

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS  
WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
19, DECEMBER 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 13:07 in the home of Kampsville Squadron # 1083 by the Detachment Commander.

The colors being in place, a salute was rendered.

The Chaplain gave the Invocation.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commander conducted the "POW / MIA" Ceremony.

The Detachment Sr. Vice Commander led the "Preamble".

The Adjutant conducted the "Roll Call of Officers". (*See Roll Call Book*)

Motion made by, Jim Hunter 8<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Carl Stratton 22<sup>nd</sup> District that the minutes of the 2009-2010 Fall Executive Committee Minutes be approved as published, with the following correction, Under the report from the VA & R Commission change the name of the Vice Chairman as Phil Shipley is not the Vice Chairman, passed by unanimous vote.

The Sergeant-at-Arms Denver Phelps introduced the "Guests" present.  
(*See "Roll" attached to file copy*)

The Commander appointed the following to serve as the "Resolutions Committee". Tom Krubl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Chairman, John Jarosz 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Jim Bacon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Garrett Slevin Sr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, Ed Cavanaugh, 4<sup>th</sup> Division, Carl Stratton, 5<sup>th</sup> Division.

The Sr. Vice Commander then gave a brief membership report. He stated that the Detachment was in decent shape with a current total membership of 9,244 for a percentage of 62.34%.

**Finance Officers Report:**

The Finance officer distributed his report for review. No questions or discussion was offered on the published finance report.

Motion made by Jim Borgman, 8<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Don Wilson, 20<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report as published, subject to audit passed by unanimous vote.

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The commander then read a letter to those assembled and it is re-printed here as follows...

01 January 2010

All Members:

Dear Comrades,

The Detachment of Illinois has discovered a breakdown in communication within our organization that may have caused some confusion or misperception on a couple topics.

I am issuing this communication to hopefully better clarify and eliminate any confusion there may be regarding the following topics:

- 1) What is the procedure to address a concern or problem within the Sons of The American Legion
- 2) Status of The Sons of The American Legion

Immediately following the close of the 46<sup>th</sup> Detachment Convention in Calumet City IL., I had called a meeting of all the newly elected Division Commanders and Vice Commanders. During this short meeting I had advised the Division officers that under no circumstances was any issues or concern of The Sons of The American Legion to be taken directly to The Department of Illinois, The American Legion, and that any and all issues of The Sons of The American Legion would and will be handled within the administrative organization of The Sons of The American Legion at the appropriate level of concern. I then outlined the “chain of command” that any Sons issues should follow. All Division Commanders were asked to advise their District officers of this information and the District officers were to bring this information to the Squadron level during their visits to Squadrons this year.

Unfortunately, there seems to have been a breakdown in this communication. The result of this breakdown was that a member or members of The Sons of The American Legion going directly to the Department of Illinois, The American Legion, with issue or issues in regards to The Sons of The American Legion. This action prompted a meeting of the Department and Detachment leadership including the Detachment Advisors in Bloomington on 24 November 2009.

The Department leadership had been under the assumption that the Detachment of Illinois leadership was advised of these issues or issue, and no action was being taken by The Sons of The American Legion. It was discovered this was not the case. It was discovered that a Sons member or members had bypassed the “chain of command” and brought their issue or issues directly to the Department of Illinois, The American Legion.

During this meeting under the leadership of Department Commander Flanagan, the Department Commander reiterated that “in no way does the Department of Illinois want to take over the Detachment of Illinois Sons of The American Legion. The Detachment leadership has done a fine job in Illinois, and the Department would like this to continue.” The Department of Illinois is responsible

to oversee the workings of the Detachment of Illinois through the Detachment Advisory Committee. In the event that a Sons member or members bypass the “chain of command” and bring a Sons of The American Legion issue to the Department of Illinois leadership, the Department of Illinois will advise that individual or individuals to contact the appropriate officer and/or advisor of The Sons of The American Legion, at the appropriate level of concern. This also holds true for any member that may be a “dual member”. If a “dual member” has an issue regarding The Sons of The American Legion, he should address his concern to The Sons of The American Legion, not to The American Legion. If a “dual member” has an American Legion issue, it should be addressed through The American Legion.

