



Call to Order: 10:11 AM

Motion to approve SOA Member Bill Lutz' appointment as Deputy Provost Marshal by Richard Thibodeau, 2nd Vice Commander, seconded by Daniel K. Briggs, PNC, Finance Officer. Motion carried.

Invocation: Richard Thibodeau, 2nd Vice Commander, Interim Chaplain

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of AMVETS PNC John Sisler. Prayers were requested to remember the following SOA members due to health issues for a speedy recovery: NEC MO Jack Vogel's wife, NEC NY Bill Clemens and death in the family of Sons Coordinator Robert Quick.

Posting of Colors: Deputy Provost Marshal Bill Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Provost Marshal Bill Lutz

Reading of Sons of AMVETS Preamble: Commander Harold Collins

We, the Sons of AMVETS (American Veterans), fully realizing our responsibility to our parents, Community, State and Nation associate ourselves for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all;

To promote the cause of peace and goodwill amongst nations;

To maintain the freedom of our country;

To preserve the fundamentals of democracy;

To perpetuate the friendships and associations of the AMVET organization;

And to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance...this by the Grace of God.



ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	ATTENDANCE
Commander	Harold Collins	P
1 st Vice Commander	Ken Barber	P
2 nd Vice Commander	Richard Thibodeau	P
3 rd Vice Commander	Paul Speigle	P
Finance Officer	Daniel K. Briggs, PNC	P
Judge Advocate	David Spencer, PNC	P
Provost Marshal	Michael McDarrah	E
Immediate Past Commander	Mark Serpis	P
Sons Coordinator	Robert Quick	E
National Executive Committeemen		
Alaska	Mike Gagne	A
Arizona	Ben Howard	A
Florida	Mike X. Marecek	P
Illinois	Chris Podalski	A
Indiana	Donald P. Finnegan, PNC	P
Iowa	Jim Myers	P
Kentucky	Robert Risen Jr.	E
Maine	Eric Rodzen	P
Maryland	Edward Stely	P
Massachusetts	Kenneth Moniz	P
Michigan	John Aldrich	P
Missouri	Jack Vogel	E
New York	Bill Clemens	E
North Carolina	Gene Rabb	A
Ohio	Randy Smith/Bill Lutz	R. Smith—E/B. Lutz—P
Pennsylvania	Jeffrey Todd	P
Texas	Ronnie Rodgers	A
Virginia	Melvin Smith	P
Wisconsin	James Fabian	A

Approval of Agenda: Commander Harold Collins

Motion to accept Agenda by PNC Daniel K. Briggs, Finance Officer, seconded by IPC Mark Serpis. Motion Carried.



Approval of Minutes from 2017 National Convention:

Motion to approve Minutes of 2017 National Convention by Ken Barber, 1st Vice Commander, seconded by NECmen Jim Myers IA. Motion Carried.

Bills and Communications: PNC Daniel K. Briggs, Finance Officer

The Finance Officer announced National SOA received a Christmas Card from Maryville, TN – AMVETS Post 22, “National Sons of AMVETS, Thank you for your generous donation of the craft kits and financial support. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

In addition, a Thank You Letter from Walker A. Donovan, Nat’l SOA Scholarship recipient, “Dear Commander Serpis, Thank you very much for the scholarship. It means a lot to me to receive this scholarship not once but twice. As I said last year every dollar helps greatly with furthering my education. While this year I do not need to purchase a laptop, I do still have all the other expense that come along with college life. I can’t thank you enough for the scholarship and your time.”

National Officers Reports

Commander Collins’ Report is in the book .

Guests:

AMVETS Commander Marion Polk greeted the Executive Committee members as well as the NECmen. Thanked the Sons for all their work. The Commander has learned a lot from the Sons and is grateful for all the support he has received from the Sons. The Commander encouraged everyone to contact him if there is anything he can do for the Sons. Also, shared his Hawaii trip with Sons Commander Collins and had a great time. Thanked the Sons LA Post for their generous gift of \$2,500 towards his project. The Commander participated in a “Chili Cookout,” at Post 95 in KY. The Commander’s Chili won him a trophy which is being displayed at the AMVETS HQ. The Commander’s Project on Desert Storm War Memorial was approved by Congress, it is funded by public donations and it will be set in the Mall. He has received \$1,200 in contributions. Mr. Ed Stely Sons Dept. of MD presented a check for \$500 to the Commander’s Project.



