

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska
Department Executive Committee
Minutes
June 22 – 23, 2023
Younes Convention Center South – Kearney, Nebraska**

The Department Executive Committee meeting of the Nebraska American Legion was called to order by Department Commander Don Suchy at 1:00 p.m. Following a salute to Colors, prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Alex Borzych. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the POW-MIA “Empty Chair” ceremony was observed. The Preamble was recited by all in attendance.

DEC roll call was taken by Department Adjutant Dave Salak. Present were Commander Suchy, Senior Vice Commander John-Henry Percy, Area A Vice Commander Carl Lorenzen, Area B Vice Commander Kenneth Meyer, Area C Vice Commander Richard Binder, Area D Vice Commander Gene Von Forell, Past Department Commander Lyle Bartels, Past Department Commander Gary Wooten, Past Department Commander Dan Benes, District 1 Commander Judy Walters, District 4 Commander Steve Stanec, District 5 Commander Scott Bell, District 6 Commander Julie Schnitzler, District 7 Commander Jerry Schulte, District 8 Commander Bruce Husted, District 9 Commander Ron Wiest, District 10 Commander Don Nelson, District 11 Commander Richard Binder, and District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser. National representatives in attendance were NEC Fred Craigie and Alternate NEC Jim Costello. Motion to seat District 2 Vice Commander Gerald Bouska by Tom Crisman. Second by Bruce Gubser and carried. Motion to seat District 3 Vice Commander Nick Tramp by Carl Lorenzen. Second by Kenneth Meyer and carried. District 12 and 13 were absent.

Judge Advocate William Harris declared a quorum and the meeting was declared regularly convened.

Commander Suchy extended a welcome to members and guests to this meeting. He reminded all DEC members to submit vouchers to Department Headquarters in a timely fashion.

Finance Officer Mark Novak and Commander Suchy provided update on the Department Headquarters building move. Novak stated that it took 2 ½ years to find the right building, but the one they found is perfect for what was needed. He shared it cost approximately 1 million dollars, and this included \$45,000 of furniture that was left by AKRS. Novak explained that the previous building was sold within three days of being put on the market and they received a full offer.

Commander Suchy asked for the following appointments to be approved. Americanism – Gabe Skalka, 4 years; Athletic – Marty Seward, 4 years and vacant Area A, years; Boys’ State – Fred Tisdale, 4 years; Children & Youth – Julie Schnitzler appointed at the end of the convention, 4 years; Constitution & Bylaws – Tom Mlnarik, 2 years; Convention – Ruthanne Dimmock-Revers, 4 years; Finance – Randy Lukken, 4 years; Membership – Steve Bartos, 4 years and Gary Kruse, 2 years; Publications/PR – David Camara, 4 years; Scholarship – Leon Hagan, 4 years; Rehabilitation and Employment – vacant Area C, 4 years and vacant Area B, 1 year; Veterans Home Board – Dave Salak, 2 years. Motion to approve the appointments by Bruce Gubser. Second by Don Nelson and carried.

Commander Suchy asked Judge Advocate William Harris to read the convention rules. Motion to adopt by Dan Benes. Second by Ron Wiest and carried.

Three resolutions were forwarded to members of the Executive Committee for action to be taken.

Resolution 1-23 – Newspaper/Newsletter Change. Discussion was held. Jerry Schulte moved that the salary of the Media Specialist be raised to \$40,000. Second by Dick Binder. Discussion was held. Jerry Schulte rescinded his motion. Jerry Schulte moved that the salary of the combined Media Specialist/Administrative Assistant position start at \$40,000 and have a cap of \$42,000, and that Adjutant Salak use his best judgement for setting the salary. Second by Bruce Husted. Discussion was held. Motion carried. Gary Wooten moved to adopt the resolution. Second by Bruce Gubser and carried.

Resolution 2-23 – Men’s College World Series Program Funding. Bruce Gubser moved to adopt the resolution. Second by Tom Crisman. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

Resolution 3-23 – Constitution Renewal Days. Gary Wooten moved to adopt and support the resolution. Second by Tom Crisman and carried.

Commander Suchy stated there were no constitution and bylaws resolutions this year.

Adjutant Salak updated DEC on the responsibilities of the District Commanders during the Department Convention regarding the selection of convention committee members, voting procedures and election of national convention delegates.

