



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Indiana
Detachment Executive Committee
Spring Conference
Indianapolis, IN
April 10, 2010

Commander Steven Tansel opened the meeting in due form with a right-hand salute to the colors of our nation at 12:48 PM. Chaplain David Hanson led the prayer. Commander Tansel led the Pledge and the Preamble.

Commander Tansel called for a roll call of officers. Adjutant Damon Bradtmueller made a roll call of officers, which showed the following in attendance.

Commander:	Steven Tansel
Northern Vice Commander:	Greg Spalding
Northern Vice Commander:	Dan Conkling
Southern Vice Commander:	Raymond Giehll III (EX)
Southern Vice Commander:	Dewey Long (EX)
Adjutant:	Damon Bradtmueller
Assistant Adjutant:	James Arter
Assistant Adjutant:	Duane Alexander
Finance Officer:	Raymond Giehll Jr.
Chaplain:	David Hanson
Historian:	Brian Hauser (UNEX)
Sgt-at-Arms:	James Naylor
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms:	Galen Close
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms:	Logan Pipher
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms:	Wesley Brock
Judge Advocate:	Terry Slagle
Membership Chairman:	Michael Arend
Public Relations:	Michael Pipher (EX)
NEC:	Roland Baker
Alt. NEC:	Harrell Sorrels
SAL Chairman:	Larry Horvath

District Commanders:

1 st	Robert Bowie	2 nd	John Beal
3 rd	Darin Batten	4 th	Joe Wolff
5 th	Mike Sheets (EX)	6 th	James Staggs
7 th	Randy Blake	8 th	Michael Maples
9 th	Cliff Williamson	10 th	Charles Allen
11 th	Chris Carlton		

District Advisors:

1 st	Jake Weber	4 th	Don Dapp
6 th	Rodney Strong	7 th	Harold Hensley
9 th	Melody Short	10 th	Gordon Rayburn
11 th	Duane Alexander		

Past Detachment Commanders:

Cliff Stephens	David Stephens
James Arter Sr.	Raymond Giehll Jr.
Terry Slagle	Dave Mathews
Rodney Strong	Damon Bradtmueller
David Ridenour	David Siggers
Harrell Sorrels	Richard Pfeiffer
Mark Tansel	Roland Baker
Duane Alexander	Gary Gregory

Commander Tansel asked for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. PDC Giehll moved to accept the minutes as mailed, 2nd by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

Commander Tansel then asked Distinguished Guest Chairman Raymond Giehll Jr. for introduction of guests. Chairman Giehll introduced Department SAL Chairman Larry Horvath and Department Historian Duane Alexander. Chairman Giehll then introduced the following: David Ridenour, National Assistant Adjutant; Damon Bradtmueller, National Public Relations Chairman; Mark Tansel, National Internal Affairs Chairman; David Stephens, Past National Commander, Sons of The American Legion; Darin Batten, National Webmaster; all Past Detachment Commanders; Darrell Hansel, Department National Executive Committeeman; Jimmie Foster (AK), Leading Candidate for National Commander, The American Legion.

Candidate Foster stated he appreciates everything the Sons do for our veterans, the Child Welfare Foundation, membership and the programs of The American Legion. The Family working together benefits our communities and our nation. Work your programs well and fill out your Consolidated Report Form. In closing he asked "Are your sons, Sons?"

Chairman Giehll then introduced Robbie Robinson, Department Homeless Veterans Chairman who thanked us for our \$1,000.00 donation.

Chairman Giehll then introduced Dennis Theobald, National Vice Commander Central. VC Theobald told us about the Commanders Triple Nickel campaign. Commended Indiana for the work we do and reminded everyone the importance of the Consolidated Report Form.

Commander Tansel introduced Raymond Giehll, Jr. as a Past National Commander, Sons of The American Legion.

With some confusion due to the participants at the National Oratorical contest, Commander Tansel recessed the meeting for 20 minutes for reorganization.

Commander Tansel ordered the meeting back in session and asked for Commission reports.

Americanism Commission - Chairman Glenn Nagel

Chairman Nagel reported the following:

Athletics: Tee times for the 2010 detachment Golf Tournament are 7—9 AM and 12—2 PM. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50.00. Bids for the 2011 Detachment Golf Tournament must be turned in by September 1st.

