

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Hilton Garden Inn, O'Fallon, IL

September 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Department Commander, Bill Flanagan at **1:00 p.m.**

Invocation: Department Chaplain, Vitas Paskauskas.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Flanagan

Preamble: Department Sr. Vice Commander, Richard Groharing

Roll Call - Department Adjutant, Terry Woodburn

Permission granted to allow the following to be seated in the absent positions:

5th Division Commander, Ron Towery – absent

1st District Commander, George Radka – absent

7th District Commander, Greg Lisinski – absent, Ken Trumbull seated in position

9th District Commander, Martin Voss – absent, Loren Anderson seated in position

11th District Commander, Wayne Fischer – absent

13th District Commander, Ralph Dyson – absent, Harry Seiple seated in position

14th District Commander, Robert Goodal – absent

22nd District Commander, David Freeman – absent

1st District Sr. Vice Commander, William Bier – absent

4th District Sr. Vice Commander, William Drish – absent, Jim Kostka seated in position

5th District Sr. Vice Commander, Cynthia Sanders – absent

6th District Sr. Vice Commander, John Mich – absent

7th District Sr. Vice Commander, Wayne Carke – absent, Al Coughlin seated in position

8th District Sr. Vice Commander, Robert Graham – absent, Bill Stalzle seated in position

9th District Sr. Vice Commander, Mario Gismondo – absent, Dick Kapelanski seated in position

10th District Sr. Vice Commander, Joe Munson – absent

14th District Sr. Vice Commander, Mie Reyes – absent

15th District Sr. Vice Commander, Toby Little – absent

16th District Sr. Vice Commander, Larry Steimling – absent

17th District Sr. Vice Commander, Dennis Sackett – absent, Ron Matheny seated in position

18th District Sr. Vice Commander, Donita Brault – absent

22nd District Sr. Vice Commander, Mike Seitzinger – absent, Jerry Ward seated in position

24th District Sr. Vice Commander, Harriett Crismon – absent

Appointment of Resolutions Committee – Commander Flanagan

1st Division – Art Rawers

2nd Division – Gene Thompson

3rd Division – Vince Sanzotta

3rd Division – Tom Brandt

4th Division – Clay Lofton

Sergeant-at-Arms, Roy Weber announced guests - JR Stillwell, Tommie Cisna, Garrett Slevin, Butch Ray

Membership Report – Sr. Vice Commander, Richard Groharing

Department level is at 57.91 %

Membership Awards – Membership/PR Director, Denise Fields

Commanders Top Ten

10. 17th District – Cmdr. Darrel White, Sr. Vice Ron Matheny
9. 15th District – Cmdr. James Walker, Sr. Vice Toby Little
8. 22nd District – Cmdr. David Freeman, Sr. Vice Michael Seitzinger
7. 12th District – Cmdr. Gene Schaefer, Sr. Vice Jeffrey Cox
6. 13th District – Cmdr. Ralph Dyson, Sr. Vice Larry Geesey
5. 21st District – Cmdr. Delmar Buske, Sr. Vice Kelvin Bennett
4. 10th District – Cmdr. George Nauman, Sr. Vice Ray Powroznik
3. 18th District – Cmdr. Raymond Williams, Sr. Vice Ted Lang
2. 8th District – Cmdr. Phillip Wood, Sr. Vice Robert Graham
1. 5th District – Cmdr. Barry Cicero, Sr. Vice Cynthia Sanders

Gold Pin Awards

5. 15th District – Cmdr. James Walker, Sr. Vice Toby Little
4. 22nd District – Cmdr. David Freeman, Sr. Vice Michael Seitzinger
3. 10th District – Cmdr. George Nauman, Sr. Vice Ray Powroznik
2. 18th District – Cmdr. Raymond Williams, Sr. Vice Ted Lang
1. 5th District – Cmdr. Barry Cicero, Sr. Vice Cynthia Sanders

Division Pin

2nd Division – Cmdr. Gary Keegan, Sr. Vice Duane Nielsen

Award presented to Jerry Ward for his participation in the Adjutant's Workshop at Department Convention.

Commander's jackets were presented to Commander Flanagan, Sr. Vice Groharing, Hank Robards, Delbert Koch, Gary Jenson, Roy Weber, Philip Mette.

Salaried Appointments

Non-Salaried Appointments

Commission and Committee Appointments

Commission and Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen

No DEC Resolutions to report

National Executive Committeeman Report, Gene Thompson

There were 121 Delegates authorized to attend National Convention in Louisville, KY. Out of those, only 22 were on the convention floor which did not represent Illinois very well.

Resolutions submitted to National –

IL # 3, National #96 – Referred to National Security

IL # 4, National #97 – Approved

IL # 5, National #98 – Received & Recorded

IL # 6, National # 99 – Rejected

IL # 7, National # 100 – Consolidated with Resolution #90, Approved

IL # 8, National # 101 – Approved

IL # 9, National # 102 – Received & Recorded
IL # 10, National # 103 – Received & Recorded

Clarence Hill from Florida was elected National Commander for 2009-2010.

Fall meetings will be October 10 – 15, 2009.

The House and Joint Senate have designated September 16, American Legion Day.

The Legacy Run brought in \$600,000 for the Scholarship. Illinois brought in \$17, 995.

Commander's Advisory Committee – Marty Conatser

The committee met at 11:00. Topics of discussion were the Headquarters building project being near completion. The outside brick work is complete and came in under budget. The new carpeting is done and was under budget. There was new tile put in under the patio which is almost complete.

Commander has appointed 2 Ad-Hoc Committees, one for Legion Rider's and one for Leadership Training.

Department will be hiring a new Assistant Adjutant. Applications will be accepted until October 9, 2009. Commander's Advisory will be interviewing applicants.

Fund raisers are doing well. The sweepstakes tickets will be \$5.00 a ticket, \$6 for 25, \$30 for 12 tickets. Auxiliary have signed the contract to join and SAL will soon be signing contract.

The bank that handles the Trust Fund has changed name and ownership.

2011 Department Convention will be held in Peoria, IL.

Charter Action – Terry Woodburn

Permanent Charter - #2091 Brigadier General Frank C. Bacon, Jr., Chicago, IL

Voluntary Cancellation - #38 Advertising Men's, Chicago, IL
#883 South Holland, South Holland, IL

Commander's Ad-Hoc Committees

Legion Riders

1st Division– David Montee
2nd Division – Don Walden
3rd Division – Wayne Erickson
4th Division – Steve Nunn
5th Division – Roy Smith

Leadership and Training

1st Division – Al Coughlin
2nd Division – Paul Gardner
3rd Division – Wes Payton
4th Division – Marty Conatser
5th Division – Hank Robards

Benediction: Chaplain Paskauskas

Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.