

**Council of Administration Minutes**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Alaska**  
**Convened January 12, 2019**  
**Wasilla, Alaska**

State Commander Lemelin opened the Council of Administration for business at 9:00 AM. Chaplain Marty Harris gave the opening prayer. Commander Lemelin led the Council of Administration in the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Commander Lemelin directed Adjutant Sheppard to read the roll call. The following Council members were present:

| <u><b>Department Officers</b></u>           | <u><b>Post</b></u>                                  |
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| <u>Commander-David Lemelin</u>              | <u>Post 1685- Commander Brett Spencer</u>           |
| <u>Sr. Vice Commander-Ed Lopez</u>          | <u>Post 3629- Commander Lance Smith</u>             |
| <u>Jr. Vice Commander- Carol Kacal</u>      | <u>Post 3836- Commander Heidi Anderson</u>          |
| <u>Judge Advocate-Todd Maynard</u>          | <u>Post 9365- Jr. Vice Commander Roy Outcalt</u>    |
| <u>Chaplain-Marty Harris</u>                | <u>Post 9365- Commander Mark Stacier</u>            |
| <u>Adjutant/Chief of Staff-Mel Sheppard</u> | <u>Post 10029- Commander Troy Eck</u>               |
| <u>Quartermaster-John Minnick</u>           | <u>Post 10041- Commander Joel Bowles</u>            |
| <u>PDC Walter Watts, Jr.</u>                | <u>Post 10046- Sr. Vice Commander Mike Meredith</u> |
| <u>PDC Tim Albright</u>                     | <u>Post 10221- Commander John Cox</u>               |
| <u>PDC J.R. Hackett</u>                     | <u>Post 10450- Commander Mike Cassidy</u>           |

Commander Lemelin introduced Hal Roesch, VFW National Jr. Vice Commander In Chief. He spoke Briefly and introduced himself. He then passed on a message from the Commander-In-Chief.

Council of Administration minutes from May 5, 2018 were read. PDC Hackett motioned to accept the minutes as read, Jr. Vice Comander Kacal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commander Lemelin asked for first time attendees to stand. The new Commander of Post 3629, the new Junior Vice Commander of Post 10041 and the new Quartermaster of Post 9785 introduced themselves.

**Old Business** – Chairman Betty Kao briefed the 2019 Western Conference updates from the committee meeting held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. All information will be added to the department website.

**New Business** – The Time and Place Committee met to discuss the upcoming State Convention at Post 10252 in Anchorage. The registration package was not available at the conference. Members of Post 10252 agreed to publish the package as soon as possible. Post 10252 is the host post for the 2019 Western Conference as well, the hotel rates are identical for the two events.

**Committee Reports-** Information gleaned from committee reports identified a lack of participation in the Buddy Poppy program. After distributing budget and balance sheets, Quartermaster Minnick addressed the lack of funding for the Alaska Fisher House. He also mentioned only 4 posts have donated to the Department Headquarters and/or the VOD program. The Department Auction raised 5,500.

**Good of the Order** – JVCIC Hal Roesch spoke to the assembly.

Commander Lemelin identified 13 VFW Posts that achieved 100% membership by December 31<sup>st</sup>. As part of his membership program, he awarded those post commanders a 100% membership shirt. Post Commanders included:

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| VFW Post 1685  | Commander Spencer   | VFW Post 3836  | Commander Anderson  |
| VFW Post 4352  | Commander Robbins   | VFW Post 5559  | Commander Hassin    |
| VFW Post 7056  | Commander Stobinski | VFW Post 9978  | Commander Brooks    |
| VFW Post 9981  | Commander Moore     | VFW Post 10032 | Commander Torgerson |
| VFW Post 10029 | Commander Eck       | VFW Post 10041 | Commander Bowles    |
| VFW Post 10252 | Commander Blair     | VFW Post 10450 | Commander Cassidy   |
| VFW Post 10682 | Commander Becker    |                |                     |

Post 9785 announced the National Golden Age Games will be held in Anchorage, more info to follow.

PDC J.R. Hackett announced his candidacy for National Council of Administration in 2020.

Post 10029 announced their post will host an annual fishing derby and a car show.

Adjutant Sheppard distributed the Department 10K raffle tickets.

There being no further business before the Council, Commander Lemelin conducted the closing ceremony at 11:20 AM. The next Council of Administration meeting will be held at VFW Post 10252 on May 2, 2019.



Mel Sheppard  
State Adjutant