



- Meeting of the Southern Conference Called to order on July 22, 2023 in Pheonix AZ by Conference Chairman Bobby Lovergne.
- Opening ceremonies conducted Conference SGT at Arms Conners
- Opening Prayer Conducted
- **ROLE CALL**
 - Conference Officers – All present with exception of Dan Duffy and Andrew Farrer
 - State Commanders – All present
 - Southern Conference National Council of Administration (NCOA) Representatives – All Present
 - PCIC's present – Larry Rivers, Jim Nier, John Smart, John Hamilton, Hal Roesch
 - Southern Conference National Officers – Al Lipphardt, Dan West, TC Rollins

- **Southern Conference Lunch in Announcement**
 - Comments from Vice Chairman Letourneut in regards to Conference Lunch in
- **Vice Chairman Letourneut**
 - Motioned to endorse candidates from other conference national candidates as presented. Seconded by Jeff Carroll Dept of GApassed 100%
- Steering committee for SRVCIC and Surgeon General excused.
- **Minutes Read**
 - Minutes from 2023 Southern Conference meeting in NC were read. Motion by member from Post 9835 VA to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Steve Organ. Minutes were accepted 100% Vote
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Treasurer report was read (report available upon request). Only Secretary Treasurer receiving travel voucher due to all other officer having national appointment or position. Received \$10,000.00 from Highland Consulting. Motion made by Gus Singleton to accept report seconded by Scott Gedling. Treasurer report was accepted 100% Vote
- **Chairman Lovergne**

- Chairman Lovergne introduced National Commander in Chief Tim Borland and offered him the floor; CIC Borland requested to speak in Good of the Order.
- Chairman Lovergne introduced National Officers, SVCIC- Duane Sarmiento, JVCIC Al Lipphardt, Adjutant General Dan West, Quartermaster General Marc Garduno, National JAG TC Rollins, Executive Director Washington DC Legislative Office Patrick Murray, National Asst Adjutant General Brian Walker.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Time and Place Committee – Debbie Macelhammon, Gus Singleton. Brian Duffy not available.
 - Michael Merritt from Tulsa OK to speak on S. Conf 2023. Meeting first week in November and all information is online through the Dept of OK website.
 - Tom Myer – Southern Conference 2024 Packets passed out to Dept Cmdrs and Southern Conference Officers. Visist TN VFW website for more information.
 - John Wingfield – National Convention 2024 Louisville KY. Airport close more information to come.
 - Audit Committee – Tim Sloan, Audit Committee reviewed the books of the treasurer found to be in good order.

- Eastern Conference
 - Doc Holiday introduces everyone. Dwayne Sarmiento speaks to Southern Conference. Marc Garduno asks for continued support as QM General.
- Committee reports continue.
 - Resolution committee- Russ Chambers have not met at this time.
 - Social Media Committee – Glen Tilley Passed away please keep his family in your prayers. If you are interested in that position, please let one of the Conference Officers know.
 - Bylaws Committee – David Moske – any bylaw changes must be presented to Secretary of Southern Conference no less than 30 days for our Conference meeting. Correspondence will be sent via email to all Dept CMDRS & QMs, NCOA Members and PCIC (if I have email).
 - Budget Committee – no report given.
- ADJ General
 - If you are paid to be here by national and are receiving a stipend you are required to be at all sessions. Role Call will be taken.

- Tomorrow afternoon if you are on a committee you need to be there to help figure out what to take to the combined delegation.
- How many people are here for the first time... walk around visit everyone and talk to the vendors and take the information back to your post.
- If you have a little extra spending money head over to the VFW store where you can buy FINE VFW LOGOED ITEMS.
- Big 10 conference
 - PCIC Chief Harmon introduces delegation
 - JAG candidate Doug Whiticker
 - JRVCIC Candidate Carol Whitmore
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Motion by Ken Wiseman to continue website in perpetuity of \$360.00 seconded by Ellen Passed 100%
- **NEW Business**
 - Motion made by David Moske seconded by Gus Singleton to give Dept of OK \$10,000.00 for hosting S. Conference passes 100%.
- **Good of the Order**
 - Dan Sample Nominates Scott Gedling for JVCIC

- Tony Dobbins announces candidacy for Vice Chair Southern Conference
- Gus Singleton announces candidacy for Vice Chair Southern Conference
- Lynn Toomer announces candidacy for JVCIC 2026-2027
- Dwight Hora shares thought and announces candidacy for JVCIC 2026-2027
- TC Rollins Nominates Steve Organ of MS for JVCIC 2026-2027
- PCIC announces Bobby Lovergne is a candidate for JVCIC 2026-2027
- Ken Corr announces candidacy for JVCIC 2026-2027
- Cruise update
- David Moske announces continued desire to serve conference as Secretary Treasure for the southern conference.
- Western Conference
 - PCIC Lawerence introduces delegation
 - Candidate National Chaplain David Fry speaks
 - Candidate JVCIC Designee Tim Peters speaks
 - CIC Tim Borland speaks

- Good of Order resumes
 - Dan West Takes Questions
 - Speaks on Buddy Poppy Change
 - Speaks on preserving relationships and supporting each other
 - Ron Delany speaks on what post 4588 is doing “ Old Fuddy Duddy Club”
 - Hal Roesch Confirms other conferences have endorsed Al and Doc
 - Al Lipphardt Speaks and expresses appreciation to S. Conference and talks about how we need to look at what is best for the organization. and gives positive message on helping each other and the organization.
 - Doc speaks on his tenure as surgeon and expresses appreciation.
- **Motion made to close meeting**
- **Closing ceremony conducted by SGT at Arms**
- **Closing Prayer by Chaplain**
- **Meeting Closed in good order**

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