

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

**2024 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
American Legion Post 120, Effingham
March 30, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

- Detachment Commander appointed Jack Brown as Temporary Chaplain
- Detachment Commander Mike Vozar called the meeting to order at 1215 hrs.
- The colors were in place, hand salute rendered.
- 5th Division Chaplain Jack Brown gave the prayer.
 - Jack asked for a moment of silence for 2nd Division Commander Jeff Haddick and his family.
- Detachment 5th Division Commander Wayne Madson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Commander Vozar led the POW/MIA Ceremony. Detachment Sgt-At-Arms Glenn Kraemer placed the flag on the empty chair.
- Detachment Sr Vice Commander Rick Allen 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

PDC's present: O'Connell, Stillwell, Slevin Sr., Williamson, Ray, Hunter, Shipley, Hayse, Stander, Trout

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	P/E/A		P/E/A		P/E/A
Commander Vozar	P	2nd Dist Cmdr	A	15th Dist Cmdr	A
Sr Vice Allen	P	2nd Dist Sr Vice	A	15th Dist Sr	A
NEC Hayse	P	2nd Dist Jr Vice	A	15th Dist Jr	A
ANEC O'Connell	P	3rd Dist Cmdr	P	16th Dist Cmdr	A
Adjutant Van Horn	P	3rd Dist Sr	A	16th Dist Sr Vice	
Asst Adjutant Gort	E	3rd Dist Jr	A	16th Dist Jr Vice	
Finance Officer Stander	P	4th Dist Cmdr	A	17th Dist Cmdr	P
Judge Advocate Trout	P	4th Dist Sr	A	17th Dist Sr	A
Judge Advocate Emeritus Stillwell	P	4th Dist Jr	A	17th Dist Jr	A
Parliamentarian Cisna	E	5th Dist Cmdr	A	18th Dist Cmdr	P
Chaplain Nemanich	E	5th Dist NC		18th Dist	
Historian Hollis	P	5th Dist NC		18th Dist Jr	A
Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer	P	7th Dist Cmdr	A	19th Dist Cmdr	P
Cmdr's Sgt-At-Arms Boyd	P	7th Dist Sr	A	19th Dist Sr	E
Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms McDermott	A	7th Dist Jr	A	19th Dist	
1st Div Sgt-At-Arms Hayse	P	8th Dist Cmdr	P	20th Dist NC	NC
2nd Div Sgt-At Arms Nannini	P	8th Dist Sr	A	20th Dist NC	NC
2nd Div Sgt-At Arms Schuppner	A	8th Dist Jr	A	20th Dist NC	NC
4th Div Sgt-At-Arms Shipley	P	9th Dist Cmdr	A	21st Dist Cmdr	A
4th Div Sgt-At-Arms C. Friedman	E	9th Dist		21st Dist Sr	A
5th Div Sgt-At-Arms Wylie	A	9th Dist Jr	P	21st Dist Jr	A
Cmdr's Aide Schuppner	A	10th Dist Cmdr	A	22nd Dist Cmdr	A
Cmdr's Aide Madson	P	10th Dist Sr	A	22nd Dist Sr	P
Sr Vice Aide Young	P	10th Dist Jr	P	22nd Dist Jr	A
1st Div Cmdr Hunter	P	11th Dist Cmdr	A	23rd Dist Cmdr	P
1st Div Sr Hudson	P	11th Dist Sr	P	23rd Dist Sr	A
2nd Div Cmdr Haddick	E	11th Dist Jr	A	23rd Dist Jr	P
2nd Div Sr Hollis	P	12th Dist Cmdr	A	24th Dist Cmdr	P
2nd Div Jr Bacon	A	12th Dist Sr	A	24th Dist	
3rd Div Cmdr Garrett Slevin Sr	P	12th Dist Jr	A	24th Dist	
4th Div Cmdr Monroe	P	13th Dist Cmdr	A	25th Dist Cmdr	A
4th Div Sr Friedman	P	13th Dist Sr	A	25th Dist	
4th Div Jr Link	A	13th Dist Jr	A	25th Dist	
5th Div Cmdr Madson	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Sr Trout	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Wylie	A	14th Dist NC	NC		

1st Division Advisor Stinson	P
2nd Division Advisor Geary	E
3rd Division Advisor Davis	E
4th Division Advisor Reed - VC	P
5th Division Advisor Flanagan - C	P

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JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS

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

MINUTES OF DETACHMENT WINTER DEC

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer introduced the guests, including SAL National Commander Don Hall, Jr (MD).

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

There were no Resolutions submitted for the DEC. Judge Advocate Trout was appointed as Chairman in case something was submitted and to handle the Hospitality Resolutions.

FINANCE REPORT

Detachment Finance Officer Stander asked if there were any questions regarding the printed finance report. He then discussed the importance of filling out expense report form correctly and timely. Stander also stated that any donation checks are to be made out to the Detachment of Illinois and in the memo section, note the charity where the funds are to be allocated to. Stander stated if checks are not done like this, they will be returned. Motion by 19th District Commander Shipley to accept, subject to audit, with the second, motion passed.

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DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORTS

First, Second (Sr Vice), Fourth and Fifth Division Commander's gave reports on their efforts.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES & #1 PINS

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Allen presented the #1 Pins:

He awarded those winners to the following:

Division Winner 1st Division at 101.81%

District Winners:

1 st Division	3 rd District at 120.54%
2 nd Division	11 th District at 100.87%
3 rd Division	16 th District at 92.36%
4 th Division	17 th District at 100.22%
5 th Division	24 th District at 94.07%

Allen commented about the Committee meeting. Ideas were discussed about different fundraising ideas and membership retention. IRA's and Blue Brigade were discussed. Also discussed where the importance of filling out Squadron, District and Division certifications correctly. SDR & CSR's must be included with certifications, or a copy if submitted online.

STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE MINUTES

Americanism Commission

Commission Chairman Hayse delivered the report.

Children & Youth Commission

Chairman Hollis delivered his report.

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National Security

Chairman O'Connell delivered the report.

Legislative Commission

Chairman Kraemer delivered the report.

Leadership & Training Commission

Chairman Wayne Madson delivered the report.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman Hudson read the report.

Public Relations Commission

Commission member Bill Hollis delivered the report.

Finance Commission

Chairman Trout delivered his report. Motion by 24th District Commander Trout accept the Finance Commission report, including up to \$950 out of overage for Commander Vozar's trip to National Commander Hall's Homecoming.

Commander's Advisory

Committee Chairman Trout gave the report. Included in the report was a motion for the Detachment to run a cash raffle, starting at 2024 Detachment Convention, with winners drawn at Detachment Commander's Homecoming and all expenses incurred with raffle. Also a motion to pass on the following names to NEC Hayse to submit to National for consideration for appointments: for National Commander, Jeff Trout; National Vice Commander, Harl Ray; MTD, Bill Hollis; Legislative, Larry Miller; CWF, Phil Stander; Children & Youth, Jeff Trout; Americanism, Mike Vozar; VA&R, Bruno Williamson; Finance, Jeff Van Horn.

Motion by 3rd Division Commander Slevin, Sr, to accept all reports, with the second, passed.

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

5th Division, \$250 to Honor Flight Marion
23rd District, \$250 to Honor Flight St Louis
23rd District, \$250 to Illinois Disaster Relief
23rd District, \$250 to Police School
Squadron 979, \$100 to NEF
Squadron 979, \$500 to Illinois Disaster Relief
Squadron 489, \$300 to Honor Flight Chicago
1st Division, \$200 to Honor Flight Chicago
Squadron 287, \$100 to Honor Flight Land of Lincoln
FINE, \$20 to Honor Flight
Squadron 90, \$150 to Red Cross
Squadron 615, \$10 to CWF
Squadron 122, \$400 to National Commander's Challenge
FINE, \$5 to CWF
ANEC Kevin O'Connell, \$95 to Honor Flight Chicago

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Presented Hospitality Resolutions to Post 120 Family.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

NEC Hayse discussed the importance of the SDR's and CSR's.

NEW BUSINESS

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn read off the Charter Actions:

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Any actions we submit to Department after our Spring DEC will either have a cancellation or extension to June 1, 2024. At the Pre-Convention DEC, those extensions will be reviewed and will have action again. They will be cancelled at that point unless they are in good standing.

The following Squadrons are **NOT CERTIFIED and/or UNDER 10 MEMBERS**

2nd District, Squadron 473 Chicago/Lincoln Square — 0 members, 2023 10 members

4th District, Squadron 271 Chicago Darius-Girenas (*not certified*)

5th District, Squadron 488 Riverside — 2 members, 2023 21 members

10th District, Squadron 1170 Round Lake Park — 0 members, 2023 10 members

11th District, Squadron 391 Lombard — 1 member, 2023 13 members

11th District, Squadron 521 Steger (*not certified*)

12th District, Squadron 1010 Kingston — 0 members, 2023 17 members

15th District, Squadron 17 Ipava — 4 members, 2023 22 members

23rd District, Squadron 380 St Peter — 0 members, 2023 20 members

The following Squadrons have **10 MEMBERS OR LESS**

11th District, Squadron 1200 Monee — 9 members, 2023 10 members

12th District, Squadron 675 Oswego — 7 members, 2023 10 members

14th District, Squadron 189 Alexis — 5 members, 2023 10 members

16th District, Squadron 448 Minier — 0 members, 2023 10 members

18th District, Squadron 566 Greenup — 7 members, 2023 10 members

18th District, Squadron 766 Bradley — 1 member, 2023 12 members

22nd District, Squadron 435 Glen Carbon — 9 members, 2023 15 members

22nd District, Squadron 665 St Jacob — 9 members, 2023 15 members

22nd District, Squadron 58 Belleville — 0 members, 2023 20 members

22nd District, Squadron 137 O'Fallon — 8 members, 2023 11 members

24th District, Squadron 1141 New Haven — 4 members, 2023 18 members

24th District, Squadron 176 Fairfield — 0 members, 2023 10 members

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Motion by 3rd Division Commander Slevin, Sr, to forward the Charter Actions to Department for their Spring DEC, with the second, passed.

NEC Hayse reviewed National requests:

National Officer Requests

- Butch Ray, National Vice Commander 2024-25.
 - Motion by: NEC, 2nd 24th District Commander
 - Pass

- Jeff Trout, National Commander
 - Motion by: NEC, 2nd by 5th Division Commander
 - Pass

National Commission/Committee Requests

Existing C/C member requests that need renewal:

- Bruno Williamson - VA&R Chairman
 - Motion by: NEC, 2nd by 1st Division Commander
 - Pass

- Jeff Trout - Children & Youth
 - Motion by: NEC, second by 19th District Commander
 - Pass

- Phil Stander - CWF Consultant (either Consultant or Member)
 - Motion by: NEC, seconded by 24th District Commander
 - Pass

- Jeff Van Horn - Finance Commission Vice Chair
 - Motion by: NEC, seconded by 19th District Commander
 - Pass

New C/C member requests:

- Bill Hollis – Membership, Training & Development
 - Motion by: NEC, seconded by 1st Division Commander
 - Pass

- Larry Miller - Legislative Commission
 - Motion by: NEC, seconded by 24th District Commander
 - Pass

- Mike Vozar – Americanism
 - Motion by: NEC, 24th District Commander
 - Pass

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Vozar spoke of his year so far. Stated he is very proud and honored to be representing the Detachment and membership at all Legion Family events. Emphasized importance of recruiting and retaining, along with communication.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

NEC Hayse introduced National Commander Don Hall, Jr from Maryland. Commander Hall spoke about his programs and how he represents "more than me." Commander Hall asked everyone to think about "who is your why?" Commander Hall also presented Marshall Squadron 90 with his Commander's Challenge certificate, the first Squadron in Illinois to achieve his challenge. After his speech, the Detachment presented Commander Hall with a Lincoln Penny collection.

