

NYS SONS OF AMVETS
JUNE CONVENTION MINUTES 2023
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AT YOUR NEXT MEETING.

- Meeting called to order on June 10,2023 at 9:43am by Commander Scott Devery
- Invocation by Chaplain Dan Tamburlin
- Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Marshall Ben Gladding
- Preamble by 1st Vice Lee Smith
- Commander Devery presents his agenda
- Motion to approve the agenda by Brian Crosby seconded by Gary Pelletier, passed
- Introduction of guests- National Sons of Amvets Commander Mick Ciesla. Mick handed out a copy of his greeting to all the Sons. He thanks the Sons for our impeccable hospitality this weekend and talks about his commanders project, the Gary Sinise foundation.
- Introduction of past commanders, Andy LaPointe, Brian Crosby, Ben Gladding, Rich Beaulieu
- Approval of spring SEC minutes. Motion by Rich Beaulieu 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...Brian Crosby...Present
Judge Advocate Larry Paige...Excused

Provost Marshall Ben Gladding...Present

Imm. Past Commander Ben Gladding...Present

VAVS coordinator... none

Chaplain Dan Tamburlin...Present

NEC Rep Gary Pelletier...Present

Convention Chair Rich Beaulieu...Present

- Roll call of Squadrons:1-0,4-2,8-1,13-0,18-2,38-0,48-0,72-2,76-0,88-1,111-1,219-0,245-0,262-0,265-0,282-0,726-0,897-2,1174-0,1313-0,1997-2,2000-1,2004-0,2946-0,6472-1,.....National Officer-1. Total 16
- Commander Devery presents a \$1000 donation the Commander Ciesla towards the Gary Sinise Foundation. During the last two years the NYS Sons have donated \$10,000 to this foundation
- Officers' reports: All officers present gave their reports and copies of their reports were available for all in attendance to read. Motion by Ben Gladding second by Brian Crosby, passed
- Reports:
- Commander Devery: Welcomed all to the convention. Mentioned that his Commanders project, Gary Sinise Foundation, we have donated \$9,000 to. He thanks everyone for their support
- 1st vice Lee Smith: Welcomes everybody to the convention and thanks Mick for helping him this year. Lee mentions that NYS now has 23 squadrons totaling 1080 Sons. Mentions that he is in the process for getting a new squadron from Ellenburg
- 2nd Vice Dan Tamburlin : From March 18,2023 thru June 04,2023 project reports totaled \$177,413.36 with 6 squadrons sending in reports
- 3rd Vice Gary Pelletier : Our 2023 Cash Raffle will be drawn later tonight. We have made \$335 so far but will have a final total tonight. Cooler of cheer will be drawn tonight. Gary hopes all squadrons present brought a bottle to donate. This year we are going to keep all the proceeds. We will donate \$1000 to the hospitality room
- NEC Rep. Gary Pelletier : There were no NEC meetings held since the Spring SEC. Gary will be attending the National convention in Pittsburg, PA from August 22-27. Gary encourages all Sons to sign up on the new

website...WWW.nysonofamvets.org Gary mentions that at National Convention there will be 3 resolutions that will be voted on. These deal with venue of hearings, financial release of information and term limits of officers. If you have any questions about these please get ahold of Gary

- National Commander Mick just looked up NYS membership and told us that we have 1080 annual members plus 155 life members for a total of 1,235 members Also project reporting update is now 10,544 hours we provided and a total value of those hours is now \$349,615!
- Adjutant Andy LaPointe : Andy handed out his Spring SEC minutes to all in attendance. No questions about his report were asked
- Finance Brian Crosby : Brian submitted his report and all finances were gone over by those in attendance.
- Judge Advocate Larry Paige: Absent
- Chaplain Dan Tamburlin : Since Spring SEC we have had 12 Members pass away. Sq4-3,Sq8-3,Sq18-1,Sq897-1,Sq1313-4 Dan thanks everyone for reporting.
- Provost Marshall Ben Gladding : Ben wants to thank Lee Smith and Larry Paige for taking care of the flags during the SEC's. He is also available to continue helping out in any state fundraisers.
- Convention chair Rich Beaulieu : He has Hats for \$15 and convention shirts for \$20. He can get more shirts of different sizes.
- There was a reminder mentioned that if a Son is present at a state meeting and does not have a state officer present from his squadron than that son present will receive \$50 to help with expenses. This is in the NYS standing rules.

- Motion to accept all reports by Ben Gladding seconded by Brian Crosby, passed
- Committee reports :
- Awards committee : Commander Devery mentions that Warren Crotty again has donated awards plaques to us. Commander Devery has made an appreciation certificate to present to Warren along with a \$50 gift card. This was a motion passed at Spring SEC. The awards ceremony will be today at 4pm. The cash raffle will be drawn at that time. All food leftovers will be donated to the hospitality room. The cooler of Cheer will be drawn no later than 10pm tonight.
- Convention Committee : Richard mentions that he still under the \$400 limit set for the awards ceremony
- Break at 10:30-11:02am
- Madam President Sue Gardner to speak. Commander Devery presents her with a \$500 for her Wounded Warriors project. She thanks the Sons for all that they do.
- Richard Beaulieu requests the floor to speak about information sharing between state and squadrons. The state needs each squadrons up to date address and now that the web site is up and running we need to flood that site with our state information. We need to send state officers to nearby squadrons to check up on them.
- Gary Pelletier speaks about putting more information on our new site. We need a webmaster to do this. Someone needs to be in charge of looking for a webmaster.

Lunch break 11:50am-1:10pm

Old Business: New web address is www.nysonsofamvets.org

- Fundraising/tournaments: Ben is looking to hold a golf tournament next spring, possibly May. We don't need to add more money back into the coffers so soon. We have 20 National Sons freedom raffle tickets at \$5 each. Gary makes a motion seconded by Ben to purchase the 20 tickets for \$100 total, passed.
- Shirts/Hats: Richard still has hats for \$15 and convention shirts for \$20
- Awards ceremony time: 4pm. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we will be drawing our cash raffle.

Standing rules proposed changes: Gary Pelletier proposes 6 standing rule changes and has handed out these proposed changes to all in attendance. After a lengthy discussion Gary has decided to withdraw all 6 changes and we will visit them at a later date. According to National Commander Mick since the squadrons were not notified 30 days prior to the convention of the proposed changes the only way to vote today will have to be a 100% yes vote. If the squadrons were notified 30 days prior to convention, we would only need a majority vote.

- Final nominations are as follows:
Commander- Lee Smith (steelguitar5@yahoo.com)
1st Vice- Dan Tamburlin (yankeefandan77@gmail.com)
2nd Vice- Gary Pelletier (gpelle1875@aol.com)
3rd Vice –Andy LaPointe, declined Ben Gladding
accepts(bgladding74@yahoo.com)
Finance- Brian Crosby, declined, empty
Adjutant- Empty
Provost Marshall- Tom Genung
Judge Advocate- Larry Paige
Convention chair- Richard Beaulieu (convention@sonsofamvets-ny.com)
- A vote was cast by adjutant Andy LaPointe for each candidate. All above officers were installed into their new positions.
- Benediction by Chaplain Dan Tamburlin
- Motion to adjourn by Ben Gladding Seconded by Rich Beaulieu, passed
Thank you all for letting me be your adjutant this year

