

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
Midwinter D.E.C. Minutes 2012**

SATURDAY JANUARY 20th, 2012 COMMANDER, RUSSELL B. SEVERSON (313) CALLED TO ORDER THE MID-WINTER D. E. C. MEETING, HELD AT THE HO-CHUNK CONVENTION CENTER IN WISCONSIN DELLS, WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES.

Roll Call Of Officers

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

DETACHMENT - COMMANDER	RUSSELL B. SEVERSON	(313)	P
“ - VICE COMM.	DEAN M. SUTCLIFFE, SR.	(437)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	STEVEN L. MEYER	(220)	P
“ - VICE COMM.	KEVIN M. McCLOREY	(544)	P
“ - VICE COMM.	ELMER HANSON	(100)	E
“ - FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(437)	E
“ - CHAPLAIN	ROBERT L. HOFFMAN	(117)	E
“ - ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	SEAN PATCHIN, JR.	(385)	E
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	DEAN M. SUTCLIFFE, JR.	(437)	E
“ - AST SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	CHRIS J. HESSIL	(021)	E
“ - N. E. C MAN	KELLY R. POWERS	(158)	E
“ - ALT. N. E. C. MAN	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - ADJUTANT	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - ASSIS'T. ADJUTANT	GARY LEE LE ROY	(294)	P
“ - HISTORIAN	JORGEN GODERSTAD	(313)	E
“ - JUDGE ADVOCATE	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT - A. L. COMMANDER	DENISE ROHAN		E
“ - A. L. CHAIRMAN	ROBERT DANIELSON		P
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	CHARLES COLEMAN		P
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	ROBERT NAFFIER		E
- S. A. L. LIAISON	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	RUSSELL B. SEVERSON	(313)	P
- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	GARY LUBICH	(121)	E

Past Detachment Commanders Present

DAVID R. FAUST (245), MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437), PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ (094).

QUORUM NOT PRESENT WAS REPORTED, BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.
WITH NO QUORUM NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS, MOTIONS OR RESOLVE CAN BE MADE.

Roll Call Of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT -CHAIR	GARY MYERS	(294)	A
SECOND DISTRICT -CHAIR	VACANT		
THIRD DISTRICT – COMM.	SEAN PATCHIN, SR.	(385)	E
FOURTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	RUSSELL EVANSON	(018)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	MIKE POOK	(449)	P
SIXTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
SEVENTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
EIGHTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	ROBERT L. HOFFMAN	(117)	E
NINTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
TENTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	GARY LUBICH	(121)	E
ELEVENTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT -CHAIR	RODNEY FALL	(108)	E

Guest To The Fall D.E.C.

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT - JOAN CHWALA (326 BOYD)

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PRESENTED GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT, NOTED THAT AS A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN THE S.A.L. IS WELCOME PART OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY WHICH THE AUX. IS IN SUPPORT OF. MRS. CHWALA MADE NOTE THAT SHE HAS ONE SON AND THREE GRANDSONS THAT BELONG TO THE S.A.L..

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - TERESA ISENSEE (326 BOYD)

COMBINED EFFORTS IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT HAVE BEEN MADE BY ALL THREE FACTIONS OF THE LEGION FAMILY, IT WAS NOTED THAT FACE TO FACE CONTACTS ARE PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO LAND A MEMBERSHIP. MRS. ISENSEE ALSO HAS THREE SONS THAT BELONG TO THE S.A.L..

LEGION JUNIOR SHOOTER CHAIRMAN – DON SIMPSON (73 NEILLSVILLE) LEGION S.A.L. MEMBER.

