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2009 Detachment Convention Minutes – Huron, SD – June 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:00 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 1, and Pierre – 2, Lemmon – 2, Herreid - 1, Sioux Falls 1, Piedmont Valley - 1. Quorum was met. Commander Lemieux, Chaplain Mike Goetzinger, Sergeant-at-Arms AJ Royal, were present. Not present were Vice Commander Eric Vetter, Alternate NEC Pee Wee Douthit. Wayne Vetter was present as The American Legion Liaison Advisor.

Chaplain Mike Goetzinger led the prayer.

Minutes of the 2009 Spring Executive Committee Meeting were read and accepted.

Heard the finance report from Mike Goetzinger, he reported a balance of \$4573.09 with all expenses (\$4234.98) paid. Motion by JD Mattern to accept the finance report, Seconded by Todd Kuck, Motion carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership is slightly down and that a few Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. He also gave a report on the membership awards of 100 percent and that we have 124 new members for 2009. Also announced five squadrons who lead in the new members recruitment.

Colin Royal presented the Americanism report with information from Iroquois, Herreid and Lemmon and that no other Squadrons had submitted reports.

Mike Goetzinger presented the VA&R report for Steve Hicks, and presented a check for \$50 for the CWF from Martin Squadron 240. He also presented a check from Martin for the NEF.

John Dewell presented the Legislative report and said that things were not looking well for veterans again this year but that things were beginning to turn around.

Colin Royal gave a brief report for the children and youth and stated that all programs for the youth are important and that the CWF exceeded the \$332,000 nationally and that the \$4 million was surpassed.

Lance Vander Vorst gave a brief report on public Relations and that the Squadrons needed to get out and be seen and to get in the news media.

Department of South Dakota American Legion Commander Huls addressed the convention and thanked the Detachment for all its help and hard work.



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A recess was called for 15 minutes.

The Convention was reconvened and proceeded with the old business.

Old Business:

John Dewell motioned that the newly elected NEC and the Alternate NEC continue with the duties of the elected offices through the remainder of the year to the national convention due to the resignation of Bobby Bender and the failure to complete the duties by Kerwin Douthit. Lance Vander Vorst 2nd and motion carried.

The Detachment Son of the Year David Clyde of Piedmont Squadron 311 was announced and presented.

Status of the TV Raffle was discussed and the TV was now paid for and that all ticket sales were doing well and were into profit. Also Commander Lemieux saved the Detachment \$100 by purchasing the TV through Wal-Mart rather than Sears. The TV Sale netted \$1560.00 which was over what was planned. Great work to all.

The new fall raffle was discussed a motion by Lance Vander Vorst to raffle another 32 inch TV with the tickets being 5\$ or 3 for \$10 with the drawing to be held at the Mid Winter Conference. Motion was 2nd by Joel Mattern and carried.

David Clyde drew Herreid Squadron as the winner of the TV.

National Emergency Fund donation proposal was introduced by Colin Royal. JD Mattern motioned that an amount of \$1 per member of national goal (\$435.00) be given and 2nd by AJ Royal, Motion carried.

New Business:

Todd Kuck and Colin Royal were appointed as VAVS representatives for the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Commander Lemieux set forth an invitation to host the next Executive Committee meeting for the Detachment. Lemmon Squadron volunteered to host the October 2009 meeting at 1:00 , date to be announced.

Commander Lemieux ask for nominations from the floor for delegates to the National Convention in Louisville KY. Mike Goetzinger Nominated Commander Lemieux and 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried. Colin Royal was nominated by JD Mattern 2nd by John Dewell and carried. Russ Eagleman was nominated by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by AJ Royal and carried. John Dewell was nominated by John Mattern and 2nd by Colin Royal and carried. Alternate Delegates: AJ Royal nominated by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by Colin Royal, and carried. John Mattern nominated



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by John Dewell , 2nd by JD Mattern. David Clyde nominated by Colin Royal, 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried. Joel Mattern was nominated by John Dewell and 2nd by David Clyde and carried.

Commander Lemieux called for the election of officers and turned the meeting over to Adjutant Royal who then chaired the election.

Greg Lemieux was nominated for Detachment Commander, 2nd Mike Goetzinger. JD Mattern motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried.

Ron Frenz was nominated by Todd Kuck and 2nd by Mike Goetzinger for Detachment Vice Commander. John Dewell motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, and carried.

John Dewell was nominated as National Executive Committeeman by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by AJ Royal. David Clyde motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Russ Eagleman, and carried.

JD Mattern was nominated as Alternate National Executive Committeeman by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by John Mattern. Todd Kuck motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Russ Eagleman, and carried.

Mike Goetzinger nominated Todd Kuck as Detachment Chaplain, 2nd AJ Royal. Greg Lemieux motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by David Clyde, and carried.

Colin Royal nominated Lance Vander Vorst as Detachment Historian, 2nd JD Mattern. John Dewell motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Russ Eagleman, and carried.

Greg Lemieux nominated Arthur "AJ" Royal as Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, 2nd Todd Kuck Russ Eagleman motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by John Dewell, and carried.

Past Detachment Commander John Dewell swore in the newly elected officers.

With the elections completed, Adjutant Royal returned control of the meeting to Commander Lemieux.

Commander Lemieux set the next Executive Committee meeting for October 2009 (date to be announced) at Post 66 in Lemmon at 13:00hrs.

Chaplain Kuck led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 11:56AM.



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