

**Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Indiana  
Detachment Executive Committee  
Mid-Winter Conference  
Indianapolis, IN  
January 12, 2007**

Commander Alexander opened the meeting in due form with a right hand salute to the colors of our nation at 11:10 AM. Chaplain Kevin Brislen said an opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Northern Vice Commander Ron Sexton. The Preamble was led by Southern Vice Commander David Hanson.

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 (Ex)</b>
<b>Adjutant:</b>	<b>Damon Bradtmueller</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Mark Tansel</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>James Arter</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Harrell Sorrels</b>
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	<b>Richard Pfeiffer</b>
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	<b>Steve Tansel</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Kevin Brislen</b>
<b>Historian:</b>	<b>Dewey Long</b>
<b>Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>William Robeson (Ex)</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Galen Close</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Clarence Glass</b>
<b>Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms:</b>	<b>Logan Pipher</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</b>
<b>Public Relations:</b>	<b>Mike Pipher</b>
<b>NEC:</b>	<b>David Siggers</b>
<b>Alt. NEC:</b>	<b>Roland Baker</b>
 <b>District Commanders</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>Dwayne Alliss</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>Jim Staggs sitting in for Charles Wilson</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>John Ferrand</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>David Stewart</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Brian Hauser</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>William Robeson (Ex)</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Raymond Giehll III (Ex)</b>

**District Advisors**

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>Jake Weber</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Russ Griffin</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Don Dapp</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Brent Augspurger</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Rodney Strong</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Harold Hensley</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Gordon Rayburn</b>

**Past Detachment Commanders:**

**Dave Stephens**  
**James Arter, Sr.**  
**Terry Slagle**  
**John Widmann**  
**Rodney Strong**  
**Damon Bradtmueller**  
**Robert Rodeffer**  
**David Siggers**  
**Harrell Sorrels**  
**Richard Pfeiffer**  
**Mark Tansel**  
**Roland Baker**  
**Mike Pipher**  
**Mike Sheets**

**Commander Alexander called for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. PDC Arter moved to accept the revised minutes, seconded by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.**

**Commander Alexander called on Distinguished Guest Chairman Roland Baker. Chairman Baker introduced Thomas Somerville, Department of Indiana Commander.**

**Commander Somerville brought greetings from Department and thanked us for our support.**

**Chairman Baker next introduced Thomas Cisna, Sons of The American Legion Leading Candidate for National Commander, and his wife Kathy.**

**Candidate Cisna thanked us for what we do on the National level and our support of Legion programs. He encouraged us to keep up the great work we do for our Veterans and our nation's children.**

**Chairman Baker then introduced Lisa Brown, Department of Indiana Auxiliary V A & R Chairman.**

**Chairman Brown addressed us about a project the Auxiliary is doing for our troops overseas. She asked us for our support and a donation to help cover the cost of shipping. PDC Tansel moved to make a \$1000 donation, seconded by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.**

**Chairman Baker next introduced Michelle Rice of Hemophilia of Indiana. Ms. Rice thanked us for our help with their poinsettia sales and Summer Camp. Ms. Rice than asked how Hemophilia of Indiana could help us.**

**Chairman Baker introduced our First Lady, Cindy Alexander, and Past National Commander, David Stephens.**

Chairman Baker then introduced Jim Koutz. Jim presented a check to Commander Alexander for \$1346 for his project. The donation came from a fundraiser by Warrick Post 200 in Boonville.

Commander Alexander called for Commission and Committee reports.

