

**The American Legion
Department of Nebraska
Department Executive Committee
Minutes
June 26 – 27, 2025
Quality Inn – Columbus, Nebraska**

The Department Executive Committee meeting of the Nebraska American Legion was called to order by Department Commander Boyd Yochum at 1:00 p.m. Following a salute to Colors, prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Steve Witmer. 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 Boyd Yochum, Senior Vice Commander Judy Walters, Area A Vice Commander Michael Sheridan, Area B Vice Commander John Arias, Area C Vice Commander Tom Crisman, Area D Vice Commander Marv Donnelly, Past Department Commander Dan Benes, Past Department Commander Don Suchy, Past Department Commander John-Henry Percy, District 1 Commander Gary Sones, District 2 Commander Gerald Bouska, District 3 Commander Nick Tramp, District 4 Commander Kent Holmes, District 5 Commander Geoff Florom, District 6 Commander Burdette Chappell, District 7 Commander Adam Schweitzer, District 9 Commander Amie Moores, District 10 Commander Charles Tuttle, District 11 Commander Robert Eyer, and District 12 Commander Martin Neal. National representatives in attendance were NEC Jim Costello and Alternate NEC John-Henry Percy. Motion to seat District 8 Vice Commander James Carmona by Tom Crisman. Second by Burdette Chappell and carried. Motion to seat District 13 Vice Commander Larry Borchert by Charles Tuttle. Second by Martin Neal and carried. Motion to seat District 15 Vice Commander Rich Lemmerman by Tom Crisman. Second by John Arias and carried.

Adjutant Salak declared a quorum and the meeting was declared regularly convened.

Commander Yochum extended a welcome to members and guests at this meeting. He reminded all DEC members to submit vouchers to Department Headquarters in a timely fashion. He also stated that only DEC members had a voice and vote and that PDCs had voice only.

Commander Yochum asked for a motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2025, DEC Meeting. Lemmerman presented an addendum to the minutes because Post 3 stated that at the end of the Athletic Committee report given by Chairman Jody Moeller, District 15 Commander Ronnie Hindmand, asked him to clarify why Lincoln Post 3 would not be allowed to sponsor or associate with Lincoln Legion Baseball. Lemmerman moved to amend the previous minutes by adding this response at the end of the Athletic Committee report given by Chairman Jody Moeller. “Post 3 had been cleared of all allegations of misappropriation of baseball funds, but Post 3 will not be able to participate in Legion Baseball as long as one individual remains a member of Post 3. All the Lincoln team coaches are refusing to play American Legion Baseball for Post 3 because of this one Post 3 member. The Nebraska American Legion Baseball Class A Division program could not survive by losing all the Lincoln Class A Division Senior and Junior teams. Therefore, until this situation with Post 3 can be corrected, all Lincoln Legion Baseball teams will be administratively sponsored by Post 500 of the Nebraska Legion Athletic Committee. Motion died because lack of a second. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Arias. Second by Schweitzer and carried.

Commander Yochum brought to the attention of the DEC the Department Charter Response from National. He stated that the NEC had voted unanimously to accept the National Judge Advocate's advice to not suspend or revoke the Department's charter based off of the resolution they had received.

Commander Yochum reminded the DEC that the 2027 Department Convention would be held June 24 – 27, 2027 at the Quality Inn in Columbus.

Commander Yochum addressed the DEC about the potential of the new Assistant Adjutant hire being a District Commander and DEC member. Motion to allow a DEC member to be the Assistant Adjutant by Neal. Second by Crisman. Discussion was held. Crisman withdrew his second and motion died from lack of a second.

Adhoc Investigating Committee Chair Mike Landkamer gave the report of the committee. Motion to accept the committee's report to move forward with a hearing to suspend Lincoln Post 1919's charter by Arias. Second by Crisman and carried.

Mike Landkamer read Resolution 12-25 Honorary Department Commander. Motion to approve the resolution to make Adjutant Dave Salak an Honorary Department Commander by Schweitzer. Second by Crisman and carried.

