



**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Spring Conference
Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
April 9, 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 Mike Tolley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past Detachment Commander Jimmy Martin. The Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion was led by Past Detachment Commander Dewy Long. The Blue Star Banner was in place.

Commander Budd called on Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr for a roll call which showed the following:

Commander:	Dennis Budd	
Northern Vice Commander:	Paul Rush	
Northern Vice Commander:	Greg Wagner	(EX)
Southern Vice Commander:	David Miller	(EX)
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	
Finance Officer:	Dewey Long	
Chaplain:	Jeff Gresley	
Historian:	Fred Motley	(EX)
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	(EX)
Judge Advocate:	Richard Pfeiffer	
Asst. Judge Advocate:	Mark Franke	(EX)
Membership Chairman:	Andy Byers	
Public Relations Director:	Paul Rush	
NEC:	Greg Spaulding	

Alt. NEC: David Hanson

District Commanders:

1 st :	Bill Duncan	
2 nd :	Mike Bottom	
3 rd :	Matt Kearns	
4 th :	Tom Nedele	
5 th :	Jay Huffman	
6 th :	David Pearson	(EX)
7 th :	Garry Miller	
8 th :	Craig Titzer	
9 th :	Brian Hauser	
10 th :	Steve Brock	
11 th :	Rick Masters	

District Advisors:

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

Past Detachment Commanders:

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

Commander Budd called on Raymond Giehll, Jr to introduce guests.

Raymond introduced new Membership Coordinator Aaron Bacon.

Aaron came forward and addressed the meeting saying he is happy to be here and is working with Audrey to get up to speed with the SAL membership.

Raymond introduced Indiana American Legion National Executive Committeeman Ed Trice for the purpose of an introduction.

NEC Ed Trice came forward and introduced American Legion Leading Candidate for National Commander Jim Troiola from the Department of New York.

Candidate Jim Troiola addressed the meeting saying it is "Cool to be Dual". Candidate Troiola said he has been an SAL member one year longer than an American Legion member. Candidate Troiola thanked the SAL for all they. Candidate Troiola said he is looking forward to working with Chris Carlton from Indiana as he SAL National Commander.

Raymond introduced American Legion Department Commander Mark Gullion. Commander Gullion addressed the meeting saying he too is a dual member, and all his Grandsons are SAL members. Commander Gullion said \$134,000 has been raised for his program, Expansion of the 9/11 Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. The cost of the project was \$102,000 leaving \$32,000 which will be given to the War Memorial Commission to help with continued maintenance.

Commander Budd called for the reading of the previous minutes.

PDC Joe Schultis made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, 2nd PDC Jimmy Martin. Motion passed.

Raymond Giehll, Jr then introduced these guests:

Past National Commander Raymond Giehll, Jr.

Doug Heiser, Member of the Public & Media Communications Commission

Richard Pfeiffer, Internal Affairs Commission Member

Raymond asked that all First Time Attendees stand and be recognized. There was one in attendance.

Dave asked that all Past Detachment Commanders stand and be recognized.

Greg Spaulding, NEC

David Hanson, Alt. NEC

Commander Budd called for Commission & Committee reports.

The following reports were presented:

Americanism Commission:

Acting Chairman Doug Heiser said that each Committee gave report. Get out in the community and promote the programs of the SAL.

Athletic Committee:

Acting Chairman David Hanson said the Committee recommends we work with the 11th District to start a State Bowling Tournament in the Spring of 2023, May or June.

The Detachment Golf Tournament will be June 4th at Squadron 18 in Bloomington.

Mike Pipher from Squadron 18 came forward and spoke on the preparations and activities for the Detachment Golf Tournament. Mike said the number of teams is limited and teams were already signing up to play.

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Hoosier Boy's State Committee:

Chairman Bill Duncan said that there 103 boys registered for the 2022 Hoosier Boy's State.

The Detachment sponsors 3 boys.

The 2 years of Covid has hurt participation.

The SAL is still being considered for a seat on the Board.

5 tar/10 Ideal Committee:

Chairman Charles Gemlich said if anyone wants 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 identified since January 15, 2022

WWII-18

USS Oklahoma-11

Korea-3

Vietnam-0

81,600 still missing from all wars. 41,000 presumed lost at sea and not recoverable.

