



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
59th Detachment Convention
Indianapolis, IN
July 8-9, 2023**

Commander Charles Gemlich opened the meeting at 8:09 AM with a right-hand salute to the flag of our nation. Chaplain Jeff Gresley said an opening prayer. Northern Vice Commander Tom Nedele and Southern Vice Commander Mike Tolley placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair. The Blue Star Banner was displayed. Southern Vice Commander Brian Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance. Northern Vice Commander Tom Potts the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.

Commander Gemlich asked for a roll call of Officers and Squadrons.

Adjutant Steven Tansel made a roll call which showed the following.

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| Commander: | Charles Gemlich |
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| Southern Vice Commander: | Brian Gilbert |

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| David Ridenour | David Brown | David Siggers |
| Richard Pfeiffer | Michael Pipher | Steven Tansel |
| David Hanson | Greg Spaulding | Chris Carlton |
| Joe Schultis | Dewey Long | Doug Heiser |
| Jimmy Martin | Dennis Budd | |

Asst. Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr made a roll call of Squadrons:

Squadrons represented:

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Commander Gemlich declared the 59th Annual Detachment Convention convened.

Commander Gemlich asked for a reading of the Convention Call.
Adjutant Steven Tansel read the Convention Call.

Commander Gemlich called Department Commander Jim Daube forward.
Commander Daube came forward and addressed the Convention thanking the SAL and Commander Gemlich for a great year.
Commander Gemlich presented Commander Daube with a plaque.

American Legion NEC Ed Trice addressed the meeting saying he is 23-year member of the SAL. NEC Trice brought greetings from the National organization and American Legion National Commander Triola.

Department American Legion Riders Director Jeff Everman addressed the Convention highlighting this year's accomplishments of the ALR. Jeff also talked about the first Indiana Legacy ride that will be happening on July 15th.

Executive Vice Commander Tom Nedele assumed chairing the Convention.

Executive Vice Commander Nedele called for the reading of the previous Convention Minutes. Squadron 495 made a motion to accept the Convention minutes as emailed, 2nd Squadron 97. Motion passed.

Executive Vice Commander Nedele called on Distinguished Guest Chairman Joe Schultis for the introduction of guests. Chairman Schultis introduced the following:

Christopher Carlton, SAL National Commander
Robert Worrell, Past National Commander
Raymond Giehll, Jr., Past National Commander
Larry Paulus, Past National Vice Commander
James Arter, Past National Vice Commander
Richard Pfeiffer, Past National Vice Commander
David Miller, Aide to the National Commander
Greg Spaulding, NEC
David Hanson, Alternate NEC
Richard Pfeiffer, National Internal Affairs Commission Member
Doug Heiser, National Public Media & Communications Commission Member
Jimmy Martin, National VE & E Commission Member
Past Detachment Commanders
First Time Attendees

Executive Vice Commander Nedele called on Judge Advocate Richard Pfeiffer to explain the voting process.

Judge Advocate Pfeiffer came forward and explained how the voting process would work based on the Rules of the Convention.

Joe Schultis introduce Bob Oeth, Leading Candidate for American Legion Department Commander. Candidate Oeth came forward and addressed the Convention. He said he is looking forward to working with Paul Rush this coming year. Bob thanked the SAL for all the assistance they provide for the many American Legion programs. Bob introduced Brandon Cross, Candidate for Department Sgt.-at-Arms.

Executive Vice Commander Nedele called for the first Credentials Committee report. The Credentials Committee was not ready at this time.

Commander Gemlich returned to the podium.

Commander Gemlich called for Committee reports minus the awards.

Americanism:

Chairman David Miller came forward.

Chairman Miller gave the Americanism totals:

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| Total Money: | \$102,366 |
| Total Hours: | 31895 |
| Total Money & Hours: | \$1,059,216 |

Chairman Miller broke down some of the numbers.

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| Color Guard: | \$505,199 |
| Flags Presented: | \$102,676 |
| Scouting: | \$61,875 |

46935 Flags were placed this year.

Squadron 495 made a motion to accept the Americanism report minus the awards, 2nd Squadron 56. Motion passed.

