

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF SESSION #2
48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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The Second Session of the 48th Annual Detachment Convention of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, was called to order at 10:38 a.m. on 26 June 2011, in the Center Ballroom of the Four Points by Sheridan Downtown Hotel in Peoria, Illinois, hosted by Limestone (Bartonville) Squadron #979, by Detachment Commander Garrett W. Slevin, Jr..

The Colors being in place a salute was rendered:

The Detachment Adjutant conducted the Roll Call:

Detachment Commander Garrett Slevin, Jr. (present); Detachment Senior Vice-Commander Harl "Butch" Ray (present); National Executive Committeeman Matt Christie (present); Alternate National Executive Committeeman Bill Geary (present); Detachment Adjutant J. R. Stillwell (present); Detachment Assistant Adjutant Tommie Cisna (present); Detachment Finance Officer Bob Tharp (present); Detachment Chaplain Doug Haberkamp (present); Detachment Parliamentarian Jim Hunter (present); Detachment Historian Phil Shipley (present); Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Denver Phelps (present); Detachment Commander's Aides Garrett Slevin, Sr. (present) & Ray Chelmowski (present); Detachment Senior Vice-Commander's Aide Tommie Cisna (present); Detachment PUFL Administrator J. R. Stillwell (present). Districts present: 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th.

The Detachment Commander requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Department Auxiliary President to the Rostrum.

He then introduced the Department Auxiliary President Pam Ray.

She brought greetings from the Department of Illinois Auxiliary and congratulated the Commander on a great year.

She requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Sharon Conatser, National Education Chairman, to the rostrum.

Sharon then requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring Garrett Slevin, Sr. to the rostrum where she announced that he is being awarded a Citation from the National American Legion Auxiliary in recognition of his years of work with education through the Detachment Scholarship program.

President Pam then requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring Carl Stratton

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to the rostrum where she presented him and the Detachment Commander with citations, from the Auxiliary, in recognition of their work in veterans assistance

The Detachment Commander requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Department Senior Vice-Commander to the Rostrum.

He then introduced the Department Senior Vice-Commander Dave Hicks, who made a few remarks and congratulated the Commander for a grand year and expressed his advance congratulations to Butch Ray and remarked that he is looking forward to working with him and the new Auxiliary President in the coming year.

The Detachment Commander requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Third Division Vice-President to the Rostrum.

He then introduced the Third Division Vice-President Norma Walker, who made a few remarks and welcomed everyone to the Third Division.

The Detachment Commander requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Department Auxiliary First Vice-Commander to the Rostrum.

He then introduced the Department First Vice-Commander Dianna Umdenstock, who made a few remarks and congratulated the Commander for a grand year and expressed her advance congratulations to Butch Ray and remarked that he is looking forward to working with him and the new Department Commander in the coming year.

The Detachment Commander introduced, in the audience, Past Legion National Commander, Marty Conatser.

The Detachment Commander introduced, in the audience, the leading candidate for Department Senior Vice-Commander, Wayne Wagner.

The Detachment Commander called on Garrett Slevin, Sr., Chairman of the Convention Bowling Tournament for his report and to announce the winners:

He remarked that there were 23 individuals, overall, that participated in the Tournament:

In the Detachment Member Division:

Teen Class: 3

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Adult Class: 4
Senior Class: 8

In the Open Division:

Male: 1
Female:
 Youth: 1
 Adult: 6

The winners were:

In the Detachment Member Division:

Teen Class: Jordan Shacklee
Adult Class: Jim Hurt
Senior Class: George Koop

In the Open Division:

Male: John Buhle
Female:
 Youth: Breanna Shacklee
 Adult: Patty Ziebell
Honorable Mention: Sue Mosil

The Detachment Commander called on Detachment Historian Phil Shipley to announce the winners in the History Contest:

He reported that only 1 book was turned in and that was from Jim Borgman.

The Detachment Commander presented Matt Musil with the “Detachment Member of the Year” award and announced that this year they had decided to award a “Posthumous Detachment Member of the Year” to Dave Randolph.

