



**Sons of AMVETS
Department of Ohio
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 14, 2006
Hudson, Ohio**



Call to order by: Commander Batt.

Roll call of Officers:

Commander Batt - P	1st Vice/VAVS Briggs - P	2nd Vice Commander Strittmather - P
3rd Vice Commander Smith - P	Adjutant Martin - P	Finance Officer Yorde - P
Judge Advocate Williams - E	Provost Marshal Ivory - P	PDC/N.E.C. Jackson - P
Jr. Advisor Speigle - E	Legislative Director Brown - P	PRO/Historian McNett - P
1st District Commander/Chaplain Hathaway - E	7th District Commander Lounsbury - E	9th District Commander Radabaugh - P
12th District Commander Howard - P	13th District Commander Sherrill - P	Sons Coordinator Hepler - E

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Starting with this Conference the minutes will be emailed to the Commander and a copy emailed to Headquarters as well as a hard copy mailed to Headquarters. This is to insure there are no delays in the receipt of the minutes. The minutes we emailed to Headquarters on time from the Executive Committee Meeting from Saturday, August 5th, 2006 and never received at Headquarters. Adjutant Martin provided proof that the minutes were sent to Headquarters on time. The minutes were then read by Adjutant Martin. The minutes were approved as read.

Commander Batt: Received letter from Provost Marshal Davis, resigning from his position. He reported that his wife had been diagnosed with cancer and needed to spend more time with his family. Commander Batt stated he will be looking for a Provost Marshal.

Finance Officer: I would like to move \$10,000.00 out of our checking account and move it into a savings account. A motion was made by PDC Jackson to move the money to a savings account. 2nd by 9th District Commander Radabaugh. Motion passed. The second item I have is the bill I received from the Juniors for Tee-shirts. The bill is for \$500.00. A motion was made by 13th District Commander Sherrill to pay for the Tee-shirts. 2nd by 3rd Vice Smith. Motion passed. Finance Officer Yorde also stated that he is also still waiting on visitation reports from the 12th District Commander and the 9th District Commander. 12th District Commander Howard stated he would have them turned in today. 9th District Commander Radabaugh stated he sent them into Headquarters back at the end of September. Commander Batt stated he knows that 9th District Commander Radabaugh has been busy. Finance Officer Yorde stated he would look into it.

PDC Jackson: Inquired what are we going to do with the funds sitting in our budget for the Sons Color Guard, that no longer exists. Finance Officer Yorde stated that this is money the Color Guard raised. It is their money they need to

tell us what they want to do with it. Several of the Color Guard members got together and came back to the Executive Committee and requested the \$340.00 go the VAVS Program. A motion was made by 13th District Sherrill to move the money to the VAVS Program as requested by the Color Guard. 2nd by 1st Vice Briggs. Motion passed.

Old Business: PNC Hutchinson inquired why we need to put the minutes on the website. Commander Batt explained that if we get this information into the member's hands. Maybe we can get some more participation. A lot of time the minutes get to the Squadron Commanders and goes no further. He also stated that if we are going to do this that we somehow need to get the information to the membership. At the June Convention we voted to purchase a horse blanket for the horse races at the Canfield Fair. This blanket will go with this horse to each and every event for the entire year. Commander Batt, PDC Jackson and 1st Vice Briggs did attend the races at the fair. Veterans Day Bus Trip is sold out. The bus leaves at 9:00 AM from Post 89 in Columbus. Adjutant Martin reported that Squadron 26 voted to send a Post Charter Member, who is also a National Charter member from when AMVETS was founded back in 1947 to Washington DC.

The man is a World War II Veteran who has never seen the memorials in DC. Commander Batt reported that Squadron 1991 is also sponsoring a World War II Veteran and his wife for the DC trip. Campout Concert, Dave Strittmather stated that the campgrounds on SR 61 are not responding to phone calls. Commander Batt reported that the campgrounds where they hold the coon dog trials is out. I sent our secretary and Judge Advocate Williams to Autumn Lake Family Campgrounds. It is located 28 miles Northeast of Columbus. They have a shelter house that is 100' x 30', with a 100 Amp service, which is more than enough for our needs. They have toilets, showers and electrical outlets at all campsites. We could possibly get the campground for approximately \$900.00. We paid \$1200.00 at Hillsboro and we got no assistance from the Post or Squadron down there. This Executive Committee needs to make a recommendation to the membership tomorrow. After much discussion about pricing for families, couples and individuals, a motion was made by 9th District Commander Radabaugh to try the Campout Concert one more year at the Autumn Lakes Family Campgrounds. 2nd by Adjutant Martin. Commander Batt stated that this does not need to be put into the form of a motion as this is only our recommendation. This put the Campout Concert solely in the hands of the membership and their desire to hold the event or scrap it.

