

**Detachment of Kansas**  
**D.E.C. Meeting, 11-22-15**  
**City Beverage, Eagle Room ... Hutchinson, Kansas**

- Detachment Commander Richard Strothman called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM with the proper decorum.
- Roll Call: Adjutant Culver called Roll and declared a quorum was present. (Roll call sheet attached)
- Guests: Commander Strothman acknowledged (1) guest present: NVC Steve Ward (Ks)
  - NVC Ward thanked Kansas for its efforts on membership this year. NVC Ward also thanked the Detachment for participating in the Mid-West Region conference calls. NVC Ward expressed confidence that Kansas would do all it could to achieve another 100% year in membership. NVC Ward had some of his NVC pins and he distributed them to those that did not have one.
- Minutes of previous meeting:
  - Adjutant Culver motioned that the minutes be approved as distributed. Neal Warnken seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Detachment Historian Award: Past Detachment Commander Doug Evans presented Past Detachment Historian Mike Saindon with the “Detachment History Book” Award given at National Convention in Baltimore to Kansas. The Detachment History Book Mike Saindon submitted received a 100% (Perfect) score and was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Congratulations Mike !!!
- Committee Reports:
  - No Committee Reports were expected or given at today’s meeting.
  - Adjutant Culver asked that all Committee Chairman provide written copies of their reports at Mid-Winter and Detachment Convention. Simplifies the writing of the meeting minutes.
  - Same request was made of the Detachment District Commanders and Commander Strothman.
- Membership:
  - “Goose-eggs”: A lot of discussion regarding the “goose-egg” Squadrons. Department will be sending out letters to those Squadrons within the next 2 weeks advising them that their Charters are subject to suspension if no membership transmittal is received by 12-31-15. Several District Commanders expressed their frustrations when dealing with some of these Squadrons. Past National Commander Warnken reminded all that the Squadrons are accountable to their Posts and suggested getting the Post Commander involved if necessary. Everyone agreed that it was imperative that the “Goose-eggs” be eliminated, without the loss of a Squadron, in order for the Detachment to achieve another 100% in membership. Currently the Detachment is achieving the Membership Target Dates however it will get tougher unless all our Squadrons are involved.
  - New Squadron Prospects: Currently there are (3) new Squadron prospects: Clay Center, Phillipsburg, and Syracuse.
  - Inactive Squadrons: (2) Squadrons have been declared inactive by their Posts: Lindsborg, and Little River.
  - Squadron Officer List: Adjutant Culver shared a revised Squadron Officer Form. The consensus of the D.E.C. attendees was that they preferred the “new” form versus the “old” form. The new form eliminates listing the various Chairman (Americanism, Children & Youth, etc.) since very few Squadrons ever fill out the info anyway, and adds additional space for Squadron Officers info (name, address, phone, e-mail) along with the Squadron Advisor (same info). It is hoped this form will get additional contact info submitted by the Squadrons. Currently many only provide Officers name with no contact info. Adjutant Culver will work with Headquarters to utilize the new form in next Spring’s mailing to the Squadrons.
  - MySAL: Adjutant Culver noted that if your Squadron is not signed up they should consider it. MySAL is a useful tool for the Squadron Adjutants use. Adjutant Culver noted he has done several on-line address changes for a couple of Squadrons utilizing his Detachment Adjutant access.

