



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Detachment Convention
Merrillville, IN
Hosted by Cedar Lake Squadron 261
June 27-28, 2009

Executive Vice Commander Brian Hauser called the Convention to order on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 9:09 AM. The Color Guard from Griffith Squadron 66 posted the colors. EVC Hauser called on Chaplain Dewey Long for the opening prayer. EVC Hauser then led the pledge and the preamble. EVC Hauser asked Adjutant Bradtmueller for the roll call of Officers and Squadrons which showed the following.

Officers:

Commander:	Gary Gregory (EX)
Northern Vice Commander:	Ron Sexton
Northern Vice Commander:	Bob Zimmer
Southern Vice Commander:	Brian Hauser
Southern Vice Commander:	William Barnett

Past Detachment Commanders:

Clifford Stephens	George Evans	Mark Tansel
David Stephens	Damon Bradtmueller	Roland Baker
James Arter Sr.	David Ridenour	Michael Pipher
Raymond Giehl, Jr.	David Siggers	Mike Sheets
Terry Slagle	Harrell Sorrels	Duane Alexander
Rodney Strong	Richard Pfeiffer	

Squadrons Present:

1, 10, 18, 20, 28, 66, 72, 82, 97, 102, 104, 111, 128, 154, 160, 161, 169, 189, 196, 204, 216, 230, 249, 250, 253, 261, 276, 279, 284, 297, 337, 346, 369, 379, 384, 406, 415, 420, 423, 495, 500, and 502.

EVC Hauser asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. PDC Giehl moved to suspend the reading of the minutes until printed, 2nd by PDC C. Stephens. Motion passed.

EVC Hauser appointed PDC Slagle, PDC Arter and PDC Sorrels to be the Credentials Committee. Squadron 216 moved to accept the appointments, 2nd by Squadron 230. Motion passed.

EVC Hauser called on Distinguished Guest Chairman Roland Baker. Chairman Baker introduced the following: David Stephens, Past National Commander; Raymond Giehll Jr., Past National Commander; George Evans, National Legislative Chairman; David Ridenour, National Assistant Adjutant; Ron Kizer, Department Northern Vice Commander (DM); Rodney Strong, Department Southern Vice Commander (DM); Gary Danacus, Past Department 2nd District Commander (DM); Rob Brewer, Past Detachment Commander (OH); Ed Van Hooten, Candidate for National Chaplain (OH); and Tina Nienaber, American Income Life Insurance Company

Ms. Nienaber addressed the membership and informed everyone of the benefits the American Income Life Insurance has to offer. Hers is a Veteran oriented company that offers free service to Legion and Sons members.

Candidate Van Hooten thanked the Detachment of Indiana for our support in the past and asked for our support again in the upcoming National Chaplain election.

EVC Hauser called on Credentials Chairman Terry Slagle for his report.

Chairman Slagle reported that there were 42 Squadrons registered, and several were late certified. PDC Siggers made a motion to seat those late certified Squadrons, 2nd by Squadron 216. Motion passed. PDC Slagle moved to accept the Credential Committee report, 2nd by PDC C. Stephens. Motion passed.

PDC Giehll made a motion to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of first nominations, 2nd by PDC Tansel. Motion passed.

EVC Hauser asked the Adjutant to read the roll for the following offices.

Sgt. -at- Arms:

Squadron 1 yields to Squadron 495. Squadron 495 nominated James Naylor.

Squadron 20 nominated Dwayne Alliss

Squadron 28 seconds James Naylor

Squadron 66 seconds Dwayne Alliss

Northern Vice Commander:

Squadron 10 yields to Squadron 253. Squadron 253 nominated Dan Conklin.

Squadron 111 nominated Greg Spalding.

Squadron 160 seconds both.

Southern Vice Commander:

Squadron 18 nominated Dewey Long.

Squadron 28 yields to Squadron 495. Squadron 495 nominates Raymond Giehll, III.

Squadron 72 seconds both.

Commander:

Squadron 102 yields to Squadron 500. Squadron 500 nominated Steve Tansel.
Squadron 104 seconds Steve Tansel.

PDC Sorrels made a motion to resume the normal order of business, 2nd by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

Candidate Tansel came forward and paid his fine for the weekend.

EVC Hauser called for Committee and Commission reports.

Indiana Veteran's Home:

Chairman James Arter reported that our three bingos were tons of fun for the 125 residents that participated. We had 73 Legion Family members and 3 members of the Purdue Circle K Club along with you know who at Christmas. Donations this year were from the following Squadrons: Crown Point Squadron 20, \$500; Bluffton Squadron 111, \$100; Hammond Squadron 168, \$100; Cedar Lake Squadron 261, \$522; Wheatfield Squadron 406, \$159; Speedway Squadron 500, \$1,550; Bloomington Squadron 18, \$300; Bloomfield Squadron 196, \$100; Bloomfield Junior Sons and Junior Auxiliary, 100 knitted socks with sugar free candy; Martinsville Squadron 230, \$250; New Haven Squadron 330, \$250; Crawfordsville Squadron 72, \$100; Kendallville Squadron 86, \$25; 3rd District, \$1,500; 4th District, \$250; 6th District, \$200. I want to thank everyone who volunteered and donated funds or prizes. Please remember that without our veterans, we would not be here. PDC Arter moved to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Tansel. Motion passed.

