



Dispatch

Greg Lemieux, Commander

Colin Royal, Adjutant

July 2013



Greetings from Huron. Membership is has been great making the national goal. We have surpassed the 105% goal for 2013.

Great work by all, Thank you.

Our 2013 renewal rate as of July 12th, is 88.59% one of the highest in the nation. We still have time for the 2013 year to increase that by getting those renewals that are left out there. So we need to get out and ask the members to renew.

The 2014 membership year has begun and the cards have been mailed out. I have included the 2014 awards schedule, the first awards begin in November and the Son of the Year is due in January. Remember, don't hold the memberships for a large submission, and submit them as you get them.

2013 Convention Minutes – Rapid City, SD – June 8, 2013

The Convention was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:30 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, Pierre – 3, Watertown – 1, Martin – 2, Lemmon – 2, and Hot Springs - 1. Quorum was met. Sergeant at Arms AJ Royal, NEC Jorgenson and Commander Greg Lemieux were present.

Acting Chaplain Greg Lemieux led the prayer.

Mike Goetzinger gave the finance report. Motion to accept the report by Joel Mattern and 2nd by Kerry Jorgenson, Motion carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was very good and that

several Squadron has sent little or no memberships in. Nine Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 9 memberships were turned in. Motion John Mattern to accept the membership report, Steve Hicks 2nd, Motion carried.

John Love briefed on the status of the VA at Hot Springs and the Mobile Viet Nam wall which is to be at Hot Springs July 31 – August 4, 2013.

Commander Lemieux commented on the visits to the VA and the Veterans Home in Hot Springs during the Spring Meeting.

Commander Lemieux presented nine 90% membership awards, five Early Bird 50% membership awards, nine 100% awards and ribbons, and five All-Time High Plaques. Watertown was named the Top Recruiting Squadron of the Year for 2013. Top individual Recruiter was John Love of Hot Springs.

The Son of the Year recipient was AJ Royal of Iroquois Squadron 280.

The floor was turned over to Adjutant Royal for the elections.

Greg Lemieux was nominated for Detachment Commander by Joel Mattern, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Lance Vander Vorst was nominated for Detachment Vice Commander by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by Aj Royal, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Kerry Jorgenson was nominated for Detachment NEC by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Greg Lemieux, with

no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant

Joel Mattern was nominated for Detachment Alternate NEC by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by John Mattern, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Additional Note: Herreid Squadron 170 won the Computer and Mark Weinman won the boat shelf

John Love was nominated for Detachment Chaplain by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by John Mattern, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Cody Renner was nominated for Detachment Historian by Joel Mattern, 2nd by John Mattern, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Aj Royal was nominated for Detachment Sergeant at Arms by John Mattern, 2nd by Greg Lemieux, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Lemmon will host the Fall Executive Committee Meeting on September 28, 2013 at 1:00PM.

Chaplain John Love led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 12:45PM.

Post Convention Chairmen Appointments:

Membership – Lance Vander Vorst of Herreid 170

VA&R – Steve Hicks of Martin 240

Americanism – Colin Royal of Iroquois 280

Children & Youth – Robert Weisbeck of Herreid 170

Public Relations – Joel Hurkes of Watertown 17

Community Service – Greg Lemieux of Pierre 8

Legislative – John Dewell of Pierre 8

Adjutant – Colin Royal of Iroquois 280

Judge Advocate – Russ Eagleman of Pierre 8