



MINUTES
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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- The Colors in Place, the Colors were saluted.
- The POW/MIA banner was placed by Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco.
- Commander George recited the POW/MIA Ceremony.
- Chaplain Kane offered the Opening Prayer.
- V/C Giudice led the body in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C Williams led the membership in the reciting of the Preamble.
- Commander George called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
- Adjutant Jarvis took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.
- **The meeting was recessed by Commander George at 9:15 AM for Commission and Committee meetings.**
- **Motion by 4th District Commander Downer to accept the Post Convention DEC Minutes was seconded and carried.**
- **Motion by V/C Giudice to appoint James Prime to the Membership was seconded and approved.**
- **The meeting was reconvened by Commander George at 10:30 AM**

1.00 **REPORTS**

1.01 **Americanism Chairman Daly** reported; I would like to recognize the Commissions two new members Gary Manzer and Doug Martin as well as our returning members James Parks, Jim Brown and Herman Downer Jr. Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has contributed to the development of good sportsmanship and citizenship while providing wholesome recreation for our nation's youth. Many former players are now playing in the major leagues thanks to their participation in Legion baseball. Anyone interested in forming an American Legion baseball team must work with a local Legion Post and the Department of New York Baseball Committee. Marksmanship and gun safety have always been a top issue with the Legionnaires of New York State. The Junior Shooting Sports program provides a structured outlet for youth ages 14 to 21, up to and including high school seniors. They participate in 10-meter air rifle competition in a well-supervised environment. Each year, the top shooters in the state are given the opportunity to compete in the National Finals held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, where scholarships are awarded to the winners. Contact a local American Legion Post for further information. Last year there were over 18,000 Boys State participants nationwide. There is an ongoing upgrade happening with the National Boys State website. There is an emphasis for all information to go all digital to be relevant for today's generation. Nationally, Boys State is looking to have an immersive education curriculum with awards and recognition. There is an emphasis to find the way to grow, be available on social media and with that develop information management protocols. The American Legion Oratorical Program exists to develop a deeper appreciation and knowledge of the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The contest presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches leadership qualities, the history of our nations laws with the ability to speak clearly and develop an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The American Legion Family College is accepting applications. The dates for the 2020 session are June 5th – June 7th. This again will be held at Morrisville State College, The Legion College provides learning for leadership skills for Legion Family members as they work in teams to solve problems that they may face in their home Post, Unit, Squadron, or Chapter. I can tell you that this is an incredible learning experience that brings a diverse group of Legionaries together and provides an avenue to learn from each other. Please start now and seek out individuals that will be seeking leadership positions within your area and ask them to consider attending next year. Applications are available on the Legion website. Get applications in early as the class size is 100.

And now I would like to report on this year's Americanism Agenda:

- We will continue to promote to 1st thru 5th grades an Essay Contest "What America means to me". There will be a \$100.00 awarded to the winner
 - There has been a change to the 6th thru 8th grades an Essay Contest. It is pick a topic: United States Bill of Rights, United States Declaration of Independence or United States Constitution. From the three grades there will be \$300.00 awarded to one winner.
 - The above-mentioned Contest Materials have been available on our website since the beginning of September and there will be hard copies distributed at Mid-Winter to all District Commanders. Please make it an initiative this year to get the material out to your local school districts. It seems with each passing year that there is less emphasis on teaching Americanism in our schools at an early age so if we can get our foot in the door, hopefully we can spark an interest in teaching American ideals again in our schools!
 - An additional change is that after the April 11th, 2020 deadline passes for this year's contest, we will post the 2021 contest online. The hope here is that as when we have our foot in the door in our schools around Memorial and Flag Day, we will be able to promote our Essay Contest to improve participation.
 - We will continue to have a box of handout materials for each District available at Mid-Winter.
 - The Flag Education Script for grade school children will be provided. This can be put on by two people, one speaker and one demonstrator
 - Flag Code Pamphlets
 - Flag Etiquette Brochures
 - Stick Flags
 - Flag Comic Books
 - Pledge of Allegiance Comic Books
 - "Indivisible – The Story of Our Flag".
 - The Cerullo Memorial Scholarship. As a reminder this has up to four Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each that is awarded annually. There is one new and up to three renewal scholarships to previous winners.
 - Information for this scholarship is available on our website and will also be in the handout box at Mid-Winter
 - We will be providing Flag pins for Boys State
- We will continue to maintain the Detachments Americanism Facebook page. Many thanks to Herman Downer Jr. for setting up and maintaining this page where we have had over 800 folks view our page since we brought it online late last year.
- 7th District Commander Daley moved to accept the report, which was seconded and carried.**

