Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Michigan
DEC-2 South Livonia June28**, 2014**

Salute to the Flag
Invocation given by National Chaplin Danny Poole

Roll Call
Elected Officers:
Commander Harley (Butch) Maxwell, pres
1st Zone Commander Greg Price, pres
2nd Zone Commander Danny Gleason, pres
3rd Zone Commander Carvin Chapman, pres
4th Zone Commander Fred Ruttkofsky, pres
5th Zone Commander Jerry Lynch, pres
Finance Chris Dohnal, pres
Chaplain W Ben Warren, exc
Historian Sandy Lipman, pres
Assistant Historian Earl Miller, exc
SGT at Arms Jeff Dold, pres
AssT SGT at Arms Danny Poole, pres
Asst SGT at Arms Clayton Maxwell pres

NEC David Mennell, pres
ALT NEC Rodney Tolbert, pres

PDC 1 Mike Boughner**,** pres
PDC 2 Rodney Tolbert, pres
PDC 3 Dwaine Verville, pres

Appointed Officers:
Adjutant Zack Pendell, pres
ASST Adjutant Mike McDonnell, pres
Judge Advocate Skip Townes, pres
Americanism Dominic Merlington, pres
Budget Chris Dohnal, pres
VA & R Earl Ruttkofsky, pres
Membership Mike Boughner, pres
Service Officer Larry Money, exc
Legislative Dwaine Verville, pres
Constitution and By Laws Ron Wyatt, exc
Public Relations Fred Ruttkofsky, pres

Boys State / Youth Career Law Enforcement Mike Holley, pres
Child Welfare Foundation John Kailunas, pres
Make A Wish Jeff Meullendyk, exc
MIAP Greg Price, pres
Homeland Security Dan Tyak, exc
Homeless Vets Rodney Tolbert pres
N.E.F. Chairman Sandy Lipman, pres
Emergency Relief Fund W Ben Warren, exc
Education and Leadership Roger Rockhold, pres
Legionaire Editor/Publications Sandy Lipman, pres
Son of the Year Victor Fisher, exc
American Legion Rider Chairman Tom Howard, pres
Reconnect Jack Helminski, pres
Awards and Trophies Keith Talyor, pres
Pin Sales Russell Bayliss, pres
Upper Peninsula Membership Bill Germain exc
Upper Peninsula Chairman Dwaine Verville, pres
Past National Commander Earl Ruttkofsky, pres
Past Department Commander Jerry Lynch, pres
SAL Dept. Liaison Tom Cadumes, pres

Past National American Legion Commanders: Tom Cadumes
Past National Commanders: Earl Ruttkofsky
Past Detachment Commanders: Jack Helminski 1968-69 1969-70, Louis Scott exc , Earl Ruttkofsky 1995-96, Skip Townes 1996-97, Sanford Lipman 1998-99, John Kailunas 2000-01 , Roger Rockhold 2001-02, Roger Dees 2002-03 exc, Dan Tyak 2003-04 exc, Ron Wyatt 2004-05 exc, Randy Jackson 2006-07, Andre Svacha 2007-08, Greg Price 2008-09, Pat Pustay 2009-10, Dave Mennel 2010-11, Dwaine Verville 2011-2012 , Rodney Tolbert 2012-2013 and Mike Boughner 2013-2014.

Meeting Convened

Guest's: Dr. Mark Kane and Gary Tanner National Reconnect Chairman.

Gary Tanner spoke about the Patriot Fund and Wounded Warrior Program. Dwaine Verville makes a **motion** to donate $1000.00 to the Patriot Fund, **second** Rodney Tolbert **motion passed.**

National Auxiliary President Nancy Brown Carr was introduced and addressed the meeting and presented Past Detachment Commander Mike Boughner with a National Auxiliary coin.

The leading candidate for the American Legion Department of Michigan Jim Wallace addressed the meeting.

Dr. Mark Kane spoke about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (Butch's special project) and showed a slide show.
Motion was made by Dwaine Verville to give Dr. Mark Kane $500.00 to pay for hotel expenses, **second** Rodney Tolbert, **motion carried.**

Sandy Lipman makes a **motion** accept the DEC 1 meeting minutes with additions and corrections, **second** Rodney Tolbert, **motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Finance officer Chris Dohnal stated that the approved 2014-2015 budget is no longer valid due to the $1.00 increase in membership dues. As of May 31st we have a surplus of $42,355.47. Since May 1st we spent 16,055.28, two publications bills of $8000.00 have yet to be paid, addition cost of $250.00 for the Commanders gift and Presidents gift, which leaves us with $18, 050.19. **Motion** was made by Rodney Tolbert to give the American Legion Riders Legacy fund $1000.00, **second** by Fred Ruttkofsky, **motion carried. Motion** made by Mike Boughner to give $1000.00 to the MIAP program, **second** by Dwaine Verville, **motion carried. Motion** made by Chris Dohnal to accept the Budget report, **second** by Dwaine Verville, **motion carried.** Chris Dohnal makes a **motion** to increase our V. A. donation from $1500.00 to $1700.00 and add Whirlwind Lodge to the V. A. donation, **second** Rodney Tolbert, **motion carried.**

Historian/Publications: Sandy Lipman talked about the SAL newsletter and mentioned the dues increase $6.00 to Detachment and $2.00 to National.

Membership: Dwaine Verville stated that all of the Squadrons have not received their 100% membership awards yet, they will be getting them shortly.

Va&R by Earl Ruttkofsky: Va&R committee had 17 resolutions to take care of so he didn't get a chance to talk to them, but he did talk to the chairman after and they are ecstatic with the work that the SAL is doing.

Reconnect: Jack Helminski handed out blank forms to the Zone Commanders for the work being done for the veterans in their zone.

MIAP: Greg Price stated that Westland Memorial Garden is selling Memorial bricks. Hamburg will have a moving Vietnam Memorial wall on Labor day weekend plus Bob Hope USO show. Westland had an interment of nine veterans over the weekend. People are coming aware of the veterans that are on the shelf.

Department of Michigan Auxiliary President Nancy Knox addressed the meeting and introduced the Auxiliary Junior President Ciara Brown who introduced her 2014-2015 Junior officers.

American Legion Department Commander Ray Moore addressed the meeting and thanked the SAL for all the good work they do.

Son of the Year: Pete Miller

Boys State: Mike Holly stated they had 243 boys at boys state this year. The committee is working on changing the date for next year because of conflict with Fathers day.

Motion to accept committee reports Randy Jackson, **second** Roger Rockhold, **motion passed**

Sick Call & Relief: please contact Ben Warren now for all the sick call and relief.

Unfinished Business: if you are planning on going to the National Convention August 21st – 24th Greg Price has a list of the committees. The Detachment always pays our full delegate strength.
Adjutant Zack Pendell stated that he had to buy a new printer, also had to debug the computer plus upgrade to microsoft word 2013. Also, looking at a voice recognition camera. **Motion** made to cover expenses for new camera by Zack Pendell, **second** Sandy Lipman, **motion carried.**

New Business: Dwaine Verville makes a **motion** to donate $1000.00 to the NEF, **second** Dave Mennell, **motion carried.**

Correspondence: Zack Pendell read a letter about calling Department about vouchers. Call Chris Dohnal on all vouchers. Received 3 of the 4 boys and girl state thank-you letters.

Good of the Sons: Dwaine Verville attended the Awareness Assembly at the Capital Wednesday. June 27th is the national PTSD day. Rodney Tolbert presented Mike Boughner with pictures for his scrapbook. Danny Poole presented Butch with his Gavel. Randy Jackson stated that we are getting a little laxed with breaking the plane of the flag.

Mark Sutton Department of Michigan Public Relations Chairman addressed the meeting.

No further business

Closing prayer given by National Chaplin Danny Poole

Meeting Adjourned