

Council of Administration Minutes
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Alaska
Convened May 3, 2018
North Pole, Alaska

State Commander Garcia opened the Council of Administration for business at 7:00 P.M. Acting Chaplain Troy Eck gave the opening prayer. Commander Garcia led the Council of Administration in the Pledge of Allegiance. State Commander Garcia directed Adjutant Sheppard to read the roll call. The following Council members were present:

Department Officers

Commander – Dan Garcia
Sr. Vice Commander - Dave Lemelin
Jr. Vice Commander - Ed Lopez
Judge Advocate- Carol Kacal
Surgeon – Todd Maynard
Adjutant – Mel Sheppard
Quartermaster - John Minnick

Posts

Post 1685 - Sr. Vice Commander Brett Spencer
Post 3629 - Commander Jeff Roach
Post 9365 - Commander J.R. Hackett
Post 9785- Commander Mark Stacier
Post 10029-Commander Troy Eck
Post 10041 – Sr.Vice Commander Joel Bowles
Post 10046 – Commander John Walker
PDC - Bob Myles
PDC – Walter W. Watts, Jr.

Commander Garcia introduced Barney Hill, VFW Director of Operations. He recognized Walter W. Watts, Jr. National Councilman and Tim Borland, candidate for Junior Vice Commander in Chief 2020.

Commander Garcia called for the Council of Administration minutes from January 13, 2018. Quartermaster Minnick motioned to suspend reading of the minutes, they were mailed to all council members. J.R. Hackett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Quartermaster Minnick distributed the budget and balance sheets. Minnick spoke of the addition of the Forget Me Not Coalition and its effect on our budget. Council members inquired about the VOD program, Quartermaster Minnick briefed on the Department's obligations to the VOD program. Budget shortfalls were briefed by Quartermaster Minnick. PDC J.R. Hackett motioned to accept the budget, PDC Bob Myles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business –

Sr. Vice Commander Lemelin announced Governor Walker's visit to the Convention Joint Opening and reminded council members that the VFW is politically neutral.

Announcements

Committee appointments were made for all committees.

Good of the Order – None

Quartermaster Minnick motioned to close the Council of Administration meeting. The motion was seconded by PDC J.R. Hackett. Commander Garcia conducted the closing ceremony at 7:25 P.M.. The next Council of Administration meeting will be at VFW Post 10029 on May 5, 2018.



Mel Sheppard
State Adjutant