New Business: 1st Vice/VAVS stated that he has been notified that Brecksville is in need of an additional microwave. A motion was made by 1st Vice/VAVS Briggs to take \$200.00 from the VAVS fund and purchase at least one (1) microwave to be taken to Brecksville today. 2nd by Adjutant Martin. Motion passed. We will leave for Brecksville at 3:30 PM this afternoon.

General Membership Meeting
1st Business Session
October 14th 2006

Call to order by: Commander Batt.

Opening Prayer: Legislative Director Brown

Appointment of Officers: Jeff Ivory, Provost Marshal. A motion was made by PDC Jackson to accept the appointment. 2nd by Finance Officer Yorde. Motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance: Provost Marshal Ivory.

Reading of Preamble: Commander Batt

Roll call of Officers:

**Commander
Batt - P**

**1st Vice/VAVS
Briggs - P**

**2nd Vice Commander
Strittmather - P**

3rd Vice Commander

Adjutant

Finance Officer

Smith - P

Martin - P

Yorde - P

*Judge Advocate
Williams - E*

*Provost Marshal
Ivory - P*

*PDC/NEC
Jackson - P*

*Jr. Advisor
Speigle - E*

*Legislative Director
Brown - P*

*PRO/Historian
McNett - P*

*1st District Commander/Chaplain
Hathaway - P*

*7th District Commander
Lounsbury - E*

*9th District Commander
Radabaugh - P*

*12th District Commander
Howard - P*

*13th District Commander
Sherrill - P*

*Sons Coordinator
Hepler -E*

Recognition of PDC's: Jackson

Recognition of National Officers: Bill Bruner, Bill Karl, Ray Hutchinson and Dan Briggs.

Adoption of Agenda: by Bruner, Squadron 88. 2nd by 2nd Vice Strittmather. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes from the last meeting: As Mailed: A motion was made to accept the minutes by 1st Vice Briggs. 2nd by PNC Hutchinson. Motion passed.

Commander Batt: My report is on page 3. The only thing I have to add is we did attend the Turkey Shoot, but did not hit a whole lot of turkeys. I was accompanied by 2nd Vice Strittmather, Legislative Director Brown, PRO/Historian McNett, Ike (I have no idea what his real name is) and myself. Ed McNett was our top shooter.

Dave Kenyon, 2nd Vice Commander AMVETS: Just wanted to stop by your floor and give you an up date on the Dosedel family that I talked to you about at the State Convention. I talked to the mother; Virginia said they just returned from Minnesota. Mike is doing well, but is still on crutches. The biggest problem is he is a typical 13 year old boy and loves sports. It is hard to let him go out with the guys in the neighborhood. He still gets very tired and sore if he over does it. We go back to Minnesota at the end of this month for another check. We will also make arrangements for his next Limp lengthening then. Never down in his life! The rest of the family is doing well. She closes saying that I kept busy daily with "Sew Much Comfort" and am truly amazed and humbled by the tremendous things our volunteers accomplish each and every day. They inspire me. 2nd Vice Kenyon reported that with the Sons help along with the other organizations, AMVETS and Auxiliary we were able to donate \$10,749.00 to Sew Much Comfort.

Finance Officer: My report is the book; I would like to add the Executive Committee elected to move \$10,000.00 into a savings account that was if we need to get to the money it is available. Also on page 11, in the liability section, we have been holding money for the Color Guard and they have decided to donate that money to the VAVS program. The amount was \$340.00. That concludes my report and I move for its adoption. 2nd by 1st Vice Briggs. Motion passed.

Executive Secretary: My report is in the book on page 29. I cannot express enough gratitude to you all in the passing of my father. This did happen during the National Convention, but my father always told Dale, I believe in what you are doing and know you have worked hard to get where you are at, don't walk away from this. Thank you for your cards, condolences and financial support. The membership is coming in slowly. Please do the membership right or I will send it back. One more thing, the office needs a new computer. Also the bus trip is sold out, there is one seat left.