IS A CERTIFIED SHOOTING INSTRUCTOR FOR 4H SHOOTING SPORTS AND HAS BEEN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. LATE THIS PAST SUMMER HE WAS CONTACTED BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DENISE ROHAN ASKING HIM HIS THOUGHTS ON THE LEGION AND 4H PARTNERING IN A SHOOTER SPORTS PROGRAM AND IDEAS WERE PRESENTED. MR. SIMPSON MADE SOME CONTACTS WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND THREE DAYS LATER THE PARTNERSHIP WAS BORN. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW THE PROGRAM OPERATES CONTACT MR. SIMPSON AT 715-937-0335 OR MR. STEVE SHANKS WHO IS THE LEGION DIRECTOR FOR THE JR. SHOOTERS PROGRAM. THE DETACHMENT BASKET RAFFLE FOR THE COMMANDERS PROJECT JR. SHOOTERS PROGRAM WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$805 AND \$117 FOR THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND.

PAST DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDERS – ROBERT AMES SQUAD. 48 AND BOB BRUETZMAN SQUAD.18 SQUADRON MEMBERS - SHAWN GROTHE (243), ROB RYLAIT SQUAD. 544, CHRISTIAN PETERSON SQUAD. 544, GARY KENNEDY SQUAD. 449.

Reading Of The Previous Minutes

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

AS NO QUORUM WAS PRESENT MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, WERE TABLED BY COMMANDER TO A LATER DATE FOR APPROVAL.

Official Correspondence

Presented By Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

ADJUTANT LAWLER (437) NOTED THAT THERE WERE THE USUAL ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THAT THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE PROPER COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION FOR DISPERSAL AND OR ACTION. THE CHAPLAIN HAS ISSUED SEVERAL SYMPATHY AND GET WELL CARDS.

COMMANDER SEVERSON HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER JIM ROBERTS. HIS THEME THIS YEAR IS “GETTING BACK TO BLUE” BECAUSE THIS IS THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE WORK IS DONE. IT TAKES COMMUNICATION, COMMITMENT AND RECOGNITION. MR. ROBERTS GOALS ARE TO REACH 350,000 MEMBERS, TOP \$400,000 IN DONATIONS TO THE CWF PROGRAM AND INCREASE THE RENEWALS TO 90%.

Detachment Officer Reports

Vice Commander – STEVEN MEYER (220) FOR HIS DISTRICTS 3-10-11, REPORTED, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 22, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 661, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 0, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 9, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 8, NO OF SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 3, 0 NEW SQUADRON 1 IN THE WORKS NEW RICHMOND (80) IS ALMOST IN, HAS MADE MAILINGS TO SQUADRONS AND PHONE CALLS TO SQUADRONS TO ELIMINATE THE GOOSE EGGS.

ATTENDED THE CRAWFORD COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION / AUX. VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT WAUZEKA, CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SOLDIERS GROVE POST 220. SOLD OVER 300 SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION MID-WINTER FUNCTION. ASSISTED VICE COMMANDER HANSON WITH INFORMATION AND SPENT AN AFTERNOON 11/11/11 SHARING A PIE WITH A WWII VETERAN AT THE VETS HOME FOR THREE HOURS.

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Vice Commander – KEVIN McCLOREY (544) FOR HIS DISTRICTS 1-4-5, REPORTED, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 27, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 780, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 5, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 9, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 8, NO OF SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 3, 0 NEW SQUADRON, HAS MADE SEVERAL CONTACT WITH SQUADRONS TRYING TO RESOLVE THE GOOSE EGG ISSUE 71 PEWAUKEE AND 91 OCONOMOWOC HAVE PROMISED MEMBERSHIP SOON. DELAFIELD AND DELAVIN HAD NO CONTACT AS YET. ATTENDED SQUADRON 416 GREENDALE TO HELP WITH ISSUES WITHIN THE POST AND SQUADRON.

MIKE POOK (449 1ST DISTRICT MEMBER) AND 5TH DISTRICT APPOINTED CHAIRMAN PRESENTED HIS REPORT, HE MADE MANY FUNCTIONS IN THE 5TH AND 1ST DISTRICT BUT HAS AN ETHICAL CONFLICT AT THIS POINT AS LEGION MEMBERS AT HIS POST FEEL THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE REPRESENTING THE 5TH DISTRICT OR AT LEAST BE ONLY A POINT PERSON OR LIAISON FOR THE FIFTH AND FOURTH DISTRICTS.

4TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN RUSSELL EVANSON (018) NOTED THAT HE HAD A HISTORY BOOK FROM THE FOURTH FOR MEMBERS TO REVIEW IF THEY WISHED.

Vice Commander – DEAN M. SUTCLIFFE, SR. (437) DISTRICT (2-9-12) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – ELMER HANSON (100) DISTRICTS 6-7-8, NO REPORT

Chaplain – NO REPORT

Historian – JORGEN GODERSTAD REPORTED BY WRITTEN REPORT THE HISTORY BOOK IS BEING WORKED ON BUT MORE PHOTOS AND SQUADRON ACTIVITIES ARE NEEDED.

N.E.C.- Man – KELLY POWERS NO REPORT

Alternate N.E.C.-Man – MICHAEL LAWLER NO REPORT

Department S.A.L. Chairman –ROBERT DANIELSON REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE FALL D.E.C. IN PORTAGE, DID NOT ATTEND THE VAVS MEETINGS IN MINNEAPOLIS AS HE WAS ILL HOWEVER HE DID RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING, ATTENDED THE 12TH DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST AT WEBSTER.

MR. DANIELSON POST AND SQUADRON PARTICIPATED IN FOUR VETERANS DAY EVENTS, PRESENTED A LADY AT BIRCHWOOD WITH THE DONATION OF A POWER CHAIR WHICH GREATLY ENHANCED THE ELDERLY LADY'S LIFESTYLE, PROVIDE A HOSPITAL BED FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT AND NEEDED THE BED FOR HIS RECUPERATION. PARTICIPATED IN SEVEN FUNERAL SERVICES SINCE THE FALL MEETING, HELD THEIR ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

FOUR POSSIBLE SQUADRON LEADS ARE AT MT HOREB, FRANKLIN, KIMBERLY COMBINED LOCKS AND ENDEAVOR.

Commander Severson turned the gavel over to Vice Commander

Detachment Commander –RUSS SEVERSON REPORTED HAS STAYED IN CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN RICH RULAND IN REGARD TO OBTAINING RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERSHIP.

ONTARIO HAS ALL ITS REQUIRED MEMBERSHIP IN, PAPER WORK IS IN AND NOW IS A NEW SQUADRON.

MET WITH ADJUTANT LAWLER, PNC DAVID FAUST, PNVC PAT. GRESKIEWICZ TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THIS MID-WINTER. MADE CONTACT WITH VARIOUS PARTIES ABOUT UP COMING EVENTS.

Committee and Commission Reports

Resolutions Committee - REPORTED BY PNC DAVID FAUST NO RESOLUTIONS ARE PRESENT TO ATTEND TO.

Constitution and By-Laws Commission – REPORTED BY PNC DAVID FAUST RESOLUTION WAS REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND TO THE REMOVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE THIS WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE SPRING D.E.C..

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Finance – REPORTED BY TOM PETRIE, THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT AND FOUND IT TO BE ON TRACK WITH NO MAJOR ISSUES, REVIEWED THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND FOUND IT TO BE STABLE. ONE REQUEST OF FUNDS WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS SUBMITTED BY IA FOR FUNDS OF \$300 TO SECURE JOHN MEJIA FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION TO PRESENT THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION CAT PROGRAM.

Internal Affairs – REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LAWLER.

CURRENTLY DONATIONS FOR CWF ARE AT \$1009.32 THE DETACHMENT GOAL IS \$3309, SQUADRON THAT RECEIVED A CWF KITS AT THE LAST CONVENTION ARE ASKED TO HAVE THEIR DONATIONS IN BY MAY 31ST.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT AGAIN JOHN MEJIA BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE NEXT CONVENTION TO PERFORM CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION CHILDRENS ACTION TEAM (CAT) RESERTIFICATION.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE DETACHMENT IS STILL BEATING THE LEGION, LEGION AUX., LEGION RIDERS AND THE 40&8 IN DONATIONS TO CWF.

