



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Fall Conference
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
October 7, 2017**

Commander DeWayne (Dewey) Long called the meeting to order in due form at 12:00 p.m.

Commander Long called on Acting Adjutant James Arter for the roll call which showed the following:

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| Commander | DeWayne Long |
| Northern Vice Commander | Mike Shuler |
| Northern Vice Commander | Mike Bottom (EX) |
| Southern Vice Commander | Jeff Coulter |
| Southern Vice Commander | Richard Lawrence |
| Adjutant | Damon Bradtmueller (EX) |
| Asst. Adjutant | James Arter |
| Asst. Adjutant | Steven Tansel (EX) |
| Asst. Adjutant | Glenn Nagel |
| Finance Officer | Greg Spaulding |
| Sergeant at Arms | Aaron Quakenbush |
| Sgt. at Arms Emeritus | Galen Close |
| Asst. Sgt. at Arms | Merle Smith |
| Asst. Sgt. at Arms | Dave Benefiel |
| Asst. Sgt. at Arms | Garrett Gilmore |
| Finance Officer | Richard Pfeiffer |
| Chaplain | Jerad Long |
| Historian | Halleck Lamar |
| Judge Advocate | Richard Pfeiffer |
| Asst. Judge Advocate | Raymond Giehll, Jr. (EX) |
| Membership | Dennis Hathaway |
| Public Relations | Doug Heiser |
| NEC | Mike Pipher |
| Alternate NEC | Keith Williams |

District Commanders:

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| 1st David Tretter | 2nd Mike Bottom (EX) | 3rd Dennis Budd |
| 4th Ryan Kohlheim | 5th Jay Huffman | 6th Andy Byers |
| 7th Jay Rawley | 8th Perry Schlimmer | 9th Larry Cripe |
| 10th Dave Mummert | 11th Merle Smith | |

District Advisors:

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| 1st Mark Palmer | 2nd Mark Gourley | 4th Donald Dapp |
| 5th Pete Brennon | 6th Cliff Stephens | 7th Larry Dent |
| 8th Doug Webb | 10th Mary York | 11th Merle Smith |

Past Commanders:

Cliff Stephens, David Stephens, Donald Stephens (EX), Larry Paulus, James Arter, Raymond Giehll, Jr. (EX), Terry Slagle, John Widmann (EX), David Mathews (EX), Charles Newman (EX), Rodney Strong (EX), Damon Bradtmueller (EX), David Ridenour (EX), David Brown, Keith Williams, Richard Pfeiffer Mark Tansel (EX), Michael Pipher, Steve Tansel (EX), Glenn Nagel, David Hanson, Greg Spaulding, Kirk Rewerts (EX) Ron Sexton, Chris Carlton (EX), Joseph Schultis (EX),

Motion made by PDC Hanson to accept the minutes of the last meeting as E-mailed, 2nd by PDC Paulus. During discussion ANEC Williams stated there needed to be an amendment stating that Finance Officer Greg Spaulding was elected, not appointed, to that office. With corrections the motion passed.

Commander Long asked Distinguished Guest Committeeman Richard Pfeiffer to introduce our guests. Committeeman Pfeiffer introduced Charles Miller from Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), who brought James and Melissa Laster and family to help explain how the transplant of a kidney will help their son Ian. Mr. Miller stated that COTA has assisted over 100 Hoosier families and thanked The American Legion and the Sons for their donations.

Squadrons and Districts made donations and they are reflected on the Donations Page.

Distinguished Guest Committeeman Pfeiffer asked that all Past Detachment Commanders stand and be recognized. He then asked that any 1st time attendees stand and be recognized.

Commander Long called for Commission and Committee reports.

Americanism Commission, Chairman Doug Heiser
Hoosier Boys State

Chairman Ryan Kohlheim reported that the Department Hoosier Boys State Committee would like more participation from the Sons on opening day and as counselors. They are looking on having a Sons information meeting for the Samsung Scholarship applicants at HBS to recruit Sons members. At this past summer session there were 404 participants with 35 no-shows, 30 participants below 2016.

Athletics

Chairman David Benefiel stated that the Detachment Golf Bid Form will be sent to every Squadron. This form must be filled out completely and then mailed to Glenn Nagel by December 31, 2017. The site will be determined at Mid-Winter Conference. The Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018. The American Legion Baseball team and rules are being discussed at this time.