One MIA from Indiana Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class George Gilbert from Indianapolis. He was on the USS Oklahoma while it was docked in Pearl Harbor. He will be buried at the Punchbowl in Hawaii on June 2, 2022.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd PDC Mike Pipher.

Mike Pipher suggested as this would be the 1st Glenn Nagel Memorial Golf Tournament the Jo Nagel be invited to start the tournament.

Motion passed.

Membership Chairman Andy Byers came forward and held the 1st & 2nd Squadron membership drawings for \$500 each.

Squadron 271 won the first drawing for \$500.

Squadron 423 won the second drawing for \$500.

Children & Youth Commission:

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

Special Olympics Committee:

Chairman Brian Gilbert said the Spring Basketball Tournament going on today.

Summer sports practice have begun.

State Summer Olympics is at ISU in June. Help is needed.

Junior Shooting Sports Committee:

Chairman Ron Rippenger said that State Finals were held March 5, 2022, at Hancock County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, IN. There were 41 shooters representing 7 post and districts.

Winners were:

1st Place Sporter: Logan Hall, Post 42 Floyds Knobbs

1st Place Precision: Alysa Yancy, Post 313 Marion

Alysa also won at 3 positions in shooting. They were Prone, Standing & Kneeling. She also helped her team win 1st place.

2nd Place team went to Post 173 Versailles
3rd Place team went to Post 241 Waynedale

Raymond Giehll, Jr introduced Past Department President Lisa Liford. Lisa Liford came forward and said Vicki's installation would be 8/31/2002 at 2PM. Be in red attire. Vicki's Homecoming will be 10/13-10/15, 2022 in Evansville. They have Save The Date Cards. There is a raffle for Vicki's campaign in the atrium area.

Lisa then introduced Auxiliary National Vice President Vicki Kouts.

Vicki Kouts addressed the meeting thanking the SAL for all they do. Vicki said her son is an SAL member and husband Jim is a Dual member.

Oratorical Committee:

Chairman Mike Pipher came forward and gave the report. Mike thanked all the volunteers who helped at the Department Finals. The Contest was won by a student from the 10th District, Post 437.

National Oratorical Finals will be April 23 & 24, 2022. National asking for volunteers. You can sign up at legion.org/oratorical contest volunteers.

The Committee requested money for trifold flyers in the Summer.

Americanism & Government Committee:

Chairman James Naylor said if you need assistance in any your squadron chairman can contact James or Department Headquarters for information.

Contact the schools and Boys & Girls Clubs about seeing if you can come talk to them

Children's Hospital Committee:

Chairman Brain Englert said all children's Hospitals can use donations anyone is able to give. Donations help give better care to the kids.

Youth Law Enforcement Academy Committee:

Chairman Cliff Stephens said that as of today 27 have signed up.

The Districts have contacted to get a YLEA Chairman for each District.

Intent is to have a Chairman from each District to report to the Detachment Committee.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee:

Chairman Mike Tolley said the goal for Indiana is \$35,882.00. We are at \$2055.00, 5.7% of our goal.

Remember all funds must be turned in by May 31, 2022, to National Headquarters.

Send out reminders asking for donations.

5th District Commander Jay Huffman made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Commission report, 2nd PDC James Arter. Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Chairman William Barnett gave the following Committee reports:

Campout Committee:

Chairman David Miller sent in the following report:

- SAL Family Campout:
- Who: All American Legion Family (The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders) parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.....?
- What: Campout hosted by Jonesboro Squadron 95
- Where: Gas City
- When 24-26 June 2022
- Cost:
- \$15 if registered by 29 May 2022: \$20 afterwards
- 5 meals included (supper Friday, breakfast, lunch and supper Saturday and breakfast Sunday) What a deal!
- RV hookup is extra: \$2 per night (w/o use of A/C) \$25 per night (w/ use of A/C)
- Registration information and additional information can be found at <https://www.indianasal.org/>

Jay Huffman added that the showers will be installed before campout. There will only be 6 full hook ups available.

Scholarship Committee:

Chairman Dave Parker said we need to get the word out and applications in.

