



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Fall Conference
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
October 10, 2020**

Commander Jimmy Martin opened the meeting at 12:00 noon with a right hand salute to the Colors of our Nation. Chaplain Jeff Gresley said an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag & table were in place. Southern Vice Commander Parry Schlimmer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Northern Vice Commander Jay Huffman led the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion. The Blue Star Banner was in place.

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

Commander:	James Martin	
Northern Vice Commander:	Ryan Kohlheim	
Northern Vice Commander:	Jay Huffman	
Southern Vice Commander:	Parry Schlimmer	
Southern Vice Commander:	Jeffrey Coulter	(EX)
Adjutant:	Steven Tansel	(EX)
Asst. Adjutant:	Raymond Giehll, Jr.	
Asst. Adjutant:	Joe Schultis	
Asst. Adjutant:	James Arter Sr.	
Asst. Adjutant:	Glenn Nagel	(EX)
Finance Officer:	Dewey Long	
Chaplain:	Jeff Gresley	
Historian:	Fred Motley	
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Charles Gemlich	
Sgt.-at-Arms Emeritus:	Galen Close	(EX)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Garrett Gilmore	(UNEX)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	William Barnett	
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Logan Pipher	(EX)
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer	
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke	(EX)
Membership Chairman:	Greg Wagner	
Public Relations Director:	Paul Rush	
NEC:	Mike Pipher	
Alt. NEC:	Greg Spaulding	

District Commanders:

1st: Robert Bowie
2nd: Tom Potts
3rd: Richard Reed
4th: Paul Rush
5th: Jay Huffman
6th: Mike Tolley (EX)
7th: Gary Miller
8th: Brian Englert
9th: Brian Hauser (EX)
10th: Dave Brown
11th: David Miller

Past Detachment Commanders:

David Stephens	Don Stephens	
James Arter	Raymond Giehll, Jr	Rodney Strong
David Brown	Richard Pfeiffer	Mark Tansel
Mike Pipher	David Hanson	Greg Spaulding
Chris Carlton	Joe Schultis	Dewey Long
Doug Heiser	Jimmy Martin	

District Advisors:

4th: Donald Dapp

Acting Adjutant Giehll read the Call for the meeting:

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana, Detachment Commander Jimmy Martin called for a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee to be held in Indianapolis, IN on October 10, 2020.

Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer read the following statement:

Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana reads as follows:

Section 1. The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet immediately following the adjournment of the Detachment Convention, Fall Conference, Mid-Winter Conference, Spring Conference, also prior to the opening of the first business session of the Detachment Convention, and at the call of the Detachment Commander. The Detachment Commander, in order to call a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee, must issue such a call at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Sons of The American Legion Committee of The American Legion, Department of Indiana, must be invited to such a meeting.

The Call went out on 9/4/2020. Subsequently the SAL Committee of the Department of Indiana was invited to the meeting. The meeting place was changed on 10/2/2020, 8 days before the meeting. Article VII, Section 1 does not address how notice of the meeting will be conveyed. In Article VII, Section 3 it reads that the Detachment may conduct business by mail, telephone or telegraph. Mail does not specifically read as USPS mail. It has been the published opinion of

myself and previous Judge Advocates that mail does include email and that was how the Call for this meeting was sent and is in proper form.

PDC Mark Tansel made a motion that the DEC meeting be dedicated to Past Detachment Commander Damon Bradtmueller, 2nd PDC David Brown. Unanimously passed.

Commander Martin called for the reading of the previous minutes.

PDC David Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, 2nd PDC Mike Pipher.

PDC David Brown said that the Squadron Expansion report should read New Castle Prison Post not New Carlisle for a new squadron. Motion passed.

Commander Martin called on David Stephens to introduce guests.

Past National Commander David Stephens introduced the following guests:

Richard “Doc” Pfeiffer, Sons of The American Legion National Vice Commander

Raymond Giehll, Jr., Past National Commander and Committee on Committees Chairman

Joe Schultis, National Chairman Member Training & Development Committee

Mark Tansel, National Internal Affairs Commission Chairman

David Ridenour, National Assistant Adjutant

Chris Carlton, 2nd Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander

Past Department Commander Rodney Strong

David asked that all Past Detachment Commanders stand and be recognized.

