

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

**2025 SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
American Legion Post 122, Cullom
March 29, 2025**

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 opening prayer
- Detachment 4th Division Commander Mike Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Commander Allen led the POW/MIA Ceremony. Detachment Sgt-At-Arms Glenn Kraemer placed the flag on the empty chair.
- 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

PDC's present: Vojar, Slevin Sr., Williamson, Ray, Hunter, Shipley, Stander, Trout, 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	E	2nd Dist Jr	A	15th Dist Jr	A
ANEC O'Connell	P	3rd Dist Cmdr	P	16th Dist Cmdr	E
Adjutant Van Horn	P	3rd Dist Sr	A	16th Dist Sr	na
Asst Adjutant Gort	E	3rd Dist Jr	A	16th Dist Jr	na
Finance Officer Stander	P	4th Dist Cmdr	P	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	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	P	7th Dist Sr	E	19th Dist Sr	P
Sr Vice Sgt-At-Arms Brown	P	7th Dist Jr	A	19th Dist	E
1st Division Sgt-At-Arms Hayes	A	8th Dist Cmdr	P	20th Dist Cmdr	A
1st Div Sgt-At-Arms Bolden	A	8th Dist Sr	A	20th Dist Sr	na
2nd Div Sgt-At Arms Schuppner	A	8th Dist Jr	A	20th Dist Jr	na
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	A
Cmdr's Aide Hunter	P	10th Dist Cmdr	A	22nd Dist Cmdr	E
Cmdr's Aide Young	P	10th Dist Sr	P	22nd Dist Sr	E
Sr Vice Aide Madson Jr	E	10th Dist Jr	A	22nd Dist Jr	P
1st Div Cmdr Hudson	P	11th Dist Cmdr	A	23rd Dist Cmdr	A
1st Div Sr Ranney	P	11th Dist Sr	P	23rd Dist Sr	A
1st Div Jr Brennan	A	11th Dist Jr	P	23rd Dist Jr	na
2nd Div Cmdr Hollis	P	12th Dist Cmdr	A	24th Dist Cmdr	P
2nd Div Sr Bacon	P	12th Dist Sr	P	24th Dist	na
2nd Div Jr Taylor	P	12th Dist Jr	A	24th Dist	na
3rd Div Slevin Sr	P	13th Dist Cmdr	A	25th Dist Cmdr	A
4th Div Cmdr Monroe	P	13th Dist Sr	A	25th Dist Sr	
4th Div Sr M. Friedman	P	13th Dist Jr	A	25th Dist Jr	
4th Div Jr Ronna	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Cmdr Trout	P	14th Dist NC	NC		
5th Div Sr Curtis	E	14th Dist NC	NC		
1st Division Advisor Faraci	P				
2nd Division Advisor Westerhausen	P				
3rd Division Advisor Seward	P				
4th Division Advisor Reed - VC	P				
5th Division Advisor Flanagan - C	E				

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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 4th Division Commander Monroe 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 Joseph Navarette (NM).

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

There were no Resolutions submitted for the DEC outside of the Hospitality Resolutions. Judge Advocate Trout was appointed as Chairman in case something was submitted and to read 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 9th District Commander Jacobs to accept, subject to audit, with the second, motion passed.

AUDIT REPORT

Detachment Sr Vice Madson reported the Audit Committee met before the DEC. They reviewed the Audit with Detachment Finance Officer Stander. According to the Auditors, everything was in order. Madson motioned to accept the Audit Committee Report, with the second, passed.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT & SQUADRON ACTIVITIES & #1 PINS

Detachment Senior Vice Commander Allen presented the #1 Pins:

He awarded those winners in the following:

Division Winner 4th Division at 94.13%

District Winners:

1 st Division	3 rd District at 124.64%
2 nd Division	13 th District at 104.35%
3 rd Division	20 th District at 96.03%
4 th Division	19 th District at 95.99%
5 th Division	22 nd District at 84.75%

Madson commented about the Committee meeting. Ideas were discussed about different fundraising ideas and membership retention. IRA's and Blue Brigade were discussed. Also discussed 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. The following Squadrons turned in a total of cards: 615, 911, 287, 128, and 1126.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Department Commander Joe Lampert spoke to the DEC. He talked about the past year and half working with Commander Allen, both as Commanders and Senior Vice Commanders. Commander Lampert reiterated communication between the families.

DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORTS

All Division Commanders gave reports on their efforts.

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STANDING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE MINUTES

Americanism Commission

Commission member Mike Vozar delivered the report.

Children & Youth Commission

Chairman Bill Hollis delivered his report.

National Security

Chairman Kevin O'Connell delivered the report.

Legislative Commission

Chairman Glenn Kraemer delivered the report.

Leadership & Training Commission

Chairman Larry Miller delivered the report.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman Bruno Williamson read the report.

Public Relations Commission

Commission member Larry Miller delivered the report.

Finance Commission

Chairman Trout reported the following:

Detachment Commander Rick Allen recently received additional Team Illinois fundraiser buttons for Pam Ray. Jimmy Hunter motioned to donate \$100 for the cost of the buttons, to come from overage. Tommie Cisna seconded, motion passed.

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The Detachment of Illinois submitted a full-page ad to National Commander Joseph Navarrete's Homecoming book. Tommie Cisna made a motion to approve the \$75 cost of the ad to be taken from overage. Jimmy Hunter seconded, motion passed. The ad was designed by our own Harl Ray and the Commission thanked him for his work.

NVC Harl Ray offered his remaining National Vice Commander challenge coins to the Detachment at a reduced donation amount. All proceeds from the Vice Commander challenge coins go directly to the Veterans and Children Foundation. This would aid the National SAL goal of \$500,000 for VCF as well as giving credit to the Detachment of Illinois and helping them reach the Detachment challenge of \$9,100. Tommie Cisna motioned to approve \$950, to be taken from the National Candidate Fund, for 95 National Vice Commander challenge coins, to be used at the Detachment Commander's discretion. Jimmy Hunter seconded, motion passed.

19th District's Friedman motioned to accept the Finance Report, with the additional expenditures, with a second, the motion passed.

Commander's Advisory

Committee Chairman Mike Vozar gave the report.

Motion by 3rd District Commander Stinson to accept all reports, minus the Finance Committee Report, with the second, passed.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Squadron 90: \$500 to OCW
23rd District: \$200 to VCF, \$200 to OCW
5th Division: \$500 to OCW, \$500 to VCF
22nd District: \$200 to VCF
Squadron 6: \$106 to VCF, \$106 to NEF
Children & Youth Committee: \$500 to VCF
Squadron 122: \$100 to CWF
Squadron 690: \$500 to CWF, \$500 to IDRF, \$500 to Lake County
Honor Flight, \$2,000 to NEF
Squadron 911: \$1350 to Dept Commander's Project, \$1,350 to Dept
President's Project, \$1,350 to Detachment Commander's Project (OCW),
\$1,350 to Pam Ray For National President Fundraiser

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Auxiliary Bet winnings: \$30 to OCW
Caravan Donations: \$230 to VCF
Pass the hat: \$343 to VCF
Phil Shipley: \$20 to VCF

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Presented Hospitality Resolutions to Post 122 Family.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT

ANEC O'Connell had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Detachment Adjutant Van Horn read off the Charter Actions:

Any actions we submit to Department after our Spring DEC will either have a cancellation or extension to June 1, 2025. 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. Cancelled Squadrons are listed, the rest were granted Extension until Pre-Convention DEC.