I will again outline the “chain of command” within the Sons of The American Legion. This is the same format that is followed within The American Legion. The first level is the Squadron. An issue within the Squadron should be solved within the Squadron. If there can be no reconciliation at the Squadron, the issue can be elevated to the District, then to the Division, and finally to the Detachment. When and if the issues are ever elevated to the Detachment level, the Detachment Sons of The American Legion leadership will review the issue and refer it to the appropriate Detachment Committee or Commission for review. If the issue warrants involvement of The American Legion, the issue will be brought to the Detachment Advisory Committee. If the Committee feels Department of Illinois involvement is necessary, they along with the Detachment Commander will address the concern with the Department leadership. Please note, no where in the “chain of command” is a Sons of The American Legion concern brought to the American Legion until the final link, the Detachment of Illinois. Again, please remember there should be an American Legion Advisor at each level that can be consulted for guidance. Please remember that most all issues should and can be solved within the appropriate level of concern, such as a Squadron issue should be solved within the Squadron, District issues within the District etc. Also remember to utilize your Squadron, District and Division American Legion Advisors. They are there to guide and assist you, and will offer their guidance with the best interests of The American Legion Family in mind.

Questions regarding the “statement of status” of The Sons of The American Legion have been raised. This was brought to our attention and discovered that some Sons members have been attempting to use the information provided on page 54 of the 2009 version of The Sons of The American Legion Handbook as legitimacy to a claim of independent status. As this information is published by the National Organization, it was necessary that the Department of Illinois consult with the National Organization for their clarification. The Director of National Internal Affairs of The American Legion John Querfeld responded to this specific topic in a letter responding to the Department Adjutant’s request, and I will include Mr. Querfeld’s response from this letter regarding this topic as follows:

*“The Sons of The American Legion Handbook (2009 edition) provides for the National Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion. Page 54 under “Statement of Status” contains an error. The first paragraph reads, “This authority was assumed, fully accepted and approved May 4-5 1993. This should read 1933. This will be corrected for the next printing of this book in January 2010. Both the statement of policy and the statement of status are current and in force today”.*

*“The statement of Status in the SAL Handbook relative to the Sons as a legally constituted organization does not mean it is a separate chartered independent organization, but means an organization with organizational framework under the direct control of the respective level of The*

*American Legion as outlined in Article III, Sections 4,5, and 6 of The Sons of The American Legion National Constitution. Just like the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion has sole responsibility for The Sons of The American Legion actions at the National level, Article 1, National Constitution and By-laws, Section 8 of The Sons of The American Legion constitution gives the Department sole responsibility for all actions of The Sons of The American Legion Detachments.”*

It is our hope that this clarification should dispel any rumors or claims that The Sons of The American Legion is an **independent** organization. Please remember, as stated above, “*means an organization with organizational framework under the direct control of the respective level of The American Legion as outlined in Article III, Sections 4,5, and 6 of The Sons of The American Legion national Constitution.*” In other words, The Sons of The American Legion is under the jurisdiction of The American Legion at each level.

Anyone wishing a copy of the response from Mr. Querfeld to the Department Adjutant may contact the Detachment Adjutant, Harl “Butch” Ray, and he will provide a copy for you.

It is the hope of the Department and Detachment of Illinois that no further meetings or discussion on these topics are required. It is also our hope that all members of The Sons of The American Legion follow this policy and follow the “chain of command” to solve their issues and questions.

I am asking that this letter be read in its entirety at your next Division, District and Squadron meeting. If anyone has any questions regarding these topics, please do not hesitate to call or contact a Detachment officer or myself, we will be happy to answer or clarify any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Melone  
Commander  
Detachment of Illinois  
Sons of The American Legion

The commander then stated that he hoped that this is the last time this type of communication needs to be given to the Detachment’s members.

