

**SONS OF AMVETS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NY**  
**CONVENTION 2022 MINUTES**

- **Meeting called to order** 6/11/2022 at 9:29 AM by Commander Scott Devery
- **Invocation** by Chaplain Dan Tamburlin
- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Commander Scott Devery
- **Preamble** led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Lee Smith
- Commander Scott Devery presented agenda,
- **MOTION** to approve agenda by Brian Crosby, second by Lee Smith, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Introduction of guests-** National Judge Advocate Dave Spencer
- **Introduction of PDC's** ...Richard Beaulieu, Brian Crosby, Ben Gladding, Andy Lapointe
- **Approval of Spring 2022 SEC Meeting Minutes**, NO MINUTES TO APPROVE
- **Roll call of Officers:**  
Commander- Scott Devery... Present  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Lee Smith... Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Dan Tamburlin... Present  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice- Gary Pelletier... Present  
Adjutant- Jeremie Taggart ... Absent  
Finance Director- Brian Crosby... Present  
Judge Advocate- Larry Paige.... Excused  
Provost Marshall- Richard Nebiosini... Absent  
Immediate Past Commander- Ben Gladding... Present  
VAVS Coordinator- ...VACANT  
Chaplain- Dan Tamburlin... Absent  
NEC Rep-... Gary Pelletier...Present  
Convention Chair- Richard Beaulieu... Present
- **Roll call of Squadrons:** 1-0, 4-2, 8-1, 13-0, 18-1, 38-0, 48-0, 72-2, 76-0, 88-1, 111-1, 219-0, 245-0, 262-0, 265-2, 282-0, 726-1, 897-3, 1174-0, 1313-0, 1997-3, 2000-4, 2004-0, 2946-0, 6472-1. Total of 23 present and counted including National J.A.
- **Officers reports:** All officers gave reports and copies were available for all in attendance.
- **MOTION** to approve reports (after completion of all reports) by Richard Beaulieu, second by Brian Crosby, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Commander- Scott Devery:** Welcomed and thanked all in attendance. I will be attending the National Convention this year in August. I'm always available for your comments and or concerns.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander- Lee Smith:** Our current State total membership is 1229, including 125 life members and 255 new members. We are not yet set up for squadrons to do membership. All membership needs to be sent to the Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. Please ensure the form is complete and legible.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander- Dan Tamburlin:** Currently only 7 Squadrons reporting projects with a total value of \$63,935.75. Squadrons need to report and if needed reach out to the States 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice. Every

