

DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS
Minutes – In Coming Council of Administration
12 June, 2019, Saipan.

Opening Ceremonies: Department Commander Ricky Farris called the meeting of the In Coming Council of Administration to order at 1100, 12 June 2019, in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Opening ceremonies were held according to VFW ritual.

Appointments: Sergeant at Arms– Charles Justin Howe.

Distinguished Guests: Commander Farris briefly introduced the guests – Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Hal Roesch II; National Council Member Shawn Watson; Military Order of the Cootie Past Supreme Commander, Steve Mason; Past National Council Members Jerry Kraus, Bob Zaher, and Nick Nelson. Past Department Commanders: Jerry Kraus, Bob Zaher, Larry Lyons, Shawn Watson, Robert Moses, John Gilbert, Mike Verville, and Nick Nelson (Alaska). He also introduced the Past Grand Commanders Kevin Mitchell, and Shawn Watson. He introduced from VFW National, Director, Membership, Rick Butler. Commander Farris recognized all active duty military that were present.

Roll Call of Officers: Adjutant Chaplin called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander: Ricky Farris - Present
Senior Vice Commander: Kenneth Stein - Present
Junior Vice Commander: Kevin Mitchell - Present
Quartermaster: Peter Callaghan – Present
Chief of Staff: Shawn Watson - Present
Judge Advocate: Robert Moses – Present
Chaplain: Ronald Davis - Present
Surgeon: Brian Hamic - Present
Inspector: Mike Lutman - Present
Junior Past Department Commander: Michael Verville - Present
District I Commander: Paul Zackeroff - Present
District II Commander: William Russell - Present
District III Commander: Jeffery Birkle – Excused SVC Don Kelley - Present
District IV Commander: Scott Ellinger – Excused SVC Tony Hu - Present
District V Commander: Randy Riggs - Present
District VI Commander: Michael O’Kelley - Present
District VII Commander: Wayne (Bud) St Onge - Present
Adjutant: Gerald (Jerry) Chaplin - Present

Minutes: Adjutant Chaplin read the Minutes of the Out-going Council of Administration utilizing his notes from the meeting 10 June 2019. Motion made and seconded to accept the Minutes as read, subject to correction. **Motion Passed following the Installation of 2019-2020 Officers.**

Quartermaster: Quartermaster Callaghan presented the budget for the ensuing year, 2019-2020. Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. **Motion Passed following the Installation of 2019-2020 Officers.**

Comrade or Family Member in Distress: None reported.

National Home prayer: Chaplain Davis delivered the prayer.

Committee Reports: None, as this is the In-Coming Council of Administration.

Comments:

Senior Vice Commander: Sr. Vice Commander Stein spoke briefly about his role and expectations for the coming year.

Junior Vice Commander: Jr. Vice Commander Mitchell also spoke of his duties and responsibilities of all Post/District Officers and his desire to achieve Department goals.

Unfinished Business: None, as this is the In-Coming Council of Administration.

New Business:

- Presentation by Post 12146 Commander, Lou Holub, for Post 11575 and District V, to host the Mid-Term Council of Administration at the Hotel Cambodiana, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, from 6-8 December 2019. Motion and second was made for such hosting. **Motion Passed following the Installation of 2019-2020 Officers.**
- Comrade Holub mentioned the visa process for Cambodia and that the visa can be obtained electronically (online). Potential attendees need to compare the cost of electronically obtained visa versus other means of obtaining the Cambodia visa.

Good of the Order:

Adjutant Chaplin briefed the importance for ALL Posts and Districts to send him their respective General Orders as soon as possible.

The Council received a surprise visit from Miss Commonwealth of the Northern Marianna Islands 2018. She was introduced to Commander Farris and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roesch and photos taken.

Commander Farris provided his remarks for the upcoming year:

This department is a team, and it will take a team effort to succeed as we have in years past. I expect all of the District Commanders, and various Chairpersons, to fulfill the requirements of their positions. I cannot, and will not do this for you. I need your help.

Senior Vice Commander Stein, I expect great things on membership. I think this will be a key area over the next year, as we strive to continue our 100% membership tradition this great Department is known for. You will also Chair the Veterans Assistance Council on helping needy Vets.

Junior Vice Commander Mitchell, keep a close eye on the CSRs to ensure their legitimacy. You also are the Buddy Poppy Chairman and Awards Chairman. Do these positions proud.

To District Commanders:

You are responsible for tracking the Posts in your District, i.e. Membership, CSRs, etc., and all All-State/All-American requirements. I expect you to be the one pushing for the completion of those requirements. Pay attention to the deadline dates. You are also the voting members of the VAC, for which SVC Stein will send requests for your vote. It is very important you check your DPA email often to expedite these requests.

Committee Chairmen, I simply ask that you carry out the duties for the positions you have volunteered to do. I want to personally thank all of you for volunteering. These programs are very important in our once again attaining All-American. Please give it the attention it requires.

Commander Farris announced his appointments for 2019-2020.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roesch challenged all Department, District, and Posts Officers to accept their elected/appointed positions and to meet the responsibilities those positions require of the individual.

There being no further business to come before the In-Coming Council of Administration, Commander Farris conducted the closing ceremonies in accordance with VFW Ritual. Meeting adjourned at 1135 hours.

The next meeting will be the Mid-Term Council of Administration 6-8 December 2019, in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

By order of:



Gerald F. Chaplin
Adjutant
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Ricky W. Farris
Commander
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