



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Mid-Winter Conference DEC
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
January 15, 2022**

Commander Dennis Budd opened the meeting at 12:01 pm 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 Paul Rush & Southern Vice Commander David Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Southern Vice Commander Mike Tolley. 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 Adjutant Steven Tansel for a roll call which showed the following:

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| Commander: | Dennis Budd | |
| Northern Vice Commander: | Paul Rush | |
| Northern Vice Commander: | Greg Wagner | (EX) |
| Southern Vice Commander: | David Miller | |
| Southern Vice Commander: | Mike Tolley | |
| Adjutant: | Steven Tansel | |
| Asst. Adjutant: | Raymond Giehll, Jr. | |
| Asst. Adjutant: | James Arter, Sr. | |
| Asst. Adjutant: | Joe Schultis | |
| Asst. Adjutant: | Mark Tansel | (EX) |
| Finance Officer: | Dewey Long | (EX) |
| Chaplain: | Jeff Gresley | |
| Historian: | Fred Motley | |
| Sgt.-at-Arms: | David Benefiel | |
| Sgt.-at-Arms Emeritus: | Galen Close | (EX) |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Brian Englert | |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Matt Kearns | |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Halleck Lamar | |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Garret Gilmore | |
| Judge Advocate: | Richard Pfeiffer | |
| Asst. Judge Advocate: | Mark Franke | |
| Membership Chairman: | Jeff Coulter | (EX) |
| Public Relations Director: | Paul Rush | |
| NEC: | Greg Spaulding | |
| Alt. NEC: | David Hanson | (EX) |

District Commanders:

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| 1 st : | Bill Duncan | |
| 2 nd : | Mike Bottom | (EX) |
| 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 | (EX) |

District Advisors:

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| 1 st : | Al Pulido |
| 2 nd : | Mark Gourley |
| 4 th : | Nick Nicholoff |
| 7 th : | Larry Dent |
| 8 th : | Kevin Brinksneader |
| 10 th : | Jose Gaitan |

Past Detachment Commanders:

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| Cliff Stephens | David Stephens | Larry Paulus |
| James Arter | Raymond Giehll, Jr | Richard Pfeiffer |
| Mike Pipher | Steve Tansel | Greg Spaulding |
| Chris Carlton | Joe Schultis | Doug Heiser |
| Jimmy Martin | | |

Commander Budd called for the reading of the previous minutes.

PDC Richard Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, 2nd PDC Greg Spaulding.
Motion passed.

Commander Budd called on David Stephens to introduce guests.

David Stephens then introduced these guests:

Chris Carlton, Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander. Chris will be elected in Milwaukee in August of this year.

Past National Commanders David Stephens, Raymond Giehll, Jr., in attendance & Robert Worrel
Doug Heiser, Member of the Public & Media Communications Commission

Richard Pfeiffer, Internal Affairs Commission Member

Dave asked that all Squadron Commanders stand and be recognized.

Dave asked that all District Commanders stand and be recognized.

Dave asked that all First Time Attendees stand and be recognized.
Dave asked that all Past Detachment Commanders stand and be recognized.
Greg Spaulding, NEC
Past National American Legion Sgt.-at-Arms Al Pulido

Commander Budd called for Commission & Committee reports.
The following reports were presented:

Americanism Commission:

Acting Chairman Doug Heiser said that each Committee gave report. Encourage members to partake in National Commander Mike Fox's Flying Flags for Heroes, to learn more go to National website.

Hoosier Boy's State Committee:

Chairman Bill Duncan said the 2022 Hoosier Boy's State will be at Trine University in Angola starting on June 12, 2022. The American Legion is looking at possibly adding an SAL member to the Board of Directors.

5 Star/10 Ideal Committee:

Chairman Charles Gemlich said if anyone wants to training, contact a Committee member. Information on the program is in the SAL Handbook.

POW/MIA Committee:

Chairman Ron Ripperger gave his report.
MIA's that have been reported since October 1, 2021
WWII-15
USS Oklahoma-14
Korea-14
Vietnam-0

On December 2, 2021, the DPAA said that 33 remains from the USS Oklahoma were unidentifiable and were buried at the National Cemetery in Hawaii

Athletic Committee:

Chairman Benefiel said 2 bids were received for the Detachment Golf Tournament. Doug Heiser came forward to read the bids:

Squadron 18 will cost \$40 per golfer, Squadron 18 guaranteed \$4000 from the Tournament proceeds. It will be 2 shotgun starts, an AM & a PM with maximum 25 teams for each, 50 teams' total.

Squadron 6 will cost \$18 per golfer. The format will be tee times.

Both bids allowed alcohol bought at the course only. Both bids include food.

