



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Post-Convention DEC
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
July 11, 2021**

Commander Dennis Budd opened the meeting at 10:33 am with a right hand salute to the Colors of our Nation. Acting Chaplain Jeff Gresley said an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag was in place. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion was recited. The Blue Star Banner was in place.

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

Commander:	Dennis Budd	
Northern Vice Commander:	Paul Rush	
Northern Vice Commander:	Greg Wagner	
Southern Vice Commander:	David Miller	
Southern Vice Commander:	Mike Tolley	
Sgt.-at-Arms:	David Benefiel	
Sgt.-at-Arms Emeritus:	Galen Close	(EX)
Finance Officer:	Dewey Long	(EX)
NEC:	Greg Spaulding	
Alt. NEC:	David Hanson	

District Commanders:	
1 st :	Robert Bowie
2 nd :	Mike Bottom
3 rd :	Matt Kearns
4 th :	Tom Nedele
5 th :	Jay Huffman
6 th :	David Pearson
7 th :	Garry Miller
8 th :	Craig Titzer
9 th :	Brian Hauser
10 th :	Steve Brock
11 th :	Rick Masters

Past Detachment Commanders:

Cliff Stephens	David Stephens	Don Stephens
James Arter	Raymond Giehll, Jr	Terry Slagle
Chuck Newman	Mark Tansel	Mike Pipher
Steve Tansel	David Hanson	Greg Spaulding
Chris Carlton	Joe Schultis	Doug Heiser
Jimmy Martin		

Commander Budd called for the reading of the previous minutes.

PDC Jimmy Martin made a motion to forego the reading of the previous minutes until emailed, 2nd PDC Cliff Stephens. Motion passed.

Commander Budd called on David Stephens to introduce guests.

David Stephens then introduced these guests:

Raymond Giehll, Jr., Past National Commander
David Stephens, Past National Commander
Joe Schultis, National Chairman Member Training & Development Committee Chairman
Mark Tansel, National Internal Affairs Commission Chairman
Chris Carlton, 2nd Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander
Doug Heiser, Member of the Public & Media Communications Commission
David asked that all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized.
Greg Spaulding, NEC
David Hanson, Alt. NEC

New Business:

Commander Budd said that the list of Appointed Officers had been passed out and he would entertain a motion to accept them.

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the Appointed Officers (See list at end of minutes), 2nd by 2nd District Commander Mike Bottom. Motion passed.

Commander Budd said that the list of Commission & Committee appointments had been passed out and he would entertain a motion to accept them.

PDC Giehll made a motion to accept the Commission & Committee appointments (See list at end of minutes), 2nd PDC Schultis. Motion passed with corrections.

PDC Cliff Stephens made motion to form a Youth Law Enforcement Academy Committee under the Children & Youth Commission, 2nd SVC David Miller. Motion passed.

Commander Budd appointed the following members to the Youth Law Enforcement Academy Committee:

Chairman: Cliff Stephens

Members: Mike Tolley, Gary Throgmorton, David Hanson

PDC Giehl made a motion to accept the appointments, 2nd PDC James Arter. Motion passed.

11th District Commander Rick Masters asked about replacing the flags in the Marriott courtyard. The Detachment would need to bring that up at the Fall Conference and it would need to be approved by the American Legion SAL Committee as it is not a budgeted item.

PDC Chuck Newman made a motion to purchase a Detachment cap with only "Detachment Commander & Indiana" printed on it in case we again cannot get one in time for the Convention, 2nd Terry Slagle. Motion failed.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Jimmy Martin announced Charles Gemlich as a Leading Candidate for Detachment Commander for 2022-2023.

David Hanson said that Squadron 216 was having a Golf Tournament for Chris Carlton's campaign on September 18, 2021. Dave is accepting hole sponsorships, see him after the meeting if interested.

Mike Pipher said that if you are planning to attend the National Convention in Phoenix and want to serve on a Convention Committee you need to put your name on the list he has on the Committee you would be interested in serving.

Joe Schultis said that he asked not to be appointed again as the National MTD Chairman due to he felt he was no longer able to give it his best effort and wants more time for himself and his family. Joe said he would still be involved in the Detachment.

David Stephens said that he was an instructor for MTD and Joe had done a great job as the Chairman.

Mark Tansel said as the National Internal Affairs Commission which MTD is under agreed that Joe was a great Chairman.

SVC Mike Tolley called for a Southern Caucus following this meeting.

9th District Commander Brian Hauser said he believed that the Detachment had voted years ago to only give Squadron membership cards to the District Commanders. Acting Adjutant Giehl said that we could not deny squadrons an opportunity to pick up their cards and asked to be shown that vote in any DEC minutes.

Jeff Gresley said that Squadron 241 would be having wrestling again on August 21st. More information to follow.