## **Committee and Commission Reports:**

**Ad Book Commission:** Dave Randolph, Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman read a letter from committee chairman Mark Friedman and it is reprinted here for the official record...

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

Gentlemen:

Some observations and recommendations from the Editor/Chairman.

Last year, we used a spiral binding for the book. This produced a production cost saving and I believe everyone liked the binding. I recommend that we keep this element of the book. But we made too many books. I would like the production quantity for the 2010 Convention book to be 250 copies. This is a 40% reduction in copy count and should help us rein in our costs. Last year at the end at Cal City, we had 4 or 5 boxes (150-200 copies) left over out of 350 total.

Additionally, because we are printing the way we are (what machine is used), if a black and white page is on the flip side of a color page that is 2 color process pages by the printers count. B/W ads have not been very popular, and so I recommend that this option not be offered for the 2010 book. The 2009 book had 3 B/W ads.

Advertising cost also are going to have to increase slightly to help offset our production costs. I would like to suggest \$70 for a full page and \$40 for a half. Last year those choices were \$60 and \$35.

I would like to ask for permission of the executive committee to formulate the 2010 Ad Book Contract, with whatever price decisions are made, in consultation with Adjutant Ray, Commander Melone and SVC Slevin. The Contracts need to be sent out in the February and March mailing to give adequate time for groups to allocate money and design ads. Deadline for submissions will remain May 1.

I am sorry I am absent...Although I got the flu shot, I caught a different strain of the flu and I am still getting over being sick. Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night.

Mark Friedman  
Ad Book Chairman

Motion made by Vice Chairman, Dave Randolph, 20<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Carl Stratton 22<sup>nd</sup> District, to raise the price of the ad book pages as reported, passed by unanimous vote.

**Americanism Commission:** Jim Borgman, Chairman.

Chairman Borgman reported on Americanism programs and discussed the High School Oratorical Contest and the fact that the new format for this contest will stay the same as last year. Only 6 contestants from each division will be accepted and they will not fill empty slots in division with less than 6 contestants with young people from division that have more than six. The contest will be held on May 6, 2010 in Peoria. The Americanism Essay forms are available from Department Headquarters and essays are due February 5, 2010. The chairman also discussed the importance of reporting what each squadron does on the consolidated report forms that will be sent out in the Spring of 2010. He reported that the Detachment of Illinois reported 20,201 hours and \$131,374.50 just in Americanism programs

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

in 2009. He reported that in July 2010 the Boy Scouts will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and urged all squadrons that sponsor a scout troop to do something special for them this year. He that the Detachment had received a banner to be attached to our colors for donations of \$1,467.78 received in Indianapolis for the National Emergency Fund.

**Boys State:** Bill Meister

In 2009 there were 630 Boys State citizens in attendance. The goal for the 2010 Premier Boys State program is 750 citizens in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this the first Boys State program in the country. The cost this year will be \$220 per participant.

**Flag Alliance: No Report**

Past Detachment Commander Carl Stratton presented Commander Melone with the first Illinois Premier Boys State challenge coin that commemorates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Illinois Boys State program.

Motion made by Chairman Borgman, 9<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Jim Schuppner, 12<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report as given, passed by unanimous vote.

**Children and Youth Commission:** Garrett Slevin, Sr. Chairman:

The chairman reported that for the first time in a long time that all 5 members of the Children & Youth Commission were in attendance at the meeting. He reported that they had received a copy of the list of organizations that received grants from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation from our National Executive Committeeman. On this list were two firms from the state of Illinois that received grants. The McHenry County Big Brother and Big Sisters received \$24,351.00 and The Child and Adolescent Bi-Polar Foundation of Wilmet received \$40,000. He also reported that the annual tour of St. Johns Children's Hospital to hand out Josh Dogs has been scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 AM. National Commander Arneson will be in attendance to participate in 4<sup>th</sup> year of this event to tour one of Illinois' Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The chairman informed everyone that this year the Child Welfare Foundation is promoting a \$1 per member banner program. Each squadron that donates \$1 per member based on the close of books membership report for that squadron will receive a banner for their Squadron colors. The goal for CWF for this year has been set at \$15,000.