Adjutant Salak stated the National Membership Workshop will be July 28 – 29, 2023, in Indianapolis. The Department Commander, Membership Chairman, and four District Commander plan to attend.

Commander Suchy presented the proposed 2024 District Convention schedule. Changes were made. Motion to accept the following schedule by Tom Crisman. Second by Kenneth Meyer and carried.

District	Date	Time	Location
District 1	Saturday, March 23, 2024	9:00 a.m. MST	Gordan Post 34
District 2	Sunday, March 17, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Creighton Community Center
District 3	Saturday, March 9, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Lyons Community Center
District 4	Saturday, April 6, 2024	10:00 a.m. MST	Gering Civic Center
District 5	Saturday, March 9, 2024	10:00 a.m.	North Platte Post163
District 6	Saturday, March 3, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Doniphan Post 300
District 7	Saturday, March 16, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Columbus Post 84
District 8	Saturday, February 10, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Valley Post 58
District 9	Saturday, March 16, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Gosper County Fairgrounds
District 10	Saturday, February 10, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Nelson Post 187
District 11	Saturday, March 23, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Wilber Post 101
District 12	Saturday, March 9, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Weeping Water Post 237
District 13	Saturday, February 17, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Auburn Post 23
District 15	Tuesday, February 13, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Lincoln Elks Club

Adjutant Salak presented plans for the 2023 National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 25 – 31, 2023. Housing will be at the Le Meridien Hotel, with a room rate of \$183.25. First night deposit is payable with reservation and due July 7. Information was shared regarding dress code, required registration, delegate fee, committee and commission meetings, Nebraska Caucus, and Tri-Stack Party. Information regarding the National Convention, housing, etc., will be available to all elected delegates and alternates immediately after the Sunday morning election at this convention.

Adjutant Salak provided an update on Nebraska's revenue enhancement program participation. The label campaign as of June 16 has brought in just over \$13,442.00 Fall Label program. The lottery mailing donations totaled \$32,176.00. The gross profits from the lottery minus expenses were \$16,487.00. USAA revenue incentive has not been received yet, but it typically runs around \$16,000.00. The Legionnaire Insurance Trust held their annual board meeting in Florida this year. The department received two checks for a total of \$23,643. National Headquarters sent a check for \$19,028.00 for Nebraska member donations that they received from their mailings.

National Executive Committeeman Fred Craigie was introduced for remarks on activities at the National level. He extended greetings from National Commander Jim Troiola and the National Headquarters staff. The Base Assessment & Servicemember Experience (BASE) program was addressed by National and it highlights the quality of life for those on military bases. The Finance Commission addressed the resolutions that dealt with a multi-year membership and a possible dues increase for 2025. The Americanism Commission awarded 321 Legacy Scholarships for a total of \$1.5 million dollars. One was awarded to a Nebraska student. The IRS has notified the Legion that the Legacy Scholarship Fund is reaching its upper threshold, so for the next few years that fund will be focusing on the Veterans & Children Foundation. Craigie also stated that Nebraska is almost at the first goal mark for the Veterans & Children Foundation. Over \$1.2 million was awarded through 1,039 grants with the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program. There were 25 resolutions that will be addressed during the previous NEC meeting. They include Be The One Day, opposing any proposal that would subject VA disability compensation benefits to taxation, and the hearing and trials of the Departments of Colorado and Washington. Craigie remarked that the financial stability and transparency of Nebraska is great and that the Department is in great hands. He also thanked Adjutant Dave for his hard work and dedication to the Department.

Commander Suchy shared there are 13 Posts who are currently under the 10-member mark. He asked the District Commanders to reach out to those Posts and assist them. He also shared that Oshkosh Post 210, Gresham Post 13, and Brunswick Post 357 had expressed wanting to close. Oshkosh and their District Commander had submitted the proper paperwork to be closed. The other Posts will have complaint letters sent to their members to notify them of the hearing at Mid-Year Conference. Motion by Steve Stanec to accept the cancellation of Oshkosh Post 210's charter. Second by Gary Wooten and carried.

Commander Suchy stated each District Commander is to turn in to Adjutant Salak a list of County Commanders certified and signed by them. County Commanders not certified as such will not be able to register or vote as County Commander at the convention.

Adjutant Salak received one application from District 1 Commander Judy Walters to attend the 2023 American Legion College November 12 – 17, 2023 in Indianapolis. Department Adjutant recommended her to National and she was accepted.