Commander Martin asked for Commission and Committee reports.

Reports were read.

Americanism Commission:

Chairman Dennis Budd reported everything has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Stand up and be proud of our military and our flag. As things open back, we all need to do what we can to help veterans. The following Committee reports were given.

Hoosier Boy’s State Committee:

Chairman Ryan Kohlheim reported Dates for 2021 HBS have been set for June 12th to June 18th at Trine University.

If a student was eligible for 2020 HBS that student will also be eligible for 2021 HBS.

Please help push this flagship program and help increase participation.

POW/MIA Committee:

Chairman Ron Ripperger reported:

M.I.A.’s identified since our July report

World War II – 19 USS Oklahoma – 18

Korean War – 15 Vietnam – 2

One from Indiana. Marine PFC Charles D. Miller of Albany, In. Went missing on the Gilbert Islands. PFC Mill will be buried at Arlington Nation Commentary.

81,900 are still reported as missing. 41,000 of those are non-recoverable because of lost at sea.

5 Star/10 Ideals Committee:

Chairman Andy Byers reported that Covid-19 has slowed things down.

About 5-Star program, Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership, American Legion

About 10-Ideals program, Patriotism, Health, Knowledge, Training, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence, Comradeship.

They can be found at www.sal.org, left side of page scroll down to Publications & Forms then Training or in the Squadron Handbook.

Athletic Committee:

Chairman Dave Benefiel reported that the 2020 Detachment Golf Outing was held. Application to host next year's Golf Outing will be available online.

Glenn Nagel reported the attached:

24th ANNUAL
2020 SAL DETACHMENT
GOLF OUTING

GOLFERS	\$ 7140
SPONSORS	\$ 900
SKINS (NO HIT)	\$ 600
	<u>\$ 8640</u>

AL POST 6	\$ 2618
PRO SHOP	\$ 500
PRO SHOP	\$ 200
HOLE SPONSORS	\$ 720
RINGO'S GOLF	\$ 700
	<u>\$ 4738</u>

Profit \$ 3902

Check # 42233 \$40.00 Donated 2nd HOLE
 Check # 42247 \$40.00 Not Paid 16th HOLE
 PROFIT - \$ 3982

SPONSORS NOT PAID

2 nd DISTRICT	6 th DISTRICT	9 th DISTRICT	11 th DISTRICT
5 th DISTRICT	7 th DISTRICT	10 th DISTRICT	DAVE HANSON

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd PDC Richard Pfeiffer. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Commission:

Chairman Jeff Coulter reported: First let me start with saying I am sorry I can't be with you all today. I have a Niece that is dying and she has requested a family meeting in Mitchell, Indiana.

I hope this message finds you all doing well. In these unprecedented times that we are in so much has changed since we last met in January of this year.

With all that has changed it is more important now than ever to continue to work the programs of our parent organization. We need to insure that our young people are being taught all about our flag, and our constitution. As Mr. Bowie stated, we need to assist our veterans in teaching the Flag etiquette classes whenever we are called upon to do so. And it may well be a virtual classroom setting, making it even more difficult to teach these young people.

Mr. Spaulding has reported again another challenge to get out and speak to your schools and have them get with their students about the oratorical contest. Make sure you take the paperwork with you when you go out to the schools. And Thank you to all the volunteers that helped this year.

Mr. Gwozdz reported to you that we finished the year at 42 cents a member for child welfare. Given the circumstances I understand this low number. But we were behind the eight ball way before the pandemic ever hit. We as a Detachment are better than this. We have to get these numbers back up. The Legion depends on us for this program. I urge you all to do a fundraiser and let's grow these numbers. District commanders take this information to your squadrons and let's make this happen.

Mr. Quackenbush has asked to be replaced as the Junior Shooting Sports committee chairman. But this is another program that has been strongly under promoted. Get with your Legion homes and see if they want to sponsor this program. The NRA has grant money available to assist in getting them started.

Mr. Nagel, unfortunately couldn't be with you today, however due to the pandemic he really has nothing new to report on the Children's Hospital committee. He is asking for more Josh Dogs if we have any left.

If the new dates are out and things are open to where we can get out and do these events safely then we need to continue to support those that are able to participate in the events.

