



Sons of The American Legion
National Executive Committee

**Minutes of the
National Commission and
National Committee Meetings**

April 29-30, 2022

**Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana**



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Americanism Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle East Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Joseph R. Navarrete (NM, 2023) .

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Joseph R. Navarrete (NM, 2023)</u>	Members:	<u>Paul Hayse (IL, 2022)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Gerald Hammerschmidt (KS, '22) Exc.</u>		<u>Joseph Lohman (MD, 2024) Excused</u>
Secretary:	<u>Jeffrey E. Hicks (NJ)</u>		<u>Keith Murdough (NH, 2024)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>David E. Hullihen (MD)</u>		<u>Robert "Bud" Neel (NE, 2024)</u>
		Technical Advisor:	<u>Tim Aboudara, Sr. (CA)</u>

Guests: Rich Kiley (CT), Paul A Hayse (IL), Jon Coakley (OH), Ken Rohholz (IA), Bud Neel (NE), Dave Hullihen (MD), Keith Murdough (NH), Casey Lenort (MN), Scott Merrill (NH), Lenny Free (NJ), Chris Cerullo (PNC - NY), Tom Glander (AL), Jim Noble (NJ), Jeff Lee (VA), Greg Wagner (IN), John Lawrence (LA), Chuck Treat (AZ)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Navarrete declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Committees:

Chairman Navarrete opened the meeting with comments on the mission and the 2021 goals for Americanism. Goals are – n Increase Squadron participation in Americanism in American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical, and Youth Law Cadet programs by 10%, Increased number of Scrapbook entries by 25%, These are challenging goals that your Americanism Commission, Children and Youth and Child Welfare Committees are here to help you achieve.

Children & Youth Committee – Chairman Jim Noble (NJ) gave his report. Gave the Children and Youth Report. Discussed his regional assignments. Using Zoom meetings for the committee. Youth Room established 2 years ago. Name is changed National Children and Youth Academy. This meeting will be taken off-site for the National Convention for the first time. Awards will be presented at the National Convention that will be a one-time award with the 50th Convention Logo at the National Convention.

Keith Murdough (NH) made a motion to accept the Children & Youth Committee report; seconded by Paul Hayse (IL). The motion carried.

Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) Committee – Chairman Mark Nave (PA) gave his report via Jon Coakley. We are fine because CWF is above \$9 million. Detachment that pushed CWF over \$9 million. He talked about the merchandise available. He also talked about resolution approved for the annual donation from the budget for \$5,000. He talked about the Fundraising Handbook.

Paul Hayse (IL) made a motion to accept the Child Welfare Foundation Committee report; seconded by Unknown person seconded. The motion carried.

Reports of Members:

Youth Program updates – Oratorical Contest – Chairman attended as Judge for the National Oratorical Competition. Great competition – those who won and those who did not supported the winners.

Boys State and Boys Nation will be coming up.

American Legion Baseball is also coming up.

Junior Shooting Sports National Competition will be back in Colorado this year.



Junior Law Cadet – Keith Murdough discussed the history of the Junior Law Cadet program. All Posts are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Law Cadet Program. 21 Departments have Junior Law Cadet programs. For more information go to www.legion.org/cadet. Increase participation in Junior Law Cadet program by 10%. Discussion followed on various activities by Departments on the Junior Law Cadet.

Additional information forthcoming on the Scrap Books and History Books.

Paul Hayse spoke on American Legion Baseball. Registration for American Legion Baseball opened January 1, 2022 with a deadline of May 15, 2022. Shelby NC will continue to be the site for the American Legion Baseball Series.

He also discussed the recent Southern Region Call and promotion of American Legion Baseball and CWF.

Keith Murdough: April region Conference call – various Eastern Region Detachments gave their regional reports on the last. MD and New jersey Conventions are in June. 16th annual walkathon for veterans with a goal of \$40,000.

Regional Reports:

None given at this time.

Old Business:

Chairman thanked previous Chairman Chuck Treat for the smooth transition in Commission Leadership.

Chairman talked about Flags for Heroes and the aggressive goal established by Commander Fox. Doing the Flags for Heroes this weekend at the Spring NEC.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution 6 – Spring 2022

Title: Flying Flags for Heroes

Origin: Americanism Commission

Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S6

Maker: Keith Murdough (NH)

Second: Paul Hayse (IL)

Discussion: There was none.

Action: The motion carried.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Paul Hayse reported on the Flying Flags for Heroes. There is a lot of activity going on with this program. A lot of activity for this planned for Memorial Day Weekend. California Boys State will be participating in the Flying Flags for Heroes this year. SAL Members when doing this event need to be wearing their covers.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Commission. Introduced his Vice Commanders for the upcoming year. Thanked the Chairman and the Commission for all of their hard work. Smooth transitions are the key to the success for the Sons.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Joseph R. Navarrete (NM, 2023) _____ adjourned the meeting at 10:46 am .



Children and Youth Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Circle East Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman James A. Noble (NJ). The opening prayer was given by Matt Thalasinios, Det. Chaplain (NJ). The pledge was led by Terry Harris (KS). The Preamble was led by Chris Sherman (WI).

Roll Call:

Chairman: <u>James A. Noble (NJ)</u>	Members: <u>John Lawrence (LA)</u>
Secretary: <u>Robert J. Avery (NY)</u>	<u>Terry Harris (KS)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison: <u>Christopher Sherman (WI)</u>	<u>John Mejia (CA) - Excused</u>
	<u>Christopher Sherman (WI)</u>

Guests: James Coates (NY), Sean Deiter (PA), John M. Wright (CT), Matt Thalasinios (NJ), Paul A. Hayse (IL), Joe Lohman (MD), Gary Lang (OH), H. Larry Steele (MT), Butch Ray (IL), David Hanson (IN), Dave Hullihen (MD), Ronnie Grist (GA), Charles Curtis (CA), Gregory A. Falco (NY).

Chairman Noble reported that the Committee has been having regular Zoom meetings since the last NEC meeting.

Reports of Members:

John Lawrence (LA) reported on COTA. The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is the premier organization providing fundraising assistance to transplant families. COTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so funds raised to help meet transplant expenses are not considered income for families. COTA also works with individuals of any age with single-gene disorders such as Polycystic Kidney Disease, Cystic Fibrosis or Sickle Cell Disease. COTA’s services and guidance are provided at no charge to transplant families. 100% of each contribution made to COTA in honor of patients helps meet transplant-related expenses, and gifts to COTA are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. COTA funds can be used for transplant-related expenses that include lodging, transportation, household expenses, prescription medications, insurance premiums, living donor costs and much more. John also provided the 2021 financials for COTA.

Chris Sherman (WI) reported that he is still working with the 128th Air Refueling Wing of the National Guard for our C&Y Academy at National Convention. As of Friday April 29, 2022, word was received from the 128th Command staff that we will be notified by next Thursday May 5, 2022 if we can hold this event at their facilities. Chris will keep the Committee informed of their decision. He does have a plan B in place if not accepted. Our Legion family will be contacted to see if they would be interested in attending our academy.

Terry Harris (KS) gave his report. As an organization the Sons of The American Legion has crossed over the 9 million dollar amount in donations to CWF. We all need to pat each other on the back, enjoy the achievement, and then get back to work. Total CWF donations this year is \$349,577 from all of The American Legion family. The Sons have donated \$182,045 which represents 52% of all donations. The CWF booth at the National Convention will have many items for sale that also help with the fundraising. From shirts to emergency phone chargers, they always have a wide variety of CWF branded items.

Chairman Noble read John Mejia’s (CA) submitted report as follows. Gentlemen, as April comes to a close we will be exiting Children and Youth month. Our goals for children and youth should be for every day of the year, with every squadron doing their utmost best to demonstrate what it means to be a member of our Sons of The American Legion. Our upcoming program of the Ten ideals should be the perfect tool for our youth to understand what it will take to be a future leader of the Sons.

We must cultivate and educate. Today’s youth is tomorrow’s veteran, yes we must remember our veterans and their children. We members of The American Legion family must provide, demonstrate and support activities for their children. Most military bases have a Family Readiness Officer (FRO) who would welcome our support for their military and children.

Chairman Jim Noble noted April is Children and Youth month. The following letter was forwarded out through the National Vice Commanders who then forwarded it out to the Detachments.



One of the four pillars of The American Legion is Children and Youth. Since 1938, the month of April has been designated as Children and Youth month. Take the time and support our children and youth. While there are so many great programs to choose from, please pick two to three and adopt them into your Squadron, District and Detachment programs. The activities of each event should be promoted and publicized. The Sons of The American Legion can help by hosting a child or youth themed event within their communities.

Children represent the future of our nation. It is up to us to help them with knowledge, leadership skills and a commitment of service for our Veterans. This knowledge will help to make them productive adult citizens in the future. For more information, please go to The American Legion website at www.legion.org. Please keep your eyes open for more details about our Children and Youth programs and please donate generously to the various Children and Youth programs. Our National Children and Youth Committee is working hard to promote this program and we thank our blue cap members for their support.

