



**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Indiana  
Fall Conference DEC  
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2022**

Commander Charles Gemlich opened the meeting at 12:01 pm with a right-hand salute to the Colors of our Nation. Chaplain Jeff Gresley offered an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag was placed by Northern Vice Commanders Tom Potts and Tom Nedele. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Southern Vice Commander Brian Gilbert. Southern Vice Commander Mike Tolley led in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion. The Blue Star Banner was in place.

Commander Gemlich called on Adjutant Steven Tansel for a roll call which revealed the following:

Commander:	Charles Gemlich
Northern Vice Commander:	Tom Nedele
Northern Vice Commander:	Tom Potts
Southern Vice Commander:	Brian Gilbert
Southern Vice Commander:	Mike Tolley
Adjutant:	Steven Tansel
Asst. Adjutant:	Raymond Giehll, Jr.
Asst. Adjutant:	James Arter, Sr.
Asst. Adjutant:	Joe Schultis
Finance Officer:	Doug Heiser
Chaplain:	Jeff Gresley
Historian:	Fred Motley
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Brian Englert
Sgt.-at-Arms Emeritus:	Galen Close (Excused)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Jeff Barker
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Halleck Lamar (Excused)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Luke Woodburn (Excused)
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:	Logan Pipher
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke
Membership Chairman:	Paul Rush
Public Relations Director:	Dave Parker
NEC:	Greg Spaulding
Alternate NEC:	David Hanson

District Commanders:

1st: Bill Duncan	6th: David Pearson
2nd: Mike Bottom	7th: Kevin Felker
3rd: Dick Reed	8th: Craig Titz
4th: Jeff Gresley	9th: Brian Hauser
5th: Jay Huffman	10th: David Brown
	11th: Bryce Hullett (Excused)

District Advisors:

1st:	Al Pulido
2nd:	Noble Pulsipher
4th:	Nick Nicholoff
6th:	Cliff Stephens
7th:	Larry Dent
SAL Advisory Committee Chair:	Larry Horvath

Past Detachment Commanders:

Cliff Stephens	Dave Stephens	Larry Paulus
Donald Stephens	James Arter, Sr.	Raymond Giehll, Jr.
David Brown	David Siggers	Richard Pfeiffer
Mark Tansel	Michael Pipher	Steven Tansel
David Hanson	Greg Spaulding	Chris Carlton
Joe Schultis	Dewey Long	Doug Heiser
Jimmy Martin	Dennis Budd	

Adjutant Tansel informed Commander Gemlich of a quorum being present.  
Commander Gemlich called on Adjutant Tansel for the reading of the previous minutes.  
PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by PDC Dave Brown.  
Motion passed.

Commander Gemlich called on Distinguished Guests Chairman Joe Schultis to introduce guests.  
Chairman Schultis introduced these guests:

Past National Treasurer of The American Legion and 90-year continuous member of the SAL, Webber LaGrange

Chris Carlton, Sons of The American Legion National Commander

David Miller, Aide to the National Commander

David Stephens, Past National Commander

Raymond Giehll, Jr., Past National Commander

Richard Pfeiffer, Internal Affairs Commission Member

Doug Heiser, Public & Media Communications Commission Member

Jimmy Martin, National VE & E Commission Member

Greg Wagner, SAL National Sergeant-at-Arms

Steve DeFeo, SAL National Historian

First time attendees. There were 3.

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

**Americanism Commission:**

Commission Chairman David Miller stated that National is looking for submissions for Snapshots of Service. Information can be found on the National website.

Commission Chairman Miller continued, presenting the following committee reports:

**Athletic Committee:**

Committee Chairman Walter Moore stated that this past year's (June 2022) Detachment Golf Tournament was held June 4, 2022, in Bloomington. 32 teams attended and was very successful, up this year from the prior year. Bids for the 2023 tournament need to be submitted by December 31, 2022. 11th District Bowling Tournament will be November 5-20, 2022. We have an agreement with All-Star Bowl to host the tournament through 2024.

**5 Star/10 Ideal Committee:**

Committee Chairman Steve Brock commented that if anyone needs training to contact the committee. Information on the program is in the SAL Handbook.