Adjutant: I want to apologize to the membership for not having my report in the book. I did get it turned in but it was about a week late. I am sure I will hear it from the Commander; I know we have responsibilities and deadlines. I was busy finishing up some side jobs and totally forgot about the October 1st deadline. Once again I do apologize. A motion was made by Bruner, Squadron 88 to approve the Adjutant's report. 2nd by 1st Vice Briggs. Motion passed.

Sons Coordinator: Excused

District Commanders:

1st District Hathaway: Excused

7th District Lounsburt: Excused

9th District Radabaugh: My report is in the book. The only thing I have to add is it has been a pretty good year so far.

12th District Howard: My report is in the book. The only thing I have to add is I have also visited Bellville 43. As far as the Brecksville visit goes, I appreciate all the donations, I have \$300.00 worth of sweat suits to donate from 1979, Galion in my room. It should be a good turn out. Thank you once again.

13th District Sherrill: My report is in the book. Our Post and Color Guard has \$500.00 worth of clothing to take to Brecksville this afternoon.

A motion was made by Finance Officer Yorde to accept the District Commander's report. 2nd by Legislative Director Brown. Motion passed.

PDC Jackson: My report is on page 16. I received this plaque from National Commander Kemp for the Symposium for the financial support for the AMVETS Symposium. This plaque will be back at Headquarters. A motion was made by Finance Officer Yorde to accept the report. 2nd by 2nd Vice Strittmather. Motion passed.

Chaplain Hathaway: Excused

VAVS/Homeless Rep Briggs: My report is the book. I want to personally thank every one for all the donations I received for the Ohio Veterans Home for the Christmas in July. It was \$5375.00, so we did very well this year. Thank you to all the Squadrons. In our Executive Meeting this morning we voted to take \$200.00 and purchase at least one (1) microwave for Brecksville, which we will be taking with us this afternoon. Christmas is coming up, please don't forget our Veterans. The Christmas Party at OVH is December 10th at 11:00. We still need some deputies at some of the facilities, Dayton, Cincinnati and Cleveland. If you have the time please volunteer. Commander Batt announced that Dan received a very high award at the National Convention; the National AMVETS gave him the VAVS leadership award. This is the 3rd year this has been given out. He has done a tremendous job at our VA facilities. A motion was made by 2nd Vice Strittmather to accept the report. 2nd by Finance Officer Yorde. Motion passed.

PRO Historian: I also did not get my report in and I apologize. I did visit Squadron 711 with the 9th District Commander Radabaugh and went on a tour of the 1st District with Commander Batt and visited 11 Squadrons. I also attended the Turkey Shoot. A motion was made by 1st Vice Briggs to accept the report. 2nd by Brenner, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

Webmaster: My report is on page 27 and it features some of the pictures from the Junior's visit to the USS Cod submarine. There is a tribute to PDC Jackson on the website; you need to check this out. The site continues to grow. Bill Karl requested that the District Change of Officer Form be added to the website. Strittmather stated that we will have to get approval from National to do this. Commander Batt stated he brought this up at the National Convention and it was approved to put it on the National Sons website. A motion was made to accept the Webmaster report by Finance Officer Yorde. 2nd by Bill Carl, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

Jim Schulte, Accountant/Auditor: we have been your Auditor for 3 or 4 years now and every so often we go through what is called "Peer Review". Basically your Auditor gets audited. They look at our practices and procedures. We came out with flying colors. We reviewed your records and found no discrepancies. And also found no methods that need to be revised. Your finances are in good shape. Between your Secretary and Finance Officer and myself we have a nice triad. You should feel very comfortable with it.

Chairman of Horseshoe Tournament: Hosted at Post 778 Logan, Ohio, with 24 teams from 10 Posts. Next year the Horseshoe Tournament will be in August 07' in Hillsboro, Ohio. I am proposing a new tournament. This tournament

has a national association, AKHA. The American Korn Hole Association. We would be the first Veterans organization to be associated with the AKHA. I am looking to do this in association with the Horseshoe Tournament at the State Tournament in August 07'.