Application deadline is June 1, 2022

We need to contact squadrons especially those who don't attend District meetings.

Put on information on SAL Blast so all squadrons will have it.

Information & Training Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush said the 1st & 4th Districts contacted Asst. Adjutant Joe Schultis for MyLegion help and he assisted them.

If you need assistance with MyLegion contact Joe Schultis.

Public Relation & Information Technology Committee:

Chairman Paul Rush said anything for the Detachment website contact him or Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr.

Any issues with the Detachment website contact him or Acting Adjutant Raymond Giehll, Jr.

Convention Committee:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said that General Kip Clark has agreed to speak at our Convention July 6-10, 2022. We need to set the day and time we want him to speak. The Committee discussed Saturday July 9th with the time to be determined.

We would like to provide him with a room Friday July 8, 2022.

Legislative Committee:

Chairman David Miller sent in the following report:

- The American Legion is the voice of nearly 2 million military veterans and servicemembers
- The American Legion is working through Congressional testimonies and hearings to affect the following priorities of the American Legion:
 - VA Healthcare Modernization
 - Suicide Prevention and peer support
 - Address Toxic Exposure & Burn Pits
 - Improve Healthcare for Women Veterans
 - Concurrent Receipt
 - Guard & Reserve GI Bill Parity
 - Citizenship for Honorable Service
 - Address the Forever Wars & Restore Congressional War Powers
 - Pay the Coast Guard
 - Protect the American Flag
- Details on each of these priorities can be found at <https://www.legion.org/legislative/agenda>
- Contact your Senators and Representatives and share our Legislative Priorities.

Religious Emphasis:

Chairman Jeff Gresley said Buddy Call is a very responsible service for our veterans.

We may also find it time to display our commitment to our faith by showing HIS love to those who may be in distress.

Be sure to get in your deceased members for Squadron Everlasting.

Community Involvement Committee:

Acting Chairman Dewey Long said to assist veterans with their Spring cleaning.

Keep your Sons members informed of what's going on that they can assist in helping veterans.

Internal Affairs Commission:

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

PDC Dewey made a motion to accept the Internal Affairs Commission report, 2nd PDC David Hanson.

David Hanson said there will only be 6 full hookups at the Campout. David has Campout flyers. Motion passed.

Raymond Giehll, Jr introduced Rich Brown from the American Legion. Rich Brown came forward and addressed the meeting about the Indiana Legion College. Rich said the first College was completed before Spring Conference. Rich said it was a success and that 6 SAL members attended. The next Indiana Legion College will be right before the 2023 Spring Conference. The application will be online at indianalegion.org/college.

Commander Budd asked that the SAL members who attended the College to stand and be recognized.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Jeff Gresley presented the Rehabilitation report. Help our veterans any way we can. Jeff read the following reports.

Indiana Veterans Home Committee:

Chairman Bob Shields reported the February 12, 2022, had 35 players and played about 70 games with 10 volunteers helping.

Bob said we need more helpers at the bingos.

The next bingo dates are: 10/15/22, 12/10/22, 2/11/23. Setup at noon, bingo begins at 1PM.

VAVS Committee:

Chairman Ron Ripperger said we need to support our local VA.

The 4th District has a Buddy Check one Sunday a month where members get together and call veterans.

Veterans Education & Employment Committee:

Chairman Mike Bottom said veterans need to use GI Bill for their education.

Job openings with Vet Choice.

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

Finance & Budget Committee:

Chairman Raymond Giehll, Jr. said the committee is preparing the 2022-2023 budget for American Legion approval.

We will need to know of any commission or committee budget changes today, but no later than Friday 4/15.

The Committee suggests supporting your local community financially in these trying times.

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

Resolutions:

Chairman Greg Spaulding said there were 9 resolutions received, 7 were on time and 2 were late. Chairman Spaulding read the resolved clauses of the 7 on time resolutions.

Richard Reed for 3rd District Commander for 2022-2023.

Jeff Gresley for 4th District Commander for 2022-2023.

Kevin Felker for 7th District Commander for 2022-2023.

Bryce Hullett for 11th District Commander for 2022-2023.

Tom Potts for Northern Vice Commander for 2022-2023.