Children & Youth:

Chairman Bill Duncan came forward.

Chairman Duncan gave the Children & Youth totals:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Total Money: | \$128,832 |
| Total Hours: | 16084 |
| Total Money & Hours: | \$611,352 |

Squadron 100 made a motion to accept the Children & Youth report minus the awards, 2nd Squadron 241. Motion passed.

Community Service:

Chairman Andy Byers came forward.

Chairman Byers gave the Community Service totals:

| | Money | Hours | Total |
|--|-----------|-------|-------------|
| Scholarships/Other Educational Programs: | \$87,877 | 693 | \$108,677 |
| Other Organization/Community Service: | \$126,514 | 30599 | \$1,044,484 |
| Other Teams Sponsored: | \$27,455 | 1665 | \$77,405 |
| Blood Drives: | \$37 | 210 | \$6,337 |
| National Emergency Fund: | \$666 | 48 | \$2,106 |
| Other Donations Not Listed: | \$355,456 | 50199 | \$1,861,426 |

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| Total Money: | \$589,015 |
| Total Hours: | 83414 |
| Total Money & Hours: | \$3,100,435 |

Commander Gemlich said that no motions are needed at this time. Motions for the final reports will come later with the awards.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation:

Chairman David Pearson came forward.

| | Money | Hours | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|
| VA Medical Centers & Facilities: | \$6,159 | 1790 | \$59,859 |
| State Veterans Facilities: | \$20,779 | 768 | \$43,819 |
| National Veterans Assistance Day: | \$1565 | 430 | \$14,465 |
| Operation Comfort Warrior: | \$25,800 | 623 | \$44,490 |
| Fisher House: | \$290 | | \$290 |
| Other VA&R Projects: | \$77,389 | 10242 | \$384,649 |
| VE&E Projects: | \$15,711 | 5856 | \$191,391 |

Total Money: \$147,693

Total Hours: 19709

Total Money & Hours: \$738,963

Joe Schultis introduced Cheryl Threte incoming Department Auxiliary President.

Incoming President Threte addressed the Convention saying she is looking forward to working with the SAL this coming year.

Joe Schultis introduced the Department Junior Auxiliary President Evelyn Henshaw.

Junior President Henshaw addressed the Convention talking about her project for the last year.

Finance & Budget:

Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr came forward. Chairman Giehll, Jr said the budget for 2023-2024 has already been set. Chairman Giehll reminded the 2022-2023 officers are paid to attend the Pre-DEC meeting and return home. The new officers do not get paid anything for this weekend.

Chairman Giehll said the Committee had presented a resolution concerning the Detachment dues.

Squadron 495 made a motion to accept the Finance & Budget report minus the resolution, 2nd Squadron 18. Motion passed.

Resolutions Chairman Greg Spaulding came forward and read the Resolution.

Squadron 241 made a motion to accept the resolution, 2nd Squadron 423. Motion passed by majority. (See Attached)

Resolutions:

Chairman Greg Spaulding came forward.

Chairman Spaulding said that resolution for all the incoming officers and District Commanders had been previously turned in and handled and he had no further resolutions to present.

Squadron 241 made a motion to accept the Resolution Committee report, 2nd Squadron 97. Motion passed.

Joe Schultis introduced American Legion National Internal Affairs Chairman Robert Newman.

Chairman Robert Newman came forward and addressed the Convention. Chairman Newman spoke of the highlights of the SAL this past year and thanked the Indiana SAL for what they do for the American Legion.

Commander Gemlich called for a Credentials Committee report.

Chairman Richard Pfeiffer reported that were 55 Squadrons that answered roll call with 476 delegate votes.

Squadron 241 made a motion to seat the late certified squadrons, 2nd Squadron 28. Motion passed by a majority.

Squadron 495 made a motion to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of nominations, 2nd Squadron 216. Motion passed.