Various people mentioned upcoming events.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

Chairman Flanagan stated he has no report.

Closing & Benediction

- Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer did the 50-50 Raffle. A total of \$190 was collected, with \$90 going to winner Kevin O'Connell, who donated entire amount to Honor Flight Chicago.
- Jack Trout gave a closing prayer.
- Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer retrieved the POW/MIA flag.
- The Colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.
- Commander Vozar adjourned the meeting at 1415.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant



DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS

2024 Spring DEC

March 30, 2024

American Legion Post 120

Effingham, Illinois

Mike Vozar, Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Adjutant



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2024 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Detachment Commander	Legislative Commission
POST THE COLORS	S.A.L. Leadership Training Commission
INVOCATION Detachment Chaplain	Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Host Division Commander	GTTY Promoter Poppy Promoter VE&E Promoter VAVS Promoter
POW/MIA CEREMONY Detachment Commander Detachment Sgt-At-Arms	Public Relations Commission
PREAMBLE Detachment Senior Vice Commander	Finance Commission 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 Charter Actions
FINANCE REPORT Detachment Finance Officer	FOR THE GOOD OF THE S.A.L. National Commander Don Hall, Jr. - MD Guests Remarks Other items
MEMBERSHIP REPORT & ACTIVITIES Presentation of #1 Pin's Detachment Senior Vice-Commander	ADVISOR's REMARKS
STANDING COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES	50-50 DRAWING
Americanism Commission Boys State Promoter Flag Alliance Promoter Contest Promoter Legacy Scholarship Promoter	CLOSING Detachment Commander
Children & Youth Commission Child Welfare Promoter	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



National Commander
Donald L. "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)
Bio



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Donald Lee "JR" Hall, Jr. has been a member of the Sons of The American Legion for over 20 years before being elected national commander in 2023. He is eligible through his grandfather, Ed Hall, an Army, World War II veteran.

Hall, and his wife, Margie, have been married 38 years and together they have three children and seven grandchildren. They all enjoy spending family time together as often as they can.

Volunteering has always been a part of Hall's life. He began coaching youth sports at age 18 and did so for over 25 years. He then turned his focus to the Sons of The American Legion.

He is a member of Glen Burnie Squadron 40 in Maryland, where he has held most offices and still volunteers regularly. He worked his way through the Southern Maryland District as vice commander and commander in 2011.

On the detachment level he has served as sergeant at arms, vice commander and in 2014/15 as the detachment commander. Hall also serves on the Detachment Internal Affairs Committee and the Detachments Mentorship Committee for future leaders. He has taught youth classes at SAL conventions and meetings for the last several years.

On the national level, Hall has served on the SAL Internal Affairs Commission and the Americanism Commission, where he was the chairman for three years. During his time as chairman the Americanism Commission and Children and Youth Committee, Hall organized the first ever youth room at a national convention in 2019.

He enjoys working with others and offering ideas and planning. He believes in The Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Family.

"We can all make things better by working together," Hall said.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald L. Hall, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald L. "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)
National Commander
Sons of The American Legion
"Representing More Than Me"

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

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A time of honoring and reflection

March - 2024

As we gathered in the lobby of the Washington Hilton with all the wreaths for the many detachments to lay at the memorials in honor of their family's service, I asked that everyone remember their "Why" and reflect on why they are a Son and who their membership honors. Then we left as a group of over 180 to pay tribute as a Legion Family together.

As I sat by myself briefly to gather my thoughts at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier, before laying our wreath to represent the Sons of The American Legion and my grandfather's service, my thought was, "What an honor to represent my family and our organization." I was so honored to share this with my wife Margie by my side and friends sharing the special moment; I cannot explain that feeling. To be there and honor the service of so many of our men and women that sacrificed for our country. I ask myself, what made me worthy of such a great act? I can't answer that question, but I will thank every member of the Sons that helped me get to this position.

This day was not a day to go through the motions, but a day to remember why we do this every year. Honoring our families, our country's patriots and heroes is exactly why we are there, and why we come back every year to reflect and be thankful for all that our armed forces have done to make America the great country it is today.

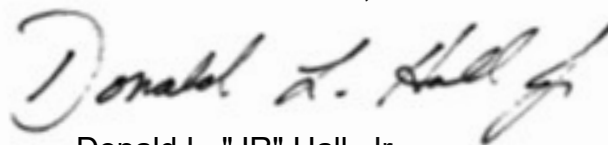
The many wreaths that were placed at the Vietnam, Korean and World War II memorials were all symbols of a Legion Family that appreciates and remembers the service and sacrifices made by so many. What a proud moment to lead our group carrying wreaths through many that watched and wondered why. Those that watched and listened to us pray, reflect, and give thanks might have learned something. We hope they understand that the Sons of The American Legion and the entire Legion Family still honor and respect our country's heroes.

We must never forget all the conflicts and wars that made us who we are.

We must continue to honor and remember the sacrifices of so many.

Never forget your why, and always represent your why.

God Bless The USA,



Donald L. "JR" Hall, Jr.

