



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Fall Conference DEC
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
January 14, 2023**

Commander Charles Gemlich opened the meeting at 10:59 am 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 Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Englert and Past Detachment Commander Jimmy Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Northern Vice Commander Tom Potts. Northern Vice Commander Tom Nedele led in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion. The Blue Star Corporate Service Banner was in place.

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

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| Commander: | Charles Gemlich |
| Northern Vice Commander: | Tom Nedele |
| Northern Vice Commander: | Tom Potts |
| Southern Vice Commander: | Brian Gilbert (Excused) |
| Southern Vice Commander: | Mike Tolley |
| Adjutant: | Steven Tansel |
| Asst. Adjutant: | Raymond Giehll, Jr. (Excused) |
| Asst. Adjutant: | James Arter, Sr. (Excused) |
| Asst. Adjutant: | Joe Schultis |
| Finance Officer: | Doug Heiser |
| Chaplain: | Jeff Gresley |
| Historian: | Fred Motley (Excused) |
| Sgt.-at-Arms: | Brian Englert |
| Sgt.-at-Arms Emeritus: | Galen Close (Excused) |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Jeff Barker |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Halleck Lamar |
| Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms: | Luke Woodburn |
| 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:

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

District Advisors:

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| 1st: Al Pulido | 6th: Cliff Stephens |
| 2nd: Noble Pulsipher | 7th: Larry Dent |
| 4th: Nick Nicholoff | 10th: Jose Gaitan (filling in) |
| | 11th: Danny Rice |

SAL Advisory Committee Chair: Larry Horvath

Past Detachment Commanders:

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| Cliff Stephens | Dave Stephens | Larry Paulus |
| David Brown | David Siggers | Richard Pfeiffer |
| Mark Tansel | Michael Pipher | Steven Tansel |
| David Hanson | Greg Spaulding | Joe Schultis |
| 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:

David Stephens, Past National Commander

Richard Pfeiffer, SAL National Internal Affairs Commission Member

Doug Heiser, SAL National Public & Media Communications Commission Member

Jimmy Martin, SAL National VE & E Commission Member

David Miller, Aide to the National Commander

Greg Wagner, SAL National Sergeant-at-Arms

Joe recognized all Past Detachment Commanders

Steve DeFeo, SAL National Historian

Commander Gemlich called on Adjutant Steven Tansel for administrative comments. Adjutant Tansel generalized observations that while combing through reports from past conferences and the recent Fall Conference specifically, that it was difficult in some reports to determine the date on which the committee meeting took place and who filed the report and/or on whose behalf a report had been submitted. Adjutant Tansel requested cooperation from all Committee and Commission Chairman in completing all blocks on the committee and commission report forms to include the date, the presiding chairman/acting chairman, committee/commission notes and signature of the presiding chairman to make deciphering reports easier when compiling the executive committee meeting minutes.

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

Americanism Commission:

Commission Chairman David Miller presented the following committee reports:

Athletic Committee:

Committee Chairman Walter Moore reported that no bids had been received to host the 2023 Golf Tournament; bid solicitation extended to March 31, 2023. 11th District SAL Bowling Tournament held November 5-20, 2022, was a success - had 16 teams. Post 249 had the winning team, coming in first. Post 241 came in second. 2023 entry forms will be available at the state tournament. The committee would like to have tournament results to be posted on by Legion and SAL websites.

5 Star/10 Ideal Committee:

Committee Chairman Steve Brock reported having had one call from Squadron 252. Information on the program is in the SAL Handbook. If anyone needs training to contact the committee.

POW/MIA Committee:

Committee Chairman Ron Ripperger filed the following report:

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

WWII – 18, USS Oklahoma – 5, Vietnam – 2, Korea – 6

More than 81,500 American service members remain missing from all wars. 41,000 are presumed to have been lost at sea.

Hoosier Boy's State Committee:

Committee Chairman Bill Duncan indicated that the Department did not hold a HBS committee meeting this conference due to the training nature of the conference. Need candidates to help fill the program for the upcoming summer program and need volunteers to help get students registered.