Commander Yochum asked for an update from the Adhoc Department Legion College Committee. Percy stated that the committee would meet during the Convention and was working on training.

Commander Yochum asked Adjutant Salak to read the convention rules. Motion to approve the rules by Neal. Second by Tuttle and carried.

Commander Yochum asked Adjutant Salak to read the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report since Judge Advocate Harris was not present.

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 August 7 – 9, 2025, in Indianapolis. The Department Commander, Membership Chairman, and three District Commanders plan to attend.

Commander Yochum presented the proposed 2026 District Convention schedule. Changes were made.

District	Date	Time	Location
District 1	Saturday, March 28, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Valentine Post 90
District 2	Sunday, March 15, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Elkhorn Valley Bank
District 3	Saturday, March 14, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Bancroft Village Hall
District 4	Saturday, March 21, 2026	10:00 a.m. MT	Sidney Post 17
District 5	Saturday, March 21, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln County Fairgrounds
District 6	Saturday, March 7, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Kearney Post 52
District 7	Saturday, March 14, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Valparaiso Post 371
District 8	Saturday, February 7, 2026	1:00 p.m.	Springfield Post 143
District 9	Saturday, March 21, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Palisade Post 318

District 10	Saturday, February 21, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Clay Center Post 87
District 11	Saturday, March 21, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Beatrice Post 27
District 12	Saturday, March 14, 2026	8:00 a.m.	Seward Civic Center
District 13	Saturday, March 7, 2026	9:30 a.m.	Falls City Post 102
District 15	Tuesday, February 10, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Lincoln Elks Club

Adjutant Salak presented plans for the 2025 National Convention in Tampa Florida, August 23 – 29, 2025. Housing will be at the Barrymore Hotel, with a room rate of \$132.48. First night deposit is payable with reservation and due July 7.

Adjutant Salak shared that the 2025 American Legion College November 16 – 21, 2025 in Indianapolis. The primary delegate is Eric Martin and the alternate delegate is Jason Baker.

National Executive Committeeman Jim Costello was introduced for remarks on activities at the National level. He extended greetings from National Commander James LaCoursiere and the National Headquarters staff. He stated that the number one issue facing veterans is suicide and the Be The One initiative is the top mission for The American Legion. Costello shared about the Washington Conference and meeting with the Nebraska Senators and Representatives and The American Legion priority legislation information can be found on the website. Costello spoke about the Veterans and Children’s Foundation, the National Emergency Fund, and other programs. He introduced those Nebraska members who were serving on national commissions, councils, and committees.

Adjutant Salak provided an update on Nebraska’s revenue enhancement program participation. The Spring Label campaign that started on April 29 has brought in just over \$9,901 as of June 18. The lottery mailing donations totaled \$33,020. The gross profits from the lottery minus expenses were \$18,287.57. USAA revenue incentive of \$6,031 was received in August 2024. The Legionnaire Insurance Trust held their annual board meeting, and the department received two checks for a total of \$30,964. The check for Nebraska’s member donations that were sent to National totaled \$4,402.

Commander Yochum asked for the following appointments to be approved. Americanism – Area C vacant, 4 years, Michael Hatfield, 4 years, and Teresa Johnston, 4 years; Athletic – Joseph Ruzicka, 4 years, Tim Riskowski, 4 years, and Jody Moeller, 4 years; Boys’ State – Area B vacant, 4 years; Children & Youth – Greg Smolik, 4 years and Area A vacant, 1 year; Constitution & Bylaws – Tom Mlnarik, 2 years; Convention – Don Patras, 4 years; Finance – Daniel Stramel, 4 years; Membership – Area A vacant, 4 years; Publications/PR – all Areas vacant; Rehabilitation and Employment – Ed Lautrup, 4 years and Area B vacant, 2 years; Scholarship – Bruce Husted, 4 years; and Veterans Home Board – Department Adjutant, 2 years. Motion to approve the appointments by Tuttle. Second by Crisman and carried.

