

NYS SONS OF AMVETS

SPRING SEC MINUTES 2023

- Meeting called to order on March 18,2023 at 9:37am by Commander Scott Devery
- Invocation by Chaplain Dan Tamburlin
- Pledge of Allegiance by Commander Scott Devery
- Preamble by 1st Vice Lee Smith
- Commander Scott Devery presents his agenda
- Motion to approve the agenda by Gary Pelletier second by Lee Smith, passed
- Introduction of guests will be introduced as they enter the meeting
- Introduction of Past Dept.Commanders ,Rich Beaulieu, Brian Crosby, Andy LaPointe
- Approval of the fall SEC minutes by Gary Pelletier, second by Lee Smith, passed
- Roll call of Officers by Adjutant Andy LaPointe
 - Commander Scott Devery...Present
 - 1st Vice Lee Smith...Present
 - 2nd Vice Dan Tamburlin...Present
 - 3rd Vice Gary Pelletier...Present
 - Adjutant Andy LaPointe...Present
 - Finance Officer Brian Crosby...Present
 - Judge Advocate Larry Paige...Present
 - Provost Marshall Ben Gladding...Excused
 - Imm Past Commander Ben Gladding...Excused
 - VAVS Coordinator...None
 - Chaplain Dan Tamburlin...Present
 - NEC Rep Gary Pelletier...Present
 - Convention Chair Richard Beaulieu...Present
- Roll call of Squadrons:1-0,4-2,8-1,13-0,18-0,38-0,48-0,72-2,76-0,88-1,111-1,219-0,245-0,262-0,282-0,726-1,897-1,1174-0,1313-0,1997-1,2000-1,2004-0,2946-0,6471-1,
- Total here today 12
- Officers' reports: All officers gave their reports and copies of their reports were available for all in attendance to read. A motion to approve reports (after completion of all reports) by Richard Beaulieu second by Gary Pelletier, passed
- Reports:
 - Commander Scott Devery: Welcomes everyone to the spring SEC. hope all is well with everyone and has nothing to report at this time.
 - 1st Vice Lee Smith: reports that the department has 19 squadrons that are reporting membership. We have 4 squadrons that have not sent in membership but after contacting them this week they said that they will be sending some in. Squadrons are also working on getting their 990 forms completed and sent into the IRS. Also, the date of birth and a complete address are required on all DNR's. The dues are \$22 per person

to be mailed to state 1st vice. A Lifetime membership is \$320 and that check, and the form must be mailed directly to National. If you have any concerns, please call Lee at 518-651-4799.

- 2nd Vice Dan Tamburlin: Welcomes everyone to the spring SEC and hopes all is well with you. From 10/3/22 to 3/16/23 National project reporting for Sons squadrons was for a total of \$92,900.11 with a total of 8 squadrons reporting.
- 3rd Vice Gary Pelletier: Welcomes all to spring SEC meeting. Gary had 1000 tickets printed up for the cash raffle to be drawn at the state convention in June. Prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200. Gary mailed 20 tickets to each of the 25 squadrons. We are also having a 50/50 raffle tonight; tickets are \$5, and you need not be present to win. Our fall SEC raffle had a profit of \$120. If anyone needs any 50/50 tickets or Life membership tickets, please see Gary.
- NEC Rep. Gary Pelletier: The fall SEC meeting was cancelled by the National Commander. Gary did attend the spring SEC meetings from March 7-11 and had meetings with 5 of our United States lawmakers to advocate Amvets legislation for our veterans. The event was changed from "Storm the Hill" to Legislation advocacy week(LAW). All Sons are encouraged to sign up at our new website at www.sonsofamvets.org. Our National commander would like ask squadrons to submit projects with pictures/captions to show the good work that you do. Please send that information to Mick Ciesla at mickandlynda@verizon.net or Dave Strittmather at dts@softlogicinc.us or to the webmaster Richard Thibodeau at rtfishing@aol.com.
- Adjutant Andy LaPointe: Andy has handed out his fall SEC minutes to all in attendance to read over. No questions about his report were asked.
- Finance Officer Brian Crosby: Brian submitted his report to the meeting and all finances were gone over by those in attendance. Brian mentions that we have 3 outstanding checks at \$1000 each that were supposed to go to past Commander Ben Gladdings commanders project last June. Motion was made to cancel those checks by Richard Beaulieu second by Dan Tamburlin, passed.
- Chaplain Dan Tamburlin: Since the fall SEC we have had 11 Sons pass away. 3 from squadron 4, 2 from squadron 8, 1 from squadron 897, 4 from squadron 1313.
- Provost Marshall Ben Gladding: Absent
- Judge Advocate Larry Paige: Welcomes everyone to the fall SEC and hopes everyone is doing well. Larry has nothing new to report.
- Convention chair Richard Beaulieu: Has much to talk about but will wait to discuss these things during the Convention Committee part of the meeting.
- Motion made by Richard Beaulieu second by Gary Pelletier to approve the officers' reports, passed.
- Convention Committee reports. Convention shirts discussed. Motion made by Gary Pelletier second by Dan Tamburlin to order 30 t shirts for convention to be sold at \$25 each. If anyone wants to order some after they get back from convention, they can contact Rich. Richard hands in \$75 for recent hat sales. We will be having a Cooler Raffle at the state convention. We would like every squadron in attendance to bring a bottle for the raffle. Richard will get the cooler and bring it to convention. We usually donate \$500 to the convention hospitality room from the cooler raffle proceeds. Motion made by