5 Star / 10 Ideals

Chairman Doug Heiser reported that there was a need to get a training program on the website, one that is interactive with questions and answers and then the final test. An individual or Squadron should be able to use the program at their own discretion.

POW / MIA

Chairman Ryan Kohlheim reported the following remains were identified:

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| WWII | 22 |
| Korea | 14 |
| Vietnam | 3 |
| USS Oklahoma | 9 |

August 18, 2017, US Army Sgt. Max L. Harris from Monticello, IN

Americanism Commission

Chairman Heiser reported that he was able to attend the National Americanism Conference held in Indianapolis last September and his area of instruction was focused on the National Oratorical Contest. The following is some of the information he was able to bring back and share. Oratorical Chairman Dave Mummert will have more.

- Sign-up to volunteer for the National Oratorical Contest on the National website starts November 2.
- District and Zone Contests are usually held in January and February.
- Department Finals will be held at National Headquarters on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- National Finals will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West on April 13-15, 2018.
- How to raise funds to send a student to the contest was discussed by Patrick Myers of US Coin Boards.
- There was discussion on talking to students, PTOs and home schoolers in order to get more participants.

PDC Slagle made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd by PDC C. Stephens. Motion Passed.

Commander Long called on Distinguished Guest Committeeman Richard Pfeiffer for an introduction. Committeeman Pfeiffer introduced Department Commander Marty Dziegłowicz.

Commander Dziegłowicz said the officers needed to pick up our department directories at the office. He talked about the importance of the Sons and the Legion working together for the betterment of both organizations. Commander Dziegłowicz talked about his projects, which are IVETS and a new sign in front of Department Headquarters. Commander Long presented Commander Dziegłowicz with a check for \$7,500 to use toward his projects. Commander Dziegłowicz thanked us for the donation, for who we are and what we do.

Children & Youth, Chairman James Martin

Oratorical

Chairman David Mummert reported that we need to get into the schools, talk to the guidance counselors speech and debate teachers, and push the Oratorical Contest. Applications must be at Department Headquarters by December 15, 2017.

Contests are as follows:

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| District 1, January 28, 2018 | Location to be announced |
| District 4, January 28, 2018 | Fort Wayne Post 296 |
| District 7, January 20, 2018 | Bloomington Post 18 |
| District 10, January 14, 2018 | Location to be announced (Snow date January 20, 2018) |
| Department Contest, March 4, 2018 | National Headquarters |
| National Contest, April 13-15, 2018 | Wyndham Indianapolis West |

To volunteer for the National Contest, you will need to sign up on the National website after November 1, 2017. If you have any questions, contact Shane Abrahms at sabrahms@legion.org or 317-630-1200.

Child Welfare Foundation

Chairman Kevin Gwzodz reported that the Commanders Project this year is COTA and Greg Wagner has raffle tickets for each District Commander in the back of the room. The Committee is working on getting the word out to the Districts.

Junior Shooting Sports

Chairman Michael Shuler reported that most programs just got going with the start of school. If you have an event going on, please let us know. Bloomfield ROTC recently competed with 36 shooters, and Madison Quakenbush placed 2nd.

Special Olympics

JR Booker reported that 2100 Special Olympic athletes made the trip to Indianapolis for the state level competition that started September 10, 2017, at Brebeuf Jesuit Prep Academy.

Children's Hospitals

Chairman James Naylor reported that we need to collect pop tabs at our Posts and Districts.

Americanism & Government

Chairman Larry Cripe stated that the time has passed to pick up the 4th grade Flag Education Test. You can still order tests and pick them up at Department Headquarters by October 13, 2017. All tests must be returned by December 22, 2017. On Veterans Day, November 11, assist your Post with any ceremonies.

