

**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Michigan  
DEC-5 Charlotte June 3, 2016**

Salute to the Flag

Invocation given by Chaplin Jack Helminski

Roll Call

**Elected Officers:**

**Commander** Fred Ruttkofsky, pres

**1<sup>st</sup> Zone Commander** Greg Price, pres

**2<sup>nd</sup> Zone Commander** John VanHavel, pres

**3<sup>rd</sup> Zone Commander** Carvin Chapman, pres

**4<sup>th</sup> Zone Commander** Roger Rockhold, abs

**5<sup>th</sup> Zone Commander** Bill Germain, pres

**Finance** Earl Ruttkofsky, 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** Phil McCloskey, abs

**Legislative** Ron Wyatt, pres

**Constitution and By Laws** Ron Wyatt, pres

**Public Relations** Carvin Chapman, pres

**Child Welfare Foundation** John Kailunas, pres

**Boys State / Youth Career Law Enforcement** Mike Holley, abs

**Make A Wish** John Brown, pres

**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, pres

**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, abs

**Upper Peninsula Chairman** Bill Germain, pres

**Upper Peninsula Membership**

**Reconnect** Jack Helminski, pres

**Past National Commander** Earl Ruttkofsky, pres

**Past Department Commander** Jerry Lynch, exc

**SAL Dept. Liaison** Ray Moore, pres

**Past National American Legion Commanders:** Tom Cadumes, exc

**Past National Commanders:** Earl Ruttkofsky, pres

**Past Detachment Commanders:** Jack Helminski 1968-69 1969-70 pres, Lou Scott 1971-73 1983-84 pres, Earl Ruttkofsky 1995-96 pres, Skip Townes 1996-97 pres, Sanford Lipman 1998-99 pres, John Kailunas 1999-2000 pres, Dennis Larson 2000-01 abs, Roger Rockhold 2001-02 abs, Roger Dees 2002-03 abs, Dan Tyak 2003-04 pres, Ron Wyatt 2004-05 pres, Randy Jackson 2006-07 pres, Andre Svacha 2007-08 pres, Greg Price 2008-09 pres, Pat Pustay 2009-10 pres, Dave Mennel 2010-11 pres, Rodney Tolbert 2012-2013 pres, Mike Boughner 2013-14 pres, Harley (Butch) Maxwell 2014-15 pres.

Meeting convened

**Guest's:** Jeff Frain from Arizona, Leading Candidate for SAL National Commander, Dennis Theabold Department of Iowa, First Lady Dianna Ruttkofsky, Taylor Townes, outgoing Department Junior President, Sabrina Townes, incoming Department Junior President, Mackenzie Towns, Department Junior Historian, Beverly Ruttkofsky, Kathy Chapman, Auxiliary President Sue Verville, Linda Helminski, Jacklyn Boughner, Anita Mennel, National Chaplin Michael Lawler, Sue Svacha and Autumn Schovey.

Motion by Earl Ruttkofsky for the Commander to appoint Ray Moore as the SAL Department Liaison, David Mennel supports, **motion carried.**

Motion by Mike Boughner that the minutes for DEC 4 be approved as written subject to corrections, Jack Helminski supports, **motion carried.**

Chaplin Jack Helminski addressed the meeting and stated that May 1<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff date to turn in any deceased members from your Squadron so they can be recognized at the memorial service. If any names are turned in after May 1<sup>st</sup> they will be recognized in next year's Memorial service.

**Sick Call and Relief:** Please keep Tom Cadmus and Past Department Commander Tom Brown in your prayers. Adjutant Zack Pendell's wife Cassie is having her gall bladder removed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Earl Ruttkofsky stated that he has received all the finance stuff from Sue Verville. All the vouchers that have been turned in are pretty good, except for one. All vouchers for this weekend have to be turned in by next week. All the vouchers for DEC 2 have to be turned in by Sunday.

**Legionnaire Editor/Publications:** Sandy Lipman reported that the due dates for the newsletter are: August 1<sup>st</sup> for the September issue, October 1<sup>st</sup> for the November/December issue, February 1<sup>st</sup> for the March issue and March 1<sup>st</sup> for the April/May issue.

**Unfinished Business:** none

Adjutant Zack Pendell made the official call for the Convention which starts at 1800 hours.

**New Business:** PDC Pat Pustay brought up on the floor that the monies given by the Detachment to the Squadrons hosting the Convention be raised. He also stated that all Squadron's attending the Conventions should have to pay their full delegate strength which will help cover the cost of holding one. After numerous discussions it was moved to bring this up during Convention.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Good of the Sons:** PDC Ron Wyatt Stated that Squadron 563 will be filling out paperwork to hold the 2017 Convention. Dominic Merlington requested that the Squadron's that win the Americanism awards be listed in the minutes. Also the Maurice L. Michael award winner. Son of the year chairman Victor Fisher requested that the applications for the seventeen and under and the eighteen and over be turned in Saturday before the picnic.

No further business

Benediction given by Chaplin Jack Helminski

**Meeting Adjourned**