

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin**

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 27th, 2012

Saturday Oct. 27th, 2012 Commander, Steven L. Meyer (220) called to order the Fall D.E.C., held at State Headquarters, Portage Wisconsin with the proper opening ceremonies.

Roll Call of Officers

Taken by the Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

DETACHMENT - COMMANDER	Steven L. Meyer	(220)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Robert Ames	(048)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Dan Daily	(434)	E
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Gary Lubich	(121)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Mike Pook	(449)	P
“ - CHAPLAIN	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	John Patchin	(385)	E
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Barry Prindle	(048)	P
“ - N.E.C. MAN	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
“ - ALT. N.E.C. MAN	Russell B. Severson	(313)	E
“ - ADJUTANT	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
“ - ASSISTANT ADJUTANT	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	P
“ - HISTORIAN	Stig Meyer	(220)	P
“ - JUDGE ADVOCATE	Thomas A. Knox	(449)	P
DEPARTMENT A.L. - CHAIRMAN	Fred Schutz		P
“ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Dudley Markham		E
“ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Dennis Wood		E
S.A.L. - LIAISON	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
S.A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Steven L. Meyer	(220)	P

Past Detachment Commanders Present

Dennis F. Stockfisch (437), (PNC) David R. Faust (245), Thomas A. Knox (449), Michael L. Lawler (437),
A quorum was reported present by the Detachment Adjutant

Roll Call of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR	Kevin McClorey	(544)	
SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER	Dean Sutcliffe Sr.	(437)	
FOURTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Russell Evanson	(018)	
FIFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SIXTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
EIGHTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
NINTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
TENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
ELEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	
TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Rodney Fall	(108)	P

Guest to the D.E.C.

Lester Scholt Squadron (048) Beloit

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by the Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by Robert Ames (048), seconded by Thomas Knox (449), to accept all of the past meeting minutes from the Pre, Convention and Post D.E.C. as published, motion carried.

Official Correspondence

Presented by the Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

Adjutant Lawler noted that many of the items received have been distributed to the proper committee file folders for their review. There were only four returned addresses mail items at this time, it is getting better but the Adjutant urged that squadrons should keep checking their membership and updating. The Detachment received a thank you note from CWF for our support.

Motion by Dennis Stockfisch (437) seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) to accept the report, motion carried.

Detachment Officer Reports

Vice Commanders:

Vice Commander –Robert J. Ames (048) Districts 3-7-8 reported no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 35, , no. of goose eggs 2 in 3rd, 7 in 7th, 3 in 8th, Squadrons at current goal 3, Squadrons at 100% 5, Squadrons at final goal 3, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 0. Reported that he was in attendance and spoke at a bridge dedication in Beloit, rededication of the American War Mothers Plaque and working with the Beloit high school ROTC color guard.

Motion by Robert J. Ames (048) seconded by Thomas Knox (449) to accept the report. Discussion: Sean Patchin Sr. noted that Squadron 481 would be submitting membership today making them a non-goose egg, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Dan Daily (434) Districts 2-4-6 written report was read by the assistant Adj., no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 27, total membership 851, no. of goose eggs 0 in 2nd, 0 in 4th, 0 in 6th, Squadrons at current goal 10, Squadrons at 100% 3, Squadrons at final goal 0, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 2., Reported that he was in attendance for a fund raiser at Squadron 329 Wis. Dells.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Barry Prindle (048), to accept the reports as read, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Gary Lubich (121) district 10-11-12, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 12, , no. of goose eggs 4, Squadrons at current goal 2, Squadrons at 100% 2, Squadrons at final goal 2 , no. of new Squadrons 1, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 4. Reported that he was in attendance at 12th District Conference, 10th District Conference, River falls first pig roast fund raiser, Chicken fry at Maiden Rock, meeting at Summerset presented awards and a Legion/S.A.L. turkey shoot at Maiden Rock.

Motion by Gary Lubich (121), seconded by Dennis Stockfisch (437), to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Mike Pook (449) district 1-5-9 no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 25, no. of goose eggs 7 in 1st, 0 in 5th, 5 in 9th, Squadrons at current goal 1st34%, 5th 63%, 9th 11%, Squadrons at 100% 3, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 0. Reported, that he was in attendance at the first district installation at Post 449. First district legion riders at Dousman, 5th district legion meeting, Milwaukee Co. Legion

meeting at Shorewood Post, Milwaukee Co. board meeting to bolster support for the upkeep of the war memorial grounds in Milwaukee and the 1st district fall meeting at Janesville.