Mrs. Carol King, Executive Director, Ladies Auxiliary was present on behalf of Madam President Marvel Ruppel due to in climate weather was stranded in Atlanta, GA and was unable to attend the Fall NEC. Mrs. King stated, "If you want it done, ask the Sons." In addition, mentioned Madam President Marvel Ruppel's Project, Never Forget the Veterans, their Families, the Communities and the Youth in our Nation. The sole purpose of her Project is to replace the "Street Lights at the Freedoms Foundation."

Flyers were distributed regarding AMVETS Commander Marion Polk's and Madam President Marvel Ruppel's Projects respectively.

National Officers Reports (Cont'd)

Commander Collins highlighted his Report that is in the NEC Book. The Commander's first Executive Board meeting was held in Maryville, TN. Thanked the Post for graciously hosting the meeting. The Commander distributed flyers on "Active Heroes." This is his Project to raise funds for the organization focusing on assisting the Veterans who are suffering from health issues as PTS, Depression, etc. The Chili cookout he also participated with AMVETS Commander Polk was a lot of fun the previous winner, Donny, for the past seven years lost to Commander Polk's Chili. Commander Collins' home Post celebrated a "Congratulations" party for him. The Commander spoke about the HI trip and all expenses were paid by him. In November, the Commander and Finance Officer Briggs, PNC attended a ceremony at HHV in recognition for the Sons selling 21,000 kits and raised \$500,000.00. HHV presented them a Partnership Award that is displayed at Sons HQ. In addition, the Commander was honored to present to a new Sons Post their National Sons Charter in Sacramento, CA. The Commander thanked the Officers and NECmen for the work they do.

Motion to approve National Officers Reports at the end by Richard Thibodeau, 2nd Vice Commander, seconded by Daniel K. Briggs, PNC, Finance Officer. Motion Carried.

First Vice Commander Kenneth Barber's Report is in the NEC Book. The 1st Vice Commander reported that 2017-2018 Memberships are slow at this time. Mr. Barber noted that there has been an increase with New Life Memberships. In addition, urged for NECmen to persuade all 1st Vice Commanders to submit their memberships in a timely manner. There are Posters on the Sons website for distribution to all Sons



Squadrons to print and place at their facilities to encourage Sons Members to renew and recruit new Sons Members. Please note, the envelopes for Membership Applications are 100 for \$15.00. The First Vice Commander thanked everyone for a great job they are doing. Of note, IA – Squadron 44, Mt. Pleasant is no longer active.

Second Vice Commander Richard Thibodeau's Report is in the NEC Book. Mr. Thibodeau proudly reported the as of November 15th, Projects reached to \$2.4 M compared to last year's (11/2016) at \$104,000. There has been a tremendous increase. Everyone were informed that if they need to activate their accounts on the Sons website to please contact Mr. Mick Ciesla, Webmaster for the Nat'l Sons of AMVETS.

NECmen Jeffrey Todd from PA requested for an online Projects Detail Report by State to be accessible. The Webmaster will look into it.

Third Vice Commander Paul Speigle's Report is in the NEC Book. The 3rd Vice Commander highlighted that the Hospitality Room is operating well. The final dollar results will be provided in the NEC Fall Minutes mailing. Tickets sold at \$1,450.00 and tips received at \$160.00. For expenses incurred for supplies, he reported \$1,350.00 has been spent. Mr. Speigle announced there will be fried chicken for tonight's meal. The Hotel management has moved the Hospitality Room to another conference room; therefore, he is requesting for volunteers to assist with this move. The Freedom Cash Raffles will be mailed this week (12/11/2017) at Nat'l Sons HQ. All shirts are available for distribution.

Deputy Provost Marshal Bill Lutz. Due to in climate weather, Nat'l Sons Provost Marshal Mike McDarrah was stranded in Atlanta, GA, Mr. Lutz thanked the Executive Board Officers for their assistance.

Finance Officer Daniel Briggs, PNC's Report is in the NEC Book. Mr. Briggs reported that there has been changes made to the 2017-2018 Budget. Due to the decrease on Memberships, these changes are recommended by the Finance Committee.



A comment was made by PNC Jon Keith in respect to the \$4,579.55 lowered the out of expenditure line item from previous years revenue.

The Finance Officer stressed on the importance of being as transparent as possible with these changes.