1.02 Children & Youth Chairman Clancy reported; He attended the National Fall Children and Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The youth play day at the National Convention was a huge success. We should look at doing the same. The Detachment of New York raised \$56,000 last year for the Child welfare Foundation. We need to continue to support this project. What we do for our kids is good for us. We need to promote what we do. This will help us and the American Legion. We need to continue to educate our members on all our Children and Youth programs. We still have challenge coins available for a donation of \$10.00.

7th District Commander Daley moved to accept the report, which was seconded and carried.

1.03 Finance Chairman Lee reported; The finance commission will be meeting at mid-winter to prepare the next budget. The voucher turn a round is very good. We have a new accountant in the office handling our checks. Make sure that you send receipts with your voucher.

8th District Acting Commander Smith moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.04 Internal Affairs committee Chairman gave there reports individually.

Membership Chairman VerStrete went over the current membership statics. There is a challenge between the Department Commander and Detachment Commander. The pay off is golf and dinner on the loser for overall membership percentage by March 31st. We will end 2019 at an all time high. There will be challenge to the District Commanders to increase membership and participation, the winner will get expenses paid to national convention not to exceed \$2000.00 if approved by the DEC.

Member Training and Development Chairman Espy's reported; All members of the MTD commission were present today at our commission meeting. (Myself, Dave Downey, Gary Denmon, Bruce Ruthven and Chris Burtch. Squadron 457 member Scott Hubbard also sat in.) District Commanders along with Detachment Vice Commanders were all sent emails to get 2 members from each district for attendance in the Leadership workshop @ Mid-Winter. Material from other Detachments has been received and this commission will sort through it and see if any material can be added to our workshops or a separate class can be incorporated. Due to the time this will not be seen until 2021 Mid-Winter. Mid-Winter facilitators are in place for Leadership Workshop, Friday January 24, 2020 6pm at the Red Lion. Advisors Seminar, Friday January 24, 2020 7pm at the Desmond. We will be asking for \$500 be taken from the Commission line item in the budget for the purchase of thumb drives as in the past. Saturday January 25, 2020 after the D.E.C. Meeting, we will have 2 S.A.L. Workshops at the Desmond 26 High St.. 1pm will be Membership, 2pm will be a power point on our Consolidated Report. Please keep these times available to learn the latest on membership and the proper filing of our Consolidated report. I will speak with the Department office about doing a mass email regarding the Advisors seminar. This seemed to help attendance last year. Please keep in mind American Legion Family College if you have not attended. We need more S.A.L. members in attendance. This year the college will be June 5-7, 2020.

Conventions and Meetings report was read by Adjutant Jarvis. Everything is set for our Binghamton Convention. There will be a "AA" baseball all-star game with tickets available. Convention Bars and raffle tickets will be available at midwinter. More information will be available at midwinter.

NEC Chang moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.05 Legislative Chairman Denmon reported; Commander, members of the dais, guests and fellow sons, Good morning Legislative meeting was held in attendance was me, Kirk Jarvis, Jim Coates and Greg Gibbs. We had discussion on Washington conference which will take place on March 8th through the 11th we will be trying to coordinate with the department about wreath laying and scheduling appointments for the Congressman or Congresswoman. We also discussed the Albany Hill days which will take on February 24 to 25th period. Spoke with the finance commission on expense authorizations as to whether individual from the committee could go to Hill day and be reimbursed if the chairman was not going. At midwinter will get the names of individuals who would like to attend Washington conference. We again addressed the finance commission to ask them about individuals that may be a national committees or commissions if they were reimbursed for going to Washington conference if their committees or commissions met there. In closing we will be seeking \$750 for handouts and wreaths for Washington conference. The Commander has chosen to lay his wreath at the WWII memorial.

8th District Acting Commander Smith moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.06 Public Relations Chairman Giudice reported;

A motion was made by 6th District acting Commander Lee and duly seconded to accept the Public Relations report which was carried.

