



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Fall Conference
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
April 17, 2021**

Commander Jimmy Martin opened the meeting at 12:33 with a right hand salute to the Colors of our Nation. Chaplain Jeff Gresley said an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag was placed by Northern Vice Commander Jay Huffman and Southern Vice Commander Parry Schlimmer. Southern Vice Commander Jeff Coulter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Northern Vice Commander Ryan Kohlheim 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	
Adjutant:	Steven Tansel	(EX)
Asst. Adjutant:	Raymond Giehll, Jr.	
Asst. Adjutant:	Joe Schultis	
Asst. Adjutant:	James Arter Sr.	
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	
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	William Barnett	
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Logan Pipher	
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer	
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke	
Membership Chairman:	Greg Wagner	
Public Relations Director:	Paul Rush	
NEC:	Mike Pipher	
Alt. NEC:	Greg Spaulding	

District Commanders:

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

Past Detachment Commanders:

Cliff Stephens	David Stephens	Don Stephens
James Arter	Raymond Giehll, Jr	Terry Slagle (EX)
Charles Newman (EX)	Rodney Strong	David Ridenour
David Brown	Richard Pfeiffer	Mark Tansel
Mike Pipher	David Hanson	Greg Spaulding
Kirk Rewerts (EX)	Chris Carlton	Joe Schultis
Dewey Long	Doug Heiser	Jimmy Martin

District Advisors:

1 st :	Al Pulido
6 th :	Cliff Stephens
7 th :	Larry Dent
11 th :	Danny Rice

PDC Mark Tansel made a motion that the DEC meeting be dedicated to Past Detachment Commander Glenn Nagel, 2nd PDC David Ridenour. 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 David Brown. Motion passed.

Commander Martin called on David Stephens to introduce guests.

Past National Commander David Stephens asked NEC Mike Pipher to come forward for an introduction.

NEC Mike Pipher came forward and introduced Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt from the Detachment of Virginia.

David Stephens then introduced these guests:

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer, Sons of The American Legion National Vice Commander
 David Ridenour, National Assistant Adjutant
 Raymond Giehll, III, National Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms

Raymond Giehll, Jr., Past National Commander
Joe Schultis, National Chairman Member Training & Development Committee
Mark Tansel, National Internal Affairs Commission Chairman
Chris Carlton, 2nd Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander
David asked that all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized.
David asked all first time attendees to stand and be recognized.
David asked all Dual Members to stand and be recognized.

David Stephens introduced Department Auxiliary President Jennie Maune.
Department President Jennie Maune introduced Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp.
Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp addressed the meeting. Nicole said it is important that we keep our veteran's stories alive. Nicole said her focus is Veterans Health & Well Being.

David Stephens introduced Ken George, Sons of The American Legion National Liaison.
Ken George came forward and addressed the meeting. Ken discussed the new MyLegion.org.
Ken said that squadrons need to send in the new Squadron Data Report and also the Consolidated Squadron Report. If you have concerns about the new MyLegion.org you can email them to cs2@legion.org.

Commander Martin asked for Commission and Committee reports.
The following reports were read:

Americanism Commission:

Chairman Dennis Budd reported everything has been closed up, but is finally starting to open up. Stand up and be proud of our military and our flag. We need to support all the SAL programs.
The following Committee reports were given.

Athletic Committee:

Chairman Dave Benefiel reported that the 2020 Detachment Golf Outing results at been printed in the previous minutes. This year's tournament will be held at Kokomo Post 6 on June 5, 2021. David Hanson has taken over the Golf Tournament.

Dave Hanson came forward and asked for hole sponsorships, \$50 to sponsor a hole. Dave received commitments for all 18 holes. Send sponsorship to Dave Hanson at:

8102 N County Road 800 W, Middletown, IN 47356

Golf flyer with sign up to get out as soon as possible.

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Hoosier Boy's State Committee:

Chairman Ryan Kohlheim reported that the 2021 HBS has been cancelled. The 2022 HBS is scheduled for June 12-17, 2022 at Trine University. There 45,000 possible applicants.

Trifolds will be available October 2, 2021.

Online applications will open January 1, 2022.

POW/MIA Committee:

Chairman Ron Ripperger said the report contains information from September 22, 2020 thru April 15, 2021

M.I.A. remains identified

USS Oklahoma – 55

World War II – 23

Korean War – 15

Vietnam – 1

One from Indiana. Navy Bandmaster James B. Booe, from Veedersburg, In. He was on the USS Oklahoma. Identified on September 29, 2020. He will be buried at the Punchbowl Cemetery in Hawaii on June 1, 2021.