**Americanism Commission: Gary Gregory, Chairman**

**Americanism & Government:**

Chairman Ron Sexton reported that we should work with our respective Legion District Chairmen to see what kind of help they need. Ron also reminded us that February is Flag Education Month. PDC Arter moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

**Children & Youth Commission: John Ferrand, acting Chairman**

Acting Chairman John Ferrand reported that we need to become involved in the Children & Youth activities in our community. He reminded us to support the Spinoza Bear and Josh Dogs programs and to fill out the Consolidated Report Form. PDC Sorrels moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Rehabilitation Commission: James Naylor, Chairman**

Chairman James Naylor reported that only \$650 of our \$2500 budget has been used. Danville VA Representative Jim Staggs asked for the rest of their donation (\$350). Louisville VA Representative Harrell Sorrels ask for their \$500 donation. He also requested that a new Representative be appointed for the Louisville VA. A request was presented for a donation of \$500 to the Indiana Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. The Wheels for Rehab Program the Commission started at the Fall Conference is seeking donations, and a flyer will be distributed in a future mass mailing. Prices on chairs will be presented at the next meeting. PDC Strong moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Widmann. Motion passed.

**Finance Commission: Steve Tansel, Chairman**

Chairman Tansel reported that the Indiana Veteran's Home Committee requested a budget of \$6,400 for the 2008-2009 year. This will cover three bingos at \$1,900 each and \$700 for the meal at Close of Books. Any other Committees that want to change their 2008/2009 budget need to make the request at Spring Conference. FO S. Tansel moved to accept his report, seconded by SVC Hanson. Motion passed.

Commander Alexander called on the Commission Chairmen to approach the podium: Americanism, Gary Gregory; Children & Youth, Barry Confer; Internal Affairs, Mike Sheets; and Rehabilitation, Jim Naylor. Starting at the Spring Conference the Commission Chairmen will give their Committees' reports. All Committee Chairmen will remain in attendance in case there are questions concerning their Committees' reports.

**Athletics Committee: Dewey Long, Acting Chairman**

Acting Chairman Long reported the Committee received bids from Kokomo, Syracuse and Plymouth Rock, with Plymouth Rock being the best. The cost will be \$55.00 per player, and flyers will be sent out in the spring to let everyone know. The Committee will be seeking hole sponsors at Spring Conference. PDC Pipher moved to accept the report, seconded by SVC Hanson. Motion passed.

**Boy's State: Mark Tansel, Acting Chairman**

Acting Chairman Tansel reported that Boy's State has a new Director, and he will check with Susan Long at Department and report back at Spring Conference. PDC Tansel moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

**Children's Miracle Network: Mike Arend, Chairman**

Chairman Arend reported that the Committee has not received any information about fundraisers. He asked that the District Commanders contact their Squadrons and see if they can get some going. Donations are noted on the donations page. PDC Slagle moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Child Welfare Foundation: Mike Sundy, Chairman**

Chairman Sundy reported that the Committee will start a TV raffle at Spring Conference and the drawing will be at Detachment Convention. At least a hundred 365 buttons are still available for sale, and to date we have raised \$1100 from them. District and Squadron plaques will be awarded at the Detachment Convention. As of this meeting we have \$1443 in donations, well short of our goal. Donations are listed on the donations page. PDC Slagle moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.

**Community Involvement: Dewey Long, Chairman**

Chairman Long reported that South Bend Squadrons 284 and 357 linked with the Marines' Toys for Tots program and collected a semi load. Plymouth Squadron 27 joined with the High School for Christmas for underprivileged children. Marion Squadron 10 held their special needs Christmas Party for twenty kids, spending \$75 per child, and dedicated a special needs park. Lapaz Squadron 385 donated forty-five Christmas boxes to needy families at \$100 per box. Bloomfield Squadron 196 escorted the local National Guard troops to Camp Atterbury. Remember to report anything you do for your Community. PDC D. Stephens moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

**Junior Shooting Sports: Greg Spalding, Chairman**

Chairman Spalding reported that a shoot was held on November 3, 2007, at Knightstown Home with three teams competing. First and second place shooters were from Belmont High School, sponsored by Adams County Post 43. The third place finisher was a young lady from Knightstown. 4<sup>th</sup> DC Spalding moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Knightstown Home: Dave Siggers, Chairman**