There was no old business to come before the Committee.

New Business:

Chairman Noble noted that the National Convention Youth room has been renamed to the National Children and Youth Academy. All children will be invited, both boys and girls. There will be many activities. It is hoped that we may have as many as 50 in attendance. Certificates and medals will be presented to the participants.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Ronnie Grist (GA) reported on the SAL Camp they have in his Detachment. They had a flag retirement ceremony last year. They will have the 5 Star-10 Ideal program this year. It will be called Junior Leadership Camp this year. SAL and Junior Auxiliary members will participate.

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee, thanking them for their hard work and to focus on the goals lying ahead of us.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. He knows the Committee has been hard at work and has listened in on a few of the Zoom meetings.

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don "J.R." Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. The dedication of the committee is second to none.

Closing:

The closing prayer was given by Matt Thalasinis, Det. Chaplain (NJ).

With no further business to consider _____ Chairman James A. Noble (NJ) _____ adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm .



Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Ohio Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Mark E. Nave (PA).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Mark E. Nave (PA)</u>	Members:	<u>Lyle Chapman (GA)</u>
Secretary:	<u>Scott A. Williams (VA)</u>		<u>George Fleming, Jr. (PA)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Maxwell Rice (FR)</u>		<u>Sanford Lipman (MI) - Excused</u>
			<u>Jon Coakley, II (OH)</u>

Guests: Greg Spaulding (IN), William Yeagy (MD), Phil Stander (IL), Steve England (VT), Henry Cleveland (VT), Don Hall, Jr. (MD – Second Leading Candidate for National Commander), Tom Deal (MD), Casey Lenort (MN), Joseph Navarrete (NM), Doug Evans (KS), Mark Nataly (NJ)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Nave declared the minutes of the Fall 2021 meeting approved as published.

Chairman Nave – It is mighty fine to be \$9 for raising cumulatively \$9 million for CWF. Thanked everyone. \$182,045 in donations through the last Cross Tab Report. Sons have raised 52% of all donations for this year.

The Detachment that pushed CWF over \$9 million will be announced at the Sunday NEC meeting.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Mark Nave – West Region: As of last report, all Detachments have made donations to CWF. They have successfully linked Membership to CWF donations in fundraising for CWF.

Lyle Chapman – Midwest Region: Colorado raised \$16,000. 9 of 11 Detachments have donated. CWF items available for sale at the NEC this weekend as well as plans for CWF merchandise for the National Convention.

George Fleming, Jr – East Region: Number 1 for the nation. PA is leading the East.

Sanford Lipman – Central Region: Central Region report via Mark Nave, for Sanford Lipman. The recent conference call. 4th district of Indiana did their Pig races and donated \$5,770 for CWF pushing the CWF donations over the \$9M mark.

Jon Coakley, II – Southern Region: Only 2 Detachments have not donated. Southern region is 3rd in the nation. Discussed a Fundraising Handbook for CWF. Encouraged fundraising ideas from the region. Thanked the Southern region for their hard work.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

2022 merchandise – Pad Folios (\$25), CWF Dog Pin (\$10) available later. Purple CWF Shirt and Black, Camp Shirts will be available at Convention. Coins \$5, denim shirts \$20, and blue polo shirts \$20. New piggy banks are smaller and can be requested from National Headquarters.

Fundraising year ends May 31. Donations can be made either online or by mail by May 31. Reminder when Department checks are sent to provide detail as to what Squadrons made the donations. For Squadrons that donate, please remember to have Squadrons complete the 100% Ribbon form by June 1.



CWF 2022-23 Grant Applications now being accepted. Encouraged the attendees to fund non profits to apply for Grants. CWF will get the Grant finalists for review. Awards will be decided at the Fall NEC and awards announced after the Fall NEC.

Fundraising Template discussed. Asking for ideas from those in attendance at the meeting. Various ideas were discussed for fundraisers for CWF.

Corporate Sponsorship – working with the Legion Marketing Committee to seek Corporate Sponsorship. This is an option at this current time. Chairman is seeking input from the attendees of this meeting.

National Convention Award – certificate will be provided at National for those Squadrons that donate to CWF. The cost of the plaque/certificate would be paid by the Legion.

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution S9 – Spring 2022
Title: Child Welfare Donation of \$5,000 from the 2022 Budget
Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee
Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S9
Maker: George Ken Fleming (PA)
Second: Jon Coakley (OH)
Discussion: There was none.
Action: The motion carried.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. Mighty fine to be at \$9 million. It would be great to be make \$10 million. He is encouraging everyone to be involved in the Strategic Plan at our 90th Anniversary.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. Extended greetings and thanked everyone. Promoted the idea of the Fundraising Template. CWF is our Flagship program.

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. Thanked everyone for being here and continuing to support CWF.

Joseph Navarrete – Americanism Chairman – Thanked everyone for the fundraising efforts for CWF.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Mark E. Nave (PA) adjourned the meeting
at 7:05_ pm .



Finance Commission

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Internal Affairs Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle Centre Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman William M. Clancy, III (NY, 2022).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>William M. Clancy, III (NY, 2022)</u>	Members:	<u>Steve Gower, Sr. (VA, 2023)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MD, 2022)</u>		<u>Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer (IN, 2024) Excused</u>
Secretary:	<u>Ed Sheubrooks (FL)</u>		<u>Kenneth Sutton (CA, 2024)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Joseph Wysochanski, Jr. (PA)</u>		<u>John Cook (NH, 2024)</u>

Guests: Raymond Jarvis (NY), Greg Spaulding (IN), Bob Philips Jr. (NJ), David Lee (NY), John Wright (CT), William Kelly (FL), Jim Roberts (FL), Ned Fox (CA), Gary Lang (OH), Roy Willen (MI), Chuck Gannon (MD), Camille Lejeune (LA), Chris Affolter (AR), William Murphy (MA).

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Clancy declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Committee(s):

Convention Committee – Chairman Allen Watry (WI) gave his report.

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MD) made a motion to accept the Convention Committee report; seconded by Ken Sutton (CA). The motion carried.

Member Training & Development Committee – Chairman Mike Monserud (IA) gave his report.

Steve Gower, Sr. (VA) made a motion to accept the MT&D Committee report, minus the resolution; seconded by Ken Sutton (CA). The motion carried.

Steve Gower, Sr. (VA) made a motion to accept Resolution NEC2022-S3; seconded by Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MD). The motion carried.

Membership Committee – Chairman Thom Skelley (TX) gave his report.

Ken Sutton (CA) made a motion to accept the Membership Committee report, minus the resolution; seconded by Steve Gower, Sr. (VA). The motion carried.

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MD) made a motion to accept Resolution NEC2022-S7; seconded by Ken Sutton (CA). The motion carried.

50th Convention Commemoration Committee – Chairman Joe Gladden (MD) gave his report.

Steve Gower, Sr. (VA) made motion to accept the 50th Convention Commemoration Committee report, seconded by Ken Sutton (CA). The motion carried.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Bill Clancy: Reported on the Commission's Work-In-Progress Topics.

- 1) Topics for improvements: How National Appointees are notified of their appointment.
Improving Communication, Codifying the progress, Increase the prestige via an announcement, and current status.



- 2) "Engage New Members to increase Enthusiasm & Retention"
 - Provide some level amount of information about the SAL to new members, Get the word out to the Squadron Adjutant. Introduce a welcome package for new members via emblem sales.
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- 3) "About The SAL" How we describe who we are and what we do.
 - The SAL web-tab "About US" page describes "The SAL Exists to Honor the Service & Sacrifice of Legionnaires"- A true but not all-encompassing statement. A more comprehensive statement could help attract new members while also engage and help focus current members. The IA and Public Relations Commissions have agreed to work together to better define who we are and what we do. There will be a joint meeting in this regard on Saturday afternoon after the Flying Flags for Heroes cemetery visit.

Old Business:

There were no items presented.

New Business:

There were no items presented.

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution 1 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Christopher Carlton (IN) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Indiana
Motion: Receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S1
Maker: Ken Sutton (CA)
Second: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 2 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Donald Hall, Jr. (MD) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Maryland
Motion: Receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S2
Maker: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Second: Ken Sutton (CA)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 3 – Spring 2022
Title: Sons of The American Legion Training Program
Origin: National Member Training and Development Committee
Motion: Accept to S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S3.
Maker: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Second: Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MA)
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 4 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of David Mennel (MI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Michigan
Motion: Receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S4
Maker: Larry "Bear" Weinzirl (MD)
Second: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.



No. S.A.L. Resolution 5 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Joseph Navarrete (NM) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of New Mexico
Motion: Receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S5
Maker: Larry “Bear” Weinzirl (MD)
Second: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 7 – Spring 2022
Title: Add Inactive Category to the Squadron Data Reports Roster
Origin: Membership Committee
Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S7
Maker: Ken Sutton (CA)
Second: Steve Gower, Sr. (VA)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Commission.

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Commission.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman William M. Clancy, III (NY, 2022) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 11:25 am .