Children & Youth Commission

Chairman Martin reported that he was able to attend the National Children & Youth Conference last September and shared the following:

Children & Youth 2017-2018 Goals The Sons of The American Legion Projects

- **American Legion Endowment Fund:**
We are looking for \$0.50 per member or \$182,500. We also need to make sure Detachment and Squadrons understand this program.
- **Child Welfare Foundation:**
Continue to raise \$1.00 per member or \$365,000 and again lead the American Legion family in donations. Increase CAT (Children's Action Team) Membership. "Make No Debate, We Will Exceed Eight."
- **Family Emphasis--Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance**
- **Child Safety--Say No to Drugs, Gateway to Drugs, Warning Signs, Halloween Safety, Missing Children**
- **Promoting Children & Youth Month (April) starting NOW because "They are the Future"**
- **C.O.T.A. (Children's Organ Transplant Association):**
Did You Know?
The Children's Organ Transplant Association does not charge for its services. 100% of the funds raised are available for transplant-related expenses. COTA funds are available for a patient's lifetime for almost any transplant-related expenses.
- **Special Olympics:**
Support, Volunteer, Organize, Promote and Participate
- **Promote recent CWF grant recipients:**
Angels & Doves, Our Military Kids, The American Legion National Headquarters Oratorical Contest and many more

2016-2017 Sons Accomplishments

- **Single largest contributor to the Child Welfare Foundation**
- **Surpassed \$7,000,000 in cumulative CWF donations**
- **\$25,000 + in donations to the American Legion Endowment Fund**
- **CWF donations of \$360,299 with 66,542 hours of service**
- **Special Olympics--\$200,602 donated with 24,246 hours of service**
- **Children's Miracle Network--\$67,754 in donations with 7,149 hours of service**
- **\$808,883 in donations and 161,097 hours in support of other Children & Youth programs**
- **The total yearly donations for all C & Y Programs are \$2,120,995 with 269,475 Hours of Service**

Only 1,780 Squadrons or 29% returned their Consolidated Report Forms. Just think what our numbers could be if everyone took the time to report what their Squadrons and members do each year.

PDC Brown made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report, 2nd by PDC Pfeiffer.

Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission, Chairman Randy Blake

Campout

Campout Committeeman Jay Huffman reported that the Campout bid information is in and bids must be returned by January 1, 2018. There is an invitation letter included with the bid information, and the Committee accepted both forms. There needs to be a flyer put out, "American Legion Family Campout" sponsored by the Detachment of Indiana. Campout will be on June 22-23, 2018.

Religious Emphasis

Chairman Jerad Long reported the need to distribute and promote the Sons Manual of Ceremony & Prayers. Points of emphasis:

- Encourage developing a relationship with local Community in Outreach
- More connection with The American Legion Religious Emphasis Committee to improve both Committees
- Strengthening the core of our membership by acknowledging our faith

We were informed that Ceremony Manuals were passed out with the membership packets; you will need to get with someone at your Post. Alternatively, we will have some at the next meeting or they can be requested by calling Department.

Community Involvement

Chairman Parry Schlimmer stated that we need to help Veterans Organizations. Replace worn Flags with new ones and get information from Squadrons on upcoming events. Get your information out as quickly as you can and on the website; two months is two late.

Scholarship

Chairman Charles Gemlich stated that it is not too early to push this program. When you attend Legion and Sons District meetings, remind the members that this program exists and the scholarship is for \$1,000. Applications will be available in the spring.

Information & Training

Committeeman Terry Slagle stated that the Committee needs videos from the Committee and Commissions to share in training sessions. The Committee also needs Squadrons or Districts to host training sessions.

Legislative

The Indiana Legion website for Call to Action is www.indianalegion.org/legislative .

House Enrolled Act 1001--the budget bill providing funding for:

- (a) Veterans Treatment Courts, funding \$1 million each year for the establishment, training and certification of Veterans problem-solving courts
- (b) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy grants to assist Veterans in receiving this pilot or research treatment for traumatic brain injury
- (c) Homeless Veterans grants to assist Veterans struggling with homelessness and related issues
- (d) State Service Officer funding of \$300,000 each year for 6 additional State Service Officers.
- (e) Veteran Service Organization funding increase-\$910,000 for Veteran Service Organizations providing Veterans benefits services
- (f) Increase in military retiree deduction from \$5000 to \$6,250

Overall, our advocates helped secure six of the original twelve legislative priorities of the Indiana Legion this session.

The Big Four met with Appropriations Committee Chairman regarding programs and funding. Gov. Eric Holcomb himself came to the Big Four to ask for their backing and support of his tax exemption priority for military retirees.

According to Department Adjutant William Henry, “It is important to note that The American Legion, Department of Indiana, did not accomplish these endeavors alone.” This was an organized and concerted effort from all Veteran and Military Organizations and Associations in this State.

