

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS  
**DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**PRE-CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES**  
FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HOTEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
24 JUNE 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Detachment Commander Garrett Slevin, Jr.

The Colors being in place a salute was rendered.

The Invocation was given by Detachment Chaplain Doug Haberkamp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ray Chelmowski.

The Commander conducted the POW/MIA ceremony.

The Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion was led by Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Butch Ray.

The Detachment Adjutant J. R. Stillwell conducted the Roll Call (see Addendum 1) and determined that there was a quorum present.

The Commander appointed Past Detachment Commander Mark Melone (Second Division), Chairman, 15<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bear VanBrocklin (Third Division) and 24<sup>th</sup> District Commander Danny Seagraves (Fifth Division) as the Resolutions Committee.

Motion by 19<sup>th</sup> District Commander Vern Mathias, and seconded, that the minutes of the Spring Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee, approved as printed; passed.

Detachment Finance Officer Bob Tharp gave the Finance Report (see Addendum 2).

He also reported that the new (2<sup>nd</sup>) Detachment Color has been ordered. He also made a few remarks in relation to the purchase of "SAL Grave Markers" by the Detachment, as requested previously. The Commander remarked that he hold off on ordering them until after the Fall DEC Meeting.

Motion by 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ed Hudson, and seconded, to approve the Finance Report subject to audit; passed.

The Commander recessed the meeting at 6:17 p.m. for the presentation of the "POW/MIA Ceremony" to be conducted by the "Patriot's" from Mattoon.

The Commander reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Commission / Committee Reports:

The Commander called for a report of the Children & Youth Commission:

Chairman Garrett Slevin, Sr., reported that the Commission met to judge the applications for scholarships. They had 14 applications and the winners will be announced at the Convention

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Session on Sunday.

The Chairman (Third Division Commander) made a motion that his report be approved; passed.

The Commander called for a report of the Finance Commission:

Chairman Bill Meister, presented the proposed budget for the 2011-2012 year (see Addendum 3). He also reported that the Budgeted Expense Report Form has been modified and there are copies at the back of the room if anyone needs one.

The Chairman (Fifth Division Commander) made a motion that his report be approved which would also be the adoption of the 2011-2012 budget; passed.

The Commander ask if any other Commissions had a report:

No additional reports were given.

Unfinished business:

Correspondence:

Resolutions Committee report by the Chairman:

They had 1 resolution to consider:

Resolution #DEC11-01-P; Creation of a new “Public Relations Commission”, recommend adoption.

The Chairman made a motion that his report be approved; passed.

New Business:

The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander reminded everyone that if they had any cards please turn them in to him as soon as possible.

The Detachment Commander called for a moment of silence.

The Detachment Chaplain offered the Benediction.

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The Detachment Commander adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

J. R. Stillwell  
Detachment Adjutant

(Addendums are attached to the official file copy)

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[ Addendum 1 ]

ADJUTANT'S ROLL CALL:

Detachment Commander Garrett Slevin, Jr.; Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Butch Ray; National Executive Committeeman Matt Christie; Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bill Geary; Detachment Adjutant J. R. Stillwell; Detachment Assistant Adjutant Tommie Cisna; Detachment Finance Officer Bob Tharp; Detachment Chaplain Doug Haberkamp; Detachment Parliamentarian Jim Hunter; Detachment Historian Phil Shipley; Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Denver Phelps; Detachment Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms: Vern Mathias, Ed Hudson, Bruno Williamson (excused), Jerry Griffin; Mark Friedman & Brian Dilday; Detachment Commander's Aide: Ray Chelmowski; Detachment Senior Vice-Commander's Aide Tommie Cisna; Detachment Web Master Dave Herman (excused); Detachment PUFL Administrator J. R. Stillwell; First Division Commander John Jarosz; First Division Senior Vice-Commander Jim Borgman; Second Division Commander Bill Mock (excused); Second Division Senior Vice-Commander Jim Schuppner; Second Division Junior Vice-Commander Doug Haberkamp; Third Division Junior Vice-Commander Bear VanBrocklin; Fourth Division Senior Vice-Commander Phil Shipley; Fifth Division Senior Vice-Commander Carl Stratton; 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bill Pillman; 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander Marty Belovicz; 11<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ray Chelmowski; 11<sup>th</sup> District Senior Vice-Commander Philip Banialis; 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ed Hudson; 12<sup>th</sup> District Matthew Musil; 13<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jerry Griffin; 15<sup>th</sup> District Commander Bear VanBrocklin; 19<sup>th</sup> District Commander Vern Mathias; 19<sup>th</sup> District Senior Vice-Commander Tony Rubin; 22<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Carl Stratton; 24<sup>th</sup> District Commander Danny Seagraves; 25<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jim Hurt; 25<sup>th</sup> District Senior Vice-Commander Brian Dilday; Immediate Past Detachment Commander Mark Melone; Past National Commanders: J. R. Stillwell & Tommie Cisna; Past Detachment Commanders: John Schultz, Gary Gummersheimer (excused), Bob Tharp, Matt Christie, Ray Chelmowski, Bruno Williamson (excused), Carl Stratton & Mike Sawicki (excused).