

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF CALIFORNIA
DETACHMENT ADJUTANT NED FOX2019-2020



PRE-CONVENTION MEETING IN ONTARIO, CA. THURSDAY, JUNE 26,2019

Pre- Convention meeting called to order by Commander James Fischer at 4:45 pm.

Advancement of colors by twelve time (12) National Color Guard from California.

Invocation by Chaplain Joseph Meraz ; POW/MIA placement by Steven Culp Jr. Vice Commander; Pledge by Sr. Vice Commander Philip Stuart; Preamble by Matt Parsons Alt NEC.

Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant Ned Fox: Commander James Fischer; Sr. Vice Philip Stuart; Jr. Vice Steven Culp; Judge Advocate Ken Sutton; Sgt-at-Arms Sandy Loeb; Adjutant Ned Fox; Asst. Adjutant Jeff Flynt; NEC Mark S Severance; Alt. NEC Matt Parsons; Jr. Past Commander Tomidan Jordan; Area Vice Commanders 2- Paul Martin, 3- David Smith Sr., 4- Mike Losoya, 5- Excused, 6- acting John Bartos.

PDC's George Curtis; Mike Seaton; Ned Fox; Frank Meraz Jr.; Robert T Kelly Jr.; Tomidan Jordan; Matt Parsons; Mark S Severance; Michael Fox; Gene Sacco.

District Commanders 11th Ken Sutton; 12th Walt Butler; 18th John Bartos; 21st Russ Mills; 22nd Bill Hernandez; 25th Roger Coggins; 27th Art Cope.

August DEC minutes from the meeting in Jackson, Ca. Motion by George Curtis, 2nd by Sandy Loeb to approve the minutes as distributed. **MOTION PASSED>**

Finance Commission report presented by Mark S Severance that budget will be based on a membership of 12,500 members for the 2019-2020 year. Currently we have a surplus of \$7,656 which is rolled into our beginning of the year monies to get the Detachment through the first quarter of the new Administrative year. We are still waiting on the Audit report from the last two years. West America Bank has the monies from the old Ways & Means account however we are unable to determine where Department has deposited monies. Motion by Robert T Kelly to present proposed budget to Convention for approval, 2nd by Sandy Loeb; **MOTION PASSED>**

I/A report- No issues

Appointments for Convention- Bryon Johnson Asst-Sgt.-at-Arms

OLD BUSINESS- Nothing to report

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NEW BUSINESS- Mark Severance question the resolution regarding last year when the Finance Officer became a member of the Finance Commission was incorrect. George Curtis opined that from the C&B the Finance Officer is the CFO with no voting privileges just a voice. M. Severance stated that the Finance Officer is not a conflict as he is the CFO and should also have a vote. Commission represents the Body. F.O> reports to the Body. To resolve the issue C&B need to meet on the issue and make a recommendation to change the Committee. Michael Fox-PDC stated that the Finance Officer is an appointed position and does not get a vote as the position is appointed. A resolution would be needed to change to become an elected position. George Curtis added that the C&B can be changed as long as its read Two times at Convention and passes with A 2/3 MAJORITY. It must also go through I/A. Matt Parsons stated that as the CFO in 2015-2016 he enjoyed his vote. It is recommended that the Commander appoint 5 to 7 members at the Pre-Convention meeting and meet/discuss and recommend to the convention their recommendation. Commander Fischer appointed the following members to the Standing Convention Committee Finance; Jim Eubanks, Walt Butler, Mark Severance, Matt Parsons ©, Russ Mills, Bill Hernandez, George Curtis. Meeting will be held 30 minutes after the close of the Pre-Convention meeting.

Commander Fischer made the following appointments to the listed Convention standing committees:

COMMITTEE TO INSTRUCT- Gene SACCO, Mike Seaton, Mark Severance.

FINANCE- Mark Severance, Matt Parsons, Richard Klein, Tomidan Jordan, Hank Elder, Tim Saucedo.

CONVENTION RULES- Jim Yocum, John Paine, Art Cope.

GOOD OF THE SONS- Fundraiser for Veterans a \$500 Gift card from Big 5 of which 200 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. Commander Fischer received from Department a commemorative coin #19 to raise money for V A &R @ \$10 each. Riders raised \$2,000 at their convention.

Sandy Loeb made a motion the replace the wooden box for the Color Guard that was lost (UPS) last year on the travel to Minneapolis, Commander told Sandy to write up the proposal and present it at Convention. Michael Fox the 2nd Leading candidate for National Commander is working hard to brand the organization with #SALSTRONG. Hats are available with the Branding for a \$25 donation, also pins will be here on Friday. We have plans to have a motivational mixer this Friday from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Roy Santiago on Behalf of Department Commander Larry Leonardo wishes to thank the Detachment for all their support and it is a privilege to be a Dual member.

Commander Fischer asked all the Dual members to stand and introduce themselves. (20) Dual members present.

Pre-Convention meeting closed at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Adjutant

Ned Fox, PD