

SONS OF AMVETS
DEPARTMENT OF NY
2024 SEC CONVENTION MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6/8/2024 at 9:44 AM by Commander Lee Smith

Invocation: by Chaplain Thomas Chiaro

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Provost Marshal Tom Gnung

Preamble: led by Commander Lee Smith

Commander Lee Smith presented an agenda.

MOTION to approve agenda by, Roger Gold, second by, Gary Pelletier **MOTION CARRIED**

Introduction of PDC's Ben Gladding, Richard Beaulieu

Spring SEC Meeting minutes Presented, **MOTION** to approve Richard Beaulieu , second by Ben Gladding ,

MOTION CARRIED

Roll call of Officers:

Commander Lee Smith... Present

1st Vice Dan Tamburlin... Present

2nd Vice Gary Pelletier... Present

3rd Vice Ben Gladding... Present

Adjutant Roger Gold... Present

Finance Director Keith Baaske... Present

Judge Advocate Larry Paige.... Absent

Provost Marshall Thomas Gnung... present

VAVS Coordinator ...VACANT

Chaplain Thomas Chiaro... Present

NEC Rep Gary Pelletier...Present

Convention Chair Richard Beaulieu... Present

Roll call of Squadrons: 1-2, 4-1, 8-2, 11-0, 13-0, 18-0, 19-0, 38-0, 45-0, 48-0, 72-2, 76-1, 88-1, 111-0, 219-0, 245-2, 262-0, 265-0, 282-0, 726-1, 897-3, 1174-2 1313-0, 1417-0, 1997-2, 2000-3, 2004-0, 2946-0, 6472-1.
Total of 24 present and counted.

Officers reports: All officers present gave reports and copies were available for all in attendance

Commander: Thanked the new officers for stepping up. Let us keep moving forward in serving our veterans.
April 20th I presented Homeward bound with 1000 dollars from Dept. of NY and 500. from my squadron, for which they were grateful.

1st Vice Commander: As of now all squadrons are in compliance. The national website is currently up and running with no issues. Please make sure D&R forms are complete and legible to minimize processing memberships. National has started offering metal cards for life members at a cost of \$25. The old site for Nationals program reporting will soon be shut down.

2nd Vice Commander: More squadrons are reporting project. At this time we had 9 squadrons reporting 166 events with 462 vol., 2,376 hrs., 10,404 miles driven with activity costs of 20,085 and donations of 16,468. for a total of \$110,135. Imagine if we had 20 squadrons reporting!

3rd Vice Commander: I have tentatively for the Golf tourn. to be Sept. 28 at the River Course @ Louisville Landing in Massena. I will be setting up and running the tournament my final as my final act as 3rd vice. My duties at home and work will not allow me to the time give deserved time to the dept. Hole sponsorship forms shall be sent out to all squadrons for \$50. A marker will be placed on the hole to display their support.

Adjutant: Settling in with new names and faces. Learning to perform this position is ongoing.

Finance Director: The Dept. closes out this fiscal year in strong financial health. Tax filing (990) is up to date, We were also audited and there were no issues. Bonding is taken care, through (Hartford) through a local broker.

Judge Advocate:

Provost Marshall: As of now all department colors along with items used for their display are appropriate.

Chaplain: Reported the passing of 15 Members. Requested deceased members notification forms be sent via email to Tom_Chiaro@hotmail.com Also of note: A service was held at the June meeting on Friday evening for recognition of those passed.

NEC Rep: I attended March SEC, L.A.W. week in DC and met with NY congresspersons or their rep. I also attended SOA National Commander Bobby Bryant's testimonial dinner in May. All SOC members are encouraged to sign up and use the National website for needed Docs. Including current SOA-CBL and Guide book to have at your meetings for reference. Should you have any questions or need assistance on national issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. **email** gpelle1875@aol.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Convention Chair Richard Beaulieu: **We are continuing the reimbursement program**, paying for one room Friday night for October SEC meeting. Both sons must attend the Sat. meeting to qualify. Make your reservations directly with hotel, ask for two beds and bring your receipt to meeting for reimbursement
Reminder of Red Shirt Friday

National Commander Mr. Bobby Bryant for visit.

