

NADHAL NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

August 25, 2018 at 11:30 am — National Historian's Dinner with NADHAL meeting to follow at National Convention at Minneapolis, MN.

September 15, 2018—**DEADLINE** History books or certification forms must be at National Headquarters.

October 15-16, 2018 at 8:00 am — all contest judges and department historians report to the library for sign-in.

October 15-16, 2018 at 8:30 am — judging of History Books and training in Indianapolis, IN.

October 16, 2018 at 10 am —NADHAL meeting at the American Legion Library

From National Historian Richard DuBay

First, I would like to say that it is an honor to be this year's National Historian, and I would like to thank NADHAL for giving me the opportunity to address their members.

I would like to thank all the instructors, historians, and judges who took time from their busy schedules to attend the Historian Conference at Fall meetings. A special thank you to Past National Vice-Commander and PNH Fae Casper for her informative training session that she held for the new historians. I would also like to thank all the Past National Historians for their advice on many issues facing a National Historian, but I would especially like to thank PNH Paul Bennett for his continued help and



advice.

Last year a judges' comment sheet was implemented to help those who sent in history books to see where they might improve on what they submitted. It was noted that many items were left blank on these sheets and so we have sent out letters to this year's judges for their feedback on how we might improve them.

To Howard Trace and Lynda Lydick and the rest of the library staff, a very special thank you for all that you do each and every day and all the hard work that you put in for our Historian Conference.

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion, I hope that all of the members of NADHAL are working with the historians and members in their

Departments to write their histories. As you are all well aware, our history is our legacy that we leave for those who follow us.

I would like to also wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing each of you at the National Convention next year in Minneapolis. Richard T. DuBay, National Historian

From NADHAL President Fae Casper



The Christmas Holidays are past, and we are starting another new year. I want to take the opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope all your wishes came true.

This has been a history making year for The American Legion with the election of our first female National Commander. Now we are also starting the celebration of our Centennial year. There will be a great many happenings across the nation that we need to document for future generations.

As members of NADHAL and historians at all levels of our organization it is important for us to document the activities that are happening and to help with functions in our own areas.

Have you added your Post, District and State information to the web page at https://centennial.legion.org? It is not too late and very easy to accomplish. If you have questions, you may contact the National Library at 317-630-1200 or call one of the officers of NADHAL on the attached roster. We stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Please note in October we discussed possible changes to the C&Bs. The Committee has requested your input. Please provide any suggestions to them.

I also announced at the Fall Meetings the national staff will work with us on our web page to make it better. Your input is needed. Please let me know if you have any questions. My e-mail is fae0316@comcast.net.

NADHAL is our organization and we are the only ones that can keep it strong. Please provide any help that you can. Fae Casper, NADHAL President

NADHAL Membership

NADHAL membership is from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Dues are \$5 per year. A Life Member membership is also available. Please make out your check to NADHAL and mail to Frederick Doten, 3517 Cottage Meadow Way, Laughlin, NV 89029. You must be or have been a Department Historian to be eligible to join.

Honorary NADHAL Life Members

*Deceased Members

2007 *Delfo Barabani and Roy Mahoney

2008 Joseph Hovish

2009 *Barbara Stuvengen

2010 *Helen Jacobs

2011 No nominations

2012 No nominations

2013 *Carl Wipperman

2014 JoEllen Gazvoda

2015 Denise Rohan

2016 Brett Reistad

2017 Martha Arling

Season's Greetings From the following NADHAL members

Virgil Arling, Ohio: Don Arns, Iowa: Paul Bennett, PNH, Missouri; George Boddie, New Hampshire; W. Frazier Brinley, PNH, Connecticut; Fae Casper, PNH & PNVC. Georgia; Bill Chisholm. Massachusetts; Jerry Clark, Wyoming; James Copher, PNH, Minnesota: Deborah Davis, Colorado; Frederick Doten, Nevada; Richard DuBay, NH, Michigan; Charemon Dunham, PNH, South Dakota: Jackie Everson. Connecticut: James Fratolillo. PNH. Massachusetts: Paul Garrett, Illinois: Robert Gilmore, Jr., Arizona; Bob Illinois; Tommy Hatton, Henderson, Georgia; Johnny Keel, PNH, Louisiana; Elizabeth Kendrick-Creech. Howard Lewell, Wisconsin; Rex McBee, McPhee. Tennessee: Lisa Massachusetts; Mike Miskell, PNH, Pennsylvania: Sally Nay. Massachusetts; Raymond Read. Montana; Brett Reistad, Virginia; Denise Rohan, PNH & NC Wisconsin; Larry Rosier, PNH, North Carolina; Robin Singleton, West Virginia; J.R. Stillwell, Illinois; Dan Watrous, Ohio; J Wayne Yee, California; and Chuck Zelinsky, PNH, Illinois.