Some other notes suggested that a central electronic posting for Squadron Activities be worked on or possibly added to web site. Squadron contact information is often out of date despite the efforts of the Detachment Adjutant to keep it up to date, officers need to reach out harder to Squadrons for these updates. Membership goals set by the Detachment and National would appear to be too difficult for some Squadrons to meet or even care about. Communication needs to be improved on.

Motion made by Mike Pook (449) seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Chaplain – Sean Patchin Sr. (385) – reported that get well cards were sent to Jean Cooney wife of PDC Chuck Cooney, 4th District Chairman Russ Evanson and his wife Mary, Detachment Vice Commander Dan Daily and Suzie Krueger wife of AL Alt. NECman Steve Krueger.

Cards of Sympathy were sent to families of PNC Jake Comer (passing of his wife), AL PDC Chuck Cooney (passing of his wife), Lois Rand (Post 12) and 5th District Commander Pete Goosens.

Chaplain noted he was in attendance at the memorial service at State Convention, post DEC and leadership training, donated blood, OEF/OIF/OND welcome home at the VA center, visited the Dane County Legion commander while in the hospital and wrote articles for the October Badger Legionnaire also will be submitting an article for the Nov. BBL.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Barry Prindle (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Historian – Stig Meyer reported he was in attendance at the 3rd district picnic at Verona, awards banquet Beloit Post 48, Champaign brunch (Aux) Post 537 Milwaukee and Memorial rededication Post 434 Oak Creek.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

National Executive Committeeman, Adjutant and Liaison-Michael Lawler (437) reported he traveled to headquarters to put away the Detachment Convention, process mail and members, represented the Detachment color Guard for major tractor event. He coordinated the introduction letter which was mailed out to each S.A.L. household. He served as a Delegate to the National Convention in Indianapolis. Served on the board for our Wild West Days event and represented the Detachment as a color guard in the Parade. NECman Lawler was invited to be part of the Wounded Warrior Celebrity Golf Event. He gave a presentation of Squadron Charter information to potential members and Legionnaires in Mineral Point. Presented a Sons of The American Legion workshop to the Tenth District S.A.L. and was a speaker at the Tenth District Fall Conference. He met with the Department Adjutant. Adjutant Lawler printed, stuffed and mailed the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting information and agenda. Installed cabinets in the office to organize the brochures and equipment. He was asked to address the Third District Executive Committee in Barneveld. Set up an informational display for the Auxiliary Fall Forum in Oconomowoc with his wife Janice and Tom Petrie. Went the fall National Executive Committee meetings in Indianapolis and the Fall Department Executive Committee meetings and have been preparing for this meeting.

National Convention: There were 882 registered delegates, 6 alternates and 74 guest representing 49 Detachments. Chris Huntzinger was elected Commander and Harrol Sorrel our National Vice Commander, we garnered the All Time High Ribbon , 100 percent Detachment Ribbon, The National Child Welfare Foundation Citation for exceeding \$1.00 per member , the **Arthur D. Houghton Trophy** for attaining the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's total membership. **National Renewal Citation:** for the highest renewal percentage within each Region as of December 31. And finally the elusive **Triple Nickel**. I attended the Child Welfare Foundation Convention Committee meetings, the Preflight workshop, and marched in the parade twice.

National Executive Committee Meetings: held in Indianapolis, NEC Lawler continues to be involved in the Public Relations Commission, including the break out session and meeting, he attended the Member Training and Development Committee meetings. We received the Bandwagon Award for our membership work. Bob Boomborg, of

Iowa put out the Central Region Challenge \$50.00 to the Detachment who has the highest membership percentage prior to National Convention in Houston.

Resolutions Presented to the NEC

SAL NEC 1-F12	Background Screening Procedures and Policies for Sons of The American Legion Youth Program Volunteers	Approved
SAL NEC 2-F12	Donations from the SAL Reserve Fund –	Approved - as amended
SAL NEC 3-F12	Rescinding Non-Legislative Resolution from the SAL VA&R Commission, Ride to Recovery Program	Approved
SAL NEC 6-F12	Creation of Sons Special Ad-Hoc Committee on Leadership Development	Approved
SAL NEC 7-F12	Support of the Oratorical Program	Approved
SAL NEC 8-F12	Establishment of the Sons Public Relations Awards, Snapshots of Service	Approved – as amended
SAL NEC 9-F12	Support for the Stolen Valor Act	Approved
SAL NC 1-12	Endorsement of Bradley R. Schroenghmer (NM) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded
SAL NC 2-12	Endorsement of Randall L. Eicher (OH) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded
SAL NC 3-12	Endorsement of Charles R. Keith (WY) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded
SAL NC 4-12	Endorsement of William J. Lloyd (WA) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded
SAL NEC 4-F12	Endorsement of David L. Swafford (UT) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded
SAL NEC 5-F12	Endorsement of Robert L. Turner (CT) for National Vice Commander	Received and Recorded