National Commander

Sons of The American Legion

" Representing More Than Me "

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Balance Sheet
As of March 18, 2024

	<u>Mar 18, 24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Annual Donations	14,689.70
Children and Youth	791.57
EDWARD JONES	
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - A	7,814.14
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - C	14,826.02
INVESTMENT CO OF AMERICA...	16,957.21
INVESTMENT CO. OF AMERICA...	18,459.52
Total EDWARD JONES	58,056.89
National Candidate fund	34,562.77
Overage Savings	53,725.16
SAL General Checking	62,179.56
Scholarships	21,568.64
Total Checking/Savings	<u>245,574.29</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>245,574.29</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>245,574.29</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	205,037.44
Retained Earnings	133,101.41
Net Income	-92,564.56
Total Equity	<u>245,574.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>245,574.29</u>

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Budget vs. Actual
 August 2023 through July 2024

	Aug '23 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
Income			
100000 - INCOME			
110000 - PER-CAPITA	60,494.50	70,000.00	-9,505.50
120000 - INTEREST	2,394.95	20.00	2,374.95
130000 - CONVENTION			
130001 - REGISTRATION	315.00	800.00	-485.00
Total 130000 - CONVENTION	315.00	800.00	-485.00
140000 - TRANSFER FROM OVERAGE	0.00	15,263.00	-15,263.00
150000 - OTHER			
150001 - SWEEPSTAKES	798.62	2,500.00	-1,701.38
150002 - MISC	10,397.68		
Total 150000 - OTHER	11,196.30	2,500.00	8,696.30
170000 - INVESTMENT	8,252.42		
Total 100000 - INCOME	82,653.17	88,583.00	-5,929.83
160000 - DONATION SAVINGS			
160005 - CHILD WELFARE FNDD.	1,836.00		
160025 - COMMANDERS PROJECT	-1,968.00		
160028 - HONOR FLIGHT	4,030.00		
160033 - MISC.	100.00		
Total 160000 - DONATION SAVINGS	3,998.00		
Total Income	86,651.17	88,583.00	-1,931.83
Expense			
010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT			
010006 - MISC.	137,183.65		
010010 - 5 YEAR CARDS	0.00	2,515.00	-2,515.00
010011 - NAT. REPORTS	800.00		
Total 010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT	137,983.65	2,515.00	135,468.65
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	1,130.70	1,750.00	-619.30
202102 - FINANCE OFFICER	116.59	1,250.00	-1,133.41
202103 - HISTORIAN	0.00	100.00	-100.00
202104 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	150.00	-150.00
202106 - SERVICE OFFICER	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 202000 - SUPPLIES	1,247.29	3,300.00	-2,052.71
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	143.97	250.00	-106.03
Total 204100 - NAME TAGS	143.97	250.00	-106.03

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Budget vs. Actual
August 2023 through July 2024

	Aug '23 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
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
204300 - PLAQUES			
204301 - PAST COMMANDER	0.00	50.00	-50.00
204302 - DIV. MEMBER OF THE YR.	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 204300 - PLAQUES	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 204000 - NAME TAGS, PLAQS, PINS	143.97	4,200.00	-4,056.03
207000 - ACCOUNT EXPENSES			
207100 - NAT. CAND. FUND	909.15		
207104 - CHILD WELFARE FNDD.	2,645.00		
207107 - GIFTS TO YANKS	5,582.80		
207109 - NAT. EMERGENCY FUND	560.00		
207110 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS	550.00		
207124 - LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP	211.00		
207126 - OP. COMFORTWARRIOR	1,030.00		
207128 - COMMANDERS PROJECT	-1,968.00		
207133 - MISC.	600.00		
207134 - IL. DISASTER RELIEF	490.00		
Total 207000 - ACCOUNT EXPENSES	10,609.95		
Total 200000 - GENERAL ADMIN. EXPENSE	12,001.21	7,900.00	4,101.21
207300 - MANDATED			
207301 - SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	7,108.00	-7,108.00
207303 - ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
207304 - ANNUAL AUDIT	0.00	1,900.00	-1,900.00
Total 207300 - MANDATED	1,500.00	10,508.00	-9,008.00
208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES			
208001 MONTHLY CHARGES	35.00		
208002 CHECKS	194.12	175.00	19.12
Total 208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES	229.12	175.00	54.12
270000 - INVESTMENT	3,140.00		
300000 - FUNCTIONING EXPENSES			
301000 - ELECTED OFFICERS			
301001 - COMMANDER	1,258.42	3,500.00	-2,241.58
301002 - SR. VICE COMMANDER	747.32	3,000.00	-2,252.68
301003 - N.E.C.	489.59	900.00	-410.41
301004 - A.N.E.C.	322.14	900.00	-577.86
3010205 - IM. PAST. COMMANDER	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Total 301000 - ELECTED OFFICERS	2,817.47	8,750.00	-5,932.53
302000 - APPOINTED OFFICERS			
302001 - ADJUTANT	691.75	1,750.00	-1,058.25
302002 - ASSIST. ADJUTANT #1	0.00	500.00	-500.00
302003 - FINANCE OFFICER	782.27	1,000.00	-217.73
302004 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302005 - JUDGE ADVOCATE	222.00	450.00	-228.00
302006 - HISTORIAN	100.00	450.00	-350.00
302008 - PARLIAMENTARIAN	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302009 - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302011 - SERVICE OFFICER	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302014 - COMMANDERS AIDE #1	238.89	300.00	-61.11
302015 - COMMANDERS AIDE #2	27.00	300.00	-273.00
302016 - SR. VICE AIDE	0.00	450.00	-450.00
302017 - COMM. SRGT AT ARMS #1	0.00	300.00	-300.00

