

Detachment of Kansas
D.E.C. Meeting, 11-05-17
City Beverage, Eagle Room ... Hutchinson, Kansas

- Detachment Commander Mike Saindon called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM with the proper decorum.
- Roll Call: Adjutant Culver called Roll and declared a quorum was present. (Roll call sheet attached) 20 members and 2 guests in attendance.
- Guests: Department Commander Terry Marr , Mindy King (Post 408)
 - Everyone in attendance then introduced themselves.
- Special Recognition:
 - Immediate Past Detachment Commander Tom Wallsmith was presented with his outgoing commander's gavel, a plaque of appreciation, and a Gold Star Jacket.
- Minutes of previous meeting:
 - Motion made by Gregg Thompson that the minutes of the 11-06-16 D.E.C. meeting be approved as distributed. Terry Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Sick Call:
 - Wes Wills (Sqd 68): Detachment Asst. Adjutant ... in Hutch hospital being treated for blood pressure issues
- Finance: Don Culver reported that we will have year-to-date actuals from Headquarters at our Mid-Winter meeting. Today's meeting is also a "paid" meeting, meaning mileage will be paid to those eligible.
- Committee Reports:
 - Membership: Vice Commander Terry Harris led a discussion on membership. Points discussed:
 - 2017: Last year's renewals continue to come in. We still have work to do to achieve 100% for last year and keep the string of "All Time Highs" alive. We are still short 85 members to our National Goal of 6661. Time is running short so let's give it one last big push to make 100%.
 - 2018:
 - National Targets: the Detachment has made all the national Targets so far this year, in fact we are a little bit ahead. But, we need to stay on top of this and push hard on renewals between now and year end. Upcoming Target Dates were discussed. After the first of the year the Targets get tougher to achieve.
 - "Goose-eggs": As of 11-03-17 we still have 35 "Goose-egg" Squadrons. District Commanders need to work hard to get rid of the "Goose-eggs" in their Districts. Please let VC Harris know if you need assistance from him.
 - Currently Kansas is #18 nationally in membership at 41.93%. Getting rid of the "Goose-eggs" would go a long way to improving that number.
 - Renewal Rate: Our renewal rate for 2017 was 87.57%. Collectively we need to work to improve our renewal percentage. Currently for the 2018 membership year our renewal rate is 91.36%. Stay after the renewals and hold the gain..!!
 - New Squadrons: Currently there are (2) new Squadron prospects this year: Hardtner #175 and Wamego #172. Hopefully both will be "on board" by the first of the year.
 - Squadron Officers List: There are still Squadrons that have not submitted a current officers list to Headquarters. Headquarters contact info will not be accurate for all Squadrons due to this. District Commanders have expressed frustration at not being able to get current Squadron info from Headquarters...here is the reason. Headquarters can only pass on the info they have.
 - There was a general discussion on membership regarding making direct contact with members to get renewals, District Commanders building District Squadron contact lists, and the potential suspension of Squadron Charters after the first of the year of the "goose-egg" Squadrons.

- Bryan Page: Bryan spoke of the training session he has been asked to perform at Mid-Winter about My Legion.org ... Bryan encouraged all Squadrons to get on MySAL.org if they are not already. Many useful tools are available to help with your membership efforts.
- ALR: Terry Harris spoke on several items: the Turkey Run, Operation North Pole, and the Kansas Legacy Run. Terry thanked the S.A.L. for all its support as these are all Legion Family Events.
- Department Commander Terry Marr:
 - Commander Marr spoke on several items:
 - The National Commander and National Vice Commander visits to Kansas
 - Membership
 - Mentoring ... share the knowledge, “train the troops”
 - Community perception of the Legion Family
 - Getting involved at the Post/Squadron level
- Correspondence:
 - Adjutant Culver stated there was no correspondence to report.
- OLD Business:
 - No old business was brought forward.
- NEW Business:
 - Department District Reorganization: Mike Saindon and Terry Marr led the discussion. Department has been looking at whether there is a need to reorganize the boundaries of the 8 Districts. A couple Districts think maybe “yes”, most others think “no”. For the time being it has been decided to leave it up to the individual Districts to decide for themselves, and if necessary, formulate a plan to reorganize. More discussion and updates will probably be available at Mid-Winter from the District Commanders.
 - Squadron Dues Listing: Adjutant Culver provided a notebook to each District Commander in attendance containing copies of the “latest” Squadron Officers lists for the Squadrons in the District, along with the listing of the Squadrons dues. After discussion all agreed that a renewed effort is needed to get both a current officer’s list and dues info from all our Squadrons. The District Commanders were challenged to contact their Squadrons and “fill in the blanks”.
- For the Good of the Sons:
 - Adjutant Culver reviewed the handout “Upcoming Events/Dates”
 - SALute Newsletter: Adjutant Culver again asked for articles for the SALute newsletter. Thank you to Terry Harris and Wes Wills for the articles you have submitted. All others encouraged to submit articles, especially Committee Chairman.
 - CWF Donations: (Child Welfare Foundation)
 - Donation envelopes for CWF were distributed. Adjutant Culver urged all to use them to send their CWF donations directly to National. Anyone needing more please contact Don Culver.
 - Squadrons that donate at least \$1 per member to CWF are eligible to receive a CWF Banner from National. Order form for CWF Banner distributed.
- Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Commander Saindon adjourned the meeting with the proper decorum at 3:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.

Attachment: 11-05-17 D.E.C. Meeting Roll Call

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		Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Mike Saindon	X		
V-Commander	Terry Harris	X		
Adjutant	Don Culver	X		
Assistant Adjutant	Wes Wills			X
Finance	Don Culver	X		
NEC	Steve Ward			X
Alt. NEC	Doug Evans	X		
Masters-At-Arms	Keith Meyerhoff	X		
	Troy Shields			X
Chaplain	Gregg Thompson	X		
Historian	Michael King	X		
	William King	X		
Judge Advocate	Neal Warnken			X
SAL Advisors	Bryan Page	X		
	C.W. Hamilton	X		
	Don Behrens	X		
Dept. ALR Rep. to the SAL	Terry Harris	X		
District 1 Commander	Rodney "RC" Harmon	X		
District 2 Commander	Jeff Carson	X		
District 3 Commander	Chris Perkins		X	
District 4 Commander	Harvey Eccles	X		
District 5 Commander	Steve Zimmerman			X
District 6 Commander	Scott Hartzog	X		
District 7 Commander	Terry Harris	X		
District 8 Commander	John Hall	X		
Past Detachment Commanders	Carl Griffiee		X	
	Chris Haas		X	
	Andy Procina		X	
	Vail Henningsen	X		
	Neal Warnken			X
	Don Culver	X		
	Wes Wills			X
	Gerald Hammerschmidt			X
	Alan Rusch			X
	James Burton		X	
	Basil Pepperd		X	
	Lyle Larson			X
	Randy Bland		X	
	Steve Ward			X
	Doug Evans	X		
	Richard Strothman			X
	Tom Wallsmith	X		

