

Detachment of Arizona

Fall Conference General Meeting 2024

El Conquistador hotel Oro Valley Arizona

CONFERENCE MEETING

Saturday November 2, 2024

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING

Call to Order The meeting started at 9:45 a.m.

Roll Call Detachment Officers (present or excused listed):

Commander Mike Bryant (SQ24), Area A Vice-Commander Chas Bird (SQ109), Area B Vice-Commander Dave Alfaro Excused (SQ62), Area C Vice-Commander Don Whalen (SQ14), NEC Joe Roberts (SQ36), Chaplain Jim Borgman (SQ61), Adjutant Dennis Pittman (SQ140), Parliamentarian Pete Palandri (SQ1), Finance Officer Ed Cleary (SQ2), Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Ludvigsen (SQ52), Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Brandon Britton (SQ140), Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Tommy Morrow (SQ68), Membership Director Gary Manwell (SQ27).

Past Detachment Commanders: Carl Armbruster (SQ36), Ed Cleary (SQ2), Steve Blank (SQ1), Jeff Frain Excused (SQ27), Joe Roberts (SQ36), Joe Miller (SQ66), Mike Talty (SQ27), Matt Griffis Excused (SQ109), Tom Lucas (SQ 29), Dan Ashley (SQ91), Noah McMullen (SQ62), Chris Balsley (SQ91), Honorary Commander GI Josh (Detachment of Arizona) present.

Squadron roll call (present listed):

1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 14, 24, 26,27, 29, 36, 39, 41, 44, 52, 58, 61, 62, 66, 68, 78, 91, 105, 107, 109, 115, 132, 140, 145, SQUADRON 100 – X

Quorum was present.

Guest Speakers:

Matthew Shuman endorsed candidate from Arizona for Legion National Commander speaks via pre-recorded video message.

Special guest from Arizona Department American Legion College Bobbie Kimelton speaks to body and thanks Sons for support.

NEC Joe Roberts introduces SAL National Vice Commander Dan Ashley, Vice Commander Ashley addresses body.

Jennifer Jones from 36 addresses body.

Department ALR Chairman Tracy Lindsey addresses body.

Department Commander Manny Beltran addresses body.

PDC Ben Headen addresses body.

Arizona Auxiliary Department President Stacey Mayberry addresses body.

Candidate for Department Commander Garry Vaughn addresses body.

Reading of minutes from morning Ex meeting. Minutes accepted by voice into the official record.

Minutes of Convention 2024 having been made available accepted by voice into the official record.

Reports (reports are in appendix b).

Vice-Commander Area A Chas Bird, Area A report.

Vice-Commander Area B Dave Alfaro (excused absent), Area B report gave by Dan Ashley (SQ91).

Vice-Commander Area C Don Whalen, Area C report.

Chaplain Jim Borgman, Chaplain report.

N.E.C. Joe Roberts, N.E.C. report.

Detachment Membership Chairman Garry Manwell, Membership report.

Detachment Finance Officer Ed Cleary, Finance report.

VA&R report, Joe Miller.

Detachment Americanism Jim Borgman. Baseball, Scouting, Boys State.

Detachment Children and Youth, Dan Ashley.

Detachment Conference report Adjutant Pittman (131 registered).

Detachment Campout report Dennis Pittman.

Detachment Commander's report Mike Bryant

Detachment Adjutant report Dennis Pittman.

Reports as delivered accepted by voice into the official record.

Unfinished business:

Camp Out 2026 will be at Dead Horse Ranch. Accepted by body.

New business:

Resolutions;

2024-10, Allows for the Detachment Adjutant to make updates in the Detachment Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules that have been approved by the Detachment and The American Legion Department of Arizona DEC as per official motions and/or resolutions that have been duly authorized, thus keeping the Detachment Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules up to date. Also allowing the Detachment Adjutant to make corrections as per spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors, as long as such changes DO NOT effect change to meaning. Motioned and seconded, passed.

2024-11, Removing the term “Zero-Base form of budgeting” and replacing with “Activities based budgeting” from the Detachment Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules. Motioned and seconded, passed.

2024-12, Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona voting fee changed to Yearly Squadron per capita. Motioned and seconded, passed.

2024-13, Sons of The American Legion delegate voting system updated. Motioned and seconded, passed.

New Detachment Finance Procedures as established by joint Department/Detachment Committee. Motioned and seconded, passed.

Instituting a Detachment Office/Staff Officers policies and procedures manual. Motioned and seconded, passed.

Donating to the campaign of PDC Ben Headen for National Vice Commander in the amount of \$1500.00. Motioned by Dan Ashley and seconded by AJ McMullen, passed.

Good of the Sons:

Donations:

2024 Detachment Fall Conference Donations

1. CWF - \$2100.00
2. Boys State - \$1500.00
3. ALLECA - \$1500.00
4. CHAMP - \$4103.42
5. Children’s Organ Transplant Organization - \$10970.36
6. Department’s Quick Claims Clinic Food support (Detachment Donation) - \$500.00
7. Detachment donated to PDC Headen’s campaign fund for American Legion National Vice Commander - \$1500.00

Total donations - \$22173.78

Commander reminds of WWWR

Good of Sons, closed.

Commander Bryant calls for any further business to come before the meeting, hearing none.

Closing prayer.

Commander closes meeting.

Adjourned at 12:43PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pittman,

Detachment Adjutant

Running time: 178 minutes