Commander Suchy stated there were several Districts that still had Posts who had not yet submitted their Consolidated Post Report. He requested that the District Commanders contact their posts and complete the reports by the end of the convention on Sunday.

Commander Suchy shared there is a possible dues increase coming from National.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Junior Shooting Sports Liaison Report was given by Adjutant Salak on Liaison Doug Frahm's behalf. He stated the 32nd Annual American Legion JSSP competition will be held July 20 – 23 in Colorado Springs. Nebraska had five clubs that registered for the 2022-23 postal match to compete at the National Competition. State champions were determined in the first round of the postal and the second round determined the top scores nationally. The highest 15 scores in both classes were invited to attend the national JSSP. The top Nebraska shooter in the Sporter class and the top team has received trophies provided by the Detachment of Nebraska. Ashley Carr of the Guns r us 4H sponsored by Alliance Post 7 received the highest score in the Sporter discipline and is the state champion. Sara Thomsen of the Pierce County Shooting Sports 4H sponsored by Pierce Post 72 received the highest score in the Precision discipline and is the state champion. The Pierce County Shooting Sports 4H received the highest score in the team competition and is the state champion. Ashley Carr has been invited to participate at the National Competition. Motion to accept the report by Bruce Husted. Second by Gary Wooten and carried.

Membership Committee Report was given by Chairman Steve Bartos. Chairman Bartos shared the committee met on Thursday with Dave Bruckner, Richard Baxter, and himself present. The committee believes all Posts under 10 should be encouraged to find new and more members, and that the members will reach out to them. They discussed the 2023-24 membership awards. The Early Bird award for 2024 will be five \$200 awards. The hope is to encourage more turn in, in the early months. He stated the Post 500 reports are located on MyLegion.org and that Posts should use this to find members. The Post 500 dues are \$50 and most Posts are less than that, so transferring will save the member money. The committee believes the Post 500 dues needs to be raised in the next few years. Bartos addressed the possible dues increase at national and Department may need to look at doing one at the same time. Motion to accept the report by Don Nelson. Second by Julie Schnitzler and carried.

Boys' State Committee Report was given by Chairman Doug Boldt. Boldt reported there were 219 boys who graduated from the 2023 Boys' State session. He also shared that 247 had submitted an application, but 10 cancelled with a refund, 14 cancelled without a refund, and 4 went home early. He expressed how much the morning flag raising ceremony meant to everyone in attendance and how important it is for the youth. He stated there were no joint sessions this year due to construction at Kimball Hall. Dr. Jo was the hit of the week yet again. He shared the Samsung winner was Justin Wenzel this year. The new Boys' State Governor is Anish Amin from Omaha. The Girls' State counselors attended the Boys' State meeting on Friday of the session and good information was shared by both. The girls are considering shortening or changing the format of their programs. The 2024 session is scheduled for June 2 – 8, 2024, on the UNL campus. There was a new Medic this year, Lisa Hudgens, and she did a great job. Athletics were the reason for two boys going home early and extra costs, so they may be looked at in the future. There is currently a working group of counselors who is looking to try and recruit more delegates for Boys' State, get more access to the schools across the state, and reach out to the Posts in the state. The Boys' State Committee has authorized them to start this working group. There will be four counselors attending the Boys' State Conference in Indianapolis in September. The committee will be asking the Finance Committee to increase their budget line item by \$4,000 for the travel of these counselors to recruit more delegates for the program. Motion to accept the report by Ken Meyer. Second by Carl Lorenzen and carried.

POW/MIA Liaison Report was given by Liaison Boyd Yochum. He shared his articles for the newspaper are centered around the facts about the POW/MIAs from the different war eras. He also shared the story of 1,000 POW's that were in Russia in World War I and that most of them were never found. He stated there are still many MIA's and it is our duty to bring them all home or at least locate where they

are. Many nations only see POW/MIA's as leverage for bargaining, medical research, to obtain cash, and slave labor. Motion to accept the report by Carl Lorenzen. Second by Dick Binder and carried.

For the good of The American Legion:

Commander Suchy had the candidates seeking Department offices address the DEC the opportunity to do so: John-Henry Percy for Commander; Boyd Yochum and Carl Lorenzen for Senior Vice Commander; Robert Neel for Area A Vice Commander; Don Patras for Area B Vice Commander; and Gene Von Forell for Area D Vice Commander.

Following announcements by Adjutant Salak, the meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. with a salute to the Colors.