5 Star/10 Ideals Committee:

Chairman Andy Byers reported that Covid-19 has slowed things down. There have been 1823 hours of participation.

PDC David Stephens made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd SVC Jeff Coulter. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Commission:

Chairman Jeff Coulter read the following reports:

Americanism & Government Committee:

Chairman Robert Bowie reported that A&G is winding down for the summer. The winner's presentation was at this morning's General Session.

Be prepared to assist your Post with Memorial Day decorating to enforce the education we provided our youth.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee:

Acting Chairman Mark Tansel reported that there 44 days until the end of the CWF year. All donations must be received at National by May 31, 2021, NO EXCPTIONS!

National report on 4/9/21 has the Indiana total as \$5320.00.

Nationally \$113,340.00 has been donated.

CWF Banners are received for \$1 per member.

CWF Aprons are still available for \$20 each.

Reach out to your community organizations to apply for grants.

Junior Shooting Sports Committee:

Acting Chairman Parry Schlimmer reported that Post 463 is interested in starting a shooting team. Get information out to let members know about shoots.

Special Olympics Committee:

Chairman Brian Gilbert said the Winter Olympics were held in February in Lawrenceburg. Summer & Spring sports are in practice and getting ready for State.

Summer Olympics are in June at Indiana State University. Volunteers are needed.

State Bowling just completed, Chairman Gilbert said he attended.

The Polar Plunge is held every winter and is one of the biggest fundraisers.

Chairman Gilbert will areas for dates.

David Stephens introduced Indiana American Legion Department Commander Allen Connelly. Department Commander Allen Connelly introduced American Legion NEC Jerry Jordan.

NEC Jerry Jordan introduced Leading Candidate for American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard from the Department of Texas.

Leading Candidate Paul Dillard addressed the meeting saying how grateful the National American Legion is to the Sons of The American Legion. Mr. Dillard said that the Sons are the largest contributors to CWF. Mr. Dillard thanked the SAL for what we do.

Department Commander Allen Connelly addressed the meeting thanking Detachment Commander Jimmy Martin and the Sons of The American Legion.

Oratorical Committee:

Chairman Greg Spaulding said that Harris Collins was the winner of the State Oratorical Contest. The contest was held on March 7th at National Headquarters. The following volunteers worked the State Competition:

Usher: Dave Mummert, Room Monitor: Mark Tansel, Sgt.-at Arms: Lori Bowman, Escorts: Greg & Tammy Wagner, Chris Carlton, Ron Patterson, Greg & Cheryl Spaulding. Also attending was our Commander Jimmy Martin.

Chairman Spaulding personally thanked this team for making the program run smoothly.

Children's Hospital Committee:

Chairman Brian Hauser said there are still Josh Dogs available, very few.

Children & Youth Chairman Jeff Coulter summarized the Committee reports and thanked the Chairmen.

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

Internal Affairs Commission:

Chairman Doug Heiser gave the following reports:

Convention Committee:

Chairman Dewey Long said he will have to step down as Chairman because of his new job. Jeff Gresley has agreed to fill the Chairman position.

The Committee wants to have a wreath laying at the Medal of Honor Memorial in downtown Indianapolis on the Friday of the Convention. The Committee is asking for \$150 for that wreath.

Scholarship Committee:

Chairman Charles Gemlich said to get out and get applications. The Deadline is approaching and will be June 1, 2021

Please inform Squadrons that applications are online.

Legislative Committee:

Chairman Mark Franke reported these legislative priorities:

Elimination of 90/10 loophole at proprietary schools.

In-State tuition for relocated veterans.

National Legislative agenda, Covid vaccinations for veterans through the VA, new bill to improve health care for female veterans.

Public Relations & Information Technology:

Chairman Paul Rush said any event you are having send a flyer in PDF format.

Any District meeting changes send the Post #, address & time.

We need a ranking veteran for guest speaker at the Wreath laying being planned for the Medal of Honor Memorial.

Information & Training Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush reported the committee is looking at MySAL when it up and running.

The Committee is open for training suggestions.

Religious Emphasis Committee:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said when you are able to attend hospitals and nursing homes get out and visit members and veterans.

Help organize walk throughs for member's funerals.

Once IVH opens up visit as much as possible.