Americanism:

Chairman Steve Tansel requested any Squadron that has not turned in their Consolidated Report Form to do so this afternoon.

Children & Youth:

Chairman Kellis Allen requested the same.

Community Service:

Chairman Dewey Long requested the same.

Internal Affairs:

Chairman Duane Alexander introduced the following chairmen for their reports.

Oratorical:

Chairman David Hanson thanked everyone that participated in the Department and National Contests. He reported that the winner at Department went on to win the National Contest. Squadron 216 moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Sheets. Motion passed.

Convention:

Chairman Mike Sheets stated that the Committee received only one bid for next year's Convention. The 2010 Detachment Convention will be in Marion and hosted by Marion Squadron 10. PDC Sheets moved to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Judge Advocate Terry Slagle stated that we need to vote on the following updates to our Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI DETACHMENT OFFICERS

All candidates for Detachment offices, and District Commanders, must present a resolution and proof of eligibility of their membership at least 30 days prior to the Convention. All appointed Detachment officers must present proof of eligibility to the Detachment Adjutant within 15 days of their appointment, or they will have to relinquish their appointment.

ARTICLE XI UNIFORM CAP

Section 7. The cap must display the logo of the Indiana Soldier's and Sailor's Monument as prescribed by The American Legion, Department of Indiana.

PDC Slagle moved to accept the Constitution and By-Laws changes, 2nd by PDC C. Stephens. Motion passed.

Goods:

- * Commander Candidate Steve Tansel talked about the shirts for next year.
- * Jeff Bunge from Cedar Lake Squadron 261 reminded everyone about the pork chop dinner, the pontoon rides and shuttle service that will start at 5 PM.
- * Squadron 18 made a motion that the 7th District be made an equal winner for the top District due to a misplacement of membership cards at Close of Books, 2nd by Squadron 384. Motion denied.
- * A question was asked about the Detachment purchasing the Knightstown Camp Ground. The Adjutant will look into the possibility.
- * The Detachment should be receiving sometime in the future the Knightstown Boy Scouts trailer we purchased. Any Squadron knowing a troop that would like to have the trailer should have the troop send an essay to Detachment Adjutant Damon Bradtmueller, 11 Stonybrook Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112, as to how it would benefit them. A decision would be made at the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting.

With no further business to come before this session, the Convention was recessed at 10:55 AM.

The Convention was reconvened on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 9:15 AM in proper form.

EVC Hauser asked Adjutant Bradtmueller for a roll call of Officers and Squadrons. Adjutant Bradtmueller read the roll which showed the following changes: Squadrons 27 and 430 were now present, and Squadron 18 and 102 were not present.

EVC Hauser called on Distinguished Guest Chairman Roland Baker for introduction of guests. Chairman Baker introduced the following: Ralph Tolan, Department Commander; Robert Newman, Candidate for Department Commander; Rodney Strong, Department Southern Vice Commander (DM); Ron Kizer, Department Northern Vice Commander (DM); Janet Barnaby, Department Auxiliary President-Elect; David Stephens, Past National Commander; Raymond Giehll Jr., Past National Commander; George Evans, National Legislative Chairman and David Ridenour, National Assistant Adjutant

EVC Hauser called on the Credentials Committee for a report. Chairman Slagle reported that the present delegate strength was 569, plus 19 at large for a total of 588. PDC Slagle moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

PDC Arter moved to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of nominations, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

EVC Hauser asked Adjutant Bradtmueller to read the roll for additional nominations and they are as follows.

Southern Vice Commander:

Squadron 1 nominated Brian Hauser.
Squadron 204 seconds Brian Hauser.

PDC Giehll moved to close nominations, 2nd by PDC Alexander. Motion passed

PDC Sorrels moved to go into elections, 2nd by PDC Giehll. Motion passed.

PDC Giehll moved to have the Adjutant cast one majority ballot for all unopposed offices, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

Adjutant Bradtmueller cast one majority ballot for Greg Spalding and Dan Conkling, Northern Vice Commanders, and Steve Tansel, Commander.

Adjutant Bradtmueller read the roll for the election of a Sgt.-at-Arms and two Southern Vice Commanders. The results of the election were James Naylor, Sgt.-at-Arms, Raymond Giehll, III and Dewey Long, Southern Vice Commanders.

PDC Giehl moved to return to normal business, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

Newly elected Detachment Commander Steve Tansel thanked all for their support and is looking forward to working with everyone.

EVC Hauser asked our guests if they would like to speak.

