

## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004**  
**BEST WESTERN HOTEL**  
**DAYTON, OHIO**

**9:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the Executive Council of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., called for by the posted notice on page 6, May/June 2004 *The Graybeards*, met at the posted place and date.

**OPENING:** 1st Vice President (1VP) Dick Adams called the meeting to order. 2VP Byron Dickerson offered the opening prayer. Director (DIR) James Ferris led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Honors to the Colors.

**AGENDA:** Before adopting an Agenda, 1VP Dick Adams addressed the group concerning the actions of the Executive Council on July 26th, the day before. The MOTION was made by DIR Lee Dauster to install President Elect Louis Dechert. The MOTION was seconded by DIR James Ferris. A roll call vote was taken:

My name is Lee Dauster and I vote yes.

My name is Jim Ferris and I vote yes.

My name is Bill Mac Swain and I vote yes.

My name is Dean McClain and I vote yes.

I am Bob Morga and I vote yes.

I am Dick Adams and I vote yes.

I am Byron Dickerson and I vote yes.

- DIR Lee Dauster: let the record show that we have a quorum.

The Presiding Officer, 1VP Dick Adams, turned the meeting over to President Elect Dechert, and became Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of a Secretary.

- DIR James Ferris administered the oath of office, swearing in President Elect Dechert.

- President (PRES) Dechert assumed the chair and called the roll. The following names were called, answered (P) or were recorded as absent (A).

P Louis Dechert, President

P Dick Adams, 1st Vice President

P Byron Dickerson, 2d Vice President

A Harley Coon, Director

P Lee Dauster, Director

P James Ferris, Director

A Stanley Grogan, Director

A James Jones, Jr., Director

P William Mac Swain, Director

P Dean McClain, Director

A Larry McKinniss, Director

P Bob Morga, Director

A Joseph Pirrello, Director

A Warren Wiedhahn, Director

A Dorothy Wenzel, Director

Note was taken of those attending as visitors, KWVA Members, and observers: Jean Dickerson, Arthur Adinolfi, and Salvatore Scarlato. They were welcomed.

- PRES Louis Dechert presented an AGENDA. Accepted without objection.

**SUBSTANCE OF MEETING:** The opinion of former Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt was discussed.

- DIR James Ferris: I want the record to show that this fax, that this deci-

sion from Sherman Pratt, the Judge Advocate, was received on July 26, 2004 at 2:17 p.m., which would place that within the realm of his jurisdiction under the past administration. The substance of JA Pratt's remarks: *I am at a loss to understand how the EC could believe that they could legally take such action. In the unlikelihood that I am asked for my views I will so state, but I do not contemplate that I will be further involved.*

- DIR Dean McClain: For the record, I'd like to state that Sherman Pratt is a highly respected retired attorney from Washington, D.C. area, and he's highly qualified in these rules and regulations, and I would take his word in this particular note as gospel. I just like to intervene that.

- 1VP Dick Adams: Charley Price called me and said the same thing. DIR Lee Dauster: Charley Price is an attorney too, isn't he? 1VP Dick Adams: Yes.

- DIR James Ferris requested that Former JA Pratt be contacted to make a formal ruling. SECOND, 2VP Byron Dickerson; PASSED. The new SECRETARY will be requested to contact Former JA Pratt for this purpose.

- PRES Louis Dechert presented recommended appointments. All Previous Appointments are vacated. Appointments not made today will remain open for later consideration.

- SECRETARY—Don Duquette

- ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Roger Haas

- TREASURER—Clyde Durham

- ASSISTANT TREASURER—Bill Doyle

- EDITOR, PR, AND WEBSITE—Ted Barker, subject to negotiation

- PUBLISHER—Finisterre, subject to negotiation

- POW/MIA COORDINATOR—Martin O'Brien

- KWVA PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY TO UN FORCES— Tom Clawson

- LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR— Charley Price

- VAVS COORDINATOR—Paul Fitzsimmons

- KWVA VSO—Charley Price

- KWVA LIAISON TO CANADIAN KWV—William Burns

- TELL AMERICA COORDINATOR—Larry Kinard

- MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN—Jerry Lake

- MEMBERSHIP FIELD ORGANIZER— Sam Naomi

- MEMBERSHIP ADMIN ASST—Nancy Monson, subject to negotiation

- BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—James Ferris

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—William Mac Swain, Bob Morga, Lee Dauster

- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—Ted Trousdale

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Dean McClain, Lee Dauster

- BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—Roger Haas

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Bob Morga, William Mac Swain

- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN—Dick Wainwright

- REUNION CHAIRMAN— Byron Dickerson

- REVISIT CHAIRMAN—Tom Jin

- Discussion of the appointments continued. Koreans and Korean Americans occupying current positions were continued. The position of Liaison Officer to the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library was discussed. DIR William Mac Swain was reappointed to that office.

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- DIR Lee Dauster added clarification that it was the Museum and Library at Rantoul, Illinois.
- DIR Bob Morga: Made a MOTION to abolish the Investigating Committee set up on July 26 to investigate the president-elect. SECOND: DIR Dean McClain. DIR Lee Dauster amended the MOTION so as to eliminate both the motion and the committee made by DIR Dorothy Wenzel on July 26. SECOND: 2VP Byron Dickerson; PASSED. The MOTION by DIR Bob Morga, as amended passed: To eliminate the motion and the committee established by the Executive Council on July 26, 2004, at the motion of DIR Dorothy Wenzel.
- PRES Louis Dechert introduced the RESOLUTION FOR FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS as stated on the AGENDA. After extended discussion on and off the record, the following resolution was presented.