The DEC reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23, at the Younes Convention Center South. Opening ceremonies included a salute to the Colors and a prayer by Chaplain Alex Borzych.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Convention Committee Report was given by Chairman Ken Schmid. All members of the committee were present. The committee reviewed upcoming dates for Mid-Year and Convention. The 2024 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 19 – 21, 2024, at the Holiday In Kearney. The 2024 Department Convention will be held June 20 – 23, 2024, at the Kearney Ramada. The 2025 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 17 – 19, 2025, and the location will be determined at the 2024 Mid-Year Conference. The 2025 Department Convention will be June 26 – 29, 2025, at the Columbus Ramada. Registration fee for all conferences and conventions will be \$10.00. Motion to accept the report by Don Nelson. Second by Tom Crisman and carried.

DEC roll call was taken by Department Adjutant Dave Salak. Present were Commander Suchy, Senior Vice Commander John-Henry Percy, Area A Vice Commander Carl Lorenzen, Area D Vice Commander Gene Von Forell, Past Department Commander Lyle Bartels, Past Department Commander Gary Wooten, Past Department Commander Dan Benes, District 1 Commander Judy Walters, District 2 Vice Commander Gerald Bouska, District 3 Vice Commander Nick Tramp, District 4 Commander Steve Stanec, District 5 Commander Scott Bell, District 6 Commander Julie Schnitzler, District 7 Commander Jerry Schulte, District 8 Commander Bruce Husted, District 9 Commander Ron Wiest, District 10 Commander Don Nelson, District 11 Commander Richard Binder, and District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser. National representatives in attendance were NEC Fred Craigie and Alternate NEC Jim Costello. Motion to seat District 12 member David Stander by Tom Crisman. Second by Carl Lorenzen and carried. Area B Vice Commander Kenneth Meyer was excused. Area C Vice Commander Richard Binder and District 13 were absent.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Boys' State Committee: Report was given by Chairman Doug Boldt. Boldt shared more information about the working group of Boys' State counselors that are looking at ways to engage schools, Posts, and students to get more information out about the program. The committee is asking for \$4,000 of additional funding in the budget for these members to be able to travel to locations that are needed and for additional training. Motion to accept the report by Dan Benes. Second by Ron Wiest and carried.

Finance Committee Report was given by Chairman Dan Stramel. Chairman Stramel reviewed the minutes of the May meeting. Items discussed included the investment portfolio, USAA, Legionnaire Insurance Trust, revenue enhancement programs, budget expenditures, charitable donations, the sinking fund, and the moving expenses with the building purchase. He stated the financial statement has been trending in a good direction this year and the Department is right on track, but this is the first year that there has been a deficit. This was attributed to the building move, but with decreasing membership this will be the continuing trend. The committee created a budget to present to the DEC. Motion to accept the report by Carl Lorenzen. Second by Don Nelson and carried.

Finance Officer Report was given by Finance Officer Mark Novak. Novak reported on the Department investments and reviewed the financial statements and proposed budgets for the general fund. Novak spoke about the building move and that the entire purchase was funded by the investment portfolio, so no loan was needed. For 6 weeks the Department owned two buildings, so there was a little extra cost, but nothing substantial. He stated the Auxiliary's one-third share will be \$84,605 and an invoice will be given to them along with a letter stating their 1/3 ownership. Novak also reported that after the sale of the old building, the money was put back into the investment accounts and our investment portfolio continues to meet expectations. He shared the Department is yet again doing well and will not need to take a disbursement from the investment fund. He presented the proposed budgets for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. Motion to accept the report without approving the budget by Larry Borcher. Second by Rodd Paul and carried. Motion to approve the \$4,000 increase to the Boys' State budget line by Jerry Schulte. Second by Julie Schnitzler and carried.

Sons of The American Legion Liaison Report was given by Liaison Mike Reimers. He stated the Detachment currently had 165 Squadrons in the Detachment and there were 6,703 members. He stated there are seven Squadrons that have turned in zero members. Reimers read the resolved clauses of the four resolutions that they will be voting on during the Detachment convention. Motion to accept the report by Bruce Gubser. Second by Tom Crisman and carried.

Homeless Veterans Liaison Report was given by Liaison Bruce Husted. Husted reported the annual stand down was held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and over 300 homeless veterans were able to participate and receive items and services. Veterans Moving Forward in Sarpy County are assisting homeless veterans with temporary housing and with food and other items. Motion to accept the report by Julie Schnitzler. Second by Jerry Schulte and carried.