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

4th District, Squadron 271 Chicago/DG—NOT CERTIFIED
11th District, Squadron 391 Lombard, 1 member, 2024 2 members (cancel) **CANCEL**
11th District, Squadron 521 Steger — NOT CERTIFIED
11th District, Squadron 556 Wheaton Cantigny, 0 members, 2024 12 members
12th District, Squadron 294 Morris — NOT CERTIFIED
12th District, Squadron 729 Sheridan, 5 members, 2024 17 members
14th District, Squadron 189 Alexis, 5 members, 2024 5 members
20th District, Squadron 222 Barry, 0 members, 2024 12 members

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22nd District, Squadron 113 Granite City, 0 members, 2024 14 members - **CANCEL**
24th District, Squadron 1141 New Haven, 1 member, 2024 4 members

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

8th District, Squadron 131 Chicago Heights — 9 members, 2024 16 members
8th District, Squadron 474 Matteson — 3 members, 2024 21 members
9th District, Squadron 335 River Grove—0 members, 2024 17 members - **CANCEL**
Squadron 335 — Post requested information on canceling Charter
11th District, Squadron 673 Huntley, 6 members, 2024 40 members
11th District, Squadron 1200 Monee, 8 members, 2024 9 members
11th District, Squadron 1288 Bolingbrook, 6 members, 2024 16 members
17th District, Squadron 931 Towanda, 7 members, 2024 10 members
22nd District, Squadron 665 St Jacob, 9 members, 2024 18 members
22nd District, Squadron 58 Belleville, 0 members, 2024 14 members **CANCEL**
23rd District, Squadron 128 Salem, 9 members, 2024 26 members

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

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Commander Allen thanked everyone for the year he has had. He stated he will say more at this evening's Homecoming.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SAL

Commander Allen invited 11th District Legion Commander Chad Miller (who is a dual member) and all Vietnam Veterans to the podium. Allen and Miller presented these people with a special Vietnam War pin.

ANEC O'Connell introduced National Commander Joseph Navarette from New Mexico. Commander Navarette spoke about his programs and his push to raise \$500,000 to VCF, which he appointed Jeff Trout with this task. He thanked the Detachment for the great hospitality given to him not only this weekend, but when he was here for Lincoln Pilgrimage and part of the Caravan. Commander Navarette also stated he will be back in August for the Illinois Legion Golf Outing.

National Vice Commander of the Central Region Butch Ray spoke briefly on membership. He also took personal privilege and thanked the Detachment

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for their continued support for his wife's (Pam) run to be elected Auxiliary National President at Tampa. Ray then talked about the new SAL License Plate program the State of Illinois approved.

Detachment Jeff Adjutant Van Horn, along with Department Adjutant Josh Theilen, spoke briefly about some changes coming to our Family Convention this year. The Wyndham suffered major damage due to sabotage. There is a Family Convention the following weekend in Springfield. Hopefully more answers will be made available after that meeting.

Jeff Trout talked about the State Legion Golf Outing and at Homecoming this evening, there will be an auction to play with Commander Navarette and NVC Ray. The proceeds from the auction will go to VCF.

Various other people mentioned upcoming events.

ADVISOR'S REMARKS

The Advisor's had no report.

Closing & Benediction

- Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer did the 50-50 Raffle. A total of \$200 was collected, with \$100 going to winner Phil Shipley.
- Chaplain Nemanich gave a closing prayer.
- Sgt-At-Arms Kraemer retrieved the POW/MIA flag.
- The Colors were in place, a hand salute was rendered.
- Commander Allen adjourned the meeting at 1345.

Minutes completed by:

Jeffrey Van Horn
Detachment Adjutant



DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS

2025 Spring DEC

March 29, 2025

American Legion Post 122

Cullom, Illinois

Rick Allen, Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Adjutant



Detachment of Illinois

2025 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	TTY 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
ROLL CALL Detachment Adjutant	Commander's Advisory Committee
JUDGE ADVOCATE COMMENTS Judge Advocate	All Donations to Commissions & Committees
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Detachment Sgt-at-Arms	CORRESPONDENCE
APPOINT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Detachment Commander	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN'S REPORT NEC or ANEC
FINANCE REPORT Detachment Finance Officer	NEW BUSINESS Charter Actions
AUDIT COMMITTEE Wayne Madson, Sr Vice Commander	FOR THE GOOD OF THE S.A.L. National Commander Josph Navarrete - NM 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

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For God and Country

DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS
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Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all Wars, associate ourselves together as *Sons of The American Legion* for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on Earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principals for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.



NATIONAL COMMANDER JOSEPH NAVARRETÉ (NM) BIO 2024-2025

P.O. BOX 1055, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206-1055 * WWW.LEGION.ORG/SONS * P: 317-630-1205

Joseph Navarreté's dedication to the American Legion is unwavering. As a charter member of Otero-Garcia-Navarrete Squadron #72, he recognized and appreciated his eligibility through his father, Tony Navarrete, who served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era.

The American Legion has deeply influenced Joseph Navarreté's life since his earliest memory. He and his wife Loretta share seven children and eight grandchildren. Their family values of honor, love, and respect for God and country are deeply ingrained, and they strive to instill these in each family member.

His Mother and Father raised his brother and him in a home that revolved around Legion values: volunteerism, patriotism, Americanism, and good citizenship. Legion events and the ceremonies to honor our veterans were part of their daily lives. His respect for veterans and their sacrifices is genuine and sincere. They are a proud "Legion Family." His father, Tony, continues to serve the Legion as Department and Detachment Adjutant for the State of New Mexico. His mother, Rita, is a Past National President (2009-2010) of the American Legion Auxiliary. His brother, Steven, is a long-time member of Squadron #72 and Director of the New Mexico Boys State program.

As a graduate of the National Management Institute, Joseph has familiarized himself with valuable organizational information. In preparation for his role as Sons of the American Legion National Commander, he served on a variety of committees and positions, including NEC and Alt. NEC, Subcommittee on Resolutions, appointed by The American Legion to the Committee on Committees, and appointed to the Strategic Planning Ad-hoc Committee. He has also served as chairman of the Membership Committee, Veterans Employment & Education Commission, and the Americanism Commission.