1st Vice: As of today we have 41 registered and 40 votes count. A question came up about the membership report in the book and it was explained that the cut off for the book was October 1st. As of the June Convention, membership continued until August 31st. The new year did not start until September 1st. At Midwinter you will have a full report. 1st Vice Briggs move for the adoption of his report. 2nd by Hutchinson, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

2nd Vice: My report is in the book. There are a few Squadrons that show no reports that actually have turned in reports, and I will get to the bottom of this. PNC Hutchinson stated that our VAVS numbers should be separate from our project reports. When we turn in our VAVS numbers to National they only want our VAVS numbers. 2nd Vice Strittmather stated that National compiles their reports. But if you want the reports separated we can do this. PNC Hutchinson questioned about the awards process. 2nd Vice Strittmather told the membership there is an awards committee that consists of 1st Vice Briggs - Chairman, 2nd Vice Strittmather, PDC Jackson and Adjutant Martin and they will be putting together award guidelines. 2nd Vice Strittmather moved for the adoption of his report. 2nd by Bill Karl, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

Junior Coordinator Speigle: My report is on page 20 & 21. We did have a goodtime at our campout, although it was a little bit wet. We have a new Juniors coming on board from Kettering, they are here this weekend and we are getting all the details worked out. The juniors have been pretty busy. They want to thank you all for the shirts. We have a new newsletter, let me know if you would like to see one. We have 3 National Officers from Ohio this year, they are Amanda Speigle - President, Trevor Speigle - PRO/Secretary/Treasurer and Rodney Hughes - Junior Vice. Amanda's project this year is "Sew Much Comfort" and her goal is to raise \$10,000.00. That is my report and I move for its adoption. 2nd by 13th District Commander Sherrill. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Williams: Excused

NEC Jackson: I forgot to mention that the plaque we received for our donation to the AMVETS Symposium, we are the only Department to have received one, so you guys should be proud of that. As far as NEC, I have not had any meetings yet, I have one coming up in December in Washington DC. So I have nothing to report on yet. A motion was made by 2nd Vice Strittmather to accept the NEC report. 2nd by Hutchinson, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

Legislative Chairman: My report is on page 19. My goal is to get everybody the information from the AMVETS on their goals for Capitol Hill, a couple months in advance, rather than the night before. That way you will have time to prepare yourself. I do want to encourage you to go out and vote. Educate yourself before you go, don't believe everything you see on TV. That concludes my report and I move for its adoption. 2nd by 2nd Vice Strittmather. Motion passed.

Provost Marshal: Resigned

Past Commander: I have no report. A motion was made by Legislative Director Brown to accept the PDC's report. 2nd by Karl, Squadron 88. Motion passed.

Recess to Sunday, November 15th @ 9:00 AM.

**General Membership Meeting
2nd Business Session
October 15th, 2006**

Commander
Batt - P

1st Vice/VAVS
Briggs - P

2nd Vice Commander
Strittmather - P

3rd Vice Commander

Adjutant

Finance Officer

Smith - P

Martin - P

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1st Vice: *We have 42 registered, with 41 votes. The traveling trophy goes to Elyria 32 with 6 members and the percentage trophy goes to mentor with 7%.*

National Sons Coordinator: *My name is Roger Jones from Post 88, Troy, Ohio I just wanted to stop in and say "hello" and let you know if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.*

Junior AMVETS: *Shawn, the President of the Juniors thanked the 1st District AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary and Sons for their support with their dinner which raised \$602.00 for his pet project "Ohio Veterans Home".*

2nd Vice: *I checked the numbers on the project reports and also talked to Penny and have not figured out why the numbers are off, I will go over the reports again and figure it out. I also have the scholarship applications her and the deadline is April 1st.*

3rd Vice: *My report is on page 9 and since I have been elected 3rd Vice I have done a lot of traveling with my fellow officers and have had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality. The financial report for our hospitality room is as follows:*

*\$1500.00 startup
\$1438.00 expenses
\$ 61.47 returned to Finance Officer*

Donations:

*\$ 50.00 - Defiance 1991
\$ 50.00 - Troy 88
\$ 100.00 - Tiffin 48
\$ 50.00 - Mentor 40
\$ 50.00 - Columbus 89
\$ 50.00 - 1st District*

Income:

*Raffles: \$632.00
Tips: \$39.70
Tickets: \$2673.00
Total: \$3609.70*

Expenses:

*DJ: \$350.00
Startup: \$1438.53
Supplies/Beer: \$245.00
Total Income: \$1661.17*

I need to thank a lot of people who assisted in the hospitality room; Dave Strittmather, Ryan Radabaugh, Dan Briggs, Clarence, Bob Yorde, Gene Batt, Doug Brown, Michelle Smith, Eileen May, Tim Martin, Dwyane Pease and Ed Fitzpatrick.