The Committee recommended the Squadron 18 bid.

Mike Pipher from Squadron 18 rose and spoke on the Squadron 18 bid clarifying any questions.

A member asked if anyone was present from Squadron 6 to answer questions on their bid. No one from Squadron 6 was in attendance.

PDC Jimmy Martin made a motion to accept the Squadron 18 bid for the 2022 Detachment Golf Tournament, per the Committee recommendation, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed. The Committee is looking at a Detachment Bowling Tournament.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd SVC David Miller. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Commission:

Chairman Jay Huffman said that donations are slow right now. Still wanting a dollar per member.

Junior Shooting Sports Committee:

Chairman Ron Rippenger said that most programs are up and running after the Christmas break. Please get information out on your next match.

Special Olympics Committee:

Chairman Brian Gilbert said Winter Olympics will be held next month in Lawrenceburg. Spring/Summer sports are about to begin. Logan Pipher earned 3rd Place in the Bowling tournament. The Polar Plunge will happen next month.

Youth Law Enforcement Academy Committee:

Chairman Cliff Stephens said the American Legion Committee meeting on Friday evening. There will be an Administrative session on April 22nd. The camp will be June 19-25, 2022 at Anderson University. The Committee for State Police request a representative from each District to report to Detachment Commander. The American Legion Committee requested \$1000 for 2 awards at the Award Ceremony at Fall Conference.

Children's Hospital Committee:

Chairman Brain Englert said if you get a chance make a visit to one of the state's Children's Hospitals. They would like to get donations from any Squadron.

Americanism & Government Committee:

Chairman Gary Throgmorton said that teaching materials are available for pick up. Be prepared to assist your Post with teaching in the schools as necessary.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee:

Chairman Mike Tolley said the total SAL is \$1555.00.

Ask SAL members who are Riders if they can do a ride for CWF. Do raffles or tip boards to raise money.

Keep pushing the pigs. You may hold the money and send one monthly check from you pigs. Remember all funds must be turned in by May 31, 2022 to National Headquarters.

Tentatively planning for a possible fundraiser at Spring Conference.

Oratorical Committee:

Chairman Mike Pipher came forward and gave the report. Mike thanked Acting Adjutant Giehll for getting the Oratorical brochures printed. They are having difficulty finding students, need to start looking sooner. The best luck has come with Home Schooled students especially during the pandemic. There is a signup sheet for the Department Oratorical contest held at National Headquarters on March 13, 2022.

National Oratorical Finals will be April 23, 2022. Acting Adjutant Giehll read an email from National asking for volunteers. You can sign up at legion.org/oratorical contest volunteers.

5th District Commander Jay Huffman made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report, 2nd SVC Mike Tolley. Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Chairman William Barnett gave the following Committee reports:

Community Involvement Committee:

Acting Chairman William Barnett said to get to know the veterans in your community and assist them when possible.

Convention Committee:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said the Garry Miller contacted General Kip Clark and he very interested in attending and speaking at our Convention. Garry is working with General Clark on finalizing the details.

Campout Committee:

Chairman David Miller said the Campout will June 24-26, 2021 at Jonesboro, Squadron 95 of the 5th District.

The Committee discussed the menu and schedule of activities. The menu highlight is the BBQ pork chops on Saturday.

Be thinking about bidding for the 2023 Campout, bids requested to be received by Fall Conference 2022.

Information & Training Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush said the Committee had a training session for MyLegion this morning at 9am. Feedback has been positive. Any questions are to be directed to Joe Schultis.

Public Relation & Information Technology Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush said to post on the website send information to District Commander and he will send to Detachment Adjutant.

New Public Relations email is indianasalpr@gmail.com.

To send pictures/videos send an email for Verifile link.

Email events for placement on Events page. Please give as much notice as possible.

In Memory page focused on Past Commanders. Please send pictures to email address.

Legislative Committee:

Chairman David Miller said that Richard Pfeiffer is going to look into having Chairman Miller added to the distribution list for National Legislative email.

Scholarship Committee:

Acting Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr said the application for the scholarship will need to be updated and put on the Detachment website.

Religious Emphasis:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said to contact veterans with an emphasis on spiritual needs.
Publicize next month's 4 Chaplains events in the Districts & Squadrons.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Chairman William Barnett said the all the Committee had reports and they were read.

PDC James Arter made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report, 2nd PDC Larry Paulus.
Joe Schultis asked about website items going straight to the chairman.

Adjutant Tansel said that any information going out or coming in concerning the Detachment of Indiana must go through the Adjutant. Items for the website can go directly to the chairman unless there is something questionable.