- **Commander George recessed the meeting 11:45AM for Lunch**

- **Commander George reconvened the meeting at 12:20PM**
- 1.07 Toni Gary Vice President of the Galisano Children's Hospital accepted a check from the Detachment for \$2000.00 to the Children's Miracle Network.** For 10 years the hospital has been taking care of kids. Over 100,000 kids are seen each year. The Hospital is currently building a new unit to take of kids with mental illness. There are 47 specialty doctors at the hospital. This money will go a long way to helping put a smile on a child's face.
- 1.08 The VAR report was read by PDC Bishop Commission Members:** David Bishop, Diman Smith, Dale Kane, Bob Cox, Bill Baker. The Commission has had 2 conference calls since the July Convention. Points are as follows:
1. We will again be issuing articles for the Liberty and hope to increase information and important Veteran related News on the VA&R Facebook page as the year progresses.
 2. We are always looking for individuals to serve as Representatives and Deputies in our VA facilities across the State, as well as an increased presence of SAL volunteers for activities in those facilities. Contact Gabe or Dave for further information.
 3. Would like pictures of Sons serving Veterans whether at VAs, posts, or in the community. We will use for a slide show at Midwinter and/or convention. Please send to Gabe.
 4. We hope to encourage more Sons in the Detachment to apply for the National Charles Rigsby award. We are looking at VA&R award options at the Detachment level that could then be used as Rigsby nominations.
 5. Every year the Detachment has presented a donation of \$2500 to the Albany Fisher House, in addition to them receiving an equal share in Walkathon proceeds, which last year was around \$700. As there is now a second house in the Bronx which we gave \$1000 to last year, we would like to include them in our annual donation, and therefore recommend that we donate \$2000 to each this year, with no additional funds from the Walkathon.
 6. We have tentatively planned the official date of the 2020 Walkathon for April 18. We are in the process of negotiating terms with the Auxiliary as well as the Riders, who were invited to participate last year. The Riders have committed to participating as an equal partner; however, it is dependent on their contribution approximating \$15k. Our current holdup is their identifying a veteran related charity that will designate the funds for NYS use only. Several alternatives have been suggested. We will have presented before midwinter.
 7. We would like to ask that Jim Coates, who is on the National VE&E Commission, be "embedded" on the VA&R Commission, to provide information and expertise on matters of interest that can be integrated with our activities in the Detachment. This would provide a better vehicle with which to pass National information on.
- V/C Guidice moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.09 Commanders Advisory Chairman Coates reported;** Commander George is doing a great job. The advisory committee stands ready to assist the commander if he needs any help.
- V/C Williams moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.10 Chaplain Kane** reported that he has attended the following events. 100th anniversary dinner at Wellsville Post #702, Presented a plaque and a check to ROTC Cadet at St. Bonaventure University, A memorial service for a Sons Commander at Matthew S. Golabek at Concord Post #431, A Bots State luncheon at Wellsville Post #702, A Memorial Day Parade and Services the Belmont Post #808 and surrounding Cemeteries, Attended services for Sons member Keith King of Huges-Scriba Squadron #535, Attended services for Sons member Dave Edgin of Squadron #141, Read a Memorial Prayer the Funeral Service of Dennis Peterson Squadron #655, Attended the Veterans Day Service at Belmont Post #808. I have sent out 3 sympathy cares and 4 get well cards.

Chaplain Kane moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.11 Vice Commander Giudice** reported Membership in the 1st and 9th Districts seems to be off to a bit of a slow start this year. I know that our squadrons are busy at work on their local projects and support projects and I expect that soon things will pick up on renewals. Ninth District Commander Mike Jacobs and I have discussed this and we will be reaching out to the district squadrons in hopes of getting the transmittals sent in as soon as possible. I will also be personally contacting those squadrons in District 1 and offering whatever help I can to get their renewals sent in. I am also hoping that the new online transmittal process will facilitate squadrons in achieving their goals earlier in the membership year. Since this year's convention, I have been busy working locally to help our Legionnaires and squadrons in my area, although some health and family issues have somewhat limited my time and ability to get around as much as I normally would like to. Fortunately, most of these matters seem to be resolved now and I am happy to be "back on the job". This summer I was asked to DJ a fantastic barbecue put on at my home post, Leo Laders Post 130, for about 40 veterans from the Montrose VA Medical Center who came over by bus to enjoy the day at our post home. The post and our Sons squadron put on a great steak barbecue and I was able to provide the entertainment and keep everyone dancing and enjoying the music. I also volunteered my time and my bandmates to provide musical entertainment at Squadron 1682's Annual Clambake. The squadron was able to raise over \$3100.00 that they will use to support veterans' programs, including a local program that trains service dogs for veteran in need. If you have heard Department Commander McDermott's speech this year, you know that these dogs provide a tremendous level of assistance to our veterans. Most recently, I was honored to escort our Commander on his visit to Bronx County, and later on his visitation to the five counties that comprise my home Ninth District. Our Commander was well received in each county and our Sons members in all 6 counties made a great showing for themselves and left a positive impression on all present and I thank everyone who attended and I thank Commander George for allowing me the honor of introducing him and escorting him. On a personal note, as I previously noted, recently my wife and I both went through some health issues, which somewhat limited my ability to be as active as I usually am in fulfilling my responsibilities. Many of my friends here in the Detachment contacted me to see how I was doing, and I thank all you that did, it meant a great deal to me. I am happy to report that all my health issues are now in the past and I am back to 100%. However, as a result of my recent health history I have decided that I am retiring from my 33+ year career in law enforcement. I am looking forward to the next chapter and challenges that lay ahead of me.