Department would like more of our members to become advocates on Veterans issues by using your voice and sending letters to our state legislature. The new, user-friendly advocacy software has been introduced to the Department website at www.indianalegion.org/legislative. This new tool allows our members to become advocates on Veterans issues, simply by entering their information. A list of your elected officials in your area is generated, and pre-drafted letters supporting issues concerning Veterans can be sent at the click of a button.

Convention

Chairman Mike Arend assisted Commander Long in passing out the winning plaques to the Commission winners from the 2017 Convention. Chairman Arend also stated that he needs to talk to the adjutant about the entertainment for the 2018 Convention.

Public Relations and Information Technology

Chairman Doug Heiser stated information needs to be sent to him so we can resume the Detachment Newsletter. Send your articles and pictures to dough@metalink.net starting now. Make sure if your Squadron is holding an event that someone contacts the local media so they can cover it if they so choose. Put your events in the “what’s happening” section of your community newspaper. Most papers will run this for a week or two and it’s free. Follow up with a Thank You in the editorial section, thanking everyone who helped with donations and those who supported the event. This will bring more public awareness to our organization. If your Squadron doesn’t have a Face Book page, establish one. Social media is where young and old alike are seeing what is happening around them, and again it’s free. The new Sons Parade Banner was unveiled.

A motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report was made by FO Spaulding, 2nd by 6th DC Byers. Motion passed.

Rehabilitation Commission, David Mummert, Chairman

Indiana Veteran’s Home

Chairman James Arter stated that the Committee discussed the September Bingo which had 20 Legion Family Members help about 65 residents play about 75 Bingo games. Again everyone had a great time and all the prizes were won. The next Bingo will be on December 16 with set-up at 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. and Bingo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The Committee had a discussion about the needs of the residents. It was brought up at the September Bingo about needing socks and disposable underwear. Chairman Arter talked with Joe Hedrick about needed sizes, L, XL, and XXL for both women and men. A motion was made by Jeff Coulter to donate \$1,000 towards this need, 2nd by Greg Wagner. Motion carried.

V.A. V.S.

Rehabilitation Chairman David Mummert reported that the Louisville VAMC still needs a Sons Representative. Each District needs to reach out to your local VAMC and find out their wish list and any needs. Chairman Mummert called on PDC David Stephens for any other thoughts on the subject. PDC Stephens said that being a Representative is not a 40-hour-a-week job. It is one of being in contact with Voluntary Services and finding their needs and seeing if you can find someone to fill them. It could be an hour here and there just sitting and talking. Also, you do not have to be the Representative in order to volunteer at your local VAMC.

Homeless Veterans

Committeeman Chip Conrad stated that we could start collecting hotel shampoo and soap and turn it in to your District's Homeless Fund. Check with your District and see if they are doing any Homeless Veterans Programs. You can donate used furniture or bedding to a homeless shelter.

Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman Mummert reported that the Department of Indiana has partnered up with My Computer Career to find solutions for Veterans affected by the ITT-Tech closures. With campuses in Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina and Texas, My Computer Career is partnering with Operation Job Ready Vets, a new outreach program that offers financial support and education opportunities to Indiana Military Veterans. One of their next classes is the IT Systems Administration course starting at the Indiana campuses on Friday, October 21. Tuesday, October 18, is the next start date for the online version. Another class will start approximately six weeks later. For more information you can contact Department Asst. Adjutant John Crosby at 317-630-1264 or at jcrosby@indianalegion.org. The Department of Indiana is committed to providing continued service to fellow Veterans, their families and Communities because "We Change Lives."

10th DC Mummert made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report, 2nd by PDC Paulus. Motion passed.

Commander Long called on the stand-alone Committees.

Sons In Need

Committeeman Ron Sexton reported that they discussed putting the program on the website to get more participation. The Committee is still seeking a minimum donation of \$10.00 from each Squadron to help build the fund. The Committee is also taking another look at the requirements and will present them at the Mid-Winter Conference. PDC Sexton made a motion to accept the Sons In Need Committee report, 2nd by JA Pfeiffer. Motion passed.

V. E. & E.

Chairman Dennis Budd reported that Blair Milo, the ex-Mayor of LaPorte has a new Cabinet position on Employment and Education of people for the 1,000,000 jobs that will be in Indiana next year. You can go to IN.gov to find her site, which includes lots of information for Veterans and on job fairs.