**POW/MIA Committee:**

Committee Chairman Ron Ripperger filed the following report:

The following information has been reported since July 9, 2022:

WWII – 21, USS Oklahoma – 3, Vietnam – 0, Korea – 9

One from Indiana – Army Sergeant First Class James A. Coleman of Hillsdale, Indiana. Sergeant First Class Coleman went missing in action on April 25, 1951. He will be buried October 19, 2022, at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Hoosier Boy's State Committee:**

Committee Chairman Bill Duncan stated that District Commanders need their squadrons to become more active and more involved with regard to Hoosier Boys State. Pamphlets are available in the Department HQ office. Need to reach out to home schoolers and to start recruiting now.

PDC James Arter, Sr. made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report. Seconded by 2nd District Commander Mike Bottom. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. PDC David Hanson voiced concern that the Detachment Golf Tournament has been the first Saturday after Memorial Day for years, but in the recent past couple of years that the Department Close of Books has conflicted, falling on the same weekend. PDC Hanson voiced wanting to move the Detachment Golf Tournament to the first Saturday after Memorial Day that does not fall on Close of Books weekend, stating that he believed it would help attendance. PDC Chris Carlton suggested that the issue be sent back to committee and that the Athletic Committee recommend the date. PDC Schultis pointed out that the golf tournament is always on Saturday and Close of Books always on Sunday, questioning what the conflict really was. Discussion abruptly ended. Members called for the question in unison. Commander Gemlich called for the question. Motion passed.

Distinguished Guests Chairman Joe Schultis introduced the following guests:

American Legion Department Adjutant Chad Woodburn. Chad brought greetings, subsequently introducing Department Membership Coordinator Aaron Bacon. Aaron thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation and that if you need help with membership, call, email or stop by.

American Legion Department Commander James Daube. Commander Daube addressed the group, bringing greetings and delivering both prepared and adlib remarks. Commander Daube thanked the Detachment for the opportunity to speak in front of the group and wished us a good conference.

PNC David Stephens who subsequently introduced Kristin Martindale, Director of the Indiana Chapter of the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). Kristin is a new American Legion Auxiliary member from Bloomington Unit 18. Kristin relayed the story of a COTA family in Solsberry, Indiana. Two-year-old named "Junior" is currently at Riley Children's Hospital, having been there since the spring. He is not waiting on his first heart transplant, but his second. Both of his parents are veterans. COTA helps to offset the many costs associated with transplant, not just the medical costs. Some children require two transplants and some in rare case such as Junior, requiring a third. According to Kristin's conservative estimate, COTA's 30-year relationship with the American Legion Family has benefitted COTA recipients to the tune of more than \$1.5 million dollars for COTA kids. Kristin noted that you can donate to Junior or you can choose another child or family. You can do an advanced search to help children in your area. You can visit COTA's website at: [www.cota.org](http://www.cota.org)

Daniel Craig, Director of Development with LifeCampUSA and the Hunt4Life Foundation. Daniel addressed the group delivering prepared remarks giving a summary of the organization he represents. LifeCampUSA and Hunt4Life mentors male sons (middle school aged youth) whose fathers lost their lives serving in the military or law enforcement. LifeCampUSA connects with these young men sponsoring them through an all-expense paid, year-long program and week-long capstone camp in which they camp, hike, fellowship, challenging each of them physically, mentally, and spiritually, while imparting life skills and participating in activities that they might have experienced with their fathers had they still been alive, as well as mentoring in the areas of societal expectations of them in the community as they progress toward adulthood. LifeCampUSA sponsored 30 male youth in 2022 and looking to expand to serve 100 male youth in 2023. Daniel invited meeting attendees to visit their booth in the atrium following the meeting.

American Legion Director of Rehabilitation. Director Hickey made comment that the Sons of The American Legion throughout all of the years has been one of the largest contributors to the Rehab program. The funds that the SAL provides is split between the nursing homes and makes it possible to provide funds to both VA nursing homes and private nursing homes. Some veterans that are hospitalized have no family and the visits from both volunteers and The American Legion are all they have. Director Hickey thanked Commander Gemlich for the \$7,500.00 donation made to the Department Rehabilitation Fund.

**Children & Youth Commission:**

Commission Chairman Kent Walker commented that many Children & Youth activities are just beginning with the start of the new school year.

Commission Chairman Walker continued, presenting the following committee reports:

**Oratorical Committee:**

Committee Chairman Mike Pipher noted that district and zone contests will be in January and February 2023. Department Oratorical Finals March 5, 2023, need volunteers. National Oratorical Finals in April 2023, need volunteers. It was determined to be too late this cycle, but request that flyers be readied for printing later this year for use next year. This request will be reiterated again in the spring.

