

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

#### RENAISSANCE ORLANDO SEAWORLD HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Council of Administration met at the Renaissance Orlando SeaWorld Hotel, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida on Sunday, June 23, 2019 with State Commander Tony Purdy opening the meeting according to the Ritual, including the Prayer led by State Chaplain Harry Seiler followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call of Officers:** State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino, all were present and accounted for.

State Commander Purdy recognized Past C-I-C John Hamilton and all Past Department Commanders.

State Commander Purdy introduced our National Council Member Benny Bachand. Benny spoke briefly stating that if there is something you need done on the National level don't hesitate to get ahold of him to discuss it. Benny also stated that it may be a good idea in the coming year to review and revise the department by-laws. Benny also spoke about a possibility of a committee to help with the Veterans Village.

State Commander Purdy introduced National Rep., Assistant Adjutant General, Kim DeShano. Kim spoke briefly to the new council stating to be up front and to speak about things they want done within the department this coming year. Kim then congratulated Commander Purdy stating the Department is in good hands.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino announced State Commander Tony Purdy's appointments as follows:

State Adjutant – Gene Perrino  
State Chief of Staff – Gene Leshore  
State Inspector – Don Bult  
State Service Officer Director – Jason Smith

A motion was made by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino to accept the State Commanders appointments as read, seconded by District 14 Commander, Bill Thompson; motion passed.

Motion made by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino to turn the vehicle over to Past Department Commander Danny Anderson. Requirements were met according to the contract signed at the June 2018 Convention, motion seconded by State Inspector Don Bult; motion passed.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino made a motion to continue the District obligation of \$300.00 for the Departments Youth Program, motion seconded by State Judge Advocate Dan Duffy; motion passed.

Motion made by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino to hold the \$10,000 Raffle during the 2019-2020 term with the winner being drawn at the 2020 State Convention. The raffle will benefit the VFW Veterans Service Office motion seconded by District 1 Commander Scott Hice; motion passed.

State Adjutant/ Quartermaster Gene Perrino also stated that the VFW Rays Day Game will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, against the Detroit Tigers, with the game starting at 1:10 p.m.

Gene also stated that the Post & District Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year reports are to be sent to the State Chairman. This is a paper report and needs to be completed and sent to the Chairman and is not the same report on the department website under program reporting. Both must be completed in order for the post to receive the credit. The District School of Instruction report is to be completed by the District Commander and sent to Department Headquarters also on the department website under district forms. A copy of the district meeting minutes are to be submitted to Department as well.

**State Budget & Finance Chairman Report:** Steve Surface presented the 2019-2020 budget summary with an amendment made for \$10,000 to be added for one time employee bonuses. Motion was seconded by State Inspector Don Bult; motion passed.

A motion was made by Judge Advocate Dan Duffy to name the VFW Department Headquarters the John M. Carney Memorial Building; seconded by State Inspector Don Bult; motion passed.

A motion was then made by Immediate Past State Commander Danny Anderson to give Robin Thompson a \$5,000 retirement bonus; seconded by State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino; motion passed.

**State Membership Directors Report:** Scott Hice stated that he will continue running things the way Sr. Vice Commander Glen Tilley was. Scott also state that if anyone needs anything just to give him a call or Glen who will still be assisting Scott.

**State Inspector Report:** Don Bult stated the inspection form letter will be posted on the website after the National Convention. Post inspection dates are December 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Don then made a motion to amend 3 different paragraphs in the canteen rules and regulations. Motion was seconded by Sr. Vice Glen Tilley; motion passed.

State Adjutant/Quartermaster Gene Perrino stressed how important it is for the district and post emails to be checked at least once a day. Gene stated the emails are only for VFW business and are between the department and district commander. Gene also stated to not give out your password to anyone else. Gene also stated to please change your password. Gene also went over the paperwork that was in the council folders.

**The following announcements were made:**

National Convention: July 20-24<sup>th</sup> – Orlando, FL

Flying Squadron (Council Only) Saturday night, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday morning, Florida Hotel, Orlando

Leadership School for new Post Commander: Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>, Florida Hotel, Orlando

VFW School of Instruction/Service Officer School of Instruction : Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Florida Hotel, Orlando

Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming: August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, Albany, NY

Southern Conference: October 17-20, Baton Rouge, LA

Fall Conference: October 25-28<sup>th</sup>, Florida Hotel, Orlando

Mid-Winter Conference: January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2, 2020, Westgate Lakes Resort, Orlando

Comments from the Council were taken at this time.

There being no further business meeting was closed.