Motion passed.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Chairman Andy Byers said we need to keep doing whatever we can to help veterans.
Veterans Assistance Day is coming up on May 14, 2022.

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Chairman Bob Shields reported the September 16, 2021 bingo went from 1:30-3:30. We had 27 players and 10 helpers. We played about 70 games.

The December 18, 2021 bingo went from 1:30-3:30. We had 30 players and 13 helpers. We played about 75 games. We got donations from: Sluggo \$130; Squadron 230 \$250; Squadron 18 \$300.

The next bingo will be February 12, 2022, 1:30-3:30.

VAVS Committee:

Chairman Ron Ripperger said we need to work with our local Posts. See if the local VA needs anything and help them get items.

Veterans Education & Employment Committee:

Acting Chairman Bill Duncan said there are no known Stand Downs at this time.

Unemployment stands at 3.9% as of January 8, 2022.

6.3 million Unemployed as of January 8, 2022.

2.5 million Are on unemployment as of January 8, 2022.

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Chairman Mike Bottom said that we need to help out at homeless shelters. See if any homeless veterans need help this winter.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report, 2nd PDC Jimmy Martin. Motion passed.

Finance & Budget Committee:

Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr. said the Hoosier Law Enforcement Academy is asking for \$1000 for 2 awards. The Committee agreed to the \$1000 as a budget surplus that needs the approval of the Department SAL Committee. We will add a line item in future budgets.

The \$1000 previously approved for a new PR laptop is no longer needed.

The IVH Committee turned in a budget request for 3 bingos at \$1900 each and Close of Books lunch for \$800. This is what is currently in the budget.

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

Resolutions:

Chairman Greg Spaulding said there were two resolutions received, both in proper form. Chairman Spaulding read the resolved clauses of both resolutions.
Charles Gemlich for Detachment Commander for 2022-2023.
Bill Duncan for 1st District Commander for 2022-2023.
Both resolutions were accepted as a matter of record and filed.

Sons in Need Committee:

Acting Chairman Doug Heiser said that there were 3 requests for funds, each for \$500.
Squadron 391 was denied due to guidelines not followed.
Squadron 216 had 2 requests and the Committee approved both.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the SINS Committee report, 2nd SVC David Miller. Motion passed.

Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee:

Acting Chairman Joe Schultis said the goal for this turn in was 60%, all but 3 Districts achieved that goal, Great Job!
We still have 15 Squadrons on zero.
We had 1849 cards turned in this weekend.
We will have to come back to the drawings at Spring Conference as Membership Chairman Jeff Coulter has everything needed.
The first 3 Districts all squadrons certified and off zero were the 4th, 5th & 10th Districts. The 7th District has now joined that group.
Make sure all transmittals are properly filled.
MyLegion is up and going.
SDR need to be up to date and turned in.
The 4th District is currently in 1st Place.
Acting Adjutant Giehll thanked Joe for doing the membership reports each week.

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee report, 2nd SVC Mike Tolley.

Mike Arend asked about a discrepancy in the membership reported for the Wheatfield Squadron. Joe asked Mike to see him after the meeting and he would help get it corrected.
Motion passed.

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Chairman David Stephens said to be sure to remember Chris Carlton's campaign.
The Committee recommended The Plaques of Appreciation for the Department Commander & Department President need to become permanent awards.

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr made a motion to accept the Distinguished Guest Committee report, 2nd PDC Richard Pfeiffer. Motion passed.

David Stephens introduced American Legion Department Commander Mark Gullion.
Department Commander Mark Gullion came forward to address the meeting. Commander Gullion said he is a Dual Member. Commander Gullion has a full pig for CWF. Commander Gullion said Department will be hiring 2 new membership personnel. Commander Gullion recognized Leading Candidate for SAL National Commander Chris Carlton.

Commander Gullion introduced Chad Woodburn who will be the new Department Adjutant. Chad Woodburn came forward and addressed the meeting. Chad said he is also a Dual Member. Chad said his son is the Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms for Illinois. Chad said his father was a long time American Legion member. Chad said he was the Membership Director in Illinois and Indiana is ahead in membership right now.

Commander Gullion said he has purchased SAL caps for all 4 of his grandsons. They proudly wear them when with Mark or at an American Legion Family event.

Unfinished Business:

Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer said that he and Asst. Judge Advocate Mark Franke have been working on updating the Detachment Constitution & Bylaws. They will have draft ready by Spring Conference that can be read at the Detachment Convention.

New Business:

Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer came forward. Judge Advocate Pfeiffer said that Robert Bowie would be removed from the following Detachment Commissions & Committees for Cause:

Americanism Commission Member.

SINS Committee Member.

