

**Department of North Dakota American Legion
Department Executive Committee Meeting
Department Headquarters, Fargo ND
March 21, 2007**

Voting Members Present:

Wayne Satrom, Chairman
Orville Simundson, Department Commander
Harvey Peterson, Dept. Commander-Elect
Lester Mutschelknaus, Dept. Finance Officer
Jim Karas, Eastern Region DEC
Dale Roth, Western Region DEC

Non-voting Members Present:

Curt Twete, NECommitteeman
Jeff Hall, ANECommitteeman
Kim Anderson, Dept Adjutant
Vern Houser, Eastern Region
Vice-Commander
Robert Ludwig, Central Region
Vice-Commander
Jerry Samuelson, Western Region
Vice Commander
Tom Moe, Dept Judge Advocate

Guests Present:

Keith Kerbaugh, Fargo Post 2
Dave Rice, Fargo Post 2
Jim Brent, Fargo Post 2/Cass County VSO
Warren Tobin, Jamestown Post 14/Stutsman County VSO
Ron Otto, Mandan Post 40/Oliver & Griggs County VSO
Tom Saddler, Grand Forks Post 6/GF County VSO
Brad Maasjo, VA Hospital

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm by Chairman Satrom with a salute to the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Department Commander-Elect Harvey Peterson.

Mr. Brent, accompanied by Misters Tobin, Otto, Saddler and Maasjo, addressed the DEC regarding the issue(s) that were presented by Keith Kerbaugh, Post 2 Commander, at the last DEC meeting in Feb 2007. During the hour, a lot of good information was presented and many questions were asked by the DEC.

Jim Deremo then addressed the DEC regarding the same issue(s). Again, during this second hour Jim presented good information and the DEC asked great questions.

At the start of the third hour of business, the minutes of the previous DEC meeting on February 9-10, 2007 were presented and discussed.

On a MOTION made by Jim Karas, seconded by Dale Roth, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved with the corrections noted.

Next on the agenda was whether the Department wanted to move the Winter Conference 2008 from the Quality Inn to the Days Inn (both in Dickinson, ND) since the Quality Inn does not have an on-site restaurant.

A MOTION was made by Jim Karas and seconded by Lester Mutschelknaus to keep the contract with Quality Inn for 2008. Dale Roth and Harvey Peterson dissented, all others voted for. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on the Department Membership Contest(s). Harvey Peterson suggested increasing the Membership and Post Activities yearly budget and suggested that the department membership awards need to be more "special." The group then discussed the need to look at new and innovative ways to increase membership. Harvey also noted that he is still seeking a 2007-2008 Membership Chairman.

The final item of the day was visiting the "Video Station" at 702 N. University Drive as well as the former Department Headquarters space at Post 2. Both spaces are being considered for the future home of the Department Headquarters. After physically seeing both spaces, analyzing the rent, utilities and/or other costs involved with each property as well as the list of pros and cons of each,

On a MOTION made by Dale Roth, seconded by Jim Karas, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that the issue of relocating Department Headquarters be tabled for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm so that everyone could attend the Spring District Meeting being held at Post 2 in Fargo.