**CWF & CMN Promoter:** Phil Shipley

Promoter Shipley reported that he had 25 coins left for sale at \$10 each to raise fund to meet our goal. He presented a check to the detachment for \$1,500 and \$1,140 in cash. These funds will be used to pay back the loan to the detachment with the remained to go toward our total donation to CWF. He also reported that a request had been made to purchase an additional 300 coins that will be sold during the National Membership Caravan.

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

Donations were then accepted for any Children & Youth programs. Squadron # 337 from Genoa donated \$200 for CWF.

Commander Melone then presented CWF promoter Phil Shipley with last year's CWF challenge coin in recognition of his hard work.

Motion made by Chairman Slevin, 16<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Dave Randolph, 20<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report as given, passed by unanimous vote.

The Commander relinquished the Chair to the Sr. Vice Commander Garrett Slevin, Jr.

**Contest Commission:** Historian Phil Shipley, Chairman

The Chairman let everyone know that in the January mailing the Division Man of the Year forms will be included and that they should be filled out and mailed to the Detachment Adjutant for proper processing.

Motion made by Chairman Shipley, 19<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by Ron Tucek, 12<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report as given, passed by unanimous vote.

**Finance Commission,** Fred Hickem, Chairman;

The Chairman stated that the bill for the annual audit of our books has not yet been received. He also stated that the Detachment's finances are in good shape and the commission commends Finance Office Tharp for his continued good work. He then reported on a request from the commander via resolution to set up a "Paid Up For Life" account for the detachment. After a very long discussion the finance commission recommended that when this issue comes to a vote later in this meeting that it should be denied. The commission is in favor of a PUFL program just not in the form it was presented. The request from the Department of Illinois American Legion to join them in the twice yearly sweepstakes was approved after a few changes. Each member will receive the sweepstake tickets in the mail. Commander Melone then requested that the commission approve the purchase of new Convention District signs, this request was approved with a not to exceed amount of \$500. Commander Melone then charged the commission with working on a new budget that will look at where the Detachment needs or may be in 3 to 5 years. Not a 1 year budget but a 3 – 5 year outlook. National Executive Committeeman Matt Christie requested that the commission look into restoring a line item to cover the housing expenses of the NEC either / or Alt NEC to attend the National Membership Program out of the administrative account. Commander Melone then requested that \$200 from the overage account be made available to offset the costs for a vehicle to be used during the National Membership Caravan. Finance Officer Tharp then requested permission that \$3,000 be transferred from the overage account into the administrative account to pay for the requested caravan changes.

Motion by Chairman Hickem, 25<sup>th</sup> District to approve report, seconded by Jim Hurt, 25<sup>th</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

**Audit Committee Report:** Garrett Slevin, Jr. Vice Chairman:

The Audit Committee approved the annual audit of the Detachment's Financial records.

Motion made by Chairman, Slevin, 16<sup>th</sup> District and seconded by David McKnelly 21<sup>st</sup> District to approve the report as given, passed by unanimous vote.

The Sr. Vice Commander relinquished the Chair to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Bill Mock.

**Gifts to the Yanks:** Matt Christie, Chairman:

The Chairman reported that this year's raffle tickets will be mailed soon as part of our annual fundraiser for this program. These tickets will be mailed to American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units as well.

A donation of \$50 was received by Bellville Squadron # 1937.

Motion by Chairman Christie 9<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Jeff Van Horn 9<sup>th</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

**Legislative Commission:** Robert Noonan, Chairman

The Chairman reported that in their brief meeting they discussed the need to keep in touch with all of your legislators and continue to urge them to support all Veteran's causes.