Chairman Siggers reported that the students have been very busy, and the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> period study program has been very successful. Many classes have gone on field trips in conjunction with their areas of study. Commander Alexander made an excellent Santa, and the Christmas Party was a success. Thanks to those Squadrons that donated towards the party. Graduation is May 24 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel. The Detachment will give four \$250.00 scholarships and the Past Detachment Commanders will give two \$400.00 scholarships. Anyone who would like to donate a scholarship can send it directly to the home. The Commander's project this year is to purchase a water slide for the pool, replace some outside basketball goals with heavy-duty adjustable ones, replace the flagpole at the campground and place a small window air conditioner in the caretakers cabin. Superintendent Paul Wilkinson reminded us that all the students have a tie to a Veteran. Commander Alexander presented a POW/MIA Flag to Superintendent Wilkinson for use at the Home. To date we have \$3,300 in donations. Donations are on the donations page. PDC Siggers moved to accept his report, seconded by PCD D. Stephens. Motion passed.

**Oratorical: Dave Hanson, Chairman**

Chairman Hanson stated that the Department Contest is on Sunday, March 2, at 1:00 PM at Department Headquarters. Brian Hauser, Mike Sheets, William Barnett and Dave Stephens will be escorts. Mark Tansel will be the Prep Room Timekeeper, and Damon Bradtmueller will be an alternate. The National Contest is on April 5, the same weekend as Spring Conference. SVC Hanson moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Tansel. Motion passed.

**Scholarship: Bob Zimmer, Chairman**

Chairman Zimmer reported that the Committee has not received any applications for our scholarship. Applications are on our website at [www.in-sal.org](http://www.in-sal.org) and will also be mailed in a mass mailing. The Adjutant will find out how much money is in the Scholarship Fund. NVC Zimmer moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Convention: Mike Sheets, Chairman**

Chairman Sheets reported that the June 20-22, 2008, Detachment Convention will be hosted by Roanoke Squadron 160 and will be held at the Comfort Suites, 5775 Coventry Lane, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46804. The room rate will be \$89.00 with up to four persons per room. A \$15.00 registration fee will be for all delegates, alternates and guests. The Convention schedule was reviewed with a request to change the opening of the Convention from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Saturday afternoon is free of meetings, and Roanoke Squadron will host food and entertainment at the Post. Cedar Lake Squadron 261 is in line for the 2009 Convention, and the Committee is taking bids for 2010 and 2011. A reminder was issued that there is NOT a DEC Meeting at the Department Convention in July. PDC Sheets moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Pfeiffer. Motion passed.

**Information Technology: Mike Pipher, Co-Chairman**

Co-Chairman Pipher discussed updates for our website, including new photos of activities, follow-ups to the calendar of events, changing some membership numbers, and building new graphics to illustrate fund-raising running totals. Chairman Pipher stated that our website had 116,000 hits in 2007. The Committee is working on downloadable By-Laws for the Squadrons to use and considering ways to include a list of Squadrons' web pages and appropriate E-mail contacts on the District maps. PDC Pipher moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Baker. Motion passed.

**Public Relations: Mike Pipher, Chairman**

Chairman Pipher reported a request from Commander Alexander for more articles, pictures and news reports from our Squadrons. The Committee would like to see the promotion of sports challenges between Squadrons as a fund-raising idea. Chairman Pipher congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> District for starting a Quarterly Newsletter and encouraged the other Districts to do the same. He reminded all Newsletter Editors that they are eligible to join NALPA (\$10 dues should be paid for them). With membership you receive the NALPA Newsletter and can purchase the Dispatch or Legion Magazine for \$6.00 each. PDC Pipher moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

Commander Alexander called on Distinguished Guest Chairman for an introduction. Chairman Baker introduced Department of Indiana Auxiliary President Judy Butler. President Butler thanked us for our support of the Legion Family Programs and wished Commander Alexander success on the rest of his year.

