

# **DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS**

## **Minutes – In Coming Council of Administration**

### **14 June 2023 Phnom Penh, Cambodia.**

**Opening Ceremonies:** Department Commander Alex Fores called the meeting of the In Coming Council of Administration to order at 1300, 14 June 2023, in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia Opening ceremonies were held according to VFW ritual.

**Appointments: Sergeant at Arms–** Fernando San Luis.

**Distinguished Guests:** Commander Fores briefly introduced the guests –National Council Member Ken Stein; Past National Council Members Shawn Watson. Past Department Commanders: Rhett Webber, Larry Lyons, Jim Malott, Shawn Watson, Ricky Farris, Ken Stein, Kevin Mitchell and Warren “Max” Maxson. He also introduced the Past Grand Commanders Kevin Mitchell, Shawn Watson, Pat “Doc” Higgins, Warren “Max” Maxson. Commander Fores recognized all active duty military that were present.

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

Department Commander: - Alex Fores Present

Senior Vice Commander: - Mike Lutman - Present

Junior Vice Commander: - John “Jack” Farrell Present

Adjutant/Quartermaster: Shawn Watson – Present

Chief of Staff: Don Kelley - Present

Judge Advocate: Delbert Marohl – Present

Chaplain: - Robert Chatman Present

Surgeon: Lou Holub - Present

Inspector: Kenneth Stein - Present

Junior Past Department Commander: Warren “Max” Maxson - Present

District I Commander: Justin Greene - Absent

District II Commander: Murray Simpkins - Present

District III Commander: Thomas Robertson - Present

District IV Commander: Scott Ellinger – Present

District V Commander: Emanuel Guarnuccio - Present

District VI Commander: Gary Hendrix - Present

District VII Commander: James Collins - Present

**Minutes:** Adjutant Watson stated that there was not an outgoing CofA.

**Quartermaster:** Quartermaster Watson presented the budget for the ensuing year, 2023-2024. Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. **Motion Passed following the Installation of 2023-2024 Officers.**

**Comrade or Family Member in Distress:** None reported.

**National Home prayer:** Chaplain Chatman delivered the prayer.

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

**Comments:**

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

**Junior Vice Commander:** Jr. Vice Commander Farrell 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 District 6 for Post 3457 and District VI, to host the Mid-Term Council of Administration. Motion and second was made for such hosting. **Motion Passed following the Installation of 2023-2024 Officers.**

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**Good of the Order:**

Commander Fores provided his remarks for the upcoming year.

Commander Fores announced his appointments for 2023-2024.

There being no further business to come before the In-Coming Council of Administration, Commander Fores conducted the closing ceremonies in accordance with VFW Ritual. Meeting adjourned at 1334 hours.

The next meeting will be the Mid-Term Council of Administration 8-10 December 2023, in Saipan.

By order of:

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