Folks it has been a challenging year. A year that we will look back on and be proud of what we were able to accomplish while the country was closed down. I look forward to another year of working with you all and wish you well as we open this state back up. I look forward to seeing you all at midwinter conference. God Bless you all and God Bless the Detachment of Indiana and These United States of America.

Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll read the following Committee reports.

Oratorical Committee:

Chairman Greg Spaulding said first I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the State Oratorical Contest last March. They were Dave Mummert, Mark Tansel, Brian Gilbert, Dewey Long, Joe Schultis, Kirk Rewerts, Greg and Tammy Wagner, Doug and Kim Heiser and Cheryl Spaulding. Also attending was our Commander Jimmy Martin.

This year will be a trying year for Youth Programs. Covid has some schools shut down, some with classes and e-learning, and some of the students have gone to Home Schooling. It is going to be a challenge to get out to the students to participate in the Oratorical Contest and other

programs. We need to step up our efforts to get the word out to schools about our programs. Do what you can to get in the schools and push the Oratorical Contest, Hoosier Boy's State and Hoosier Girl's State. Maybe the schools can "Blast" out this information to the students through their e-mail notifications. Do what you can, it's going to be a tough year.

Americanism & Government Committee:

Chairman Robert Bowie reported Posts should be ordering their testing supplies at this time.

Children's Hospital Committee:

Chairman Glenn Nagel said there are still Josh Dogs available.

Special Olympics Committee:

Chairman Brian Gilbert will be contacting state Special Olympics director about needing help at State special Olympic competitions.

Fall sports and winter sports has started practicing and bowling alleys and basketball season is about to begin.

We do need to help out with the polar plunges.

Junior Shooting Sports Committee: No report

Child Welfare Foundation Committee:

Chairman Kevin Gwozdz reported that donations for 2019-2020=\$16,635.27 or \$0.48 per member.

Detachment of Indiana was the 3rd largest in donations for the 2019-2020 membership year.

Detachment 2020-2021 Goal for CWF is \$36,245. We have already donated \$3,035 so far this year.

The 4th District is planning their Annual Pig Race again for March 7, 2021.

Notify each Squadron what their goal is.

CWF Aprons are still available. Contact Stacy Cope 317-630-1202.

PDC Raymond Giehll made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report, 2nd PDC James Arter. Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Chairman Charles Gemlich gave the following reports.

Convention Committee:

The convention committee held a conference call on September 20th, 2020 at 4pm to hold a committee meeting. Those predicated were Chairman Dewey Long, members Jay Huffman, Jeff Gresley and Brian Englert.

We are rechecking on using various Legion busses that usually show up to conferences and conventions to use them as shuttle service to and from the programs.

We are still thinking about laying 2 wreaths, 1 at the 9-11 memorial and 1 at the Medal of Honor memorial.

By the midwinter conference we will have a price on the wreaths and hopefully the name of the guest speaker(s).

The committee members will also be going to both memorials after the DEC meeting on October 10th 2020.

Conference call ended at 4:27pm.

Convention Committee Chairman
Dewey Long

Religious Emphasis Committee:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said reach out to fellow SAL members within your squadrons to make sure Legion and SAL members alike are coping with the current health issues we are experiencing. Make sure veterans are getting the help they may need.

Offer to assist your Legion Chaplains if they are in need of some assistance during these trying times.

Legislative Committee:

Chairman Mark Franke reported National Legion staff testified for a bill to protect jobs of National Guardsmen mobilized for state duty.

Bill passed adding Agent Orange conditions to VA's list for medical services.

Bill passed to protect leases of servicemen given stop movement orders during emergencies.

Veterans were included services provided under several COVID related laws.

Recent staff testimony focused on S.785, a mental health bill with a goal of reducing veteran suicides.

Information & Training Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush reported the committee would like to have another training session on MySAL.com.

If any Squadron would like one on one training please contact Paul.

Suggesting the Inateck 1D USB Barcode Scanner with Intelligent Stand Wired, BCST-33 (from Amazon). Squadrons can buy these scanners to under \$50.

Public Relations & Information Technology:

Chairman Paul Rush reported he received very few pictures and events from other Districts.

Send pictures & events to plrush2019@gmail.com (picture files need to be 10 meg. or less & events in pdf.)

