



- Meeting of the Southern Conference Called to order on November 4, 2023 in Tulsa Oklahoma by Conference Chairman Bobby Lovergne.
- Opening ceremonies conducted by Conference SGT at Arms Conyers
- Opening Prayer Conducted
- **ROLL 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 – Department of Mississippi & Texas was Excused, All Present
 - PCIC's present – Jim Nier, Hal Roesch
 - Southern Conference National Officers Present– Al Lipphardt, Dan West, Curtis Bohman

- **Chairman Bobby Lovergne**

- Chairman Bobby Lovergne welcomed all members of the southern conference and their guest to the meeting and thanked the Department of Oklahoma for all their hard work.

- **Previous Minutes**

- Dan West (Adjutant General) makes motion to dispense with the reading of Minutes from 2023 Southern Conference Caucus at National Convention since minutes are available online and sent to all departments. Sec/Tres Moske seconded motion. Motion Passed

- **Treasurer Report**

- Since the last meeting at the Southern Conference Caucus, we have received \$10,500.00, all department dues have been paid. Expenditures total \$13,000.00 - \$10,000.00 to the Department of Oklahoma, \$3,000.00 for conference officer travel. Current balance \$102,915.83. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept financial report.

- **Past Commanders and Chiefs Recognized**

- **Past Conference Chairmen Recognized**

- **Committee Reports**

- Audit Committee – Gene Perrino, Introduced committee members. The Audit Committee reviewed the books of the treasurer and found them to be in good order.

- Budget and Finance Committee – Jeff Carroll, Introduced committee members. Budget was reviewed and there was more money than there was last year so that's good. The committee introduced a proposed budget of \$16,960.00.

There are multiple motions to come out of committee.

- Motion made to invest \$75,000.00 into a CD or Money Market Account not to exceed 12 months.

- Motion Passed unopposed.

- Motion made to reopen discussion with Highland consulting to formalize additional sponsorship of the Southern Conference.

- Curt Watts asks for explanation of the current agreement with Highland Consulting, which treasurer Moske explained.

- Motion passed unopposed.

- Motion made to support travel of Southern Conference SGT of Arms to southern Conference meeting 2024.

- Motion passed unopposed.
 - Motion made to provide \$10,000.00 to the Department of Tennessee for the 2024 Southern Conference Meeting.
 - Treasurer Moske asks any department hosting the southern conference to consider giving as much back of the \$10,000.00 to assist with the next conference.
 - Motion passed unopposed.
 - Motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget.
 - Motion passed unopposed.
- Bylaws Committee, Mike Rhew, Introduced committee members. There were no bylaw amendments brought forth for consideration.
 - Promotes national home.
- Resolution committee – Don Reber, there were no resolutions amendments brought forth for consideration.
- Time and Place Committee – Gus Singleton.
 - Cruise is still a go and there are rooms available.

- Department of Tennessee speaks on S. Conf 2024.
Meeting first week in November 7-9 and all
information is online through the Dept of TN website.

- **Unfinished Business**

- No unfinished business was brought before the caucus

- **NEW Business**

- Secretary Moske makes motion to adopt election rules for meeting, 2nd Motion passed.
- Nominations for Conference Officers
 - Conference Chairman
 - Bobby Lovergne Nominates Victor Letourneaut NC. Nomination accepted. Elected by acclamation.
 - Victor Letourneaut Speaks
 - Conference Vice Chairman
 - Jeff Carroll nominates Tony Dobbins GA
 - Ted Tufts nominates Augustus Singleton SC
 - Jeff Byrd nominates Mark Davis AR
 - Candidates Speak

- Elections held Tony Dobbins elected by majority vote as Vice Chairman of the Southern Conference.
 - Tony Dobbins Speaks.
 - Conference Treasurer
 - Kevin Light Noninitiates David Moske WV
 - David Moske is elected Treasurer by acclamation.
 - \$ 2,022.10 raised for the national home.
- **Good of the Order**
 - Dan West Gives remarks
 - Memstats – provisional at large overview.
 - State Commanders – look at all American requirements
 - Moske- Please upload pictures from this weekend to conference facebook page.
 - Victor Letourneaut – commanders and chiefs cup \$1,500.00 Prize.
 - Randy Campbell LA – Buddy Checks
 - National Home Chair – Thank you for the hard work.
 - Hal Roesch – Dog Tags
 - Chairman Lovernge puts Conference at recess.
 - Chariman brings Conference back to order

- Special Announcements
 - Ken Wisemen announces candidacy for JAG
 - Scott Gedling Announces Candidacy for JVCIC
 - Lynn Toomer Announces Candidacy for JVCIC
 - Ken Corr Announces Candidacy for JVCIC
 - Bobby Lovernge Announces Candidacy for JVCIC
 - Doc OK speaks on endorsement for Jason Burns for National Chaplain
 - Jason Burns Announces Candidacy for National Chaplain.
 - Dwight Horas for JCVIC
- State of the Departments
- Past Conference Chairman Dan Duffy Thanks Conference
- Conference Chaplain addresses Conference
- Secretary Address Conference
- Vice Chairman address Conference
- Chairman addresses and thanks conference.
- SVCIC addresses conference
 - Speaks on membership
 - Community involvement
 - VFW Programs
 - Social media

- Member at Large
- Announces National Appointments for 2024-2025
Years

- **SVCIC Installs Conference Officers**
- **Last Minute Announcements**
- **Motion made to close meeting**
- **Closing ceremony conducted by SGT at Arms**
- **Closing Prayer by Chaplain**
- **Meeting Closed in good order**