He is honored to have the endorsement of the Otero-Garcia-Navarrete Post #72, Unit #72, Squadron #72, American Legion Riders Chapter 23, and the Detachment and Department of New Mexico. He also has the support of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New Mexico.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Joseph Navarrete in black ink.

NATIONAL COMMANDER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

"Honoring Our Heritage"

*DIOS * PAIS * FAMILIA*



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JOSEPH NAVARRETE
NATIONAL
COMMANDER

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The American Legion



Commanders message

Joseph Navarrete

On February 22, 2025, members from various Detachments gathered to honor the fallen heroes of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War by placing wreaths at their respective memorials.

The afternoon commenced with a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where a wreath was presented on behalf of the National Organization.

This tradition of wreath laying has evolved into a unifying American Legion Family event. The sight of our Legion Family coming together alongside the numerous attendees is truly historic. It serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This event underscores the core values of our organization and the enduring need to remember and respect our fallen heroes.

Leadership Update



Adjutant message

Anthony Wright

Recruiting students for youth programs is a crucial endeavor that requires careful planning and strategic implementation. As the landscape of education and extracurricular activities continues to evolve, the importance of early recruitment has never been more apparent.

Partnering with schools and community organizations can lead to valuable student referrals. By building collaborative relationships, you can tap into existing networks and reach a wider pool of prospective students.

Utilizing social media and online platforms for recruitment opens opportunities to create engaging digital campaigns. Compelling content can capture student interest and drive them to learn more about your programs.

Our members are the unsung heroes of recruitment. We need to arm them with all the details and objectives of our programs so they can speak about it with the enthusiasm and confidence. The more they know, the more convincing they'll be.

By collaborating with the levels of the American Legion organization, we can reach a wider audience and attract more students to participate in our programs. By working together, we can share resources, ideas, and best practices to effectively recruit and engage young people in our mission. This teamwork will not only benefit the students who join our programs but also strengthen the overall impact and reach of The American Legion in our communities.

Let's come together and make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Legislative Update

Bernie Kessler

On Sunday, February 23rd, members of 31 Detachments of the Sons of The American Legion assembled at the Washington Hilton prior to meetings of the National Legislative Conference and proceeded on a bus tour of War Memorials and to Arlington National Cemetery. Accompanied by members of our parent organization, members of The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Samsung Scholars, we were a group that turned heads as we made our way to WWII, The Vietnam Wall, and to the Tomb of the Unknown.

We were nearly 180 strong individuals who were well dressed, respectful of our surroundings, understanding of why we were there, and willing to share our message with anyone who asked. There are videos and photos posted on social media and I encourage you to watch and share with your friends, so that they might understand our message.

On behalf of your National Legislative Commission, I want to thank National Commander Navarrete, our National Vice Commanders, past members of the Legislative Commission, and all of you who made this day of remembrance an unforgettable experience.

Veterans and Children Foundation

Jeff Trout



The VCF ad-hoc committee is aware that while raising awareness of The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation to increase donations from The Sons of The American Legion is our task, the problem is assuring that all donations are accounted for.

Therefore, the committee is putting together a tracking spreadsheet so that we have an accurate dollar amount in donations as well as who made them. We are asking for your help in this endeavor. When your Detachment, District, Squadron, etc. makes a donation to VCF please send that information to our committee so that we can keep an accurate record.

Since we have already started, would you please send donation information from June 1, 2024 to present. After that we only ask that you either update the committee at the end of each month or as you make the donations. Remember, the cut off date is May 31, 2025. The committee is confident that we can reach the \$500,000 goal set by Commander Navarrete. We just have to be able to show it. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Donations can be made at:

<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Give/Donate-Online/Donate-Now?CashProductId=134419>

Upcoming events:

May 29, 2025, National Vice Commander Bob Manzo Homecoming, Perry Hall, MD

April 1, 2025, Deadline for hotel reservations for Spring NEC meeting

April 9, 2025, 90 % membership target date

April 11-12, 2025, National Commander Joseph Navarrete Homecoming, Albuquerque, NM

April 26, 2025, The American Legion Family Day

May 2-4, 2025, Spring NEC, Indianapolis

National Americanism Commission

American Legion Family Day

2025 Guidance

Purpose: to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April (April 26, 2025). It encourages posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate our accomplishments.

S.A.L. members can coordinate with their sponsoring Posts to showcase Americanism in the following ways:

- Have “Be The One” information available.
- Make sure there is a serviceable American Flag present
- Pamphlets for Americanism “Youth Programs” should be available. (Boys Nation, Oratorical, Legion Baseball, Shooting Sports, etc.)
- Contact your Department regarding the availability of the “Star-Spangled Kids Kits” created by the Auxiliary.
- Host a blood drive (falls under Americanism in the S.A.L.).
- Host a flag-etiquette program with a flag retirement ceremony.
- Place flags to honor veterans and record your event on the Flying Flags for Heroes website. Flags can be ordered from American Legion Emblem Sales.
- Have comic books and coloring books available. They can be ordered from American Legion Emblem Sales.
- Recognize individuals and businesses in your community at the event by utilizing the “SAL Flag Appreciation Certificate”

Questions: Chairman Jeffrey Hicks (NJ); call/text: (609) 206-6583; natsalamer@gmail.com

SAL GENERAL ACCOUNT
Balance Sheet
As of March 7, 2025

	<u>Mar 7, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Annual Donations	21,654.57
Children and Youth	791.65
EDWARD JONES	
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - A	8,836.01
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND - C	16,633.38
INVESTMENT CO OF AMERICA...	20,115.28
INVESTMENT CO. OF AMERICA...	21,732.86
Total EDWARD JONES	<u>67,317.53</u>
National Candidate fund	39,728.80
Overage Savings	70,697.94
SAL General Checking	46,621.43
Scholarships	24,571.18
Total Checking/Savings	<u>271,383.10</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>271,383.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>271,383.10</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	205,037.44
Retained Earnings	12,413.44
Net Income	53,932.22
Total Equity	<u>271,383.10</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>271,383.10</u></u>