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302018 - COMM. SRGT AT ARMS #2	0.00	300.00	-300.00
302019 - SR. VICE SRGT at ARMS	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Total 302000 - APPOINTED OFFICERS	2,061.91	8,050.00	-5,988.09
303000 - COMMISSIONS			
303101 - FINANCE PLANNING	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 303000 - COMMISSIONS	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
304000 - COMMITTEES			
304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING			
304101 - CONVENTION SITE	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
304102 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING	300.00	1,300.00	-1,000.00
Total 304000 - COMMITTEES	300.00	1,300.00	-1,000.00
306000 - NATIONAL CONVENTION			
306001 - REGISTRATION FEES	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
306002 - DELEGATE ALLOWANCES	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
306003 - LUNCHEON	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
306004 - NAT. CON. DEL. SEC.	550.00	550.00	0.00
306006 - DELEGATION CHAIRMAN	400.00	400.00	0.00
306008 - INCOMING COMMANDER	550.00	550.00	0.00
Total 306000 - NATIONAL CONVENTION	8,000.00	10,450.00	-2,450.00
Total 300000 - FUNCTIONING EXPENSES	13,179.38	29,550.00	-16,370.62
400000 - DETACHMENT CONVENTION			
401000 - HOUSING			
401001 - COMMANDER	0.00	500.00	-500.00
401002 - REGISTRAR	0.00	300.00	-300.00
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	500.00	-500.00
Total 401004 - SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	0.00	590.00	-590.00
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	450.00	-450.00
401010 - FINANCE OFFICER	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401012 - PARLIAMENTARIAN	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401015 - IMD PAST COMMANDER	0.00	450.00	-450.00
401016 - NEC	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401017 - ANEC	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401018 - GIFTS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
401019 - ASSIST. ADJUTANT	0.00	300.00	-300.00
401020 - SR VICE COM. CANDIDATE	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 401000 - HOUSING	0.00	5,990.00	-5,990.00
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	6,290.00	-6,290.00

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500000 - MEMBERSHIP			
501000 - DIVISION COMMANDERS			
501100 - COMMANDERS (5)	164.04	1,500.00	-1,335.96
501200 - SEN. VICE COMM. (5)	300.00	750.00	-450.00
Total 501000 - DIVISION COMMANDERS	464.04	2,250.00	-1,785.96
502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS			
502100 - COMMANDERS / CHMN (23)	305.20	2,760.00	-2,454.80
502200 - SR VICE COMMANDER (23)	50.00	1,150.00	-1,100.00
Total 502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS	355.20	3,910.00	-3,554.80
503000 - CARAVAN			
503003 - NATIONAL CARAVAN	4,582.27	5,000.00	-417.73
Total 503000 - CARAVAN	4,582.27	5,000.00	-417.73
504000 - AWARDS			
504001 - CITATIONS & PLAQUES	0.00	500.00	-500.00
504003 - BREAKFAST & JACKET	207.04	660.00	-452.96
504004 - MEMBERSHIP AWARDS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
504005 - COMMANDERS SHIRT	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 504000 - AWARDS	207.04	2,360.00	-2,152.96
Total 500000 - MEMBERSHIP	5,608.55	13,520.00	-7,911.45
600000 - DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS			
601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE			
601101 - WREATH & RECEPTION	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
601200 - COMMANDER			
601203 - EXPENSES	242.46	300.00	-57.54
Total 601200 - COMMANDER	242.46	300.00	-57.54
601300 - NEC			
601303 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601300 - NEC	0.00	300.00	-300.00
601400 - HISTORIAN			
601403 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
601400 - HISTORIAN - Other	192.68		
Total 601400 - HISTORIAN	192.68	300.00	-107.32
601500 - ADJUTANT			
601501 - EXPENSES	290.36	300.00	-9.64
Total 601500 - ADJUTANT	290.36	300.00	-9.64
601600 - SR VICE COMM.			
6016001 - EXPENSES	294.48	300.00	-5.52
Total 601600 - SR VICE COMM.	294.48	300.00	-5.52
601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE			
601903 - EXPENSES	203.00	500.00	-297.00
601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE - Other	239.29		
Total 601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE	442.29	500.00	-57.71
Total 601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE	1,462.27	4,000.00	-2,537.73
602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.			
602100 - COMMANDER			
602103 - EXPENSES	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 602100 - COMMANDER	300.00	300.00	0.00

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602200 - HISTORIAN			
60203 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 602200 - HISTORIAN	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.	300.00	600.00	-300.00
603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER			
603100 - COMMANDER OR SR. VICE			
603103 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603100 - COMMANDER OR SR. VICE	0.00	200.00	-200.00
603200 - HISTORIAN			
603201 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603200 - HISTORIAN	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER	0.00	400.00	-400.00
605000 - AUX. PATRIOTIC CONF.			
605100 - COMMANDER	0.00	200.00	-200.00
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	0.00	100.00	-100.00
609100 - DEPT. COMMANDERS GIFT - Other	100.00		
Total 609100 - DEPT. COMMANDERS GIFT	100.00	100.00	0.00
609200 - DEPT. PRESIDENTS GIFT			
609201 - DETACHMENT COMMANDER	89.27	100.00	-10.73
Total 609200 - DEPT. PRESIDENTS GIFT	89.27	100.00	-10.73
Total 609000 - HOMECOMINGS	189.27	200.00	-10.73
Total 600000 - DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS	1,951.54	5,950.00	-3,998.46
700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT			
710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE			
710101 - WREATH	200.00	175.00	25.00
710102 - PRESENTOR OF WREATH	1,196.78	1,500.00	-303.22
710103 - BUS TRIP & MEALS	25.50	50.00	-24.50
710104 - AMERICANISM CONFERENCE	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE	1,422.28	2,025.00	-602.72

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790000 - HOMECOMINGS			
790100- NAT SAL COMMANDERS GIFT			
790101 - COMMANDERS GIFT	0.00	250.00	-250.00
790109 - PRESENTER OF GIFT	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Total 790100- NAT SAL COMMANDERS GIFT	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total 790000 - HOMECOMINGS	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total 700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT	1,422.28	2,625.00	-1,202.72
900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
901000 - CONTINGENCY			
901001 - MTG. CALL PAY	2,200.00	8,550.00	-6,350.00
901099 - MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 901000 - CONTINGENCY	2,200.00	8,750.00	-6,550.00
908000 - NATIONAL HOSPITALITY	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total 900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	2,200.00	9,550.00	-7,350.00
Total Expense	179,215.73	88,583.00	90,632.73
Net Income	-92,564.56	0.00	-92,564.56

Americanism Commission

The Americanism Commission met via zoom March 7th at 7:03 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Hayse and First Division member Kevin O'Connal. Also present on the call were Jeff Van Horn, Rick Allen, Phil Stander, John Nemanich, Jim Edwards, and Mark Westerhausen. Excused was fourth division Tommy Cisna.