Campout Committee:

Chairman David reported that the date for the campout is the 1st weekend after Father's Day, June 25-27, 2021. It will be hosted by Jonesboro Squadron 95 of the 5th District. Preregister by May 29, 2021 and the cost will be \$15 per person, after May29, 2021 to include the day of the campout cost will be \$20 per person. Electrical & water hookups available. Electric hookup is \$25 per night or \$35 if running AC.

District Commanders please spread the word.

.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.

Get out flag etiquette to local schools.

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

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report, 2nd PDC Greg Spaulding. Motion passed.

PDC David Stephens came forward with 6th District SAL Commander Mike Tolley, National SAL Commander Clint Bolt & Bob Burlington of Post 52. Bob Burlington presented the Charter application with 14 Charter members for a Sons of The American Legion Squadron at Post 52.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Chairman Raymond Giehll III read the following reports:

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Chairman Dewey Long reported that he will be stepping aside as Co-Chairman and Chairman Emeritus James Arter will be taking over the Committee.

We did give \$1700 at Christmas time Christmas cards. Each Resident received \$10.

Don't have any bingos set up yet, will have them set by State Convention.

Budget request of 3 bingos at \$1900 each for \$5700.

The Close of Books meal at \$800.

Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Committee:

Chairman Brian Hauser reported there is still money budgeted for VA Hospitals if yours has not used that money yet.

We need to work closer with our local VA hospital.

Veterans Education & Employment Committee:

Chairman Dennis Budd reported that due to Covid not much has happened lately.

Labor markets are showing signs of mending. Employment accelerated sharply in February as restaurants & businesses started to reopen.

All in person Career Fairs scheduled through April have been cancelled, suspended or postponed.

The American Legion is working on future Workshops and Career Fairs.

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Chairman Mike Bottom reported that the Rauner Family Homeless Veterans Shelter, with 75 apartments, will be opening in June in Hobart, IN.

The Homeless Veterans Shelter in Terre Haute is doing very well.

Rehabilitation Chairman Raymond Giehll, III thanked all the Committee Chairman for their reports. The Detachment Rehabilitation donation was made to Department.

PDC James Arter made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report, 2nd PDC Dewey Long. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee:

Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr. reported the committee discussed the 2021-2022 budget and saw no need for any changes.

The Convention Committee asked for \$150 for a wreath to be laid during the State Convention. The Committee is looking at a Detachment Zoom account. We will need to investigate the cost first.

The budget requests from the IVH Committee are the same as the previous year.

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr made a motion to accept the Finance & Budget Committee report, 2nd PDC Mark Tansel. Motion passed.

Resolutions Committee:

Chairman Mike Pipher reported that the Committee received one resolution for David Miller for Southern Vice Commander for 2021-2022. Mike read the resolved clause. The resolution was received as a matter of record and filed.

Mike said that those who had filed a resolution for office for 2020-2021 need to do nothing as those resolutions were still in force unless you plan to rescinded your resolution.

Chairman Pipher asked that the Resolution Guide that was on the Detachment website be returned to the website.

PDC Mike Pipher made a motion to accept the Resolution Committee report, 2nd PDC David Hanson. Motion passed.

Sons in Need Committee:

Chairman Parry Schlimmer reported that we need to get the information out to members. We need more donations to the fund.

In two years we have had only 3 payed out.

Make sure squadrons vet the application completely.

The application and info is on the Detachment website.

Southern Vice Commander Parry Schlimmer made a motion to accept the Sons in Need Committee report, 2nd Northern Vice Commander Jay Huffman. Motion passed.

Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee:

Chairman Greg Wagner reported that the following are newly chartered or are working on charters:

2nd District: Brookston

6th District: Putnam & Attica

8th District: Huntington

10th District: New Castle

11th District: Indianapolis 56

Chairman Wagner drew for the winning goal squadron. Squadron 369 won \$750.

Chairman Wagner gave out the following membership awards:

Target 7:

District with highest percentage of retention: 4th District 69.47% \$50

District with 65% of squadrons to reach goal (15%): 10th District, 68% \$25 and 3 Goal pins.

146 Squadrons to reach goal.

Target 8:

District with highest percentage of retention: 10th District, 79.50% \$50

District with 75% of squadrons to reach goal: 10th District, 80% \$25 and 3 Goal pins.

114 Squadrons to reach goal.

Target 9:

District with 85% of squadrons to reach goal: No Districts qualified.

District with highest percentage of retention: 10th District, 84.85% \$50

May 12, 2021 is the deadline for preprinted cards for 2022.

Close of Books is scheduled for June 6, 2021.

