

Council of Administration Minutes
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Alaska
Convened Jan 8, 2022
Eagle River, Alaska

State Sr. Vice Commander Eck opened the Council of Administration for business at 9:00 AM.. Chaplain Roehl gave the opening prayer. Sr. Vice Commander Eck led the Council of Administration in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sr. Vice Commander Eck introduced National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland and National Councilman J.R. Hackett.

Sr. Vice Commander Eck directed Adjutant Sheppard to read the roll call. The following Council members were present:

<u>Department Officers</u>	<u>Posts</u>
Commander – Todd Maynard	Post 1685- Commander Brett Spencer
SRV Commander – Troy Eck	Post 3629- Sr. Vice Commander Ronald Fowle
JRV Commander- Bill Yudiskas	Post 3836- Commander Heidi Anderson
Judge Advocate- Ken Speegle	Post 9365 - Jr. Vice Commander Roy Outcalt
Surgeon- Joe Zeigler	Post 9785- Commander Herschel Deaton
Chaplain – Lorraine Roehl	Post 10029- Commander-Joe Zeigler
AQM– Mel Sheppard	Post 10041 – Sr. Vice Commander Mike Calvetti
Chief of Staff – J.R. Hackett	Post 10221- Commander Chuck Collins
Inspector – Brett Spencer	Post 10450- Jr. Vice Commander Mike Cassidy
IPDC- Carol Kacal	
PDC – Marty Harris	
PDC – Walter Watts, Jr.	
National Councilman- J.R. Hackett	

Sr. Vice Commander Eck directed Adjutant Sheppard to read the Council of Administration minutes from May 15, 2021. PDC J.R. Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes as read. VFW Post 10029 Commander Joe Zeigler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sr. Vice Commander Eck appointed the **Time and Place Committee:**

Troy Eck / Ken Speegle / Joe Zeigler / Brett Spencer / Todd Maynard / J. R. Hackett

Sr. Vice Commander Eck announced the **Veterans Service Committee:**

Walter Watts, Jr. (Chairman) / Carol Kacal / Marty Harris

Old Business - None

New Business –

Time and Place Committee:

State Convention 2022- Post 10029 North Pole June 9-11 Commander Zeigler spoke on the 2022 Convention. He briefed RV parking, the Convention Booklet and the banquet. Registration forms are pending.

Mid-Winter 2023- Post 1685 Anchorage January 13-14

State Convention 2023- Post 9785 Eagle River May 11-13 (tentative)

Veterans Service Committee- VSC met and Chairman Watts gave the report on the Service Office. Report is attached.

Finance Committee- The Finance Committee met on Jan 5th, 2022 at 1830 hours. Members present: Troy Eck, Chairman / Todd Maynard / Bill Yudiskas / Ken Speegle / Joe Zeigler / Brett Spencer / Mel Sheppard. We discussed the Department Budget vs. Actuals and discovered the budget is on track with the spending this fiscal year. Chairman Eck gave the report to the C of A. Report is attached.

Department 10K raffle tickets were distributed to all posts and officers represented.

Good Of The Order:

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland spoke to the Council concerning membership. He had specific concerns about the latest scrub of the membership roles. He spoke of the cuts and the possible harm at post level. He announced amnesty for all posts affected, realizing that some of these cuts will be impossible to make up. He announced that Korean Service as a qualifier may come into question. He also stated the Cold War recognition is still e considered.

Sr. Vice Borland announced his themes for VOD and Patriots Pen 2022-2023:

VOD- What is a Veteran

Patriots Pen- My Pledge to a Veteran

National Councilman J. R. Hackett talked about the pending vacancy in the Quartermaster General position. Quartermaster General Debra Anderson will retire effective Mar 2nd, 2022 .He announced the National Council will meet on Feb 28th, 2022 to take up the issue.

PDC Walter Watts, Jr. spoke on the National Convention hospitality room.

Walter also announced the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster positions need to be filled.

PDC Carol Kacal presented the 2020-2021 All American Commanders caps and ribbons for her Commanders that did not get recognized due to Covid. VFW Post 9785 was recognized as Alaska's All-American post for 2020-2021.

VFW Post 9785 Sr. Vice Commander Melody Quesenberry announced her intention as candidate for Department Surgeon.

Department Chaplain Lorraine Roehl announced her intent as a candidate for Department Surgeon.

AQM Sheppard announced the 10K raffle tickets once again. He spoke of the Department open positions that need filled along with the desire to retire.

Sr. Vice Troy Eck reiterated Tim Borland's emphasis on membership.

There being no further business, Sr. Vice Commander Eck conducted the closing ceremony at 0955. The Next C of A meeting will be held at VFW Post 10029 on June 9, 2022.

Mel Sheppard
Department AQM

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF
July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022

1. Claims Filed	373	5. Veterans Served	1,505
2. Claim Files Reviewed	1,445	6. Off-Site Visits	44
3. Power of Attorney (New)	334	7. Recovery to Date	\$42,515,492.19
4. Appeals	N/A	8. Outreach Site Visits	2

CITIES AND COMMUNITIES VISITED BY SERVICE OFFICERS

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DELTA JUNCTION

Abby Brown left the Service Office this year for a government position. We welcome Danny Luby to the team.

In our Interior Service Office, Troy Eck stepped down and we welcome Joe Zeigler who is filling that position.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2021 - 2022

The Finance committee convened on Jan 5, 2022 at 1830 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to review the State Quartermaster records for this period.

Those present were:

Todd Maynard, Commander
Troy Eck, SR Vice Commander/Chairman
Bill Yudiskas, JR Vice Commander
Ken Speegle, Judge Advocate
Joe Zeigler, Surgeon
Brett Spencer, Inspector
Mel Sheppard, AQM

The audit revealed that all quarterly reports to National Headquarters have been filed and confirmed by the office of the Adjutant General. Also current were reports required by the Internal Revenue Service, State Employment Security Division, and the office of Workman's Compensation. Federal Income tax and Social Security withholding are current and all payments have been forwarded.

At the close of this period the Statement of Income and Expenditures and Fund Balances for the Department shows an increase of \$32, 230.14 from the closeout of the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. This balance **does not** include deposits made for the current raffles being held.

In review, the Department is in excellent financial condition. At the end of this period the Department is well within budget and will continue to run in the black after the final 6 months of this fiscal year.

The committee would like to thank all of the Department Officers for their careful and conscientious use of Department funds that allowed us to achieve this. The committee would also like to thank all members for their continued flexibility and patience during this pandemic.

Troy Eck, Chairman
Finance Committee