

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MTG
JANUARY 18, 2020 @ 1330 HRS
SHERATON AIRPORT HOTEL**

Council of Administration meeting opened in due form with pledge and prayer on Saturday January 18, 2020 at 1215 hrs

Introduced guest speaker, David Scott from Publishing Concepts INC (PCI) presented a proposal for a legacy book. (will address under new business)

RECOGNIZE GUESTS:

BJ Lawrence; Executive Director of the VFW D.C. office, Tim Peters from the Department of MT, Jeff Eiler SR Vice Commander from the Department of Arizona, National Council Member Kathie Schiebel, Past National Council members and Past State Commanders

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS and POSTS

- Seventeen (17) Council Members were present with 1 excused
- Twenty-Two (22) Post Commanders were present
- Nine (9) Posts had a Representative present
- Nine (9) Post Commanders or a Post Representative were not present.
 - o Posts 2528, 3221, 3271, 3317, 7688, 8448, 9516, 12008, 12184

READING OF MINUTES:

- Motion by J/A Cathy Brock to suspend reading of the previous minutes since council were provided copies. Proper Second
 - Motion Passed

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT:

- Chairman Vernon Luce briefed on the 4th Qtr Audit
- Motion by District 5 Commander Esparza to accept, Proper second
- Discussion by Judge Advocate Brock:
 - Correction to last meeting. All Audit Reports do require a proper motion and second. Committee reports do not such as QM reports.
- Motion amended to include previous 2nd & 3rd quarter audits
- Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Scholarship Chairman Brian Ravak: Posts did not follow instructions on participation reports, photos etc... Overall, was a good showing.
- Community Activity Chairman Mike Cano: 14 Posts have not yet submitted a report. Please combine monthly Post reports into 1 (one) report.
- Buddy Poppy Chairman Chris Archuleta: Read order stats, need an additional 4,000 to meet National guidelines. Need to use a physical address for shipment of orders. BP contest will be on Saturday June 6th. Let Chris know if submitting an entry so we can prepare for tables, tripods etc...
- Membership Chairman Cynthia Archuleta: briefed MEMSTATS (93.09%). 17 Posts need 10 or less to reach 100%.
- Service Office Cynthia Archuleta: Briefed claim stats/and monies awarded from last 2 months
- Homeless Veterans Chairman Len Hampton; Provided personal supplies in stand downs in Las Cruces and Albuquerque.
- Youth Activity Chairman Rogelio Maldonado: Spoke on starting ROTC in schools, Open Posts for school activities/awards and the Boy Scouts
- NMVFW Riders Chairman Ed McDaris: Spoke on raising \$2,000 for special Olympics; have patches available
- Inspector Lawrence Vargas: Briefed on completed inspections. Missing 3 reports
- Legislative Chairman Vernon Luce: Met with legislatures 9-12 September in D.C.
- Americanism: Do not forget where we come from. Display the flag

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Formation of our 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Foundation
 - Len Hampton gave a detailed briefing on the process and benefits
- Motion by District 3 Commander Brian Ravak to use the name of Department of NM Foundation. Have a proper second
 - Discussion: District 5 Commander Joe Esparza motioned to postpone vote until next meeting to brief his people. No second was made. Will revisit issue during the State Convention

- Vote on proposal from PCI
 - After much discussion; no motion was made. Considered a dead issue
- Sr Vice Commander Archuleta made a motion to move the Mid-Winter date to give more time after the scholarship announcements. Proper second
 - Discussion: Will need to get with hotel to see available dates and to modify current contracts.
 - Motion Passed
- Judge Advocate Brock reminded membership about any changes to the Department By-Laws, must be submitted by April 1st for review and distribution.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Roswell Post 12184 won the early-bird Legislative Conference Award. Commander and QM have an opportunity to attend the Conference in D.C.

Comments by Council Members

- Director Lawrence read candidacy of Charlie Shoemaker from the Department of Kansas for National Judge Advocate
 - Motion by National Council Member Schiebel to indorse and support. Proper second
 - No discussion; Motion passed
- Tim Peters from the Department of MT announced his candidacy for National JR Vice Commander in 2024
- Bert Key from the Department of Oregon is also running for that position
- Candidacies announcements for New Mexico's National Council Member were made by PSC Mark Decker, PSC Len Hampton and PSC Cathy Brock
 - Will vote during the State Convention
- Other announcements:
 - For Department Surgeon: Christina Backus, Ryan Proctor, and Don Frias
 - For Western Conference Vice Chair: Kathy Schiebel
 - Motion by Mark Decker to indorse and support. Proper second
 - Motion Passed

Having no other business, the closing ceremony was conducted with Salute to the Colors, and closing Prayer by Chaplain Chris Archuleta

Meeting was Adjourned @ 1602 hrs

Next Meeting will be on June 5th @ 10:00AM @ Sheraton Airport Hotel

Attested by:



David Fouse
State Adjutant

Approved by:



Rich Nutt
State Commander