V/C Giudice moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.12 V/C DeAngelis reported;** September came, and my area visitation went well this year because I planned ahead and cleared my Calendar and was able to attend all my County Visitations. It was my first time in 6 years that I was able to attend the full days tours, lunch and Dinners. In October I attended a motorcycle run and benefit for the Wounded Warriors project called the Ride for our Soldiers held at Clemente's Maryland Crab house. Also, in October I was invited to our 2nd District American Legion meeting at the Gold Star post on Staten Island to speak about our programs and Sons programs in the 2nd District. I also attended an adult Halloween party at my post to raise money for the Combat Wounded Veterans of America. On Veterans Day I attempted to ride our motorcycle in the NYC Veterans Day parade but was met with gridlock due to the Presidents attendance at the parade this year so instead we headed down to the Wall Street area to the Vietnam Veterans memorial wall for its day of Ceremonies. As the busy holiday season approaches, I am busy getting our Toys for Tots program off the ground ending on December 14th with the NYC Marines Toys for Tots Christmas party at our Post. Membership is doing well as my 2nd District Commander Joe Hall is busy with King and Richmond County's working with their officers in motivating and correcting

delinquent Squadron Membership. According to the latest membership report I see changes for the good already, Also in the 10th District I see the numbers starting to climb.
V/C DeAngelis moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.13 Vice Commander Williams** reported I would like to start with the 4th District Visitation with Department Commander Mike McDermott, Department President Linda Toma and Detachment Commander Dennis George and District President Lucinda Lafountain. The 4th District is composed of 11 Counties from Saratoga to the Canadian Border. Started in Hamilton County and finished in Schenectady County in 11 days straight in September. A few notables from around the Districts Montgomery squadron 912 received a 1st place award for Children and Youth. Whitehall Squadron 83 presented a monument for one of their deceased Legionaries, which was dedicated on Veterans Day. Squadrons from the 3rd and 4th Districts do many fund-raising events participating in many programs around the Districts Veterans Day Ceremonies, Stratton VA Hospital, Marine Corps Reserve toys for tots. Wreaths across America North Greenbush Squadron 1489, Hudson Falls Squadron 574, Post 490 in Stillwater. Wreaths laying Ceremony at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery Saturday December 14th. The goal this year is 13,000 as we know this number never goes down. The mission is to have a wreath on every Veterans Grave. On October 12th I also attended the 4th District meeting of the American Legion and the Sons District meeting. Membership target date for November 14th, 2019 is 35% as of 10/23/19 4th District is at 20.16%...3rd place. In November I also attended the 3rd District meeting of the Sons in Albany. Target date 11/14/19 for membership is 35% as of 10/23/19 3rd District is at 12.83%. As always membership is a key goal of support to our organization. I look forward to the 3rd District Visitations in January. On November 11th I had the honor of representing the Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion to March in the Veterans Day Parade in NYC with the Department of the American Legion.