Campout Committee:

Acting Chairman David Hanson reported that per the Committee's phone conversations on September 5 & 7 Squadron 95 has agreed to host the campout next year. The menu would stay the same as would the fees for electrical hook-ups. The date is the 1st weekend after Father's Day, June 25-27, 2021.

Scholarship Committee:

Chairman Charles Gemlich reported that last year's winner was Wyatt Harvey from Mooresville Squadron 103. The amount was \$1500.

Please inform Squadrons to get applications. Applications are online.

Community Involvement Committee:

Chairman Parry Schlimmer said that on Veteran's Day get squadrons to reach out to veterans and have a meal for them at their Post.

If you see a worn flag, replace it with a new one.

If your Post does a flag disposal invite the local Boy Scouts to come and be a part of it.

Get with local schools and ask if you can introduce the students about flag etiquette.

Chairman Charles Gemlich reported the Convention committee is planning several things for Convention.

Campout is planned for June 25-27 at Squadron 95.

Info & Train. is needing pictures from Squadrons doing events.

Info & Tech is wanting to schedule training sessions.

Legislative Affairs are watching several bills.

Religious Emphasis is asking chaplains to assist in helping during Covid.

Thanks to everyone who sent in reports.

Sgt.-at-Arms Charles Gemlich made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report, 2nd PDC David Stephens. PDC David Hanson asked about the possibility of changing the campout date as it conflicts with the ALR State Rally each year. PDC Doug Heiser said that the SAL Campout has been on the weekend after Father's Day longer than the ALR has had their Rally and it is they who should consider changing their dates. It would be up to the Campout Committee to consider a date change.

PDC Richard Pfeiffer asked Paul Rush about putting the previous DEC minutes on the website, they had been there on the previous website. Paul Rush said that could be done.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Chairman Raymond Giehll III reported the Rehabilitation donation to the Department was made. The Donation to the Department Homeless Veterans Program was made.

Thank you to the Committee Chairman who turned in reports for this meeting.

Now is the time that as Sons of The American Legion Members that we step up to do what we can for America's & Indiana's veterans and their families.

Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll read the following reports:

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Chairman Dewey Long reported the IVH Committee had a committee meeting via emails on September 7th 2020 with Chairman Dewey Long, Chairman Emeritus James Arter, members David Miller, Jeff Coulter and Mike Shuler all responding.

The IVH Bingo dates are as follows,

Saturday October 17th 2020

Sunday December 13th 2020

Saturday February 6th 2021.

The Covid virus has forced the IVH to limit only 10 SAL workers to work the October 17th bingo. We won't know about any limitations for our Christmas bingo on December 13th until closer to the time. We have no idea what the February 6th bingo will have.

IVH Chairman Dewey Long

UPDATE

AS OF SEPTEMBER 15TH 2020 AT 12:10PM ALL BINGOS AT IVH HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR.

IVH Chairman Dewey Long

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Chairman Mike Bottom said Robert Bowie attended the ground breaking of a new 75 bed Homeless/Senior veteran's shelter in Hobart in late August. Please see attached information.

Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Committee: Chairman Brian Hauser had No Report.

Veterans Education & Employment Committee:

Chairman Dennis Budd reported that Covid-19 has put a big dent in slowing everything down. No Job Fairs or Stand Downs events until state mandates are lifted, per Thom Skelley, National VE&E Chairman.

Veteran's home sales have gone up. Resolution #254 has helped. Also interest rates are close to zero.

New program, 1st Annual Health and Resource Fair at National Guard Armory in South Bend Indiana on October 10th.

PDC Raymond Giehll made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report, 2nd PDC James Arter.

PDC Dewey Long said that IVH had suggested sending a check to IVH and they would sponsor a bingo giving cash prizes only. PDC James Arter said he did not think it was a good idea to send a check to IVH, it might not end up being used as we would want it used.

Commander Jimmy Martin thanked everyone who donated to his project at IVH last year. The project has been completed and he will get pictures for the website when possible. Commander Martin said we do not know when we will be able to have the dedication.

Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee:

Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr. reported the committee discussed the 2020-2021 budget and made necessary changes.

National has increased their dues by \$3 for the 2021 card year.