Motion by Chairman Noonan 22<sup>nd</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Dave McKnelly 21<sup>st</sup> District. passed by unanimous vote.

**National Security Commission:** Denver Phelps, Chairman.

Chairman Phelps reported that his committee discussed the issues surrounding the killings that occurred at Ft, Hood and that fact that the alleged killer was born in Maryland, and claimed his nationality as Palestinian. How were all the warning signs missed to allow this to happen at one of our military bases? He reminded everyone that you do not have to be an American citizen to join our armed services, and that in 10 weeks you can earn you citizenship by doing so. He reminded everyone that we cannot continue to treat enemy combatants as citizens. Three Navy SEALs are to be court-martialed because an Al-Qaida" terrorist they captured says that they busted him in the lip! The chairman reminded everyone that President Obama promised change and for better or worse we are getting those changes. Illegal aliens will be give free healthcare if the current bill in its form passes! He informed us that the Federal government is planning to but the Thompson Correctional Facility in Illinois and brings over 100 terrorist from GIT-Mo to our state for safe keeping! Will we feel safer?

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

**Poppy Commission Report:** Denver Phelps, Poppy Liaison

Liaison Phelps reported that as always, Poppy Days is held the third weekend in May of each year. In March poppies are picked up by Posts & Units to be distributed during the Poppy weekend. There is a push this year to get more Squadrons involved with the Poppy drive. Remember all funds raised by the donations received from the poppy distribution goes directly to the needs and service of veterans everywhere. Hopefully additional help from the SONS will increase the number of poppies handed out which was off by almost 100,000 this past year. The Poppy distribution is down for some reason and he urged all of us to do what we can to bring these numbers back up! He also urged all of us to find recruits for Police School so that we do not lose this fine program.

**POW-MIA Report:**

There are only 1,727 POW-MIA's unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. In 30 years we have been able to retrieve 856 of our fallen comrades. That is not enough!

Donations were accepted for Commander Melone's special projects this year as follows...

\$50 from Squadron # 492, \$200 from the 5<sup>th</sup> Division SAL, \$50 from the 10<sup>th</sup> District SAL, \$100 from Squadron # 564 and \$10 from Squadron # 1017 all for the Scott POW-MIA Council. An additional \$186 was donated from Squadron # 337 Genoa for the POW-MIA League of Families.

Motion by Chairman Phelps, 19<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Ed Cavanaugh, 18<sup>th</sup> District. passed by unanimous vote.

**Leadership and Training Commission:** Jim Ciaccio, Chairman:

The chairman stated that the committee has selected a date for the next Leadership and Training Conference to be held on February 27, 2010 at the Department Headquarters in Bloomington. The same format will be followed as last year with the exception that we will remove the public speaking portion of the training and replace it with a PowerPoint presentation provided by the Past National Commander Joe Mane. A practice session will be held in Jacksonville Illinois on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee will use some of its funds to purchase a digital projector to be used during the training sessions. The chairman reminded everyone that if you receive an invitation to the next conference, please be sure to confirm that you will be attending and send in your RSVP. Anyone who shows up at the door without having done so will be turned away. The chairman also invited any Division that wanted to host a training session could do so. All they would have to provide is a location, the students, a meal, and possibly overnight accommodations for the instructors, depending on the location of the training event. A section may be added to discuss the Detachment budget and how it is to be used.

**Committee and Commission Reports:** *(continued)*

Motion by Chairman Ciaccio, 20<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Sethe Mount, 16<sup>th</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander relinquished the Chair back to Detachment Commander Melone.

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:** Bruno T. Williamson, Chairman:

The Chairman was excused from this meeting. As such there is no report.

**Commanders Advisory Committee:** Dave Randolph, Chairman:

The Chairman reported that as there was only one issue for the committee to discuss and that was a resolution presented to establish a Paid Up For Life program in the Detachment of Illinois. The Chairman read the resolution to the body. The resolution was approved by the committee and passed on to the Resolutions Committee.