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

	Aug '24 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
Income			
100000 - INCOME			
110000 - PER-CAPITA	61,616.50	70,000.00	-8,383.50
120000 - INTEREST	20.89	20.00	0.89
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	537.43	0.00	537.43
150003 - Detachment Sweepstakes	9,780.00	27,198.00	-17,418.00
Total 150000 - OTHER	10,317.43	29,698.00	-19,380.57
170000 - INVESTMENT	9,365.25	0.00	9,365.25
Total 100000 - INCOME	81,320.07	100,618.00	-19,297.93
160000 - DONATION SAVINGS			
160002 - SCHOLARSHIP	200.00	0.00	200.00
160005 - CHILD WELFARE FNDD.	1,292.00	0.00	1,292.00
160008 - GIFTS TO YANKS	120.00	0.00	120.00
160010 - NAT. EMERGENCY FUND	740.00	0.00	740.00
160011 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS	550.00	0.00	550.00
160026 - OP. COMFORT WARRIOR	1,593.00	0.00	1,593.00
160028 - HONOR FLIGHT	7,763.00		
160033 - MISC.	100.00	0.00	100.00
16035 - VCF (Veterans and Childrens Foundation)	531.00		
Total 160000 - DONATION SAVINGS	12,889.00	0.00	12,889.00
Total Income	94,209.07	100,618.00	-6,408.93
Expense			
010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT			
010006 - MISC.	2,003.12	0.00	2,003.12
010011 - NAT. REPORTS	700.00	0.00	700.00
010012 - detachment Sweepstakes	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00
010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT - Other	1.16		
Total 010000 - ADM. NON-BUDGETED ACCT	2,704.28	15,000.00	-12,295.72
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	680.40	1,750.00	-1,069.60
202102 - FINANCE OFFICER	110.68	1,250.00	-1,139.32
202103 - HISTORIAN	0.00	100.00	-100.00
202104 - CHAPLAIN	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 202000- SUPPLIES	791.08	3,150.00	-2,358.92
203000 - MAINTENANCE			
203099 - MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 203000 - MAINTENANCE	0.00	100.00	-100.00

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	Aug '24 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
204000 - NAME TAGS, PLAQS, PINS			
204100 - NAME TAGS			
204101 - OFFICERS	119.28	250.00	-130.72
204100 - NAME TAGS - Other	-2.19		
Total 204100 - NAME TAGS	117.09	250.00	-132.91
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
204303 JR Mem. of Year	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Total 204300 - PLAQUES	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total 204000 - NAME TAGS, PLAQS, PINS	117.09	4,250.00	-4,132.91
Total 200000 - GENERAL ADMIN. EXPENSE	908.17	7,800.00	-6,891.83
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	1,990.00	1,900.00	90.00
Total 207300 - MANDATED	3,490.00	10,508.00	-7,018.00
208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES			
208002 CHECKS	0.00	175.00	-175.00
Total 208000 BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00	175.00	-175.00
270000 - INVESTMENT	3,836.75	0.00	3,836.75
300000 - FUNCTIONING EXPENSES			
301000 - ELECTED OFFICERS			
301001 - COMMANDER	2,031.30	4,000.00	-1,968.70
301002 - SR. VICE COMMANDER	3,045.59	3,500.00	-454.41
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	5,076.89	9,750.00	-4,673.11
302000 - APPOINTED OFFICERS			
302001 - ADJUTANT	984.40	1,750.00	-765.60
302002 - ASSIST. ADJUTANT #1	65.00	500.00	-435.00
302003 - FINANCE OFFICER	376.35	1,000.00	-623.65
302004 - CHAPLAIN	177.92	450.00	-272.08
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	1,603.67	6,400.00	-4,796.33
303000 - COMMISSIONS			
303101 - FINANCE PLANNING	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total 303000 - COMMISSIONS	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00

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	Aug '24 - J...	Budget	\$ Over Bu...
304000 - COMMITTEES			
304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING			
304101 - CONVENTION SITE	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
304102 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING	400.47	300.00	100.47
Total 304100 - SPECIAL COMM. MEETING	<u>400.47</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>-899.53</u>
Total 304000 - COMMITTEES	400.47	1,300.00	-899.53
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	17,106.81	31,300.00	-14,193.19
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>690.00</u>	<u>-690.00</u>
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,790.00</u>	<u>-6,790.00</u>
402000 - REGISTRATION			
402003 - SUPPLIES	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 402000 - REGISTRATION	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>
403000 - ADMINISTRATION			
403003 - FLOWERS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 403000 - ADMINISTRATION	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>
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	<u>75.00</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>-2,175.00</u>

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502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS			
502100 - COMMANDERS / CHMN (23)	112.00	2,760.00	-2,648.00
502200 - SR VICE COMMANDER (23)	20.58	1,150.00	-1,129.42
502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS - Other	50.00		
Total 502000 - DISTRICT OFFICERS	182.58	3,910.00	-3,727.42
503000 - CARAVAN			
503003 - NATIONAL CARAVAN	5,292.34	5,000.00	292.34
Total 503000 - CARAVAN	5,292.34	5,000.00	292.34
504000 - AWARDS			
504001 - CITATIONS & PLAQUES	0.00	500.00	-500.00
504003 - BREAKFAST & JACKET	217.97	660.00	-442.03
504004 - MEMBERSHIP AWARDS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
504005 - COMMANDERS SHIRT	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 504000 - AWARDS	217.97	2,360.00	-2,142.03
Total 500000 - MEMBERSHIP	5,767.89	13,520.00	-7,752.11
600000 - DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS			
601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE			
601101 - WREATH & RECEPTION	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
601200 - COMMANDER			
601203 - EXPENSES	289.92	300.00	-10.08
Total 601200 - COMMANDER	289.92	300.00	-10.08
601300 - NEC			
601303 - EXPENSES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 601300 - NEC	0.00	300.00	-300.00
601400 - HISTORIAN			
601403 - EXPENSES	288.68	300.00	-11.32
Total 601400 - HISTORIAN	288.68	300.00	-11.32
601500 - ADJUTANT			
601501 - EXPENSES	298.67	300.00	-1.33
Total 601500 - ADJUTANT	298.67	300.00	-1.33
601600 - SR VICE COMM.			
6016001 - EXPENSES	283.67	300.00	-16.33
Total 601600 - SR VICE COMM.	283.67	300.00	-16.33
601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE			
601903 - EXPENSES	467.61	500.00	-32.39
Total 601900 - NAT. REPRESENTATIVE	467.61	500.00	-32.39
Total 601000 - LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE	1,628.55	4,000.00	-2,371.45
602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.			
602100 - COMMANDER			
602103 - EXPENSES	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 602100 - COMMANDER	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 602000 - EGYPTIANS PAST COMM.	300.00	300.00	0.00
603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER			
603100 - COMMANDER			
603103 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603100 - COMMANDER	0.00	200.00	-200.00

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603200 - Sr Vice			
603201 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603200 - Sr Vice	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 603000 - ARMED FORCES DINNER	0.00	400.00	-400.00
605000 - AUX. PATRIOTIC CONF.			
605100 - COMMANDER			
605103 - EXPENSES	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 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	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	2,128.55	5,650.00	-3,521.45
700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT			
710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE			
710101 - WREATH	200.00	175.00	25.00
710102 - PRESENTOR OF WREATH	1,090.35	1,500.00	-409.65
710103 - BUS TRIP & MEALS	73.50	50.00	23.50
Total 710100 - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE	1,363.85	1,725.00	-361.15
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
790000 - HOMECOMINGS			
790100- NAT SAL COMMANDERS GIFT			
790101 - COMMANDERS GIFT	0.00	350.00	-350.00
790109 - PRESENTER OF GIFT	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 790100- NAT SAL COMMANDERS GIFT	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Total 790000 - HOMECOMINGS	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Total 700000 - NATIONAL & OTHER FUNCT	1,363.85	3,575.00	-2,211.15

Budget vs. Actual

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	<u>Aug '24 - J...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>
900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES			
901000 - CONTINGENCY			
901001 - MTG. CALL PAY	2,550.00	5,000.00	-2,450.00
901099 - MISCELLANEOUS	75.00	200.00	-125.00
901000 - CONTINGENCY - Other	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total 901000 - CONTINGENCY	<u>2,675.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>-2,525.00</u>
908000 - NATIONAL HOSPITALITY	<u>295.55</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>-504.45</u>
Total 900000 - MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	<u>2,970.55</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>-3,029.45</u>
Total Expense	<u>40,276.85</u>	<u>100,618.00</u>	<u>-60,341.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>53,932.22</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>53,932.22</u></u>

Americanism Spring D.E.C. was called to order March 13th 7:02pm. Opening prayer was given by John Nemanich and there was role call. There was not enough for a quorum.

