

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MTG  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 @ 0900 HRS  
ZOOM ONLINE**

Council of Administration meeting opened in due form with pledge and prayer on Saturday September 19, 2020 at 0900 hrs

**RECOGNIZE GUESTS:**

- National Council Member Len Hampton, Past National Council members and Past State Commanders

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS and POSTS**

- Twelve (12) Council Members were present with 3 excused and 3 absent
- Sixteen (16) Post Commanders were present and 2 excused
- Seven (7) Posts had a Representative present
- Fifteen (15) Post Commanders or a Post Representative were not present.
  - o Posts 1131, 1389, 2387, 2528, 3259, 3271, 3317, 3370, 4243, 7688, 9516, 11999, 12184

**READING OF MINUTES:**

- Motion by J/A Cathy Brock to suspend reading of the previous minutes since council were provided copies. Proper Second,
- No Discussion
- Motion Passed

**TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT:**

- QM Fouse briefed on the 2nd Qtr Audit
- Motion by J/A Cathy Brock to accept, Proper second
- No Discussion
- Motion Passed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Scholarship Chairman Brian Ravak: Briefed on topics and deadlines
- Community Activity Chairman Rusty Coffey: No report, had death in family

- Len Hampton briefed that only 3 Posts are using the online Community Activity reporting. Rusty has developed a PowerPoint slide to explain how to use the online reporting. On website
- Membership Chairman Roy Maldonado: Recognized 5 for recruiting
  - Jack Lovato Post 9676 for 6
  - Hector Ortiz, Jr. Post 4243 for 2
  - Orlando A. Saavedra Post 1389 for 1
  - Charles B. Cox Post 2387 for 1
  - Johnathan H. Beldowski Post 6216 for 1
    - Covid-19 has been a challenge
- Service Office Cynthia Archuleta: Briefed that the Federal Bldg is closed.
  - Seeing clients at Post 5890 mainly on Wed & Thur
  - Call Post 5890 for appointments
- VMS: R.E. Bartosiewicz Briefed VMS has a new Director
- Liquor/Gaming: ABC considers us as a bar. No opening in near future
- Homeless Veterans Chairman Len Hampton: Stand downs in Las Cruces and Albuquerque have been cancelled. Anyone interested in starting a virtual 5k walk/run please contact Len Hampton
- Youth Activity Chairman Rogelio Maldonado: Spoke on sponsoring youth sports
- Buddy Poppy Chairman Victoria Haddox: Poppy orders have been suspended NCINC Hal Roesch has dropped the requirement for All-American, but we should still do poppy drives. The State requirement of 5 poppy's per member is still in effect

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Len Hampton gave a detailed briefing on the process and benefits of our 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Foundation
  - Can support Posts when the Department cannot
  - Can support Department programs
  - Corporations will more likely donate to the foundation
- Motion to establish our Foundation and Department put up \$2500.00 for fees getting established
  - Motion Seconded

- Discussion: Ravak commented on the burden of not being able to provide funding. Foundation will not be part of the Department. Just permission to use name.
- Tori Haddox: Asked for a paper explaining how the foundation will operate. Copies of the By-Laws will be sent out.
- Motion passed
- Discussion:

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commander spoke on outstanding QM Bonds.
  - Motion by Tori Haddox for Department to pay for those Posts in need to pay those QM Bonds. Motion Seconded
  - Discussion: Ravak asked about the amount we would pay
    - Sr- Vice Maldonado asked for Posts to provide a hardship letter
    - QM Fouse gave a report on those missing bonds
  - Tori Haddox amended motion to limit the total amount be set at \$200
  - Amended motion seconded
  - Motion passed
- Mid-Winter brief by Mark Decker, dates Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; all on the assumption that we will be available to meet. Room reservations must be made prior to Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. If event is cancelled, reservations can be cancelled.
- Commander spoke on a Department wide food drive contest on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-5
  - Prizes will be awarded. \$500 from the Department and \$500 from the Auxiliary. First place is \$500, second is \$300 and third is \$200
  - Food collected will be donated to local food bank or charity. A receipt from will determine the winners
  - Motion by Ravak to use \$500 for Prizes, Seconded, Motion passed
- Commander spoke on quarterly pull tab & monthly gaming reports, these are still required to be submitted even if it shows all zeros
- QM Fouse briefed on the 2020-2021 budget
  - Motion by Ravak to approve
  - Seconded

- Discussion: Brock asked to amend the disaster fund in the budget to \$5,000
- Seconded
- Motion passed

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- District 5 Commander Ludi talked about Post insurance being way to high, but the Posts are closed. QM Fouse talked with the ADJ General about this issue. QM General met with the CEO of Lockton Infinity about reduced rates. The CEO said that they reached out to the Posts in New Mexico by email last month (August). Commander recommended to send back an email with changes to Post assets.
- Commander congratulated the All-State Posts and Districts
  - Posts 1793, 2951, 3280, 5890, 6917, 9515, 9517, 10124, and Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8
- Department received 2500 disposable masks. Will check with local officials for distribution. Let me know if you want some. (Post 9676 took 100 masks, rest went to the Chief of Police of Ruidoso Downs who will distribute them throughout the community)

### **Comments by Council Members**

- Brian Ravak spoke on the Liquor Enforcement is out and have issued citations
- Sr Vice Maldonado spoke about a big push to help out with food banks

### **Comments from NCM Len Hampton:**

- Briefed on National Council notes held on Zoom
  - Shared the National Organization table
  - Proposed Budget
  - Community Service Stats (all stats are from last year)
  - UNMET Needs stats
  - MAP Grant stats
  - New, live chat available in OMS
  - Post members can now but their All-American caps
  - Scholarship stats- New deadline date: Must be at National by January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Buddy Poppy stats
  - VFW Podcast coming out October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Future National Convention date and locations
    - July 31-Aug 5 2021; Baltimore MD
    - July 16-21 2022; Kansas City MO
    - July 22-27 2023; Phoenix AZ
    - July 27- Aug 1, 2024; Louisville, KY
    - If anyone want to receive these, contact Len Hampton

**Having no other business, the closing ceremony was conducted with Salute to the Colors, and closing Prayer by Chaplain Tori Haddox**

**Meeting was Adjourned @ 1056 hrs**

**Next Meeting will be on Feb 16th @ 10:00AM @ Sheraton Airport Hotel**

**Attested by:**



**David Fouse  
State Adjutant**

**Approved by:**



**Cynthia Archuleta  
State Commander**