The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander announced the “Membership Trophy” awards:

The “Clyde Stillwell Trophy”:
 3rd Place: Cicero Squadron #96
 2nd Place: James Zientek Squadron #419
 1st Place: **Mt. Carmel Squadron #423**

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The “Anthony Badamo Trophy”:

3 rd Place:	Milan Squadron #569
2 nd Place:	James Zientek Squadron #419
1st Place:	Mt. Carmel Squadron #423

The “James Cummings Trophy”:

3 rd Place:	Elmhurst Squadron #187
2 nd Place:	Toledo Squadron #764
1st Place:	New Lenox Squadron #1997

The “Roy Mitchell Trophy”:

3 rd Place:	James Zientek Squadron #419
	Gibson City Squadron #568
2 nd Place:	New Lenox Squadron #1997
1st Place:	Bartonville Squadron #979
	Mr. Carmel Squadron #423

The Division percentages:

Fifth:	92.90
Fourth:	98.13
Second:	98.73
First:	99.91
“#1 Pin winner”:	Third: 101.64

The District “#1 Pin winners” per Division:

First Division:	3rd District:	189.29%
Second Division:	11th District:	106.74%
Third Division:	14th District:	116.99%
Fourth Division:	18th District:	104.65%
Fifth Division:	23rd District:	95.38%

The “**Top 10 Districts**” are:

- 3rd District**
- 14th District
- 2nd District
- 5th District
- 11th District
- 16th District
- 18th District
- 4th District
- 7th District
- 9th District

The Detachment Commander turned the Chair over to the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander.

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The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander called on the Detachment Commander for his report:

He remarked that although the year started off rocky this has been a good year for the Detachment of Illinois. In membership we have come close; however, there is still a chance to make the 100%. He thanked everyone for their support for his special "Santa" project. He does not have the final figures for this past year as yet. He thanked everyone for the hospitality he received as he traveled the state and the many new friends that he made during the year.

Motion by the 24th District, and seconded, to accept the Detachment Commander's report; passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by the 16th District, and seconded, that the Detachment make a donation to the "GAR Col. Bryner Camp 67" (Peoria), in support of their programs and projects and in thanks for their cooperation with our Memorial Service earlier today, in the amount of \$500.00, with the funds to be taken from the Overage Funds of the Detachment; passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of nomination:

The 2nd District yielded to the 19th District.
The 19th District nominated Denver Phelps.
The 3rd District - absent.
The 4th District yielded to the 10th District.
The 10th District seconded Denver Phelps.
The 5th District - absent.
The 7th District 2nd Phelps.
The 8th District 2nd Phelps.
The 9th District 2nd Phelps.
The 11th District 2nd Phelps.
The 12th District 2nd Phelps.
The 13th District - absent.

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The 14th District 2nd Phelps.
The 15th District 2nd Phelps.
The 16th District 2nd Phelps.
The 17th District - absent.
The 18th District 2nd Phelps.
The 20th District - absent.
The 21st District 2nd Phelps.
The 22nd District 2nd Phelps.
The 23rd District 2nd Phelps.
The 24th District 2nd Phelps.
The 25th District 2nd Phelps.
The 2nd District passed.
The 4th District passed.

The Detachment Adjutant announced that there was only one candidate.

Motion by the 19th District, and seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; passed.

The Detachment Adjutant cast 1 unanimous ballot for Denver Phelps for the Office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the years 2011 - 2013.

The Detachment Commander declared Denver Phelps as the newly elected Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

Denver Phelps was escorted to the rostrum for a few remarks.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of nomination:

The 2nd District - absent..
The 3rd District - absent.
The 4th District - absent.
The 5th District - absent.
The 7th District - absent.
The 8th District yielded to the 11th District.
The 11th District nominated Bill Geary.
The 9th District yielded to the 10th District.

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The 10th District seconded Bill Geary.
The 12th District 2nd Geary.
The 13th District 2nd Geary.
The 14th District 2nd Geary.
The 15th District 2nd Geary.
The 16th District 2nd Geary.
The 17th District - absent.
The 18th District 2nd Geary.
The 19th District 2nd Geary.
The 20th District - absent.
The 21st District 2nd Geary.
The 22nd District 2nd Geary.
The 23rd District 2nd Geary.
The 24th District 2nd Geary.
The 25th District 2nd Geary.
The 8th District 2nd Geary.
The 9th District 2nd Geary.

