

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
AGENDA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MTG
OCTOBER 5, 2019 @ 10:00AM
ALAMOGORDO POST 7686**

Council of Administration meeting opened in due form with pledge and prayer on October 5, 2019 at 10:03 AM

RECOGNIZE GUESTS:

BJ Lawrence; Director of the VFW D.C. office, PSC of Department of Washington
Jerry Herker, and National Council Member Kathie Schiebel

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS and POSTS

- Seventeen(17) Council Members were present with 1 absent
- Eighteen (18) Post Commanders were present
- Nine (9) Posts had a Representative present
- Thirteen (13) Post Commanders or a Post Representative were not present.
 - o Posts 1131, 2528, 3242, 3271, 3317, 3370, 4243, 7688, 8448, 9516, 9676, 12008, 12184

READING OF MINUTES:

- Motion by J/A Cathy Brock to suspend reading of the previous minutes.
Members were provided copies.
 - o Seconded and approved

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT:

- Chairman Gary Fresquez briefed on the previous 2nd & 3rd quarter audits
- (no motion to accept or further action required per J/A Brock)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Scholarship Chairman Brian Ravak: Deadlines on scholarship apps
- Community Activity Chairman Mike Cano: Briefed activity reports being turned in
- Buddy Poppy Chairman Chris Archuleta: Read order stats
- Membership Chairman Cynthia Archuleta: briefed MEMSTATS
- Service Office Cynthia Archuleta: Briefed claim stats/and monies awarded

- VMS & Gaming Chairman R.E. “Bart” Bartosiewicz: Spoke VMS donations/VMS pins for sale and on upcoming VFNP and gaming meetings
- Homeless Veterans Chairman Len Hampton; Standown in Albq on October 24th
- Legislative Chairman Vernon Luce: Met with legislatures 9-12 September in D.C.
- Youth Activity Chairman Rogelio Maldonado: Spoke on youth sports and activities to get involved with
- Inspector Lawrence Vargas: Briefed on completed and upcoming inspections
- NMVFW Riders Chairman Ed McDaris: Spoke on the approval of the riders SOP’s and patches

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ratify email vote on lowering DAL dues to \$30 during the NM State Fair
 - 13 yes; 1 no & 4 abstained. Motion By J/A Cathy Brock to accept; seconded by Kathie Schiebel
- Ratify email vote on lowering DAL dues to \$30 during Southern NM State Fair
 - 13 yes; 2 no & 3 abstained. Motion By J/A Cathy Brock to accept; seconded by Kathie Schiebel
- Motion by Surgeon Tori Haddox to put a 30 day deadline on all travel vouchers from last day of meeting.
 - Seconded by J/A Cathy Brock
 - Discussion: Questioned raised on those vouchers from State Convention – answered by Commander Nutt; you have 30 days from October 5th
 - Motion passed
- Motion by J/A cathy Brock for Department to reimburse shipping costs of Buddy Poppy projects to National Convention
 - Seconded by District 3 Cmdr Brian Ravak
 - No Discussion
 - Motion passed

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director BJ Lawrence: spoke on the following:

- CINC membership program
 - Membership vs canteens
 - Latest on the 88,000 deceased members issue
 - Answered many questions
 - New sponsorships at National convention
 - Next issues with Congress will be burn pits and toxic exposures
 - Pay attention to any Action Alerts coming out
- Lawrence Vargas spoke on the upcoming Elk Hunt
 - Results of Membership Drives at the 2 State Fairs
 - Low attendance; couldn't accept money for signing up members.
 - Passed out applications

AWARDS:

OUTSTANDING BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN

Chris Archuleta

REMAINING ALL-STATE AWARDS

HATS

Gilbert Romero, CMDR Post 2951

John Ochoa, QM Post 2951

BRONZE PINS

Dale Huft Post 3015

John Archuleta Post 5890

Mary Tutza Post 6917

Eluterio Garcia Post 8874

Duan Medaris Post 9515

Karla Eaton Post 9515

Mike Cano District 3

Joe Bob Mann District 8

SILVER PIN

Thomas Lairson Post 8703

GOLD PINS

Vernon Luce Post 3280

Bartsky Post 3280

Eddie Rodriguez District 7

ALL-AMERICAN AWARDS

Michael Cano, District 3 CMDR

Joe Bob Mann, District 8 CMDR

Christina Backus, Post 401 CMDR

Duan Medaris, Post 9515 CMDR

ALL-AMERICAN POST PLAQUES

Post 11999, CMDR Rich Herold

Post 9515, CMDR Duan Medaris

Comments by Council Members

Comments by Commander Nutt:

- Compliance Report

Salute to the Colors

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Chris Archuleta

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:05 pm

Next Meeting will be on January 18th @ 10:00AM @ Airport Sheraton Hotel