State Commander Mr. Joe Ashman for visit

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Nominations

Commander	Lee Smith
1 st Vice	Dan Tamburlin
2 nd Vice	Gary Pelletier
3 rd Vice	Ben Gladding -Thomas Genung
Adjutant	Roger Gold
Finance Officer	Keith Baask
Judge Advocate	Richard Beaulieu, Roland Butch Paquim
Provost Marshall	James connolly

Mr. Bobby Bryant National Sons Commander closed nominations.

MOTION to accept Nominations Richard Beaulieu, second by Ben Gladding **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion:

1. pertaining to **Standing Rules** and **Resolutions**: #1 -2 and 4 were discussed.these will take effect 7-1-2025 **Motions** by Richard Beaulieu, 2nd Ben Gladding. (note) These Will be posted shortly on the state website, for any members' review.
2. SOA By Laws were read and approved by all in attendance. Will be posted shortly on the state website, for any members' review as well.
3. meet and greet friday 2pm.
4. Bringing balance in account to acceptable level.
5. officers will be available at meet and greet on Sat. 8-9 am
6. Member numbers update:
217 Life, 202 new and 743 renewals.

MOTION to vote on slate of officers Passed:

Commander	Lee Smith
1 st Vice	Dan Tamburlin
2 nd Vice	Gary Pelletier
3 rd Vice	Thomas Genung
Adjutant	Roger Gold
Finance Officer	Keith Baask
Judge Advocate	Roland Butch Paquim
Provost Marshall	James connolly

Fall SEC Date: October 4-6, 2024 would like to see everyone back as well as some new visitors.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Tom Chiaro

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Ben Gladding, second by everyone, **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
Roger L. Gold

SONS OF AMVETS
DEPARTMENT OF NY
SPRING 2024 SEC MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 3/2/2024 at 9:40 AM by Commander Lee Smith

Invocation: by Chaplain Thomas Chiaro

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Provost Marshall Tom Gnung

Preamble: led by Commander Lee Smith

Commander Lee Smith presented an agenda.

MOTION to approve agenda by, Richard Beaulieu second by, Ben Gladding **MOTION CARRIED**

Introduction of PDC's Ben Gladding, Richard Beaulieu and Brian Crosby

Fall SEC Meeting minutes were revised, **MOTION** to approve as revised by Brian Crosby, second by, Richard Beaulieu **MOTION CARRIED**

Roll call of Officers:

Commander Lee Smith... Present

1st Vice Dan Tamburlin... Present

2nd Vice Gary Pelletier... Present

3rd Vice Ben Gladding... Present

Adjutant Roger Gold... Present

Finance Director Keith Baaske... Present

Judge Advocate Larry Paige.... Absent

Provost Marshall Thomas Gnung... present

Immediate Past Commander Scott Devery... excused (health issues)

VAVS Coordinator ...VACANT

Chaplain Thomas Chiaro... Present

NEC Rep Gary Pelletier...Present

Convention Chair Richard Beaulieu... Present

Roll call of Squadrons: 1-2, 4-1, 8-2, 11-0, 13-0, 18-0, 19-0, 38-0, 45-0, 48-0, 72-2, 76-1, 88-1, 111-0, 219-0, 245-2, 262-0, 265-0, 282-0, 726-1, 897-3, 1174-2 1313-0, 1417-0, 1997-2, 2000-3, 2004-0, 2946-0, 6472-1.

Total of 23 present and counted.

Officers reports: All officers present gave reports and copies were available for all in attendance

Commander: Thanked the new officers for stepping up. Thanks to some PDC's , as well as NEC rep. for coming through when asked. Let us keep moving forward in serving our veterans. Appointed Roger Gold for Adjutant.

1st Vice Commander: As of now all squadrons are in compliance. The national website is currently up and running with no issues. Please make sure D&R forms are complete and legible to minimize processing memberships.

