

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
June 2, 2024 @ 9:00AM
ALBUQUERQUE AIRPORT SHERATON HOTEL**

Meeting opened at 9:00am with Pledge and Prayer

Recognized Guests:

National Rep. Brian Walker (Asst. Adjutant General)
Past Nat. Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence
All Past National Councilmembers
MOC Grand Commander, Don Frias
All Past State Commanders

Roll Call of Officers: 17 Present, 1 Excused

Roll Call of Posts: 21 Commanders present, 5 Posts had a Post Officer present. 12 Posts were absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **No Unfinished Business**

NEW BUSINESS:

- All Officers need to complete sexual harassment, whistleblower, and code of ethics forms
- All Officers must have proof of eligibility on file
- Motion to Retain Department Service Officer and Claims Consultant. Motion by Judge Advocate Lawrence, 2nd by Past State Commander Tori Haddox. No discussion, motion Passed.
- Motion to retain all Department Employees' salaries at the current level. Motion by Chief of Staff Schiebel, 2nd by Past State Commander Tori Haddox. No discussion, motion passed.
- Motion to allow VMS Fundraisers during Department events. Motion by Sr. Vice Commander Jim Haddox, 2nd by Judge Advocate Lawrence. No discussion, motion passed.
- Motion to keep the Department Member at Large Annual Fee at \$45.00. Motion by Chaplain Dyer, 2nd by Surgeon Bowman. No discussion, motion passed.
- Motion to keep the Department Delegate Fees at \$5.00. Motion by Judge Advocate Lawrence, 2nd by Past State Commander Tori Haddox. No discussion, motion passed.
- Motion to re-imburse the Officer of the Day for travel expenses. Motion by Sr. Vice Commander Jim Haddox, 2nd by Chief of Staff Schiebel. No discussion, motion passed.
- Motion to re-imburse the Department Photographer for travel expenses. Motion by Past State Commander Tori Haddox, 2nd by Chief of Staff Schiebel. No discussion, motion passed.
- Report of the Budget Committee and Budget by Assistant State Quartermaster, B.J. Lawrence. Motion by Committee Chair Lawrence to accept the proposed 2024-2025 Budget as presented. No discussion, motion passed.
- All Posts must have a proper email account address on file with Department Headquarters.

- All Quartermaster Bonds must be renewed prior to August 31.
- The New Buddy Poppy order form is in the book and on the Department website.
- VMS Donations must be made through the link on the National Dashboard.
- Discussion by Department Jr. Vice Commander Gary Logsdon on the desire to have the Department purchase challenge coins for each incoming State Commander in addition to the current purchase of State Commander Pins. Motion by Jr. Vice Commander Logsdon to have the Department Budget Committee and Line Officers look into the costs and possibility of the Department purchasing up to 250 Challenge Coins for each incoming State Commander, 2nd by Chief of Staff Schiebel. After much discussion, the motion passed.
- The Commander will refer to a Committee the possibility of the Department participating in the International Balloon Fiesta.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- All Posts will pick up Leadership Manuals after the meeting.
- Comments by Councilmembers.
- Comments by Assistant Adjutant General Brian Walker.
- Comments by Committee Chairman.
- Discussion on the formation of a State Level Legislative Committee.
- Presentation on the State Commanders Special Project, Combat Impact Outdoors.
- Briefed dates of upcoming Department meetings and events.
- Visit by VFW NM Auxiliary President Renee King.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:39 AM

Attested By:

Approved By:

B.J. Lawrence, Asst. State Adjutant

Brian Ravak, State Commander