

# **DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS**

## **Minutes – Mid-Term Council of Administration**

### **5 December 2020, Zoom**

**Opening Ceremonies:** Department Commander Ken Stein called the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, to order at 0900, 5 December 2019, via Zoom.

**Distinguished Guests:** Sr Vice Commander in Chief Fritz Mihelcic

Adjutant Watson then recognized distinguished Members in attendance: DPA National Council Member, Pete Callaghan; MOC Grand Commander, Ron Davis; Past National Council Members, Jerry Kraus, and Shawn Watson; Past Department Commanders, Jerry Kraus, Bob Henault, Rhett Webber, Larry Lyons, Shawn Watson, Robert Moses, and Ricky Farris; Past Grand Commanders, Kevin Mitchell, Shawn Watson and Warren Maxson.

**Roll Call of Officers:** The Adjutant called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander: Kenneth Stein - Present  
Senior Vice Commander: Kevin Mitchell - Present  
Junior Vice Commander: Warren Maxson - Present  
Adjutant/Quartermaster: Shawn Watson – Present  
Chief of Staff: Peter Callaghan - Present  
Judge Advocate: Delbert Marohl – Present  
Chaplain: Ron Davis - Present  
Surgeon: Alex Forex - Present  
Inspector: Mariano Fajardo - Present  
Immediate Past Department Commander: Ricky Farris – Present  
District I Commander: Curtis Kozlesky – Present  
District II Sr Commander: Tim Anderson - Present  
District III Commander: Donald Kelly - Present  
District IV Commander: Scott Ellinger - Present  
District V Commander: Lou Holub - Present  
District VI Jr Commander: Mariano Fajardo - Present  
District VII Commander: Bobby Reyes - Present

**Rules of Order:** Judge Advocate, Bert Marohl, explained the Rules of Order. Motion was made by Comrade Watson, seconded by Comrade Fajardo, to accept the rules. **Motion Passed.**

**Minutes of the DPA Convention, 13 June 2020 (Zoom):** Adjutant Watson stated there were no minutes for the Convention as it was a pro forma Convention.

## **Reports:**

**Audit Committee:** Quartermaster Shawn Watson, gave the report of audit conducted the first week in July 2020, in Guam. Motion was made by Comrade Mitchell, seconded by Comrade Fajardo to accept the audit as presented. **Motion Passed.**

**Quartermaster:** Quartermaster Shawn Watson provided a written and oral updated financial statement as of 30 November 2020. (Atch A)

**Adjutant:** Adjutant Watson – Nothing to report at this time.

**Comrade or Family Member in Distress:** Tom Friend's Wife, Mike Castro, Ricky Farris, and Bob Stone.

**Sr. Vice Commander / Membership/ Veterans Assistance Committee / Homeless Veterans:** Senior Vice Commander Mitchell gave written and oral reports. (Atch B)

**Jr. Vice Commander /Buddy Poppy / Community Service / Programs:** Junior vice Commander Maxson gave written and oral reports. (Atch C)

**National Council Member /Chief of Staff:** National Council Member/Chief of Staff Callaghan gave oral reports. (Atch D)

**Commander District I:** Commander Kozlesky – read his report (Atch E)

**Commander District II:** Sr Vice Commander Anderson read his report. (Atch F)

**Commander District III:** Commander Kelly read his report. (Atch G)

**Commander District IV:** Commander Ellinger read his report. (Atch H)

**Commander District V:** Commander Holub read his report. (Atch I)

**Commander District VI:** Jr Vice Commander Fajardo read his report. (Atch J)

**Commander District VII:** Acting Commander Reyes read his report. (Atch K)

**Grand of the Pacific:** Commander Davis read his report. (Atch L)

**Judge Advocate:** Advocate Moses read his report. (Atch M)

**Chaplain:** Chaplain Davis handed out report listing departed Comrades from 1 July – 30 November 2020. (Atch N)

**Surgeon:** Surgeon Chairman Forex read his two reports. (Atch O)

**Inspector:** Inspector Fajardo read his report. (Atch P)

**Immediate Past Department Commander:** Jr Past Commander read his report (Atch Q)

**Department Service Officer:**

**VOD/PP/Teachers:** Chairman Don Kelley read his report. (Atch S)

DPA winners as follows:

This year's DPA Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Award winners are:

Patriot's Pen is Camillah Mariano, from District 6, Post 1509.

Voice of Democracy is Emma Ball, from District 2, Post 9555.

Teachers Award 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is Richard Kilanski, from District 1, Post 9723.

**Legacy Life Membership:** Chairman Lyons provided handouts listing the 339 Legacy Life Members with the Department of Pacific Areas. (Atch T)

**National Recruiter:** Chairman Lyons read his report. (Atch U)

**Grand of Pacific Commander:** Grand Commander Davis submitted a report (Atch V)

**Other reports submitted:**

**Safety/EMT/Fire Fighter/Law Enforcement:** (Atch W)

DPA winners:

EMT – Hospital Corpsman Russo Wilson, Post 9612, District II

Fire Fighter – SSGT Thomas Gilpin Jr, Post 8180, District III

Law Enforcement – Master at Arms (MA1) Alexander Vicor, Post 1054, District II

**Historian:** Chairman Webber submitted a report. (Atch X)

**VMS:** Chairman Lutman submitted a report. (Atch Y)

**Old Business:** None reported.

**New Business:** Adjutant Watson made a motion to vote on Convention location Pattaya Thailand or Seoul South Korea. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sr Vice Mitchell. Roll Call vote. Pattaya Thailand won

**Good of the Order:**

- The following Member announced their candidacy, for the DPA positions indicated:

Alex Forex – DPA Junior Vice Commander

Commander Stein thanked Sr Vice Commander in Chief Fritz Mihelcic for his kind words and presence at our Mid-Term C of A.

There being no further business to come before the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, Commander Stein conducted the closing ceremonies according to VFW Ritual and closed the Meeting at 1345 hours.

The next scheduled Department meeting is the Out-Going Council of Administration and the Department Convention, 27-30 June 2021, Pattaya, Thailand.

By order of:

Shawn Watson  
Adjutant

Department of Pacific Areas  
Kenneth Stein

Commander

Department of Pacific Areas

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