



Sons of The American Legion

Americanism Convention Committee meeting minutes
51st National Convention Friday, August 25, 2023
Charlotte Convention Center Room 201, Sections A-B

Chairman Casey called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Opening ceremony:

- Salute Colors
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- POW-MIA Empty Chair
- Blue Star banner
- Preamble

Roll Call of members:

Commission Members present.

- Vice Chair – Gerald Hammerschmidt (KS)
- Paul Hayse (IL)
- Robert Neel (NE)
- Keith Murdough (NH) excused.
- Joseph Lohman (MD) excused. In attendance at Commander's Training.

Detachment Representatives (See attached)

Purpose of meeting:

The Americanism Convention Committee meets to select award recipients and address any last-minute Americanism issues as it relates to the convention. Appointments for the Convention Committee serve until the adjournment of this meeting. Anyone wishing to assist with the judging of the Community Affairs Scrapbooks is asked to attend the 10:00 AM meeting for selection of recipients.

Americanism Resolution was read. (See attached)

Visitation by trailing candidate for S.A.L. National Commander, Joseph Navarette

Year in review: CSR Americanism totals for 2022-2023

- Donations: \$3,493,375 (+1,180,405 from the previous year)
- Hours: 1,732,019 for a total value of \$55,000,000
- Boys State Donations: \$198,857.38
- Flags presented (all events) as recorded on CSRs: 363,777

Chairman Casey talked about the “Americanism Action Alerts” Discussed how the Commission tried to improve communication and education of our membership. An example was provided to pass around the room.

Other business: Thank you and recognition of the standing Americanism Commission members that served this past year.

The National Historian addressed the group regarding potential changes to the scoring criteria for history books. The Sons of The American Legion look to fall in line with the scoring criteria utilized by The American Legion.

For the good of the Sons: Looking forward to the 2023-2024 program year. New goals will be laid out during the Fall NEC. Action Alerts will continue. Chairman Casey asked for information for each Detachment Commander, Adjutant, and Americanism Chairman.

Chairman Casey thanked everyone in attendance and released members from their duties as Americanism Convention Committee members.

Benediction, Salute to the Colors, and the meeting was adjourned.