Since the last meeting Chairman Giehll spoke with Department Finance Chairman Hugh Dagley and it was decided the budget would remain basically the same with 2 exceptions, raised the Commander's & Membership Chairman's travel.

All budgeted donations from the 2019-2020 budget were made.

The Department asked for a donation to the 911 Memorial on the canal in Indianapolis. The Detachment made a donation of \$10,000. Half from the Josh Dog, which no longer exists and half from the SAL Emergency Fund, both restricted funds.

Commander Martin's project is complete and there is about \$1200 still remaining that can be rolled into this year or.....

PDC Raymond Giehl, Jr made a motion to accept the Finance & Budget Committee report, 2nd PDC David Stephens. Motion passed.

Distinguished Guests Committee:

Chairman David Stephens brought up the idea of Presenting a Plaque to the Department Commander & Department President at the Convention each year by our Detachment Commander to thank them for their support.

Mark Tansel made a motion seconded by Doc Pfeiffer for the plaques. Motion passed with David Ridenour in agreement.

Chairman Stephens had spoken to Acting Adjutant/Finance Chairman first and he felt we could find the money for this.

The plaques will cost between \$150.00 to \$200.00 depending on what the Finance Committee feels is a reasonable amount.

PDC David Stephens made a motion to accept the Distinguished Guests Committee report, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed.

Resolutions Committee:

Chairman Mike Pipher reported that the Committee received and filed resolutions for Rick Masters (11th District Commander 2020-2021), Thomas Nedele (4th District Commander 2020-2021), Robert Bowie (1st District Commander 2020-2021), Paul Rush (Northern Vice Commander 2020-2021). The Committee members also received and filed a resolution from Tom Potts (2nd District Commander 2020-2021) after administratively renaming 3 clauses entitled "THEREFORE" to be read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED". There were no other resolutions or issues that came before the members.

PDC Mike Pipher made a motion to accept the Resolutions Committee report, 2nd PDC Doug Heiser. Motion passed.

Sons in Need Committee:

Chairman Parry Schlimmer reported that since the pandemic there has been one application for assistance, still waiting on approval from Department.

As 5/18/2020 there is \$38,695.00 in the Sons in Need account

District Commanders need to ask for donations from their squadrons for Sons in Need.

The information is on Indiana SAL website.

Southern Vice Commander Parry Schlimmer made a motion to accept the Sons in Need Committee report, 2nd PDC Greg Spaulding. The one application came from Squadron 200. Motion passed.

Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee:

Chairman Greg Wagner reported that there are still squadrons on zero, 101 at this time everyone needs to work on getting this number cleaned up. (69 as of 10/10/2020).

Per 1st District Commander, Squadron 54 Hobart might turn in charter. (Squadron 54 instead turned in a Certification with cards).

Multiple Districts are working on new charters, 6 total.

Commander Martin to sign new charter next week in the 2nd District.
4th District Commander advised that Squadron 330 New Haven is currently a paper post.

Chairman Wagner gave out the following membership awards:

Target 2:

District with highest percentage of retention: 4th District 13.71% \$50

District with 30% of squadrons to reach goal (15%): 4th District, 32.14% \$25 and 3 Goal pins.
39 Squadrons to reach goal.

Target 3:

District with highest percentage of retention: 1st District, 23.98% \$50

District with 40% of squadrons to reach goal (25%): 4th District, 43.75% \$25 and 3 Goal pins.
53 Squadrons to reach goal.

PDC Dave Brown said squadron officers need to have their dues paid by now.

PDC Dave Stephens asked about the District Adjutant receiving squadron certifications. They are sent to the District Commanders, we don't have emails for the District Adjutants.

Commander Martin told the District Commanders to get their officers to help with membership. There should not be any zero squadrons at this time.

PDC Rodney Strong said that a squadron is in violation if they hold cards for more than 30 days.

PDC Strong asked if the Department could send a letter to the Posts with zero squadrons.

Chairman Wagner had Candidate for SAL National Commander Chris Carlton draw the winning squadron for \$500, Squadron 182.

PDC Mark Tansel said that 2 squadrons in the 7th District will be off of zero today.

Chairman Wagner said the 10th District is the first District with all squadrons off of zero and is awarded \$50. Chairman Wagner said there are still 2 of the same awards to be won.