V/C Williams moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.14 Vice Commander Ainslee** reported October is the month of travel if you happen to be the Detachment Commander for Districts 5&6. Beginning on the 3rd with Herkimer county followed by Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Jefferson, & ending with Lewis. Luck having it I was able to attend all of the 5th District visitations. After the 5th District I had a 6th District meeting on the 13th in Elmira which happened to be my birthday nothing like driving 300 plus miles on your birthday, but I still had a great time. The following Sunday October 20th I traveled to Chemung county and Horseheads post for the national Commanders James Oxford's visitation to the 6th District. The 10 counties of the 6th District started the very next day with Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler, & Tompkins county's which I was not able to attend due to my workload with my business. But I was able to attend the next 6th county's starting with Chenango, followed by Broome, Delaware, Otsego, Madison, and ending in Cortland county. It was very rewarding experience to hang out with our Dept. Commander Mike, Dept. President Linda, and our very own Det. Commander Dennis. Membership is as follows: 5th District stands at 18.02% and 5th in the state and the 6th at 11.91% and 7th in the state I am sure before the end of this year we will be in the running for 1st again this year for 1 of my Districts so District Commanders go home and make me proud this year again. In closing I want to encourage all you Squadrons to please support one of our Commander Dennis's projects the National Emergency Fund. People in this very area of upstate N.Y. experienced major flooding with 5+ inches of rain in one day and if only 1 family from our legion family is help with this program it will make me proud to be part of this great organization. I hope you will go back to your Post or Sq. and consider a donation to this

V/C Ainslee moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.15 Vice Commander Parks** reported; I have attended the following meetings and events. The 7th District Sons meeting in September, the 8th District Sons meeting in October. The National Commanders Visitation to the 7th and 8th district October 18th and 19th. Gift

wrapping at Canandaigua VA on November 22nd and 23rd. Membership is of to a slow start. There are a lot of zeros out there that we will start correcting. Congratulations to the 4 Squadrons in each district who achieved the 35% target date.

V/C Van Parks moved to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

1.16 NEC Chang reported; It all started back in July 2019 at our State Convention in Buffalo, New York. From there in August 2019 we went to Indianapolis, IN for our National Convention. During the Convention a National Dues increase was proposed and passed and will take effect in 2021. Our own Doc Gibbs finished his outstanding year as SAL National Commander and was honored for his service to this Organization. And what a wonderful year it was for the Detachment of New York. We elected Clint Bolt from Virginia as our SAL National Commander for the ensuing year. Detachment of New York Appointments: Sub Committee on Resolutions: John Chang, Children and Youth: Bill Clancy. Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission to serve until the close of the Convention 2022: Gabe Cinquegrana, Legislative Commission to serve until the close of the Convention of 2021: David Lee, Veterans Employment and Education Commission to serve until the close of the Convention 2022: James Coats, National Asst. Sgt at Arms: Gregory Falco, National Asst. Adjutant : Robert Avery and National Judge Advocate: Joseph Paviginanti. Congratulations Detachment of New York! In September our Detachment Commander, Dennis "Omar" George started his County Visitations (62) throughout the 10 Districts with the American Legion Family. On September 8th, I attended a 9-11 Memorial Ceremony with the Tarrytown Fire Department in Patriots Park, Tarrytown, New York. On September 10th, Vice Commander of 1 & 9 Joe Guidice, PDC Billy Clancy, and I were at the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 on City Island, the Bronx for the first Visitation in the First District. On September 11th, it was New York County's turn to host the American Legion Visitation. They got to visit the 9-11 Memorial Site, lower Manhattan, Wall Street, and the Lt Kim Lau Square and Post 1291. The Kim Lau Post put on its annual Post 9-11 Ceremony at the Visitation Dinner. We all shared a 10-course special banquet with all the trimmings. A great time and food were had by all attending. On September 21st, at the Kim Lau Post 1291, the American Legion Family of Kim Lau invited Major General William S. Chen U.S. Army Retired to speak about "Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal". General Chen is the First Chinese American Two Star General in the U.S. Army. He is also a Vietnam Veteran. He worked on Congressional Bills S.1050 and H.R.2358 "Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act". The Act was passed as a result of a National Campaign organized by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. There is a projected Spring 2020 DC ceremony. On September 27th, my wife Priscilla and I were able to drive down to Mount Sinai Hospital in the City to visit our Joe Cleveland, Assistant Sgt-at-arms, who was there for a complicated procedure. He was in glad to see us. On October 9th, I was part of the Tarrytown Fire Department Fire Prevention Team doing classes on Fire Prevention to students of Tarrytown Schools. I attended the Hastings-on-Hudson, NY Farragut Squadron's meeting as an adviser to the new Squadron. On October 24th, I was invited as a guest to attend the Ardsley's American Legion Post meeting and luncheon. On November 2nd, Vice Commander Joe Guidice, 9th District Commander Mike Jacobs, and I attended Rockland County's Visitation. There were a lot of Blue Cappers that turned out for the Visitation. A great was held by all that attended. On November 3rd, I attended the 100th Anniversary of VFW James Daley Post 200 in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY of which I am the Junior Past Post Commander. It was truly a awesome gala affair. On November 5th, Vice Commander Joe Guidice, 9th District Commander Mike Jacobs, and I attended the Putnam County Visitation dinner. On November 6th, Vice Commander Joe Guidice, 9th District Commander Mike Jacobs, PDC Bill Clancy, and I attended the Westchester County Visitation Dinner in Mt Kisco, NY. On October 10th, I marched in the Veteran's Day Parade put on by the Kim Lau Post 1291 American Legion Family in Chinatown, NY.