**Special Olympics Committee:**

Committee Chairman Brian Gilbert noted that all state tournaments are now completed. Fall practices have started practicing. Winter Olympics February 2023 in Lawrenceburg, IN. Summer Olympics June 2023 in Terre Haute, IN.

**Children's Hospital Committee:**

Committee Chairman Brain Englert commented that the hospitals will take donations at any time. Chairman Englert reported that he has a friend whose grandchild had surgery at Riley and that they couldn't get over how great the entire staff was.

**Americanism & Government Committee:**

Committee Chairman Jim Naylor stated that district officers should contact each squadron to set up testing for local high schools 10, 11, and 12 in November. If you have any questions, contact Jim Naylor or headquarters for answers or supplies.

**Junior Shooting Sports Committee:**

Committee Chairman Craig Titzer stated that Junior Shooting Sports was just starting with the start of the new school year.

**Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy Committee:**

Committee Chairman Cliff Stephens stated that the committee feels the Detachment should be represented at graduation by the Detachment Commander. The committee discussed an incident that occurred during the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy camp. The matter is being reviewed by American Legion officials and a recommendation is expected to be issued for moving forward.

**Child Welfare Foundation Committee:**

Committee Chairman Mike Tolley stated that to make Child Welfare Foundation donations visit:

[www.legion.org/sons/donate](http://www.legion.org/sons/donate)

2021-2022 final donation total was \$32,645.05. 2022-2023 donation goal is \$35,626.00.

This year's total Detachment donations to date is approximately \$25.00 which is less one percent.

District Commanders are asked to get ahold of squadrons to get the piggy banks out and to do some raffles to raise funds.

PDC David Brown made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report. Seconded by PDC David Stephens. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. PDC Mike Pipher spoke on Oratorical, the precipitous fall in participation, overall lack of interest and the imperative to assist the Legion in getting students interested in participating and stressed making contact with the families of home-schooled students. PDC Pipher stated that the National organization has stopped printing materials and asked that flyers be printed. Finance Chairman Giehll stated that there is a line item in the budget for Children's Hospital. PDC Giehll asked to please convert change/coinage from fundraising campaigns into hard currency before turning the donations, in as it becomes a cumbersome burden for the Adjutant. Commander Gemlich called for the question. Motion passed.

**Internal Affairs Commission:**

Commission Chairman Andy Byers presented the following committee reports:

**Campout Committee:**

Committee Chairman David Miller stated the Campout will be held June 23-25, 2023, the weekend after Father's Day and looking for a Squadron to host. The bid packet is located online at

[www.indianasal.org](http://www.indianasal.org) on the front page. Bids must be received on or before January 12, 2023.

**Religious Emphasis:**

Committee Chairman Jeff Gresley requested that we remember Post Everlasting, to get deceased members reported to district and detachment. It is the desire of the committee that it be possible to retain the list of deceased members reported to the Detachment, so that districts could also be informed.

**Information & Training Committee:**

Committee Chairman Dave Parker stated that myLegion training will be conducted in the 3rd District on November 19, 2022. If you need myLegion assistance, contact PDC Joe Schultis. The 10th District is planning myLegion training. No date/time set at this time. Adjutant Tansel added that the Department was planning training for Mid-Winter Conference.

**Scholarship Committee:**

Committee Chairman Dave Parker stated wanting to get the scholarship updated and on website ASAP. Get the word out now and start talking to schools now. Don't wait. Deadline for application submission has changed to April 30, 2023.

**Community Involvement Committee:**

Committee Chairman Kevin Felker iterated the need to know your community and the community's needs and to assist when possible. If you see a worn flag, replace it.

### Legislative Committee:

Committee Chairman Richard Pfeiffer presented the following legislation having passed the United States House of Representatives:

HR 7846: Vet Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act

HR 5916: The Wounded Warrior Access Act

HR 7939: The Student Veteran Emergency Relief Act

HR 8260: The Faster Payment for Veteran Survivor Act

HR 7735: The Improving Access to the VA Home Loan Benefit Act

Chairman Pfeiffer spoke regarding an email he had received asking for help and support of the SAL. The Strong Veterans Act supports resiliency and designates a National Buddy Check Week (a program that the Legion started which has been very successful). The legislation provides funding research for mental health and treatment, increasing full-time staff in VA centers, expanding eligibility for treatment, expanding existing scholarship loan program for students with mental health providers. Already passed the House and is moving on to the Senate. The Sons of The American Legion is being asked to contact Senators to help get this legislation passed. Any questions, get with Doc after the meeting.