Asst. Adjutant Giehl read the roll for nominations:

Sgt.-at-Arms

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 31

Squadron 31 nominated Tom Nedele

Squadron 11 2nd Tom Nedele

Alt. NEC

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 423

Squadron 423 nominated Joe Schultis

Squadron 9 2nd Joe Schultis

NEC

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 495

Squadron 495 nominated David Hanson

Squadron 11 2nd David Hanson

Northern Vice Commander

Squadron 16 yields to Squadron 100

Squadron 100 nominated Bill Duncan

Squadron 20 2nd Bill Duncan

Squadron 97 yields to Squadron 241

Squadron 241 nominated Jeff Gresley

Squadron 98 2nd Jeff Gresley

Southern Vice Commander

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 65

Squadron 65 nominated Steve Brock

Squadron 9 2nd Steve Brock

Squadron 72 yields to Squadron 145

Squadron 145 nominated David Pearson

Squadron 88 2nd David Pearson

Commander

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 330

Squadron 330 nominated Paul Rush

Squadron 9 2nd Paul Rush

Squadron 495 made a motion to return to the normal order of business, 2nd Squadron 1. Motion passed.

Membership:

Membership Chairman Paul Rush came forward.

Target # 10

196 Squadrons exceeded the 90% goal.

District 4 met the 90% goal.

Highest retention was the 4th District.

Target #11

124 Squadron exceeded the 100% goal.

No District over 100%.

Highest retention was the 4th District.

Target #12

100 exceeded the 105% goal.

Every district had at least one squadron over 106% or higher

Highest retention was the 4th District.

Commander Gemlich and Chairman Rush handed out checks to every District for achieving goals.

1st = \$50

2nd = \$50

3rd = \$50

4th = \$225

5th = \$50

6th = \$50

7th = \$50

8th = \$50

9th = \$50

10th = \$50

11th = \$50

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 5TH FOR THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN THE
DETACHMENT

5TH DISTRICT COMMANDER JAY HUFFMAN RECEIVED A JACKET

76 Squadrons reached 100% by Legion Birthday. 172 Squadrons will receive 100% banners.

Kenny Schulz Top Recruiter, Joe Morehouse

Old Business:

Chairman Pfeiffer came forward and gave an updated Credentials Committee report.

58 Squadrons registered. 505 Delegate votes.

Commander Sluggo introduced Wendy from the Brain Injury Association of Indiana

Wendy came forward and addressed the Convention. Wendy talked about the Brain Injury Association of Indiana and traumatic brain injuries. Wendy thanked the SAL for the donations from Commander Dennis Budd's year.

Steve Tansel talked about his own experience and his traumatic brain injury. Steve donated \$1000 to the Brain Injury Association of Indiana.

Commander Gemlich introduced Chistie from COTA.

Christie came forward and addressed the Convention. Christie thanked the SAL for their donations to COTA. Christie gave an update on Indiana COTA children.

Paul Rush said his project for this year will be COTA.

New Business:

Walter Moore said that the 11th District will be having a statewide bowling tournament at All Star Bowl in Indianapolis. Flyers are on the table outside.

Sick Call & Relief:

Bill Morehouse is battling cancer.

Steve Tansel said that his uncle by marriage and Mark's brother in-law died tragically in an accident the other day, please keep the family in your prayers.

Keep Cheryl Spaulding in your prayers as she recovers.

Greg Wagner is doing better and will see everyone at National Convention.

Correspondence:

Jimmy Martin said the VA Hospital in Louisville sent a thank you letter for \$1000 donation the Detachment made to the hospital.

Good of The SAL:

Joe Schultis said that at the Legion Convention yesterday Bob Shields from Squadron 492 was the American Legion Department of Indiana Sons of The American Legion Achievement Award. Joe congratulated Bob and Squadron 492 for all they do at IVH.

Asst. Adjutant Jim Arter said registration would be open when the Convention recesses and will only be open till noon.

NEC Greg Spaulding said that anyone going to National Convention who would like to serve on a Convention Committee on Friday morning to see him after the meeting, he still has some openings.

Chris Carlton invited everyone to Post 495 for the Pork Chop Dinner. Served 4-8, \$15.

Commander Gemlich asked for any donations:

Commander Gemlich donated the proceeds from his Homecoming dinner to OCW, \$1700.02.