Department Fall Executive Committee meetings:

Americanism Chairman Lechner had Adjutant Lawler address the Americanism Committee, there will be an Americanism Resource Center NEC Lawler will be presenting the S.A.L. information, SAL Chairman Schutz will be working with the table. Americanism & Government Contest Scholarship is now online, Badger Boys State Chair Fred Berns thanked us for our past support and the gavels we provide, Oratorical Chair Robert Stone stated the contest will be February 16 and thanked us for the support we provide. Junior Shooters Chair Steve Shanks also thanked us; they are working on some new methods to get more participants.

Camp Chairman Dubois had NEC Lawler address the Camp America Legion Committee to provided information on the Sons involvement and goals for camp, he encouraged every one with a squadron to do what they can to support camp.

Adjutant Lawler addressed the Finance Commission and Chairman Schindler to seek approval for our cabinets as this would come from our net assets account. We were approved.

Convention Chairman Wagoner reported that Midwinter is well on its way to be a great event, Detachment Convention will be in Oconomowoc next July, and the Bowling open will be March 9, in Plover. The National Convention will be in Houston, and the 100th Anniversary will be coming up soon. More details to come, watch the web site and your Badger Legionnaire.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Barry Prindle (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman-Russell B. Severson (313) submitted a written report, JA Tom Knox (449) asked the NEC man Michael Lawler (437) if any new info was present in the report submitted that was not covered by the NEC man report, it was noted no new info was submitted.

Motion by Tom Knox (449), seconded by Gary Lubich (121), to place the report on file, motion carried.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Fred Schutz – Congratulated the Detachment for receiving the Triple Nickel and other awards from the National Convention. Noted the Detachment is at 44.88% a little short of the 50% mark he noted the Detachment is doing well but some more effort should be set forth. Reminded all members to vote and would like to be notified of squadron events.

Motion by Mike Pook (449), seconded by Barry Prindle (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Commander Meyer (220) turned the podium over to Vice Commander Mike Pook (449) for the purpose of his report.

Commander – Steven L. Meyer (220) districts 1-12 reported no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 96, total membership 3546, no. of goose eggs 38, Squadrons at current goal 41, Squadrons at 100% 13, Squadrons at final goal 5 , no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 0. Attended County meeting at Gays Mills, Post 220 and S.A.L. meetings Soldiers Grove, 3rd district picnic in Verona, AL Legacy Run Niagara to Indianapolis (with Donation in memory of 1st Airborne Sgt. Curtis D. Hover), National Convention at Indy, Post 48 awards Banquet at Beloit, Champaign Brunch (President Diana) at Post 537, Memorial Rededication Post 434, County Legion Meeting Eastman Wi., 3rd district D.E.C. at Barneveld, Dane County Council Meeting Mt. Horeb, Auxiliary Fall Forum Oconomowoc and Mineral Point Squadron start up presentation.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander Mike Pook (449) turned the podium back over to Commander Meyer.

District Commander or Chairman Reports

First district – chair-Kevin McClorey (544) – No report

Second district – chair - Vacant

Third district – Commander-Dean Sutcliffe Sr. (437)

Fourth district – chair - Russell Evanson (018) by written report and read by the assistant Adj., that he distributed awards to Squadrons 537 & 180 and was going to help distribute Halloween treats at the Milwaukee VA Center.

Motion by Gary Lubich (208), seconded by Dennis Stockfisch (437), to accept the report, motion carried.

Fifth district – chair - Vacant

Sixth district – chair - Vacant

Seventh district – chair - Vacant

Eighth district – chair -Vacant

Ninth district – chair - Vacant

Tenth district – chair -Vacant

Eleventh district – chair - Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) No report

Twelfth district – chair -Rodney Fall (108) 12th, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 3, total membership 40, no. of goose eggs 2, Squadrons at current goal 1, Squadrons at 100% 0, Squadrons at final goal 0, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 2. Reported that he was in attendance at 12th District Conference, 10th District Conference, and Chicken fry at Maiden Rock.

Motion by Robert Ames (048), seconded by Sean Patchin (385), to accept the report, motion passed.

Committee and Commission

Resolution Committee-Chairman David Faust (245) made note there was no business or resolution to attend too.