PDC David Brown made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee report, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed.

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr said that PDC & Detachment Adjutant Steven Tansel was now in the meeting. Steve received and rousing standing applause.

Distinguished Guests Committee:

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

PDC David Stephens made a motion to accept the Distinguished Guests Committee report, 2nd 6th District Commander Mike Tolley. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

PDC Doug Heiser and his Membership Chairman Raymond Giehll, III came forward and put the 100% & All Time High Detachment ribbons on the Detachment colors.

New Business:

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr made a motion to accept Dewey Long's resignation as Convention Chairman and appoint Jeff Gresley as the Convention Chairman, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed.

Sick Call & Relief:

Rick Masters came forward and said that he had lost his wife Brenda just one day ago.

Raymond Giehll, Jr. said that PDC Harrell Sorrels had a heart procedure and is doing about the same. He should be coming home soon.

Correspondence:

Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr. said that after the close of this administrative year the Detachment will be going all digital. District Commanders need to let the squadrons know that they will need to have an email on their next Officer Certification. Right now we have about 90% of the squadrons with an email address on file.

With the new MyLegion.org each Post will need to fill out the National Form: Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders & Adjutants so that National has your information to allow you access to the Leadership Group of your squadron.

Squadron Officer Certifications will be coming out soon.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

David Miller came forward and presented the Detachment with a flag flown over his base in Afghanistan.

Greg Spaulding said all Post should consider getting an AED.

Dave Brown said that there will be a scale model of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on display in Rushville on May 15, 2021.

Commander Martin said his Homecoming will be next Saturday, April 24th at Sellersburg Post 204. The cost is \$10 at the door and dress is casual.

Joe Schultis said that the Department Commander Allen Connelly's Homecoming will be May 22, 2021. You need to register in advance and Joe has registration forms.

James Arter called for a PDC meeting 15 minutes after the close of this meeting.

Post 2 will be having a Car Show on May 8, 2021. Proceeds will go to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Commander Martin said that Doc Pfeiffer had surgery earlier this week but was at the meeting.

NEC Mike Pipher came forward and introduced National Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt.

National Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt came forward to address the meeting. Commander Bolt introduced Sons of The American Legion Vice Commander Doc Pfeiffer. Commander Bolt thanked PNCs David Stephens & Raymond Giehl, Jr for all their assistance over the years. Commander Bolt recognized Mark Tansel, Joe Schultis, Mike Pipher & Chris Carlton. Commander Bolt said membership is Job #1. Register for Voters Voice at the National American Legion website to keep informed of legislative issues. The SAL is soon to reach the 9 Million mark for donations to CWF. Commander Bolt said that a better job needs to be done turning in Consolidated Squadron Reports. Commander Bolt thanked everyone for the hospitality he has received here in Indiana.

There will be a Meet & Greet with National Commander Clint Bolt at 4:30 in this room.

Commander Martin gave out plaques for the Commander' Club for donating at least \$500 to his project:

Squadron 20
Squadron 28
Squadron 47
Squadron 97
Squadron 392
Squadron 409
Squadron 463

Commander Martin asked for any donations:

Squadron 28	\$500	Commander's Project
Squadron 28	\$500	CWF
Squadron 463	\$900	Commander's Project
Mike Pipher	\$20	Commander's Project
Jeff Coulter	\$20	Commander's Project
6 th District	\$500	Commander's Project
6 th District	\$250	IVH
Squadron 95	\$500	Commander's Project
4 th District	\$1500	Commander's Project
4 th District	\$5300	CWF
4 th District	\$500	National Commander's Project
8 th District	\$500	Commander's Project
8 th District	\$500	CWF

Squadron 200	\$500	Commander's Project
1 st District	\$1000	Commander's Project
Cash	\$100	Commander's Project
Squadron 97	\$500	National Commander's Project
7 th District	\$100	IVH
7 th District	\$100	Homeless Veterans
7 th District	\$100	SINS
Squadron 241	\$500	Commander's Project
Squadron 502	\$1004	Riley Children's Hospital
Squadron 502	\$1004	CMN
Squadron 502	\$2008	CWF

Mark Tansel said that the National Convention in Phoenix is coming up fast. At the completion of that Convention Chris Carlton will be the Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander. Chris will start traveling to campaign in September. The cost of a campaign is always rising and we need donations to the SAL National Candidate Fund. If your Squadron or District could consider having a fundraiser to help Indiana's Candidate that would be great.

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 3:28 pm.