Opening prayer was given by John Nemanich, Chairman Hayse made his opening remarks and welcomed all attending.

Under religious emphasis uh John Nemanich noted there were a lot of wakes and he handed out cards to ill people.

Under Boys State Mike Vozar stated that June 8th through the 14th will be boys state at EIU at Charleston registration fees \$400.

Rick Allen reported oratorical was held March 1st and 2nd at the Springfield Lincoln hotel. Friday, they opened up with the oratorical at 4:30 with a meet and greet followed by pizza party for the contestants. They resumed Saturday morning for breakfast at 7:30 after the meal they started into the contest. 4 contestants from Naperville 3 ladies and one gentleman the program lasted till 1:00 PM they spoke on the on the constitution on the 10-minute speech the second speech was a was the 25th amendment Section 3 the speech that took 5 minutes there will be talk on change this year in getting it's getting really expensive to hold the oratorical in Springfield.

Chairman Hayse then spoke on national Americanism goals. Number one, to increase Boys State participation by 10% #2 increase flag education programs by 10% #3 support flying flags for heroes' program by increasing detachment participation by 10%. Chairman Hayes then stated that American Legion Family Day is April 27th, 2024, the role of Americanism discussed the guidance sheet and how well it was received the sheet post was shared nearly 100 times from the Americanism Facebook page.

There was no old business under new business discussion guest Michael Westerhausen spoke on American Legion baseball and said to get any information go to the website americanlegionbaseball.org.

Chairman Hayse gave his closing remarks recruit for Boys State, turn in your CSR forms. Closing prayer was given and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted Paul Hayse, Chairman Americanism.

Children & Youth Report

The Spring Detachment Children and Youth Committee Meeting was held on Thursday March 7th and called to order at 7:32pm 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 – Absent

Member: Eugene Gort – Absent

Member: Garrett Slevin, Sr. – Present

Member: Larry Miller – Present

Promoter: Phil Stander – Present

Guests

Detachment Commander – Mike Vozar

Detachment Sr. Vice Commander – Rick Allen

Detachment Adjutant – Jeff Van Horn

Detachment ANEC – Kevin O’Connell

Detachment Chaplin – John Nemanich

Mike Westerhausen

Jimmy Edwards – Detachment of Indiana 2nd District Commander

Old Business

Butch sent a message about Kardz for kids “I haven't received many gift cards for the "Kards for Kids" promotion, so I'll have Jeff Van Horn include it in the next few mailings to maybe push it a bit.”

Update of “Stand Up for Kids” Sock program – Phil stated that there are only 15 pairs of socks left and they will all be sold.

Mini Golf / Bowling Tournament by Division would be on the same day, and it would foster comradery between Divisions, Districts, and members. We have made the collective decision to hold this over to the 2024 – 2025 year.

Vice Chairman Ray reported that the “**Stand up for Kids**” CWF Dress Socks Fundraiser was doing extremely well. A discussion was continued to explain that the Detachment of Illinois may order a new set of CWF Dress Socks with a different pattern and/or date to be sold during the next membership year to begin a tradition of an **Illinois “SET”** of CWF socks that may be available for CWF collectors everywhere!

Do not forget also about the Detachment “Kards for Kids” campaign. We are collecting small denomination gift cards such as from Caseys, Walmart, McDonalds, etc. To be distributed to families that are unfortunate enough to have children in the hospital. It is a small gesture to show these families that we care.

On the National level, the “Youth Academy” will once again be held on the Saturday afternoon at the SAL National Convention to be held in New Orleans, LA. All National Convention attendees who are bringing children to the American Legion Family National Convention are encouraged to enroll their children in the Academy's events. Junior American Legion Auxiliary members are welcome to attend as well. At this event they will work on the SAL 5 Star and 10 Ideals Programs.

New Business

Bill Hollis spoke to Dave Johnson before the meeting and Dave indicated that the sales were going very well and the last day to purchase a calendar either from the Department or a member must be postmarked by Friday March 15th, 2024.

The committee spoke about the C&Y scholarship program, and it was noted that \$0.50 per member gets contributed to this fund and currently there is \$20K in the scholarship fund. It was noted that the majority of the applications will be received in the mail in the month of May.

Phil Stander noted that the last day for donations to CWF is May 31st and Commander Mike Vozar was asked if he wanted to present a check at the next NEC and he agreed it would be a good idea to present the check.

CWF is also selling aprons again this year but in both colors, black and red. As well as a double wall tumbler.

Guest Comments

There were none.

For The Good of The Sons

There were none.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

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**National Security
Meeting March 13th, 2024**

Zoom Meeting Held at 7:00pm

Attendees:

- 1) Kevin O'Connell, Chair
- 2) Zach Van Horn
- 3) Mike Vozar – SAL Commander
- 4) Jeff Van Horn – SAL Adjutant
- 5) Wade Hudson – Guest

Topics

- 1) Border Crossings, There has been a record number of illegal Immigrant border crossings over the last several years. Unfortunately, the immigrants are not being vetted properly, or not at all. As a result we have several released prisoners from other countries as well as gang members entering. Several notable violent crimes have occurred in the United States as a result. Many have violent criminal histories. Currently there is no plan to stop it. Drugs also are freely coming over the border. The Mexican Cartel is making money offering safe passage. Democratic run cities have adopted a defund the Police, and light on prosecution policies. As a result they have experienced an increase in crime.
- 2) World Tensions, China and North Korea are supplying ammunitions and weapons to Russia in the war with Ukraine. That war rages on. Israel is attacking Hamas inside Palestine. Many civilians are being killed. The U.S. has urged a cease fire however Israel isn't interested. Protest within the U.S. both sides continue. North Korea is threatening South Korea as well as the U.S.. China is also threatening Taiwan.
- 3) United States Security. The F.B.I. has issued a warning about possible attacks here from anti-American groups. Cyber-attacks continue on our infrastructure.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

