



## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota

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### **2011 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes – Oacoma, SD – February 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:45 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 3, and Pierre – 3, Watertown – 2, Martin – 1, and Herreid - 3. Quorum was met.

Acting Chaplain Cody Renner led the prayer.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was slightly down and that a couple of Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. Eight Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 85 memberships were turned in.

Susie Clyde addressed the membership on the upcoming visit of the Nation President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

John Harper of Watertown Squadron 17 briefed the membership on a proposal for a resolution to allow the Sons of The American Legion membership to expand to include fathers, brothers, and uncles.

Discussion on the proposal of a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) with Adjutant Royal asked to contact the Texas Detachment on information on their program.

Commander Lemieux briefed on the Tribute to the troops to be held in Pierre on June 17 – 19, 2011 during the Oahe Days Celebration. He asked for the support of the Detachment again this year.

Herreid Squadron 170 had a video presentation to the membership about their activities and possible Ideas for the Detachment.

#### **Old Business:**

Rapid City Squadron 22 was reported to have achieved the minimum membership required and was motioned by John Dewell to be taken off probation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Vander Vorst and carried.

#### **New Business:**

Motion by Mike Goetzinger to raise the Child Welfare Fund donation to \$1.25 per member. 2<sup>nd</sup> by AJ Royal and motion carried.

Commander Lemieux announced the awarding of the 1<sup>st</sup> Star for Patriotism was awarded to Chad Abel of Lemmon Squadron 66.



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Commander Lemieux presented Early Bird 90% membership awards to Herreid, Martin, Iroquois, and announced other recipients as Lemmon, Piedmont, Hot Springs, Redfield, Rapid City and Faith.

The Son of the Year program was discussed and a motion was made by Ron Frenz to extend the deadline for submissions. Also to limit the exclusions for eligibility to the Detachment Commander, Vice Commander, NEC and the Alternate NEC. These individuals would be the selection committee for the program. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Vander Vorst and motion carried.

Acting Chaplain Renner led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 12:40PM.

Colin Royal  
Detachment Adjutant