The Detachment Adjutant announced that there was only one candidate.

Motion by the 19th District, and seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; passed.

The Detachment Adjutant cast 1 unanimous ballot for Bill Geary for the Office of National Executive Committeeman for the years 2011 - 2013.

The Detachment Commander declared Bill Geary as the newly elected National Executive Committeeman.

Bill Geary was escorted to the rostrum for a few remarks.

DETACHMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of nomination:

The 2nd District - absent..
The 3rd District - absent.
The 4th District - absent.
The 5th District - absent.

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The 7th District - absent.
The 8th District yielded to the 19th District.
The 19th District nominated Jim Hunter.
The 9th District yielded to the 8th District.
The 8th District seconded Jim Hunter.
The 10th District 2nd Hunter.
The 11th District 2nd Hunter.
The 12th District 2nd Hunter.
The 13th District 2nd Hunter.
The 14th District 2nd Hunter.
The 15th District 2nd Hunter.
The 16th District 2nd Hunter.
The 17th District - absent.
The 18th District 2nd Hunter.
The 20th District - absent.
The 21st District 2nd Hunter.
The 22nd District 2nd Hunter.
The 23rd District 2nd Hunter.
The 24th District 2nd Hunter.
The 25th District 2nd Hunter.
The 9th District 2nd Hunter.

The Detachment Adjutant announced that there was only one candidate.

Motion by the 19th District, and seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; passed.

The Detachment Adjutant cast 1 unanimous ballot for Jim Hunter for the Office of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander for the year 2011 - 2012.

The Detachment Commander declared Jim Hunter as the newly elected Detachment Senior Vice-Commander.

Jim Hunter was escorted to the rostrum for a few remarks.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER:

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of nomination:

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The 2nd District - absent.
The 3rd District - absent.
The 4th District - absent.
The 5th District - absent.
The 7th District - absent.
The 8th District yielded to the 19th District.
The 19th District nominated Harl "Butch" Ray.
The 9th District yielded to the 10th District.
The 10th District seconded Harl "Butch" Ray.
The 11th District - pass.
The 12th District - pass.
The 13th District 2nd Ray.
The 14th District - absent
The 15th District 2nd Ray.
The 16th District 2nd Ray.
The 17th District - absent.
The 18th District 2nd Ray.
The 20th District - absent.
The 21st District 2nd Ray.
The 22nd District - pass
The 23rd District 2nd Ray.
The 24th District 2nd Ray.
The 25th District 2nd Ray.
The 9th District 2nd Ray.
The 11th District 2nd Ray.
The 12th District 2nd Ray.
The 22nd District 2nd Ray.

The Detachment Adjutant announced that there was only one candidate.

Motion by the 19th District, and seconded, that the Adjutant be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; passed.

The Detachment Adjutant cast 1 unanimous ballot for Harl "Butch" Ray for the Office of Detachment Commander for the year 2011 - 2012.

The Detachment Commander declared Harl "Butch" Ray as the newly elected Detachment Commander.

Harl "Butch" Ray was escorted to the rostrum for a few remarks.

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The Detachment Commander called on Tommie Cisna, Chairman of the Convention National Convention Delegate Nomination Committee, for his report.

He reported that for the 40th National Convention to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 26 - 28 August 2011, the Detachment of Illinois delegate strength is presently based on the 14,456 members presently on record at the National Headquarters and that will authorize the Detachment of Illinois to elect 3 "Detachment Delegates-at-Large" and 28 "Detachment Membership Delegates" and in addition the Detachment is authorized 3 "National Delegates-at-Large" (Past National Commanders). This would authorize the election of 32 "Delegates" and 32 "Alternates" by this Convention. There were 22 requests to be considered for nomination as a delegate to the National Convention.