Motion to approve to adopt the recommendations by the Finance Committee to the "2017-2018 Profit & Loss Budget Overview" by Richard Thibodeau, 2nd Vice Commander, seconded by Mark Serpis, IPC. Motion Carried.

In addition, Mr. Briggs pointed out regarding the funds available for Veterans Lodging. To lessen the available funds, he recommends for Departments to share rooms with the Veterans.

This year the CPA conducted a lot of clean-up and forced corrections to the accounts especially for 2008-2009 reconciliation purposes. This was due to un-cleared checks in Quick Books in the General Entries of \$270.00 made by Shulty. The 990 Audit was complete.

Life Membership Committee – Finance Officer Daniel Briggs reported that the Committee recommends increasing the Life Membership dues to \$320.00. Mr. Briggs will propose this at the 2017-2018 Convention for vote.

PNC Briggs would like to distribute the "Guidelines" in the NEC Book on a yearly basis. It was reported that there were checks payable to Baird Financials that did not clear. These checks have been voided.

Motion to transfer \$23,000.00 out of checking account to savings by Finance Officer Daniel Briggs, seconded by Second Vice Commander Richard Thibodeu. Motion Carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the loss incurred by these checks not cashed, Mr. Briggs will contact Michelle at Baird and will report on this in the 2017-2018 Fall NEC Minutes. Also, on a Journal Entry 699 discrepancy of \$270.00 will be reported, too.



Judge Advocate David Spencer, PNC's Report is in the NEC Book. Since the Convention in Norfolk, VA, PNC Spencer has been working on issues/complaints in Sons Post in GA. The Nat'l Sons Inspector General Charlie Summerall, PNC will be reviewing the case. Also, the Riders will be notified on this.

Sons Department of NY has reported missing money which is being investigated. PNC Spencer stressed for Sons Departments to be bonded. If the Department is not bonded, they are responsible to recover the money.

A report from the Grievance Committee will be presented later.

Provost Marshal Michael McDarrah's Report is in the NEC Book.

Immediate Past Commander Mark Serpis, PNC's Report is in the NEC Book. IPC Serpis thanked everyone for all of their support and the contributions he has received towards his Project. So far, a total of \$16,395.00 has been donated to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Motion to accept the Nat'l Sons Officers Reports by Jeffrey Todd NECmen PA seconded by Finance Officer Daniel Briggs, PNC. Motion Carried.

Break: 11:35 AM

Reconvened: 11:50 AM



National Officers Reports (Cont'd)

Commander Collins announced the following National Sons Officers not present that their Reports are in the NEC Book:

- PNC David T. Strittmather, Public Relations Officer/Historian
- Bill Gerry, VAVS Representative
- Doug Brown, Legislative Director. Of note, Mr. Brown is in communications with Amy Webb, Nat'l Legislative Director for the AMVETS; therefore, there is no need for him to travel to the Fall NEC meeting.
- Mick Ciesla, Webmaster. The Commander re-emphasied Mr. Ciesla's ongoing project in obtaining pictures of Past National Commanders. JA Dave Spencer, PNC is working on getting a picture of PNC Randy Greene.

Jr. AMVETS Advisor Joseph Stopyra's Report is in the NEC Book.

Inspector General Charlie Summerall, PNC's Report is in the NEC Book.

NECmen Reports

AK – Michael Gagne's Report in the NEC Book.

AZ – Ben Howard's Report in the NEC Book.

FL – Mike X. Marecek, PDC's Report in the NEC Book. On behalf of the Dept. of FL, Mr. Marecek thanks the Dept. of PA for their donation of \$500.00 to a Veteran in Brandon, FL who was affected with Hurricane Irma. Current number is about 176 so there are 100 more members this year. NECmen Marecek also reported that the Dept. has accomplished \$1.5M in Projects Reporting. The Dept.'s "Scooter Program" is continuing to grow by donating scooters to the Veterans.

Motion to approve NECmen Reports at the end by Second Vice Commander Richard Thibodeau, seconded by IPC Mark Serpis. Motion Carried.



IL – Chris Podalski No Report.

IN – PNC Don Finnegan’s Report in the NEC Book.

IA – Jim Myers’ Report in the NEC Book.

KY – Robbie Risen’s Report in the NEC Book.

ME – Eric Rodzen’s Report in the NEC Book.

MD – Ed Stely’s Report in the NEC Book.

