

**Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Michigan
DEC-2 Sterling Heights June 27, 2015**

Salute to the Flag

Invocation given by Chaplin Jack Helminski

Roll Call

Elected Officers:

Commander Fred Ruttkofsky, pres

1st Zone Commander Greg Price, pres

2nd Zone Commander John Vanhavel, pres

3rd Zone Commander Carvin Chapman, pres

4th Zone Commander Roger Rockhold, exc

5th Zone Commander Bill Germain, exc

Finance Dwaine Verville, pres

Chaplain Jack Helminski, pres

Historian Sandy Lipman, pres

Assistant Historian Jeff White, abs

SGT at Arms Dan Tyack, pres

Asst SGT at Arms Hunter Tripp, pres

Asst SGT at Arms Danny Poole, abs

NEC David Mennel, pres

ALT NEC Rodney Tolbert, pres

PDC 1 Harley (Butch) Maxwell, pres

PDC 2 Mike Boughner, pres

PDC 3 Rodney Tolbert, pres

Appointed Officers:

Adjutant Zack Pendell, pres

Asst Adjutant Mike McDonnell, pres

Judge Advocate Skip Townes, pres

Americanism Dominic Merlington, pres

Budget Chairman Chris Dohnal, pres

VA & R Earl Ruttkofsky, pres

Membership Andre Svacha, pres

Service Officer Larry Money, abs

Legislative Ron Wyatt, pres

Constitution and By Laws Ron Wyatt, exc

Public Relations Carvin Chapman, pres

Child Welfare Foundation John Kailunas, pres

Boys State / Youth Career Law Enforcement Mike Holley, exc
Make A Wish John Brown, abs
MIAP Greg Price, pres
Homeland Security Mike Boughner, pres
N.E.F. Chairman Sandy Lipman, pres
Emergency Relief Fund Jack Helminski, pres
Education and Leadership Ray Moore, abs
Legionnaire Editor/Publications Sandy Lipman, pres
Son of the Year Victor Fisher, pres
Homeless Vets Rodney Tolbert pres
American Legion Rider Chairman Tom Howard, pres
Awards and Trophies Keith Tyler, pres
Pin Sales Russell Bayliss, pres
Upper Peninsula Chairman Bill Germain, exc
Upper Peninsula Membership Dwaine Verville pres
Reconnect Jack Helminski, pres
Past National Commander Earl Ruttkofsky, pres
Past Department Commander Jerry Lynch, pres
SAL Dept. Liaison Tom Cadumes, pres

Past National American Legion Commanders: Tom Cadumes

Past National Commanders: Earl Ruttkofsky

Past Detachment Commanders: Jack Helminski 1968-69 1969-70 pres, Lou Scott, Earl Ruttkofsky 1995-96 pres, Skip Townes 1996-97 pres, Sanford Lipman 1998-99 pres, John Kailunas 1999-2000 pres, Dennis Larson 2000-01 exc, Roger Rockhold 2001-02 exc, Roger Dees 2002-03 exc, Dan Tyak 2003-04 pres, Ron Wyatt 2004-05 exc, Randy Jackson 2006-07 pres, Andre Svacha 2007-08 pres, Greg Price 2008-09 pres, Pat Pustay 2009-10 exc, Dave Mennel 2010-11 pres, Dwaine Verville 2011-12 pres, Rodney Tolbert 2012-2013 pres, Mike Boughner 2013-14 pres Harley (Butch) Maxwell 2014-15 pres.

Meeting convened

Guest's: Dianne Ruttkofsky, Auxiliary President Nancy Knox, Department Commander Jim Wallace and Michael Brandt.

Auxiliary President Nancy Knox addressed the meeting. She wished all the new officers have a great year.

Sandy Lipman makes a motion that the minutes for DEC 5 and DEC 1 be approved as written subject to corrections, Victor Fisher supports, **motion carried.**

American Legion Department Commander Jim Wallace addressed the meeting. He thanked the SAL and all the officers for all the work they do and for a great year.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Budget: Earl Ruttkofsky makes a motion to approve the Budget committee minutes, support Butch Maxwell, **motion carried.** Finance officer Dwaine Verville stated that vouchers can either be e-mailed or mailed to him. Dwaine Verville makes a motion that you don't have to submit a written report to get paid for vouchers, support Butch Maxwell, **motion carried.**

Reconnect: Jack Helminski stated that the reconnect reports are doing real good.

MIAP: Greg Price reported that the 3rd zone is doing real good with their fundraisers and with flag disposal. He ask if anyone gets any cremains and they want them to be a part of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Memorial Ceremony to let him know. He reported that they have four unclaimed bodies coming out of the Detroit Morgue which will be taken to Great Lakes Cemetery to be interned.

Son of the Year: Victor Fisher stated that he wants to update the website with more information for the Son of the Year. His goal this year is to get one hundred applications.

Membership: Andre Svacha stated that he would like each Squadron in the state get one new member this year. He reported the four Squadrons in the state with zero membership.

Legionnaire Editor/Publications: Sandy Lipman reported the dates to get your articles in the newsletter. August 1st for the September issue, October 1st for the November/December issue, January 5th for the February issue and March 1st for the April/May issue.

VA & R: Earl Ruttkofsky reported that Jack Helminski is still the VA Representative. He also reported that Butch Maxwell is on the board of directors for the Detachment for Wilwin Lodge.

Dan Tyack stated that the Detachment is in need to purchase a new POW/MIA chair cover, a new flag case, a new flag pole for the Blue Star Banner and a new tote to carry the flag bases. Chis Dohnal stated that it is the cost of doing business no motion is needed.

Dave Mennel asked for a reimbursement for an extra night stay for the past Convention because of the Leading Candidate for National flight came in at 9:00am Friday morning. Dwaine Verville makes a motion to pay the extra night stay, Rodney Tolbert supports, **motion carried.**

Motion made by John Kailunas makes a motion to accept all the committee reports, support Greg Price, **motion carried.**

Sick Call & Relief: Jack Helminski stated that he sent out two get well cards and the passing of one SAL member.

SAL Department Liaison Tom Cadumes announced that he will be stepping down this year.

Unfinished Business: Chris Dohnal makes a motion to pay for Danny Poole's voucher for Mid-winter Conference, support Sandy Lipman, motion **carried**.

New Business: none

Correspondence: Adjutant Zack Pendell read endorsement letters for Mike Boughner and Butch Maxwell for ALT NEC for the years 2016 – 2018. Zack gave the official call for DEC 3 fall conference which is at the old Holiday Inn in Lansing, MI on September 19, 2015.

Good of the Sons: Numerous donations were given to Commander Ruttkofsky. Asst Sgt. at Arms addressed the meeting and talked about his experience at Boys State this year.

Newly elected Junior Auxiliary President Cierra Towns addressed the meeting and introduced her officers.

No further business

Benediction given by Chaplin Jack Helminski

Meeting Adjourned