



## Department Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2022

Villebois Community Center

11879 SW Palermo Street

Wilsonville, OR 97070

8:30 AM.

Call to order at 08:30

Department Commander Don Weber

Salute to Colors

Opening Prayer Department Chaplain

Steve Shollenburg

POW/MIA Ceremony Department Chaplain

Steve Shollenburg

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble

Roll Call Quorum present

### Roll Call of Officers 2020 – 2021

__ P __	Department Commander	Don Weber
__ P __	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Larry Wittmayer
__ P __	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Cory Brockmann
__ P __	Immediate Past Department Commander	Steve Adams
__ P __	Department Adjutant	S. Flynn Phillips
__ P __	National Executive Committeeman	Kevin Owens
__ P __	Department Finance Officer	Bob Huff
__ P __	Department Chaplain	Steve Shollenburg
__ P __	Department Historian	Dick Winders
__ P __	Department Judge Advocate	Gene Hellickson
__ P __	District 1 Commander	Lou Neubecker
__ P __	District 2 Commander	Juan Palacios
__ P __	District 3 Commander	John Morford
__ P __	District 4 Commander	David Applegate
__ P __	District 5 Commander	Lance Trowbridge
__ P __	District 6 Commander	Andy Millar
__ P __	District 7 Commander	James Moriarty
__ P __	District 8 Commander	Chris Christopherson
__ P __	District 9 Commander	Larry Hill
__ P __	District 10 Commander	Daniel Burks

**Non-Voting Members**

__ P __	Department Chaplain	Steve Shollenburg
__ P __	Department Historian	Dick Winders
__ P __	Alt National Executive Committeeman	Gene Hellickson
__ P __	Department Sergeant-at-Arms	Phyllis York
__ P __	Department Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms	Ward Allen
__ E __	Department Service Officer	Ed Van Dyke
__ E __	Department Service Officer Assistant	Jody Marsh
__ E __	Department Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Morris

Recorded by Department Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_ S. Flynn Phillips      Date 1/09/2022

**The Adjutant declared a quorum.**

**ROLL CALL OF LIVING PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS      (2020 - 2021)**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
__ E __	Charles D. Bingham	8	1978-79
__ E __	Robert D. Scott	51	1982-83
__ E __	Patsy Nestor	158	1986-87
__ E __	Richard A. Schenfeld	5	1993-94
__ P __	Robert D. Liebenow	6	1996-97
__ E __	Donald M. Epperson	61	1997-98
__ E __	George "Toby" Potter	12	2002-03
__ P __	Charlie Schmidt	63	2004-05
__ E __	Sid Carter	29	2005-06
__ P __	Kevin Owens	34	2008-09
__ E __	Jacqueline Collison	34	2010-11
__ E __	Jon Marsh	43	2011-12
__ P __	Bob Huff	15	2012-13
__ E __	Mike Morris	21	2013-14
__ P __	Andy Millar	24	2014-15
__ P __	Eugene Hellickson	86	2017-18
__ E __	Tom Harris	158	2018-19
__ P __	Steve Adams	51	2019-21

**Opening: Note Complete transcription of notes on File at Department HQ.**

**Reading of the previous minutes:**

**Kevin Owens motion to waive reading of the previous minutes passed.**

**Kevin Owens motion motion to not accept passed.**

**Don Weber; Second Motion** by Kevin Owens **not to approve the Minutes** until they have been scrubbed. Not approve and come back to it at the next meeting. Cory Brockmann seconded. Discussion: PDC Bob Huff explained in the last meeting that we have requirements un IRS rules that our yearly meeting minutes must be approved before sending our taxes. He suggested that everyone mark them up and send them to the adjutant. Then have a special meeting to approve. Kevin Owens agreed.