PDC Jimmy Martin made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report. Seconded by PDC Dave Stephens. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Commission:

Acting Commission Chairman Jim Martin (filling in for Kent Walker) presented the following committee reports:

Oratorical Committee:

Committee Chairman Mike Pipher asked that volunteers for the Oratorical contest sign up today. Mike noted that he had met with Department Oratorical and School Awards Chairman James Grauvogl. Department Finals are March 5, 2023. National Finals are April 22-23, 2023. Volunteers were needed for both the Department and National contests to serve as escorts, ushers, room monitors, timekeepers. Mike passed around a clipboard around to gather names of volunteers for the Department contest. Volunteers for the National contest can register at: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/volunteer/form>

Special Olympics Committee:

Acting Committee Chairman Mike Piper (filling in for Brian Gilbert) brought awareness to the annual Polar Plunge being held January 28 – March 4, 2023, at 15 different locations around Indiana to raise money for the Special Olympics. Summer Games will take place in June 2023 in Terre Haute, IN. Information on both can be found on their website: <https://soindiana.org>

Children's Hospital Committee:

Committee Chairman Brain Englert commented that Indiana has four of the best children's hospitals and that they all can use extra funds to help the kids. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Americanism & Government Committee:

Acting Committee Chairman (filling in for Jim Naylor) reiterated that if you have any questions, contact Jim Naylor or headquarters for answers or supplies. Repeat from Fall Conference.

Junior Shooting Sports Committee:

Committee Chairman Craig Titzer reported that State Finals are on March 4, 2023, in Greenfield, IN.

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy Committee:

Committee Chairman Cliff Stephens stated that the committee is looking for candidates to fill slots to fill the program this year. Contact Cliff for more information.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee:

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

www.legion.org/sons/donate

Requesting \$1.00 per member. This year's total Detachment donations to date is approximately \$25.00.

Total to-date (prior to today) between the Legion and SAL stands at \$1,945.00.

Suggesting possible raffles and tip boards to help raise money.

All donations need to be in to National by May 31, 2023.

PDC Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report. Seconded by PDC Doug Heiser. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Commission Chairman Andy Byers presented the following committee reports:

Campout Committee:

Committee Chairman David Miller announced that the Campout will be held June 23-25, 2023, at Jonesboro. This is the weekend after Father's Day. Cost remains at \$15.00 if you register before Memorial Day. \$20.00 per person after that. Electrical hookup is \$25.00 per day.

Religious Emphasis:

Committee Chairman Jeff Gresley stressed participation in the "Be The One" campaign to reduce veteran suicide. Requested that districts and squadrons participate in the Four Chaplains programs in February and that squadrons transmit their deceased members reported to the detachment and keep a record for the squadron.

Information & Training Committee:

Committee Chairman Dave Parker highlighted myLegion training being conducted this afternoon at 2:00pm in Veterans Halls 1, 2, and 3. Contact PDC Joe Schultis if you are experiencing myLegion issues. The committee is looking to create training manuals for forms.

Scholarship Committee:

Committee Chairman Dave Parker reported that the new application for the 2022-2023 administrative year is on the detachment website. Two- \$1,000.00 scholarships are being awarded. There have been no application submissions to date. Deadline for submission is 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. Repeat from Fall Conference.

Convention Committee:

Committee Chairman Jeff Gresley stated that the Committee is planning to have the SAL National Commander Chris Carlton and the possibly the leading candidate for National Commander as guest speakers. Repeat from Fall Conference.

Public Relations & Information Technology Committee:

Committee Chairman Dave Parker reported that fillable forms are on the website. Detachment and national reports are regularly updated and available to the membership at www.indianasal.org Please send announcements that you wish to post to the website to the Detachment Adjutant first. The committee and the Adjutant work closely to ensure timely posting of items.

Legislative Committee:

Committee Chairman Richard Pfeiffer announced that the American Legion Department of Indiana had withdrawn from the Big Four.

The American Legion cited, in part, long-standing differences resulting from the changing of language being presented to legislators being substantially different (and language not supported by The American Legion) than what had been agreed upon without agreement from stakeholder spokespersons and was deemed to be unacceptable to the American Legion Department of Indiana, ultimately resulting in its withdrawal. Until the withdrawal, the Big Four had been a coalition of service organizations comprised of The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Guard Association of Indiana (AMVETS previously withdrew from the Big Four), dedicated to setting legislative priorities representing the interests of more than 135,000 Hoosier veterans.

The 2023 legislative priorities, as previously published by the coalition, calls for funding the grants for the Veterans Services program managed by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, exempting all military related income from Indiana income tax (factions within the Big Four want to change to active duty only which The American Legion opposes), a proposed provision in law that would make reforms to non-judicial punishment of Indiana National Guard service members, proposed addition of a provision that would allow The Adjutant General for the Indiana National Guard to convene a courts-martial (currently, only the Governor can convene a courts-martial proceeding), a further reform that would take away an Indiana National Guard service members right to courts-martial if requested, modifying Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans to extend the same benefit to the spouse of a disabled veteran, and waiving daily entrance fee at all Indiana State Parks for disabled Indiana Veterans.

