



Dispatch

Greg Lemieux, Commander

Colin Royal, Adjutant

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Hello Gentlemen,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your membership in the Sons of The American Legion and your devotion to our veterans and communities.

Remember, there is something for everyone in The American Legion.

State Convention is in Watertown, June 14 through 17. On Thursday, June 14, the State American Legion Executive Committee and Admin Committee meets. Friday, June 15 State Convention Committees meet, with the Joint American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary/Sons of The American Legion Banquet, Friday evening. Saturday morning, June 16, the Convention convenes at 9:00 a.m. and we will hold our separate SAL meeting later in the morning. More information on the State Convention schedule will be made available to you at a later date.

Our membership is lacking a little. I know it has been a tough year but I still have faith we will get back to the 100% membership we have been at in the last three years. Colin and I have been working on new Squadron Charters and with all hopes we can have at least three new Squadrons before State Convention. Colin and I will be checking to see if we can get the

We do have a \$1.00 discount on membership if paid by November 1 for the 2013 year. Our raffle is for a laptop computer. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Please help sell some so we can make money for Detachment projects. I am hopeful we won't be flooded this summer so I can do some visiting of Squadrons and some of your fund raisers and programs. Let me know what programs your Squadrons are involved in so maybe I can attend. We are working on a PUFL Program for the Sons and with any luck, we can figure something out. We need to work as a team to keep our membership and programs going. You are all doing a good job so let's keep it up.

Hope to see you all at State Convention in Watertown.

Greg Lemieux
Detachment Commander

"Who kept the faith and fought the fight;
The glory theirs, the duty ours." ~Wallace Bruce



Officer certifications are now due. In order to receive your Squadron membership cards you must certify your officers. The Squadron Officer Reporting Form is on the website in the Publications

& Documents. Elections should be held by May and the certifications should be to the Adjutant by June 1, 2012. If you have completed your elections, then get the form from the website, fill it in and submit it.

Membership is at a standstill as we are at 444 members with a goal of 573 by May 9, 2012. Several Squadrons are behind in membership and a couple Squadrons have not sent any in. Remember, send your membership submissions to the Adjutant at 1250 2nd St SW, Huron, SD 57350. Do not send them to the Commander or to Watertown as this delays an already slow process.

All Detachment Officers, Squadron Commanders and Squadron Adjutants must go to the website www.sdsal.org and sign up for the mailing list so you can receive updates and information. Also all Squadron Commanders and Adjutants and the Detachment officers need to email me at adjutant@sdsal.org so I can list your email for the Detachment officers list.

In Your Service
Colin Royal, Adjutant

2012 Convention Minutes Watertown, SD – June 16, 2012

The Convention was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:35 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, Pierre – 1, Watertown – 6, Martin – 1, and Herreid - 4. Quorum was met. Sergeant at Arms AJ Royal, and

Commander Greg Lemieux were present.

Acting Chaplain Cody Renner led the prayer.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was very poor and that several Squadron has sent little or no memberships in. Four Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 12 memberships were turned in. Additional past years memberships were turned in by Martin. Also he stated that the Detachment was currently 50th in the nation for membership.

Mike Goetzinger gave the finance report. He reported a balance of \$4006.08 with some checks outstanding. Motion to accept the report by Lance Vander Vorst and 2nd by AJ Royal, Motion carried.

Colin Royal gave the NEC report reading excerpts from the Spring NEC Minutes.

Gena Kellar, Post Commander of Watertown addressed the membership, welcoming us to Watertown and thanking the SAL for the hard work they do.

Eagle Scout Program was discussed with individual Squadrons endorse and participate was encouraged.

Bays and Girls State programs were discussed and encouraged all Squadrons take part and sponsor a candidate for these programs.

Blue Star Banner program was discussed with encouragement of ensuring that the families who deserve this are presented the appropriate banner.

Discussion on the proposal of a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) with no additional information was available.

Commander Lemieux presented 5 year 90% membership awards to Piedmont, Martin, Iroquois, Redfield, Pierre, and Herreid. Hot Springs was named the Top Recruiting Squadron of the Year for 2012. Top individual Recruiter was Lance Vander Vorst of Herreid.

The Son of the Year recipient was Robert Weisbeck

of Herreid Squadron 170.

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

Greg Lemieux was nominated for Detachment Commander by AJ Royal, 2nd by Lance Vander Vorst, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

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

Kerry Jorgenson was nominated for Detachment NEC by Lance Vander Vorst, 2nd by Greg Lemieux, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Steve Hicks was nominated for Detachment Alternate NEC by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Robert Shadwell was nominated for Detachment Chaplain by Greg Lemieux, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

Cody Renner was nominated for Detachment Historian by Lance Vander Vorst, 2nd by Kim Rossow, with no further nominations from the floor motion carried.

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

Delegates were elected with Colin Royal, Greg Lemieux, Kerry Jorgenson, and AJ Royal with Mike Goetzinger as Alternate selected motion by Kerry Jorgenson 2nd by Robert Weisbeck, Motion carried.

Acting Chaplain Cody Renner 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

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant

Below are the Goals for 2013 as per the adopted formula.

Pierre 8	33
Wagner 11	10
Sioux Falls 15	39
Watertown 17	46
Mitchell 18	15
Rapid City 22	11
Lemmon 66	68
Hot Springs 71	41
White 88	11
Redfield 92	24
Faith 106	18
Gettysburg 135	15
Herreid 170	60
Lennox 174	25
Martin 240	64
Iroquois 280	48
Piedmont 311	24