### Convention Committee:

Committee Chairman Jeff Gresley stated the Committee was hoping to have the National SAL Commander Chris Carlton and the leading candidate for National Commander address the convention.

### Public Relations & Information Technology Committee:

Committee Chairman Dave Parker stated that the committee is updating forms data collection to be web-based. PDC Joe Schultis expounded, stating that he and Chairman Parker were working on web-based forms using Adobe Sign. The expense report is currently online and they are working on updating forms for the end of the year. Website updates are being done to make it simpler, more user friendly and easier to find items you're looking for.

PDC Larry Paulus made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report. Seconded by Southern Vice Commander Tom Potts. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

### Rehabilitation Commission:

Commission Chairman Greg Wagner mentioned the Military Family Relief Fund, Senate Enrolled Act 316. The program has been revamped and is for military families needing assistance. Also requested that any district/squadrons that know of any local events to contact the chairman. Chairman Wagner mentioned the LifeCampUSA booth in the atrium and to stop by to learn more about their organization and what they do.

Commission Chairman Wagner continued, giving the following committee reports:

### Veterans Education & Employment Committee:

Committee Chairman Mike Bottom mentioned the Women in Bloom program, women veterans, scholarships, and education. On the employment front, commented that union halls are empty and are in-need of apprentices.

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Committee Mike Chairman Bottom stated that all homeless veteran's paperwork was due by September 12, 2022. Late paperwork needs to be turned in by October 1, 2022. Chairman Bottom visited five homeless vets. Homeless migration to the south is underway.

VAVS Committee:

Committee Chairman Jimmy Martin stated we need to support our local VA. The 4th District has a buddy check, one Sunday a month. Louisville still needs a VA rep.

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Committee Chairman Bob Shields noted that the bingo dates for this year would be October 15, 2022; December 10, 2022; and February 11, 2023. Setup at 12:30pm, bingo 1:30pm to 3:30pm or until the prizes are gone. Volunteers must check-in at Pyle Hall and must still wear a mask when inside the buildings, before and during bingo.

PDC Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report. Seconded by PDC James Arter, Sr. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

Distinguished Guests Chairman Joe Schultis introduced the following guests:

American Legion Auxiliary President Pam Shook. President Shook brought greetings and thanked the group for the opportunity to speak. She stated that she appreciates everything the Sons of The American Legion does and highlighted our contributions to the Child Welfare Fund and that Indiana shines above all others and that they support everything the Sons of The American Legion does. She stated that the American Legion Auxiliary, while a separate organization from The American Legion, they are here to serve and support the Veterans. 'Serving Veterans Is Our #1 Priority' is their theme and that if anyone needs their help to be sure to ask, because they are here to help.

American Legion Hoosier Boys State Director Rich Brown. Director Brown addressed the meeting, paid recognition to the SAL National Commander and Past National Commanders, delivering prepared remarks regarding the Hoosier Boys State program and the American Legion College. Director Brown noted that he is serving as the 6th Director of Hoosier Boys State program in Indiana's 87-year history of sponsoring the program. The Director thanked the Detachment for its amazing support of the Hoosier Boys State program. Hoosier Boys State is a weeklong government education and learning experience for youth, sponsored by The American Legion. The Hoosier Boys State program to be held in June 2023 at Trine University. Counselors are needed and being recruited to help staff the program. Secondly, Rich is also the Department Chairman for the American Legion College which will again be conducted the couple of days leading up to the Spring Conference, April 12-14, 2023. It is a 3-day leadership and professional development course designed to prepare attendees to assume leadership roles and positions of greater responsibility at the district, detachment and beyond. Information can be found at: [www.indianalegion.org/college](http://www.indianalegion.org/college) Applications will be accepted beginning October 15, 2022. Attendance is free of charge to registered participants, to include their own room, double occupancy.



Commander Gemlich called for stand-alone committee reports.  
The following reports were presented:

**Finance & Budget Committee:**

Committee Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr. stated that the committee will be working on the new budget at Mid-Winter Conference. Budget requests for 2023-2024 must be in by Mid-Winter DEC. There were no new finance requests. Chairman Giehll commented on the timeliness of expense report submissions, that expense reports received by the 10th of the month cutoff, are processed as received. Expense reports received after the cutoff will be processed the following month. PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr. made a motion to accept the Finance & Budget Committee report. Seconded by PDC Doug Heiser. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

**Resolutions Committee:**

Committee Chairman Greg Spaulding stated that three resolutions were received and considered by the committee. Resolved clauses were read for David A. Hanson to become National Executive Committeeman for the years 2023-2025, Joseph E. Schultis to become Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the years 2023-2025, and Steven J. Brock to become Southern Vice Commander for the year 2023-2024. PDC Richard Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Resolutions Committee report. Seconded by PDC David Hanson. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

**Distinguished Guest Committee:**

Committee Chairman Joe Schultis recorded guest introductions made throughout the meeting as reflected in the narrative of these minutes. The voice recording does not reflect being further recognized by the Chair regarding disposition of the Distinguished Guest Committee report.

