

**Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Indiana  
Detachment Executive Committee  
Department Convention  
Merrillville, IN  
July 14, 2007**

Commander Alexander opened the meeting in due form with a right hand salute to the colors of our nation at 1:05 PM. Acting Chaplain Ron Sexton said an opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Northern Vice Commander Robert Zimmer. The Preamble was led by Southern Vice Commander Philip Purdy.

Commander Alexander called for a roll call of officers. Adjutant Bradtmueller made a roll call of officers, which showed the following.

<b>Commander:</b>	<b>Duane Alexander</b>
<b>Northern Vice Commander:</b>	<b>Ron Sexton</b>
<b>Northern Vice Commander:</b>	<b>Robert Zimmer</b>
<b>Southern Vice Commander:</b>	<b>David Hanson</b>
<b>Southern Vice Commander:</b>	<b>Philip Purdy</b>
<b>Adjutant:</b>	<b>Damon Bradtmueller</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Mark Tansel (Ex)</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>James Arter</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Harrell Sorrels</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Richard Pfeiffer (Unex)</b>
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	<b>Steve Tansel</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Kevin Brislen (Ex)</b>
<b>Historian:</b>	<b>Dewey Long (Unex)</b>
<b>Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>William Robeson</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Galen Close</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Clarence Glass (Unex)</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Logan Pipher (Ex)</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Mike Arend</b>
<b>Judge Advocate:</b>	<b>Terry Slagle</b>
<b>Membership Chairman:</b>	<b>Glenn Nagel (Ex)</b>
<b>Public Relations:</b>	<b>Mike Pipher</b>
<b>NEC:</b>	<b>David Siggers</b>
<b>Alt. NEC:</b>	<b>Roland Baker</b>

**District Commanders**

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>Dwayne Allis</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Dan Conkling</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>David Benefiel</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Greg Spalding</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Jim Small</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Charles Wilson</b>

7<sup>th</sup>: John Ferrand (Unex)  
8<sup>th</sup>: David Stewart  
9<sup>th</sup>: Brian Hauser  
10<sup>th</sup>: William Robeson  
11<sup>th</sup>: Raymond Giehll III (Ex)

**District Advisors**

6<sup>th</sup>: Rodney Strong  
8<sup>th</sup>: Dave Mattingly  
10<sup>th</sup>: Gordon Rayburn

**Past Detachment Commanders:**

Dave Stephens  
James Arter, Sr.  
Raymond Giehll, Jr.  
Terry Slagle  
Damon Bradtmueller  
David Ridenour  
Robert Rodeffer  
David Siggers  
Harrell Sorrels  
Roland Baker  
Mike Pipher  
Mike Sheets

PDC Sorrels made a motion to suspend the reading of the previous minutes until mailed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDC Ridenour. Motion passed.

Commander Alexander then called on acting Distinguished Guest Chairman Roland Baker for introductions. Chairman Baker introduced Past National Commander David Stephens; National Asst. Adjutant David Ridenour; the Leading candidate for National Commander Raymond P. Giehll Jr. and First Lady Cindy Alexander.

Commander Alexander then went into Committee and Commission reports.

**Campout:**

James Arter passed out the missing plates from the Campout trophies.

With no other Committee or Commission reports, Commander Alexander called for the following.

**Old Business:**

Past Detachment Commander Sheets passed out certificates of appreciation from his term of office.

**New Business:**

**Judge Advocate Terry Slagle read a resolution for Gary Gregory for the high office of Detachment Commander.**

**There was much discussion about the upcoming campout at Knightstown Camp Ground. It was decided to invite all Sons family members.**

**The Detachment Constitution and By-laws were updated and will be mailed out after approval from the Department Executive Committee**

**Goods:**

**\*The 1<sup>st</sup> District was thanked for the use of their colors.**

**\*Training Chairman Terry Slagle announced a training seminar at Kingman on Saturday, September 15.**

**\*PDC David Stephens talked about the Homecoming for National Commander Ray Giehll on November 2-4 and passed out fliers with hotel information.**

**\*The 11<sup>th</sup> district is holding a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, July 28, and tickets are still available.**

**\*PDC David Siggers reminded all the PDCs about their Scholarship Fund donation.**

**\*The dress code for National Convention is as follows.**

**Friday, PDC Mike Sheets' shirt**

**Saturday, Ray's campaign shirt or an SAL shirt**

**Sunday, coat and tie**

**Parade, Commander Alexander's shirt**

**\*The organizational meeting will take place 10 minutes after this meeting.**

**With no future business to come before this meeting, Commander Alexander called on Acting Chaplain Ron Sexton for a closing prayer.**

**Commander Alexander ordered a salute to the colors of our nation, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.**