



**Fall Conference
2nd DEC Meeting
October 2022**

**Minutes
90th Annual Convention
Business Session/Election**

**Convention Business Script (Reconvening)
90th Annual Convention
6/18/2022**

Commander Bailey: Call to order. We will now reconvene the business session.

Time 9:00 a.m.

CHAPLAIN COKER-BELL – INNOVATION: Please pray with me. Eternal God, please be very open-minded to us and bless us. Cause your face to shine upon us and make your way known upon the earth in your saving strength among all people. Let us the people be glad and sing with joy for evil, unjust and righteously and govern the nations upon the earth. Especially now we pray that we may have your guidance that we may firmly uphold the very principles of this organization. Amen

Sr. Vice Commander Mitchell:

Oath of Allegiance

TURN PODIUM OVER TO ADJUTANT

Mission Statement: We are dedicated to a single purpose: Empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and need of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

A copy of the entire mission statement is on the Department and National websites.

RULES OF THE CONVENTION

Will only read the first six rules of the 31 (A copy of the 31 rules were posted on the department website).

Rule 1: Robert's Rules of Order, revised, will govern except as hereinafter specifically stated, and when not in conflict with the Disabled American Veterans Constitution and Bylaws and the Rules of the Convention.

Rule 2: For the purpose of recognition, a member of the Convention must (a) address the chair as Comrade Commander; (b) state name and chapter or title; (c) proceed only after recognition from the chair.

Rule 3: Debate on any question shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker except by consent of two-thirds of the delegates present.

Rule 4: Not more than two (2) representatives from any one Chapter shall be permitted to discuss any one subject except by a two-thirds (2/3) consent.

Rule 5: Recognition shall be granted only once to any one speaker on any one subject. A rebuttal of not more than two minutes may be permitted. Additional recognition may be granted by two-thirds (2/3) consent.

Rule 6: No person who has spoken for or against any motion, resolution or report on the Convention floor shall be permitted to make a motion to table. A motion to table is not debatable and shall require a majority affirmation vote. A tabled motion may be taken from the table for reconsideration by a majority vote.

Adjutant Cox: Roll Call

<u>Department Elected Officers:</u>	Present
Commander Bailey	X
Sr. Vice Commander Mitchell	X
1st Jr. Vice Commander Raborn	X
2nd Jr. Vice Commander King	X
Judge Advocate Combs	X
Chaplain Coker-Bell	X
Immed. Past Commander Simmons	X
<u>Department Appointed Officers:</u>	
Adjutant Cox	X
Treasurer Cox:	X
Inspector Cottrill	X
Officer of the Day Early	X
Sergeant at Arms Giles	X
<u>Past Department Commanders:</u>	
PDC Lisa Gregory	X
PDC Denice Williams	X
PDC James Proconier	X
PDC John King	X
PDC Cynthia Madison	X
PDC Rita Aberegg	X
PDC Steve Perkins	X
PDC Robert Cox	X
<u>Chapter DEC</u>	
Chapter 2, Irby Cotton II	X
Chapter 3, Perry Taylor	X
Chapter 5, Murphy Coleman	X
Chapter 6, Newth Smith	X
Chapter 7, Shawn Ware	X
Chapter 10, Tom Wendel	X
Chapter 13, Timothy Valentine	X
Chapter 15, Grailing Carter	X
Chapter 17, William Hill	X
Chapter 19, Maynard Dodd	X
Chapter 20, Dwayne Ramey	X
Chapter 21, Shelly Mathis	X
Chapter 22, James R. Smith	X
Chapter 27, Cynthia Madison	X
Chapter 28, Michael Bagley	X
Chapter 30, Wayne Godby	X
Chapter 33, Lee Everton	X
Chapter 34, Charles Morris	X
Chapter 47, Robert McPhaul	X
Chapter 48, Julie Hoyte	X

Chapter 58, Mack McCallon X
Chapter 60, David Cuff X
Chapter 61, Robert Schofield X

Adjutant Cox: Comrade Commander, we have a quorum.

Communications to the Department

Plaque from Winter Sports Clinic

Commander's Appointments

Tellers of Election:

PDC Perkins (29)

Shawn Ware (7)

Newt Smith (6)

Credentials Committee:

Kim Barkley (27)

Lisa Gregory (7)

Julie Hoyte (48)

Resolution Committee:

Shane Liermann (10)

John Reed (3)

Tom Wendel (10)

Entertain a motion to confirm these appointments

Motion PDC Simmons Second PDC Williams

Motion Passed

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion that we dispense with the normal order of business so we can have the 2nd reading of the bylaws and the presentation of the resolutions for 2022.