The 3 "National Delegates-at-Large" are:

J. R. Stillwell
Gregory D. Reis
Tommie Cisna

The Committee nominates the following:

"Detachment Delegates-at-Large":

Garrett Slevin, Jr.
Harl "Butch" Ray
Matt Christie

"Detachment Membership Delegates":

Bill Geary
Bruno Williamson
Jim Hunter
Denver Phelps
Jeff VanHorn
Bob Tharp
Garrett Slevin, Sr.
Vern Mathias
Jim Borgman
Ray Chelmowski
Sethe Mount
J. D. Strum
Philip Banialis
George Miller
John P. Strum
Michael J. Bachmann
Nicholas J. Born
Gary Gummersheimer

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Georg Koop
Mark Melone
Tim Ritter
John Jarosz, Jr.

There being no "Alternates" or "Substitutes".

The Chairman offered a motion that with the approval of this report the names presented be considered the elected "Delegates", "Alternates" and "Substitutes" from the Detachment of Illinois to the 40th National Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 26 - 28 August 2011, and that Garrett Slevin, Jr., be named Delegation Chairman; Harl "Butch" Ray, be named Delegation Vice-Chairman; J. R. Stillwell, be named Delegation Secretary and Jeff VanHorn, be named Delegation Assistant Secretary, and that the "Chairman" be authorized to make additions and/or changes to this list after arrival at the National Convention site; passed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

The new Detachment elected Officers, Division and District Commander were ask to go to the back of the room.

The Detachment Commander then requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Installing Team to the rostrum.

He then introduced the "Installing Team":

Clay Lofton, Past Department Commander, Installing Officer
Marty Conatser, Past National Legion Commander, Installing Chaplain
Tommie Cisna, Past National SAL Commander, Installing Sergeant-at-Arms

He then turned the gavel over to the Installing Officer and he conducted the installation..

After being Installed the New Detachment Commander gave his acceptance speech.

He thanked everyone for their confidence in electing him to be their new Detachment Commander. He introduced his wife "Pam" (Department President) and members of his family that were present. In his remarks he stated that his theme for the year will be "Guided by Tradition". This year the Detachment will give special attention to two of the four pillars the American Legion is

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founded on Americanism and Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation. He is setting a goal of \$50,000 for the "Child Welfare Foundation". His special project will be "Ride 2 Recovery". This is a program that makes and provides bicycles for disabled veterans. He plans to participate in some of their events and hopes that Squadrons across Illinois will get involved.

The Retiring Detachment Commander presented the "Traveling Detachment Commander's Pin" to the New Detachment Commander.

The Immediate Past Detachment Commander Mark Melone presented the retiring Detachment Commander with his "Past Detachment Commander's Pin".

Senior Past Detachment Commander John Schultz presented the Retiring Detachment Commander with this "Past Detachment Commander's Plaque.

Gifts were presented to the "Retiring Detachment Commander".

The Retiring Detachment Commander distributed thank you gifts to his Officers.

ENDORSEMENT OF A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER:

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of nomination:

- The 2nd District - absent..
- The 3rd District - absent.
- The 4th District - absent.
- The 5th District - absent.
- The 7th District - absent.
- The 8th District nominated Matt Christie.
- The 9th District seconded Matt Christie.
- The 10th District - pass.
- The 11th District nominated Ray Chelmowski.
- The 12th District 2nd Chelmowski.
- The 13th District - passed.
- The 14th District - passed
- The 15th District - passed.
- The 16th District 2nd Chelmowski.
- The 17th District - absent.

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The 18th District 2nd Chelmowski.
The 19th District 2nd Chelmowski.
The 20th District - absent.
The 21st District - passed.
The 22nd District 2nd Chelmowski
The 23rd District - passed.
The 24th District - absent.
The 25th District - passed.
The 10th District - pass.
The 13th District - passed.
The 14th District - passed
The 15th District - passed.
The 21st District - passed.
The 23rd District - passed..
The 25th District - passed.

The Detachment Adjutant announced that there were two candidates, Matt Christie and Ray Chelmowski.

The Detachment Commander recessed the Convention for Caucus at 1:46 p.m.

The Detachment Commander reconvened the Convention at 2:01 p.m.