Don Weber: **Motion to postpone approving the minutes and have a special meeting in two weeks.** Discussion. **Motion carried.**

### **Introductions of Department Officers:**

The Commander introduced distinguished guests, NVC Jim Higuera from California, and Denise Conrad, Past Department President from Ohio and National ALA Committee Chair on Community Services, were introduced, PNC Charlie Schmidt, Past National Sgt-at Arms Kevin Owens.

Comments by: NVC Jim Higuera: Greetings from National Commander Paul Dillard.

National Commanders comments to congress.  
Commended everyone for the dedication of their free time.  
Enjoyed trip to Oregon.

### **Standing Rules Gene Hellickson**

#### **Reports**

**Commander Don Weber Report** Remarked the Previous District Commander Moved out of state and that District six had no Vice Commander, so we need to install Andy Millar as the District Six Commander for the rest of the year. PNEC Andy Millar was installed.

#### **District Reports:**

**District 1 Commander:** Lou Neubecker: Several Posts in the District performed a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony.

**District 2 Commander:** Juan Palacios: Post 21 hosted the Department Christmas party.

**District 3 Commander :** John Morford: He appreciated the Dept Commander and both Vice Commanders attending District Three meeting. District is working on Membership.

**District 4 Commander:** David Applegate: Added that Post 50 Chartered a new Auxiliary Unit. Information on the Charter unveiling will be sent out.

**District 5 Commander:** Lance Trowbridge: No report submitted. Sisters has a great rodeo and quilt show in June. Mosier Post 55 is at 105%.

**District 6 Commander:** Andy Millar: No report submitted. Their first Virtual D6 meeting will be on January 22. May 14 will be District Caucus.

**District 7 Commander:** James Moriarty: He commented on a successful visit from the NVC Jim Higuera.

**District 8 Commander:** Chris Christopherson: He commented that Post 180 is at 89% and 74% for the District. Their honor guard does 2-6 Ceremonies a day.

**District 9 Commander:** Larry Hill: He commented that D9 Membership is at 74%. He discussed the resurrection of the Brookings Post and Oratorical coming up in Tri-Cities. Training will be conducted at Post 16 for Districts 4 and 9 on the last Saturday of the month by Betty Fish Ferguson.

**District 10 Commander:** Daniel Burks: There was a fixed flag-raising ceremony on New Year's eve. At City Hall in Vale, their new Mayor is a new Legion member. He discussed other Post and membership issues and thought they might need to do some door-knocking.

**Steve Adams Immediate Past Commander Report:**

**Larry Wittmayer First Vice Commander Report:** Larry Wittmayer. No Report in Book of Reports. Update on National Legion College.

**Cory Brockmann Second Vice Commander Report:** Cory Brockmann; Asked the Adjutant to reload his Book of reports on the web, looked like the very bottom sentence got cut off.

**Dan Burks Membership and Post Activities Report;**

**PDC Bob Huff Finance Committee Report;** Discussed the budget line item;(AH) Proposed 2022-2023 Budget, convention authorized budget line for them and the continuing reduction in Membership which is our income. He discussed posts filing their taxes.

**NEC Kevin Owens; Permanent Finance Report:** He asked everyone to send him their budget request for the budget meeting and the consequences of not sending one.

**President Kevin Owens Foundation Report:** Kevin Owens. Commented on Wreaths across America, Portland Rose Festival, PIR Jimmy Johnson, and Foundation supporting Youth Programs.

**Ed Van Dyke Service Officer Report:** Ed Van Dyke excused. Bob Huff, gave his report.

**Kevin Owens NEC Report:** Kevin Owens

**Rob Liebenow Admin and Advisory Report:** He discussed the A&A meeting at HQ Friday afternoon; they discussed some changes in the Adjutants annual contract and looking to sign it at the next DEC instead of the Convention and his performance review.

## **Department Standing Commission Reports:**

**Gea Clausier Americanism Report:** Gea Clausier; Ian Gerstel made arrangements with Western Oregon University for Boys State and will be working on the agenda.

