

**MINUTES OF THE PRE-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING**  
**July 17, 2013**  
**Niagara Falls Convention Center**  
**Niagara Falls, New York**

- Commander Knapp called the Meeting to order at 6:05PM.
- The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
- Acting Chaplain Burtch offered the Opening Prayer.
- Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
- V/C Depo led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C Green led the membership in the Preamble.

□ **Adjutant Avery** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.

- **Adjutant Avery introduced National Commander Huntzinger (PA) and Leading Candidate for National Commander Gladden (MD) who will address us at our Convention.**
- **Convention Chairman Hewitt** welcomed everyone to Niagara Falls. If you are have problems with the hotel accommodations let me know. Busses will be running. There are still tickets for the installation luncheon; Busses will be leaving the hotel at 2:30PM. All meetings will be held in this same room.
- **A motion was made by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander DeRusso and seconded by 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander Parks to dispense with the reading of the Mid-Winter minutes and to accept them as distributed. The motion was carried.**

**1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF**

**1.01 NONE**

**2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2.01 NONE**

**3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDANCE**

**3.01 Finance Chairman Lee** asked that you please submit your vouchers as soon as possible. The budget was read and presented by Chairmen Lee.

**A motion was made by ANEC Denmon to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by NEC Ketchum and carried.**

**3.02 Finance Chairmen Lee** read the changes to the expense authorizations. The change is to authorize the payment of 1 room and airfare for two people to attend the National NMI classes in Indianapolis.

**A motion was made by Historian Mezzapelle to accept the changes to the expense authorizations. The motion was seconded by 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Burtch and carried.**

**4.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS**

**4.01 Commander Knapp's** homecoming will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reservation must be in by July 27<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Burch offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Mercer retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond J. Jarvis".

Raymond Jarvis  
Assistant Adjutant