

The American Legion, Department of Washington
2018 Pre-Convention Executive Committee Minutes
July 18th, 2018

The American Legion Department of Washington Executive Committee met in regular session on July 18th, 2018 in the Spruce Room at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, Washington. Department Commander Gary Roach and Department Adjutant Leo Gruba were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm and opened in due form and according to ritual.

Department Adjutant Leo Gruba conducted the Department Executive Committee Roll Call at the request of the Department Commander. The following members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business.

Department Commander Gary Roach; Department Vice-Commander Area I Jacqueline Goo; Department Vice-Commander Area II Teresa Bryan; Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman; Department Vice-Commander Area IV Bob Bradford; Sgt-at-Arms Larry McCarty; Department Chaplain Mike Montaney; 1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty; 2nd District Commander Perry Mendenhall; 3rd District Commander John Kent; 4th District Commander Frank Sterling; 5th District Commander Frank Falbee; 6th District Commander Duane Ramacaher; 7th District Commander Dave Jacobs; 8th District Commander Matthew Jackson; 9th District Commander Ken Koplín; 10th District Commander Richard Wallace; 11th District Commander Carrol Stripling.

Non-voting members present: Department Adjutant Leo Gruba; Department Finance Officer Keith Looker; Department Service Officer Theresa Williams; Department Judge Advocate Robert Schwartz.

Excused Absence: Department Vice-Commander Teresa Bryan and 12th District Commander Joe Winters.
(Attachment A)

1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty moved to adopt the agenda. 8th District Commander Matt Jackson second, motion carried.
(Attachment B)

Commander Roach recognized National Commander Denise Rohan, National Executive Committeeman Ken Lee and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dale Davis.

National Commander Denise Rohan brought greetings to the Executive Committee on behalf of National Headquarters.

Commander Roach recognized Mike DeMos for a presentation on Veterans 360 fundraising.

2nd District Commander Perry Mendenhall moved to approve the 2018 Mid Winter Executive Committee meeting minutes. 8th District Commander Matt Jackson second, motion carried.

10th District Commander Richard Wallace noted a correct to the Special Department Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 20th, 2018, the name of the 10th District Commander under excused absence should read Richard Wallace. Sgt-At-Arms Larry McCarty moved to approve as amended. 10th District Commander Richard Wallace second, motion carried.

11th District Commander Carrol Stripling moved to approve the Special Department Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 25th, 2018. Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman second, motion carried.

Adjutant Gruba gave an update on Commander Car options. 11th District Commander Carrol Stripling moved to approve leasing a vehicle. 8th District Commander Matt Jackson second. Discussion. Request for Roll Call vote (maker unknown). Motion failed.
(Attachment C)

8th District Commander Matt Jackson moved to approve the \$35,000.00 to purchase a Commanders Car. Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dale Davis second. Junior Past Department Commander Wayne Elston moved to amend to \$40,000.00. Chaplain Mike Montaney second, amendment carried. Motion carried as amended.

3rd District Commander John Kent moved to cancel the charter of Elwha Post 121. 8th District Commander Matt Jackson second, motion carried.

8th District Commander Matt Jackson moved to make Rockford Post 165 a “last man standing” Post. Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman second, motion carried.

8th District Commander Matt Jackson moved to take Cusick Post 217, Colville Post 47, Metaline Falls Post 144 off probation. Department Vice-Commander Area III Denny Pittman second, motion carried.

11th District Commander Carrol Stripling moved to take Federal Way Post 232 off probation. 1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty second, motion carried.

11th District Commander Carrol Stripling moved cancel the charter of Federal Way Post 232. Department Vice-Commander Area I Jaci Goo second, motion carried.

1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee matters. 4th District Commander Frank Sterling second, motion carried.

At 3:09pm, the Executive Committee entered Executive Session.

1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty moved to come out of Executive Session. Chaplain Mike Montaney second, motion carried.

At 3:52pm, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session.

Commander Roach called for Ken Christian to brief the Audit Commission report. 10th District Commander Richard Wallace moved to accept the Department and Baseball Audit reports. 3rd District Commander John Kent second, motion carried.

(Attachment D/E)

Finance Commission Chairman Kittie LaFazia presented the Finance Commission report and budget. Chairman Kittie noted there was an error under Expenses, Page 6, Service Division- Military Department; total expenses should read \$657,088.88. 2nd District Commander Perry Mendenhall moved to approve the FY2018 budget as amended. 8th District Commander Matt Jackson second, motion carried.

(Attachment F/G)

Adjutant Gruba brief the proposed Credit Card Policy. 2nd District Commander Perry Mendenhall moved to accept the Credit Card Policy as amended. Chaplain Mike Montaney second, motion carried.

(Attachment H)

8th District Commander Matt Jackson moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the ratification of the Department Service Officer. Department Vice-Commander Area IV Bob Bradford second, motion carried.

At 4:35pm, the Executive Committee entered Executive Session.

At 4:58pm, the Executive Committee exited Executive Session.

8th District Commander Matt Jackson moved to ratify the appointment of Theresa Williams as the Department Service Officer. 1st District Commander Kyle Geraghty second, motion carried.

Department Commander Roach called for Chaplain Mike Montaney to give the benediction. The 2018 Pre-Convention Executive Committee meeting was adjourned according to ritual and in due form at 5:02pm.



Leo Gruba
Department Adjutant



Gary Roach
Department Commander

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Attachments:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Agenda
- (c) Roll Call Vote on Commander Car
- (d) Audit Commission Report – Department
- (e) Audit Commission Report – Baseball
- (f) Finance Commission Report
- (g) FY2018 Budget (2018/2019)
- (h) Credit Card Policy