Motion by Chairman Randolph, 20<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report minus the resolution, seconded by Dave McKnelly, 21<sup>st</sup> District passed by unanimous vote.

**Detachment Convention Committee:** Ron Tucek, Chairman

Chairman Tucek reported that the 2009-2010 convention will be held at Indian Lakes Resort, 250 West Schick Road, Bloomingdale, Illinois, June 25 -27, 2010. You will be able to reserve your rooms beginning in January via a link on the Detachment Web-site. The cost of rooms will be \$129 plus tax. This rate will be held until May 31<sup>st</sup> and then the rates go up to \$189. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division will host the hospitality room for the convention. The Bowling tournament will be held at the Brunswick Zone in Roselle. No Golf tournament this year but a miniature golf tournament is being considered. The Roselle Squadron # 1086 will host a dinner Saturday evening with a free shuttle bus provided. Watch your monthly mailings for more information. A convention committee meeting will be held on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> at the convention site.

Motion by Chairman Tucek, 12<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Jeff Van Horn, 9<sup>th</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

**Membership & Squadron Activities Report:** Garrett Slevin, Jr. Vice-Commander:

The Sr. Vice Commander presented the Division Commanders with Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc. records to symbolize their standing in the Detachment. The percentages were as follows... 1<sup>st</sup> place to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander John Jarosz at 72.87%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander Bill Mock at 67.64%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Butch Ray at 63.79%, 4<sup>th</sup> place to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander Dave Randolph at 57.28%, and 5<sup>th</sup> place to the 5<sup>th</sup> Division Commander Jim Hurt at 51.37%

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The #1 pin awards were handed out to the following officers...

For the Detachment Award:        John Jarosz, Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Division at 71.80%  
   Jim Borgman, Sr. Vice Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Division

For the District Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Division:                            6<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Joseph Kapelanski at 112.50%

2<sup>nd</sup> Division:                            10<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Steve Risley at 79.60%  
   10<sup>th</sup> District Sr. Vice Commander C. W. "Skip" Fentress

3<sup>rd</sup> Division:                            15<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Bear VanBrocklin at 73.10%

4<sup>th</sup> Division:                            19<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Phil Shipley at 67.90%  
   19<sup>th</sup> District Sr. Vice Commander Vern Mathias

5<sup>th</sup> Division:                            22<sup>nd</sup> District Commander, Bill Meister at 78.80%

Motion by Sr. Vice Commander Slevin, 16<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Phil Shipley, 19<sup>th</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

**Special Secretary of State Committee:** Butch Ray, Chairman

The chairman reported that the necessary legislative language has been written and that a sponsor for the bill has been found. He also informed the body that as we are a membership drive organization and that you cannot get a SAL plate without being a member, that the signature petition requirement will be waived. Chairman Ray then reported that it is unsure as to the fate of the bill as it would be a low priority for this bill. We can only hope that we are lucky enough to get this out of committee and onto the legislative floor.

Members of the committee were asked to contact Illinois Senators and Representatives in their divisions to co-sponsor the legislative language we hope to have ready by the beginning of the Spring legislative session.

Representative Ron Stevens from southern Illinois who is a Legionnaire and a SONS member has agreed to introduce the bill into committee. The House Minority Leader, Representative Tom Cross will also be a co-sponsor of this bill. Upon the adoption of this legislative language and once it is signed into law, the initial cost of one of these plates will be \$20 - \$25 more than the normal cost of you renewal. Each year after an additional \$4 will be collected. \$2 will go to the SOS special license plate fund, and \$2 will be collected and sent to the Detachment of Illinois to be deposited into the scholarship account. The goal of these license plates is not so much to raise funds for the scholarship account but to advertise the Sons of The American Legion as our emblem will be on all of these plates traveling across our great state.

