

# MINUTES OF THE POST-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING

July 20, 2013

Niagara Falls Convention Center

Niagara Falls, New York

- Commander Chang called the Meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
  - The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
  - Chaplain Ellis offered the Opening Prayer.
  - Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
  - V/C Ruthven led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
  - V/C Hodge led the membership in the Preamble.
- **Adjutant Robert Avery** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present. Leading Candidate for National Commander Gladden (MD) as our guest.

## 1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

1.01 None

## 2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.01 None

## 3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

3.01 **Commander Chang** announced that his project this year will be the National Emergency Fund, and all Squadrons are urged to provide support.

## 4.00 COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS

4.01 **Commander Chang** read his list of appointments:

Adjutant Robert J. Avery  
Asst. Adjutant Raymond Jarvis  
Asst. Adjutant Christopher Burch  
Asst. Adjutant Mark Kearsing  
Judge Advocate David Downey  
Master Sgt.-at-Arms Greg Falco  
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms David Perry  
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Kevin DeRusso  
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Joseph Cleveland  
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Colin McDaniel  
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Tim Broward  
Commander's Aide John Chang Jr.  
Commander's Aide Chris Gilluley  
Commander's Aide Richard Hodge  
Commander's Aide James Parks  
Commander's Aide Charles Duffy  
Commander's Aide Roy Mezzapelle  
Americanism Chairman Robert Myrtle  
Committeeman Chuck Depo  
Children & Youth Chairman Ted Armbrust  
Committeeman Ike Bosford  
Commander's Advisory Chairman John Knapp  
Committeeman Gregg Gibbs  
Committeeman John Rogers  
Credentials Chairman Alex Anderson  
Committeeman David Englert  
Committeeman Alan Anderson  
Finance Chairman David Lee  
Committeeman David Caldwell  
Internal Affairs Chairman Dean Williamson  
Committeeman Joseph Lenhardt  
Committeeman Peter DeAngelis  
Legislative Chairman Greg Gibbs  
Committeeman Kenneth Kraetzer  
Membership Chairman Gaither Espy (4 District)  
Committeeman Yin C. Leung (District 1)

Committeeman Anthony Naverrino (District 2)  
Committeeman David Bishop Sr. (District 3)  
Committeeman Joe Lenhardt (District 5)  
Committeeman Ted Armbrust (District 6)  
Committeeman Ross Polson (District 7)  
Committeeman Ronald Kuczenski (District 8)  
Committeeman Thomas Farrell (District 9)  
Committeeman Charles J. Oliver (District 10)  
Member Training and Development Chairman Roy Mezzapelle  
Committeeman David Downey  
Committeeman Gerald Ketchum  
Committeeman Gary Denmon  
Committeeman Tom Smallcomb  
Public Relations Chairman James Coates  
Committeeman James Coates  
Committeeman Gabe Cinquegrana  
VA&R Chairman Vince Green  
Committeeman Thomas Kurk  
Committeeman Kevin DeRusso

**NEC Ketchum made a motion to approve all of the Commander's appointments, which was seconded by Historian Mezzapelle and carried.**

- 4.02** The Fall D.E.C Meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup>, Time and place to be announced. More information will follow in a mailing.

**5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS**

- 5.01** PDC Mike Rowald is celebrating 50 Years of membership in the Sons Of The American Legion.
- 5.02** Gerald VerStreet donated \$250.00 to send a Sons member to the American Legion Collage.
- 5.03** \$600.00 was collected for CWF this weekend.
- 5.04** The PR Committee received the Department Commanders Award for the Liberty News Letter.
- 5.05** Finance Chairmen Lee announced that you can send your vouchers to him by fax, or e-Mail. If you have questions about vouchers he can be called at work. Numbers and email address are in the Directory.
- 5.06** Leading Candidate for National Commander Gladden thank the members of the Detachment of New York for their hospitality. He stated that he looks forward to working with everyone.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Ellis offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond Jarvis  
Assistant Adjutant