Tom Nedele for Northern Vice Commander for 2022-2023

Mike Bottom for Detachment Commander for 2023-2024.

PDC Greg Spaulding made a motion to accept the 7 resolutions as a matter of record, 2nd PDC Larry Paulus. Question on if a resolution is needed each, the answer is yes. Rick Master asked if

there was a resolution for William Barnett. Acting Adjutant Giehll, Jr said he had not received one for William Barnett. Motion passed.

PDC made a motion to accept the Resolution Committee report, 2nd 11th District Commander Rick Masters. Motion passed.

Sons in Need Committee:

Doug Heiser read the report for Chairman Raymond Giehll, III.

Remind your post and squadron and tell them about SINS.

SINS is a good tool for our members.

We were able to approve one request for Squadron 276 in the 11th District.

PDC Doug Heiser made a motion to accept the SINS Committee report, 2nd PDC Dewey Long. It was asked if a request had been received from Squadron 492. Acting Adjutant Giehll, Jr will check. Motion passed.

Homeless Veterans Committee:

Chairman Mike Bottom said that we need to continue to help at homeless shelters.

Check to see if veterans need food & shelter.

Counties in Indiana receive \$15,000,000 in grants, 10% can be used for homeless veterans.

The homeless shelter in Hobart is completed and all rooms are taken.

There are homeless shelters in Evansville & Vincennes.

Watch for tent cities and offer help.

PDC Dave Hanson made a motion to amend the Rehabilitation Commission report to include the Homeless Veterans Committee report, 2nd by 2nd District Commander Mike Bottom. Motion passed.

Ad hoc Constitution & Bylaws Committee:

Chairman Richard Pfeiffer said he and Asst. Judge Advocate Mark Franke have some administrative changes that are needed:

Constitution

1. Replace Great Wars with All Wars in Preamble and Article IV Section 1 Eligibility
2. Article V Section 5 removes the requirement to send addresses with names of delegates
3. Article VI Section 4 Add position of Assistant Judge Advocate
4. Article XIII Section 7 Replace notification by telegraph with electronic mail
5. Article XIV Section 4 Remove last sentence starting with "provided further"

By-Laws

1. Article 1 Section 6 Authorize expenditure by credit or debit card.

PDC Richard Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the administrative changes to the Detachment Constitution & Bylaws, 2nd PDC Joe Schultis. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate read recommended amendment to the Detachment Constitution & Bylaws that would need to be addressed at Convention:

We will need a Resolution to add the requirement for candidate resolutions to have approval from Squadron, Post, SAL District and Legion District to Article VI Section 1 in the Constitution.

PDC David Brown said the 10th District American Legion will not approve a SAL officer resolution, but only read it as a matter of record.

Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee:

Chairman Andy Byers said Mike Bottom has been talking to the Camden Squadron. If they have at least 10 members at Close of Books, which they have had, we cannot pull their charter.

Raymond Giehll, Jr said the Post could turn in the charter.

No District should approach members about transferring.

Andy read the current positions for each District. District 11 was in 1st Place.

The Detachment is at 90.27%

Joe Schultis said that there is a problem with Squadron 355 in the 11th District. There was a change in the number of members they had for 2021 on the National report. The problem will be fixed and reflected as best we can on next membership report.

Andy gave out the District goal checks.

We still need to do the 3rd Squadron drawing when we have all the information needed.

PDC Dave Hanson made a motion to accept the Membership & Squadron Expansion Committee report, 2nd PDC Jimmy Martin.

Mike Bottom asked for a round of applause for Andy Byers and the job he has done stepping up to be Detachment Membership Chairman.

Mark Tansel said that SAL cards need to be to National by 5/11/2022 for preprinted according to National Membership Chairman.

There was a question on MyLegion access Each Squadron Commander & Adjutant have access and can grant access to other members. Only the District Commander has access at the District level. There are 4 levels of access, be careful which level you are granting to members.

If a paid member transfers he will drop off your roster in real time.

The current Detachment membership report is right off of MyLegion.

Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Asst. Adjutant Joe Schultis said the Squadron Data Report is due by 4/15.

Your Post needs to fill out the IT Commanders & Adjutant form, this is the form that allows access to MyLegion.