Motion Grailing Carter (15) Second PDC Aberegg

Motion Passed

Chairman Simmons: would you present for the second time the proposed changes to the bylaws.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DAV DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA BYLAWS
PROPOSAL 1:**

(CHANGE): Adjutant to "Adjutant and Executive Officer" wherever occurring in the Department Bylaws.

PROPOSAL 2:

ARTICLE II OFFICERS

SECTION 2-2 DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Para 5: THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

(CHANGE) Para 5.2 to read: The Judge Advocate shall review and approve all new or amended Chapter Constitution and Bylaws within the Department of Virginia, ensuring consistency with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department and National Organization, and NEC Regulations.

Para 5.2.1: A Chapter shall submit THREE copies of the Constitution and Bylaws, and ONE copy of the meeting minutes when the changes were first read, and ONE copy of the meeting minutes documenting the second reading and vote for approval. The minutes must reflect that a quorum was present.

Para 5.2.2: The Judge Advocate shall endorse the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws (approve, disapprove or recommend changes) in a cover letter and forward to the DAV National Judge Advocate for final approval. ONE copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and the cover letter shall be retained by the Judge Advocate.

Para 5.2.3: The Judge Advocate shall, as soon as possible, review, endorse and submit the official new, or changes to, a Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

Para 5.2.4: A Chapter shall amend the Constitution and Bylaws as necessary to ensure the information contained therein is kept current. A bi-annual review is encouraged.

Para 5.2.5: Constitution and Bylaws development guidance is available on the Department of Virginia website. Further, the Judge Advocate will provide guidance to a Chapter during the development of the Constitution and Bylaws, to include a preliminary unofficial review before the official submission. Any such request must be made prior to presenting the document to the Chapter body for review. Once the Chapter body reviews and votes on the document, an informal review is not available. Contact the Judge Advocate for help, as needed.

PROPOSAL 3

SECTION 2-6 DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(CHANGE): Administrative Assistance to "Office Manager" wherever occurring in the Bylaws.

(CHANGE) Para 1 to read: "The Department Office Manager shall be a compensated employee of the Department of Virginia, and work a minimum of 25 hours per week."

PROPOSAL 4

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

SECTION 4-4: DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Para 4: EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE

(CHANGE) Para 4-1 to read: "The goal of the Emergency Relief Committee is to assist eligible veterans, their dependents and survivors who are confronted with emergency situations. A dependent is defined as:

Para 4.1.1: Spouse - A person legally married to the veteran. (Common law marriages are not recognized in the Commonwealth of Virginia.)

Para 4.1.2: Child – Biological, legally adopted or under the court ordered guardianship of the veteran and under 18 years of age, unless a full-time student under the age of 23, or permanently disabled prior to attaining 18 years of age.

Para 4.1.3: Parent - The veteran is directly caring for and the parent's income and net worth are below a specified amount, per the Department of Veterans Affairs regulations.

Para 4.1.4: Survivor - A legal dependent, as described above, at the time of the veteran's death.

PROPOSAL 5

Para 6: FINANCE COMMITTEE

(CHANGE) Para 6.8 by deleting the first sentence, "One member of the Finance Committee, other than the Chairperson or Treasurer, shall be designated to serve on the Department Audit Committee." (This is a duplicate of the last sentence in the paragraph.)

PROPOSAL 6

(RENUMBER) ARTICLE VII as **ARTICLE VIII** and **Sections 7-1 thru 7-4** as **Sections 8-1 thru 8-4**.

PROPOSAL 7

(ADD)

ARTICLE (VII) CHAPTERS

SECTION 7-1: JURISDICTION

Para 1: Chapters within the Commonwealth of Virginia are under the jurisdiction of the DAV Department of Virginia. The Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Chapter, Department, and National Constitutions, Bylaws and NEC Regulations. (Reference: DAV NEC Regulation 8) The Department is responsible for ensuring the safeguard of DAV assets and resources, and may conduct aperiodic audits of Chapter financial and operational activities.