Convention Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Ohio Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Allen J. Watry (WI).

Right hand salute, National Chaplin Jeffrey L. Gibson, Sr. gave opening prayer.

Roll Call:

Chairman: <u>Allen J. Watry (WI, 2022)</u>	Members: <u>Brandon Curry (KY, 2020) Excused</u>
Secretary: <u>Harold Thompson (NE)</u>	<u>Charles E. Treat, II (AZ, 2021) Excused</u>
N.E.C. Liaison: <u>Terry Pressley (NC)</u>	<u>Christopher Byrd (NC, 2023)</u>
	<u>Tommy Vassar, Jr. (LA, 2024)</u>

Guests: James Coates (NY), David Dilts (OH), Chris Sherman (WI), H Larry Steele (MT), David Hanson (IN), Joe Wysochanski (PA), Terry Pressley (NC), Kevin Chaplin (VA), Jeffrey L Gibson, National Chaplain (AL), Michael Fox National Commander (CA) Frank Meraz, Jr National Commander Aide (CA), Shawn Davis (MN), Daniel Maurin (LA), Jay Cook (OK), Casey Lenort (MN), Scott Merrill (NA)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Watry declared the minutes of the October 1, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Allen Watry (WI, 2022): The Convention pin design is completed and placed on order. They will sell then for \$5.00 each at a table at Convention. Each Official Delegate to the convention will be giving one pin. There may also set-up an informal Meet/Greet for the Wisconsin Delegation which anyone would be welcome to stop by, will share as this develops. Saturday Children & Youth Academy is coordinate with the Children & Youth Committee, Still hoping to include a field trip to the 128 Refueling Wing. Teach the 10 ideals program. On Saturday Afternoon working with the 50th commemoration on the banquet at 2:00pm. Then on Sunday afternoon there will Be The American Legion Family Picnic at the War Memorial Park instead of a parade. See The American Legion National Convention Web Page for more information and to pre-register. Working to have the longest Wisconsin Detachment member at the Convention. Help the national Chaplain for the Memorial Service, if support is needed, (identifying local talents for portions of the program.

Brandon Curry (KY, 2020): EX

Chuck Treat, II (AZ, 2021): EX

Christopher Byrd (NC, 2023): They will be starting at their June Convention for planning the 2023 National Convention

Tommy Vassar, Jr. (LA, 2024): They will be starting at the June meeting for the 2024 National Convention.

Report of 50th Convention Commemoration Committee:

No report.

Old Business:

At the Dinner having a youth room was brought up for the youth members for they would not have to sit through the hole dinner.

New Business:

None

Resolutions:

None



For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. This is the 50th Convention but also the 90th year of the Sons of the American Legion let's make it a Grand ordeals

Closing: Prayer by National Chaplain Jeffrey L. Gibson, Sr. Right hand salute was render.

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Allen J. Watry (WI, 2022) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 8:04 pm .



Member Training and Development Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Circle West Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Michael D. Monserud (IA).

Roll Call:

Chairman: <u>Michael D. Monserud (IA)</u>	Members: <u>Mike Cotten (DE)</u>
Secretary: <u>Scott J. Thornton (OH)</u>	<u>Chris Casey (NE) – Excused</u>
N.E.C. Liaison: <u>Juan Cruz-Rodriguez (PR)</u>	<u>Tom Marsden (NJ)</u>
	<u>Scott Baker (PA)</u>

Guests: Rich Kilby (CT); Seth Rippe (NE); Cliff Boyer (PA); Tim Conway (OH); John Robinson (OH); David Lee (NY); David Rippe (NE); Bob Brown (GA); Casey Lenort (MN); Bernie Kessler (OH); Shawn Davis (MN); Carl Albern, Jr. (NJ); Larry “Bear” Weinzirl (MD); Daniel Maurin (LA); Bill Clancy, III (NY); PNC Byron Robichaux (LA); Joseph Navarrete (NM)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Monserud declared the minutes of the October 1, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Mike Monserud: In the last six months the Committee has revamped the Commanders and Adjutants Class and the National Management Institute classes, and developed a new NEC Class that will start at the Fall 2022 meeting. It will be open to all Sons members. The Commanders Class will switch to Friday (morning?) at the National Convention with PNC Joe Gladden as the instructor. The final time will be announced before the convention.

Tomorrow’s NMI-1 class tomorrow will be the last group to go through the current program. The Committee is planning to develop an “S.A.L. University” modeled after The American Legion College program. It will be 2 ½ days during the week in the Spring, starting in 2024. Some of the old NMI content will be included along with a lot of new material. Chairman Monserud is planning to have completion of The American Legion Basic Training as a requirement before attending the new program.

Old Business:

There was no old business to come before the Committee.

New Business:

The majority of the meeting’s discussion centered around the development of the new S.A.L. training program. Chairman Monserud encouraged everyone to contact him with ideas about it to help make it as valuable as possible.

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution 3 – Spring 2022
 Title: Sons of The American Legion Training Program
 Origin: Member Training and Development Committee
 Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S3
 Maker: Tom Marsden (NJ)
 Second: Mike Cotten (DE)
 Discussion: None.
 Action: The motion carried.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. He congratulated all the members of the Committee for all of the work they’ve completed thus far this year. After asking them to overhaul many of our programs they have really



succeeded for the benefit of our organization. We are developing new and needed programs for our members to further our growth. We will all be better for their efforts and he called on them to continue to keep up the efforts.

Chief of Staff – East Bob Brown (GA) addressed the Committee. He spoke about the challenge coins he has presented to many Committee members and all of them in MT&D. One of the programs he is most pleased about is the new NEC Training Program and its importance for our members. He praised this year’s Committee as the most successful he could think of in 40 years.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. He thanked the Committee for the changes they’ve made in the training materials this year.

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. He thanked everyone present for giving their own time to being here to help the organization grow. Training our members is a big part of that effort.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Michael D. Monserud (IA) adjourned the meeting
at 7:30 pm .



Membership Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Panorama Ballroom of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Thomas P. Skelley (TX).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Thomas P. Skelley (TX)</u>		
Secretary:	<u>Jeffrey E. Hicks (NJ)</u>		
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Robert "John" Clark (WA)</u>		
Members:	<u>[E] Ernie Laberge (MA)</u>	National Vice Cdrs.:	<u>[E] Richard "Dickie" Huntley, Sr. (ME)</u>
	<u>[S] Ron Roberts (MS)</u>		<u>[S] Jason S. Roberts (GA)</u>
	<u>[C] David Mennell (MI)</u>		<u>[C] Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH)</u>
	<u>[M] Mike Kirschner (CO)</u>		<u>[M] Juan R. Torres (TX)</u>
	<u>[W] Jack Youngs (ID)</u>		<u>[W] Leslie J. "Jim" Stewart (NV)</u>

Guests: Nick Arceo (CO), William D. (Bill) Kelly (FL), Tom Klinger (FL), Scott Merrill (NH), Marc Chaney (OR), Gene H. Therox (MA), Robert Bristo (MN), Steven Cox (PA), Jeff Van Horn (IL), Jeff Trout (IL), Wallie Weld (CO), Tom Glender (AL), R. John Clark (WA), Sean Brandon (CA), Dennis K. Albright (OH), James R. Fischer (CA), Larry Horne (OR), Peter DeAngelis (NY), Raymond Jarvis (NY), Paul Rush (IN), David Ridenour (IN), Doug Haucock (OH), Ned Fox (CA), Eugene Sacco, PNC (CA), Joe Mayne, PNC (MN), Camille A. LeJeune, Jr., NEC (LA), William Clancy, III (NY), JR Hall (MD), Tom Deal (MD), Chris Carlton (IN), and Michael Fox, NC (CA)

Invocation:

Prayer given by Jim Fischer (CA).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by NVC Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH).

Recitation of Preamble to SAL National Constitution:

Led by Ernie Laberge (MA).

Corporate Blue Star Banner Recognition:

Chairman Skelley (TX) presented the banner.

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Skelley (TX) noted one (1) correction: The West's Region Report on page 2 of the October 1, 2021, Minutes was given by NVC Stewart (NV) and National Membership Committee Member Jack Youngs (ID), **not** Matt Griffis (AZ). David Mennell (MI) made a motion to approve the October 1, 2021 Minutes with the noted correction. Ernie Laberge (MA) seconded the motion. Discussion – none. Hearing none, Chairman Skelley (TX) declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Thom Skelley: No formal report was filed.

East Region Reports

Chairman Ernie Laberge: Deferred to NVC Huntley.

NVC Dickie Huntley, Sr.: Stated that Chairman Laberge has done a fine job rallying membership in the East. The work has paid off this year and it has showed! Very rare to see the Eastern Region out in front on membership! Three (3) Detachments have already surpassed 100%. Ten (10) others are very close to 100%.

South Region Reports

Chairman Ron Roberts: Deferred to NVC Jason Roberts.