ME – Eric Rodzen’s Report in the NEC Book.

MA – Kenneth Moniz’ Report in the NEC Book and paid a fine of \$20.00 for forgetting his cover and donated it to the Commander’s Project fund.

MI – John Aldrich’s Report in the NEC Book.

MO – Jack Vogel, PDC’s Report in the NEC Book.

NY – Bill Clemens’ Report in the NEC Book.

NC – Gene Rabb No Report

OH – Randy Smith’s/Bill Lutz’ Report in the NEC Book. On behalf of Randy, Bill reported that Randy was unable to attend today’s meeting since he is the Rep. for Ohio’s Vet’s Home and is preparing for tomorrow’s Christmas party in Sandusky, OH. The Dept. usually spends \$30,000.00. Randy does a lot of work and did not want to miss out on this event. The Veterans Day trip in November was successful with the presence of Ret. Air Force Veteran, Jim Prusa from Vermilion, OH, who served in the Army Air Corp during WWII. There were three buses. Thanked the National Officers for participating and joining them. Veteran Prusa enjoyed the trip so much that he donated \$200.00 to Nat’l SOA for Lodging for Veterans. Bill has additional matters that he will bring-up in New Business. The Commander added that, he, too, enjoyed spending time with Vet. Prusa, how special his presence was and referred everyone to read his Report in the NEC Book.

PA – Jeffery Todd’s Report in the NEC Book.

TX – Ronnie Rodgers No Report.

VA –Melvin Smith’s Report in the NEC Book.

WI – James Fabian No Report.



Motion to accept all NECmen and Appointed Officers Reports by Judge Advocate David Spencer, PNC, seconded by Third Vice Commander Paul Speigle. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Daniel K. Briggs, PNC, Finance Officer – as previously discussed under his Report.

Membership Program – Daniel K. Briggs, PNC, Finance Officer – At the 2017 National Convention, the Finance Officer announced he would provide an update on the Membership Program with quotes and now has two quotes. PNC Briggs reported that he is working with a web based company in Tampa, FL, Assorted Design, to create the Sons web based Membership Program. Assorted Design has moved Nat'l SOA website from web-enabled (email only) to goDaddy (actually people to talk to). It was about two years ago that this was decided to be accomplished. PNC Strittmather offered to take care of it, but was unable to do it. It was at the end of March and the beginning of Commander Collins' Nat'l SOA Officer appointment that PNC Briggs was asked by Commander Collins to pursue this project. Even though PNC Dave Strittmather has helped with technical assistance, Nat'l SOA cannot continue depending on PNC Strittmather since he has a full-time job and is volunteering his time assisting Nat'l SOA on these matters. Finance Officer Briggs noted that Squadrons and Departments will be able to pull all Reports. Second Vice Commander Richard Thibodeau is currently pulling these reports.

The breakdown of cost of \$15,930.00 minus an additional discount \$500 (if we do both together) for a total of \$15,430.00. The package on Memberships and Reporting is as follows:

- Phase I -- \$11,000.00 – 10% discount = \$9,900.00 (Membership)
- Phase II -- \$ 6,700.00 - 10% discount = \$6,030.00 to include all special requests on Project Reporting.
- Monthly Maintenance cost of \$99.00 includes 3 hours of technical support to “babysit” while the Webmaster is unavailable. PNC Briggs will contact Jennifer on whether the 3 hrs. rolls over to the next month.



A question was brought up on the SOA's Officers changes on an annual basis whether this information will be updated on an as-need basis. PNC Briggs added that under Commander Collins' approval, he and Webmaster Ciesla had meetings with Assorted Design's Technical expert, Josh. They discussed on upgrading the Sons Membership Program by eliminating outdated technology currently in use (i.e. disks, importing/exporting data, etc.). It will be a web based only Membership Program so that **authorized** Sons Officers, NECmen, and others could have readily accessibility on the data/information.

Finance Officer Briggs noted that he has received a Quote from Web Design for the same web based/electronic software requirements at \$18,925.00.

PNC Briggs needs a third Quote and requested for NECmen to provide him with referrals so that he can contact for more information.

Jim Myers, IA NECmen inquired on the timeframe. PNC Briggs replied that a prototype can be available in less than six months. It needs to go to National Convention for a vote.