- District hole sponsors: 2/2, 3/3, 4/4, 5/5, 6/6, 7/7, 8/8, 9/9 and 11/11.
- Squadron hole sponsors: 253/10, 276/16, 502/17 and 369/18.

Americanism: The importance of the Consolidated Report Form was emphasized. The chairman requested that each Squadron should keep a monthly report of what they do for an accurate year-end report.

Hoosier Boys State:

Trine University will host the 2010 Hoosier Boy's State June 12 thru 19. Angola Post 31 has asked for assistance with registration on June 12. If you can help, let them know. Department would like for each Post to sponsor at least one more boy. The goal for 2010 is to have 625 attendees.

PDC Slagle moved to accept the Americanism Commission report, 2nd by PDC Siggers. Motion passed.

Children & Youth Commission - Chairman Kellis Allen

PDC Sorrels made the following report for Chairman Allen:

Children's Miracle Network/Riley: Applebee's restaurant will assist in raising funds for non-profit organizations. Your local Applebee's will host a Dining to Donate night and 15% of your purchase will go to the charity of your choice. Contact your local Applebee's for more information. Additionally the Josh Dog program promoted by Raymond Giehll III will continue until Detachment Convention.

Child Welfare Foundation: As of this meeting National Headquarters has Indiana ranking 9th with \$8,200.00 turned in to date. May 31 is the cutoff date for donations to count on this fiscal year. PDC Ray Giehll won the GPS that was raffled off at Mid-Winter Conference. Chairman Naylor can be contacted at poohbr64@juno.com or 317-523-6047.

Oratorical: Chairman Chris Carlton thanked those that worked the Department and National contest and reminded everyone that the finals are tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Contact your community High Schools now and promote next year's competition.

Special Olympics: Baseball will compete in Terre Haute.

PDC Sorrels moved to accept the Children & Youth Commission report, 2nd by 10th DC Allen. Motion passed.

Internal Affairs Commission - Chairman Gary Gregory

PDC Alexander made the following report for Chairman Gregory:

Convention: Chairman Ron Sexton reported that everything is on track for the 2010 Detachment Convention to be hosted by Marion Squadron 10. The Convention schedule was viewed and approved and an additional hotel was added for overflow. Transportation from the Post and the Convention hotel is being provided. Donations are appreciated! Information about the Detachment Convention can be found on the Detachment website.

Information & Training: Chairman Duane Alexander stated that a minimum of 25 members are needed for a Squadron to host a seminar. If any Squadron would like to do so, they need to contact the Chairman or the Adjutant.

Information Technology: Chairman Darin Batten reported that our website server issues were addressed and that you should see a speed increase.

Legislative: Chairman Dan Conkling reported that the passage of HR 4887 by a vote of 403/0 ensures that health care for veterans, active duty military personnel, retired military and their families/survivors will NOT be affected negatively by the Health Care Reform bill.

Public Relations: Chairman Terry Slagle reported the 3rd District will be holding a Piggy Bank Bash on May 16th for Child Welfare. The 3rd District website is up and running www.themighty3rd.org. If your Squadron is doing anything, let everyone know.

Campout: Committeeman Bill Robeson reported that two changes from years past. First the Friday meal is bring your own, and second, the flag etiquette program was removed. The menu was reviewed and approved. The Committee asked that ribbons be awarded instead of trophies. The Committee requested funding for the meals and ribbons. The Campout will be held at Fortville Post 391 on July 23-25, 2010.

Community Involvement: Chairman Mike Maples reminded everyone to fill out their Consolidated Report Forms.

PDC Alexander moved to accept the Internal Affairs report, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

Rehabilitation Commission - Chairman Dwayne Alliss

Chairman Alliss reported the following:

Indiana Veterans Home: Chairman James Arter reported that on February 17th, Legion Family members along with 7 members of the Purdue Woman in Technology and 7 members of Circle K Club helped 80 residents play about 60 games of bingo. All prizes were won and everyone had a tremendous time as always. Our next visit to the Home will be at Close of Books on Sunday, June 13th. We will need help bringing the residents down for dinner, weather permitting.

Homeless Veterans:

Committeeman Harrell Sorrels reported that the Detachment donated \$1,000.00 to the Department Homeless Veteran's program. Squadrons are asked to contact their VA Medical center and see if there are projects for homeless veterans that we could help with. Squadrons can also ask their Legion District Homeless Veteran's Committee Chairman on how they might be able to assist their program.