NEC Change move to accept his report which was seconded and carried.

1.17 Judge Advocate Downey reported; Constitutions & Bylaws for two squadrons have been approved and sent out. With the changes to membership eligibility under the Legion Act we should see some new members. There is rumor that Stepsons are no longer allowed because of the change, this not true stepsons are still allowed as in the past. When a member is transferring from one squadron to another, the new squadron should ask for eligibility documentation. Boys state will be held later this summer and we are still looking for Sons to help.
6th District Commander Grigas moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.18 Adjutant Jarvis reported that you can now submit your membership online under MYSAL.ORG, the first of three renewal post cards from Nation will be sent out around the first part of November. I am having some email issues so if I do not reply to you that means I did not get your email. I will have this issue taken care shortly. Remember that with the changes to the Legion Act comes with changes to our preamble. Wording change from the great wars to All Wars. We do not need to have Constitutional Amendments to change this as we must follow whatever changes National Makes.
7th District Commander Daley moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.19 Detachment Commander George reported; Thank you for the opportunity to represent our organization this year. Traveling through 7 of the 10 Districts has been enlightening, educational and fun. Commander Mike McDermott and President Linda Tome have made great traveling partners, as we promote the American Legion Family and its programs. Everyone has been generous with their time and their donations to my projects. I want to thank the Vice Commanders, District Commanders and my Aides for making themselves available during the visitations. Highlight: 1. Watkins Glen Raceway 2. Visiting the VA Hospitals 3. Hospitality 4. Meals What has really impressed me is the time and effort put into the various memorials and memorial Parks to honor our veterans. We truly “Never Forget”. I am looking forward to another banner year from our Detachment. We have made a National footprint and have been recognized, and I think this should continue as we have the team to keep us growing. I may say more, see what will be transcribed from the Adjutant recording
V/C Williams moved to the report which was seconded and carried.

2.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

2.01 Assistant Sgt. At Arms Joe Cleveland is doing better.

3.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 NONE

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 **10th District Commander Bellager moved to approve \$2,000.00 for travel and one room to send two people National Convention who get the best overall membership report as an incentive to better membership recruiting. The motion was seconded. After much discussion the motion was tabled until the membership committee could discuss a better plan.**

4.02 **V/C Guidice moved to approve the expenditure of \$2,000.00 to the Children & Youth Commission for promotional materials. \$1,000.00 to the Public Relations Commission for the Public Relations table at Mid-Winter. \$750 for a memorial wreath to be laid during the Washington Conference. \$500.00 to the MTD Commission to purchase Flash Drives for Mid-Winter Advisors Seminar and The Leadership Class. The motion was second and carried.**

- 4.03 V/C Parks moved to Allow a change in the expense authorization to include the new position of Administrative assistant to receive Mileage and per diem for official meetings. The motion was seconded and carried.
- 4.04 V/C Ainslee moved to add under schedule "A" for color guard to be reimbursed for mileage the Fall Meeting. The motion was second and carried.

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 5.01 It has been announced that there will be a fundraiser for PDC Jeffery Jordan on November 23, 2019 at the Belmont American Legion.
- There being no further business to come before the Meeting, the Master Sgt.-at-Arms retrieved the POW/MIA banner, Chaplain Kane offered the Closing Prayer, following which, and the membership saluted our Nation's Flag.
 - The Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adjutant Raymond Jarvis