Motion by Chairman Ray, 19<sup>th</sup> District to approve the report, seconded by Don Wilson, 23<sup>rd</sup> District, passed by unanimous vote.

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**Detachment Historian Presentation:**

Commander Melone invited Detachment Historian Phil Shipley to the front for the purpose of a presentation. Historian Shipley presented PDC Stratton with his photo history book for his year of service.

**Unfinished Business:**

None Reported.

**Correspondence:** Adjutant Butch Ray

The adjutant read letters sent to the Detachment. Both letters were thanking the Detachment for donations to the USO and the Child Welfare Foundation.

**Resolutions Committee:** Tom Krubl, Chairman:

The Committee had 4 Resolutions to consider:

Resolution# DEC10-01W (hospitality Resolution Squadron# 1083)

Resolution# DEC10-02W (hospitality Resolution Post# 1083)

Resolution# DEC10-03W (hospitality Resolution Unit# 1083)

Resolution# DEC10-04W (Resolution to create a Detachment PUFL Program)

The Committee recommendations were as follows:

Resolution# DEC10-01W Adopt

Resolution# DEC10-02W Adopt

Resolution# DEC10-03W Adopt

Resolution# DEC10-04W Rejected: Return to originator for re-write

Motion made by Chairman Krubl, seconded by Bill Meister, 22<sup>nd</sup> District to adopt Resolutions DEC10-01W, DEC10-02W, and DEC10-03W, passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Chairman Krubl, seconded by Bill Meister, 22<sup>nd</sup> District to accept the report as given, passed by unanimous vote.

The hospitality resolution plaques were then presented to representatives of the Squadron, Post, and Unit.

**National Executive Committeeman's Report:** Matt Christie, National Executive Committeeman:

National Committeeman Christie brought greetings from National Commander Arneson. He congratulated the detachment on meeting the 60% target date a month early. A reminded dues notice will be sent from National in January. He reminded all to be sure to fill out the consolidated report forms as soon as you get them. He reminded all who could to attend the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. NEC Christie reminded all of us the importance of a good public

image we need to present to the public we come in contact with. He suggested that we add the National Accomplishment sheet to the Detachment Web-site.

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### ***National Executive Committeeman's Report: (continued)***

Motion made by NEC Christie, and seconded by Ed Hudson, 12<sup>th</sup> District to approve the NEC report, passed by unanimous vote.

#### **New Business:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> District President Sandy Krubl brought greetings from the ladies Auxiliary. She stated that she learns something at every meeting of ours she attends.

**Web Masters Remarks:** Dave Herman

The Webmaster reported that the Detachment now has a Facebook and Twitter links on the web-site.

#### **For the Good of The Sons of The American Legion:**

PDC Dave Randolph presented Karen Melone with an angel figurine for her recent hospitality.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Division is selling "Football Mania" tickets as a fundraiser once again this year.

PDC Carl Stratton presented Commander Melone with a flag that had been flown over the nation's Capitol.

The Adjutant presented the 2008-2009 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commanders and Sr. Vice Commanders with their 100% membership pins.

**Detachment Advisor's Remarks:** Fred Hickem, Chairman

The Chairman introduced his committee members present. The advisor on behalf of his committee expressed his congratulations for a job well done these first 6 months. He reported on the special meeting held in Bloomington and he expressed that the SONS will take care of their own problems. He urged the current slate of officers to keep up the good work.

#### **50-50:**

The Sergeant at Arms conducted the Detachment 50-50 drawing. The prize was \$93.00, the winner was Mr. Bill Mock.

The Kampsville Squadron conducted their own 50/50 with \$80.00 going to Robert Noonan who donated his winnings to the Haven.

The Chaplain gave the Benediction.

The Colors being in place, a salute was rendered.

The Commander adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 16:14.

Respectfully Submitted:

Harl D. "Butch" Ray, Adjutant  
Detachment of Illinois

Sons of the American Legion