David Miller said that the dates for the American Legion Family Campout for 2022 will June 24-June 26, 2022. The Campout Committee is looking for squadrons to host the Campout. Bids need to in by Fall Conference.

PDC Jim Arter said there will be a Northern Caucus following this meeting.

With no further business to come before the meeting Commander Budd 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 11:14 am.

2021-2022 Appointed Detachment Officers:

Adjutant:	Steven Tansel
Asst. Adjutant:	Raymond Giehll, Jr
Asst. Adjutant:	James Arter, Sr.
Asst. Adjutant:	Joe Schultis
Asst. Adjutant:	Mark Tansel
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke
Chaplain:	Jeff Gresley
Historian:	Fred Motley
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Brian Englert
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Halleck Lamar
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Matt Kearns
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Garrett Gilmore
Public Relations Director:	Paul Rush
Membership Chairman:	Jeff Coulter

2021-2022 Commissions & Committees

Americanism Commission

Chairman: Greg Wagner

Bob Bowie, James Arter, Doug Heiser

Committees:

Athletics:

Chairman: Dave Benefiel

Brian Englert, Al Pulido, David Hanson

Hoosier Boys State

Chairman: Bill Duncan

Jeff Gresley, Greg Spaulding, Mike Tolley

POW/MIA

Chairman: Ron Ripperger

David Hanson, Andy Byers, Kevin Gwozdz

5 Star – 10 Ideal

Chairman: Charles Gemlich

Steve Brock, David Brown, Andy Byers

Children and Youth Commission

Chairman: Jay Huffman

Matt Kearns, Mike Shuler, Jimmy Martin

Committees

Child Welfare Foundation

Chairman: Mike Tolley

James Arter, Greg Wagner, David Stephens

American and Government

Chairman: Bob Bowie

Gary Throgmorton, Don Stephens, Steve Brock

Children's Hospital

Chairman: Brian Englert

Raymond Giehll, III, David Miller, Greg Wagner

JR Shooting Sports

Chairman: Ron Ripperger

Craig Titzer, Mike Tolley, Kevin Gwozdz

Oratorical

Chairman: Mike Pipher

Greg Spaulding, David Miller, Brian Gilbert

Special Olympics

Chairman: Brian Gilbert

Richard Masters, Logan Pipher, Mike Pipher

Youth Law Enforcement Academy

Chairman: Cliff Stephens

Mike Tolley, Gary Throgmorton, David Hanson

Internal Affairs Commission

Chairman: Garry Miller

3yr Jimmy Martin, 2yr Doug Heiser, 1yr Dewey Long

Committees

Community Involvement

Chairman: Jay Rawley

Matt Kearns, Dewey Long

Convention

Chairman: Jeff Gresley

2yr North, Dick Reed 2yr South, Garry Miller

1yr North, Jay Huffman 1yr South, Ray Giehl III

Campout

Chairman: David Miller

David Hanson, Jay Huffman, Brian Englert

Information & Training

Chairman: Paul Rush

Terry Slagle, Joe Schultis, David Ridenour

Public Relations & Information Technology

Chairman: Paul Rush

Mark Franke, Mike Pipher, Terry Slagle

Legislative

Chairman: David Miller

Richard Pfeiffer, Charles Gemlich, David Ridenour

Scholarship

Chairman: Richard Reed

Raymond Giehl, Jr, David Stephens, Mark Franke

Religious Emphasis

Chairman: Jeff Gresley

Rick Masters, Larry Paulus, ALL DISTRICT CHAPLAINS

Squadron Expansion

Chairman: Jeff Coulter

ALL VICE COMMANDERS & ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS & ALL SQUARDON COMMANDERS

Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman: Andy Byers

3yr Richard Reed, 2yr Halleck Lamar, 1yr Aaron Quackenbush

Committees

Homeless Veterans

Chairman: Mike Bottom

Toms Potts, Bill Duncan, Garry Miller

IVH

Chairman: Bob Shields

Chairman Emeritus: James Arter Sr.

Mike Bottom, Cliff Stephens, Greg Wagner

VAVS

Chairman: Ron Ripperger

3yr Matt Kearns, 2yr Jay Huffman, 1yr Ron Alt

VE & E

Chairman: Bob Bowie

ALL Detachment Vice Commanders, All District Commanders

Stand Alone Committees

Distinguished Guests

Chairman: David Stephens

Raymond Giehll, Jr., Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer, Terry Slagle

Finance and Budget

Chairman: Raymond Giehll Jr.

3yr David Hanson, 2yr Mark Tansel, 1yr Joe Schultis

Resolutions

Chairman: Greg Spaulding

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer, Terry Slagle, David Miller

Sons IN Need (SIN)

Chairman: Raymond Giehll, III

Doug Heiser, Bob Bowie

Membership

Chairman: Jeff Coulter

ALL VICE COMMANDERS & ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS & ALL SQUADRON COMMANDERS

