



**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Indiana  
Pre-Convention  
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting  
July 12, 2019**

Commander Doug Heiser opened the meeting at 7:30 with a right hand salute to the Colors of our Nation. Chaplain Jay Huffman said an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag was in place. The Blue Star Banner was in place. Southern Vice Commander Parry Schlimmer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Northern Vice Commander Mike Shuler led the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.

Commander Heiser called on Asst. Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr. for a roll call which showed the following:

Commander:	Doug Heiser	
Northern Vice Commander:	Mike Shuler	
Northern Vice Commander:	Dennis Budd	
Southern Vice Commander:	Parry Schlimmer	
Southern Vice Commander:	Andy Byers	
Adjutant:	Steven Tansel	(EX)
Asst. Adjutant:	Raymond Giehll, Jr	
Asst. Adjutant:	James Arter, Sr.	
Asst. Adjutant:	Glenn Nagel	
Asst. Adjutant:	Joe Schultis	
Finance Officer:	Dewey Long	
Chaplain:	Jay Huffman	
Historian:	Fred Motley	
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Ron Conrad	
Sgt.-ar-Arms Emeritus:	Galen Close	(EX)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Greg Wagner	
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Garrett Gilmore	
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Kevin Gwozdz	
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer	
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke	
Membership Chairman:	Raymond Giehll, III	
Public Relations Director:	Paul Rush	
NEC:	Mike Pipher	
Alt. NEC:	Greg Spaulding	

District Commanders:

1<sup>st</sup>: David Tretter (EX)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Bottom  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Matt Kearns  
4<sup>th</sup>: Paul Rush  
5<sup>th</sup>: Jay Huffman  
6<sup>th</sup>: Mike Tolley (UNEX)  
7<sup>th</sup>: Jay Rawley  
8<sup>th</sup>: Brian Englert (EX)  
9<sup>th</sup>: Brian Hauser (UNEX)  
10<sup>th</sup>: Dave Brown (UNEX)  
11<sup>th</sup>: Merle Smith (EX)

Past Detachment Commanders:

David Stephens	James Arter	Raymond Giehll, Jr
Terry Slagle	Rodney Strong	David Ridenour
David Brown	Richard Pfeiffer	Mark Tansel
Mike Pipher	Glenn Nagel	David Hanson
Greg Spaulding	Kirk Rewerts	Chris Carlton
Joe Schultis	Dewey Long	

District Advisors:

1<sup>st</sup>: Al Pulido  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Gourley  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Phil Shea  
4<sup>th</sup>: Donald Dapp H  
5<sup>th</sup>: Pete Brannon  
6<sup>th</sup>: Cliff Stephens H  
7<sup>th</sup>: Larry Dent H  
8<sup>th</sup>: Larry French  
9<sup>th</sup>: Milton Howard  
10<sup>th</sup>: Mary York H  
11<sup>th</sup>: Danny Rice

Commander Heiser asked for any First Time Attendees, there were 5 First Time Attendee.

Commander Heiser called on Raymond Giehll, Jr. for introduction of guests. Raymond introduced:

All Past Detachment Commanders

Past National Commander David Stephens

Dewey Long introduced Past National Commander Raymond Giehll, Jr.

Commander Heiser called for the reading of the previous DEC minutes.

PDC Richard Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the minutes as sent out, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Mike Bottom. Motion passed.

Commander Heiser introduced American Legion Department Commander Rodney Strong. Commander Strong came forward and gave short address to the meeting saying he would return tomorrow during the Convention.

Commander Heiser asked for any Commission or Committee reports. All Commission & Committee Chairmen deferred to the Convention to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

PDC Richard Pfeiffer made a motion that Asst. Detachment Adjutant Raymond Giehll Jr. be made the Acting Detachment Adjutant until the return from deployment of Detachment Adjutant Steven Tansel. 2<sup>nd</sup> PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer said that per the Department the time Detachment Adjutant Steve Tansel spent on deployment would not count towards his tenure. Judge Advocate Pfeiffer made it clear that Steve Tansel will be returning as the Indiana Detachment Adjutant following his deployment.

PDC Mark Tansel said that he had been in contact with Steve Tansel and he was in Kuwait and was safe but it is very hot. Mark said that Steve's wife Susanne was not taking this deployment well and asked that we keep both Steve and Susanne in our prayers.

Commander Heiser appointed the Credentials Committee for the upcoming Convention: Richard Pfeiffer, Joe Schultis, Andy Byers.

PDC David Hanson made a motion to accept the Credentials Committee appointments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PDC Mark Tansel. Motion passed.

**Sick Call & Relief:**

Mike Arend said that Past 1st District SAL Commander JP Wythe has been fighting cancer for some time now. JP had surgery today and the tumor was smaller than expected, which was good news. JP was doing good following the surgery.

**Correspondence:** None

**Good of the Sons of The American Legion:**

NEC Mike Pipher said that with the upcoming National Convention in Indianapolis there are opportunities to serve on a Convention Committee for members. Each Detachment is allowed on member on each Convention Committee. Committee meetings will begin at 8:30 on the Friday of the Convention. If you are interested see NEC Pipher.

PDC Chris Carlton asked if any member could attend the Convention Committee meetings, NEC Pipher said yes the meetings are open to all members. No background checks are required.

Mike Bottom said that IVH is collecting bottle caps and pop tabs. You can give them to Mike or take them to IVH.

Mike Arend asked why the Detachment had not been receiving the membership cards by Close of Books as we had in the past. Raymond Giehl Jr explained that for many years we had a friend in a National employee who arranged for our cards to be printed early. That friend has since retired and we have no one we know who will extend the same favor we had enjoyed for years.

Mike Arend asked why the cards for the squadrons could not be given to the District Commanders and have them collect the squadron certifications and return them to Department. Commander Heiser explained that it had been tried before and we did not receive back the squadron certifications. Mark Tansel said that as the American Legion had the same policy they had received all their post certifications. Commander Heiser said there are still 41 uncertified squadrons. There was much discussion on the squadron certifications and the distribution of membership cards.

SAL National Convention Chairman Greg Spaulding said that he has National Convention pins for sale for \$5 apiece. See Greg after the meeting.

Mark Tansel asked to see him if you have a donation for the Commander's jacket.

With no further business to come before the meeting Commander Heiser called on Chaplain Huffman for a closing prayer. Chaplain Huffman gave a closing prayer. With a right hand salute to the Flag of Our Nation, the meeting was closed at 8:12 pm