Programs Committee- Chairman David Faust (245) under Americanism the focus is to be for the coloring contest, children and youth will promote the Josh Dog program, CWF and the Detachment Scholarship. National Security chair Sean Patchin will formulate some ideas for a later meeting and VA&R discussed Camp American Legion and welcoming

home troops.. Each Chair Person is to put together a plan for each of these items to promote them in a better fashion to get the Squadrons more involved.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Mike Pook (449), to accept the report, motion carried.

Finance- Chairman Dennis Stockfisch (437) reported the commission reviewed the 2013 proposed budget that was set and submitted to Department from discussion some further line items needed to be tweaked this was done and the Finance Chairman will resubmit the revised version to Department. The general account was reviewed it was recommended that the way the account is reported be realigned; again the Chairman will do so to make it more functional. Money market account was reviewed and found to be in good shape. It was asked from Badger Boys State thru the Adjutant if the Detachment would consider the expenditure of funds on a one time basis for them to secure approx. 7 new robes. Funds are reported to be available contingent on Detachment approval. Donations in for Camp American Legion \$450, \$117 NEF, Jr. shooters sports \$901.

Motion by Dennis Stockfisch (437), seconded by Tom Knox (449), to accept the report, motion carried.

Internal Affairs- Acting Chairman David Faust called on of the chairs for their report.

Legislative –Russ Evanson (18) no report

Membership – Rich Ruland (481) started the 2013 membership year traveling to different post doing seminars and has had many phone calls, was asked by Bob Schappell 2nd district Legion Commander to speak on what the S.A.L. was about and how to develop a Squadron. Attended the 10th district fall conference for a presentation, (with other Detachment members) on the S.A.L. at Post 80 New Richmond. Visited once again with the Cottage Grove post. Had further discussions on the Squadron Start up at Mt. Horeb. Mr. Ruland made note that he was proud to do the membership role as a Legionnaire and district Commander he feels that the Sons of the American Legion is a plus to the parent organization.

Officer Development &Policy - David Faust (245) for policy the draft policy document was presented earlier for review and comment by Detachment members.

Public Relations – Kevin McClorey (544) no report

Motion by David Faust (245) seconded by Sean Patchin (385), to accept the report, motion carried.

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions – None

Unfinished Business

Adjutant Lawler made note that by distributing membership cards at the legion workshops appears to make things go better, but cited that the great amount of goose eggs at this point is from Squadrons that are just waiting to turn in their membership, officers should notify the Adjutant of Squadrons that claim they have not received their cards.

The address label program that the Detachment has started appears to have some hitches to it as some members are receiving Legion labels instead of S.A.L. labels some further investigation needs to be done in this matter.

New Business

Adjutant Lawler noted past Department Chairman Curley Danielson has retired he also was the VAV rep. The Detachment needs to get new reps for VAVS in several areas the information need updating and suggested that the Programs Committee work on these issues.

Adjutant Lawler asked of the Detachment if any National guests should be invited to the Mid-Winter meetings and or Convention, by consensus an attempt should be made to invite someone that might be available.

It is planned to have the basket raffle again at Mid-Winter Adjutant asked for members and Squadrons to again provide a basket or raffle items.

The issue of the robes for Badger Boys State Supreme Court was brought fourth and was asked if the Detachment would support this one time purchase providing funds are available. Finance Commission noted funds were present.

Motion by Michael Lawler (437), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to purchase robes for up to \$200, motion carried.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

Tom Knox (449) (BBS staff member) made note that Badger Boys State will be celebrating 75 years in a few years from now (2016) it was suggested that the Detachment consider ways to present their involvement over the years to this program.

Gary Lubich (121) announced March 30th will be their 5 annual Spaghetti dinner, June 3rd 2013 Legion golf outing and July 3rd pig roast.

Rodney Fall (108) announced Veterans Day dinner 11/10/12 at Clear Lake (108), made donation to Camp American Legion \$100.00 and CWF \$100.00.

Mike Pook (449) announced that his son's football team won first place with a perfect season today, Squadron 449 held a Russian folk dance and steak fry, all proceeds will go to CWF, for Detachment Business please call him at 414-202-5519.

Barry Prindle (048) announced their Squadron has coupon books for sale \$5.00 per book they have 2 day use Nov. 9&10 worth up to \$500.00 savings. Squadron (048) made donations to Camp American Legion \$15.00 and CWF \$56.50.

Michael Lawler (437) presented a donation from Squadron 437 of \$100.00 to Camp American Legion.

Gary Lee LeRoy (294) turned in 15 memberships from (294) and presented a check for Camp American Legion in the amount of \$2,000 from Squadron (294).

All expense statements need to be into the Finance Commission by Dec. 22nd, 2012

Adjutant Lawler stressed that consolidated reports need to be filled out.

With no other business Commander Meyer (220) closed the Pre D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)