Separate and aside from the aforementioned withdrawal, The American Legion submitted a statement for the record focused on the Camp Lejeune Justice Act that would cap paperwork fees at 2% and 10% contingency cap.

State House Bill 1104 would create a 'green alert' for missing or at-risk veterans.

The annual Washington Conference is being held in Washington, DC, February 25 – March 1, 2023.

PDC David Stephens made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report. Seconded by PDC Richard Pfeiffer. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. Discussion consisted of questions being posed regarding the withdrawal from the Big Four. Legislative Committee member Mark Franke was able to articulate the incremental ratcheting up of tensions that had persisted for some time and connected the shocking headline to the events and disturbing actions that ultimately led to the withdrawal. Adjutant Tansel also commented that there were ongoing conversations with the Leading Candidate for National Commander around a possible visitation, but that no date had been nailed down at the present. Commander Gemlich called for the question. Motion passed.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Commission Chairman Greg Wagner gave the Rehabilitation Commission report as follows:

Rehabilitation Executive Assistants Lori and Tegan process approximately 300 documents to the VA daily while answering the phones non-stop. The Service Officers, Stuart, and Jennifer staff a remote office with Service Officer in Training, Steve, on a daily basis and returning up to 20 calls a day while providing assistance in filing various claims for our Veterans and aiding them in informal conferences or hearing at the local level with an average of about 5-10 hearings per month between the two of them. Steve, the newest Service Officer, is almost done with training and will be taking clients and making calls soon. Director John maintains daily operations of the office to include taking calls from CVSO's, Veterans in distress, and addressing issues as needed from Department and from the Veterans. Assistant Director Bryce handles all BVA video and virtual hearings, adding up to 20 per month and pre-hearing calls before the hearings and helps at the remote office and handles dignitary claims. The Service Office represents an estimated 51,000 Veterans or roughly 65% of the Veterans in the state that has/had a VA claim filed. Estimated \$750,000,000.00 (\$750 million) in benefits go to Veterans and their families that are represented by The American Legion annually in Indiana. The Department of Indiana has an estimated 65% grant or remand rate when it comes to decisions by the Board of Veteran's Appeals with a 75% win-rate regarding informal conferences and local hearings.

Commission Chairman Wagner continued, presenting the following committee reports:

Veterans Employment & Education Committee:

Committee Chairman Mike Bottom noted that Purdue University and Indiana University are offering free classes to vets until June. Also, that Work One and Mills are hiring.

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Committee Mike Chairman Bottom reported a new homeless shelter in Valparaiso as of September 23, 2022, containing 24 units. Half of the units are for homeless veterans.

VAVS Committee:

Committee Chairman Jimmy Martin stressed supporting your local VA. The 4th District still does a buddy check, one Sunday a month. Louisville still needs a VA rep. Repeat from Fall Conference.

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Committee Chairman Bob Shields recapped sponsored bingo held at the home on October 15 and December 10, 2022. 61 residents participated, winning 75 to 80 games of bingo and 30 volunteers. Donations of cash for the residents included \$100.00 from Commander Gemlich, \$100.00 from Danny Irwin, \$200.00 from District 10, and \$261.00 from Squadron 261. Chairman Shields reiterated upcoming bingo February 11, 2023. Chairman Shields announced bingo dates for 2023-2024 to be October 14, 2023; December 9, 2023; and February 10, 2024. Setup at 12:30pm, bingo 1:30pm to 3:30pm or until the prizes are gone. Volunteers must continue to check-in with security at Pyle Hall and wear a mask when inside the buildings, before and during bingo. Chairman Shields indicated that Squadron 363 donated fishing equipment and that the 2nd District donated clothing, 2 lift chairs, snacks.

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report. Seconded by PDC Greg Spaulding. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. Discussion included PDC Jimmy Martin noting the National VE&E conference call on the third Thursday. Commander Gemlich called for the question. Motion passed.

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

Finance & Budget Committee:

Acting Committee Chairman Jim Martin (filling in for Raymond Giehll, Jr.) reported that the committee was looking into the possibility of a dues increase due to the continuing increase in cost of Taking a picture of your expense report and submitting it is not acceptable. A manually completed paper form or a digitally completed PDF fillable form are the acceptable methods. Fill out the form manually and mail by postal means or fill out the automated form and email. This has been discussed previously. Budget requests for 2023-2024 were due by Mid-Winter Conference. Once again, the committee reminds VAVS that each VA Hospital has \$1,000.00 available to them. Send requests to the Chairman for funding.