**PDC Bob Huff Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission and the VE&E & POW Report:** Bob Huff; He discussed the myriad of problems at the VA. He praised the fine work both Service Officers Ed VanDyke and Jody Marsh have been doing. Ed and his family are sick right now. He did not know when the downtown Federal building would reopen, so he canceled the two parking passes. He stated the VA&R Commission does all the events in the state along with the VE& E Commission. He discussed jobs, the VA has lowered the bar for a lot of jobs, so basically, any veteran can get a job now.

**Steve Adams Internal Affairs Report:** Steve Adams; They discussed the District 7 & 8 Merger, Maupin Post 73 Building, and their donation of the building to the city. PNC Charlie Schmidt asks for a discussion on the District 7 & 8 Merger. Steve Adams, Internal Affairs Chair, discussed the current state of the Merger; no resolutions have been written as yet. The goal was to have them ready by the spring DEC and be completed before the convention.

**John Lee Legislative Commission Report;** He gave an update on State bills in committee. He commented. Membership is power when it comes to testifying before Congress or the Senate.

**Greg Marvin National Security and Foreign Relations Report;** Greg is not in attendance; Adjutant commented that Greg Marvin has two Law Officers and Two Firefighters of the Year awards that he is working on with his committee.

**Dan Burks SAL Liaison Report:**

**PDC Jon Marsh Convention Report:**

**Flynn Phillips Acting Media and Communications Report:**

**Steve Shollenburg: Chaplain's Sick call and Relief.** Added the Department's Four Chaplain service would be held a McCabe Chapel in McMinnville on February 6. He asked for District Chaplain's contact information; he plans on chaplains training in Roseburg. Also, the Endorsement for National Chaplain is very humbling and thanked the entire Legion Family for the support.

The Commander asked for any further business? District One Commander Lou Neubecker reiterated D1 was donating \$500.00 to the Fund and challenged each District to match it.

Adjutant Flynn Phillips presented NVC Jim Higeura with a hard drive with all the photos taken during his visit.

Any further unfinished Business?: Larry Wittmayer thanked everyone for coming to his Post for the DEC and said Post 65 would donate \$200.00 to the Fund.

**New Business:**

**Resolution:** Nomination to endorse Steve Shollenberg our Department Chaplain to National Chaplain. The Adjutant Flynn Phillips read the endorsement resolution for Steve Shollenberg for National Chaplain. The first sentence says he was ordained as a Seventh Day Adventist, which should read "Non-Denominational" The Adjutant read the Resolution. **Bob Huff made a motion to approve the Resolution as written.** Seconded. Discussion. A Roll call vote was taken, all were in agreement, **Motion Passed.**

**Resolution:** Designate Oregon State Route 35 to be named Nisei Highway. District Five Commander Lance Trowbridge explained the background and read the Resolution. John Morford District 3 Commander made a **motion to adopt the Resolution. Seconded** by District 2 Commander **Juan Palacios.** Discussion. Roll call vote was taken, and all were in favor. **Motion Passed.**

**For The Good of the Order:** Larry Wittmayer called to report on his training at National Legion College. He discussed the college and what he got out of it. It was a turning point in his Legion experience.

Cory Brockmann asked the Judge Advocate or Internal Affairs Chairman to clarify who is in charge of the Policy Book. Steve Adams Internal Affairs explained and discussed it. Gene Hellickson, Judge Advocate, explained the first page of the Book states who should be on the Policy Committee and who is responsible for each policy. Commander Weber stated we would readdress those then called for the adjutant's report.

**Adjutants Report:** S. Flynn Phillips: His report is in the Book of Reports.

The Next DEC will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Harney County Post 63.

**Benediction, by Steve Shollenburg**

**Commander Weber, I now declare this meeting of the Department of Oregon executive meeting adjourned.**

**Submitted**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Flynn Phillips". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

**S. Flynn Phillips**

**Adjutant**