Para 2: Department of Virginia Chapters shall follow the rules provided by the DAV National Constitution & Bylaws and NEC Regulations, and the DAV Department of Virginia Constitution and Bylaws, as provided herein. (Reference DAV National C&B Article 9 and NEC Regulation 8)

SECTION 7-2: ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)

Para 1: A Chapter with annual income of more than \$25,000 shall submit an AFR to the DAV National and DAV Department of Virginia.

said to yourself, "There Ought to be a Law", then your chapter needs to start writing and submitting resolutions.

The Committee reviewed 52 resolutions received from 2 Chapters and 2 Committees. We challenge the other Chapters to prepare and adopt resolutions next year. The Department website has video classes on writing resolutions as well as the National DAV Legislative page has an updated video on resolutions.

This is the report of the Department Resolutions Committee, which met on Thursday, June 16th, at 9 am at the Roanoke Holiday Inn Tanglewood. The Committee consists of Department Benefits Protection Team Leader Tom Wendel, NSO John Reed, and myself, Shane Liermann.

Out of the 52 resolutions received, 51 are on national or federal level issues and 1 is on local or department level issues. The Resolutions Committee approved the following 46 resolutions:

- #1 Support legislation for immediate on-site finalization of grants at the Board of Veterans Appeals**
- # 2 Support legislation to increase maximum evaluation for service-connected headaches**
- # 3 Support legislation to increase the presumptive disorders associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina**
- # 4 Support legislation to oppose the payment of attorney fees based on periods when the attorney was not involved in the claim**
- # 5 Support legislation to expand the recognized war time service periods to include those veterans who served in combat environments from hostile military or terrorist activity from November 4, 1979 through August 1, 1990**
- # 7 Support legislation to direct the Secretary of VA to coordinate within VA and with the Department of Defense (DOD) to verify dependency status**
- # 8 Support legislation to expand VA mental health transition services to all service members upon discharge through any available network in or outside the military.**
- # 10 Demand for scientific evaluation for including disabilities of the thyroid as a presumptive Gulf War disorder**
- # 11 Support legislation to expand CHAMPVA benefits for children over 23 and still in school.**
- # 12 Remove requirement that VA compensation to service-connected veterans is counted as income for purposes of federal financial aid determinations**

- #13** Support legislation that would improve and protect VA education and employment benefits for service-disabled veterans and their survivors
- # 14** Support legislation to reimburse, replace and extend education and vocational benefits for disabled veterans and their survivors for education/training impacted by COVID-19
- # 15** Support legislation to allow interstate telehealth/telecounseling for disabled veterans and their survivors
- # 16** Support legislation opposing any attempts, for any reason, by the Secretary to limit or suspend access to community care
- # 17** Support legislation recognizing racial trauma as a stressor for post-traumatic stress disorder
- # 18** Support legislation to direct the Secretary of the VA to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- # 19** Support legislation to clarify and expand entitlement to Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) under chapter 35 for children of a two veteran household
- # 20** support legislation to allow expanded entitlement to dependents educational assistance (dea) under chapter 35 for children of a two veteran household where both parents are shown with permanently and totally disabled (p&t) status due to service-connected conditions.
- # 21** support legislation to eliminate the 10 year period for a spouse of a veteran who has been adjudicated as permanently and totally disabled (p&t) due to service connected conditions to use their entitlement to dependents educational assistance (dea) under chapter 35.
- # 22** support legislation to allow a veteran permanently and totally disabled (p&t) due to service-connected conditions to continue to receive dependents compensation for their adult child attending school while that child is in receipt of dependents educational assistance (dea) under chapter 35.
- # 23** support legislation to expand consideration of medical care and/or compensation to children conceived to an environmental-hazards exposed veteran subsequent to their exposure and after applicable time limits have lapsed
- # 28** Support legislation placing the burden on VA to demonstrate fugitive felon status.
- # 29** Support prompt payment of contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned businesses (SVOSSB)