PDC Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Finance & Budget Committee report. Seconded by PDC Larry Paulus. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. During discussion, complaints emerged that mileage reimbursement (per mile reimbursement) has is lagging significantly increased costs of gas and inflationary costs of vehicle wear and tear. Increased fuel and maintenance costs have remained persistently high with significant relief not being forecast in the near or longer term. Adjutant Tansel commented that he will take the complaints for the record, voicing these concerns to the finance committee. Commander Gemlich called for the question. Motion passed.

Resolutions Committee:

Committee Chairman Greg Spaulding reported that a total of five resolutions were received and considered by the committee. Resolved clauses were read for Gary Throgmorton for the office of 11th District Commander for the year 2023-2024, Kenneth Corbeille for the office of 1st District Commander for the year 2023-2024, David B. Pearson for the office of Southern Vice Commander for the year 2023-2024, Gregory J. Wagner for the office of Detachment Commander for the year 2023-2024. A resolution to revise and update the criteria by which the national history books are graded was submitted by Squadron 64 and read in its entirety (authored by SAL National Historian Steve DeFeo). The resolution regarding the history books was signed by the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant and to be sent on to the SAL National Adjutant for further action by the National organization.

PDC Greg Spaulding made a motion to accept the Resolutions Committee report. Seconded by PDC Joe Schultis. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

*NOTE: The hotel fire alarm sounded in the final moments of the Resolutions Committee report, interrupting both the meeting and Resolutions Committee report, while the building was evacuated and subsequently reinhabited. While the meeting and report were temporarily interrupted, the Resolutions Committee is represented as if there had been no break.

Commander Gemlich recessed the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Upon re-entry to the hotel and the meeting room, Commander Gemlich announced the resumption of the executive committee meeting, gaveling the meeting back in session in proper form at 12:14pm.

Sons in Need Committee:

Acting Chairman Doug Heiser (filling in for Raymond Giehll, III) reported that 2 applications had been considered by the committee. One application was new and was rejected due to not adhering to the guidelines, being returned without action. One application was reconsidered with additional information requested having been supplied by the squadron and subsequently approved.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Sons in Need Committee report. Seconded by PDC Greg Spaulding. 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 noted several squadrons remain on zero and reported the following: 1st and 9th Districts should be off zero this upcoming week.

Target 4 (30%) – no district met goal, but District 4 had the highest percentage.

Target 5 (45%) – Districts 4 and 11 had over half their squadrons meeting goal, 4th had highest percentage to go to Lincoln Pilgrimage, also had the highest retention.

Target 6 (55%) – District 4 had the highest retention.

Districts receiving target checks: District 4 - \$250, District 7 - \$50, District 10 - \$50, District 11 - \$75

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

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| 1st Place | – 4th District | 6th Place | – 7th District |
| 2nd Place | – 6th District | 7th Place | – 1st District |
| 3rd Place | – 10th District | 8th Place | – 2nd District |
| 4th Place | – 8th District | 9th Place | – 3rd District |
| 5th Place | – 9th District | 10th Place | – 11th District |
| | | 11th Place | – 5th District |

Quarterly drawing for \$500.00 was won by Squadron 355, Indianapolis (Atkins-Saw)

Unofficial report - 70.1% of goal with 25,506 members. All squadrons were over 65%

PDC Schultis fielded questions and provided answers regarding online membership renewals and Squadron Data Reports. Effective January 3, 2023, online membership renewal capability was made available to members. Dual members and junior members will need to continue to renew through their respective squadrons as the National organization does not currently have the capacity to implement this level of dues structure at this time given the number of squadrons, wide range of dues amounts, and number of members in these categories nationwide. It was stated that Squadron Data Reports are due to National by May 1st for the ensuing membership year. Joe stressed the importance of the Squadron Data Report and how the SDR impacts online renewal. Adjutant Tansel stated that 25 squadrons failed to submit an SDR for 2022-2023 after several attempts to solicit compliance.

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee Report. Seconded by PDC Larry Paulus. Commander Gemlich called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed.

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Committee Chairman Joe Schultis recorded guest introductions in the committee binder as reflected in the narrative of these minutes. Chairman Schultis introduced the following guest, arriving since the initial introductions were made:

American Legion Rider Department Director Jeff Everman. Director Everman addressed the executive committee, bringing greetings and delivering adlib remarks. Jeff announced the first-ever in-state Legacy Run which will be held July 15, 2023. There will be six start points (Auburn Post 97, South Haven Post 502, Terre Haute Post 104, Richmond Post 65, Rockport Post 254, and Rising Sun Post 59) converging on Kenneth N. Dowden-Wayne Post 64 in Indianapolis. Director Everman unveiled a first-of-its-kind poster advertising provided for the Legacy Run which he is hopeful will become the standard for years to come. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Commander Gemlich presented Jeff with a plaque for the Legion Riders \$1,000.00 donation to his Commander's Project (Operation Comfort Warriors).

