

# DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS

## Minutes – Mid-Term Council of Administration

### 4 December 2021, Zoom

**Opening Ceremonies:** Department Commander Kevin Mitchell called the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, to order at 0902, Philippine Time, 4 December 2019, via Zoom.

**Distinguished Guests:** Jr Vice Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento

Adjutant Watson then recognized distinguished Members in attendance: DPA National Council Member, Pete Callaghan; MOC Grand Commander, Robert “Mo” Moses; Past National Council Members, Shawn Watson; Past Department Commanders, Bob Henault, Larry Lyons, Shawn Watson, Robert Moses, Ricky Farris and Ken Stein; 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: Kevin Mitchell - Present  
Senior Vice Commander: Warren Maxson - Present  
Junior Vice Commander: Alex Fores - Present  
Adjutant/Quartermaster: Shawn Watson – Present  
Chief of Staff: Peter Callaghan - Present  
Judge Advocate: Delbert Marohl – Present  
Chaplain: Ron Davis - Excused  
Surgeon: Mariano Fajardo - Present  
Inspector: Robert “Mo” Moses - Present  
Immediate Past Department Commander: Kenneth Stein – Present  
District I Commander: Curtis Kozlesky – Present  
District II Commander: Tim Anderson - Present  
District III Commander: Donald Kelly - Present  
District IV Commander: Scott Ellinger - Present  
District V Acting Commander: William Chapman - Present  
District VI Commander: Brad Ruzsala - Present  
District VII Commander: Bobby Reyes - Present

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

**Minutes of the DPA Convention, 19 June 2021 (Zoom):** Adjutant Watson stated the minutes for the Convention were sent out viz email. Adjutant Watson made a motion to accept subject to correction. Sr Vice Maxson 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Reports:**

**Audit Committee:** Chairman Larson gave a report and made a motion to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comrade Maxson. **Motion Passed.**

**Quartermaster:** Quartermaster Shawn Watson provided a written and oral updated financial statement as of 30 November 2021. (Atch A)

**Adjutant:** Adjutant Watson – When email National please copy me.

**Comrade or Family Member in Distress:** Mike Castro, Leon Ellison, JD Keller, Jerry Kraus, Mike Cooperman, Dane Miller, Andrew Richardson, Bobby Owens' wife, and Larry Lyons; wife.

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

**Jr. Vice Commander /Buddy Poppy / Community Service / Programs:** Junior vice Commander Fores 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:** 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:** Acting Commander Chapman read his report. (Atch I)

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**Commander District VI:** Commander Ruzsala read his report. (Atch J)

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

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

**Chaplain:** Chaplain Davis submitted a report. (Atch N)

**Surgeon:** Surgeon Chairman Fajardo read his report. (Atch O)

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

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

**Department Service Officer:** Chris Pierce gave a report.

**VOD/PP/Teachers:** Chairman Gley 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 Sawyer S. Stelzig, from District 5, Post 12074, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Voice of Democracy is Samantha Shih, from District 4, Post 9957, Taipei, Taiwan.

Teachers Award K-5<sup>th</sup> grade is Karin L. Comp, from District 2, Post 9555, Yokota, Japan.

Teachers Award 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is Randy Schmidt, from District 4, Post 9957, Taipei, Taiwan.

Teachers Award 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is Jeanne White, from District 1, Post 9723, Okinawa, Japan.

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

**Other reports submitted:**

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

DPA winners:

EMT – HM2 Brandon Mosteiro District 2.

Fire Fighter – SSgt Paul Smith District 3.

Law Enforcement – TSgt Joe Perkins District 3.

**Old Business:** None reported.

**New Business:**

None

**Good of the Order:**

- Commander recognized Jr Vice Commander in Chief- Duane Sarmiento, who gave a brief message to the Department. Commander Mitchell thanked Jr Vice Commander in Chief Sarmiento for his kind words and presence at our Mid-Term C of A.
- Commander recognized Tim Peters candidate for Jr Vice Commander in Chief, who spoke to the Department and a brief summary on his background.
- The following Member announced their candidacy, for the DPA positions indicated:
  - DPA Junior Vice Commander: Mariano Farjado, Mike Lutman
  - DPA Surgeon: Jack Farrell
  - DPA Chaplain: Lou Holub
- Commander Mitchell address the Department and recognized the Vietnam Veterans, briefed on the Grants available to the Posts. He also talked on the All-State and All-American programs.
- Sr Vice Maxson brought resubmitting the 1<sup>st</sup> responder resolution.

There being no further business to come before the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, Commander Mitchell conducted the closing ceremonies according to VFW Ritual and closed the Meeting at 110 hours.

The next scheduled Department meeting is the Out-Going Council of Administration and the Department Convention, 12 - 16 June 2022, Angeles City, Philippines.

By order of:

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Adjutant  
Department of Pacific Areas

Kevin Mitchell  
Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas

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