Chairman Hayse welcomed all in attendance.

Under Religious Emphasis, John Nemanich reported services were held for P.C. Bill Geary. There was no flag alliance.

Mike Vozar was unable to attend but sent his report in for National Americanism goals and Boys State.

Chairman Hayse gave a report on American Legion Baseball.

Under old business, Jeff Van Horn said we need to finalize the DEC award form.

Under new business, Hayse said that March 15th is the American Legion 106th birthday, and March 29th is Viet Nam Day.

Guests attending were Detachment ADJ, Jeff Van Horn, Bryson Taylor, Commander Rick Allen, and Central Vice Commander Butch Ray.

Chairman Hayse gave closing remarks, Recruit for Boys State, and do not forget to turn in your CSR report.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Nemanich.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Hayse Chairman Americanism.

Detachment of Illinois - Spring 2025 DEC

National Americanism and Boys State Report

Mike Vozar

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

The National Americanism Commission has three goals this year:

- Increase Boys State attendance Nationally by 10%
- Have 100% of Detachments participate in Flying Flags for Heroes
- Have 10% of Detachments participate in a Day of Service which will be American Legion Family Day on April 26,2025

Squadrons should continue to assist their Post in recruiting for Boys State. Consider holding a Flying Flags for Heroes event either as a special event, as a part of District and Division meetings or other activities.

Squadrons should actively work with their Post to plan and hold a community event on American Legion Family Day. This is a day for opening your Post up to the Community and letting them know who we are and how we serve thru programs and activities we support. Posts should prominently include a BE THE ONE theme to make the public aware of veteran suicide and prevention activities promoted by the American Legion and letting the public know what they can do. The event should incorporate a service activity such as blood donation, food drive, clothing drive, kids ID, etc.

I have been selected as a volunteer for the National Oratorical Contest Finals at Hillsdale College in May. I served as a timekeeper for the Department Oratorical Contest in February

There will be a Children and Youth Academy Saturday morning at National Convention in Tampa. If anyone is bringing their children under age 18 please

consider having them attend. Details on registration will be forthcoming. This fun program will most likely include assignments from the Auxiliary Patch Program to earn patches, flag etiquette, bean bags, and visits by Police, Fire, and National Guard units.

Department of Illinois Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy on June 22-27 at Camp Lincoln in Springfield. This program is open to males and females between the ages of 15 and 17 and is a highly structured residency camp emphasizing self-respect and service to others. Conducted with ISP, Illinois National Guard, and other agencies. Registration fee is \$350. Contact Wayne Madson for more information.

ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE

This year's session will be held June 7-13 at Eastern Illinois University. Registration fee is \$400. Registrations can be completed on the website. Information was not yet available on the current number of students registered for this year. Spring Board Meeting will be held on March 22, 2025 at Department.

Children & Youth Report

The Fall Detachment Children and Youth Committee Meeting was held on Thursday March 13th 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 – Present

Member: Adam Anderson – Excused

Member: Garrett Slevin, Sr. – Present

Member: Isaiah Curtis – Absent

Promoter: Phil Stander – Absent

Guests

Detachment Commander – Rick Allen

Detachment Sr. Vice Commander – Wayne Madson

Detachment Adjutant – Jeff Van Horn

ANEC – Kevin O’Connell

Chaplin – John Nemanich

Old Business

There was no update on the new batch of CWF Socks.

The Dart Tournament was held on March 1st, 2025. The tournament raised \$500, and the Committee voted to donate it all to VCF.

The Committee is planning on making the Dart Tournament an annual event the weekend of the oratorical contest. Keeping it at Post 32 in Springfield.

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.

New Business

The Committee will be working to get a Illinois Children & Youth Academy put together for our Convention in July 2025.

Guest Comments

The Commander and Vice Commander gave positive closing remarks.

For The Good of The Sons

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

National Security Zoom / 3/11/25

7:00pm

Committee members present

Kevin O'Connell

Mike Canevit

Michael Westerhouson

Zorro

Jeff Van Horn

Wayne Madson

Rick Alllen

- 1) Russia vs Ukraine war
 - a) Continues
 - b) Attempts by U.S. to end war by negotiations
 - c) Today seems there may be a brake through as talks are beginning
 - d) Protest here in US continue
 - e) US wanted a deal with Ukraine for a mineral so the US had standing investment there, that would hold off Russia and a seize fire deal would be more likely. The President from Ukraine was to sign it, but backed out at the last minute.
 - f) Today Ukraine announced a 30 seize fire.

- 2) Palestine protestor arrested at Columbia University who was supporting Hamas in the war in Gaza / May be deported
 - A) College protest over the deportation / Northwestern etc. Today numerous Colleges has protest
 - B) Marco Rubio threatens to deport green card holders over pro-Palistine protest
- 3) China continues to threaten Japan blocking shipping to the country
 - a) China flying jets into Japans air space
 - b) Japan is concerned over Chinas growing Military power and its actions in the south china sea
 - c) Trade disputes – such as the ban on Japanese seafood imports imposed by China after the release of treated water from the Fukushima nuclear power plant, have also Added to the tensions
- 4) Illegal immigration to U.S. – The border from Mexico has been for the most part shut down from illegal crossings.
 - a) ICE has been arresting and deporting Illegal immigrants who have violated US laws
 - b) Sanctuary Citys are still harboring and trying to block ICE. Federal funding has been halted until the stop blocking ICE
 - c) US has declare the Mexican Cartel as a terrorist group
- 5) Korea – Rocket Man has been threatening South Korea again, Violations of Air Space and Bringing War ships near the coast. As well as test firing missles.
- 6) US Military has seen an increase in recruitment over the last few months since the ended the DEI policies

Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Illinois
Legislative Commission

Zoom Meeting - March 10, 2025 - 7PM

Attendees:

Commission Members - Glenn Kraemer, Chairman - Larry Miller, VC - Bryson Taylor, member - Michael Canevit, member
Absent - Phil Shipley

Other attendees - Rick Allen, Jeff Van Horn, Kevin O'Connell, John Nemanich, Michael Vozar, Bill Hollis, Tommie Cisna

Chairman Kraemer opened the meeting at 7PM with discussion about the Legion.org website and access to the Legislative links. The site currently highlights the Major Richard Star Act related to Disability pay/benefits vs. Retirement pay/benefits. The "Love Lives On" Act is also highlighted. This Act addresses the issue of benefits to widows of veterans being eliminated if that person re-marries.