1 message

Glenn Kraemer <salsquadron991@yahoo.com>
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Fri, Mar 22, 2024 at 6:17 PM

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS SPRING DEC 2024 - LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING REPORT

The Legislative Commission Zoom meeting was held Tuesday 03/05/24 at 7:00PM

Attendees

Glenn Kraemer - 1st Division - Chairman
Jeff Van Horn - Detachment Adjutant
Wayne Madson - 5th Divison - Vice Chairman
Rick Allen - 2nd Division - Commission Member
Phil Stander, Bill Hollis, Larry Miller, Mike Vozar, WadeThompson

Commission Members Absent

Mark Friedman - 3rd Division
Phil Shipley - 4th Division

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7PM. A brief review of the previous commission meeting took place with a focus on pending Acts currently in Congress being promoted by The American Legion National Legislative Division. Kraemer gave an overview of the status of each act since being introduced in either the House or Senate.

Love Lives On Act - Introduced in Senate 4/25/23 - read twice and buried in committee since with no action

Afghan Adjustment Act - Introduced in Senate 8/7/22 - read twice and buried in committee since with no action

Veteran Service Recognition Act - Introduced in House 6/3/22 - passed house 12/6/22 - buried in Senate committee ever since with no action

Expanding America's National Cemeteries Act - Introduced in House 3/7/23 - stuck in red tape of VA and Congressional Budget Office ever since

Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act - Introduced in Senate 3/9/23 - read twice, VA Hearings held 4/26/23 - no action since.

Pay our Coast Guard Parity Act - Introduced 4/18/23 - still buried in sub-committees

Major Richard Star Act - reported Bill to House 7/18/23 - no action since

Bill to REPEAL Authorizations for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) in place since the Iraq War which was declared over in 2011. Introduced in the Senate 2/9/23, passed Senate 4/29/23 - Held in the House ever since without discussion or vote.

Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act - Introduced in House 1/26/23 - passed House 12/5/23 - in Senate 12/6/23 - no action to date

Discussion was held in the meeting to continue to promote the Grass Roots Action Center & share the QR Code to make sign-up easy. Wayne Madson shared updates on this topic as well his understanding of the status of a few of the Bills listed above from the Legion side.

Mike Vozar gave a brief overview of his experiences at the Washington Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 for the beginning of the Leadership & Training Commission Zoom.

For God & Country,

Glenn Kraemer

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Jeff Van Horn <saljeffvh@gmail.com>

Minutes

1 message

Wayne <madsonwsr@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM

To: Jeff Van Horn <SALJeffVH@gmail.com>

SAL Leadership and Training

Meet Via Zoom Tuesday March 5, 2024

Present Glenn Kramer, Bill Hollis, Larry Miller, Tommie Cisna Vice Chairman, Wayne Madson Chairman Detachment Adjutant Jeff Van Horn, Detachment Sr Vice Rick Allen, Detachment Commander Mike Vozar, Guest Wade Hudson and Phil Stander

Meeting began at 7:30pm. Wayne mentioned about a Training Session that was held February 17 at Post 687 Stickney. We had 9 people present. Glenn Kramer and Bill Hollis were there assisting with the training with Detachment Commander Vozar present. Had good conversation with positive feedback from those attending and appreciated. After the session Commander Vozar and myself to assist the Squadron with their membership cards. Wayne brought up about getting a training guideline together for future reference. Jeff Van Horn mentioned about having a quick meeting for all District and Division Commanders after DEC at convention to give brief descriptions on their duties.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Wayne Madson

Chairman

SAL Leadership & Training

Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Illinois

Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Call

March 13, 2024, 7:30pm CST

Roll Call at 7:35pm

Committeemen:

Wade Hudson - Present Butch Ray - Excused

Stephen Wylie - Present Bill Seward- Absent

Ex-Officio Members

John Nemanich – Present Wayne Madson – Present

Jimmy Hunter – Excused

Hospital Reps

Bruno Williamson (VAVS) – Present Derrick Stinson – Excused

Stephen Wylie – Present John Nemanich – Present

Jimmy Hunter – Excused

Guests:

Commander Mike Vozar - Present Vice Commander Rick Allen - Present

Adjutant Van Horn - Present Past Commander/ANEC O'Connell - Present

NEC Hayse – Not Present

Old Business

- Veterans and Childrens Foundation:
- Honor Flight
- Buddy Checks
- Be The One

New Business

Dr. Robert Buckley, Hospital Director – Present

Chief of Volunteer Services – Present

Assistant of Volunteer Services – Present

Nine Volunteers – Present

One guest from the Red Cross - Present

We had a VAVS meeting on February 21, 2024, with the medical director, Dr. Robert Buckley and the Chief of Volunteer Services. This meeting took place at Captain James Lovell Hospital (Great Lakes). The meeting took place at 1:00pm in building 131, room 101. They spoke about:

- Joint commission visit and they received a five-star rating.
- Electronic health record appointment transition period. They are doing a joint task with the DOD. This started March 9, 2024.
- Outpatient dialysis will be hiring new doctors and moving to a bigger space to take care of veterans.

The chief of volunteer services spoke about:

- He gave congrats to Salute to Vets on sweetheart week. He thanked all the volunteers who set up for the event.
- He spoke about volunteer ID badges are five years.
- They are looking for drivers to pick up veterans and take them to appointments. Drivers must have a valid drivers license. Drivers have to take a physical exam but you cannot have diabetes.
- There will be more volunteers needed throughout the hospital.
- Hospital volunteers will walk the hospital floors to check on inpatient and volunteers must wear masks.