- # 30** Support legislation enhancing government-wide goals for participation by small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans
- #31** Support legislation to remove the prohibition against DAV members who are federal employees from communicating on behalf of DAV with federal agencies
- #32** Support congressional action to ensure that total disability based on individual unemployability (TDIU) remains available for all veterans regardless of age or receipt of any other earned federal benefits
- #33** Expand presumptions for service connection for former prisoners-of-war
- #34** Support legislation for studies and presumptive diseases related to PFAS exposure
- #35** Support legislation for health care and concession of exposure for burn pits
- #36** Support legislation to concede Agent Orange exposure to veterans serving on Thailand military bases during the Vietnam war
- #37** Support legislation authorizing the presumption of service connection for all radiogenic diseases and eliminate dose estimate requirements.
- #38** Support oversight of VA practices in evaluating disability claims for residuals of military sexual trauma
- #39** Support legislation that would exempt the benefits paid to wartime service-connected disabled veterans from the “pay- go/cut-go” provisions of the Budget Enforcement Act
- #40** Support legislation to include children in legal custody as a dependent for VA purposes
- #41** To support the elimination of the 30-day requirement for diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune.
- #42** Remove the delimiting date for Persian Gulf Veterans’ Illnesses
- #43** Provide comprehensive dental care to all service-connected disabled veterans within the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care system.
- #44** Support equity in access to services and benefits for racial and ethnic minority service-connected veterans.
- # 45** Support enhanced medical services and benefits for women veterans.
- # 46** Support reauthorization of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act.
- #47** Support reauthorization of the Agent Orange Act.

- # 48 Support legislation to provide studies related to, and health care and benefits resulting from toxic exposures at Karshi- Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan.
- # 49 Support legislation to expand radiation risk activities.
- # 50 Support humane, consistent pain management programs in the VA health care system.
- # 51 Support legislation that recognizes presumptive service connection for hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) as related to exposure to Agent Orange and herbicides.
- # 52 Support legislation to remove the veteran's personal identification information from his/her claim identification.

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion to approve the Resolutions presented by Chairman Liermann.

Motion PDC Procnier Second Julie Hoyte (48)
Motion Passed

Commander Bailey: We will proceed with the normal order of business.

Adjutant Cox: I'm prepared to read the minutes of the 3rd DEC meeting, Spring Conference (12) pages. The minutes were posted on the website for review prior to the convention.

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as posted on the website.

Motion PDC Gregory Second Julie Hoyte (48)
Motion Passed/Failed

DEPARTMENT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

The following reports were provided to the convention prior to convening:

- Commander
- Senior Vice Commander
- 1ST Junior Vice Commander
- 2ND Junior Vice Commander
- Judge Advocate
- Chaplain
- Immediate Past Commander
- Adjutant

**Treasurer/Financial
State CDCE Chair
Inspector**

Each Officer will have an opportunity to provide an addendum to their report:

Commander	(Addendum)	No
Senior Vice Commander	(Addendum)	No
1ST Junior Vice Commander	(Addendum)	No
2nd Junior Vice Commander	(Addendum)	No
Judge Advocate	(Addendum)	No
Chaplain	(Addendum)	No
Immediate Pat Commander	(Addendum)	No
Adjutant	(Addendum)	No
Treasurer/Financial	(Addendum)	No
CDCE Chair	(Addendum)	No
Inspector	(Addendum)	No

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion to accept the Elected/Appointed Officer reports and addendums.

Motion **Newt Smith (6)** **Second** **Julie Hoyte (48)**
Motion Passed

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following reports were provided to the convention prior to convening:

Department Service Commission

Awards Committee

Finance Committee

Audit Committee

Emergency Relief

Homeless Committee

Women's Committee

Employment Committee

Membership Committee

Incarcerated Veteran Committee

Legislative/Benefits Protection Team Leader

Joint Leadership Council

Social Media Committee

Each Committee will have an opportunity to provide an addendum to their report:

Department Service Commission	(Addendum)	No
Awards Committee	(Addendum)	No
Finance Committee	(Addendum)	No
Audit Committee	(Addendum)	No
Emergency Relief	(Addendum)	Yes
Homeless Committee	(Addendum)	No
Women Veteran's Committee	(Addendum)	No
Employment Committee	(Addendum)	No
Membership Committee	(Addendum)	No
Incarcerated Veteran Committee	(Addendum)	No
Legislative Committee	(Addendum)	No
Joint Leadership Council	(Addendum)	No
Social Media Committee	(Addendum)	No

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion to accept the Committee reports and addendums.

Motion Julie Hoyte (48) Second Michael Bagley (28)

Motion Passed

Commander Bailey: The Time and Place Committee Chair PDC Madison will present the

Time and Place Committee Report:

Registered Attendance (DAV)	<u>143</u>
Registered Attendance (DAVA)	<u>46</u>
Total Attendance	<u>189</u>
Past Department Commanders	<u>9</u>
Chapters	<u>23</u>
Units	<u>16</u>
Banquet Attendance	<u>150</u>

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion to accept the Time and Place committee report.