Commander Alexander returned to Committee reports.

**Legislative: Kevin Brislen, Chairman**

Chairman Brislen talked about the Legislative Priorities as found on the Sons national website at [www.sal.legion.org/legislative/LEGISLATIVEPRIORTIES.HTM](http://www.sal.legion.org/legislative/LEGISLATIVEPRIORTIES.HTM) . Chairman Brislen reminded us to keep in contact with our Senators and Congressmen. PDC Siggers moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

**Membership: Glenn Nagel, Chairman**

Chairman Nagel stated that there is a possibility of 5 new Squadrons. As of today we are 503 members over last year and had 3304 cards turned in today to bring our totals to 68.57% and 23,901 members. PDC Slagle moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.

**Campout: David Siggers, Chairman**

Chairman Siggers reported that the 2008 Detachment Campout is scheduled for September 12-14 at the Knightstown Home Campground. Sunday, September 14, is Legion Day at the Home. The Committee is hoping for a greater turnout this year, and with earlier notice this should happen. The Committee is planning on the same athletic events and will recycle trophies from last year. Volunteers are needed for cooking and cleanup. Information will be sent out in June from Department, and a detailed list of activities will be decided at Spring Conference. PDC Siggers moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.

**Information and Training: Terry Slagle, Chairman**

Chairman Slagle reported that the training session in Middletown 216 was attended by 8 Legion Family Members of which 7 were SAL. The December training session was canceled due to lack of RSVPs. Upcoming sessions will be in Batesville and Auburn with dates to follow. PDC Slagle moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Sheets. Motion passed.

**Homeless Veterans: Maurice King, Chairman**

Chairman King reported that the Committee discussed some of the programs available to Homeless Veterans in Indiana, including the Helping Homeless Veterans and Families (HVAF) and the Homeless Veteran's Outreach Program of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (HVOP). The Committee talked with Ms. Dianne Brown, coordinator of the HVOP and found the discussion very informative and hope to build on a possible relationship with this program. Chairman King plans to attend the 3:00 PM Homeless Veteran's meeting and hopefully at our next meeting have an idea to report on for possible Detachment action. PDC Sorrels moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Indiana Veteran's Home: James Arter, Chairman**

Chairman Arter reported that 17 Sons and Auxiliary members assisted 105 residents play about 50 bingos at the October bingo. Chalmers Squadron 268 donated \$50 towards the October bingo. Chairman Arter told us that on October 23 the newly refurbished bingo machine donated by the Bolsama Foundation of Ft. Wayne (est. value \$3000) was delivered to IVH. Lancaster Bingo Co. completely went through the machine to make sure everything was in working order and delivered the machine to IVH (est. value \$600). Chairman Arter sent thank you letters to the Bolsama Foundation and Lancaster Bingo for their donations. The December bingo had 17 Legion Family members assist 80 residents play around 50 bingos. Santa arrived and presented all the players with Christmas envelopes, and they went through the resident halls to find those who could not attend the bingo. Donations for the December bingo came from Crawfordsville Squadron 72, \$100; North Webster Squadron 253, \$50; Chalmers Squadron 268, \$50; Bloomington Squadron 18, \$300; New Haven Squadron 330, \$250; and Cedar Lake Squadron 261 donated \$500 to IVH. There has been a noticeable lack of help, especially from the Detachment Officers. The Committee sent its 2008-2009 budget requests to the Budget and Finance Committee. Donations are listed on the donations page. PDC Arter moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC Tansel. Motion passed.