Squadron is doing something and please get your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice to put in reports. Contact me with and questions or concerns about project reporting.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander- Gary Pelletier:** We raised \$170. From our Spring SEC M&M guessing jar. Our Pallet of beverages/\$1000 is going well with over \$1000 raised so far and will continue to sell tickets until drawing, and we will draw the winning ticket later today. Hopes to have better participation from squadrons in future raffles. All monies from our raffles goes to veterans' programs.
- **Adjutant- Jeremie Taggart:** Absent.
- **Finance Director- Brian Crosby:** reported on the current September 2021- August 2022 budget, and proposed 2022-2023 Budget.
- **MOTION** to accept finance report by Richard Beaulieu, second by Lee Smith, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Judge Advocate- Larry Paige:** Absent- No Report
- **Provost Marshall- Richard Nebiosini:** Absent- No Report
- **Chaplain- Dan Tamburlin:** We had 11 members pass away, squad 1997-4, squad 4-2, squad 897-1 squad 262-1, squad 265-1 squad 726-1, and squad 1313-1. Please submit notices timely.
- **NEC Rep. Gary Pelletier:** No National meetings were held since our Spring SEC. I did attend our States AMVETS Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents Testimonial dinner in April and will be attending our National Commanders Testimonial dinner in July. Please get as many of your squadron members as possible to sign up at [www.sonsofamvets.org](http://www.sonsofamvets.org). there will be six resolutions up for vote at the National Convention.
- **Convention Chair- Richard Beaulieu:** Has medium and large new shirts (\$20) and 10 new hats (\$15) for sale. Can get other sizes and deliver at your expense. Cooler of cheer raffle this year with tickets at 10 for \$5.00. Has Convention bags for sale with price of \$5 and includes 2 NYS pins and mug.
- **MOTION** to approve all reports by, Richard Beaulieu second by Dan Tamburlin, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MOTION** to break by Richard Beaulieu second by Gary Pelletier **MOTION CARRIED.**
- **BREAK 10:10.... Reconvened 10:35**
- PDC Richard Beaulieu discussed possible future changes to our by-laws, standing rules for attendance to National conventions and promoting our state SOA throughout the state. Also discussed project reporting and assisting grants from State and National, encouraged members to use available funds from State, National. Encouraged members to work with your post AMVETS to submit. Grants up to \$500 per year which could be one or several projects. It's been several years since we increased funds of officer's payment for rooms during SEC and would like to see it increased from \$125 to \$150.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- **AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Awards will be awarded at swearing in of officers meeting at 4:30 today
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
- **MOTION** to raise stipend for officers from \$129 to \$150 for SEC meetings by Richard Beaulieu, second by Brian Crosby, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MOTION** to increase Commanders stipend from \$175.00 to \$200.00 by Brian Crosby, seconded by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **FUNDRAISING:** PDC Ben Gladding discussed a Golf Tournament which will be held on 9/24/2022 at River View Golf Course in Louisville, NY with a shotgun start at 10AM and a banquet to follow at AMVETS post 4. Cost for a foursome will be \$280.00 and also available are hole sponsorships. Informational packet was available and distributed. Also, a packet will be mailed to all squadrons around second week of July.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice, Gary Pelletier discussed having another raffle to be held at 2023 Convention with prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200. He will have tickets printed up by Fall SEC, along with raffle flyers.

Discussion to will be bringing back raffles for life membership.

- **MOTION** to bring back and purchase Life Membership raffle tickets by Richard Beulieu, second by Andy Lapointe **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MOTION** to have raffle of \$500, \$300, \$200 by Ben Gladding, second by Lee Smith **MOTION CARRIED**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2<sup>nd</sup>/Final round of nomination of Officers**

a) Commander	Scott Devery
b) 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Lee Smith
c) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Dan Tamburlin
d) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Gary Pelletier
e) Adjutant	Andy Lapointe
f) Finance Officer	Brian Crosby
g) Judge Advocate	Larry Paige
h) Provost Marshall	Ben Gladding

- **Acting Adjutant- Gary Pelletier did cast one vote for all nominated Officers, running unopposed, and all were elected.**
  - **COMMANDERS PROJECT:** Commander Scott Devery read a response from Gary Sinise Foundation thanking him for donations and how the funds go to building smart homes for veterans
  - **MOTION** to donate \$5000.00 to Commanders project throughout next year by Lee Smith, second by Brian Crosby **MOTION CARRIED**
  - **MOTION** to buy National SOA Freedom Cash raffle tickets at \$5.00 each by Ben Gladding, second by Dan Tamburlin **MOTION CARRIED**
  - **2022 National Convention resolutions** Gary Pelletier discussed and briefly went over the six up-coming resolutions.
- **MOTION** to Adjourn by Dan Tamburlin, second by Brian Crosby, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Benediction:** by Chaplin Dan Tamburlin

- **MEETING ADJURNED 12:15**

- **Award ceremony and swearing in of Officers 4:30 PM**

- Most improved Squadron...Squad 88
- Most members Squadron .... Squad 88
- Most Project Reporting.... Squad 897
- Sons of AmVets of the year...Lee Smith

- OFFICERS were sworn in By National SOA-JA Dave Spenser at Awards Ceremony

Respectfully submitted

Gary Pelletier

Acting Adjutant SOA-NYS