

DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS

Minutes – Out Going Council of Administration

11 June, 2018, Ban Chang, Thailand

Opening Ceremonies: Department Commander John Gilbert called the meeting of the Out Going Council of Administration to order at 1300 hours, 11 June 2018, in Ban Chang, Thailand. Opening ceremonies were held according to VFW ritual.

Appointments: Officer of the Day – Jerry Soules.

Distinguished Guests: Commander Gilbert briefly introduced the guests – Past National Commander-in-Chief, Edward Banas Sr.; National Council Member Shawn Watson; Past National Council Member Bob Zaher; Past Department Commanders Robert Zaher, Rhett Webber, Larry Lyons, and Shawn Watson. He introduced the Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cootie, Bill Bradford. He also introduced the MOC Past Grand Commanders; Kevin Mitchell, Shawn Watson. Commander Gilbert recognized all active duty military that were present. He made mention that World War II Veteran, Wendell Newman, was currently receiving care in a nursing home in Pattaya, Thailand area.

Roll Call of Officers: Adjutant Chaplin called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander: John Gilbert - Present
Senior Vice Commander: Michael Verville - Present
Junior Vice Commander: Rick Farris - Present
Quartermaster: Pete Callaghan - Present
Judge Advocate: Bill Wichmann - Excused
Surgeon: Mike Napsey - Present
Chaplain: Warren Maxson- Present
Chief of Staff: Shawn Watson - Present
Inspector: Bill Bradford - Present
Service Officer: Don Melendy - Excused
Junior PDC: Homer Robert Moses - Excused
District I Commander: Willie T. Brandon- Present
District II Commander: Randell Himes- Present
District III Commander: Ron Davis- Present
District IV Commander: Jim Ascencio – Excused SVC Daniel Roberts - Present
District V Commander: Kenneth Stein - Present
District VI Commander: Shawn Watson - Present
District VII Commander: Charles Spain - Present
Adjutant: Gerald Chaplin - Present

Rules of Order: Chief of Staff Watson explained the Rules of Order including voting and speaking privileges. He made a motion, seconded by SVC Verville, for the rules to be accepted as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Minutes of the Mid-Term C of A: Commander Gilbert deferred the reading of the Mid-Term Council of Administration Minutes to the Convention.

Reports: Commander Gilbert deferred all the Council and Committee Reports to the Convention.

Comrade or Family Member in Distress: Past Department Commander Robert Moses in the U.S. awaiting medical treatment.

National Home prayer: Chaplain Maxson delivered the prayer for the National Home for Children,

Unfinished Business:

- None reported.

New Business:

- No new business brought forward.

Good of the Order:

- Adjutant Chaplin acknowledged three sponsors of Post 12146 and their contributions to the Convention activities. Camel Pub, owner Brian – Home of Post 12146 (food & drinks); Finnegans Irish Pub, owner Terry – long time sponsor of Post 12146 (variety of menu with 10% discount); and One Bar, owner Jason – long time sponsor of Post 12146 (entertainment).
- Chief of Staff and District VI Commander Watson presented, on behalf of all seven (7) District Commanders, a golf bag to Commander Gilbert
- National Recruiter Lyons mentioned he still had available, 50th Anniversary Vietnam War pins for those wishing to receive a pin.
- SVC Verville briefed a one hour training session 12 June to cover various topics; he also mentioned that the Commander's Reception would be held at Finnegans Irish Pub, following the Department Awards and Installation Banquet.

There being no further business to come before the Out Going Council of Administration, Commander Gilbert conducted the closing ceremonies according to VFW Ritual. Meeting adjourned at 1422 hours.

The next meeting will be the DPA Convention, 12 June 2018.

By order of:

Gerald Chaplin
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas

John Gilbert
Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

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