Americanism & Government Committee Chairman.

VE&E Committee Chairman.

PDC Richard Pfeiffer made motion to remove Robert Bowie from the above Commissions & Committees for Cause, 2nd PDC Schultis. Motion passed.

Commander Dennis Budd made the following appointment recommendations:

American Commission Member: David Pearson

SINS Committee Member: Jimmy Martin

VE&E Committee Chairman: Mike Bottom

A&G Committee Chairman: James Naylor

Richard Reed resigned as Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Scholarship Committee Chairman: Dave Parker

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr. made a motion to accept all the appointments, 2nd PDC Richard Pfeiffer. Motion passed.

Past National Commander Raymond Giehll, Jr. asked Richard Pfeiffer to come forward. Ray presented Doc with a new Past National Vice Commander SAL cap.

Sick Call & Relief:

Mike Pipher said that Jeff Coulter is in the hospital in Bloomington with pneumonia. He is allowed on visitor at a time. You can call or text Jeff.

The Squadron 98 Adjutant had Hand surgery and is recovering.

Greg Wagner is in the hospital after having a seizure at work.

Jimmy Martin said that PDC Harrell Sorrels passed away in November. Jimmy said Debbie Sorrels thanked all the members who to Harrell's viewing and funeral.

Correspondence:

Acting Adjutant Giehll read a letter from the Child Welfare Foundation and presented PDC Jimmy Martin with a CWF Gold Award for the 2020-2021 Detachment donations.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Doc Pfeiffer said there would be a PDC meeting in this room 10 minutes after the close of this meeting.

David Stephens said this will be the 50th National SAL Convention. There will be luncheon banquet on Saturday. The newly designed coin would be given to all who attend the banquet. If you have any pictures from past National Conventions, send them to National Historian Bill Towns. All designs for the coin were put in a hat and a winner was drawn as no entry followed the rules.

Mike Pipher asked if everyone who wanted to signed up for Oratorical.

Larry Paulus said the 4th District SAL has all Dual members wearing their American Legion caps during March in honor of the American Legion Birthday.

Tom Nedele said the Annual Gary Gregory Indoor Putt-Putt will be a Garrett Post 178 on January 29, 2022. The Putt-Putt proceed will be going to the 122 Airman and Family Readiness Program in the form of gift cards.

Tom Nedele said the 4th District Bowling Tournament will be February 19, 2022.

Mike Tolley asked if it was OK to pass the hat for CWF. Commander Budd said yes.

Commander Budd asked for donations. The following donations were made:

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| Unit 333 | \$100 | CWF | |
| Post 333 | \$100 | CWF | |
| Squadron 333 | \$100 | CWF | |
| Squadron 353 | \$84.89 | CWF | |
| 10 th District | \$50 | CWF | In memory of Harrell Sorrels |
| Squadron 243 | \$125 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 410 | \$66.90 | CWF | |
| Squadron 79 | \$76.90 | CWF | |
| Squadron 143 | \$500 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 143 | \$500 | IVH | In memory of Squadron Chaplain Randy Webb |
| 3 rd District | \$500 | Commander's Project | |
| Duane Alexander | \$50 | Commander's Project | |
| 7 th District | \$103 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 276 | \$100 | CWF | |
| Squadron 276 | \$100 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 497 | \$200 | Commander's Project | |
| 434 Family | \$420 | CWF | |
| Squadron 95 | \$500 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 434 | \$500 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 295 | \$1000 | Commander's Project | |
| Squadron 295 | \$1000 | CWF | |
| Squadron 169 | \$500 | Commander's Project | |
| Pass the hat | \$157 | CWF | |
| Post 21 | \$23.02 | CWF | |
| Squadron 295 | \$100.63 | CWF | |
| Commander Gullion | \$52.34 | CWF | |

NEC Greg Spaulding said Indiana has always provided many of the volunteers for the National Oratorical Contest and we need to step up again this year.

There are many scholarships available.

IVH has been allowing less residents to attend the bingos, but we have had less volunteers. Greg said we need more volunteers to help the residents play bingo.

Jay Huffman said the 5th District will be having a Bowling tournament on January 30, 2022. The cost is \$25 per person.

David Miller pointed out the new holder for the SAL Banner at the head table. David thanked Gary Throgmorton for making the holder.

Steve Brock said the Squadron 216 Mountain Oyster proceeds from February 19, 2022 will go to the Commander's Project. Commander Budd said he would be there.

With no further business to come before the meeting Commander Budd called on Chaplain Gresley for a closing prayer. Chaplain Gresley gave the closing prayer. With a right hand salute to the Colors of our Nation the meeting was closed at 1:52 pm.