Kraemer also provided a numerical overview of the number of Acts listed in the Legion.org "Action Center". There are currently approximately 114 different Acts pending in the U.S. Congress that are being tracked by The American Legion. These Acts address benefits, mental health, healthcare, employment and economic opportunity, education, women service members and veterans, national security, homeland security, Americanism and the veteran workforce. All of these Acts can be reviewed at Legion.org and other congressional web pages. Kraemer encouraged all to visit and share the "Grass Roots Action Center" on Legion.org to sign up for legislative alerts affecting The American Legion and our nation's veterans.

Good news was shared about The Elizabeth Dole Homecare Act finally being passed. This act had been promoted by The American Legion for quite some time.

Discussion took place about the House & Senate Veterans Affairs Committees. This is where many, if not all of the Acts affecting veterans go for amendments and approvals. IL Senator Tammy Duckworth is on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The House Committee is chaired by IL Congressman Mike Boast (R-12). IL Congressmen Delia Ramirez (D-3) and Nikki Budzinski (D-13). Meeting attendees were encouraged to share this information throughout the SAL Detachment of IL and to contact these

representatives to encourage them to pass American Legion sponsored Acts into Law.

VC Miller discussed a bit more about our Illinois elected officials, as well as the purpose of completing Witness Slips to share our stand on specific Bills in committee hearings that will be up for vote in Illinois.

Michael Vozar requested clarification on the George B. Evans legislative action Award and qualifications required for application.

Bryson Taylor brought up information about the American Legion Illinois Lobby Day which occurred 3/19/25. Larry Miller added more info with time and location to gather before heading to the IL Capitol building.

Lastly, Kraemer reminded the attendees about the Medal of Honor Museum grand opening celebration schedule for Saturday, March 22, 2025 in Arlington, TX. The museum will open to the public Tuesday 3/25/25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Leadership Training Commission

Report for the DEC

March 29, 2025

The Leadership Training Commission met via Zoom on March 10 at 7:30pm.

Chairman Larry Miller, present
Vice Chair Michael Vozar, present
Glenn Kreamer, present
Bill Hollis, present
Tommy Cisna, present

Guests: Detachment Commander Allen, Detachment Adjutant Van Horn, and Alt NEC Kevin O'Connell.

At this time, there are no further training sessions scheduled for 2025. I feel, overall, we had a dismal turnout for the sessions that were offered. Division 3, for instance had no one show for the session, even after Sr Vice Madson, and Vice Chair Vozar called to all the squadrons in the division to inform them of the session.

Prior to the Zoom Meeting on March 3, Chairman Miller sent an email to the commission members soliciting input on anything needing discussion during our Pre-DEC meeting. Vice Chairman Vozar responded with some comments that we took up during the full Commission Zoom call. Specifically, scheduling a blanket time for a division wide training session and hoping several members would join us in person. The suggestion was to get a commitment from the Division or Districts, desiring training, indicating they had a minimum level of commitment prior to a team traveling to their site to provide the training.

A comment made was that the sessions should be a "fun event," not so formal.

The name being used for the training sessions may be misleading or causing some not to attend. Currently, it is advertised as Leadership Training. Alt NEC O'Connell suggested a name of Team Building as an alternative to Leadership Training.

Bill Hollis, member of the National Member Training and Development Commission, briefed us on the efforts of the MT&D to create a self pace Basic Training power point for SAL members, similar to the Legion Basic Training course, but geared toward the SAL. The packages are currently at The American Legion National Internal Affairs Commission for review. He also commented on a desire of the commission to have the Detachment Training Chairmen on the zoom calls.

The discussion also brought up a revival of a "SAL College" for Illinois SAL members who have a desire to increase their knowledge and prepare for future leadership roles in the Detachment.

The commission members agreed to have a brief meeting at 9am on March 29, prior to the DEC, to further discuss items brought up on the zoom call.

Larry Miller, Chairman, Leadership Training Commission



Detachment of Illinois

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Zoom Meeting March 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson at 1930 hrs.

Attnd: Chair – Bruno Williamson (4th) P; Vice – Chris School (5th) P; Michael Yucuis (1st); Bryson Taylor (2nd) P; Don Ronna (3rd) A

Promoters: **GTY** – Jimmy Hunter – Ex; **VE&E & VAVS** – Bruno Williamson - P; **Poppy** -NVC -central Butch Ray – P

Guests: **Det Cmdr** – Rick Allen; **Det Vice** Wayne Madson; **Det Adj** – Jeff Van Horn; **Det Finance Officer** – Phil Stander, **Illiana VAVS Deputy Rep** - Phil Shipley, **ANC** – Kevin Oconnell, **Det Chaplain** – John Nemanich, **IPDC** – Mike Vozar, Shawn Morecraft

The chairman welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting.

Old Business

Commission programs: **Bruno** – Operation Comfort Warriors – nothing new to report, he asked the finance officer about donations to date. Currently \$1593 has been donated, Cmdr. Allen said that he has another \$500 coming. **Chris** – The Haven with the recent storms that they have had in southern Illinois. The Haven has had tree damage & the estimate to clean up the site is \$2500. **Bryson** –spoke on the internments at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 77,803 Interments in total Month ending on January 31, 2025: 176 Caskets; 97 Cremations; 273 Total Internments. Wreaths Across America at ALNC & he hopes one day all the headstones will be covered in wreaths. Flags of Honor - a program that he did last when he was in the Bolingbrook squad. Flags are purchased in honor of a veteran. He is now at Joliet 1080 & he is doing the program there. The cost of the flags is \$35. The chairman suggested that we purchase 3 flags from the Detachment VA&R budget in the name of Illinois American Legion veterans. V/C Schoo moved, Bryson 2nd the motion & it **Passed**. Adj Van Horn suggested that squad 1080 name the 2 other flags. Everyone in attendance agreed with the suggestion. 1 flag in honor of members of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois and 2 others to underprivileged families who cannot afford the sponsorship. ANEC O'Connell suggested that Bryson contact Harrah's Casino. They are required to do community service & you would get a decent donation from them. IPDC Vozar asked if there was a flier and the dates they would be displaying the flags. Bryson said that there was a flier & that the flags will be displayed from May 1 to June 1. The chair asked if Bryson would email the flier & he would put it in the VAR Facebook site.

