

**VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING – MID WINTER CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**WEST GATE LAKE RESORT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

The Council of Administration met at the West Gate Lake Resort, 10,000 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando, Florida, Friday, February 1, 2019 with State Commander Danny Anderson opening the meeting according to the Ritual, including the Prayer led by State Chaplain Harry Seiler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino, all present or accounted for, except for District 5 Commander, Denis Nerney, who joined the meeting fifteen minutes late.

**STATE COMMANDER DANNY ANDERSON** recognized all Past State Commanders from Florida and out of state. Commander Anderson then introduced National Council Member Benny Bachand for his remarks.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER BENNY BACHAND** welcomed National Jr. Vice C-I-C Hal Roesch. Benny stated that the National Council will be meeting in March. Benny also spoke about how the National Council is there to make sure that we are represented with what we want the organization to do for us.

**NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE JR. VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAL ROESCH REMARKS:** Hal spoke about what the C-I-C B.J. Lawrence is doing stating that the C-I-C was heading to Poland. Hal stated that we do have an Army presence over there and Poland is actively trying to get us to put an Army base over there. Hal also spoke about the National Headquarters being directed by the Council to conduct a salary study for the employees of the organization. The study has been completed and the hope is to have the information for the Council as well as the membership in March in Washington DC.

State Commander Danny Anderson then recognized Past National C-I-C and Past Adjutant General John Hamilton. State Commander Anderson also recognized Al Lipphardt as the National Council member for Georgia and stated that Al is running for Jr. Vice C-I-C.

**BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN DAN DUFFY**

We the members of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Department of Florida, Veterans of Foreign Wars, do hereby certify that we have this February 1, 2019 examined all books and records of the State Quartermaster and find them to be in order.

Reconciled bank balances as of December 31, 2018 have been verified by bank certification as follows:

**ASSETS**

Operating Account	\$	376,605.14
Money Market Account		243,513.62
Petty Cash		100.00
Dues Reserve (Savings)-Restricted DR, Youth, BWC		110,257.87
Temp and Board Restricted – Disaster Relief		126,587.78
Temp and Board Restricted – Youth Fund		33,161.08
Temp and Board Restricted – BWC		49,495.74
Total DR, Youth Fund, BWC		209,244.60
Fixed Assets		117,700.32
Retirement Home		2,214,236.45
Other Assets-Prepaid Expenses		2,156.08
Investments		3,689,633.87
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>6,963,447.95</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Current Liabilities		12,821.68
Retirement Home M/P–Regions		368,560.69
Fund Balance		7,092,293.58
Fund Balance-Restricted		326,599.57
Net Income		(836,827.57)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>6,963,447.95</u></b>

Motion made by Dan Duffy to accept the Budget and Finance report as read, seconded by State Inspector Don Bult, motion passed.

**STATE INSPECTOR DON BULT** spoke briefly on the December audits that are past due. Don stated that there are still 17 audits outstanding that either need to be corrected or just turned in. The list of these posts are in the District Commanders packets. Don also touched on the audits and stated how they must be opened through Adobe Reader. Don also stated that inspections are going on now and need to be completed by February 28<sup>th</sup> and all inspections need to be sent to Department Headquarters.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR KURT SCHUH** stated that we are at 91.45% as of this morning. The goal is 97% by March. Kurt stated that we jumped almost 2% since January and we need to get 4-5 members per post every month to reach our goal.

State Commander Anderson stated that C-I-C Lawrence has some set points, which are 92% by the end of December and 97% by the end of March. State Commander Anderson would like to see us hit that March goal. State Commander Anderson also stated that we have 20 posts in our department that have 0 new and 0 reinstated members as of today. The Commander and Chiefs challenge for February is the post with the highest percent increase in their division will receive \$1,000.

**OLD BUSINESS:** State Commander Anderson stated the roof project is done and it cost \$804,383.32. He also stated that on the VFW side \$50,000.00 has gone back into our Departments investments from monies raised through the Commanders Special Project of Raise the Roof.

**STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER GENE PERRINO** spoke about the council folder contents and asked the District Commanders to please pay attention to the poppies that still need to be ordered. Gene stated that All State entry forms need to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup> for judging. Gene also spoke about IRS form 8822-B which must be done if you have a change in your Quartermaster. Gene stated that the Department 990 has been filed and a copy has been sent to National. There are also seventeen posts that only need 10 or less members to be 100%. Gene also spoke briefly about the loss of about 1.5 million dollars in the Department between the replacement of the Veterans Village Roof and the drop in the market. Gene then announced the remainder of the events for Saturday. Comments from the Council were taken at this time.

State Commander Anderson then spoke on having a hospitality room at the National Convention in July. Motion made by District 18 Commander Kurt Schuh and seconded by District 11 Commander Jack Willis; after much discussion; motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Walgreens Representative John Reitz was introduced. John spoke about a scanable campaign Walgreens did this year for a two week period asking customers for donations to raise funds for the VFW. John stated that the campaign went very well and Walgreens is going to expand the campaign to 15 stores next year hoping the donations will be much more. John then presented a check for \$3,189.89 from the campaign.

There being no further business meeting was closed.