PDC Mike Pipher made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee report, 2nd PDC Chris Carlton.

Chairman Wagner said that you can still renew 2020 members till 12/31/20 for \$10 but you must submit those through Department.

PDC Mike Pipher asked which Squadron in the Detachment was the largest, Squadron 18. PDC Pipher we should push for an Indiana SAL PFUL again. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

PDC Dewey Long asked if the PDC pin had been gotten for PDC Doug Heiser. Acting Adjutant Giehl could only apologize and say that he would get the pin ordered for Emblem Sales.

New Business:

PDC Rodney Strong made a motion to give each resident at the Indiana Veteran's Home \$10 for Christmas, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. PDC Arter asked about the logistics of getting the money to the individual residents. 1st District Commander Robert Bowie suggested putting the money in individual Christmas cards to be given to the residents. Jessie Bowlington, the Department Auxiliary IVH Chairperson might be able to help with the logistics. Motion passed.

PDC Chris Carlton said a fellow employee has a daughter who plays on a traveling softball team and they are having a golf tournament to help fund the team. Her father enjoyed his time that he played American Legion Baseball.

PDC made a motion that the Detachment sponsor Indiana Bulldog Softball team and sponsor a hole for \$250, 2nd Acting 11th District Commander Rick Masters. Acting Adjutant Giehll said it would come from the Community Service budget line item. Motion passed.

Commander Martin gave the charter for the new squadron in the 6th District, 208, to David Stephens.

Commander Martin gave the charter for the new squadron in the 2nd District, 251, to 2nd District Commander Tom Potts.

Commander Martin gave Robert Bowie a plaque for the donation Post 20 made to his Commander's Project.

Commander Martin said there are still plaques to be delivered.

PDC Raymond Giehll made a motion to suspend the charter of Squadron 112, Brownstown for not having at least 10 member for the last 2 membership years, 2nd PDC Richard Pfeiffer. PDC Dave Brown asked about any members. The Squadron has been zero for 2 years. Motion passed.

Sick Call & Relief:

Chaplain Jeff Gresley asked everyone to stand and uncover and he read a prayer for Past Detachment Commander Damon Bradtmueller.

David Brown said that PDC Dave Mathews is up and down with Parkinson's and to keep him in our prayers.

Mark Tansel said that PDC Harrell Sorrels is in the hospital. Harrell has been back and forth between the hospital and a Rehab center. Harrell had a procedure to help with him eating. Debbie Sorrels thanks everyone for their prayers.

Rick Masters said his wife is being treated for incurable colon cancer.

On 9/10 Dale Bennett long time Membership Chairman of Post 308 passed away.

Garry Miller said that Jeff Coulter has been having some medical issues.

Correspondence:

Acting Adjutant Giehll read a very nice thank you note from the winner of the Raymond P Giehll, IV scholarship, Wyatt Harvey.

Acting Adjutant Giehll read a letter from the Child Welfare Foundation telling that the Detachment was a Gold Heritage Circle Gift Club Benefactor for our donations for the 2019-2020 year.

Acting Adjutant Giehll read a letter from Squadron 451 giving \$500 to last year's Commander's Project.

Editor's Note: I received an email from 11th District Commander David Miller addressed to the DEC that I forgot to read, my apologies to David and the DEC. It is below.

Good afternoon, Commander Martin and members of the DEC.

At the time of reading this message, I will have been away from home for 252 days, with only 135 days to go, but who's counting? Time is flying by here. It's hard to believe I've been gone for over 8 months.

I have met many folks along the way to here. I was able to meet up with Mr. Tansel and enjoy a meal as I passed through Kuwait. When I arrived at my base, I met Mr. Sam Jodon, Legionnaire from Post 143, New Cumberland, KY and Mr. Matt Woods, Legionnaire from Post 113, Elizabeth, KY. Both worked in my office. I also work with Mr. Dave Boslego. I persuaded him into becoming a Legionnaire at Post 280 in Chesapeake, VA. Wearing my SAL shirts have allowed me to meet many other Legionnaires and SAL members, as it's a great conversation starter. All this just goes to show that it's a small world, and no matter if you're halfway around the world, you can still find family.