Season's Greetings from the Library Staff

Howard Trace, Linna Agne, Debra Brookhart, Lynda Lydick, Beverly Maharry, and Ruth Rankin.

Freedom is not Free

NADHAL Pictures provided by Robert Gilmore, Jr. of Arizona



Left to right: National American Legion Historian Richard DuBay with National Commander Denise Rohan at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 10, 2017.



Standing right to left: National American Legion Commander Leading Candidate Brett Reistad of Virginia addressing the NADHAL meeting. George Boddie of New Hampshire acting President of NADHAL running the meeting in the absence of NADHAL President Jennifer Salak. Sitting is W. Frazier Brinley, PNH, Connecticut acting secretary in the absence of the secretary Nellie DeBaker at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 10, 2017.



Left to right: Virgil Arling, Martha Arling and National American Legion Historian Richard DuBay after the presentation of Honorary NADHAL membership to Martha Arling at the Sheridan Hotel at the banquet in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 10, 2017.

NADHAL Pictures by Charemon Dunham of South Dakota



Past National Historian and Past National Vice Commander Fae Casper of Georgia conducting the Historian Training at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 9, 2017.



Department historians receiving training at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 9, 2017.



National Commander Denise Rohan (in red) addressing historians at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 9, 2017.



National Historian Richard DuBay (in red cap) addressing NADHAL members during the NADHAL meeting at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 10, 2017.



Left to right: National American Legion Historian Richard DuBay with National Commander Candidate William "Bill" Oxford of North Carolina at the National American Legion Library in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 10, 2017.

Membership Information from Membership Chairman Fred Dolton

As we start the new fiscal year for NADHAL there is a major on-going effort to establish a current Membership Roster. The rationale for doing this is because the National Data Base contains members that are not active, members who have since passed, and recording errors. Below is a listing of what is believed to be the current membership for the fiscal year 2018. We are requesting that each member who receives this newsletter to review this listing. If errors are noted, it is requested that you contact Treasurer, Fred Doten, with corrections. He can be reached at 702-298-3492 or by email at the following address fdoten@centurvlink.net. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

The following individuals are listed as HONORARY Members in National's Data Base.

FL - R Mahoney

IN – J. Hovish,

IN - J. Gazvoda

OH - M. Arling

VA - B. Reistad

LIFE MEMBERS:

The following individuals are listed as LIFE Members in National's Data Base. CA – J. Yee; CT – W. F. Brinley; CT – T. Mead; CT – W. Morgan; FL – S. Mason, IA – D. Arns; IL – P. Garrett; IL – L. Geesey; IL – J.R. Stillwell; LA – J. Keel; MA – L. McPhee; MA – J. Thompson; MI – S. German; MI – R. DuBay; MN – R. Schneekloth; NM – J. Mariner; NV – F. Doten; OH – D. Watrous; OK – M. Sandbek; PA – R. Shalala; PA – W. Yarnell; SD – C. Dunham; TX – W. Moore; WI – D. Rohan; WY – J. Clark

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ANNUAL MEETING - October 10, 2017

Convened: 10:25 AM Recessed: 10:55-11:50 Adjourned: 12:35 PM

Area 1 Vice President George M. Boddie called the annual meeting to order with the proper ceremony.

Roll Call (18 present): President Jennifer L. Salak – excused. Vice Presidents: (1) George M. Boddie, (2) PNH Michael J. Miskell, (3) Ruth A. Higgins – absent. (4) PNC Susan B. Mason - absent, (5) PNH Johnny B. Keel, (6) VACANT, (7/Chaplain) PNH James E. Copher, (8/Secretary) Nellie P. DeBaker – excused, (9) Lillian L. Moss – absent, Treasurer: Frederick S. Doten, Historian: PNH Charemon Dunham, Sgt-At-Arms: Robert B. Gilmore, Jr., Judge Advocate: PNH James Fratolillo. Committees: Advisory – Chair PNH Johnny B. Keel, members: PNH Charemon Dunham, PNH Fae Casper & Nellie P. DeBaker - excused; Nominating - Chair Rex C. McBee, members: PNH James Fratolillo & Ruth Ann Higgins - absent; Website – Chair PNH/PNVC Fae Casper, members: Robert B. Gilmore, Jr., James A. Mariner & Rex C. McBee; NADHAL Constitution & Bylaws – Chair PNH James Fratolillo, members: PNH W. Frazier Brinley & PNH Charemon Dunham; Audit – Chair Frederick S. Doten, members: PNH N. Larry Rozier & Jerilyn Strande; Newsletter Editor – PNH Charemon Dunham; Study Group – Chair PNH W. Frazier Brinley, members: Jerry Clark, Brett P. Reistad & Nellie P. DeBaker – excused; Dinner reservations: Dan Watrous; National Historian: Richard T. DuBay.