Squadron Officer Certification is online. There must be a usable email address on the form to receive your 2023 cards. There is Google Officer Certification form online.

The Delegate form is online. You must fill out the total number of delegates your squadron is entitled to, you will only be able to vote the number of certified delegates.

New Business: None

Sick Call & Relief:

Doug Heiser said that Greg Wagner had a stroke and 2 stents. Greg is doing better and will see his doctor this week and hopes to be released.

Mark Tansel said Jay Rawley is in Union Hospital in Terre Haute getting pacemaker.

Dave Brown said that David Mathews had a fall and spent some time in rehabilitation.

Raymond Giehll, Jr said that Past Department Commander Bob Ayers passed away yesterday. Bob was 9.

Correspondence: None

Good of The Sons of The American Legion:

Commander Budd asked for donations:

Squadron 20:	\$600	IVH
Squadron 507:	\$302	CWF
Unit 507:	\$193	CWF
Post 507:	\$152	CWF
Squadron 167:	\$108.90	CWF
Squadron 216:	\$600	BIA
4 th District:	\$4544	BIA
4 th District:	\$5779	CWF
7 th District:	\$100	SINS
7 th District:	\$100	IVH
7 th District:	\$100	Homeless Veterans
7 th District:	\$100	BIA
Squadron 196:	\$196	IVH
Squadron 196:	\$196	BIA
Squadron 196:	\$100	NEF
Squadron 79:	\$100	CWF
Squadron 67:	\$200	CWF
Squadron 341:	\$2643	CWF
Post 351:	\$2355.83	BIA
Squadron 241:	\$250	BIA
Squadron 492:	\$500	BIA
Squadron 94:	\$500	BIA
Squadron 42:	\$1000	CWF
Squadron 351:	\$200	CWF
Squadron 363:	\$250	BIA
Squadron 97:	\$1000	CWF
Squadron 47:	\$1000	CWF
Squadron 47:	\$500	CWF
Commander Gullion:	\$500	BIA

Mike Pipher said that hole sponsorships for the Detachment Golf Tournament are available, see Mike after the meeting.

Jimmy Martin said there will be a hospitality room for Leading Candidate for Detachment Commander Charles, Sluggo, Gemlich in room 272 from 3-5:30pm.

Joe Schultis said he needs \$10 from every officer and District Commander for Commander Budd's gift.

There will be a Northern Caucus following this meeting.

Rick Masters said there will be an installation for Squadron 360 at Post 3 on 4/16/22. Post 360 is a Virtual Post.

Rick Masters said that he has been asked to assist in hosting a dinner for the National Officers during the upcoming NEC meetings.

Mike Tolley has Poster Raffle tickets for \$1 each for CWF. The drawing will be in the 6th District hospitality room tonight.

Sluggo passed out the order form for his shirts. Officers need to get filled out and returned to Sluggo.

Commander Dennis Budd's Homecoming will be 6/18/22 at Post 434.

David Hanson said there is a Chinese Auction for Candidate Chris Carlton. It will continue tonight with the drawings at the Commander's party.

NEC Greg Spaulding said the NEC meetings will be April 30-May 1.
Remember Commander Fox's Flying Flags for Heroes. Put it on the CSR as the number of flags.
PNC Tommie Cisna is looking for a member from each Detachment for the CENTCOMM Committee. Member needs to be under 30 and active for 5 years, able to attend conference calls and it is a 3-year commitment.

Raymond Giehll, Jr said that there will be a Candidate Reception for Chris Carlton on April 30 at the downtown Sheraton from 11-1. We will need help starting about 9:30. Let Ray know if you can help.

Southern Caucus following this meeting.

There will be a PDC meeting following the caucuses.

There will be a reception for the Leading Candidate for American Legion National Commander in Salons 6-8, 5:30-6:30.

Jeff Gresley said he attended the Legion College and encouraged everyone to attend next year.

Commander Budd said he the charter for Squadron 52 and presented it to the Post Commander. Dennis thanked everyone.

Commander Budd passed out Plaques of Appreciation for donations to his project to:
Squadron 143
Squadron 95
Squadron 169
Squadron 434
3rd District

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 2:29 pm.