PNC Jon Keith asked how many years of service/business they have. PNC Briggs said that they sent their profile on memberships they have done and feels they are qualified for this job. Once again, requested for NECmen to provide with referrals on other companies so he can contact them. PNC Briggs has another quote, but is waiting for the information. The President of the company needs to review Nat'l SOA's requirements, etc. with their technical team and then will get back to PNC Briggs.

Judge Advocate Dave Spencer noted on the significance of Sons relationships regarding Proprietary Rights. PNC Briggs said that National Sons of AMVETS will own the rights to everything and stressed it will be on our own website.



Finance Officer Briggs will inquire further on the comment Rob Quick, Sons Coordinator, made at the National Convention regarding consolidating AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary/Sons to share one database on memberships. PNC Briggs said he has not heard of anything, but will contact Harry Neal, AMVETS National Membership Director for information.

Finance Officer Briggs added that he will inquire further on the Assorted Design maintenance agreement since it will be very helpful for us. Nat'l SOA relies on Mick Ciesla, Web Master and/or PNC Strittmather for technical assistance. As mentioned earlier, PNC Strittmather works and is only available after business hours. Also, PNC Briggs will find some money for the Executive Board to review the maintenance contract for approval at the Spring NEC and have three Quotes to present, too. Another question was asked on the pending third quote, PNC Briggs said that he does not have it with him and will have the information by the Spring NEC.

Motion to accept Committee Reports from PNC Daniel Briggs by NECmen Jim Myers IA, seconded by IPC Mark Serpis. Motion Carried.

CBL – David Spencer, PNC, Judge Advocate – No updates today due to the weather and relocation of the Hospitality Room.

Assisting Grant Form – PNC Spencer will review in New Business section of Agenda and requested for the NECmen to review.

Grievance – David Spencer, PNC, Judge Advocate – Thanked the Committee Members; Commander Collins, PNC Finnegan, NECmen IA Jim Myers, NECmen MI John Aldrich. PNC Spencer reported that the Grievance Committee reviewed thoroughly the documents received on Indiana's Grievance Issue. The recommendation was to uphold Indiana's revocation and a letter will be sent to that affect.



Life Membership – Daniel K. Briggs, PNC, Finance Officer

Life Memberships pay-back checks need to be cashed within 90 days. There is a requirement written on the Nat'l SOA checks that reads, "90 days." Finance Officer Briggs noted that a \$4.00 check was cashed in November. Also, requested for the NECmen to go back to their States and at their next SEC's to please cash the checks in a timely manner. This delay in cashing the checks is causing additional unnecessary cost in ink and paper due to Nat'l SOA's bank reconciliation.

Motion to accept Committee Reports from PNC Dave Spencer by NECmen PA Jeffery Todd, seconded by NECmen IA Jim Myers. Motion Carried.

Old Business

Commander Collins reminded the Departments to please submit, "Visit Requests to Department functions by the Commander and/or Elected Officers" forms. There are instances when a Nat'l Officer shows-up to events at the request of an Officer who is unable to attend and; therefore, were not expected to be there. With this form, Departments/Squadrons can be notified in advance if an Officer replacement will be attending. These forms were distributed, and the Commander urged for everyone to use them.

New Business

After communications with Harry Neal, AMVETS National Membership Director, and Commander Collins, it was decided that National SOA literature information will be included in AMVETS New Post Welcome Packets. This is an instance where Nat'l SOA presence at AMVETS HQ helps to be part of a team. In addition, it helps Nat'l SOA with postage on sending information to them.

Further information was discussed with the printing of the new Quad-folders. First Vice Commander Barber updated everyone with the printing of these Quad-folders that was discussed during the E-Board meeting prior to the NEC meeting this morning. Due to the cost of printing the "Sons Promo Book," it is not only cost effective, but more convenient for promotional purposes to consider printing the Quad-folders. Pictures are provided and a lot of information for Squadrons and membership application are



included. Mr. Barber added that the 2nd Vice Commander Thibodeau has volunteered to print them. PNC Strittmather's Report has information on the cost of printing by three companies. Mr. Barber recommends starting with 1,000 for now and perceive the future demand instead of ordering a greater quantity now. Copies of the Quad-folders were passed around for review by the NECmen before a vote.