Other Members (18) present (sign-up sheet/not noted above): Paul Bennett (MO), Jackie Evonsion (CT), Sally Nay (MA), Bill Chisholm (MA), Raymond K. Read (MT), National Commander Denise Rohan (WI), J.R. Stillwell (IL), Paul W. Garrett (IL), Wayne J. Yee (CA), Tommy L. Hatton (GA), Howard G. Clewell (WI), Lisa McPhee (MA), Don Arns (IA), Martha & Virgil Arling (OH), Robin Shingleton (WV), James T. Higuera (CA), Deborah A. Davis (CO), and Elizabeth A. Kendrick-Creech (OH).

Quorum

Guest:

National Historian Richard T. DuBay made a few welcoming remarks and then thanked everyone for their help.

Brett R. Reistad, past department historian from Virginia is an Honorary Life Member of NADHAL and leading candidate for National Commander. He will serve during the Centennial. He asked everyone to be a leader in the collection of memorability and specifically noted the accomplishments Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery, Kansas, 1936—1937. Brett noted that he had read an article on Harry Colmery from 1936 on his thoughts, where he and the Legion was going. Then just a few years later he wrote the G. I. Bill of Rights.

National Commander Denise Rohan addressed the group on Monday. She noted that her start was as a department historian and her rise to National Commander could be attributed to her activities as historian. Her mentor was Past National Historian Bobbe Stuvengen. Thanked everyone for all their efforts as historians.

William "Bill" Oxford, Candidate for National Commander (2019-2020) addressed the group earlier Tuesday morning. He stated that historians are very important.

Minutes of October 11, 2016 were accepted as distributed. Motion by PNH Mike Miskell & 2nd by PNH/PNVC Fae Casper.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee: No Report

Newsletter Committee: No Report

Website: Chair PNH/PNVC Fae Casper reported – working on updates and that we would be connecting to legion.org. Fae asked for website type volunteers.

Constitution & Bylaws: Chair PNH James Fratolillo noted on "How to Amend the Constitution & By-laws."

Treasurer /Audit: Fred Doten reviewed his activities since October 11, 2016 meeting. Fred noted that the organization was no longer listed as a 501c3. He was able to get a new EIN number without nonprofit status. He set up an account on December 9, 2016. He received a check from past treasurer Virgil Arling for \$7257.09 and received membership data from Lynda Lydick at the Library. He put on his own computer quick books and a data base for membership. Income: \$261. Giving us \$7518.09 No expenses, to date.

Motion by PNH James Fratolillo/2nd Elizabeth Kendrick-Creech to accept the report. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: See new business

Study Group: No Report.

Old Business/Correspondence: None

Dinner Reservations: Dan Watrous noted that the hotel had changed management and that when he went to the Sheraton on Monday, they were unaware of our dinner. He had to pay by credit card for the dinners. He had to give them an exact number. He noted that he would try to work with the Legion's catering and conference section to iron out the problem.

New Business:

Treasurer: Fred Doten noted that since the library staff would like for the NADHAL Treasurer to start keeping track of our dues records that we needed to set up our own "AIM" Data Base and Quick Books. He suggested that NADHAL buy a computer that is only used for our business. As noted by Lynda Lydick, she has a database of over 500 names with no knowledge on who still belongs or is deceased. Furthermore Fred Doten suggested the following:

Income from dues	\$300
Pin sales	\$75
Donation	<u>\$50</u>
Total Income	\$425
Plaque for outgoing President (last 2 years)	\$200
Postage	\$225
Fee for getting our 501c3 designation back	\$900
Laptop computer	\$300
Quick Books	\$200
Library Books	\$200
NEF	<u>\$100</u>
Suggested expenses, after income	\$1700
	Pin sales Donation Total Income Plaque for outgoing President (last 2 years) Postage Fee for getting our 501c3 designation back Laptop computer Quick Books Library Books NEF

Motion to Table Budget by PNH/PNVC Fae Casper/2nd by PNH Larry Rozier. Motion carried

Motion by PNH Frazier Brinley/2nd PNH Larry Rozier to honor Martha Arling with an Honorary Life membership in NADHAL. Motion accepted, unanimously.