Commander Yochum shared that Danbury Post 276 and Scottsbluff Post 5 had expressed wanting to close. Their District Commanders have submitted the proper paperwork to be closed. Motion by Crisman to accept the cancellation of Danbury Post 276 and Scottsbluff Post 5 charters. Second by Arias and carried. Commander Yochum shared there are 20 Posts who are currently under the 10-member mark. He asked the District Commanders to reach out to those Posts and assist them and that Department would be sending a letter to each of them. Motion by Tramp to send out certified letters to the Posts under the 10-member mark and notify them that they need to increase membership or they could be up for closure. Second by Sheridan and carried.

Commander Yochum brought up Gering Post 36 for discussion. Holmes stated that they had new Post officers and that they would be reorganizing the Post. He would continue to support the new officers and help in any way possible.

Commander Yochum asked Neal to give a report on Havelock Post 342. Neal stated that the Post is revitalizing and has new officers. They are holding regular meetings and are working on revising the constitution and bylaws. He thanked Post 3 and the Department for all of the assistance. He did ask that in the future the Department take more action with Posts that are dealing with issues.

Commander Yochum stated each District Commander is to turn into 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.

Commander Yochum stated all Post Consolidated Post Reports have been submitted and that Nebraska is 100%. He thanked Adjutant Salak for his assistance in the matter.

Commander Yochum asked Suchy to report about the lights on the flagpoles at the Headquarters building. He stated that when there is not enough sunshine, the lights do not work, and the flags are not being illuminated. He has contacted three company for bids for the lights. Suchy shared that PNC Helm would be willing to donate the money for the project. Motion by Arias to move forward with permanent lights for the flag poles. Second by Tramp and carried.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Scholarship Committee Report was given by Chairman Carroll Mohlman. He stated the scholarship judging took place in March. There was a total of 54 applications for the Maynard Jensen and Boschult scholarships. There were eight \$500.00 Maynard Jensen scholarships and five \$500.00 Boschult scholarships awarded for the 2025 year. He shared that the committee chose Braxton Wentworth of Yutan for the Hurlbert Scholarship. Motion to accept report by Arias. Second by Sheridan and carried.

Junior Shooting Sports Liaison Report was given by Liaison Doug Frahm. He stated the 34th Annual American Legion JSSP competition will be held July 22 – 26 in Michigan at Hillsdale College. Nebraska had six clubs that registered for the 2024-25 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. Brandon 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 Tuttle. Second by Moores and carried.

Membership Committee Report was given by Chairman Steve Bartos. Chairman Bartos shared that Dave Bruckner, Richard Baxter, and himself were present. They discussed the 2025-26 membership awards. The committee reviewed those Posts under 10 members, and the members will be reaching out to those Posts. He stated the Post 500 reports are located on MyLegion.org and that Posts should use this to find members. Bartos stated that the dues increase, and the delayed dues notices last year hurt the Department's membership total. He encouraged Posts to recruit new members as that is how

we can help the organization grow. Motion to accept the report by Sheridan. Second by Lemmerman and carried.

Sons of The American Legion Liaison Report was given by Liaison Robert Neal. He stated the Detachment currently had 165 Squadrons in the Detachment and there were about 6,800 members. Neal shared that he had traveled to both Weston Squadron 308 and Gering Squadron 36 to address issues that were occurring there. After discussion in Weston, the situation was resolved. The Gering issue is still active and is being addressed by both the Legion and Sons. He thanked the Legion members for including their Sons in their fundraisers, funeral honor guards, color guards, and much more. Neal read the resolved clauses of the two resolutions that they will be voting on during the Detachment convention and stated he would bring them back to Post-DEC if approved. He stated there are five Squadrons that have turned in zero members. Motion to accept the report by Schweitzer. Second by Florom and carried.

