

**SONS OF AMVETS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NY**  
**CONVENTION 2021 MINUTES**

- **Meeting called to order** 6/12/2021 at 9:35 AM by Commander Ben Gladding
- **Invocation** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Dan Tamburlin
- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Commander Ben Gladding
- **Preamble** led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Scott Devery
- Commander Ben Gladding presented agenda,
- **MOTION** to approve agenda by Brian Crosby, second by Lee Smith, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Introduction of guests- AMVETS liaison...** Karin Crosby
- **Introduction of PDC's ...**Richard Beaulieu, Brian Crosby
- **Approval of Fall 2020 SEC Meeting Minutes,**
- **MOTION** to approve minutes by, Brian Crosby, second by, Richard Beaulieu, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Roll call of Officers:**  
Commander- Ben Gladding... Present  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Scott Devery... Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Dan Tamburlin... Present  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice- Paul Conto... Absent  
Adjutant- Gary Pelletier... Present  
Finance Director- Brian Crosby... Present  
Judge Advocate- Lee Smith.... Present  
Provost Marshall- Richard Nebiosini... Excused  
Immediate Past Commander- Chip Smith... Excused  
VAVS Coordinator- ...VACANT  
Chaplain- John Flemming... Absent  
NEC Rep-... Gary Pelletier...Present  
Convention Chair- Richard Beaulieu... Present
- **Roll call of Squadrons:** 4-4, 8-1, 13-1, 38-0, 45-0, 48-0, 72-2, 76-0, 88-1, 111-3, 219-0, 245-2, 262-0, 265-0, 282-0, 726-1, 897-1, 1313-0, 1997-1, 2000-1, 2004-0, 2946-0, 6472-1. Total of 19 present and counted.
- **Officers reports:** All officers gave reports and copies were available for all in attendance.
- **Commander- Ben Gladding:** Welcomed and thanked all in attendance. Hopes we can start to grow as a Department now that restrictions are being lifted. We have not been able to do much, if any fundraising due to shutdown of businesses and recreational facilities for most of last year. Commanders project of helping homeless vets' programs, three checks will go to Buffalo, Syracuse and Northport VA Centers. Welcomed new attendees.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander- Scott Devery:** Our current total membership is 1071, including 110 life members. 21 Squadrons have submitted membership, however Squadrons 18, 45, 2004 and 2946 have not submitted and membership. Squadron 111 has disbanded

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander- Dan Tamburlin:** Currently only 8 Squadrons reporting projects with a total value of \$46,063.53. 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. COVID hurt our reporting.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander- Paul Conto:** Absent – No report
- **Adjutant- Gary Pelletier:** Looks forward to continuing serving and representing NYS -SOA. If anyone would like meeting minutes e-mailed to contact him.
- **Finance Director- Brian Crosby:** reported on the current September 2020- August 2021 budget, and proposed 2021-2022 Budget.
- **MOTION** to accept finance report by Richard Beaulieu, second by Lee Smith, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **Judge Advocate- Lee Smith:** There are currently 15 resolutions, changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Please take time to visit and view these resolutions with your state and Squadron especially if you are sending any delegates to the National Convention. Information on Constitution and By-Law changes are at the SOA website [www.sonsofamvets.org](http://www.sonsofamvets.org)
- **Provost Marshall- Richard Nebiosini:** Report was read by Commander Ben Gladding: Apologized for not being able to attend convention and thank you to First Vice Commander Scott Devery for brining flags to convention, and anyone who helped assist in my duties as Provost Marshall. I enjoyed being Provost Marshall this past year and would like to continue. I hope some State officers can attend the swearing in of the new officers and hand deliver the Charter to new Squadron 1174
- **Chaplain- John Flemming:** Absent – No report
- **NEC Rep. Gary Pelletier:** No report
- **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. No Cooler of cheer raffle this year due to short notice but will have raffle next year. Has Convention bags for sale with price yet no be negotiated.
- **MOTION** to purchase Convention bags for all SOA Convention attendees from by Richard Beaulieu, second by Dan Tamburlin, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MOTION** to approve all reports by, Scott Devery second by Dan Tamburlin, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- **AWARDS COMMITTEE** Commander Suggested to move awards to Fall SEC meeting.
  - **First 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	
f) Finance Officer	Brian Crosby
g) Judge Advocate	
h) Provost Marshall	Rich Nebiosini
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **MOTION** to donate \$500 to AMVETS Commander and Auxiliary Presidents programs, and donate \$500 to the Hospitality room by Richard Beaulieu, seconded by Dan Tamburlin **MOTION CARRIED**
- **FUNDRAISING:** Commander Ben Gladding discussed that he would help run Golf Tournament as he runs many and would help new 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander coordinate.

- **COMMANDERS PROJECT:** Commander Ben Gladding discussed Searching many places that helped with homeless veterans' services and Local Veterans hospitals are the best throughout the state, so I decided to donate between Buffalo, Syracuse and Northport Veterans Medical Centers.
- **FLAG RAFFLE:** Ticket sales are going well and will continue sales tonight.
- **GUESTS/VISITORS:**
  - **AMVETS Department of NY Commander Les Baker** Welcomed all to Convention. Thanked the Sons for all they do especially with the COVID pandemic. Discussed his project, the LEEK foundation. Commander Ben Gladding said we will donate \$500 to the LEEK Foundation. Hopes to see many faces to his Memorial Dinner, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - **NY Auxiliary President** Presented \$500 check to Sons Commanders project. briefly discussed her project which is American Vet Dogs. Commander Ben Gladding presented \$500 for her project. She thanked the Sons for their support throughout the year.
- **MOTION** to Break for 15 minutes by Gary Pelletier, seconded by Lee Smith **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MEETING RECONVEENED AT 10:57**
- **MOTION** to purchase an update to Finance program Quickens by Brian Crosby, seconded by Lee Smith **MOTION CARRIED**
- Finance officer Brian Crosby thanked Squadron 88 for returning \$50 stipend back to NYS-SOA.
  - **Second round of nomination of Officers**

i) Commander	Scott Devery
j) 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Lee Smith
k) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Dan Tamburlin
l) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Gary Pelletier
m) Adjutant	Jeremy Taggart
n) Finance Officer	Brian Crosby
o) Judge Advocate	Larry Page
p) Provost Marshall	Rich Nebiosini
- **Adjutant- Gary Pelletier did cast one vote for all nominated Officers, running unopposed, and all were elected.**
- **Benediction:** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Dan Tamburlin
- **MOTION** to Adjourn by Lee Smith, second by Dan Tamburlin, **MOTION CARRIED**
- **MEETING ADJURNED 11:08 AM**
- OFFICERS were sworn in By AMVETS Commander Les Baker at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted

Gary Pelletier

Adjutant SOA-NYS