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VE&E – Bruno Williamson – Nationally & at the Detachment there is no movement on this commission. Det/Dept – nothing much other than promoting job fairs & stand downs. National VE&E has the Marvin Nay award.

Poppy – Butch Ray – Poppy Day is Memorial weekend. The funds raised can only be used for VA&R projects.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) – Bruno Williamson - of the 5 VAMC's in Illinois we have SAL Representation in 3. Soon to be 4 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 a Rep at Cpt James Lovell Federated/Great Lakes & Bryson Taylor has offered to take on Edward Hines & he is going through their on boarding process. Zach Van Horn is interested in being the Associate Rep at Jefferson Barracks VAMC in St. Louis. And if the chairman would contact him, we could start that process.

IPDC Vozar asked the question as to the requirements to be a Regularly Scheduled volunteer and Rep/Dep. To be a Representative or a Regularly Scheduled volunteer you only have to volunteer 4 times a year. If you are the Rep/Dep and you go to the quarterly meetings; you have technically fulfilled your obligation. The VA's are very flexible with scheduling for the most part. They understand that we are volunteers, and they are happy to take whatever time you can give.

WE have 5 state VA homes & we currently have 1 rep at **Manteno** – Jimmy Hunter, **Anna** – Sr Vice Madson has contacted them & is working to be our Rep there. We could use representation at **Lasalle, Quincy & Chicago**. The volunteer process is a little different from the federal VA's so contact the state homes volunteer services to get their application process.

National VA&R Chairman Williamson– The Sons currently have VAVS Representatives in 45 of the 154 VAMC's across the country. This puts us well above mark to remain a voting member and to be eligible to sit on the executive board at the National Advisory Committee. WE have **5 Reps** starting the **onboarding process** & that will put our number to **50**. My national **goal** is to be in **60 VAMC's** this year. At the most recent Executive Board meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC), Rebadging was one of the "Hot" Topics of discussion. The VA has already implemented nationwide, the Rebadging of Regularly Scheduled volunteers & contractors every 6 months. This is not being done by VA but by USAccess a government agency provides cybersecurity for over 100 federal agencies. **USAccess has implemented a "Zero Trust" model, meaning they assume no one or nothing on their network can be trusted by default, requiring strict authentication and authorization for every access attempt to data and systems, following the principle of "never trust, always verify."** There is a way around this. If you go thru a Tier 1 background, check you can get a 5-year badge, which Phil & myself have.

The federal hiring freeze affected VA volunteers for about a month. Until the Dept of VA was given an exemption, New Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteers could not get through the on boarding process. That has been rescinded, and we can go back to accepting Regularly Scheduled volunteers.

New Business

Be The One (BTO) – Adjutant Van Horn asked on what commission does Veterans Suicide Awareness fall. Technically it falls under VA&R but at the national level for the last 2 years both the VA&R & VE&E commissions have been working together on it. The new National Ad Hoc BTO committee chairman Jamey Holloway from Ga. has asked each detachment to have a BTO promoter. Adjutant Van Horn announced that Bryson Taylor has accepted that position.

Good of

National VA&R is promoting this year – VA’s Compassionate Contact Corp (va version of buddy checks); National Veterans Assistance Day; Camp Hope (a PTSD pgm); Red Coat Ambassadors; Honor Flight; BTO & VA S.A.V.E. Training. And the commission has revamped the Rigsby award to more fall in line with how the commission works now.

There was some general discussion on VA&R & The meeting adjourned at 2020 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruno “T” Williamson

Detachment VA&R Chairman



Detachment of Illinois

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

March 29, 2025

Your Detachment Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) commission met by zoom meeting on March 11, 2025. Members in attendance were Chairman Bruno Williamson (4th), Vice Chair – Chris Schoo (5th), Members - Michael Yucuis (1st), Bryson Taylor (2nd), Promoters – VE&E/VAVS – Bruno Williamson, Poppy – Butch Ray, Gift to Yanks – Excused, but submitted a report.

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With no other questions the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2020 hrs.

Respectfully submitted Bruno "T" Williamson, Detachment VA&R Chairman

Public Relations report

Public Relations met on March 16 at 6:30pm. In attendance were Eugene(chairman), Bill Hollis, Commander Rick Allen, Sr. Vice Wayne Madson, and John Nemanich. Adjutant Van Horn and Commission member Tommie Cisna were excused. Briefly discussed the website and asked those in attendance if they felt it was up to date. Everyone thought it was. Commander Rick discussed some events he had attended recently. Discussed promoting Convention, Boys/Girls State, and police school in upcoming mailings. The meeting concluded at 6:45.

FINANCE COMMISSION
MARCH 18, 2025

The commission zoom call was called to order at 7:00 pm. Four (4) of five (5) members were present as were ex-officio members Commander Rick Allen, Sr Vice Commander Wayne Madson, Adjutant Jeff Van Horn, Finance Officer Phil Stander and Detachment Adviser Bill Flanagan. Guests were Immediate Past Detachment Commander Mike Vozar, Central Region National Vice Commander Harl Ray and ANEC Kevin O'Connell.

Finance Officer, Phil Stander, reported that current donations for the Detachment cash raffle total \$10,950 as of March 18, 2025. Several of those present stated that they have tickets and donations to be turned in. Additional discussion revealed that there are few tickets left available for the upcoming DEC and Detachment Commander's homecoming so it was decided to request another 50 tickets be printed by Department.

Detachment Commander Rick Allen had recently received additional Team Illinois fundraiser buttons for Pam Ray. Jimmy Hunter motioned to donate \$100 for the cost of the buttons, to come from overage. Tommie Cisna seconded, motion passed.

The Detachment of Illinois submitted a full page ad to National Commander Joseph Navarrete's Homecoming book. Tommie Cisna made a motion to approve the \$75 cost of the ad to be taken from overage. Jimmy Hunter seconded, motion passed. The ad was designed by our own Harl Ray and the Commission thanked him for his work.

NVC Harl Ray offered his remaining National Vice Commander challenge coins to the Detachment at a reduced donation amount. All proceeds from the Vice Commander challenge coins go directly to the Veterans and Children Foundation. This would aid the National SAL goal of \$500,000 for VCF as well as giving credit to the Detachment of Illinois and helping them reach the Detachment challenge of \$9,100. Tommie Cisna motioned to approve \$950, to be taken from the National Candidate Fund, for 95 National Vice Commander challenge coins, to be used at the Detachment Commander's discretion. Jimmy Hunter seconded, motion passed.

Immediate Past Detachment Commander Mike Vozar has volunteered to escort our SAL National Commander for an upcoming visit to Illiana VA Healthcare in Danville and Department Headquarters before arriving in Pontiac for our Spring DEC and Commander's homecoming. He is doing this as our NEC and ANEC are unavailable. PDC Vozar requested funds for this event. PDC Vozar was instructed to contact NEC Paul Hayse for permission to use his line item.