**FINANCIAL SAFEGUARD RESOLUTION**

President Louis T Dechert, Treasurer Clyde Durham, and Assistant Treasurer Bill Doyle will secure and safeguard all funds and property wherever situated attributed to EIN 14-1671031 and report same to the Executive Council. This includes, but is not limited to, the KWVA accounts on deposit in the BANK ONE branches, Savings Account # 1584670085 and Checking Account # 628997876. 1st Vice President Dick Adams and Secretary Don Duquette will also be designated signatories. Each check tendered shall have two signatures. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly Income Statement to the Finance Committee Chairman. Professional CPA assistance will be contracted by the Treasurer as required. The President is directed to establish new bank accounts as of July 27, 2004, and as of July 27, 2004, no instruments rendered by previous signatories after July 26, 2004 are valid.

- DIR William Mac Swain MOVED to adopt the RESOLUTION. SECOND: DIR James Ferris; PASSED unanimously. PRES Lou Dechert indicated that the AGENDA which he had presented to the meeting was completed.

A general discussion, on and off the record, concerning legal counsel, a JUDGE ADVOCATE, and potential legal problems occasioned by the prior administration took place. DIR Bob Morga directed the PRES to get legal counsel in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Council assented. The Council also assented to Colonel Charley Price being utilized as Acting JA until legal demands and tasks were better clarified.

- Several members discussed the problem of the funds reportedly invested in a Smith Barney Certificate of Deposit. A procedure was discussed and approved for Nancy Monson to process funds and forward all funds to Treasurer Clyde Durham, until a system could be devised to allow her to make deposits directly.
- A general discussion ensued regarding the unsatisfactory condition, status, and uses of the bylaws. DIR William Mac Swain explained that at a prior meeting of the Executive Council the Bylaws Chairman was to undertake to review and strengthen the bylaws. In that process he was to place an ad in *The Graybeards* over time requesting chapters and state departments to submit changes that they would suggest being made to the bylaws. This has not been done.
- DIR William Mac Swain also noted that the Procedures Manual now has requirements for the Editor of the magazine and for the Webmaster. PRES Dechert and DIR Lee Dauster requested DIR Mac Swain to get a copy of the Procedures Manual to Mr. Barker.
- PRES Dechert reported the correspondence which he had sent to the previously reported new editor of *The Graybeards* and to the publisher. Copies were examined by the Council as were copies of other correspondence submitted by PRES Dechert.
- Discussion continued regarding the policies of *The Graybeards*, the hard and dedicated work of Vincent Krepps over the years, and of possi-

ble new directions/features/policies for the magazine.

- DIR Dean McClain asked why *The Graybeards* doesn't contain upsetting-type news. DIR McClain continued that several years ago while Nick Pappas was President the annual meeting voted that there wouldn't be any of that type news in the magazine, that the magazine was to be a "happy magazine"—without controversy. Discussion continued regarding past and present practices in content of the magazine. There has been an overall philosophy that veterans shouldn't criticize other veterans through the years. DIR Bob Morga noted that the policy had been changed in the last two issues of the magazine. As the discussion continued it was agreed that there did need to be a mechanism for letting the readers respond or have input to the magazine and make comments on problems that they consider important. DIR William Mac Swain reiterated that the new Procedures Manual provides for greater Executive Council oversight of the magazine.

- IVP Dick Adams asked, in connection with the magazine, what we were going to do about the masthead—General Davis, Honorary President for Life, has died. After lengthy discussion, on and off the record, DIR Dean McClain made the MOTION: I move that change the wording in *The Graybeards* about General Ray Davis, our Honorary President for Life, to these words, and I quote: "In loving memory of General Raymond Davis, our Life Honorary President, Deceased."

- SECOND: DIR Bob Morga seconded; PASSED unanimously. The discussion had included the suggestion that an annual notice or feature of General Davis' death appear in *The Graybeards* magazine.

- After discussion, on and off the record, DIR Dean McClain made a MOTION: I move that we rescind the passing of the motion by the Executive Council on July 26 of Harley Coon becoming the Interim President until the September convention. We have officially installed the new President, elected by popular vote from the membership of the KWVA, making the appointment of Mr. Coon null and void. Mr. Coon is now a Director and should be here in this meeting to vote on this issue.

- SECOND: DIR Lee Dauster seconded; PASSED unanimously. PRES Louis Dechert was directed to inform Mr. Coon.

- A long discussion ensued regarding other members not in attendance. Consensus of the Executive Council was that they were absent without authorization or excuse: unexcused absences. DIR William Mac Swain pointed out that he had attempted to make a motion at the July 26 meeting about meeting the 27th as called for in *The Graybeards*, but was stifled. It had already been reported that DIR Dorothy Wenzel was in the meeting facility this morning, and was asked to attend by DIR Lee Dauster and DIR James Ferris.

- DIR James Ferris inserted for the record that the AGENDA announcement on page 6 of the MAY/JUNE issue of *The Graybeards* is for the period July 24 through July 28, for all Executive Council members.

- PRES Dechert called for any comments for the GOOD OF THE ORDER. There being none, he requested the privilege to say that it had been a privilege to campaign for office with the other new Council members present, real men with a real mission to carry out.

- DIR William Mac Swain made the MOTION TO ADJOURN. DIR Lee Dauster seconded;

PASSED unanimously; WHEREUPON, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Dick Adams, Secretary Pro Tem

/s/ Louis Dechert, President

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