**VAVS: Jim Staggs, Chairman**

Chairman Staggs stated that there is a need for a new representative at the Louisville, KY VA Hospital, and Bill McClure requested the donation for the Roudebush VA Hospital. PDC Slagle moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**POW/MIA: William Barnett, Chairman**

Chairman Barnett reminded everyone to pray for our troops and bring everyone home. He asked if any Squadrons knew of a POW/MIA from their areas. PDC Sorrels moved to accept the report, seconded by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

**Resolutions: Richard Pfeiffer, Chairman**

Chairman Pfeiffer read resolutions for the following to be made a matter of record: Roland Baker for the office of National Executive Committeeman; Harrell Sorrels for the office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman; and Mike Arend for the office of Sgt-at- Arms. Chairman Pfeiffer also read a resolution to hold our Detachment Convention at the same time and place as the Department Convention. This resolution will be read at the Detachment Convention due to a need to change the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws if passed. PDC Pfeiffer moved to accept his report, seconded by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.

**Sick Call:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

Chaplain Brislen requested a list of members that have passed on to Squadron Everlasting from every Squadron.

**Goods:**

PDC Mark Tansel congratulated Commander Alexander on graduating from the National Detachment Commander's School.

A resolution was presented to PDC Rodeffer to present to Sandy Hubler in memory of PDC Norm Hubler.

Dinner in Batesville is February 16.

PDC Terry Slagle thanked everyone for the phone calls after the tornado went through Nappanee. Cedar Lake Squadron 261 is hosting a benefit dinner for Thomas Cisna, leading candidate for National Commander, Sons of The American Legion.

Commander Alexander presented Leading Candidate Thomas Cisna a check for \$500 for his campaign.

Kokomo Post 6 is hosting a benefit golf outing for Jim Koutz, Indiana's Endorsed Candidate for American Legion National Commander on August 9, 2008.

With no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Alexander asked Chaplain Brislen for a closing prayer.

Commander Alexander ordered a salute to the colors of our nation, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

**Mid-Winter  
Conference 2008  
Donations**

<b>Squadron</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Totals MW</b>	<b>Totals Fall</b>
Mike Sundry (365 pin sales)	2	CWF	\$335.00	Cash		
Mike Sundry (365 pin sales)	2	CWF	\$875.00	Ck 758713702		
North Webster 253	2	CWF	\$1,000.00	Ck 1047		
Chalmers 268	2	CWF	\$135.00	Ck 338		
Chalmers 268	2	CWF	\$25.00	Ck 1045		
Wheatfield 406	2	CWF	\$500.00	Ck 1048		
Monterey 399	2	CWF	\$50.00	Ck 1044		
Monticello 81	2	CWF	\$100.00	Ck 1041		
North Judson 92	2	CWF	\$50.00	Ck 1043		
Portage 260	2	CWF	\$70.00	Ck 1042		
Cedar Lake 261	1	CWF	<u>\$261.00</u>	MAILED to Department		
			\$3,401.00		\$3,401.00	\$738.00
			\$			
North Webster 253	2	CMN	1,000.00	Ck 1048	\$1,000.00	
Cedar Lake 261	1	Knightstown	\$261.00	Mailed to Department		
Frank Orsini and Friends	1	Knightstown	<u>\$500.00</u>	WUMO 08-822910485		

**\$761.00** **\$761.00** **\$700.00**

**Martinsville 230**      **7** **IVH**      **\$200.00**      **Ck 1254**

**Cedar lake 261**      **1** **IVH**      **\$261.00**      **Mailed to Department**

**Cedar lake 261**      **1** **IVH**      **\$ 815.00**      **Mailed to Department**

**\$1,276.00**      **\$1,276.00**      **\$500.00**

**Speedway 500**      **11**      **Habitat for  
Humanity**      **\$500.00**      **Ck 1185**      **\$500.00**      **\$261.00**

**Boonville 200**      **8**      **Commanders  
Project**      **\$1,346.00**      **Ck 1042**      **\$1,346.00**

**\$8,284.00**

**Steve Tansel**      **11**      **Wheels for Rehab**      **\$30.00**

**Totals from Fall**      **\$2,229.00**

**Total from Fall and Mid-  
Winter**      **\$10,533.00**