Squadron 28: \$250 to OCW and \$250 to CWF

Squadron 34: \$500 to OCW

Squadron 31: \$250 to OCW

Jeff Barker: \$104 to OCW

Squadron 355: \$200 to OCW

11th District: \$294.65 to CWF

Squadron 216: \$200 to CWF

Commander Gemlich recessed the Convention at 10:37 am.

Commander Gemlich reconvened the Convention at 12:31 pm.

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Commander Gemlich declared the 59th Detachment Convention reconvened.

Squadron 495 made a motion to suspend the normal order of business for 2nd nominations, 2nd Squadron 65. Motion passed.

Only Offices where 3 Squadrons passed will be called and only those Squadrons that passed.

2nd nomination Sgt.-at-Arms. No new nominations

2nd nomination for Alt. NEC. No new nominations

2nd nomination for NEC. No new nominations

2nd nomination for Northern Vice Commander. No new nominations

2nd nomination for Southern Vice Commander. No new nominations

2nd nomination for Commander. No new nominations

Squadron 495 made a motion that nominations be closed, 2nd Squadron 28. Motion passed.

Squadron 72 made a motion to return to the normal order of business, 2nd Squadron 97. Motion passed.

Commander Gemlich called for a final Credentials Committee report.

Chairman Richard Pfeiffer said there were 63 Squadrons registered and 523 delegates registered.

Squadron 423 made a motion to accept the final Credentials Committee report, 2nd Squadron 1. Motion passed.

Squadron 216 made a motion to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of elections, 2nd Squadron 502. Motion passed.

Squadron 495 made a motion for the Adjutant to cast one majority ballot for all the unopposed offices, 2nd Squadron 1. Motion passed.

Adjutant Tansel cast one majority ballot for the following unopposed offices:

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| Sgt.-at-Arms: | Tom Nedele |
| Alt. NEC: | Joe Schultis |
| NEC: | David Hanson |
| Northern Vice Commanders: | Jeff Gresley & William Duncan |
| Southern Vice Commanders: | David Pearson & Steve Brock |
| Commander: | Paul Rush |

The PDCs brought newly elected Detachment Commander Paul Rush to the podium to be introduced.

Newly elected Detachment Commander Paul Rush briefly addressed the Convention.

Squadron 65 made a motion to return to the normal order of business, 2nd Squadron 169. Motion passed.

Commander Gemlich called for all final Committee reports including awards.

Membership:

Chairman Paul rush said the Detachment ended 102.09%, great job by everyone.

Chairman Rush had the final Squadron drawing for \$1000 and it went to Squadron 410 Whitestown in the 6th District.

Chairman Rush draw a \$500 award from all Squadrons who had all the required paperwork in 30 days prior to Convention. Squadron 72 won the \$500.

Chairman Rush announced the following Membership Awards:

There was a mistake on the awards, and they will be delivered when they arrive.

FIRST SQUADRON TO REACH GOAL

CATEGORY 1 – Squadron 52 Attica

CATEGORY 2 – Squadron 452 New Alsace

CATEGORY 3 – Squadron 343 Holland

CATEGORY 4 – Squadron 235 Milan

CATEGORY 5 – Squadron 241 Waynedale

SQUADRON WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OVER GOAL

- CATEGORY 1 – Squadron 140 Clinton
- CATEGORY 2 – Squadron 189 Walkerton
- CATEGORY 3 – Squadron 100 Lake Station
- CATEGORY 4 – Squadron 59 Rising Sun
- CATEGORY 5 – Squadron 253 North Webster

SQUADRON WITH MOST CARDS OVER GOAL

- CATEGORY 1 – Squadron 390 Branchville
- CATEGORY 2 – Squadron 303 South Bend
- CATEGORY 3 – Squadron 284 South Bend
- CATEGORY 4 – Squadron 420 Monroeville
- CATEGORY 5 – Squadron 18 Bloomington

Squadron 330 made a motion to accept the Membership report, 2nd Squadron 98. Motion passed.

Paul has the 100% banners, see him after this meeting.