Motion **PDC Aberegg** **Second** **PDC Perkins**
Motion Passed

Commander Bailey: Any unfinished business?

Adjutant Cox: Yes

Adjutant Cox: During this convention the DEC needs to approve a site for the 2024 convention. In accordance with our bylaws, Article 1, Section 1-1: “The convention shall be in the vicinity where the National Service Office is located allowing more accessibility for members to attend the DSO/CSO training and accessibility to the NSO office.”

I have a proposal from the Holiday Inn Tanglewood which I’m going to recommend for approval.

There are three other hotels in Roanoke that can accommodate our event: The Hilton Downtown (rate runs approximately \$150 plus tax), parking is terrible, you have to pay for parking and on weekends the downtown area is packed so restaurants are crowded and they don’t have the meeting room capacity to accommodate the convention. The Hotel Roanoke (We can’t afford), and the Holiday Inn Valley View/Airport (My opinion this is not a safe area. Too much criminal activity in that area).

The Holiday Inn – Tanglewood the room rate is \$95 (\$106.69 including taxes) for a single or double room. The dates are June 3, 2024 thru June 8, 2024 (CSO/DSO training 6/4 thru 6/5). Having the convention in Roanoke allows better access to chapters to come to the training. Roanoke is more centrally located to Tidewater, Northern VA and Southwest VA.

The Holiday Inn is going under major renovations starting in November. I asked Tracey, the General Manager to take a few minutes and tell you about the renovations.

Commander Bailey: I will entertain a motion that we approve the proposal by the Holiday Inn Tanglewood.

Motion Grailing Carter (15) Second PDC Simmons
Motion Passed

New Business:

The 2022-2023 Draft Budget and Budget Guidelines were presented at the 4th DEC meeting. The DEC recommended presentation to the Convention for approval.

Do I have a motion to approved the 2022-2023 Budget and Budget Guidelines?

Motion PDC Proconier Second PDC Aberegg
Motion Passed

Commander Bailey: We will recess for lunch and return at 1:00 p.m.

Credentials committee will meet in the department office immediately after we recess.

Commander Bailey: I call the meeting back in session.

Adjutant Cox: I'm going to have to do another roll call since some chapters who stated they would be here for the elections are not here.

Department Elected Officers:

	Present
Commander Bailey	X
Sr. Vice Commander Mitchell	X
1st Jr. Vice Commander Raborn	X
2nd Jr. Vice Commander King	X
Judge Advocate Combs	X
Chaplain Coker-Bell	X
Immed. Past Commander Simmons	X

Past Department Commanders:

PDC Lisa Gregory	X
PDC Denice Williams	X
PDC James Proconier	X
PDC John King	X
PDC Rita Aberegg	X
PDC Steve Perkins	X
PDC Robert Cox	X

Chapter DEC

Chapter 2, Vincent Remson	X
Chapter 3, Perry Taylor	X

Chapter 5, Murphy Coleman	X
Chapter 6, Newth Smith	X
Chapter 7, Shawn Ware	X
Chapter 10, Tom Wendel	X
Chapter 13, Timothy Valentine	X
Chapter 15, Grailing Carter	X
Chapter 19, Maynard Dodd	X
Chapter 20, Dwayne Ramey	X
Chapter 21, Shelly Mathis	X
Chapter 22, James R. Smith	X
Chapter 27, Cynthia Madison	X
Chapter 28, Michael Bagley	X
Chapter 30, Wayne Godby	X
Chapter 33, Lee Everton	X
Chapter 34, Charles Morris	X
Chapter 48, Julie Hoyte	X
Chapter 50, Jack Bolin	X
Chapter 58, Mack McCallon	X
Chapter 60, David Cuff	X
Chapter 61, Robert Schofield	X

Commander Bailey: We will take a brief break so the Credentials Committee can meet.

Commander Bailey: I call the meeting back to order.

Election Script

Rule 24 of the department bylaws states that “the final report of the credentials committee, the report of the nominating committee, and the election of officers, in that order, shall begin no earlier than 1 pm or later than 3 pm on the last day of the convention.”

The rules governing the conduct of elections within the Department of Virginia are defined in Article 1, in rules 17 through 28 of article 1 of the bylaws. A copy of these rules were posted on the department website and a copy was posted in the department office.

We shall now begin the election of officers for 2022-2023.

The Credentials Committee Chair will come forward and present the committee report.

