

# **DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS**

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

### **10 December 2022, Ban Chang Thailand**

**Opening Ceremonies:** Department Commander Warren Maxson called the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, to order at 0900, 10 December 2022.

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

Commander Maxson then recognized distinguished Members in attendance: DPA National Council Member, Pete Callaghan; MOC Grand Commander, Fred Berg; Past National Council Member Shawn Watson; Past Department Commanders, Bob Henault, Larry Lyons, Shawn Watson, Robert Moses, Ricky Farris, Ken Stein, Kevin Mitchell; Past Grand Commanders, Kevin Mitchell, Shawn Watson, Warren Maxson, and Robert Moses.

Commander then recognized Tim Peters candidate for Jr Vice Commander in Chief

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

Department Commander: Warren Maxson - Present  
Senior Vice Commander: Alex Fores - Present  
Junior Vice Commander: Michael Lutman - Present  
Adjutant/Quartermaster: Shawn Watson – Present  
Chief of Staff: Ricky Farris - Present  
Judge Advocate: Delbert Marohl – Present  
Chaplain: Louis “Lou” Holub - Present  
Surgeon: John “Jack” Farrell - Present  
Inspector: Kenneth Stein - Present  
Immediate Past Department Commander: Kevin Mitchell – Present  
District I Commander: Michael Stanley – Present via Zoom  
District II Commander: David Ingram - Present  
District III Commander: Donald Kelley - Present  
District IV Commander: Scott Ellinger - Present  
District V Commander: Randy Riggs - Present  
District VI Commander: Brad Ruzala - Present  
District VII Commander: James Collins - Present

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

**Minutes of the DPA Convention, June 2022 :** Adjutant Watson stated the minutes were sent to the Council and posted on the website. Comrade Watson made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction, seconded by Comrade Lutman. **Motion Passed.**

**Reports:**

**Audit Committee:** Audit member Larsen gave the report of audit conducted the first week in July 2022, in Angeles City. (Atch A)

**Quartermaster:** Quartermaster Shawn Watson provided a written and oral updated financial statement as of 30 November 2022. (Atch B)

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

**Comrade or Family Member in Distress:** Bill Whichman, Don Kelley's Brother.

**Sr. Vice Commander / Membership:** Senior Vice Commander Foers gave written and oral reports. (Atch C)

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

**National Council Member:** National Council Member Callaghan gave oral reports and stated he has resigned due to health reasons.

**Chaplain:** Chaplain Lolub read his report. (Atch F)

**Surgeon:** Surgeon Farrell read his report. (Atch G)

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

**Chief of Staff:** Chief of Staff Farris read his report. (Atch I)

**Inspector:** Inspector Stein read his report. (Atch J)

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

**Department Service Officer:** DSO Dibble read his report

**Commander District I:** Commander Stanley – read his report (Atch L)

**Commander District II:** Commander Ingram read his report. (Atch M)

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

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

**Commander District V:** Commander Riggs read his report. (Atch P)

**Commander District VI:** Commander Ruzala read his report. (Atch Q)

**Commander District VII:** Acting Commander Colins read his report. (Atch R)

**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 Peter O. Smith, from District 3, Post 10223.

Voice of Democracy is Maribel A. Sikes, from District 2, Post 9612.

Teachers Award 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Michelle Crawford, from District 1, Post 9723.

Teachers Award 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is Andrea M. Petz, from District 1, Post 9723

Teachers Award 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is Darren Lu, from District 4, Post 9957.

**VMS:** Chairman Kelley submitted a report. (Atch T)

**Grand of the Pacific:** Commander Berg gave his report.

**Legacy Life Membership:** Chairman Lyons read his report. (Atch U)

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

**Old Business:** District 5 Commander Riggs presented a bid for the Convention location Bangkok Thailand. Surgeon Ferrell presented a bid for Phnom Penh Cambodia. Vote was 15 -1 for Cambodia with 1 abstain.

**Election:** Adjutant Watson nominated Ken Stein for the Position of National Council Member. No other nominations were made. Ken Stein was declared the winner.

**New Business:** District 4 Commander Ellinger made a motion to buy certificates for the VOD, PP, and Teacher's winners. 2<sup>nd</sup> by District 2 Commander Ingram. PASSED

Past Department Commander Lyons made a motion to spend \$282 for the VIP Gifts. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Surgeon Farrell. PASSED

**Good of the Order:**

- Past Department Commanders presented past Commander pin to Rick Farris, and the Department Commander pin to Department Commander Maxson.
- District 4 Commander Ellinger spoke on comradeship.
- The following Member announced their candidacy, for the DPA positions indicated:

Jack Farrell – DPA Junior Vice Commander

Fred Berg – DPA Junior Vice Commander

Lou Holub – DPA Surgeon

Scott Ellinger – DPA Chaplain

Shawn Watson – DPA Quartermaster

- Commander Maxson recognized the Vietnam Veterans and presented them with pins.
- Commander Maxson called on Tim Peters to speak as candidate for National Jr Vice Commander in Chief.
- Commander Maxson thanked Sr Vice Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento for his kind words and presence at our Mid-Term C of A and presented him with a gift.
- Commander Maxson gave thanks to the Comrades for their hard work this year and to keep going strong.
- There being no further business to come before the Department of Pacific Areas, Mid-Term Council of Administration, Commander Maxson conducted the closing ceremonies according to VFW Ritual and closed the Meeting at 1354 hours.

The next scheduled Department meeting is the Out-Going Council of Administration and the Department Convention, 11-15 June 2023, Phnom Penh Cambodia.

By order of:

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Warren "Max" Maxson  
Commander  
Department of Pacific Areas

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