NVC Jason Roberts: Noted that if you look at the National SAL Membership Report, Puerto Rico has the highest percentage at 132%! NVC Roberts applauded Puerto Rico on a fine job! All the regions are in a very tight run! It is the hope that the South will be back on top by national convention. Much thanks to ALL the blue cappers!

Central Region Reports

Chairman David Mennel: Submitted a written report as attached.

NVC Jeff Vrabel, Sr.: Noted the most recent National SAL Membership Report that was published reflected that both the South and Central Regions were at an exact tie of 93.95%. A very singular occurrence!

Midwest Region Reports

Chairman Mike Kirschner: Submitted a written report as attached.

NVC Juan Torres: Deferred to Chairman Kirschner.

West Region Reports

Chairman Jack Youngs: Submitted a written report as attached. Jim Fisher (CA) was announced as Membership Chairman for the Western Region for the 2022-23 SAL administrative year.

NVC Jim Stewart: Deferred to Chairman Youngs.

Old Business:

Chairman Skelley (TX) announced the **Commander of the Year Award** that was accepted by the NEC and The American Legion will be presented at the 2022 National Convention. Due to the confidentiality of the award winner, the Membership Committee would enter Executive Session at the end of today's regular meeting. The members of the Committee would review the nominations and decide on the winner. In addition, the Committee would review the **Detachment Recruitment Award**, created via a resolution in 2019.

Marc Chaney (OR) questioned the status of the **proposed SAL Paid Up For Life (PUFL) program**. Chairman Skelley (TX) replied that further study was needed to determine its feasibility. However, very little input was received when recent inquires were sent out to the Detachments. So we need volunteers to step-up to help research and investigate such a program to determine if it could well in the SAL, perpetually. National Commander Fox (CA) is willing to appoint an ad hoc committee if enough volunteers express interest. Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH) volunteered to serve on the PUFL ad hoc committee, if created. Dennis K. Albright (OH) also volunteered to serve. Chairman Skelley (TX) stated volunteers should email him if they are interested to serve on a PUFL ad hoc committee.

Internal Affairs Chairman Bill Clancy, III (NY) offered general words of wisdom to the Membership Committee.

Strategic Plan Priorities

- Paid Up for Life Program; Chairman will follow up on this to see that we are moving forward and will be in contact with Committee members on his findings.
- Collection of email addresses: This is a work in progress.
- Annual Squadron Data Report: This needs to be filled out to enable legion.org to work for online renewals.

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- Online membership renewals
- Chairman Skelley (TX) reported that there has been written notice sent to The American Legion requesting "read only" access for Regional Chairmen and National Chairman to mylegion.org/Personify.

Annual Squadron Data Report dues details required for the Squadron to get their per capita back.

New Business:

Chairman Skelley (TX) discussed **Resolutions 7 and 8 listed below**. NVC Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH) drafted Resolution 8. It was in review by The American Legion, who is restructuring its Target Dates as well. If Resolution 8 is approved by the



SAL National Membership Committee at this meeting, it would then be presented to the SAL NEC for adoption this weekend. If that holds true, it is the opinion of The American Legion that it will hold Resolution 8 for further study.

Chairman Skelley (TX) opened the floor to discussion on Resolution 7. NVC Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH) suggested the charter revocation period for inactive squadrons begins after three (3) years of inactivity. However, the emphasis should always be revitalization. Remember, it is a lot harder to apply for a new charter than it is to reactivate a dormant squadron. Chairman Skelley (TX) agreed with NVC Richard “Dickie” Huntley, Sr. (ME) that the proceedings to revoke a squadron charter are left to the sponsoring Legion Post on a voluntary basis.

Jack Youngs (ID) noted that Posts can apply for war memorial grants and perhaps it could assist with the maintenance of a deteriorating Post in Maine that was mentioned by Chairman Skelley (TX). Gene H. Therox (MA) shared his experience with coordinating a community preservation project in conjunction with a Westfield, Massachusetts, Post.

NEC Camille A. LeJeune, Jr. (LA) received a list of inactive Louisiana squadrons from former SAL National Liaison Ken George back in November 2021. Camille worked that list and planned to return thirty-nine (39) SAL charters at the Spring 2022 NEC Meeting. Of those thirty-nine (39) charters, thirteen (13) had not appeared on Pico, where the Posts had already closed but the squadrons were still listed. So, there are some complications. Some of those Posts had not been active since the 1930s!

PNC Eugene Sacco (CA) remarked on inactive SAL charters. He inquired as to how many inactive charters are there nationwide. Chairman Skelley (TX) believed that Brian Compton had told him there are about 1,200 inactive charters across the nation. Raymond Jarvis (NY) noted there are about 300 inactive charters in the Detachment of New York. PNC Sacco questioned if there would be a process in place at National Headquarters to pull the known inactive squadrons after three (3) years. Chairman Skelley (TX) stated that some discussion has been had as to who that burden would fall on, however he did not think National would take on this responsibility. The Membership Committee had discussed this process before and the consensus was either the Department or Detachment Adjutant would lead this effort.

PNC Joe Mayne (MN) noted that National staff will take on the above referenced task if the SAL asks them to do it. PNC Sacco (CA) agreed and went on to elaborate that National now has two (2) staff members that are solely dedicated to SAL business. Therefore, we should utilize their resources. Chairman Skelley (TX) agreed and thanked the PNCs for their advice. Kevin Mook is the new National SAL Liaison (his sole responsibility is the SAL, dedicating his full attention to the program) and Brian Compton is Kevin’s administrative assistant.

PNC Eugene Sacco (CA) noted that starting in the 2022-23 SAL administrative year, CENTCOM will advise ALL SAL commissions and committees to focus on just one (1) project within their respective commission or committee so that their particular project can be completed within 12 months. This will prevent stretching the SAL too thin in any given year.

Dennis K. Albright (OH) suggested that dialogue regrading inactive squadrons begin at the district levels. PNC Mayne (MN) could understand why a member from Ohio would suggest such a thing at the national level since Ohio has a very established structure. However, the challenge revealed from the recent reorganization of the SAL is that not many detachments can do what comrade Albright suggests. National will have to drive the message down to the squadron level.

Bill Kelly (FL) reported the Detachment of Florida had been scrubbing its squadron charters over the past few years. He explained the process they use to work in tandem with their department leadership to thin out inactive squadrons. Their review occurs every 3 to 4 years.

NEC Camille A. LeJeune, Jr. (LA) elaborated on the Detachment of Louisiana’s approach to reviewing/reactivating inactive squadrons. He reiterated that Louisiana would be canceling 39 squadrons at the Spring 2022 NEC meeting. Chairman Skelley (TX) was saddened to learn such news but understood the need to cancel.

Jeff Van Horn (IL) went through the inactive squadrons list recently sent by National Headquarters. He noticed that some squadrons had been deactivated at the local level years ago but National had not processed the cancellations. Perhaps



National could do a better job of cleaning up that list so it reflects a more accurate status. Chairman Skelley (TX) reiterated that National will look into cleaning up the list now that the SAL has dedicated staff members.

Chairman Skelley (TX) challenged the meeting attendees to speak with their respective members about paying their dues in July each year, well before December. A few years back, the National Membership Committee proposed designating November as national renewal month, which falls in nicely with Veterans Day. What better way to honor your family member's military service on Veterans Day than to join/renew membership in the SAL. Chairman Skelley (TX) also went into the importance of renewals, and that as of April 2022 our renewal rate was 82%. He had concern as to the fate of the other 18%. Would those members come back, or had we lost them? **It is imperative that phone calls be made to check-in on our members!**

At this time, Chairman Skelley (TX) presented **2021 100% Blue Ribbons** to those Detachments that had achieved 100% membership by December 31, 2021. The honorees included: South Dakota, Hawaii, North Carolina, Philippines, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Idaho, Rhode Island, Iowa, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Arizona, Connecticut, and North Dakota.

The Membership Committee reviewed nominations for Squadron Commander of the Year and the Detachment Recruitment Award criteria.

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution 7 – Spring 2022

Title: Add Incentive Category to the Squadron Data Reports Roster

Origin: Membership Committee

Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S7

Maker: Mike Kirschner (CO)

Second: Leslie J. "Jim" Stewart (NV)

Discussion: None.

Action: **Ten (10) Yes:** Ernie Laberge (MA), Ron Roberts (MS), David Mennell (MI), Mike Kirschner (CO), Jack Youngs (ID), Richard "Dickie" Huntley, Sr. (ME), Jason S. Roberts (GA), Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Juan R. Torres (TX), and Leslie J. "Jim" Stewart (NV). **The motion carried.** Chairman Skelley (TX) did not vote since there was no tie. Resolution 7 will be forwarded to the Subcommittee on Resolutions and it was filed with National Adjutant Wright (PA).