The Detachment Commander appointed the following Judges for the election:

Third Division:	Garrett Slevin, Sr.
Fourth Division:	John Strum
Fifth Division:	Jim Hurt

He then ask each candidate to appoint a judge:

Matt Christie:	John Jarosz
Ray Chelmowski:	Jim Bacon

The Detachment Adjutant called the roll of Districts for the purpose of endorsement:

The 2nd District - absent..
The 3rd District - absent.
The 4th District - absent.
The 5th District - absent.

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The 7 th District - absent.			
The 8 th District:			
	37 Delegate votes		
	0 At-Large votes		
		Matt Christie	37
The 9 th District:			
	15 Delegate votes		
	3 At-Large votes		
		Marty Belovicz	
		John Jarosz	
		Matt Christie	
		Matt Christie	18
The 10 th District:			
	22 Delegate votes		
	2 At-Large votes		
		Bill Geary	
		John Schultz	
		Matt Christie	22
		Ray Chelmowski	2
The 11 th District:			
	37 Delegate votes		
	2 At-Large votes		
		Ray Chelmowski	
		Mark Melone	
		Ray Chelmowski	39
The 12 th District:			
	42 Delegate votes		
	1 At-Large vote		
		Ed Hudson	
		Ray Chelmowski	43
The 13 th District:			
	9 Delegate votes		
	1 At-Large vote		
		Jerry Griffin	
		Ray Chelmowski	10
The 14 th District:			
	10 Delegate votes		
	0 At-Large Votes		
		Ray Chelmowski	10

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The 15 th District:			
7 Delegate votes			
1 At-Large vote			
Bear VanBrocklin			
	Ray Chelmowski		8
The 16 th District:			
30 Delegate votes			
1 At-Large vote			
Garrett Slevin, Sr.			
	Ray Chelmowski		31
The 17 th District - absent.			
The 18 th District:			
33 Delegate votes			
1 At-Large vote			
Ed CAvanaugh			
	Ray Chelmowski		34
The 19 th District:			
75 Delegate votes			
5 At-Large votes			
Vern Mathias			
Harl "Butch" Ray			
J. R. Stillwell			
Tommie Cisna			
Bob Tharp			
	Matt Christie	4	
	Ray Chelmowski.		75
	(1 vote abstain)		
The 20 th District - absent.			
The 21 st District:			
7 Delegate votes			
1 At-Large vote			
Ron Eaton			
	Ray Chelmowski		8
The 22 nd District:			
34 Delegate votes			
1 At-Large vote			
Carl Stratton			
	Ray Chelmowski		35

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immediately following that there will be a brief meeting of the New Detachment Executive Committee for the purpose of approving various appointments.

Detachment Chaplain Doug Haberkamp offered the Benediction

The Colors being in place a salute was rendered.

The Detachment Commander adjourned the 48th Annual Convention of the Detachment of Illinois at 2:39 p.m., "Sine di".

J. R. Stillwell
Detachment Adjutant

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Donations received during various time during the Convention:

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION:		\$570.00
	\$200.00 Gary Gummersheimer	
	10.00 Ron Tucek	
	110.00 Squadron #489	
	150.00 Squadron #208	
	100.00 Squadron #1170	
CHILDREN'S MARICLE NETWORK:		1,050.00
	\$500.00 First Division	
	100.00 Squadron #1170	
	150.00 Squadron #208	
	300.00 Squadron #615	
NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND:		700.00
	\$150.00 Squadron #208	
	150.00 First Division	
	400.00 Squadron #615	
SPECIAL OLYMPICS:		150.00
	\$150.00 Squadron #208	
GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE:		466.00
	\$300.00 Squadorn #615	
	87.00 1 st Session 50-50	
	74.00 2 nd Session 50-50	
	5.00 Fine (John Strum)	
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:		\$315.00
	\$150.00 Squadron #208	
	155.00 Squadron #55	
	10.00 Fidel Rodriguez	
JOSH DOGS:		150.00
	\$150.00 Squadron #208	

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FISCHER HOUSE:		260.00
\$150.00	Squadron #208	
110.00	Squadron #489	
CHILDREN & YOUTH:		\$155.00
\$155.00	Squadron #55	
OPERATION SANTA:		80.00
\$ 80.00	(Unknown)	
TOTAL:		\$3,896.00