My job is to make sure the Warfighters have the basic life support they need and to try to make their life a little more comfortable while they are serving their country. I work closely with U.S. and coalition forces from Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Lithuania, and Australia.

I'm having a great time here and staying safe, but I do miss everyone back home and will definitely be ready to be home, after my tour is complete.

Thank you for you for the cards, notes, emails, and packages you've sent to me and for reaching out to Bernice to make sure she is ok. The support you've provided Bernice and I while I've been away is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Respectfully,
David A. Miller
Commander
District 11, Detachment of Indiana

PS: Jimmy, what's your favorite color?

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

The 6th District meeting scheduled for November 1 at Post 184 has been moved to Post 72 on November 8.

Dave Brown said that Richmond will be having Halloween Cancer Walk. He had flyers passed out. Donations will be accepted.

Dave Stephens said the 6th District is doing a raffle 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$250, 3rd: \$125. Tickets are \$5 apiece or 3 for \$10. See Dave after the meeting.

Chris Carlton said that Post & Squadron 495 will be having a Steak Dinner as a fundraiser for Chris's campaign on 10/24. Cost is \$17 and served 4-8 pm. Flyers are on the tables.

Chris Carlton has SAL National Commander Campaign pins for sale at \$5 apiece. See Chris after the meeting.

David Hanson said that Squadron 216 is having mountain oysters on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 11 am.

Doug Heiser has Chris Carlton campaign shirts. See Doug after the meeting.

Doug Heiser said he went on a ride in Maryland, He brings back greetings from PNC Joe Gladden and PNVC Jim Noble.

Greg Spaulding presented Jimmy Martin with his 2nd place trophy from the Squadron 495 Indoor Putt-Putt.

Chris Carlton said the Squadron 495 Putt-Putt will return in 2021.

Mark Tansel said that percentage of squadrons nationwide that turned in Consolidated Squadron Reports was only 21%, Indiana's rate was 41%. Mark said we need to do better this year. Image what we are missing that is getting done and not reported.

National Vice Commander Richard Pfeiffer came forward and gave Commander Martin a plaque for Squadron 28 for their donation to his Commander's Project. Doc said his time as Vice Commander last year was cut short and he did not know when travel will resume this year. Doc thanked the members of the Detachment of Indiana for their confidence in him and their continued support.

Doc said the highlight of his year was laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with National Commander Clint Bolt.

Doc said the Central Region was 1st in retention.

Judge Advocate Doc Pfeiffer said the Detachment Constitution & Bylaws are being revised with some administrative changes. Those administrative changes should be done and the updated Constitution & Bylaws will be on the Detachment website by Mid-Winter Conference.

Joe Schultis congratulated all the Chairmen on their reports. Joe said we still have Josh Dogs & GI Josh Dogs.

Commander Martin said that his project for 2019-2020 at IVH has been completed.

This year Commander Martin said his project will be to help Department Commander Connelly with his project, the American Legion Legacy Fund. Again any donation of \$500 or more will receive a plaque from Commander Martin.

Commander Martin said that we need to get our donations to CWF up this year.

Commander Martin said he was invited to attend the 911 Service in Indianapolis by Commander Connelly. Jimmy said that Commander Connelly was good about inviting him to places and events.

Commander Martin went with National Commander Oxford & Department Commander Connelly on Friday to Angola to dedicate US 20 as the Medal of Honor Recipient Highway. From there they went to Auburn to give a plaque to WANE 15 for their Pledge of the Allegiance they do for the local children.

Commander Martin said that picture of the IVH project would be on the website when they were available.

Commander Martin thanked everyone for their support last year.

Raymond Giehll told everyone about the arrangements for Damon Bradtmueller and the SAL Walk-By.

PDC Mike Pipher suggested that we work on something to honor Damon's memory.

Commander Martin asked for any donations:

Squadron 308	\$500	COTA
Squadron 308	\$500	Operation Comfort Warrior
Squadron 379	\$100	Commander's Project
Squadron 379	\$100	CWF
Squadron 200	\$500	CWF

With no further business to come before the meeting Commander Martin called on Chaplain Gresley for a closing prayer. Chaplain Gresley gave a closing prayer. With a right hand salute to the Flag of Our Nation, the meeting was closed at 2:10 pm.