No. S.A.L. Resolution 8 – Spring 2022

Title: Revising National Target Dates

Origin: Membership Committee

Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S8

Maker: Jeffrey M. Vrabel, Sr. (OH)

Second: Jason S. Roberts (GA)

Discussion: Ron Roberts (MS) expressed concerned with a Whereas clause that states, "with the dates remaining unchanged in the future." The concern being the organization might want to change the dates in the future. Chairman Skelley (TX) agreed with the concern. Ron believes that language should be deleted or rephrased. Mike Kirschner (CO) had concern with the tightest in windows of time between target dates. Could Detachments mail their membership transmittals to national in such a quick turn around? Bill Kelly (FL) asked for confirmation that this resolution would be held for study if it was approved by the Membership Committee. Chairman Skelley (TX) replied that the Legion would indeed hold the resolution for further study. Dennis K. Albright (OH) inquired if the language raised by Ron Roberts (MS) could be revised to say, "subject to change." Chairman Skelley (TX) replied in the affirmative that any language in the resolution could be changed, if the Committee so decides.

Action: **Four (4) Yes:** Jim Stewart (NV), Jason Roberts (GA), Jeffrey Vrabel (OH), and Dave Mennel (MI). **Six (6) No:** Jack Youngs (ID), Richard "Dickie" Huntley, Sr. (ME), Ernie Laberge (MA), Mike Kirschner (CO), Juan R. Torres (TX), and Ron Roberts (MS). **The motion was defeated.** Chairman Skelley (TX) did not vote since there was no tie.



For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. The Commander needs everybody’s help. The membership needs to be more united. We need to spread the word of what we are doing. The SAL will celebrate its 50th Annual Convention in Milwaukee, WI, in August 2022. A big milestone in the history of the organization! 2022 also marks the 90th Anniversary of the SAL’s founding. In 10 years, we will turn 100 years young! Where do see us then? CENTCOM is working on a strategic plan to guide the organization into the future. Several focus groups will be held this weekend to help inform CENTCOM. The Commander charged those in attendance when they receive an SAL email seeking input about a future decision to please share that email with other members to maximize the feedback. We need everybody’s involvement! We should strive for 1 million members. Commander Fox (CA) concluded his remarks by telling Chairman Skelley (TX) to keep up the fantastic work with membership!

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. He declared the hardest job in the SAL organization is membership. We must promote the SAL and explain to prospective members why they should belong and stay involved by renewing their membership. It is vitally important to share information from national down to the local levels and vice versa. Chris believes membership will achieve its goals by national convention. He encouraged everybody in the meeting to keep up the great work and continue their passion for the SAL!

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. He was pleased with the SAL membership numbers, considering the SAL is coming off two (2) challenging years with the Covid-19 pandemic. JR reminded the attendees that membership recruitment and retention never ends. We must always strive the meet or exceed our membership goals, for membership is the lifeblood of the organization. He thanked Chairman Skelley (TX) for his leadership in guiding the Membership Committee this year. JR has sat in on numerous Membership conference calls and knows firsthand the amount of effort the Committee has put forth this year. It is greatly appreciated! Please keep us the impressive work! He closed his remarks by reminding everybody in the meeting to share the information received this weekend back within their detachments and disseminate to the local blue cap members.

Jim Fischer (CA) introduced the Detachment of California’s Junior Vice Commander, who will stepping into Senior Vice Commander next year and will serve as their membership chairman, he’s 18 years of age, most likely the youngest member in the room, Mr. Sean Brandon (CA). The audience applauded.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Thomas P. Skelley (TX) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 8:08 pm .



50th Convention Commemoration Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on April 29, 2022 in the Panorama B Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman PNC Joseph W. Gladden (MD).

Roll Call:

<p>Chairman: <u>PNC Joseph W. Gladden (MD)</u></p> <p>Vice Chairman: <u>Charles E. Treat, II (AZ)</u></p> <p>Secretary: <u>Charles E. Treat, II (AZ)</u></p> <p>N.E.C. Liaison: <u>William "Buster" Sutterlin (OH)</u></p>	<p>Members: <u>PNC Robert McBride (OH) - Excused</u></p> <p><u>PNC Christopher Cerullo (NY) - Absent</u></p> <p><u>PNC J.R. Stillwell (IL)</u></p> <p><u>AADJ Robert J. Avery (NY) - Excused</u></p> <p><u>HIST Bill Towns, Jr. (OH)</u></p> <p><u>PNC David Faust (WI)</u></p> <p><u>PNC Michael Seaton (CA)</u></p> <p><u>PNC David Stephens (IN)</u></p> <p><u>PNC Robert Faust (CA)</u></p>
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Guests: Joe Wysochawski (PA), William Murphy (MA), Kevin Chaplin (VA), Allen Watry (WI), Jeffrey Gibson - National Chaplain (AL), Tommy Vassig (LA), Don Hall - 2nd Leading Candidate (MD), Tom Deal (MD), Dave Vulcan (MN), Jay Cook (OK), Chris Carlton - Leading Candidate (IN), Mike Fox -National Commander (CA), Frank Meraz -National Commanders Aide (CA).

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Gladden declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman PNC Joe Gladden: A lengthy review of the major areas in detail for the following areas: Saturday Banquet, Banquet Menus and selections, The 50th Convention Book overview, the production and display of "The Wall" commemorating the Sons and 50 years of National Convention meetings and progress, Consideration of placing a banner for use as a back drop for convention photo backdrop, the coins and artwork used a "signature" for the 50 Commemorative Convention events, and invitations and tickets for the banquet. Ken was to get samples for Invitations for consideration.

A short discussion indicated interest in producing a video through the Public Media & Communications Commission that would entail clips and memories by Past National Commanders in a two-to-three-minute video shorts. The video would be played during the Convention General Sessions and during the banquet. Video clip will be conducted tomorrow with various PNCs.

A special letter of invite to an unnamed SAL member in Milwaukee who is celebrating 81 years of membership will be drafted and sent to him requesting him to present as a Special Guest of the Banquet.

We are still researching having banners produced to be placed behind the stage and at the banquet event.

The Banquet will be held at the Hilton starting at 2:00pm across from the Convention Center.

The Dinner Tickets distribution will be discussed later, however, the selection of dinner choice of Meat, Chicken or Fish is suggested a color-coded Dinner Ticket for their selected choice. How the tickets are distributed will be discussed later. With a brief discussion, the selection of Salmon will be the Fish preference available for the banquet.

A suggestion: the committee needs to check with the Legion about projected artwork on the ceiling and walls using the coin artwork. The discussion needs to involve what we need to provide for the filters and how many would be available for the banquet.

We are working on a list of names for Keynote speakers as suggested by Gene Sacco and Joe Mayne.

The Bar for the Banquet will be a "No-Host" Bar (cash bar).

Vice Chairman Chuck Treat, II: Suggested the book prepress production staff be given latitude to use their talents to complete the layouts for a visually effective layout. Too many constraints will limit the opportunities for a visual pleasing project utilizing their talents.



David Faust: What do we have for table center pieces? Consideration in using the 50th coin as an art piece and follow-up with the hotel for coordinating those center pieces in the banquet set-up.

HIST Bill Towns, Jr.: A summary of where the 50th Commemorative book was on information gathering and preparation for the hand-off for layout and prepress proofs to be set. Detailed list of the annual artwork for each Convention lists two remaining convention year pins were missing for the years 2003 and 2008. Materials were being scanned and there is more to archive after the convention has concluded. This is important as we will need to start archiving our history before it is no longer available to us. We will be repeating this process in 5 to 10 years for the next benchmark. The Committee still has a few Past National commanders we need to have completed questionnaires returned. The closing efforts of the Committee needs to include archiving suggestions for the work product to date.

PNC David Faust: Discussed how the tickets would be “sold” and distributed for the dinner selections (meat, chicken or fish) and gave suggestions on the process for the banquet. Decision not final and suggestions would be offered at the next Committee Conference Call.

Background music for the medley of the service songs and simple background music. A local SON may be interested in providing this at no cost, but would like assistance in parking and access costs.

PNC David Stephens: Proposed we have decorations as guests enter the banquet hall, something like balloons or something to signal an “arrival.” Further research to discuss on Conference Calls.

Old Business:

There was no old business to come before the Committee.

New Business:

A motion made for setting the price at \$45 per banquet ticket made by David Faust and seconded by Chuck Treat. After discussion, there were no objections, the motion was approved.

Resolutions:

There were no resolutions to consider.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. Go Big! This convention is a huge milestone for our organization. What can we do to make this the best, ever? The more people involved the better – working together. What follows this convention? What work from this convention will be used in our next milestone? The work done to date is amazing, thank you.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. I am looking forward to this Convention and all your hard work you have invested to make the 50th Convention a memorable one. Sometimes our volunteers are working so diligently and they/you should be reminded of all the great work you do for this convention and all our efforts over the years.

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. I have been on some of your calls and have enjoyed listening the committee work through the solutions. I am excited about the 50th Anniversary Convention and excited about the work you have completed to date. I am also excited about so many people on the Committee working hard to make this next Convention a success. Keep doing the good work and I look forward to the success.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman PNC Joseph W. Gladden (MD) _____ adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm .



Legislative Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle East Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Thomas G. Deal (MD, 2023).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Thomas G. Deal (MD, 2023)</u>	Members:	<u>David Lee (NY, 2022)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Blair Miles (AL, 2024) EXCUSED</u>		<u>Richard Humphrey (CO, 2022)</u>
Secretary:	<u>Jeffrey E. Hicks (NJ)</u>		<u>Bernie Kessler (OH, 2023)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Rev. Thomas Glander (AL)</u>		<u>David Sousa (NV, 2024)</u>

Guests: None

The membership saluted the Flag. Richard Humphrey (CO) invoked the blessing of God. David Sousa (NV) led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Chairman Deal noted there should be no other issues with receiving Voter Voice alerts if you are signed up to receive them. On April 19, 2022, The American Legion sent out a VoterVOICE ALERT: Demand Senators Take Action to Support Toxic-Exposed Veterans. If you are signed up for VoterVOICE you should have received that notice. If you didn't, you should have received an e-mail from the Chairman about the Alert which included the link to send an email to your senator. This is an easy way to support our veterans and help them get or keep the benefits they were promised when they sign up to serve. Everyone needs to help our veterans. To register go to: www.votervoice.net/americanlegion/home.

Reports of Members:

David Lee (NY) urged members to sign up for the Legislative Division Weekly and Voter Voice Alerts. Members may sign up at www.legion.org/legislative. Also, it would be great if the Commission can possibly request a short video from the Legislative Division of The American Legion. The video could be played at the National Convention.

Chairman Deal spoke on the George B. Evans Veterans' Grassroots Advocate of the Year Award. There have been two entrants so far. We need more participation from the membership. The application is available on our website.

Chairman Deal noted The American Legion Legislative Action Center has a wealth of information. To get there, go to www.legion.org and click on programs, then Legislative you will see a screen full of links to various programs and lots of information. It Starts off with About the Legislative Division, the Legislative Priorities, the Legislative Testimony before Congress, The Commanders Testimony before Congress, The Point Papers, The Legislative Handbook, The Legislative Action Center, Find Legislation, Congressional Report, Resources and Contact Us are the topics available for you to click on and view specific information.

Current issues are:

Addressing toxic exposures and burn pits; citizenship for honorable service; pay the Coast Guard; address the forever wars and restore Congressional war powers; protect the American Flag; VA Health-care modernization; suicide prevention and peer support; improve health care for women veterans; concurrent receipt; and National Guard and Reserve GI bill parity.

Bernie Kessler (OH) spoke on the good work being done by the Commission. Regardless of what side of the political spectrum you happen to be on, we are united when it comes to pushing through legislation on behalf of our veterans.

Richard Humphrey (CO) spoke on Buddy Check. The American Legion proudly supports legislation and asks that you contact your Senators and Representative and tell them to cosponsor and support Buddy Check Week legislation. Tell your Senators and Representatives to Support Buddy Check S.544.



David Sousa (NV) spoke on the lobbying effort in his state that involves all veteran organizations.

Chairman Deal spoke on the Washington Conference. It was cancelled for in person conference however the SAL did still have the Wreath Laying Ceremony on February 27th. Commander Fox and 17 Detachments participated laying 22 wreaths and 70 American Legion Family members attending. We went to WWII Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington and to Vietnam Memorial. We also supported National Commander Fox's project Flying Flags for Heroes by going to Greenwood cemetery in Washington DC and placing 200 flags on veterans' graves. It was a great day and I want to thank the entire Legislative Commission for a fantastic job. This was a full team effort and a lot of compliments from everyone attending on a job well done.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don "J.R." Hall (MD) addressed the Committee, thanking them for their work.

Chairman Deal noted conference calls are bi-monthly 1st Thursday of the month in June and August. Call in numbers is 712-775-7031 Access 988 284 103#.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Thomas G. Deal (MD, 2023) adjourned the meeting
at 11:45 am .



Public and Media Communications Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle West Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Mark B. McCue (MA, 2022).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Mark B. McCue (MA, 2022)</u>	Members:	<u>[vacant]</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Kevin Chaplin (VA, 2023)</u>		<u>Doug Heiser (IN, 2023)</u>
Secretary:	<u>Scott J. Thornton (OH)</u>		<u>Brandon Roberts (GA, 2024)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>J. "Bruce" Ruthven (NY)</u>		<u>Doug Evans (KS, 2024)</u>
		Webmaster:	<u>Gene Theroux (MA)</u>

Guests: Shawn Davis (MN); Bernie Kessler (OH)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman McCue declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Mark McCue: He spoke about the proposal for a S.A.L. social media video contest, "S.A.L. Videos of Service." Gene Theroux made a motion to submit the proposal to the S.A.L. Oversight Committee. Doug Heiser seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Another project we've been working on is updating our social media platform management to share the responsibility for administering the services. We will also be establishing an account on Instagram. Gene Theroux made a motion to submit the proposal to the S.A.L. Oversight Committee. Doug Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Flyers for the Snapshots of Service were available at this weekend's registration table and they have been emailed to the Commission members to be shared with anyone interested. Judging for this year's contest will follow the same process as before.

Vice Chairman Kevin Chaplin: He attended the 50th Convention Commemoration Committee meeting last night. During discussions about banners, he spoke about having something available to use as a background for photos at the convention. It will take some work with new S.A.L. Liaison Kevin Mook to arrange it.

Doug Heiser: He mentioned that National is planning to perform a new branding effort for the Sons in a similar manner as they have done in the last year for the Legion.

Gene Theroux: He expects some good changes for the website with the change in National Liaison. Some new items will be published in the near future.

Old Business:

There were no items presented.

New Business:

Carl Albern, Jr. (NJ) asked if there has been any guidance published for detachments to follow in the design of their websites and social media presences. Chairman McCue responded that we have had some about the nature of the content used and will follow-up. Doug Heiser noted that it should be reviewed by the respective department to ensure it follows their rules. One item mentioned was the importance of having more than one person with administrative privileges in case of a lost password or such.



Resolutions:

None.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton addressed the Commission. He thanked the members for all their efforts this year and introduced his team of candidates national vice commander.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Mark B. McCue (MA, 2022) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 10:28 am .



Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am on April 30, 2022 in the Library Room
of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Seth A. Rippe (NE, 2022).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Seth A. Rippe (NE, 2022)</u>	Members:	<u>Gabriel Cinquegrana (NY, 2023) Excused</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Joseph E. Roberts (AZ, 2022)</u>		<u>Robert Manzo (MD, 2023)</u>
Secretary:	<u>Scott A. Williams (VA)</u>		<u>Eddy Seegers, Jr. (TX, 2024)</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Harl "Butch" Ray (IL)</u>		<u>Richard Pond, Jr. (NH, 2024) Excused</u>

Guests: David Rippe (NE), Jeff Van Horn (IL), James Coates (NY).

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Rippe declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Seth Rippe: Great attendance on the conference calls. Over 20 on the March conference call. Encouraged participation on the conference calls. Calls are a good way to disseminate information to the Detachment. Leadership through action and not position. Proof will be on the CSRs – ‘here are the accomplishments for the year announced at the National Convention...’ 2021-22 Goals are as follows: First Goal – promote VA Assistance Day on May 21 – Increase hours and donations by 20% ... 1804 hours and \$12529 in donations last year. Actual line item on the CSR for VA Day. Go back and ask Squadrons what are we doing to help Veterans on Veterans Assistance Day. Many different ways to help on VA Day. Be sure to report what you do on these CSRs. There is a flyer for VA Day which will be distributed in early May. Even if the event is not on May 21 – you can still report it. Second goal is to increase Charles Rigsby Applicants to 20. We want to make sure to have 20 applicants for this year. Applications will be sent out soon. This is the time of year to do this when completing the CSR with VA & R hours being reported. Clarification would be needed to change the application to include State Veterans Homes. Pandemic may have reduced the hours but still nominate someone who has volunteered. Third Goal increase Reps and Deps by 10% for this year. A lot of hard work by this commission on this goal. Process improvements being made to improve the efficiency of application. Quarterly meetings are now hybrid virtual and in person which allows for more attendance. Creating of Sons specific Reps and Deps Handbooks in process. Certification had to be done by the American Legion which was not transparent. Mr. Cinquegrana worked tirelessly to improve communications on this issue with the American Legion. 56 sons with 34 Reps and Deps certified. American Legion wants us to run our program. This would be the time to approve our own Reps and Deps applications. Thanks to Gabe on his hard work. If you become a Rep/Dep, you must attend the quarterly meetings – via zoom or in person. Even if certified, still have to be approved by the VA Central Office.

Vice Chairman Joe Roberts: Attending calls and promoting the VA & R program and push CSR reporting. Promoting of the national awards to be presented at the National Convention.

Gabriel Cinquegrana: Excused

Robert Manzo: No report

Eddy Seegers, Jr.: No Report

Richard Pond, Jr.: Excused

Old Business:

There were no items presented.



New Business:

Drafting of resolution for the Sons to certify Reps and Deps. Attendees were in agreement that this needs to be done. Include assistance from the Legion on this resolution. Chairman participated in many different VSO calls. Need to discuss Care Giving for Veterans. A draft of this resolution should be available at Fall 2022 NEC.

