



- Meeting of the Southern Conference Caucus Called to order at the national VFW National Convention.
- Opening ceremonies conducted

ROLE CALL

- All Conference officers present
- All State Commanders present ~~except the following: Louis George~~
- All NCOA Present with the exception of the following: Snake Dugas
- All National Officers Present
- All PCIC present with the exception of the following: Bulldog Smith, ~~Jim Neir~~, John Smart, Brian Duffy

Steering Committee

- **Jeff Carroll** Dept of Georgia makes motion to endorse all national candidates from the other conferences. Motion seconded by Victor Letourneaut. Motion Carries 100%
- **Jeff Carroll** Announces Steering Committee

Minutes Read

- Minutes from 2021 Southern Conference Read Minutes Reading Paused

Eastern Conference endorses all candidates from Southern

Conference and presents their candidates.

- Minutes Resumed Addendum presented that Lynn Roth in National programs paid for first year of website therefore no money needs to come out of Conference to open site. Minutes approved as amended

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer report was read and accepted as read.

VTS Travel

VTS presented Southern Conference Cruise--- questions asked and answered

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee-Gene Perrino not available Tim Sloan to Give report. Will meet when full team is available.
- Budget Committee- Budget committee met via Zoom and will present full budget at conference in October.
- Bylaws Committee- Michael Rhew Committee met and adjusted current bylaws with what was voted on by the membership at the Southern Conference in SC. Current Bylaws are available on the Southern Conference Website. Please make sure all bylaws submissions are in 30 days prior to the Conference. Any proposed changes to the bylaws will be posted to the website 30 days prior to the conference.
- Resolution committee- reported what is to come before the national floor
- Time and place committee-Brian Duffy not able to be here other members of the committee present to give report.
Rediscuss Conference Cruise, Southern Conference Night
- 2022 Southern Conference Jim Lewis Dept of NC speaks about Conference Jim Lewis Dept of NC speaks about Southern Conference in North Carolina. Rooms have been almost filled but registration is still very short. Department of North Carolina completes a Q and A

Western Conference endorses all candidates from Southern Conference and presents their candidates.

- Mike Merritt from Oklahoma gives report on 2023 Conference.
- Glen Tilley gives report of current social. Tilley stresses the importance of social media and requests Departments identify a representative from each department to give editor access to post department specific items on Southern Conference page.
 - Moske gives report on current status of Southern Conference webpage. Still working with Jemully Media on obtaining rights to vfwsouthernconference.org.
- **Jeff Carroll** return from Steering Committee and reports that all conferences have endorsed our candidates for national offices.
- TC Rollins thanks the Southern Conference and all those that have helped him along the way and has mentored him in his journey to JAG.
- Al Lipphardt thanks the Southern Conference and states that we will be having some changes that started with the steering committee in bringing in the new NCOA members. Al encourages members to not just say what you believe in but to do what you believe in. Further stated that more than all the titles we are all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

NEW Business

- Mike Rhew called to explain bylaw change
 - Mike read bylaws as it pertains to when and where candidates for national officer will take place.
 - Nomination for surgeon needs to be held today at the caucus.
- Curt Watts NCOA member from Oklahoma nominates **Dr. Curtis Bohlam M.D. Ret** . Nomination was accepted. No other nominations made Doctor Baldwin elected by acclamation.
 - Doc Baldwin gives thank you speech.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Victor Letourneaut speaks on Southern Conference Night at National Convention.
- Bobby announces that Southern Conference has maintained possession of the Southern Conference Cup with all the hard work from the departments.

Big Ten Conference endorses all candidates from Southern Conference and presents their candidates.

Meeting Closed in Good Order.

Amendments reported by call or email prior to Conference Meeting:

Amended as of 9/12/2022

1. All State Commanders were present
 - a. Louis George MS CMDR - 9/12/2022
2. Spelling Correction Jim Nier
 - a. Curt Watts OK NCM - 9/12/2022
3. Spelling Correction Surgeon General Elect Name
 - a. Curt Watts OK NCM - 9/12/2022
4. Spelling Correction GA NCM
 - a. Jeff Carroll GA NCM - 9/12/2022