Chair Julie Hoyte: The Credentials Committee met at 10:00 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. on June 18, 22. Julie Hoyte, Chapter 48 was elected as the chairperson. The committee consisted of two other members: Kim Barkley, Chapter 27 and Lisa Gregory, Chapter 7.

Comrades Jack Bolan and Richard Lehmann, Chapter 50, came before the committee to request the Chapter be seated. The Credential Committee approved their request.

After reviewing the population summary from the National Organization, the committee reports the following voting strength.

Officers: 6
PDC's: 8
Chapters: 1373

Total voting strength 1387
Simple Majority: 695

Request the committee be dismissed with a vote of thanks.

Commander Bailey: The committee is discharged with a vote of thanks.

Adjutant Cox: I will read the number of votes. Chapters, please write down your voting strength.

Chapter	Final	
2	67	
3	114	
5	30	
6	69	
7	110	
10	231	
13	65	
15	67	
19	22	
20	190	
21	40	
22	51	
27	40	
28	16	
30	13	
33	23	
34	39	
48	80	
50	50	
58	30	
60	21	
61	5	
	1373	1373

Officers	
Bailey	1
Mitchell	1
Raborn	1
King	1
Combs	1

Coker-Bell	1
	6
PDC's	
Simmons	1
Gregory	1
Williams	1
Procunier	1
King	1
Madison	0
Cuff	0
Aberegg	1
Perkins	1
Cox	1
	8

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Commander Bailey: The Nominating Committee Chair will come forward and present the committee report.

Chairman PDC Perkins: Addressed comments being made by a member regarding the Nominating Committee being a "Click".

Chairman PDC Perkins: The Nominating Committee met on June 17th for the purpose of interviewing potential candidates for department offices. The committee consisted of the following:

PDC Denice Williams (22)
Tanya Canty (21)
Shawn Ware, (7)
Tom Wendel, (10)
PDC Cynthia Madison (27) (Alternate)

The committee interviewed all potential candidates that came before the committee. Based on the interviews the Nominating Committee makes the following recommendations to the convention for department elected offices for 2022-2023:

Commander:	Francis Mitchell	Chapter 6
Sr. Vice Commander:	Wilton King	Chapter 7
1st Jr. Vice:	Richard Lehmann	Chapter 50
2nd Jr. Vice:	Dwayne Ramey	Chapter 20
Judge Advocate:	Stephen Combs	Chapter 7
Chaplain:	Patricia Coker-Bell	Chapter 22

Comrade Commander: This concludes my report from the nominating committee. Please excuse the committee with a vote of thanks.

Commander Bailey: The committee is discharged with a vote of thanks.

Commander Bailey:

The nominating committee has recommended Francis Mitchell, Chapter 6 for the position of Department Commander. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department Commander. Are there any further nominations, any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Commander Bailey: I declare Francis Mitchell elected and request the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot in support of the nominee.

Adjutant Cox: I cast one unanimous ballot for Francis Mitchell as the Commander for 2022-2023.

The Nominating Committee has recommended Wilton King, Chapter 6 for the position of Department Senior Vice Commander. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department Senior Vice Commander. Are there any further nominations, any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Commander Bailey: I declare Wilton King elected and request the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot in support of the nominee.

Adjutant Cox: I cast one unanimous ballot for Wilton King as the Senior Vice Commander for 2022-2023.

1st Junior Vice Commander

The Nominating Committee has recommended Richard Lehmann, Chapter 50 for the position of Department 1st Junior Vice Commander. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department 1st Junior Vice Commander. Are there any further nominations, any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Commander Bailey: I declare Richard Lehmann elected and request the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot in support of the nominee.

Adjutant Cox: I cast one unanimous ballot for Richard Lehmann as the 1st Jr. Vice Commander for 2022-2023.

2nd Junior Vice Commander

The Nominating Committee has recommended will Dwayne Ramey, (20) for the position of Department 2nd Junior Vice Commander. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department 2nd Junior Vice Commander. Are there any further nominations?

Grailing Carter (15): Commander, I nominate myself for 2nd Jr. Vice Commander.

Commander Bailey: Are there any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Adjutant Cox: We will now have a roll call vote. Both of the nominees will need to leave the room. Comrade Ramey, you are the DEC for your chapter, correct?

DEC Ramey: Yes

Adjutant Cox: Who do you place the 190 votes for?

DEC Ramey: Ramey

Adjutant Cox: When I call your name or chapter please voice your vote. You can split your votes.