Boys' State Committee Report was given by Chairman Doug Boldt. Boldt reported there were 301 boys who graduated from the 2025 Boys' State session. 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 again this year due to construction at Kimball Hall, but they were able to have a joint college/career fair that went really well for both Boys' and Girls' State. Dr. Jo was the hit of the week yet again. This year Flood Media donated \$90,000 of free media and television advertising and it was seen all of Nebraska. He shared the Samsung winner was Ethan Samuelson this year. The new Boys' State Governor is Lucas Noll from Omaha. The 2026 session is scheduled for May 31 – June 6, 2026, on the UNL campus. Boldt stated that this was his last year on the committee, and he thanked everyone for their support. Motion to accept the report by Florom. Second by Tuttle 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. Yochum stated that he was able to speak to the annual meeting of the POW/MIA families. Motion to accept the report by Tramp. Second by Borchert and carried.

For the good of The American Legion:

Adjutant Salak explained the produce that would now happen with the Lincoln Post 1919 suspension. He shared that letters will be sent out to the DEC and the Post to notify them of the hearing process and that a special DEC meeting would be held in the near future.

Following announcements by Adjutant Salak, the meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m. with a salute to the Colors.

The DEC reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 27, at the Quality Inn. Opening ceremonies included a salute to the Colors and a prayer by Chaplain Steve Witmer.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Convention Committee Report was given by Chairman Rod Rose. All members of the committee were present. The committee reviewed upcoming dates for Mid-Year and Convention. The 2026 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 16 – 18, 2026, at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites in Norfolk. The 2026 Department Convention will be held June 24 – 27, 2026, at the Quality Inn in Columbus. The 2027 Mid-Year Conference will be held January 15 – 17, 2027, and the location will be determined at the 2026

Mid-Year Conference. The 2027 Department Convention will be June 24 – 27, 2027, at the Quality Inn in Columbus. The 2028 Department Convention will be June 22 – 25, 2028, and the location will be determined at the 2026 Mid-Year Conference. Registration fee for all conferences and conventions will be \$10.00. Motion to accept the report by Crisman. Second by Chappell 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, and the sinking fund. He stated the financial statement has been trending in a good direction this year and the Department is right on track. This was attributed to the building move, but with decreasing membership this will be the continuing trend. Stramel went over the District resolutions and how the Finance Committee voted on them. The committee created a budget to present to the DEC. Motion to accept the report by Eyer. Second by Florom 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. He shared the Department took a disbursement from the investment fund at the beginning of the year and should be able to make it through July without another one. He presented the proposed budget for the 2025 - 26 Fiscal Year. Motion to accept the report and the budget by Schweitzer. Second by Florom 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 100 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. Development Omaha is working to make a Veterans Village to help with homeless veterans housing in Omaha. Motion to accept the report by Sheridan. Second by Florom and carried.

Americanism Committee Report was given by Chairman Michael Hatfield. Hatfield reported Teresa Johnston, Katie Lovelace, and Gabe Skalka were absent. 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. Motion to accept the report by Tuttle. Second by Chappell and carried.

Publications and Public Relations Committee The committee is currently vacant and there was no report given.

Children & Youth Committee Report was given by Charman Donald Nelsen. Nelsen reported that Greg Smolik, Julie Schnitzler, and himself were present. 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 Schweitzer. Second by Moores and carried.

Rehabilitation & Employment Committee Chairman Ed Lautrup was absent.

American Legion Riders Liaison Report was given by Liaison Mike Reimers. He reported Nebraska currently has 57 Chapters with over 1,500 riders. He is working on a more complete list of chapters and who to contact. They rode over 150,000 miles ridden and 10,000 hours of community service doing

escorts, Quilts of Valor ceremonies, funerals, parades, events, etc. Motion to accept the report by Sheridan. Second by Florom and carried.

Department Historian Report was given by Adjutant Salak. She stated that she was working on the 2024 – 2025 Yearbook and it included events from the past year. This year the competition will be submitted electronically. Laux shared that she is serving as the National Historian for The American Legion. Motion to accept the report by Crisman. Second by Tuttle and carried.

Department Service Officer Service Officer Levi Bennett was excused.

