



Agenda

TIME:

10:10

1. **Call to Order** - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander
 - a. *Salute the Colors* - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander
 - b. *Invocation* - Mike Kennedy, Sr., Chaplain
 - c. *POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony* - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander
 - d. *Pledge of Allegiance* - Todd Bidlack, First Vice Commander
 - e. *Preamble* - Adam Budner, Second Vice Commander
 - f. *Blue Star Banner Ceremony* - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander

Holiday Inn Cleveland South
Parma Room

10:14

2. **Roll Call** - Scott Thornton, Adjutant
 - a. *Detachment Executive Cmte. (Officers; District Commanders & First Vice Commanders; Chairmen)*
 - b. *Department SAL Advisory Committee*
 - c. *Past Detachment Commanders*
 - d. *Recognize All Veterans in the Room*

10:24

3. **Introduction of Guests** - Chris Hoeffel, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms

NVC Butch Ray (Illinois)
PNC Fred Hartline, Sr.
John Looker - Dept. Oratorical Chairman
Bernie Kessler - Nat'l Legislative Chairman
Bill Towns, Jr. - Nat'l Historian

Scott Thornton - Nat'l Asst. Adjutant

10:25

4. **Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes** (*May 16 & 18, 2025*) - Scott Thornton, Adjutant

Motion:	Without objection, accepted as published			
Maker:		(S		- D
Second:		(S		- D
Result:		Notes:		

10:26
10:29
11:00
11:07

5. **Reports of Detachment Officers**
 - a. *Commander* - Jeff Vrabel, Jr.
 - b. *First Vice Commander* - Todd Bidlack
 - c. *Second Vice Commander* - Adam Budner
 - d. *Chaplain* - Mike Kennedy, Sr.



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	6. Commission and Committee Reports – Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander						
11:11	a. <i>Americanism Commission</i> – Randy Matthews, Chairman						
11:21	i. Buckeye Boys State Cmte. – Charlie Kvochick, Chairman	BBS / BGS:					
11:24	ii. Legislative Committee – PDC Bernie Kessler, Chairman	Legacy Fund:					
11:30	iii. Oratorical Contest Committee – Rocky Searles, Chairman	NEF:					
11:36	*exc – no rpt. iv. POW / MIA Cmte. – PDC Evan Mahlman, Chairman	League of Families:					
11:36	*exc – no rpt. b. <i>Children & Youth Commission</i> – Bruce Forshey, Chairman						
11:36	i. Child Well-Being Found. Cmte. – Chris Hoeffel, Chairman	CWF:					
11:43	ii. Children's Miracle Network Cmte. – Tim Phillips, Chairman	CMN:					
11:47	iii. Veterans and Children Found. Cmte. – Adam Jones, Chairman	VCF:					
11:54	c. <i>Veterans Affairs & Rehab. Comm.</i> – PDC Bill Sutterlin, Chair.					Hon. Flight:	
11:57	*exc. – rpt. filed i. VA&R – North Cmte. – Robert Showalter, Chairman	Gifts for Yanks:					
	*exc. – no rpt. ii. VA&R – South Cmte. – Gerry Palmer, Sr., Chairman	Fisher House:					
	absent – no rpt. iii. Veterans Employ. and Edu. Cmte. – Wayne Lienau, Chairman	OCW:					
	*2025 DetCon GfY winner: Waynesville No. 615 (D4): \$1,500		Save-A-Warrior:	\$80.00			
11:58	d. <i>Public Relations Commission</i> – PDC Steve Honigfort, Chairman						
12:04	i. <i>Ohio SALute</i> – Chad Westfall, Editor						
	e. <i>Others</i>						
12:08	i. Convention Screening Committee – PDC Gary Lang, Chairman						
12:14	a) Certification of 2025 Nat'l Conv. Delegates and Alts. – Scott Thornton, Adjutant						
12:18	Motion: "Approve the 2025 National Convention Delegates and Alternates"						
	Maker:	D3 Dan Sgraves		(S	200	- D	3
	Second:	D2C Randy Matthews		(S	178	- D	2
	Result:	PASSED	Notes:				
	ii. Finance Committee – Mike Kennedy, Sr., Chairman						
12:19	a) Approval of the 2025-2026 Detachment Budget						
12:27	Motion: "Approve the 2026 Detachment Budget Proposal"						
	Maker:	D2VC Zach Reichert		(S	178	- D	2
	Second:	D7 Dennis Albright		(S	757	- D	7
	Result:	PASSED	Notes:				
done	iii. Member Training & Development Committee – 1VC Todd Bidlack, Chairman						



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iv. Constitution & By-Laws Review Committee - Gary Minadeo, Chairman

12:39

v. Appointments Committee - NEC Gary Lang, Chairman

12:41

7. National Executive Committee Report - NEC Gary Lang and ANEC Jon Coakley, II

12:56

Motion: "Accept all reports given today."

Maker:	ANEC Jon Coakley, II	(S	164	- D	12
Second:	D7 Dennis Albright	(S	757	- D	7
Result:	PASSED	Notes:			

12:57

8. Guest Speaker - NEC Gary Lang

a. Harl "Butch" Ray (Illinois) - National Vice Commander - Central, Sons of The American Legion

13:16

9. Resolutions, Motions, and Petitions - Gary Minadeo, Parliamentarian

none

Motion:					
Maker:		(S		- D	
Second:		(S		- D	
Result:		Notes:			

13:17

10. New Business - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander

a. Future Projects Fund Donations - none today; we just approved the budget; Dept. needs to OK it.

13:32

b. National Children & Youth Conference (Fri.-Sun., Sep. 19-21, 2025)

Coakley, Kennedy, or Carson TBD

13:37

11. For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander

a. 2025 National Convention - IPDC Tim Conway, Delegation Chairman

i. Nomination of National Convention Committee Delegates

Americanism:	Bill Towns, Jr.	Internal Affairs:	Gary Lang
Children & Youth:	Jon Coakley, II	Legislative & Rules:	Bernie Kessler
Const. Amendments:	Todd Bidlack	Membership:	Tim Conway
Credentials:	Scott Thornton	Vets. Aff. & Rehab.:	Bill "Buster" Sutterlin
Finance:	Mike Kennedy, Sr.	Vol. Sgt.-at-Arms:	John Conley



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Motion: "Approve the 2025 National Convention Committee Delegate Nominations."

Maker:	D1C Mike Kennedy, Sr.	(S	541	- D	1
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Second:	D3 Dan Sagraves	(S	200	- D	3
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Result:	PASSED	Notes:	
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ii. National Convention Dress Code - For all sessions

a) Delegates, Other Audience - Legion Casual [SAL polo shirt, khaki slacks, SAL cap]

b) Stage Members, Speakers, Award Recipients, etc. - Legion Bus. [coat/tie, SAL cap]

13:41

b. *Others*

i. 2025 Fall DEC Meeting - Saturday, October 18th @ TBD @ (Youngstown)

Wick Park Pavillion @ 10:00 am -- to be confirmed, but maybe later start

ii. Commander Vrabel's Homecoming - Saturday, October 18th @ (Youngstown)

Byzantine Center -- \$50 -- reservations to Jeff by Sept. 15th

iii.

iv.

13:51

12. Closing - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander

a. *Benediction* - Mike Kennedy, Sr., Chaplain

b. *Salute the Colors*

13:53

c. *Adjournment* - Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Commander