2nd Vice Commander: Requested squadrons submit reports for veteran and community projects as they have an effect on our tax exempt status. Also please put some verbiage in the box for project description ,that says what was done. Due to website updates, entering projects has been difficult. Thank you to all squads that continue to post their activities.

3rd Vice Commander: We have surplus funds available for projects, I am always open to suggestions from members for possible fundraising ideas. Looks promising for another golf outing this fall.

Adjutant: Looking forward to serving and learning to perform this position.

Finance Director: Reported Progress in getting us Bonded. Also working on setting up zoom meetings.

Judge Advocate: Upcoming revisions to standing Rules to be discussed later today.

Please take time to visit the SOA website for information on Legislative and Storm the Hill.

Provost Marshall: Thanked everyone for their patience, while he gets more familiar with the positions and its duties. Reports as of now all department colors along with items used for their display are appropriate. also mentioned that there were 9 members from 9 different squads present at fall SEC hopes to see more.

Chaplain: Reported the passing of 14 Members. Requested deceased members notification forms be sent via email to Tom_Chiaro@hotmail.com Also of note: A service will be held at the June meeting on Friday evening for recognition of those passed. This is a Very nice ceremony, please attend if you can.

NEC Rep: Will be attending 2024 spring NEC March 5-10 and meet with lawmakers to advocate for Amvets legislation for our veterans. This event previously known as "Storm the Hill" has been renamed (LAW) legislation advocacy week. We currently have 11 meetings scheduled within the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions or need assistance on national issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. **email** gpelle1875@aol.com

Convention Chair Richard Beaulieu: continuing reimbursement program, paying for one room friday night for the June and October meeting. Have a few shirts (\$10) and hats (\$15) for sale. Reminder of Red Shirt Friday

Minutes: **MOTION** to approve all reports by Brian Crosby, second by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to break Richard Beaulieu second by Brian Crosby, **MOTION CARRIED**

Recess 12:02

Reconvened Meeting 12:40

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARDS COMMITTEE

CONVENTION Richard Beaulieu:

National Auxiliary President Amy Stopvra for visit. Spoke about National Foster Parents Association

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Sick call and relief: **MOTION** to send \$100 and a card to Scott Devery and Brian Crosby Richard Beaulieu, second by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED**

Officer Nominations

Commander	Lee Smith
1 st Vice	Dan Tamburlin
2 nd Vice	Gary Pelletier
3 rd Vice	Ben Gladding
Adjutant	Roger Gold
Finance Officer	Keith Baask
Judge Advocate	Richard Beaulieu, Butch Paquim
Provost Marshall	Tom Genung

MOTION to accept Nominations Brian Crosby, second by Ben Gladding **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION to change **Convention chair** to **Event coordinator** by Gary Pelletier, second by Brian Crosby, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion:

1. pertaining to **Standing Rules** and **Resolutions**: after discussion it was decided, copies of which will be mailed out to all squadrons with this meeting's minutes for their review.
2. discussion about the new webmaster. A gentleman was present and discussions are ongoing.
3. Matching funds up to \$500. reimbursement is available
4. for squadron projects forms are available on the SOA website.
5. **MOTION** to buy 10 tickets Richard Beaulieu, second by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **MOTION** to buy 20 tickets Taylor foundation, Richard Beaulieu, second by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **MOTION** to buy 10 tickets Richard Beaulieu, second by Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **MOTION** to donate \$500. to Junior AMVETS, Kevin second by Gary, **MOTION CARRIED.**
9. **MOTION** to donate \$1000. to K-9s for warriors national program, Brian Crosby second Ben Gladding, **MOTION CARRIED.**
10. **Summer SEC Date: June 7-8, 2024** would like to see everyone back as well as some new visitors.
11. **STATE AMVETS** are **NOT** going to run a basket of cheer raffle.

BENEDICTION: by Chaplain Tom Chiaro

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Ben Gladding, second by everyone, **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Roger L. Gold