Adhoc Hiring Committee Report was given by Chairman Ron Corbett. He shared that the committee had met several times and had interviewed two candidates for the Assistant Adjutant position. They had extended an employment offer to one of the candidates, but after a few days the candidate declined the offer due to salary and benefits. The committee reposted the position and had one candidate and they interviewed them. They had extended an employment offer to the candidate, but after a few days the candidate declined the offer due to salary and job requirements. Chairman Corbett shared that he reached out to the candidate that had not been chosen for the Adjutant job and asked them if they had an interest in the job. The committee interviewed the candidate for the position. They extended an employment offer to the candidate. They accepted the position and was to start as of May 12, 2025. As of this date, the candidate has not started due to a car accident and has not given a firm commitment if they will start. Motion to accept the report by Tuttle. Second by Moores and carried. Motion to give the candidate until July 15 to be in the office for the job or to retract the offer and to continue looking for candidates. Second by Florom and carried.

Men's College World Series Liaison Report was given by Liaison Jim Costello. Costello explained how the sponsorship of the College World Series teams works and the responsibilities that they have during the team's stay. This year the Nebraska American Legion sponsored Murray State. He thanked the volunteers that helped with the luncheon and everyone who donated their time and items. Motion to accept the report by Lemmerman. Second by Borchner and carried.

Athletic Committee Report given by Chairman Jody Moeller. Moeller shared that there were 275 Legion baseball teams, and 325 Legion umpires registered this year. He then went into discussion about the dissention that is currently going on in Lincoln with certain Legion members and Posts and the Legion Baseball teams. He stated that Lincoln Baseball coaches and managers state that they have had accusations made against them to their schools and multiple authorities that they are mishandling and stealing money from Legion Baseball. The authorities found no such issues and have dismissed the investigation. Following the 2024 season, the 19 Lincoln teams refused to play under Post 3 sponsorship because the Post has a member that has accused them of misappropriation of funds. Moeller stated that Lincoln Post 1919 was uninvited from sponsoring any American Legion Baseball teams in 2025. Nebraska has been made aware of multiple resolutions and accusations that have been made against the Nebraska American Legion and its leadership, baseball teams, coaches, and manages to the national organization. There is also a flyer and letter that has been sent out to Lincoln baseball parents with misleading information. Currently, there are multiple social media accounts, including "Stop the Take" and "Transparency in Youth Baseball", that have been created to publicly accuse the Nebraska American Legion Baseball program of misappropriation of Funds. In May, a 28-page email was sent by Lincoln Post 3 member Wendy Gumb with a complaint against Athletic Committee Chairman Jody Moeller for violation of American Legion bylaws, dishonorable conduct, negligence in fiduciary oversight of baseball, collusion with non-veteran baseball manages and coaches, and more. Moeller shared that there is currently a plan in place to get all Posts and teams in

compliance by the end of the 2025 season. He asked the DEC to help protect the Nebraska American Legion Baseball program from the criticism in the public forum and engage in legal assistance to understand what our rights are to protect the good name of The American Legion and American Legion Baseball. Motion to retain an attorney and find any legal recourse that the Legion and Legion Baseball may have. Second by Lemmerman. Discussion was held and the motion was carried unanimously. Motion to accept the report by Crisman. Second by Lemmerman and carried.

For the good of The American Legion:

Moore asked Commander Yochum to readdress the discussion regarding a Department Employee being a member of the DEC. Motion that no full time Department Employee can be a voting member of the DEC by Moore. Second by Tramp and motion carried.

Commander Yochum had the candidates seeking Department offices address the DEC the opportunity to do so: Judy Walters for Commander; Doug Frahm for Senior Vice Commander; Kelly Hanvey for Area B Vice Commander; Martin Neal and Wendy Gumb for Area C Vice Commander, and Cliff Rininger for Area D Vice Commander.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 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
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June 29, 2025**

The Post-Convention Department Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Department Commander Judy Walters following the adjournment of the Department Convention.