PDC Arter moved to accept the Rehabilitation Commission report, 2nd by PDC Sorrels. Motion passed.

Membership: Chairman Mike Arend reported that we received 867 cards this weekend and reminded Squadrons to work on their retention as Close of Books is our last turn-in of the year. The membership report is as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
1	1	95.18%
2	2	94.54%
3	8	94.07%
4	6	93.72%
5	9	92.99%
6	3	92.94%
7	7	92.59%
8	11	92.53%
9	10	91.79%
10	4	91.55%
11	5	81.34%
Detachment total		92.14%

PDC Siggers made a motion to accept the report, second by PDC D. Stephens. Motion passed.

Finance Commission: Finance Officer Raymond Giehll, Jr. reported that the Commission had approved the 2010-2011 membership awards program, added a \$1500.00 line item for the Detachment Campout, and changed the way call-ins will be handled at NEC meetings. Those receiving a call-in check will sign over their check and in return will receive their room and a meal on both Friday and Saturday nights. Those that do not wish to participate will not receive lodging and meals. This follows what Department is doing for their members.

PDC Giehll moved to accept his report, 2nd by PDC Arter. Motion passed.

Resolutions: Committeeman Richard Pfeiffer read resolutions for the following to be made a matter of record: Jake Weber for Sgt.-at-Arms 2010-2011 and Greg Spalding for Northern Vice Commander 2010-2011.

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

Old Business:

Discussion about the address and phone numbers for Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. Detachment can only report what is given to us on the Squadron Certification form.

New Business:

None.

Sick Call:

PDC Sorrels thanked everyone for the support for Debbie after her mother passed away. Past 4th DC Kevin Gwozd's mother passed away.

Goods:

- 3rd District training session on May 8th at Post 154, 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Reminder that the CWF goal for Indiana is \$25,000.00. Surprise for the highest per capita reported on the CRF.
- Officers that are repeating for a 2nd term do not need to send in a new resolution or proof of eligibility.
- CWF Challenge Coins are for sale at the back of the room.
- May 8th is Commander Tansel's Homecoming.
- Close of Books DEC meeting on June 13th will start at 10 AM.

With no further business to come before this meeting, Commander Tansel called on Chaplain Hanson for a closing prayer. Following the prayer, Commander Tansel ordered a right-hand salute to the flag of our nation, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Spring Conference Donations
Child Welfare Foundation

Speedway Squadron 500	\$ 1,000.00
Elizabeth Squadron 379	\$ 134.00
Fourth District	\$ 500.00
Orland Squadron 423	\$ 319.00
New Albany Squadron 28	\$ 500.00
Third District	\$ 260.00
Wheatfield Squadron 406	\$ 500.00
Ft. Wayne Squadron 82	\$ 500.00
Indianapolis Squadron 355	\$ 200.00
Pierceton Squadron 258	\$ 160.00
Pass the hat	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
	\$ 4,193.00

CMN/Riley

Crawfordsville Squadron 72 (Applebee's)	\$ 22.10
New Albany Squadron 28	\$ 500.00
Sixth District	\$ 200.00
Kingman Squadron 384	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	\$ 822.10

IVH

Fourth District	\$ 786.00
Sixth District	\$ 200.00
Crown Point Squadron 20	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$1,486.00

Detachment Relief Fund

Mishawaka Squadron 161	\$ 72.00
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Josh Dogs

Speedway Squadron 500	\$ 216.00
South Haven Squadron 502	\$ 180.00
Third District	\$ 770.00
Ft. Wayne Squadron 82	<u>\$ 216.00</u>
	\$ 1,382.00

Operation Comfort Warrior

Wheatfield Squadron 406	\$ 250.00
Second District	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,250.00

Indiana National Guard Relief Fund/Commanders Project

Sixth District	\$ 200.00
Boonville Fund Raiser	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$2,200.00

Habitat for Humanity

Sixth District	\$ 200.00
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Detachment Golf Hole Sponsor

Fourth District	\$ 50.00
Tenth District	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	\$ 100.00

Homeless Veterans

Sixth District	\$ 200.00
Detachment	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,200.00

Spring Conference Total Donations \$ 12,905.10