The voice recorded proceedings do not reflect being further recognized by the Chair regarding disposition of the Distinguished Guest Committee report.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

PDC David Stephens brought awareness to the First Annual Central Region Extravaganza. This conference will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-23, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio at the Embassy Suites Airport. Friday evening will consist of a social gather and networking opportunity. Saturday during the day, attendees will receive training and a variety of presentations and guest speakers – topics to be covered are: a CENTCOM update, obtaining discharge documents, keeping members involved, building an effective youth program, honoring veterans in health care facilities, public speaking, being a military child, working with the media, Be The One – Suicide: Knowing the Signs, Prevention & Support. Saturday evening will offer an opportunity to visit local American Legion Posts. See PDC Stephens for additional information.

Sick Call & Relief:

PDC Joe Schultis announced the passing of long-time 4th District Advisor Don Dapp.

PDC Dave Stephens reported that PDC Mike Sheets had been in hospital off and on since December 24th and had just been moved to Sage Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

PDC Steven Tansel mentioned Brian Gilbert had had major spinal surgery and was recovering. Jim Arter was feeling poorly and had decided to stay home today. Terry Slagle and Kirk Rewerts were recovering from foot surgery.

PDC David Siggers thanked the Detachment for sending a card following the death of his brother Henry last summer and those that traveled in for his viewing and funeral.

PDC Mark Tansel reported that Past 7th District Commander Randy Blake was undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer.

PDC Jimmy Martin announced the passing of Legion Past Southern Vice Commander Ron Hanger.

Correspondence:

There was none.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer announced that the updated Constitution and Bylaws had been printed and made available, one for each Squadron and one for each District and requested that District Commanders pick up and take back for distribution to the squadrons.

PDC Mike Pipher reiterated and asked for volunteers for the oratorical contests.

PDC Schultis announced that Squadron 97 was raffling 2 handguns. See Joe to get your raffle tickets.

Alternate NEC David Hanson announced that the homecoming for SAL National Commander Chris Carlton would be March 24-25, 2023. He has flyers to distribute. See David for flyers if interested. Fillable forms are on the website and will also be available in the hospitality rooms this weekend.

PDC Larry Paulus called for a PDC meeting immediately following the adjournment individually with the candidates for Commander for the 2023-2024 year to discuss their respective plans.

2nd District Commander Mike Bottom stated that we needed a Membership Chairman from the southern region and requested anyone interested in being Membership Chairman for 2023-2024 year to see him.

PDC David Brown announced a Southern Caucus in the front of the room immediately following adjournment. Also, the Rushville Post and Squadron will be hosting the Vietnam Wall Aug 30-Sep 4, 2023. They are looking for contributions and folks to come visit.

Adjutant Tansel gave an officer's report detailing the activities he as the Adjutant (at times in conjunction with other officers), had been involved in since the Fall Conference. Adjutant Tansel listed the restoration of the carrying case containing the Detachment colors, traveling with the Department on the National Commander's Tour entourage to several stops around the state in October immediately following the Fall Conference, and participating in the Veterans Day Parade with the Detachment Commander, Department Commander, and several members from the Legion District leadership from around the Indianapolis area.

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

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| Squadron 064 | \$1,000.00 | Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) |
| Squadron 379 | \$ 100.00 | Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) |
| Jack Morrison | \$ 20.00 | Indiana Veterans Home (IVH) |
| Squadron 200 | \$ 700.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Squadron 095 | \$ 500.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Squadron 169 | \$ 500.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Squadron 492 | \$ 500.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Mike Brady | \$ 500.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Squadron 204 | \$ 250.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| ALR Chapter 200 | \$ 200.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Squadron 379 | \$ 100.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Mike Bottom | \$ 50.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Jimmy Martin | \$ 20.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |
| Charles Gemlich | \$ 20.00 | Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) |

Commander Gemlich presented Commander's Club plaques as follows: Mike Brady, Boonville Squadron 200, Wheatfield Squadron 406, Orland Squadron 423, and Crawfordsville Squadron 72.

Distinguished Guests Chairman Joe Schultis introduced SAL National CWF Committee Member George Fleming from the Detachment of Pennsylvania. George thanked the Detachment for its donations to CWF and requested that everyone keep up the good work.

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 1:07pm.