Following opening ceremonies, DEC roll call was taken by Department Adjutant Dave Salak. Present were Commander Walters, Senior Vice Commander Doug Frahm, Area B Vice Commander Kelly Hanvey, Area C Vice Commander Martin Neal, Area D Vice Commander Cliff Rininger, Past Department Commander Don Suchy, Past Department Commander John-Henry Percy, Past Department Commander Boyd Yochum, District 1 Commander Jerry Fullerton, District 2 Commander Gerald Bouska, District 3 Commander Gary Davis, District 4 Commander Kent Holmes, District 5 Commander Geoffery Florum, District 6 Commander Brian Rapp, District 7 Commander Virgil Blum, District 8 Commander James Carmona, District 9 Commander Amie Moores, District 10 Commander Chuck Tuttle, District 11 Commander Robert Eyer, District 12 Vice Commander Emily Hansen, District 13 Vice Commander Larry Borchert, and District 15 member Bruce Gubser. National representatives in attendance were NEC Jim Costello and Alternate NEC John-Henry Percy.

A quorum was called by Department Adjutant Eric Martin.

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

Commander Walters requested approval of the following appointments: Adjutant – Eric Martin; Chaplain – Steve Witmer; Historian – Jennifer Laux; Judge Advocate – Josh Stevenson; Sergeant-at-Arms – Fred Craigie; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms – Gene VonForell; Public Relations Officer – vacant; Finance Officer – Mark Novak; Service Officer – Levi Bennett. Motion to approve by Yochum. Second by Hanvey and carried.

Commander Walters noted the Department Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant serve with tenure.

District 3 Commander Gary Davis resigned from his position and asked to be appointed as Area A Vice Commander. Motion to appoint Davis as Area A Vice Commander by Percy. Second by Tuttle and carried. Commander Walters noted that the District 3 Vice Commander Jeff Finken would now become the District Commander per the constitution and bylaws. Finken was present and agreed.

Commander Walters requested approval of the following committee chairs: Americanism – Michael Hatfield; Athletic – Jody Moeller; Law & Order – Gabe Skalka; Boys' State – Adam Schweitzer; Children & Youth – Donald Nelsen; Constitution & Bylaws – Josh Stevenson; Convention – Rodney Rose; Finance – Daniel Stramel; Membership – Steve Bartos; Oratorical – Michael Landkamer; Publications & PR – vacant; Rehabilitation & Employment – Michael Simmonds; Scholarship – Carroll Mohlman. Motion to approve by Tuttle. Second by Moores and carried.

Commander Walters asked for approval of Liaison officers as follows: S.A.L. – Robert Neel; 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 – Dan Willets; and College World Series Liaisons Jim Costello and Dave Salak. Motion to approve these appointments by Eyer. Second by Borchert and carried.

Commander Walters shared that the seniority ranking is Area D Commander Cliff Rininger, Area A Commander Gary Davis, Area B Commander Kelly Hanvey, and Area C Commander Martin Neal.

Commander Walters asked SAL Liaison Robert Neel to give a synopsis of the resolutions that were passed so the DEC could ratify them. Resolution #1 Membership Award Program – motion to approve the resolution by Percy. Second by Florum and carried. Resolution #2 – Continuous Membership Program – motion to approve the resolution by Tuttle. Second by Florum and carried. Resolution #3 – Endorse Chris Casey for NVC – motion to approve the resolution by Fullerton. Second by Neal and carried. Resolution #4 – Setting up a National Emergency Fund for the Sons – motion to approve by Percy. Second by Neal and carried.

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

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

Commander Walters announced the Department Leadership School and Homecoming would be held September 13th in Ainsworth. More information will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter and newspaper.

Commander Walters brought up Kearney Post 52 for discussion. Motion to request a year worth of financial statements by Percy. Second by Holmes and carried.

Commander Walters asked for approval of the Adhoc Hiring Committee of Chairman Ron Corbett, Don Suchy, Jim Costello, Fred Craigie, Adjutant Martin, and Commander Walters. Motion to approve the committee by Tuttle. Second by Eyer and carried.

Commander Walters asked for approval of the Adhoc Department Legion College Committee of Chairman John-Henry Percy, John Arias, Jennifer Laux, Julie Schnitzler, Jill Druskis, and Commander Walters. Motion to approve the committee by Florum. Second by Moores and carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. with a prayer and salute to the colors.

Eric Martin
Department Adjutant