Americanism Committee:

Chairman David Miller came forward and presented the George Evans, Jr Americanism awards:

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| 1 st Place: | Squadron 100, Lake Station | \$217,680 |
| 2 nd Place: | Squadron 555, Bunker Hill | \$80,555 |
| 3 rd Place: | Squadron 241, Waynedale | \$57,769 |

Denise Wrolen came in for the final presentation. Denise is George Evans, Jr's Daughter.

Golf Chairman Dave Hanson came forward with a report on the Glenn Nagel Memorial Detachment Golf Tournament:

Income:

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| 19 Teams: | \$4560 |
| Sponsors: | \$900 |
| Total Income: | \$5460 |

Expenses:

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| Green fees: | \$1520 |
| Prizes: | \$650 |
| Sponsor: | \$720 |
| Door Prizes: | \$500 |
| Total Expenses: | \$3390 |

Total Income: \$2070

Squadron 495 made a motion to accept the final Americanism Committee report, 2nd Squadron 28. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Committee:

Chairman Bill Duncan came forward and presented the following Robert “Smurf” Rodeffer Children & Youth awards:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 st Place: | Squadron 84, Marengo | \$151,000 |
| 2 nd Place: | Squadron 100, Lake Station | \$82,500 |
| 3 rd Place: | Squadron 9, Madison | \$50,760 |

Squadron 100 made a motion to accept the final Children & Youth Committee report, 2nd Squadron 241. Motion passed.

Community Service Committee:

Chairman Andy Byers came forward. Chairman Byers asked Janice Mort to come forward. Andy & Janice presented the following Norm Hubler Community Service awards:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 st Place: | Squadron 241, Waynedale | \$298,000 |
| 2 nd Place: | Squadron 555, Bunker Hill | \$223,680 |
| 3 ^{re} Place: | Squadron 321, Yorktown | \$169,107 |

Squadron 72 made a motion to accept the final Community Service Committee report, 2nd Squadron 243. Motion passed.

VA&R Committee:

Chairman David Pearson came forward. Chairman Pearson asked PDC Donald Stephens to come forward. Andy & Donald presented the following David P. Stephens Rehabilitation awards:

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| 1 st Place: | Squadron 451, Michigan City | \$178,500 |
| 2 nd Place: | Squadron 492, West Lafayette | \$130,190 |
| 3 rd Place: | Squadron 241, Waynedale | \$78,818 |

Squadron 145 made a motion to accept the final Rehabilitation Committee report, 2nd Squadron 249. Motion passed.

Scholarship Committee:

Chairman David Parker came forward and announced the winners of the Raymond Giehll, IV Scholarship:

Brett Lattman

Anderson Stuckey, Anderson is PDC Terry Slagle’s Grandson

Each will receive a \$1000 scholarship and a plaque.

Squadron 241 made a motion to accept the Scholarship Committee report, 2nd Squadron 249. Motion passed.

Distinguished Service Award:

Chairman Dennis Budd presented the Gordon R Rayburn Distinguished Service Award to Richard Reed. Dennis Budd presented a second award to Raymond Pirtle. Dennis Budd presented a third award to Past Detachment Commander David Brown.

Child Welfare Foundation:

Chairman Mike Tolley came forward and presented the Detachment Damon J Bradtmueller Memorial Child Welfare Foundation awards to Squadrons:

Category 5: 241
Category 4: 47
Category 3: 97, 295
Category 2: 495
Category 1: 377

Squadron 341 made a motion to accept the Child Welfare Foundation Committee report, 2nd Squadron 249. Motion passed.

Commander Gemlich turned the podium over to Northern Vice Commander Tom Nedele.

Executive Vice Commander Tom Nedele called on Commander Gemlich to give his final report.

Commander Charles Gemlich came forward and gave a very heartfelt final report, followed by a standing ovation.

Squadron 200 made a motion to accept Commander Charles Gemlich's final report, 2nd Squadron 97. Motion passed.

All present PDCs came forward and presented Commander Gemlich with his Past Commander's lapel pin and his Detachment colors.

Executive Vice Commander Tom Nedele returned the podium to Commander Gemlich.

Commander Gemlich passed out plaques for OCW donations to his project.