Nominating Committee Chair Rex C. McBee reported on the following slate:

President: PNH/PNVC Fae Casper (GA) & George Boddie (NH)

Vice Presidents by Areas:

- 1. Lisa McPhee (MA)
- 2. Michael J. Miskell (PA)
- 3. Robin Shingleton (WV)
- 4. Rex C. McBee (TN)

- 5. Johnny B. Keel (LA)
- 6. Nellie P. DeBaker (WI)
- 7. James E. Copher (MN)
- 8. Raymond K. Read (MT)
- 9. J. Wayne Yee (CA)

Secretary – Deborah A. Davis (CO)

Treasurer – Frederick S. Doten (NV)

Motion by PNH Charemon Dunham/2nd Fred Doten that the secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for all positions except president. Motion carried. Secretary cast one ballot in the affirmative for the group.

Election for President. The two candidates, PNH/PNVC Fae Casper (GA) & George Boddie (NH), left the room and Area 2 Vice President PNH Michael J. Miskell assumed the chair. The election was by hands. The winner was PNH/PNVC Fae Casper.

George Boddie resumed the duties as this meetings president.

Motion by PNH/PNVC Fae Casper/2nd by PNH Frazier Brinley to make our annual \$100 gift to the library and an additional \$100 to the library for books in memory of Past National Historian Carl Wipperman. Motion accepted.

Motion by PNH James Fratolillo/ 2^{nd} by PNH Frazier Brinley that the Constitution & Bylaws Committee review the suggested changes and then distribute to all members for review. Motion carried.

PNH/PNVC Fae Casper noted that she hoped that all members in appointed positions would continue. Furthermore she noted that Brett Reistad wants us to put something together, historical for the centennial as a historical organization, possibly a booth at the centennial convention.

Motion by Dan Watrous/2nd by PNH Frazier Brinley moved to donate \$100 to NEF and have National Historian Richard T. DuBay present the donation to the National Commander after his report to the National Executive Committee on Thursday morning. Motion Approved.

For the Good of NADHAL

The Record shows that there were no minutes from the 2017 National Convention meeting held in Reno, NV.

With no further business to come before the Annual Meeting of National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion, George Boddie closed the meeting with the proper ceremony.

Note from PNH W. Frazier Brinley, Acting Secretary. There were 35 names on the sign-up sheet (there should have been at least 41) for the meeting and the Christmas List, which didn't agree with my count. If you want to confuse your secretary, put your friend's names on the list! One person put their name on both sheets.

\$46 was received for the Christmas List.

Past National Historians Present at meeting:

Fae Casper	GA	2003-2004
W. Frazier Brinley	CT	2004-2005
Johnny B. Keel	LA	2005-2006
Michael J. Miskell	PA	2006-2007
James T. Higuera	CA	2009-2010
James C. Fratolillo	MA	2010-2011
N. Larry Rozier	NC	2012-2013

Charemon Dunham	SD	2013-2014
Susan B. Mason	FL	2014-2015
James E. Copher	MN	2015-2016
Paul Bennett	MO	2016-2017

Charles J. Zelinsky IL 2008-2009 was on the sign-up list, but I did not see him.

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1996 – 98	Daniel Watrous, OH
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2000 – 03	Nellie De Baker, WI
2003 – 05	James Fratolillo, MA
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2007 - 09	Charemon Dunham, SD
2009 - 11	James Copher, MN
2011 – 12	Johnny B. Keel, LA
2012 - 14	James Mariner, NM
2014 - 16	Fae Casper, GA
2016 - 17	Jennifer Salak, NE
2017 – 18	Fae Casper, GA

In 2007 there were a number of Constitutional/Bylaw changes and updates. Many of the same ones that were proposed at our meeting. PNH Fae Casper, PNH Jim Fratolillo, PNH Charemon Dunham, Denise Rohan & others I think were on that committee. One of the changes was to add Honorary Life members with two added the first year and no more than one thereafter. The first year was Roy Mahoney and Del Barabani, then Helen Jacob, Bobbe Stuvengen, JoEllen Gazvoda, Carl Wipperman, Denise Rohan, Brett P. Reistad & Martha Arling.

So, the hand out on the last corrected change 2003, is not the latest or most current. Please everyone check your records. Before the Constitution and Bylaws committee can make a recommendation, we need the most current copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.