Department Commander Ralph Tolan thanked the Detachment for our hard work this past year and wished Commander Gregory was present to receive the accolades he deserves.

Robert Newman, Candidate for Department Commander, stated that he was looking forward to working with Commander Tansel and the Detachment.

Janet Barnaby, Department President-Elect, also thanked everyone and stated that she is looking forward to working with Commander Tansel and the Detachment this year.

Ron Kizer, Department Northern Vice Commander (DM), remarked on the professionalism the Detachment has shown during our Convention.

EVC Hauser called for final Committee and Commission reports.

Children & Youth:

Chairman Kellis Allen reported that 94 reports were turned in and donations and hours totaled \$158,943.00. Winners of the Robert "Smurf" Rodeffer Children & Youth Trophy were:

- 1st Waynedale Squadron 241
- 2nd Plymouth Squadron 27
- 3rd Speedway Squadron 500

Squadron 1 moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

Rehabilitation:

Chairman James Naylor reported that he received 94 reports and stated that donations and hours totaled \$414,599.00. The winners of the David P. Stephens Rehabilitation Trophy are as follows:

- 1st Waynedale Squadron 241
- 2nd Walkerton Squadron 189
- 3rd West Lafayette Squadron 492

Squadron 276 moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

Community Service:

Chairman Dewey Long reported that he also received 94 reports and the total donations and hours were \$697,458.00. Sandy Hubler helped present the Norman Hubler Community Service Trophy to the following:

- 1st Walkerton Squadron 189*
- 2nd Plymouth Squadron 27*
- 3rd Speedway Squadron 500*

Squadron 196 moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

Americanism:

Chairman Steve Tansel stated that he could not read all the report copies and did not want to overlook any Squadron that might be eligible for an award. Squadron 500 moved to pass out the George Evans Memorial Americanism Trophy at Fall Conference, 2nd by PDC Tansel. Motion passed.

Membership:

Membership Chairman Kirk Rewerts presented the following membership awards.

Highest number of cards over goal:

- Category 1 Rosedale Squadron 290*
- Category 2 Medaryville Squadron 96*
- Category 3 Carmel Squadron 155*
- Category 4 Aurora Squadron 231*
- Category 5 North Webster Squadron 253*

First to reach goal:

- Category 1 Kingman Squadron 384*
- Category 2 Union Mills Squadron 295*
- Category 3 Whitestown Squadron 410*
- Category 4 Wanatah Squadron 403*
- Category 5 Lafayette Squadron 11*

Highest percentage over goal:

- Category 1 Marengo Squadron 84*
- Category 2 Medaryville Squadron 96*
- Category 3 Berne Squadron 468*
- Category 4 Fort Wayne Squadron 499*
- Category 5 Waynedale Squadron 241*

Top District Commander was Phil Purdy, 6th District Commander. Squadron 72 moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC Sheets. Motion passed.

Distinguished Service:

Chairman Duane Alexander presented the Gordon Rayburn Distinguished Service award to the following members:

Roland Baker, Fort Wayne Squadron 82

John Widmann, Fort Wayne Squadron 82

Gary Gregory, Leo Squadron 409

John Mitchell, Mooresville Squadron 103

PDC Arter moved to accept the report, 2nd by PDC C. Stephens. Motion passed.

Sick Call:

Gary Gregory and Galen Close.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Goods:

- The 6th District is trying to raise funds to help members in need with their dues.
- Jeff Bunge of Squadron 261 thanked everyone for their donations to the hospitality room.

PDC Slagle moved to suspend the normal order of business for the purpose of installations, 2nd by Squadron 1. Motion passed.

EVC Hauser called for a 10 minute break to allow the installation team to prepare.

PDC Clifford Stephens led the installation team, assisted by PDC's David Siggers as Sgt.-at-Arms and Mark Tansel as Chaplain. PDC Clifford Stephens installed the officers.

Commander Tansel's wife Suzanne presented him with his cover.

Commander Tansel addressed the Convention.

Commander Tansel made his wife and mother-in-law Distinguished Guests of the Convention.

Commander Tansel made the installation team Distinguished Guests.

Commander Tansel called for Robert Newman, Leading Candidate for Department Commander, and President-Elect Janet Barnaby to approach the podium. Commander Tansel made both of them Distinguished Guests.

PDC C. Stephens moved to return to the normal order of business, 2nd by Squadron 384. Motion passed.

With no future business to come before the Convention, EVC Hauser called on Chaplain Long for the closing prayer. Chaplain Long gave the closing prayer. With a right hand salute to the colors of our nation, the Convention was closed at 11:45 AM.

Donations:

Indiana Veteran's Home

Cedar Lake Squadron 261 \$103.00
2nd District \$1,333.00

Operation Comfort Warrior

2nd District \$1,333.00

Riley Hospital

2nd District \$750.00

CMN

New Albany Squadron 28 \$500.00

Child Welfare Foundation

2nd District \$750.00