Resolutions:

None

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Wisconsin NEC – Wisconsin raised over \$100k for Homeless Veterans. Photobook of an event to bring awareness to the cause of Veterans Homelessness and Suicide.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. Introduced his Vice Commanders for the upcoming year. Looking forward to working with the commission and generating new ideas and incentives to promote the VA & R program.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Seth A. Rippe (NE, 2022) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 11:00 am .



Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle West Room
of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Charles E. "Chuck" Treat, II (AZ, 2022) .

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Charles E. "Chuck" Treat, II (AZ, 2022)</u>	Members:	<u>(Vacant)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>James M. Coates (NY, 2023)</u>		<u>Gregory N. "Nick" Arceo (CO, 2023)</u>
Secretary:	<u>Clifford Hall (GA)</u>		<u>Fredric Vaccarella (VA, 2024) EX</u>
N.E.C. Liaison:	<u>Jon Kingston (TX) EX</u>		<u>[vacant]</u>

Guests: x

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Treat declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Chuck Treat, II: How do we connect the dots?? Make sure that we maintain contact with the detachments and insure the information is sent to the proper people. Marvin Nay award looking for applications and hope to have candidates for selection by Convention. The trifold is in progress and hope

Vice Chairman Jim Coates: Noted that he asked all members to remember the Nay award and to send in a nomination.

Nick Arceo: Spoke on establishing VE&E committees in every Detachment and to make all members aware of just what we do. Recognize those individuals who are doing the work and submit them for recognition. Promote the conference calls

Fred Vaccarella: Excused

Guest Speaker Commander Fox spoke on the recent changes to the organization and how it is helping out verts and the organization

Old Business:

PowerPoint was created and sent to the PNC Panel for their feedback,

The chairman will keep the Commission members updated on the PNC panel suggestions and will move this forward as possible.

Suggested Operating Procedures for Detachments distributed,
This is now available, and it has been sent out.

Improving regional messaging distribution and how can we track information from the Detachments. We should be getting a list of VE&E Commission members from each Detachment in the coming year. In addition, we will formulate an email distribution network including the Detachment Commanders and Detachment Adjutants. Just imagine what our distribution network would look like and how many people we could reach,
The Commission is working on getting this accomplished. Hope to have information available soon.

Tri-Fold Brochure is awaiting Legion approval,

Working on getting the Legion suggestions accomplished. The Chairman will check on this and inform the Commission Members on progress made.

New Business:

None



Resolutions:

None

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. Thanks for all you are doing and how we are changing for the future

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don “J.R.” Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. Thanking all for al that they do and express confidence in the future

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Charles E. “Chuck” Treat, II (AZ, 2022) adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm .



Subcommittee on Resolutions

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 am on April 30, 2022 in the Circle Centre Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Nedley C. Fox (CA) .

Roll Call:

Chairman: Nedley C. Fox (CA)
Secretary: Anthony W. Wright (PA)

Members: Jay Marsden (MO)
Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Steve Ward (KS)
Chris Affolter, Sr. (AR)
Scott Merrill (NH)
Jeffrey Shannon (SD) Excused

Guests: x

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Fox declared the minutes of the October 2, 2021 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Ned Fox: x

Jay Marsden: x

Camille LeJeune, Jr.: x

Chris Affolter, Sr.: x

Scott Merrill: x

Jeffrey Shannon: x

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Resolutions:

No. S.A.L. Resolution 1 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Christopher Carlton (IN) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Indiana
Motion: None
Maker: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Second: Jay Marsden (MO)
Discussion: The Internal Affairs Commission voted to receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S1.
Action: Receive and File

No. S.A.L. Resolution 2 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Donald Hall, Jr. (MD) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of Maryland
Motion: None



Maker: Scott Merrill (NH)
Second: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Discussion: The Internal Affairs Commission voted to receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S2.
Action: Receive and File

No. S.A.L. Resolution 3 – Spring 2022
Title: Sons of The American Legion Training Program
Origin: National Member Training and Development Committee
Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S3
Maker: Chris Affolter, Sr. (AR)
Second: Scott Merrill (NH)
Discussion: None.
Action: The motion carried

No. S.A.L. Resolution 4 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of David Mennel (MI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Michigan
Motion: None
Maker: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Second: Scott Merrill (NH)
Discussion: The Internal Affairs Commission voted to receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S4.
Action: Receive and File

No. S.A.L. Resolution 5 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Joseph Navarrete (NM) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of New Mexico
Motion: None
Maker: Scott Merrill (NH)
Second: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Discussion: The Internal Affairs Commission voted to receive and file S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S5.
Action: None

No. S.A.L. Resolution 6 – Spring 2022
Title: Flying Flags for Heroes
Origin: Americanism Commission
Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S6
Maker: Chris Affolter, Sr. (AR)
Second: Jay Marsden (MO)
Discussion: None
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 7 – Spring 2022
Title: Add Inactive Category to the Squadron Data Reports Roster
Origin: Membership Committee
Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S7
Maker: Scott Merrill (NH)
Second: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)
Discussion: x
Action: The motion carried.

No. S.A.L. Resolution 9 – Spring 2022
Title: Child Welfare Foundation Donation of \$5,000 from the 2022 Budget
Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee



Motion: Approve S.A.L. Resolution NEC2022-S9

Maker: Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)

Second: Scott Merrill (NH)

Action: The motion carried.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

National Commander Michael Fox (CA) addressed the Committee. The members of this committee have the responsibility to make recommendations to the NEC.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton (IN) addressed the Committee. x

Second Leading Candidate for National Commander Don "J.R." Hall (MD) addressed the Committee. x

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Nedley C. Fox (CA) adjourned the meeting
at 11:___ am .



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Appendix

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National Budget Reconciliation as of November 2021

Sons of The American Legion – 2021 Final Budget

Exp. Acct #	Purpose	Description	2021 - Final Budget	As of Nov 30, 2021	Diff +/-
502000	Internal Employee Allocation			(\$1,555.90)	(\$1,555.90)
564000	S.A.L. Grants			\$0.00	\$0.00
566000	S.A.L. Grants - Other	S.A.L. Grants & Scholarships – Boys Nation & Jr. Shooting Sports	\$18,500.00	(\$500,000.00)	(\$481,500.00)
572250	Program - General Expenditures	Nat'l Leadership - Cell, Technology, Per Diem and items related to the National requirements support	\$10,400.00	(\$1,200.00)	\$9,200.00
581500	Program - Food & Beverage	NMI Banquet, Detachment Commander & Adjutant Training, or associated items	\$2,000.00	(\$1,616.42)	\$383.58
581750	Prog - Ground Transportation			(\$4,500.00)	(\$4,500.00)
585800	Prog - Logo Gear			(\$49.05)	(\$49.05)
586000	Prog - Miscellaneous			(\$25.00)	(\$25.00)
594500	Misc. Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00
595000	Prog - SAL Newsletter	All Items related to the SAL National News Letter	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
596250	Printing	All Printing – brochures, in-house, vendors, newsletters, renewal postcards & citations	\$69,300.00	(\$12,540.43)	\$56,759.57
596500	Postage - Other	All Postage – newsletters, postcards, 1 st class, metered, UPS, FedEx	\$85,000.00	(\$170.30)	\$84,829.70
597500	Program Operations	Expenses w/Program activities - oconvention packets, donations, freight & membership card, etc.	\$286,560.00	(\$161,820.22)	\$124,739.78
597750	Program - Other	Other items not aligned to a specific allocation line	\$1,472.00	(\$105.99)	\$1,366.01
600500	Program Supplies	Supplies		\$0.00	\$0.00
601500	Travel - Airfare	Officer Airfare	\$175,664.00	(\$53,641.31)	\$122,022.69
603000	Travel - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage	\$1,000.00	(\$1,467.41)	(\$467.41)
603500	Travel – Ground	Mileage, Tips, Cab Fare, Gas	\$104,449.00	(\$39,697.36)	\$64,751.64
604000	Travel - Housing	Officer Housing	\$42,729.00	(\$18,341.68)	\$24,387.32
604500	Travel - Per Diem	Officer Per Diem	\$151,926.00	(\$59,565.00)	\$92,361.00
605000	Travel - Other	Other Travel Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
638000	Office Ops.	DMS Mailing Kit Prep, Stationary & Supplie, Outside Services & Fees, Publicity & Promotions	\$4,000.00	(\$196.97)	\$3,803.03
652000	Office Ops.	Office Ops - Office Stationery & Supply		(\$226.66)	(\$226.66)
653000	Office Ops.	Outside Services & Fees		(\$594.97)	(\$594.97)
660500	Office Ops.	Telephone		(\$3,500.00)	(\$3,500.00)
680000	Postage	1st Class Postage	\$500.00	(\$479.39)	\$20.61
681500	Postage	Bulk Mail Center Postage	\$55,000.00	(\$109,763.13)	(\$54,763.13)
682500	Postage	Freights/Express	\$6,000.00	(\$3,559.85)	\$2,440.15
805500	Allocation - Document Center Services	Services charged by Document Center	\$ 20,500.00	(\$113.97)	\$20,386.03
806000	Allocation - Emblem Sales	Services / Supplies by Emblem Sales		(\$9,252.80)	(\$9,252.80)
806500	Allocation - Internal Employee Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ – GOC	\$ 20,000.00	(\$14,112.43)	\$5,887.57
807000	Allocation - Imaging Services			(\$3,389.02)	(\$3,389.02)
808000	Allocation - Input Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ – GOC Building	\$ 25,000.00	(\$1,872.12)	\$23,127.88
811500	Allocation - Mailing Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ – GOC Building	\$ 15,000.00	(\$715.92)	\$14,284.08
813500	Allocation - Office Supplies	Services charged by Nat'l HQ – General Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	(\$21.58)	\$1,478.42
821000	Allocation - Convention			(\$3,469.75)	(\$3,469.75)
TBD	Program	Century Committee -	\$ 25,000.00		\$25,000.00
TBD	Program Operations	IT / Digital Services	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
TBD	SAL - Program Development	Membership - (New, Awareness, Advertising, etc.) / How to Support the American Legion	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
850000	Allocation - American Legion	American Legion - Charities/Programs	\$120,000.00	(\$130,000.00)	(\$10,000.00)
TBD	Allocation - Operational Support Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ – GOC	\$ 540,000.00	\$0.00	\$540,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,883,500.00	(\$1,137,564.63)	\$745,935.37