3rd District

Squadron 97

American Legion Family 555

Squadron 463

Squadron 223

Squadron 42

Squadron 241

Squadron 145

Squadron 98

Squadron 495

VFW Auxiliary 3418

Commander presented a plaque to Squadron 130 for their service during the fire at the prison. There are also individual certificates for the members who assisted.

The 8th District SAL came forward and presented Commander Gemlich with a plaque of Appreciation.

Dave Brown announced a Southern Caucus.

Commander Gemlich recessed the Convention at 1:58 pm.

Commander Gemlich reconvened the Convention at 8:45 am on Sunday July 9, 2023.

Detachment Chaplain Jeff Gresley conducted the Detachment Memorial Service.

ALR Director Jeff Everman came forward and addressed the Convention. Jeff congratulated newly elected Commander Paul Rush. Jeff made a \$1000 donation from the ALR to the Commanders project.

Commander Gemlich introduced National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion Chris Carlton.

National Commander Carlton came forward and addressed the Convention. Chris brought greetings from the National organization and said he was proud to be a Hoosier and back in Indiana. Chirs praised Indiana for all the donations that have come from Indiana this year. Chris thanked Indiana for supporting him on this journey.

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Commander Gemlich with the assistance of Adjutant Tansel passed out Certificates of Appreciation to his officers and chairman.

Commander Gemlich called for a 10-minute break for the installation team to set up.

Commander Gemlich turned the podium over to the installation team led by Past 4th District American Commander Nick Nickoloff. Nick Nickoloff was assisted by Tom Nedele and Greg Spaulding.

Installation Sgt-at-Arms Tom Nedele assembled the newly elected Detachment Officers.

Nick Nickoloff gave the obligation to all the officers except the newly elected Commander.

Nick Nickoloff called newly elected Commander Paul Rush to the podium. Nick Nickoloff gave Commander Paul Rush his obligation and presented him with his gavel. Nick Nickoloff congratulated New Detachment Commander Paul Rush.

Installation Chaplain Greg Spaulding offered a prayer.

Commander Gemlich returned to the podium.

Commander passed on the Detachment Commander's pin to new Detachment Commander Paul Rush.

Commander Rush's wife Lucie came forward and placed his Detachment Commander's cap on him and placed his name badge.

Newly installed Detachment Commander Paul Rush addressed the Convention talking about the upcoming year and his project, Children's Organ Transplant Association.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Commander Gemlich introduced the New Department Membership Chairman David Miller. Chairman Miller came forward and addressed the Convention. Chairman Miller challenged the incoming SAL Membership Chairman to a percentage winner, loser takes a pie to the face. SAL David Miller accepted the challenge.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

David Pearson announced the candidacy of Andy Byers for Detachment Commander for 2024-2025.

Greg Spaulding still needs one more member for the National Convention Committees. Asst. Adjutant Giehll reminded the officers who get mileage for attending this weekend.

Asst. Adjutant Giehll said the Organizational Meeting will not be today, but a date has not been set.

Commander Gemlich said that the Post DEC will be 15 minutes after the close of the Convention.

With no further business to come before the Convention, Commander Gemlich called for a closing prayer. Chaplain Jeff Gresley gave the closing prayer. With a right-hand salute to the colors of our nation the Convention was closed at 9:24 am.



Whereas, The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana has a Constitution and Bylaws which it is governed by, and

Whereas, That Constitution and Bylaws allows for the setting of the minimum annual dues for each member of the Detachment of Indiana, and

Whereas, The cost of doing business as a Detachment continues to go up, and

Whereas, The Detachment of Indiana wants to continue to do business at its current level and also continue to make our all-important yearly donations, therefore be it

Resolved, That the annual dues for a member of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of Indiana be raised from \$8 per year to \$10 per year, be it further

Resolved, That the new annual dues come into effect with 2025 card year of the Sons of The American Legion, be it finally

Resolved, That this resolution be presented at the 59th Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment, July 8 & 9, 2023 to be voted on by the Squadrons in attendance

Indiana Detachment Commander

Indiana Detachment Adjutant