3rd Vice Smith moved for the adoption of his report and the 1st Vice report. 2nd by Ed McNett. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate: *Excused*

Old Business: None

New Business: *The computer at headquarters needs to be updated. The only thing we need is a new CPU which will cost approximately \$600.00. A motion was made to purchase a new CPU at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00 this is to include any needed upgrades in software by Ray Hutchinson. 2nd by Strittmather, Squadron 32. Motion passed.*

Commander Batt announced he took 200 phone cards to Brecksville yesterday and after a discussion with PDC Jackson, J.P. Brown and Joe Piening he found out he could purchase phone cards from the AMVETS at pennies on the dollar.

Donations for the Commander's Project "Getting in Touch":

Squaron: 88 - \$200.00

21 - \$200.00

48 - \$200.00

87 - \$ 50.00

22 - \$100.00

32 - \$300.00

13th Distr. - \$300.00

27 - \$200.00

54 - \$200.00

89 - \$150.00

Also received while on tour w/Natl Cmdr: 689 - \$500.00

39 - \$200.00

VFW – Defiance: \$1000.00

AMVETS 1991 \$500.00

Auxiliary 1991 \$500.00

9th District: \$200.00

The Commander also announced that we took two (2) microwaves to Brecksville yesterday.

AMVETS PDC Sam Pierce: *Announced a project to take the Lorain Southview High School Honor Guard to the Silver Helmet Awards in Washington DC. They perform a ceremony called, "The Placing of The Caps". They will perform this at the Silver Helmet. It is a routine that is done with no verbal commands. If you have not seen this, it is something you need to see, you will never forget it. We are looking for donations to send them to DC. After passing the hat \$152.00 was raised. A motion was made to take the funds raised by passing the hat and add enough money to that for a total of \$500.00 by PDC Jackson. 2nd by 3rd Vice Smith. Motion passed.*

Ladies Auxiliary Madam President Molly Eusey: *Announced that her project this year is "Sew Much Comfort". Anything you can do to help promote the project would be greatly appreciated. Also if you need any assistance this year, with anything, please do not hesitate to ask. As much as you help the Ladies Auxiliary it is the least we can do. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the Conference.*

The Commander announced that all the organizations would be in one (1) hotel this year during Midwinter Conference in Columbus. A big thanks goes out to Bill Jackson, playing a big part in getting this accomplished.

The Campout Concert was brought up on the floor and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to move the campout concert to Autumn Lakes Family Campgrounds in Sunbury, Ohio in May 2007. The Commander commented that this is supposed to be a fund raiser for our VAVS Program. He further stated if we do away with the expensive entertainment and the loud boom box that drove us crazy last year, we can turn a profit. The executive committee is not in favor of scrapping the project yet. We will leave it up to the membership. A motion was made by Morgan, Squadron 32 to go forward with the campout at Autumn Lakes if we can get it at a fair price if not scrap it. 2nd by Eusey, Squadron 1979. Motion passed.

Announcements: *November 10th – 12th : Veterans Day Bus Trip*

February 16th – 18th : Midwinter Conference, Columbus, Ohio

April 1st : Scholarship Application Deadline

April 21st : State Commander Testimonial Dinner, Eagles Club, Defiance, Ohio

May 15th: Awards Deadline
May 2007: Campout Concert, Sunbury, Ohio
May 31st: All Change Of Officers Forms due to Headquarters
June 1st: Unused Preprints due to Headquarters
June 7th – 10th : State Convention, Columbus, Ohio
August 6th – 13th: National Convention, Greensboro, NC

Next meeting: *Mid-Winter Conference Columbus Oh, February 16, 17, 18 2007*

A motion was made to adjourn by .?? 2nd by ??? Motion passed.

Benediction: *PRO/Historian McNett*

Retire Colors: *Provost Marshal Ivory*

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Martin

Tim Martin

Adjutant