Inc. Acct #	Purpose	Description	2021 - Final Budget	As of Nov 30, 2021	Diff +/-
470000	NMI & Training Event	Funds from participation in the NMI or Training breakfast event	\$3,500.00	\$ -	(\$3,500.00)
474500	Membership Dues	Revenue from Annual Membership dues paid to the National Organization	\$ 1,850,000.00	\$ 1,623,395.59	(\$226,604.41)
474600	Registration	Convention Monies	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,550.00	\$1,550.00
491500	Misc. Income		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	(\$5,000.00)
TOTAL INCOME			\$1,883,500.00	\$1,649,945.59	(\$233,554.41)

Financial information included in this report is for management

Balanced Budget:
Difference +/-

\$512,380.96 \$512,380.96

It does not constitute a financial statement and has not been subjected to audit, review or compilation by an independent Certified Public Accountant.

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 1 – Spring 2022

Title: Endorsement of Christopher Carlton (IN) for National Commander

Origin: Detachment of Indiana

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carlton has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Indiana as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana hereby endorses Christopher Carlton for the high office of National Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Indiana and the Department of Indiana with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Department Commander, Mark Gullion, and former Department Adjutant, Hugh Dagley, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William M. Clancy, III - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 2 – Spring 2022

Title: Endorsement of Donald Hall, Jr. (MD) for National Commander

Origin: Detachment of Maryland

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Donald Hall, Jr. has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Maryland as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland hereby endorses Donald Hall, Jr. for the high office of National Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Maryland and the Department of Maryland with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, William Matoska, and Department Commander, William Trotter, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William M. Clancy, III - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 3 – Spring 2022
Title: Sons of The American Legion Training Program
Origin: National Member Training and Development Committee

WHEREAS, The Member Training and Development Committee is responsible to produce and provide training to the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The National Management Institute has been in place for over 24 years, with little significant updates; and

WHEREAS, The Member Training and Development Committee is responsible for adapting the training to fit the current needs of the organization; and

WHEREAS, The Member Training and Development Committee needs to bring the Sons of The American Legion training programs closer to The American Legion training programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the Member Training and Development Committee hereby develop a training class to replace the National Management Institute.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William M. Clancy, III - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 4 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of David Mennel (MI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Michigan

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, David Mennel has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Michigan as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Michigan hereby endorses David Mennel for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Michigan and the Department of Michigan with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Steven Hamilton, and Department Adjutant, Ronald Runyon, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William M. Clancy, III - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 5 – Spring 2022
Title: Endorsement of Joseph Navarrete (NM) for National Commander
Origin: Detachment of New Mexico

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Navarrete has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of New Mexico as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New Mexico hereby endorses Joseph Navarrete for the high office of National Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of New Mexico and the Department of New Mexico with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, Tony Navarrete, and Department Commander, Robert Rodriguez, are on the submitted resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

William M. Clancy, III - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM M. CLANCY, III (NY), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 6 – Spring 2022

Title: Flying Flags for Heroes

Origin: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is a volunteer program of The American Legion and they do adopt in both letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion Americanism Commission is dedicated to the promotion of the “true spirit of Americanism” among the communities of our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Michael Fox announced the Flying Flags for Heroes program immediately upon taking office for the 2021-2022 Sons of The American Legion year at the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire and intent that the program should remain a major project for the National, Detachment, and local Squadron levels of the Sons of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the National Executive Committee hereby recommends the support of perpetuating “Flying Flags for Heroes” as an official Americanism program on an ongoing basis to honor the service of our veterans who gave “the last full measure;” and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That it is the goal of the Sons of The American Legion for the Flying Flags for Heroes program to help inspire true patriotism within our communities and help promote national pride in our country, its ensign, its military, and veterans throughout the entire Legion family.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joseph R. Navarrete - 04/30/2022 meeting

JOSEPH R. NAVARRETE (NM), Chairman
Americanism Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 7 – Spring 2022
Title: Add Inactive Category to the Squadron Data Reports Roster
Origin: Membership Committee

WHEREAS, The National Organization of the Sons of The American Legion wants to proceed with online renewals for membership; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion would need to achieve approximately 90% turn-in rate of Squadron Data Reports (SDRs) for this to be feasible; and

WHEREAS, There are many Squadrons in each Detachment that are inactive showing as active on the National roster; and

WHEREAS, The 90% goal will not be attainable with the inactive Squadrons showing as active Squadrons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That a new category showing inactive Squadrons be added to the SDR roster to more accurately reflect the percentage of Squadrons required to report, without this category being counted as part of the percentage required for online renewals to go live; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this change be implemented immediately following the Spring 2022 meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Thomas P. Skelley - 04/29/2022 meeting
THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman
Membership Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting
NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 8 – Spring 2022
Title: Revising National Target Dates
Origin: Membership Committee

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Sons of The American Legion members honor the veterans who made them eligible every day through their membership, as well as by paying their membership dues in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion has established national target dates throughout each administrative year to set goals for Detachments and Squadrons to renew existing and recruit new members; and

WHEREAS, The national membership target dates and goals are in need of adjustment in order to reach quota earlier in the administrative year; and

WHEREAS, The new national target dates and goals should be established to encourage earlier renewal, allowing members to remain in good standing, as well as to focus on the important programs of the Sons of The American Legion that support veterans, children & youth, Americanism, and national security; and

WHEREAS, The new national target dates and goals will help change the culture of the membership program; and

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
Rejected
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Other Action

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THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman
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WHEREAS, A new mindset of renewing membership will be established to encourage members not to wait until the end of a calendar year to pay their dues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That the national membership target dates and goals be changed as shown in the following table:

National Membership Target Date	Goal (% of Quota)
July 15 – <i>Quota Incentive</i>	5%
August 1	10%
Last day of the Sons of The American Legion National Convention	30%
September 11	40%
October 1	50%
October 15	55%
October 31	60%
November 11	65%
November 30	70%
December 7	75%
January 1	80%
February 1	90%
February 14	95%

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

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Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Thomas P. Skelley - 04/29/2022 meeting

THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman
Membership Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

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March 15	100%
June 30 – <i>National Convention Delegate Strength</i>	105%+

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these changes to the national membership target dates and goals take effect July 1, 2022, with the dates remaining unchanged in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That each Squadron reaching quota by the July 15 national target date will receive a special recognition certificate from the National Commander and the National Membership Chairman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Membership Committee will develop the special recognition certificate; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Membership Committee will develop a program to inform all Sons of The American Legion members of the changes to the national membership target dates and goals.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Thomas P. Skelley - 04/29/2022 meeting

THOMAS P. SKELLEY (TX), Chairman
Membership Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
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No.: S.A.L. Resolution 9 – Spring 2022
Title: Child Welfare Donation of \$5,000 from the 2022 Budget
Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee

WHEREAS, The Child Welfare Foundation is a vital part of the Sons of The American Legion since its inception in 1987; and

WHEREAS, There is a constant and vital need for funding of many programs and grants that can assist children in our country; and

WHEREAS, Donations by the Sons of The American Legion have provided greatly needed assistance to the children in our country; and

WHEREAS, The support and recognition provided by The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has further established our organization as a true partner in the goals and principles of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30-May 1, 2022, That a donation in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) be made to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the funds be taken from the 2022 Child Welfare Foundation budget line.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Mark E. Nave - 04/29/2022 meeting

MARK E. NAVE (PA), Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox - 04/30/2022 meeting

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature Chairman, Finance Commission

William G. Hill - 04/30/2022 meeting

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission