

DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AREAS
MINUTES – INCOMING COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
COMMANDER – BARRY HIRSHBEIN
June 16, 2011

Opening Ceremonies: Department Commander Barry Hirshbein called the meeting of the incoming Council of Administration to order at 1530 hours, June 16, 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. Opening ceremonies were held in accordance with VFW ritual.

Appointments: Commander Hirshbein appointed the following: Officer of the Day/Guard – Comrade R. Keeley

Distinguished Guests: Commander Hirshbein introduced Past National District 16 CM Zaher.

Commander Hirshbein introduced Past Department Commanders Kraus, Zaher, Gasperson, Wichmann, Keeley, Schaefer, Webber and Lyons, JPDC Oden and Past Grand Commanders Wichmann, Keeley, Humfleet and the present Grand Commander Oden.

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

Department Commander	Hirshbein	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	Combs	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Watson	Present
Quartermaster	Power	Present
Judge Advocate	Wichmann	Present
Surgeon	Moritmer	Present
Chaplain	Darkus	Present
Chief of Staff	Zaher	Present
Inspector	Lyons	Present
Jr. Past Department Commander	Oden	Present
District I Commander	Stewart	SVC Brandon
District II Commander	Moses	Present
District III Commander	Higgins	Present
District IV Commander	Humfleet	Present
District V Commander	Serrato	Present
District VI Commander	Kraus	Present
District VII Commander	Chesko	Present
Adjutant	Keeley	Present

Rules of Order: Judge Advocate Wichmann explained the Rules of Order including voting and speaking privileges for the Incoming Council of Administration.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes were deferred to the mid-term Council of Administration.

Quartermaster's Report: QM Power showed the new automated reimbursement form and presented the budget report for the upcoming year. MSP

Committee/Officer Reports:

1. Senior-vice Commander Combs spoke briefly on memstats accuracy and will be putting the Department membership program under the appropriate tab on the website.
2. Junior-vice Commander Watson discussed the Community Service reporting system.

Communications: None.

Is There a Comrade or a Family Member of a Comrade in Distress? Same as convention reporting.

National Home: Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance of the VFW National Home.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Commander Hirshbein received a reading from Judge Advocate Wichmann to move the convention to the first two weeks of the month. This will probably come into effect in 2012.
2. The mid-term Council of Administration site was determined to be located in Angeles City, Philippines, hosted by Post 2485. MSP

Good of the Order:

1. Inspector Lyons requested a list of Deputy Inspectors from the District Commanders and went over procedures for inspecting.
2. Chief of Staff Zaher distributed personal data forms for use in the event of death to assist the widow(er) and discussed the duties of the Chief of Staff in the establishment of new Posts. He also discussed the convention book.
3. Adjutant Keeley re-enforced the use of the Department email system and reminded all to please copy him on any correspondence to National Headquarters.
4. Any Reports of Death need to be sent to the Department Chaplain Darkus.
5. Commander Hirshbein discussed his wants and needs concerning membership recruiting and discussed the DSO problems and will be looking into correcting them. His theme for the upcoming year is "Proud to Serve".

Commander Hirshbein thanked all for their attendance and for the confidence they exhibited in electing him as Commander for the upcoming year. He also reminded all that he believes in

active communication. There being no further business to come before this incoming Council of Administration, Commander Hirshbein conducted the closing ceremony IAW VFW Ritual.

The next meeting will be in Angeles City, Philippines December 2 – 4, 2011.

By Order of:

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RICHARD A. KEELEY
Adjutant
Department of Pacific Areas

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BARRY HIRSHBEIN
Commander
Department of Pacific Areas

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* NOTE * A vote was taken after the official Installation of Officers took place to adapt the above as the official Incoming Council of Administration minutes.