**Sons in Need Committee:**

Acting Chairman Doug Heiser reported that 3 applications had been considered by the committee. One was approved and two were denied. Several requests for assistance have been denied due to simply not adhering to the program guidelines. He emphasized individuals and squadrons following the guidelines in their applications for assistance. PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Sons in Need Committee report. Seconded by PDC Dewey Long. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. One voice was heard in opposition. Motion passed by majority.

### **Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee:**

Committee Chairman Paul Rush stated that all squadrons in the 10th District would be off of zero soon. 11th District is already off zero. Several are still on zero and working on getting membership turned in. New squadron in New Castle Prison in the works.

It is being reported that some squadrons don't have access to computers or won't do myLegion.org or are having issues with myLegion. myLegion is the way forward and we need to encourage squadrons and individuals to use myLegion.

And that there had been questions about 100% ribbons from last year? Ribbons pointed out as being on the table positioned immediately behind Chairman Rush.

Committee Chairman Rush reported the following unofficial turn-in stats:

4th District at 27.5%, 11th District at 24.74%, 10th District at 24.39%, 3rd District at 14.72% and 5th District at 12.38%

Target 1 was dropped to make it fair for all squadrons since not all squadrons had cards at the time.

Target 2, 15% – 22 squadrons met Target 2. Target 3, 25% – 25 squadrons met Target 3.

Highest retention: Target 2, 4th District at 47.01% and Target 3, 4th District at 53.71%

Target 4, 30% starts October 1, 2022.

Drawing for \$500.00 – Squadron 423, Orland

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee Report. Seconded by PDC James Arter, Sr. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. Representatives of squadrons who did not identify themselves voiced their concerns regarding the dropping of the first target date. This was declared by the unidentified squadrons to be unfair because they were processing membership online. Squadrons that were online and processing membership claimed to have been disadvantaged. Committee Chairman Rush stated that the decision was made to drop the first target date to be fair to all squadrons. Commander Gemlich called for the question. One voice was heard in opposition. Motion passed by majority.

### **Unfinished Business:**

PDC Raymond Giehll, Jr. called PDC Dennis Budd to the front of the room for a presentation. PDC Budd presented National Child Welfare Foundation plaque to the 2021-2022 Detachment CWF Committee Chairman, Mike Tolley.

While PDC Budd was up front, PDC Giehll presented PDC Budd with his personal Detachment colors, the first Past Detachment Commander to be presented a full-size set of Detachment standards.

Adjutant Tansel called Bob Shields forward to accept the 2021-2022 Gordon Rayburn Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Squadron 492 Chaplain, David McKinny. David was unable to attend in person to accept the award.

### **New Business:**

There was none.

### **Sick Call & Relief:**

There was none.

### **Correspondence:**

Adjutant Tansel mentioned that the latest version of the Hoosier Legionnaire had been posted on the Department Website for those that care to read it. Also, that an article from the Detachment Commander was not present mostly due to not knowing what the deadline for article submission was. Adjutant Tansel will reach out to Dept and figure out the due dates and convey to the Commander Gemlich for future articles.

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

NEC Greg Spaulding introduced the Sons of The American Legion National Commander, Christopher Carlton. Commander Carlton was escorted to the podium, brought greetings giving due recognition to the Detachment of Indiana as being an organization of 36,000 members and the second largest Detachment. Having once been the Largest Detachment and now the Second Largest Detachment, we often find ourselves in a position of leading the way and showing how things are done. Commander Carlton spoke briefly regarding his Commander's Project to benefit the Veterans and Children's Foundation, formerly known as Temporary Financial Assistance and Endowment Fund. Gives grants to children in the home and to train the Veterans Service Officers. Commander Carlton spoke regarding the national "Be The One" campaign which seeks to bring awareness to veteran mental health, the destigmatization of mental health challenges in the veteran community and the efforts to reduce veteran suicide. Commander Carlton acknowledged the many great programs the American Legion Family has created and supported, challenging the Detachment redouble our efforts and really dig in by doing just a little more than scratching the surface. Commander Carlton asked that we take "Be The One" to another level and think larger scope when thinking about "Be The One" by taking into consideration veteran families and children. Veterans struggle, but so do the families and children. "Be The One" to ask, "Be The One" to listen and "Be The One" to save lives.