- Detachment Web Site/Social Media: Web Master Wes Wills is concerned there is no one to back him up if necessary. Adjutant Culver called for a volunteer to work with Wes and “learn the ropes”. Neal Warnken volunteered to work with Web Master Wes.
- SALute Newsletter: Adjutant Culver asked for comments regarding the new format. Everyone agreed it was much better with useful information than what they used to receive. Adjutant Culver asked the Committee Chairman to submit articles, in fact articles from anyone would be considered. Adjutant Culver noted that the Department newsletter, The Sunflower, would only be issued quarterly beginning in January and asked the D.E.C. attendees how frequently they would like to see the *SALute*. All agreed they wanted to continue a monthly newsletter. Adjutant Culver noted that as long as someone contributed articles the *SALute* would continue monthly, but that he and Wes needed input (articles) from “Team Kansas”.
  - Adjutant Culver distributed a handout identifying (44) Squadrons that are currently receiving an e-mail copy of the *SALute*. District Commanders were reminded to make sure they distribute the *SALute* to the Squadrons in their Districts. Should the District Commanders get additional e-mail contacts from the Squadrons not listed forward them to Adjutant Culver so they can be added to the distribution listing.
  - Lyle Larson noted he would still like to see paper copies mailed out. Adjutant Culver responded saying if we do it will be on “us” as Headquarters will not. No one volunteered to take on this task.
- Mid-Winter Forum: a draft agenda for Mid-Winter Forum was distributed and discussed. A couple of revisions were mentioned and Adjutant Culver will incorporate them.
- Detachment Convention: Detachment Convention will be held in Hutchinson next Spring. S.A.L. National Commander Kevin Collier, and S.A.L. Leading Candidate for National Commander Jeff Frain have both been invited.
- Washington Conference: Past National Commander Neal Warnken suggested the Detachment’s representative should be NVC Steve Ward. No other Detachment Officer indicated their wish to attend. The D.E.C. attendees agreed that Steve Ward would be our Detachment representative.
- NMI Candidate for Spring 2016 NEC: The only one indicating any interest was Detachment Commander Richard Strothman. Adjutant Culver reminded the Commander this was a 3 year commitment with little if any funding. Commander Strothman acknowledged he understood and would still like to attend. Adjutant Culver will submit Richard Strothman’s name.
- Detachment Conference Calls: Wes Wills would like to see more Detachment Conference calls. The question is “will Districts, Squadrons, and even Detachment Officers participate?” In the discussion that followed the responses from the D.E.C. attendees were mixed. Seems there is always a schedule conflict preventing some from participating. It was noted that we can’t even get everyone to attend Mid-Winter and Detachment Conventions ... conference calls will be a bigger challenge. More discussion on this topic is needed at both Mid-Winter and Detachment Convention to get a better feel of the level of support we can expect.
- Detachment Commanders Report: Commander Strothman reported he had been busy attending functions. He thanked everyone for their hospitality.
- OLD Business: None noted by the D.E.C. attendees.
- NEW Business: None noted by the D.E.C. attendees.
- For the Good of the Sons:
  - Adjutant Culver reminded all of the Department Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 2015 at the Hutchinson Post. RSVP by November 28, 2015.
  - Handout “Upcoming Dates” distributed to all.
- Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Commander Strothman adjourned the meeting with the proper decorum at 1:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.

Attachment: 11-22-15 D.E.C. Meeting Roll Call

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		Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	Richard Strothman	x		
V-Commander	Tom Wallsmith	x		
Adjutant	Don Culver	x		
Assitant Adjutant	Wes Wills			x
Finance	Don Culver	x		
NEC	Open			
Alt. NEC	Doug Evans	x		
Masters-At-Arms	Dave Redger	x		
	Robert Whittaker	x		
Chaplain	Jerry Leopold			x
Historian	Jim Trenary	x		
Judge Advocate	Neal Warnken	x		
SAL Liaison	Jimmie Foster			x
SAL Advisors	Dave Hazelwood	x		
	Tom Tschantz			x
	Charlie Trapp			x
Dept. ALR Rep. to the SAL	Terry Harris	x		
District 1 Commander	OPEN			
District 2 Commander	Chris Hicks		x	
District 3 Commander	Keith Muller	x		
District 4 Commander	James Edington		x	
District 5 Commander	Jerry Leopold			x
District 6 Commander	Tom Wallsmith	x		
District 7 Commander	Chris Krueger	x		
District 8 Commander	John Hall	x		
<b>Past Detachment Commanders</b>	Carl Griffee		x	
	Chris Haas		x	
	Andy Procina		x	
	Vail Henningsen	x		
	Neal Warnken	x		
	Don Culver	x		
	Wes Wills			x
	Gerald Hammerschmidt			x
	Jerry Leopold			x
	Alan Rusch		x	
	James Burton		x	
	Basil Pepperd		x	
	Lyle Larson	x		
	Randy Bland		x	
	Steve Ward	x		
	Sam Sparks		x	
	Doug Evans	x		