Commander Collins explained that 2nd Vice Commander Thibodeau has a professional printer and is willing to print them. The paper and ink costs are only what Nat'l SOA is required to pay. At this time, 1st Vice Commander Barber added that only **new** SOA Posts and AMVETS posts are asking for this type of literature. It will be best to start at a smaller quantity and print more in the future depending on demand. First Vice Commander Barber added that this will be a "test run" and will be brought for approval to print larger quantities at Convention. Also, Commander Collins explained the necessity to move in this direction for many reasons that will save Nat'l SOA money.

It was noted by PNC Don Finnegan to correct, "Honor **and** Remember" no ampersand just spells "and." NECmen John Aldrich noted that Memorial needs an "s" added to Memorials and to capitalize the "T" in The. It should read "Memorials at The National."

First Vice Commander Kenneth Barber motion to allocate \$300.00 to the Office Supplies Account so that 1,000 SOA Quad-folders will be printed by 2nd Vice Commander Richard Thibodeau.

Motion to accept of allocating \$300.00 for the printing of the SOA Quad-folders by PNC David Spencer, Judge Advocate, seconded by IPC Mark Serpis. Motion Carried.

NECmen Bill Lutz OH/Deputy Provost Marshal was asked by his Department to find out who they need to contact with questions on accessing Sons website regarding Project Reports. The Department recommends on the Dash Board there is a space where a link can be inserted to Project Report section. This will make it easier when using a smart phone. Commander Collins reiterated on the benefits and improvements if Nat'l SOA decides to approve the new Membership Program. PNC Strittmather did add a link, but it did not work right and took time to fix it. This is another reason why Nat'l SOA needs a new Membership Program to make it user friendly and clean-up the website. NECmen Lutz stressed that some Squadrons' Officers are not tech savvy so to make it easier for them would be a good thing. Their experience on training the officers with



Project Reporting for the past two years has doubled their numbers in that respect. So, it would be very beneficial if this situation is improved. Finance Officer Briggs added that this is another area where new technical assistance would help in adding other forms of reporting, etc. Especially when submitting reports in bulk rather individually.

On behalf of the National 3rd Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Sons First Vice Commander Barber is seeking for donations for "Cause for Paws." This organization's mission is to provide seeing-eye dogs to Veterans with disabilities by training these dogs. Also, requested for NECmen to share this information with their Departments. First Vice Commander Barber will include their flyer with the Fall NEC minutes.

Assisting Grant Form – Judge Advocate David Spencer, PNC

PNC Spencer reviewed the updated Assisting Grant Form and noted the changes that were made due to the number of requests received yearly and funds are limited for this purpose.

- #2 of form – two (2) weeks before the **next Spring National Executive Committee Meeting or National Convention.**
- #3 of form – **revised the wording.**
- #4 of form is new – **please refer to form.**
- #5 of form is new – **please refer to form.**
- #6 of form is revised – **please refer to form.**
- #7 of form is revised – **please refer to form.** It was noted that Canteens are for profit business and they should be responsible for their own maintenance.

It was noted by NECmen to remove the capitalization of "NOT," "NO," and "MUST" on the forms.

Motion to accept changes to the Assisting Grant Form by PNC David Spencer, Judge Advocate, seconded by Finance Officer Daniel Briggs, PNC. Motion Carried.



Travel Vouchers/Expenses submitted – PNC Daniel Briggs noted that as soon as he returns home, he will process the travel vouchers he as received and mail checks. This delay is due to his mobile printer is malfunctioning. Finance Officer Briggs reminded everyone to submit their Expenses/Vouchers within 30 days to get paid.

Upcoming Events

Commander Harold Collins announced that his “Testimonial” will be held on July 14, 2018 in Louisville, KY. More information will be provided with the NEC minutes.

The following Informational Flyers were distributed:

- **AMVETS Commander Marion Polk’s Project on “National Desert Shield Desert Storm War Memorial.”**
- **AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary President Marvell E. Ruppel’s Project on “Lighting the way to Freedom” Lamp Post Replacement of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.**
- **Commander Collins’ Project.**

NECmen Michael Marecek FL had the winning raffle number of “0293.”

Commander Collins requested for all to assist with the relocation of the Hospitality Room.

Motion to adjourn by Second Vice Commander Richard Thibodeau, seconded by Finance Officer Daniel Briggs, PNC. Motion Carried.

Benediction: Interim Chaplain Richard Thibodeau, 2nd Vice Commander

Honor to the Colors: Deputy Provost Marshal Bill Lutz

Adjournment: 1:11 PM