PDC James Arter, Sr. called a Northern Caucus in the southeast corner of the room.

NEC Greg Spaulding stated that Indiana was well represented at the National Convention in Milwaukee and thanked those members who volunteered their time to attend National Convention Committees in advance of the convention; Brian Gilbert (Americanism), Craig Titzer (C&Y), Joe Schultis (Constitutional Amendments), Jim Naylor (Credentials), Jeff Gresley (Membership), David Hanson (Finance), Steve Brock (Legislation and Rules) and Greg Spaulding (Internal Affairs), while Commander Gemlich attended the Commander's Training. NEC Spaulding also announced the National Executive Committee meeting October 7-9, 2022, at the Sheraton downtown Indianapolis.

PDC David Brown spoke regarding the Richmond police officer who was shot in the line of duty and subsequently died. Officer Seara Burton was admitted to hospice and survived 39 days before succumbing to her injuries. She was a 4-year member of the Department, a K-9 Handler and much loved by the community. The 10th District is seeking donations to the Blue Angel Fund to offset costs.

PDC Jimmy Martin announced the Annual 8th District Fundraising Auction will be held in Boonville on November 26, 2022. The proceeds are split among the projects of the Department Commander, Department President, and Detachment Commander.

SVC Brian Gilbert announced pork chop dinner at Middletown Post 216 on October 22, 2022. \$15 cost.

PDC Giehll announced that the Detachment still has membership cards remaining for the 9th, 3rd, 2nd and 5th Districts.

Past Detachment Membership Chairman Mike Arend stood to express his opposition and displeasure with the movement to online membership and the forms requirements for squadrons to receive their cards. PDC Schultis stood to rebutt the points and countered the comments made. PDC Giehll stood to address the ‘why’ behind the requirement to turn in the Delegate / Alternate forms after the convention had already concluded, pointing out that these forms were due 30 days in advance of the Convention. Had a squadron done what they should have done, these forms would have been submitted already and this would be a moot point. It was pointed out that squadrons that claim to have sent their forms electronically, it would be too easy to find the email and send (forward) again and the fact that this isn’t being done is puzzling.

PDC Mike Pipher opined on the days when the Detachment had a training team that went around and trained and suggested that we identify members at-large that can assist squadrons in their area who are computer literate and are willing to help. PDC Schultis stated that he had done that in the 4th District.

Past SVC Jim Naylor voiced concern regarding the availability of myLegion training, tutorials, and online resources. Adjutant Tansel noted that tutorials and training can be accessed within myLegion.

Past SVC David Miller announced that Squadron 495 would be hosting Indoor Putt-Putt on October 22, 2022. Cost of play is \$10 (4-person teams). Hole sponsorships are \$25. Practice begins at 11:30am, shotgun start at 12:30pm. Proceeds to benefit Detachment Commander’s OCW Project. Breakfast available from 9-11am.

PDC David Hanson announced that beginning October 15, 2022, Middletown Squadron 216 will be offering their Mountain Oyster Fry on the 3rd Saturday of the month and to be there before 11am. Also, the annual Mountain Oyster Fry, February 18, 2023, to benefit the Detachment Commander’s Project.

An unidentified squadron member spoke, stating that he was the Adjutant for his squadron and in his first year as Adjutant. He made mention of having a myLegion account and processes membership in 3 minutes per card. This was significant and in contrast to the negative commentary made by several members throughout the meeting.

Commander Gemlich called for donations. The following donations were presented:

Squadron 406	\$2,000.00	Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA)
Squadron 406	\$2,000.00	Child Welfare Found (CWF)
Squadron 423	\$ 800.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Squadron 406	\$2,000.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Squadron 072	\$4,500.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Craig Titzer	\$ 100.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Squadron 451	\$ 250.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Jimmy Martin	\$ 5.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Chris Carlton	\$ 20.00	Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)
Squadron 406	\$2,000.00	Riley Children’s Hospital

With no further business to come before the meeting, Commander Gemlich called on Chaplain Jeff Gresley for a closing prayer. Chaplain Gresley offered the closing prayer. With a right-hand salute to the Colors of our Nation, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14pm.