this body. We provide recommendations to the Sec of VA for the betterment of our Veterans.

AWARDS

KIRBY KEPLER MEMORIAL – SQUADRON – Cookeville Sqd 46, Cookeville, Tn

ALLEN I. O'BRIAN MEMORIAL – DISTRICT – 5th District Texas

EARL WEBSTER MEMORIAL – DETACHMENT - Ohio

CHARLES B. RIGSBY - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – Martin Widmer (18 y/o) – Audubon, Nj. He also won the National VEE commission's Marvin Nay award.

To end the meeting the chairman had a Q & A session.

Respectfully Submitted
Bruno "T" Williamson
Detachment VA&R Chairman

National Convention Membership Committee Report

The National Membership Committee met Friday 1130am August 23,2024 at the Convention Center in New Orleans. Tom Scully (TX) was recognized for his work this past year in the Southwest region for his 105.62% with membership. Which Southwest region reached 1st place.

Arizona explained how they have improved processing cards cutting out Department. Each Squadron has a briefcase with equipment to process membership cards. Cost is \$400 per briefcase, and they can process 100 cards an hour.

Illinois received a National Membership award with 101.5% for membership.

For God and Country

Wayne Madson
Sr Vice Commander
Detachment of Illinois

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Convention Committee for Internal Affairs met on Friday, August 23, 2024.

Chairman Bill Hill opened the meeting at 8:30 am.

There was a motion to approve National Convention Resolution #2, memorializing Past National Commander James Hartman. Motion was seconded and passed.

There was no other business to come before this Committee so meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Jeff Trout
Member
Convention Committee for Internal Affairs

Campaign for National Office
Detachment of Illinois
Financial Guidelines for Campaign

Once a candidate for National Office has been endorsed by the Detachment on the convention floor, and has been chosen as a leading candidate by National, the Finance Commission becomes the governing body over the financial affairs of said campaign with the following rules which may at times be added to or amended by the Commission.

1. Once a candidate is approved by the National Organization, he should by the next DEC meeting, present to the Finance Commission an estimate of the cost of his campaign advertising whether it be brochures, pens or other give a way's.
2. All funds for said campaign will be handled by the Detachment Finance Officer and reported to the Finance Commission at all meetings or upon request by any governing body.
3. All requests for reimbursement must be on an expense form and must include itemized receipts.
4. Pop, snacks, magazines, newspapers, tobacco products or alcohol and other nonessentials are not reimbursable necessities. Drinks at a SAL function will be covered.
5. Upgrades to first class will be at the expense of the candidate. If a candidate has a medical situation, then prior approval must be submitted to the committee with documentation.
6. Car repairs during your travels is not covered.

7. Companion traveling is at their own expense.
8. Your expenses for the time of the visit with a Detachment will be covered but if you decide to spend more days there, it will not be reimbursed. This is not a vacation, but a business trip.
9. Any flights outside the contiguous 48 states must have the finance Commissions approval ahead of time with a show of do cause.
- 10.-A monthly itinerary must be given to finance chairman in advance of travel.
The chairman can by e-mail get approval from the committee.

Remember, the funds in the Candidate Account is not there to try to use it all. Think of the future candidates who will also need monies in their campaign down the road.

APPROVED: _____



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion Squadron # 979 of Bartonville, Illinois, has been a gracious host to the regular meeting of the Fall Executive Committee Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Of Illinois, on September 28, 2024, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion, wish to express our appreciation of the courtesies extended to them by their host, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Commander of Sons of The American Legion Squadron # 979 in indication of the sentiments of the members of the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion.

The above resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the members of The Executive Committee, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, in meeting assembled on September 28, 2024, in Bartonville, Illinois.

Attest:

*Rick Allen, Detachment Commander
Sons of The American Legion*

*Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant
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