Chairman Trout reminded everyone that there will be an annual budget meeting held at Department Headquarters in Bloomington on May 31, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Jeff Trout
Chairman
Finance Commission

**DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SPRING 2025 DEC
COMMANDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH 18, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vozar at 7:30 PM

Members Present: Mike Vozar (C), Jeff Trout (VC), PNC Tommie Cisna, ANEC Kevin O'Connell

Others Present: National VA&R Chairman Bruno Williamson, Detachment Commander Rick Allen, Senior Vice Wayne Madson, SAL Advisor Bill Flanagan

Members Absent: Mark Young

AGENDA

NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT – The Committee discussed logistics for National Commander Navarrete's visit. PDC Vozar will pick up the Commander at O'Hare Airport on Thursday, March 27th and bring him to Danville staying there overnight. The morning of Friday, March 28 the Commander will visit the Danville VAMC for a tour of the facilities and programs coordinated by National VA&R Chairman Bruno Williamson. Friday afternoon we will travel to Department Headquarters in Bloomington to view the Poppy making process. ANEC Kevin O'Connell will then escort and assist the Commander during the remainder of his stay at for the DEC and Commander Allen's Homecoming on March 29th and take him to O'Hare Airport for his return flight on March 30th

DETACHMENT CASH RAFFLE – We have collected \$10,950 from ticket sales. There may be a couple other sales not yet turned in. We will have another 50 tickets printed and available for sale at the DEC. Drawing to be held Saturday evening March 29th at Commanders Homecoming.

COMMANDER – The Committee was in agreement that Commander Allen is doing a great job and encouraged him to feel comfortable continuing to do what he has been doing. It was suggested he try to use social media more regularly to show members his hard work representing the Detachment. Commander Allen stated he appreciates the help and is hoping to close the year with strong membership numbers. He stated he will be driving to New Mexico in April representing the Detachment at Commander Navarrete's Homecoming.

Submitted by,

Mike Vozar
Chairman, Commanders Advisory Committee



Secretary of State
Specialty License Universal Decals
Request and Guidelines

Secretary of State
Vehicle Services Department
501 S. Second St., Rm. 520
Springfield, IL 62756-5100
217-782-7758

ilsos.gov

Specialty universal decals are authorized by Illinois statute with the primary goal of raising funds for a specific organization(s). The decals are available to the public and are not awarded based on specific qualifying criteria. The Secretary of State's office will begin production of a new specialty decal category after receiving 2,000 requests for the decal. A non-refundable specialty license decals fee must accompany each plate request. The fee will be deposited into the special fund as designated by statute, regardless of whether or not the decals are produced. Design of the decal may be submitted by the requesting organization but ultimately is at the discretion of the Office of the Secretary of State. Please see sample on reverse, as well as the administrative rule for Universal Plate Decal guidelines.

Guidelines for Universal Decal Design and Artwork Preparation

- A standard license plate is 12" x 6" and the artwork area is 2 1/8" x 3" for standard plates and 1" wide x 1 1/2" high for motorcycle plates.
- Artwork may include colors using the Pantone Matching System (PMS); however, exact color matching is not guaranteed because the base colors used in license plate production do not correspond with the base colors of the Pantone System.
- Illinois license plates are printed on reflective sheeting. The legibility and colors in the artwork may be affected by the sheeting color.
- Organizations using trademarked or licensed artwork must provide proof of a licensure agreement when artwork is submitted.
- Prepare and submit a color sample to show the layout and use of color of the decal. You also may submit vector artwork of your design to the Secretary of State's office.
- The Office of the Secretary of State reserves the right to change any license decal design.

Name of Specialty Decal Being Requested: <u>Sons of The American Legion</u>	Date: _____
Current License Plate Number: _____	Expiration Date: _____
Vehicle Owner's Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP: _____
Daytime Phone Number (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.): _____	
Signature: _____	Amount Enclosed: \$10.00

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Name of Specialty Decal: _____	Date Received: _____
	Vehicle Owner's Name: _____	
	Fee Received (check number): _____	

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Title 92, Chapter II, Part 1010.459, subsection (c) of the Administrative Code states that an authorized organization shall be responsible for the following:

c) Authorized Organization

- 1) The authorized organizations approved by the General Assembly are set forth in IVC Section 3-699.14.
- 2) It is the responsibility of the authorized organization to design the decal it chooses to issue. The design must be approved by the Secretary prior to issuance to the public. Upon approval of the design, it is the responsibility of the authorized organization to purchase, distribute and maintain a sufficient inventory of the decals.

- 3) The authorized organization must make the decal available to any registered vehicle owner who has selected the organization to support under the statute.
- 4) The authorized organization shall communicate to the Secretary the method of receipt it will issue registered vehicle owners for presentation to the Secretary as evidence of purchase.
- 5) The authorized organization may charge a one time fee not to exceed \$25 per decal to the registered vehicle owner to recoup the costs of manufacturing and administration of the decal program.

d) Registered Vehicle Owner

- 1) The registered vehicle owner must select an organization approved by the General Assembly.
- 2) The registered vehicle owner must obtain the decal from the authorized organization of his or her choosing prior to application for the universal special plate. Upon application, the registered vehicle owner must present a receipt, as designated by the authorized organization, to the Secretary as evidence the decal was purchased.
- 3) The registered vehicle owner must maintain the chosen authorized organization's decal for the entire length of the registration. To choose a different authorized organization, one must apply for a new universal special plate.
- 4) The decal must be placed in the designated area on the universal special plate.

e) Decal Sticker Requirements

- 1) The authorized organization must contract with a manufacturer to produce the decal. A copy of the contract between the authorized organization and the manufacturer must be provided to and approved by the Secretary prior to production of the decal. The Secretary shall notify the authorized organization within 30 days after receipt if he or she has any objections to the terms and/or conditions of the contract. Information concerning the costs may be redacted from the contract prior to submission.
- 2) All decals produced for the authorized organization shall meet specific requirements. The decal must:
 - A) fit within a 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide x 3" high space for a standard size registration plate.
 - B) fit within a 1" wide x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high space for a motorcycle size registration plate.
 - C) adhere to the surface of the registration plate without the necessity of additional adhesive on the reflective material or application surface, or the use of water, other solvents, or heat techniques.
 - D) be precoated with a pressure sensitive adhesive that will create a durable bond to clean, dry, well-painted surfaces or unpainted corrosion proof metals. The adhesive must permit application to the prescribed surfaces and clean registration plates at temperatures as high as 125°F and as low as -10°F. The adhesive shall remain adhered at all temperatures for a minimum of five years under normal conditions of use.
 - E) maintain the integrity of the design chosen by the authorized organization for a minimum of five years under normal conditions of use.
- 3) The manufacturer must guarantee the correctness of the decals. Defective decals that will not properly attach to a registration plate, or those that are not properly pressure sealed, must be replaced by the manufacturer at no cost to the Secretary or the registered vehicle owner.
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