ANEC Keith Williams says he will get the V.E. & E. pamphlets as soon as he can find who prints them. The Committee will distribute the pamphlets in their travels. Chairman Budd is also in contact with Dwayne Arndt of Senator Donnelly's office on Veterans employment issues. 3rd DC Budd moved to accept the V.E. & E. Committee Report, 2nd by PDC Slagle. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget

Chairman Greg Spaulding stated that there were two requests for funds that came before the Finance & Budget Committee:

1. The IVH Committee requested \$1,000 to purchase disposable undergarments for both men and women (Depends-L, XL, XXL). The check should have "Depends" on the memo line. This request was approved.
2. An additional expense for moving the Tank has come in for \$1,867.50 from Doc's Crane and Rigging after donations. The Committee decided that more information is needed as the Detachment has already given out \$1,000 towards a crane. The question is has that been applied towards the bill, or did that money go to Midnight Blue Towing. The Bill to Doc's Crane is for \$2,492.50 and was paid for with check #1282 by the 2nd District Sons. The following gave donations: 11th District, \$125; 8th & 9th Districts, \$250; Squadron 94, \$150; Squadron 502, \$250. A check was written to the Legion Riders from Post 502 for \$150 for food at the Dedication. More information is needed from the 2nd District "Tank Committee." This information needs to go the Adjutant and this Committee at Mid-Winter Conference.

*At 11:45 a.m. this update was delivered. The Detachment has paid "Midnight Blue Towing \$2750". Doc's bill is for setting the Tank at IVH, an additional \$1867.50 currently going back to the 2nd District. PDC Spaulding made a motion to accept the Finance and Budget report, 2nd by PDC D.P. Stephens. During discussion PDC D.P. Stephens ask if the Otis R. Bowen Veteran House (Indy Vet House) could be put on the budget as an annual donation. Chairman Spaulding stated that he remembers that being brought up but there is nothing at this time. Motion passed.

Resolutions

Chairman Michael Pipher read resolutions for the following:

Larry Cripe for 9th District Commander for 2018-2019

Douglas L Heiser for Detachment Commander for 2018-2019

NEC Pipher made a motion to accept the Resolutions report, 2nd by PDC D.P. Stephens. Motion passed.

Membership

Chairman Dennis Hathaway reported that there was some cleanup work from last year and invited Jimmy Martin, last year's Membership Chairman for presentations of awards earned.

1. Denim jackets were awarded to the top Commander of the Squadron and the District with the most cards over goal:

Jim Green of Daleville Squadron 446

Jeff Coulter, 7th District

2. Satin jackets were given to the top District Commander and his Membership Chairman:

David Hanson, 10th District Commander

David Mummert, 10th District Membership Chairman

3. The Kenny Shultz Top Recruiter award went to Robert Shields of West Lafayette Squadron 492

PDC Hanson asked for a moment of personal privilege and thanked David Mummert for his efforts and organizational skills that got him his jacket. There were no cards turned in after Close of Books from the 10th District, unlike other Districts.

Chairman Hathaway talked about how this year has been a little different since we lost Kenny Thomas from Department. Chairman Hathaway and Commander Long put a plan together and are moving ahead with it. He has worked with Claudette (Department Membership Specialist) and saw what slows down the process of counting cards at turn-ins.

A TRANSMITTAL FORM must be sent in with your cards and payment. Also when they are not filled in properly, that is often the difference between your number and the number on the membership report. He went on to thank everyone for their hard work with membership. We are keeping up with last year's numbers and looking to add a few new Squadrons.

The question was asked about the E-mail box and the birth date box.

The following issues were answered during discussion.

E-mail

1. The National Update can be sent electronically to the membership to save monies on printing to be used on other Programs.
2. New members can join the Sons of The American Legion online. **(In the future)**
3. You will be able to renew your membership online. **(In the future)**

Birthday

1. This will allow our Organization to target age brackets for both training and recruitment.
2. This will also give The American Legion a baseline for a PUFL for the Sons.

Legion Insurance

1. There was discussion about the Legion Trust Insurance that is available to the Sons at no cost and the additional coverage if you are on Legion Business.
2. This could be a good membership tool.

PDC Slagle made a motion to accept the Membership report, 2nd by 6th DC Byers. Motion passed.