Richard Beaulieu second by Brian Crosby to donate \$500 to the hospitality room, passed. Gifts for the Amvets Commander and Auxiliary President. Commander will get a gift card and the President, flowers for her luncheon. Motion made by Richard Beaulieu second by Gary Pelletier to spend \$100 on each gift, passed. The Awards Ceremony banquet for the Sons will be held again this year. Richard Beaulieu will purchase subs and fixings. Motion made by Richard second by Brian Crosby to spend up to \$500 on the awards and the banquet, passed. The Awards Committee will consist of the Commander and his Vice Commanders.

- Guest: State President Sue Gardner and National President Karin Simmons stopped in to thank the Sons for all the work that we do for the Amvets and Auxiliary.
- Break at 10:50 am. Back at 11:04am
- Awards committee: awards will consist of Squadron of the year, project reports, membership renewals by percentage, Commander's choice award. There will be no Son of the year award due to time constraints.
- Motion by Richard Beaulieu second by Tom Chiaro to give Warren Crotty, who makes and donates our award plaques, a \$50 gift card and a Certificate of Appreciation, passed.
- Old Business: Commander mentions that we already donated \$3000 to the Gary Sinise foundation. Commander also mentions that the Amvets Service Foundation will be giving us \$3000 to donate to the Gary Sinise Foundation.
- New Website: nysonsofamvets.org. Brian Crosby is the only one, so far, that can manage the website. The site is a continued work in progress.
- Fundraising: Held our Lifetime Membership raffle and Jeremy Paige of Squadron 4 was the winner.

Motion made by Gary Pelletier second Richard Beaulieu to donate \$100 to the Binghamton Food bank program (CHOW), passed.

Fundraising ideas were a golf tournament this summer, cash raffle, Lifetime raffle, shirts and hats for sale at the convention. Richard has hats right now for \$15.

- New Business: It was discussed about our Standing Rule that mentions a \$2000 reimbursement cap on NEC and National Convention monies. This rule will be reviewed for possible changes at the State convention. This is a notice to all Squadrons that this Standing rule will be up for review and possibly changed at State convention.
- Commander mentions that we will be getting \$2,100 from the Amvets service foundation for all receipts that the commander gave to them for possible reimbursement.
- First nominations:
Commander – Lee Smith
1st Vice – Dan Tamburlin
2nd Vice – Gary Pelletier
3rd Vice – Andy LaPointe
Finance – Brian Crosby
Adjutant – None
Provost – Steve Green, Tom Genung
J.A. – Larry Paige

It was not needed that any nominated Son accept or decline their nominations. Final nominations will be held at State convention.

- State Amvets Commander Emery Perry addresses the Sons and thanks us for all the work we do for the Amvets. He presents us with a check for \$2,100 from the Service Foundation and a \$3000 check for us to donate to the Gary Sinise Foundation.
- Benediction by Dan Tamburlin
- Adjournment

