

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

July 16, 2016
Quality inn & Suits
Vestal, New York

- Commander Ruthven called the Meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
- Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
- V/C Coates led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C Clancy led the membership in the Preamble.

- **Adjutant Robert Avery** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.

- **Adjutant Avery introduced National Commander Collier (AK) who will address us later.**

1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

- 1.01 PDC Smallcomb announced that his uncle had just passed away.

2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2.01 None

3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.01 **Commander Ruthven** 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 **Public Relations Chairman Cinquegrana** introduced Nancy Cian from the Twin Peaks Honor Flight. There are now also taking Vietnam Veterans to Washington D.C. Their next flight is on October 22, 2016. Veteran Leo Gonzales has been on the honor flight twice. He stated that if you know any veteran who is able to go please assist them. He also stated keep pushing for veterans rights.

The Detachment donated \$1375.00 to this project.

- 4.02 **Commander Ruthven** read his list of appointments:

Adjutant Robert J. Avery
Asst. Adjutant Raymond Jarvis
Asst. Adjutant Christopher Burtch
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 Change 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
Color Guard Seeley B. Parrish Squadron #457
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

ANEC Chang made a motion to approve all of the Commander's appointments, which was seconded and carried.

- 4.03** Commander Ruthven stated that some of his goals will be better communications. He also stated that his membership goal is 30,000 members.
- 4.04** The Fall D.E.C Meeting will be 9AM October 15th, at Seeley B. Parish Post #457. More information will follow in a mailing.

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 5.01** Adjutant Avery asked for all of the new Officers and new Committee appointments to get him their current information.
- 5.02** Total Money collected for the Child Welfare Foundation from the golf tournament, Tent Raffle, and donations is \$2056.00.
- 5.03** Past Chaplains Ellis, Coates, Burtch, and Ketchum presented a cross and pins to Chaplain Parks.
- 5.04** Advisor Arthur praised us for another good year and to continue the good work.
- 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** National Commander Collier thanked the members of the Detachment of New York for their hospitality. He stated to make sure you fill out your consolidated report form and get them in. He also asked that we attend any leadership class that comes your way.
- 5.07** PDC Santa Croce stated that the American Legion Membership Chairmen has asked the Sons to attend their Membership seminars that are coming to our areas.
- 5.08** PDC Santa Croce presented Commander Ruthven with his car magnets.
- 5.09** V/C Clancy announced his intent to run for Detachment Commander 2017-2018.
- 5.10** PNC Cerullo stated that the American Legion has started something new. The Department of New York gave a certificate to the Legion Family Member of the Year. The Legion has challenged the Auxiliary and the Sons to do the same.
- 5.11** Norma Watson won the money tree raffle.
- 5.12** Diman Smith thanked the Detachment for passing Resolution DC-16-01.
- 5.13** The Broome County Sons presented a banner signed by all the Sons that were at this year's convention to PDC Santa Croce.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Parks 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 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond J. Jarvis".

Raymond Jarvis
Assistant Adjutant