Meet Goal Percentage #1: Each District Commander that has 25% of their Squadrons meet or exceed goal will receive 3 goal pins and a check for \$25. *

District 4

District 7

District 11

Highest Percentage of Renewals District with the highest rate of retention will receive a check for \$50. *

District 4

Meet Goal Percentage #2 Each District Commander that has 30% of their Squadrons meet or exceed goal will receive 3 goal pins and a check for \$25. *

District 1

District 4

District 6

District 10

District 11

Highest Percentage of Renewals District with the highest rate of retention will receive a check for \$50. *

District 4

Meet Goal Percentage #3 Each District Commander that has 40% of their Squadrons meet or exceed goal will receive 3 goal pins and a check for \$25. *

District 1

District 6

District 11

Highest Percentage of Renewals District with the highest rate of retention will receive a check for \$50. *

District 4

A \$50 check will be awarded to the first THREE District Commanders with all their Squadrons off zero

District 7

District 11

October 7, 2017

Unofficial Membership Report

| Place | District | Percentage |
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| 1 | 4 | 34.52% |
| 2 | 1 | 30.88% |
| 3 | 6 | 28.83% |
| 4 | 10 | 26.79% |
| 5 | 8 | 26.55% |
| 6 | 2 | 25.74% |
| 7 | 11 | 25.17% |
| 8 | 9 | 24.24% |
| 9 | 3 | 22.46% |
| 10 | 7 | 21.77% |
| 11 | 5 | <u>20.79%</u> |
| | | 26.43% |

The 1st Quarter Drawing for \$500.00 was won by Hymera Squadron 298

Again Chairman Hathaway thanked everyone for their work with membership.

Unfinished Business:

Commander Long presented Wheatfield Squadron 406 with a Commander's Club plaque for their \$1,000 contribution to Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA).

New Business: None

Sick Call:

PDC David Mathews

JP Wythe

9th District Commander Larry Cripe

Also, PDC Larry Paulus lost his Mother.

Correspondence:

PDC Chuck Newman wrote and let it be known that he plans to bring up the defeated motion from the Detachment Convention that would limit the voting privileges of the Past Detachment Commanders and he also apologized to PDC Schultis for using his name.

Goods:

*Wrist bands are being sold for COTA for \$1.00, and any donations above that are appreciated.

*Commander Long stated that there is a Statue of an Eagle in the back of the room that was given to him by Mike Bottom at Convention to do with whatever he wanted for COTA. Also in the back of the room there is a roll of tickets and a bucket for each District Commander to sell this year: 1 ticket for \$1.00, 6 tickets for \$5.00, or an arm span for \$20.00. The drawing for the Eagle will be at Spring Conference with all the monies going to COTA.

*Ricky Martin of Squadron 64 stated that they donated food to a local food bank and funds towards the National Emergency Relief Fund.

*SVC Jeff Coulter stated that there was a fundraiser today in Brazil where they are trying to raise funds for bracelet monitors for two autistic grandchildren of one of our members. These monitors cost around \$5,000 each and he told them he would ask Finance and Budget if there was any way they could help out. He realizes nothing will happen till Mid-Winter Conference.

*ANEC Williams stated that Union Mills Squadron 295 donated \$1,000 directly to the Child Welfare Foundation.

*PDC David Stephens reported there was a change at National Headquarters with a new Liaison and a new National Adjutant. During the General Session this morning there was a story about a good wolf and an evil wolf. Someone asked who would win, and the answer was the one that could see. With all of us working together with our good ideas we can move forward in a positive direction.

*NEC Pipher reminded many of us about the time we got together and spent the weekend at IVH building a deck next to the fishing pond, lots of people and lots of fun. A couple years ago we got together and cleaned up the Indiana State Police Memorial; again, lots of people and lots of fun. Last summer Mike Bottom brought us the Tank project. Now is the time to start thinking about what we want to do next summer; so bring back your ideas at Mid-Winter Conference and we can start to plan our activities.

*The next 3rd District meeting on October 28 will be at Westville Post 21.

*On Veterans Day, November 11, if you are not doing something with your home Post, you are welcome to walk with the Indiana Legion Family here in Indianapolis. We want 100 Flags to lead up to the 100th Legion Anniversary. Time TBA.

*Donations are reflected on the donations page.

Commander Long called on Chaplain Long for closing Services for 53 of our members that passed on to Squadron Everlasting. With no further business to come before this meeting Commander Long closed the meeting in due form at 11:10 A.M.