Chairman Wade Hudson spoke about:

- Vote 'No' for internet gaming.
- The free medical app for healthcare expansion to all veterans.
- The IRS says that veteran organizations are no longer a 501c3.
- Read the report from Derrick Stinson about Boys State.

Detachment VA&R Liasson's

Service Officer – vacant.

Gift to Yanks – Jimmy Hunter, not present.

Veterans Employment & Education

Poppy – Wayne Madson, gave update on poppies.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) – Bruno Williamson, spoke about five hospitals having a representative for VAVS. He needs to update the report from the detachment to national. Some names are not showing up on national.

Commander Mike Vozar, Detachment Commander, expressed his gratitude for the hard work. We need more people stepping up on the committees.

Past Commander O'Connell spoke about security.

Rick Allen spoke about membership and some squadrons are not certified.

Commander Wade Hudson closed the meeting by stating we should continue working together towards our goals and I will see you at the Spring DEC.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Hudson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Chairman Wade Hudson

Public Relations Commission

Public Relations met Sunday March 17, at 6:30pm. In attendance were members Eugene Gort(chairman), Larry Miller, and Bill Hollis. Also attending were Adjutant Van Horn, Commander Vozar, Sr. Vice Allen, and guest Phil Stander. I asked the members to write an article for future email blasts. We discussed the importance of getting Sergio some help with the website. I need to follow up with him about a member that was interested in volunteering to see if they were ever able to connect with each other. The meeting ended at about 6:50pm.

Finance Commission
March 24, 2024

Finance Commission met via Zoom on Monday, March 18, 2024. Since the Commander's Advisory was unable to take action due to a lack of a quorum the Finance Commission meeting was rescheduled for Sunday, March 24, 2024.

The Finance Commission met again via Zoom on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Commander's Advisory requested funds to operate a Detachment Cash Raffle.

Motion was made and seconded to cover all expenses in reference to the cash raffle including any prize money shortcomings, to be taken from overage. Motion passed.

Commander Vozar requested reimbursement for expenses incurred for attending the National Commander's Homecoming.

Motion was made and seconded to reimburse Commander Vozar up to \$950 from overage. Motion passed.

Raffle ticket stubs and checks, made out to The Detachment of Illinois, should be mailed to Finance Officer Phil Stander.

The Finance Commission budget meeting will be held Saturday, May 11, 2024 at American Legion Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois at 9:00 am. If you have budget requests please submit them to me by May 1, 2024.

Jeff Trout
Chairman
Finance Commission
Detachment of Illinois

COMMANDER'S ADVISORY
MARCH 24, 2024

Commander's Advisory met via Zoom on Monday, March 18, 2024. Matt Christie reported on National Vice Commanders search committee. They listed in order as potential candidates, 1) Steve Honigfort – Ohio, 2) Phil Stander – Illinois, and 3) Chris Sherman – Wisconsin. They will not meet again until after the Spring NEC. Commander's Advisory did not have a quorum so no action was taken. The meeting was rescheduled for Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Commander's Advisory met via Zoom on Sunday, March 24, 2024. All five (5) members were present.

Motion was made and seconded to forward with the Committee's approval all National Officer and National Commission/Committee requests to NEC Paul Hayse. Motion passed.

Finance Officer Phil Stander explained the differences in the taxes and paperwork involved between a UTV (side by side) and a cash raffle. Motion was made and seconded that the Detachment Fundraiser be a cash raffle. Motion passed.

Motion was made and seconded that the prize amounts be listed on the tickets as \$5,000 - \$2,250 - \$1,000 - \$750 - \$500 - \$500. Motion passed.

Motion was made and seconded to print 2,500 tickets and to mail each Squadron within the Detachment six (6) tickets requesting a donation of \$30 each. Motion passed.

Tickets sales will begin at Detachment Convention and the drawing will be held at the Detachment Commander's Homecoming in Cullom, Illinois on March 29, 2025.

Request for funds will be forwarded to the Finance Commission.

Jeff Trout
Chairman
Finance Commission
Detachment of Illinois



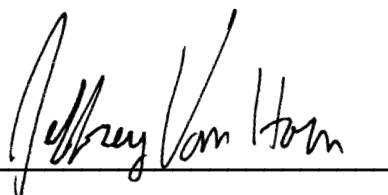
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the American Legion Post # 120 of Effingham, Illinois, has been a gracious host to the regular meeting of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Of Illinois, on March 30, 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,

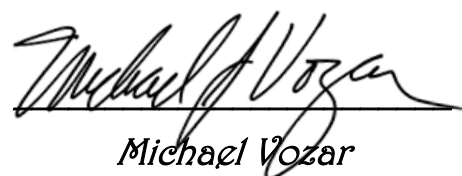
RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Commander of American Legion Post # 120 in indication of the sentiments of the members of the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion.

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 March 30, 2024, in Effingham, Illinois.



Jeffrey J. Van Horn,
Detachment Adjutant

ATTEST:



Michael Vozar
Detachment Commander



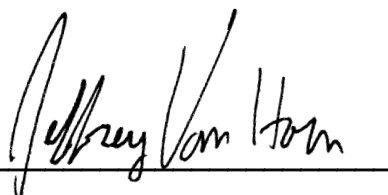
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 120 of Effingham, Illinois, has been a gracious host to the regular meeting of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Of Illinois, on March 30, 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 President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 120 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 March 30, 2024, in Effingham, Illinois.



Jeffrey J. Van Horn,
Detachment Adjutant

ATTEST:



Michael Vozar
Detachment Commander



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

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion Squadron # 120 of Effingham, Illinois, has been a gracious host to the regular meeting of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Of Illinois, on March 30, 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 # 120 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 March 30, 2024, in Effingham, Illinois.



*Jeffrey J. Van Horn,
Detachment Adjutant*

ATTEST:



*Michael Vozar
Detachment Commander*