	NAME	NAME
	Ramey	Carter
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS		
Commander Bailey	1	
Sr. Vice Mitchell	1	
1st Junior Vice Raborn	1	
2nd Junior Vice King	1	
Chaplain Coker-Bell	1	
Judge Advocate Combs	1	
PAST DEPT. CMDRS		
John Simmons	1	
Lisa Gregory	1	
Denise Williams	1	
Jim Procunier	1	
John King	1	
Cynthia Madison		
David Cuff		

Rita Aberegg	1
Steve Perkins	1
Robert Cox	1

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Chapter 50		

	Ramey	Carter
Chapter 58		
Chapter 60		
Chapter 61		
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Adjutant Cox: Commander, the votes surpassed the simple majority at 825 votes for Ramey.

Commander Bailey: Based to the role call vote I declare Dwayne Ramey as the 2nd Jr. Vice Commander for 2022-2023

Judge Advocate

The nominating committee has recommended Stephen C. Combs, Chapter 7 for the position of department judge advocate. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department Judge Advocate. Are there any further nominations, any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Commander Bailey: I declare Stephen C. Combs elected and request the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot in support of the nominee.

Adjutant Cox: I cast one unanimous ballot for Stephen C. Combs as the Judge Advocate for 2022-2023.

Chaplain

The nominating committee has recommended Patricia Coker-Bell, Chapter 22 for the position of Department Chaplain. The floor is open for nominations for the position of Department Chaplain. Are there any further nominations, any further nominations, any further nominations?

Nominations are now closed.

Commander Bailey: I declare Patricia Coker-Bell elected and request the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot in support of the nominee.

Adjutant Cox: I cast one unanimous ballot for Patricia Coker-Bell as the Chaplain for 2022-2023.

Commander Bailey: PDC Madison will read the donations.

PDC Madison:

Donations and Pledges

Winter Sports Clinic: Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 13, \$1000; Chapter 20, \$500

Homeless Program: Chapter 10, \$1000; Chapter 27, \$1000; Chapter 2, \$100; Chapter 20, \$500; Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 13, \$500; Chapter 33, \$100

Pledges: Chapter 17, \$50; Chapter 21, \$500; Chapter 5, \$500

Wheelchair Games: Chapter 13, \$1000; Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 20, \$200

**Incarcerated Veterans Program: Chapter 20, \$200; Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 2, \$100; Chapter 13, \$500
Pledges: Chapter 7, \$500; Chapter 5, \$500; Chapter 21, \$500**

**Social Media: Chapter 58, \$500; Chapter 20, \$200; Chapter 33, \$100; Chapter 13, \$250; Chapter 34, \$500
Pledges: Chapter 21, \$250**

**Emergency Relief Program: Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 27, \$1000; Chapter 58, \$500; Chapter 6, \$400; Chapter 33, \$100; Chapter 13, \$1000; Chapter 20, \$500; Chapter 19, \$100; Chapter 10, \$1000
Pledges: Chapter 21, \$250.00; Chapter 5, \$500**

**Women Veterans Program: Chapter 58, \$500; Chapter 27, \$500; Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 2, \$100; Chapter 33, \$100; Chapter 13, \$250; Chapter 6, \$400
Pledges: Chapter 21, \$500; Chapter 17, \$50; Chapter 5, \$500**

Golden Age Games: Chapter 13, \$500; Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 20, \$500

**Employment Committee: Chapter 13, \$750; Chapter 2, \$100; Chapter 34, \$500
Pledges: Chapter 7, \$500; Chapter 21, \$500; Chapter 19, \$100**

Other Donations: Chapter 58, \$1000 to Chapter Assistance Program; Chapter 13, \$500 to Disaster Relief

DSC: Chapter 34, \$500; Chapter 50, \$250; Chapter 20, \$500; Chapter 27, \$1000; Chapter 2, \$100; Chapter 33, \$100; Chapter 13, \$500

Commander Bailey: Good of the Order

Adjutant Cox: Announcements

Dinner doors will open at 6:30. Those with assistive devices and or carts will be allowed to enter around 6:25. Everyone needs to be seated by 6:45. We will have a band and dance floor for those who want to show off your Roaring Twenties Dance Skills.

All vouchers for 2021-2022 are due to the department no later than June 24th.

Let's give Chapter 60 a big round of applause for the excellent hospitality room they provided.

Chaplain Coker-Bell: Closing prayer

Commander Bailey: Salute to the flag.

Commander Bailey: We are Adjourned.