Americanism Committee Report was given by Chairman Michael Hatfield. Hatfield reported Dean Chase, Michael Landkamer, Roxanne Sones, Gary Watcher, and himself were present for the meeting. Programs reported on included Americanism Awards, County Government Day, Law and Order Program, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter/EMS of the Year, Oratorical Scholarship Program, Eagle Scout of the Year, Flag Etiquette, Junior Shooting Sports, and Teacher of the Year Award. 13 counties held a County Government Program. The Nebraska Oratorical contest winner was Mary Worthing of Arthur County High School. Eagle Scout of the Year is Jack Schlickbernd of Wayne. The Nebraska Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year is Audrey Arbuckle of Crete, and she was also chosen as the Mid-West Region and National Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year. The Nebraska Firefighter-of-the-Year was Jeremy Genier of Bellevue. Sharon Toliver of Cody-Kilgore Public Schools was chosen as the Middle School Teacher-of-the-Year and Paul Martin of Friend Public Schools was chosen as the High School Teacher of the Year. The committee will be looking to change the format of some of the applications in the coming year. Motion to accept the report by Don Nelson. Second by Julie Schnitzler and carried.

Children & Youth Committee Report was given by Charman Donald Nelsen. Nelsen reported members of the committee present were Michael Sheridan and himself. The committee recognized the work of Chairman Don Hilger who passed away. Out of the 203 CPRs received, only 78 had information in the Children & Youth section. Nelsen highlighted those Posts who received a certificate in each District for most outstanding report and the ones who received Department awards. Motion to accept the report by Ron Wiest. Second by Tom Crisman and carried.

Publications and Public Relations Committee Chairman Steven Bussen was absent. Commander Suchy spoke to the DEC about the current committee being absent the past two years. Commander Suchy asked each Area Vice Commander to find a name from each Area to be on the committee.

Rehabilitation & Employment Committee Report was given by Chairman Gary Sones. Sones reported that Ed Lautrup and himself were present. He stated the committee discussed the CPRs that they were given and chose the best in Department in each category. Like other committees, there were not a lot of information in the VA&R section of the CPR. There were no awards for Distinguished Service or Meritorious Service. Motion to accept the committee report was made by Dan Benes. Second by Don Nelson and carried.

American Legion Riders Liaison Report was given by Liaison John Arias. He reported Nebraska currently has 46 Chapters with over 1,200 riders. They rode over 150,000 miles ridden and 10,000 hours of community service doing escorts, Quilts of Valor ceremonies, funerals, parades, events, etc. He shared that the 2023 Nebraska Legacy Run was held in May and there were 17 riders that participated. The 2023 State Romp was hosted by Clay Center Chapter 87 and Grand Island Chapter 53. Motion to accept the report by Bruce Gubser. Second by Nick Tramp and carried.

Scholarship Committee Report was given by Chairman Carroll Mohlman. He stated Leon Hagan, PNC Mike Helm, and himself were present for the scholarship judging. There were a total of 64 applications for the Maynard Jensen and Boschult scholarships. There were ten \$500.00 Maynard Jensen scholarships and five \$500.00 Boschult scholarships for the 2023 year. He shared that the committee chose Anderw Brosius of North Platte for the Hurlbert Scholarship. Motion to accept report by Tom Crisman. Second by Don Nelson and carried.

Department Historian Report was sent via email to DEC members on behalf of Historian Jennifer Laux.

Department Service Officer Service Officer Levi Bennett was absent.

Announcements for the Good of the American Legion were made. Adjutant Salak announced that he would be retiring effective April 30, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with a prayer and a salute to the flag.

David Salak
Department Adjutant

**The American Legion
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Post-Convention
Department Executive Committee Meeting
Younes Convention Center South – Kearney, Nebraska
June 25, 2023**

The Post-Convention Department Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Department Commander John-Henry Percy following the adjournment of the Department Convention.

