C of A Meeting

Marriott East, Indianapolis

August 16th, 2019

**Meeting opened** in due form at 1900hrs; by Cmdr. Michael Sims

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Keiston Holloway

# Pledge of allegiance

**Cmdr. Sims** Introduced and welcomed guests, Past Dept. Commanders, District Commanders and Post Commanders.

**ADJ/QM McDanield** conducted roll call, all present and or accounted for.

**Finance Committee:** Greg Baker, introduced the Finance Committee announced that the committee met earlier in the day, and found the books to be good shape. Discussed the 2019-20 Department budget and the splitting of the duties of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. Announced the resignation of Troy A. King as Department Quartermaster. Discussed the need to conduct an external audit for transparency for the outgoing and incoming Quartermaster. Explained the major changes within the budget and how the budget was constructed. Announced the need to elect a new Quartermaster at the Fall Conference. Greg Baker and QM McDanield entertained questions from the Council.

**Cmdr. Sims** requested for District Commanders to report on the strengths and weaknesses of each District in order for the District Commander Elects to have a good view of where their Districts stand to date. The following District Commanders reported.

**District 1: Cmdr.** Jim Davis

**District 2: Cmdr.** Gary King

**District 3: Cmdr.** J.C. Moore (Roger Proxy)

**District 4: Cmdr.** Scott Royer

**District 5: Cmdr.** John Ayres

**District 6: Cmdr.** Frank Parks

**District 7: Cmdr.** Cory Mahan (Keith Rohloff proxy)

**District 8: Cmdr.** Roger Ferguson

**District 9: Cmdr.** Leon Perry

**District 10:** **Cmdr.** Walter Baran

**District 11: Cmdr.** Richard Ellis

**Judge Advocate:** Richard Faulk – Welcomed new Adjutant Steven McDanield to the Department. Gave words of encouragement to the new District Commanders.

**Inspector:** Dave Fradenburg **–** Discussed his expectations of the District Commanders concerning inspections. December 15th is the deadline to get inspections to State. Discussed the importance of QM bonds. CMDR Simms addressed the need for every member to join the VFW action Corps.

**Unfinished business:** none

**New Business:**

* A motion was made by Richard Mrozinski to allow the finance committee to entertain bids for an external audit not to exceed $15,000.00. Motion was seconded by Keith Rohloff, carried and passed.
* A motion was made to accept the 2019-20 budget by J.C. Moore. Motion Seconded by Jim Davis, carried and passed.
* A motion was made to approve a $6,900.00 expenditure under the building fund to buy new computers and upgrade the State HQ technology by Richard Leirer. Motion was seconded by Cory Mahan, carried and passed.
* A motion was made to increase the State Surgeon’s covered expenses for required attendance to conventions to include all nights of the spring and fall convention by Richard Lineberry. Motion was seconded by Dave Capshaw, carried and passed.
* A motion was made to increase the Chaplin’s covered expenses for required attendance to conventions to include all nights of the spring and fall convention by Scott Royer. Motion was seconded by Richard Lineberry, carried and passed.
* A motion was made to table the current discussion and review the current expenditure program for all officers in the Department in regards to room reimbursements and other expenses by J.C. Moore. Motion was seconded by Dave Capshaw, carried and passed.
* Commander Sims passed out the All State hats for 2018-2019 to post 1108.
* Commander Sims passed out 75th Jubilee certificates to post 2693 Greenfield, 6978 New Whiteland and post 2695.
* Commander Sims announced the new dates for the Spring Conference. The conference will be held March 13-15 2020.
* Commander Sims announced his special project this year is Quilts for Valor.

**Good of the Order:**

**Cmdr. Sims** introduced the new National Council Member Johnny Capps.

**NCM/PDC Capps:** Addressed the timeline of events that led to the States decision to separate the duties of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. He also discussed the upcoming Council vote on allowing staffers and support personnel to wear the VFW logo. There was further discussion on verifying all members on the roles.

**PAST CIC Thien:** Addressed the members and gave words of hope and encouragement.

**Judge Advocate:** Richard Faulk – Encouraged everyone to move forward and get down to the business of taking care of veterans and their families.

There being no further business, closing prayer was given by Chaplain Keiston Holloway. Commander Mike Sims closed the meeting at 2040hrs in due form.