Following opening ceremonies, DEC roll call was taken by Department Adjutant Dave Salak. Present were Commander Percy, Senior Vice Commander Boyd Yochum, Area A Vice Commander Robert Neel, Area B Vice Commander Don Patras, Area C Vice Commander Brendan Moore, Area D Vice Commander Judy Walters, Past Department Commander Gary Wooten, Past Department Commander Dan Benes, Past Department Commander Don Suchy, District 1 Commander Gary Sones, District 3 Commander Nick Tramp, District 4 Commander Steve Stanec, District 5 Commander Scott Bell, District 6 Commander Burdette Chappell, District 7 Commander Adam Schweitzer, District 8 Commander Rich Klinger, District 10 Commander Don Nelson, District 11 Commander Tom Crisman, District 12 Commander Martin Neal, and District 15 Commander Bruce Gubser. National representatives in attendance were NEC Fred Craigie and Alternate NEC Jim Costello. Motion to seat District 2 Vice Commander Gerald Bouska by Nick Tramp. Second by Don Nelson and carried. Motion to seat District 13 Vice Commander Mike Coffey by Bruce Gubser. Second by Robert Neel and carried. District 9 was absent.

A quorum was called by the Department Judge Advocate.

Commander Percy welcomed the newly elected Sons officers to introduce themselves.

Commander Percy thanked the members of the DEC for their support and hoped this would be a great year for the American Legion.

Commander Percy requested approval of the following appointments: Chaplain – Father Alex Borzych; Historian – Jennifer Laux; Judge Advocate – William Harris; Sergeant-at-Arms – David Guy; Public Relations Officer – vacant; Finance Officer – Mark Novak; Service Officer – Levi Bennett. Motion to approve by Gary Wooten. Second by Robert Neel and carried.

Commander Percy requested approval of the following committee chairs: Americanism – Michael Hatfield; Athletic – Jody Moeller; Law & Order – Gabe Skalka; Boys' State – Doug Boldt; Children & Youth – Donald Nelsen; Constitution & Bylaws – William Harris; Convention – Ken Schmid; Finance – Daniel Stramel; Membership – Steve Bartos; Oratorical – Michael Landkamer; Publications & PR – Steven Bussen; Rehabilitation & Employment – vacant; Scholarship – Carroll Mohlman. Motion to approve by Robert Neel. Second by Nick Tramp and carried.

Commander Percy asked for approval of Liaison officers as follows: S.A.L. – Mike Reimers; POW/MIA – Boyd Yochum; Junior Shooting Sports – Doug Frahm; Homeless Veterans Task Force – Bruce Husted; County Government Day – Dean Chase; Scouting – Roxanne Sones; and American Legion Riders – Michael Sheridan. Motion to approve these appointments by Don Nelson. Second by tom Crisman and carried.

Commander Percy shared that the seniority ranking is Area B Commander Don Patras, Area C Commander Brendan Moore, Area D Commander Judy Walters, and Area A Commander Robert Neel.

Commander Percy asked for discussion on the Public Relations and PR Committee. Motion to disband the entire PR Committee and get four new members for it by Bruce Gubser. Second by Scott Bell. Discussion was held and motion carried.

Commander Percy asked SAL Liaison Mike Reimers to give a synopsis of the resolutions that were passed so the DEC could ratify them. Resolution #1 Chris Casey as National Vice Commander Candidate – motion to approve the resolution by Robert Neel. Second by Nick Tramp and failed. Resolution #2 – Change the eligibility dates – motion to reject the resolution by Dan Benes. Second by Adam Schweitzer and carried. Resolution #4 – Change to what committees a DEC member can be on – motion to reject the resolution by Judy Walters. Second by Don Patras and carried. Resolution #3 – Change of quorum for Detachment convention – motion to adopt by Gary Wooten. Second by Bruce Gubser and carried.

Commander Percy suggested members should contact the specific officer to attend a meeting. The dress code will be suit and tie or the equivalent. If the dress code is different, please notify the attending officer.

Commander Percy reminded DEC members to look at the C&B regarding travel within your respective area. Any additional travel should be approved prior to the travel taking place.

Commander Percy announced the date and location for his Department Leadership School and Homecoming was yet to be determined. More information will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter and newspaper.

Commander Percy asked for the reading of the minutes from the January 13, 2023, DEC meeting. Motion by Gary Wooten to approve the minutes as handed out without corrections. Second by Don Nelson and carried.

Adjutant Salak briefed the DEC on a Special DEC meeting will be held in the upcoming months regarding a Legion member from Papillion Post 32.

Senior Vice Commander Yochum recommended John Arias for the vacant Area B VA&R Committee position. Motion to approve the recommendation by Adam Schweitzer. Second by Burdette Chappell and carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a prayer and salute to the colors.

David Salak
Department Adjutant