IT IS NOTED THAT NEF IS STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS. AS THE HO-CHUNK HOTEL DID DONATE A BASKET FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ITS PROCEEDS COULD NOT BE USED TO GO TO CHILDRENS PROGRAMS AS IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE HOTEL TO DONATE TO A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM BASED ON ITS GAMBLING AFFILIATIONS. THE \$117 WAS GIVEN TO NEF BY THE DETACHMENT.

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WERE MADE AT THIS MEETING FOR CWF SQUADRON 294 (\$100), 313 (\$25), 18 (\$100) AND 108 (\$50).

PUBLIC RELATIONS DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF POCKET CALENDARS ELECTRONIC CALENDAR AND THE UP-DATE OF THE WEB SITE ALL THESE ITEMS STILL NEED FURTHER WORK FOR PRESENTATION.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE STILL HAS GREAT CONCERN FOR THE GOOSE EGG SITUATIONS AND CONSIDERS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO GOOSE EGGS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR THE VICE COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN ARE ASKED TO KEEP WORKING ON THESE SQUADRONS. RICH RULAND IS POUNDING THE PAVEMENT TO OBTAIN NEW SQUADRONS SOME IN CONTENTION ARE MT. HOREB, BRIGGSVILLE, ONTARIO, 310 RACINE.

IT IS STILL AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR THE FEELING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT IF 5 NEW SQUADRONS, 105% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND A 85% RENEWAL RATE THE DETACHMENT IS IN LINE TO ACHIEVE THE TRIPLE NICKEL AWARD. RENEWALS WILL NEED TO BE WORKED ON.

ADVISE THE SQUADRONS TO UPDATE AND SUBMIT THE OFFICER REPORT FORM FOR THE SQUADRON.

AWARDS WERE PRESENTED FOR THOSE SQUADRONS THAT ACHIEVED 100% BY VETERANS DAY. 18 MILWAUKEE, 21 KENOSHA, 48 BELOIT, 62 COLUMBUS, 108 CLEAR LAKE, 111 SOMERSET, 115 ELROY, 172 NORTH FREEDOM, 180 BAY VIEW, 183 GENOA CITY, 220 SOLDIERS GROVE, 245 CROSS PLAINS, 273 GRAND MARSH, 284 HOLMEN, 288 CEDARBURG, 313 BLACK EARTH.333 SUN PRAIRIE, 336 ONALASKA, 433 BARNEVELD, 544 TWIN LAKES AND 552 SOMERS. VICE COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN TOOK THE CITATIONS TO PRESENT TO THE SQUADRONS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

THERE ARE COLORING CONTEST ENTRIES ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK THEY ARE DUE BY APRIL FIRST.

Concluding Business

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions – NONE

Unfinished Business – NONE

Appointments - NONE

New Business – NONE

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THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP AT THIS MEETING:

SQUADRON 444 (12), 18 (1), 48 (4), 467 (30), 93 (6).

SQUADRON 18 MEMBER GILL MARINO PASSED AWAY ON 11/11/11 ALSO BOB AMES ATTENDED THE FUNERAL FOR VERN WINCE. ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT IF SQUADRONS HAVE ILL OR DECEASED MEMBERS LET THE DETACHMENT THE CHAPLAIN KNOW SO THAT CARDS COULD BE SENT ON BEHALF OF THE DETACHMENT. ALSO MAKE SURE THAT IN THE CASE OF A DECEASED MEMBER HAVE THE SQUADRON FILLS OUT THE PROPER FORM AND SUBMITS IT TO THE DETACHMENT ON THE LOSS OF A MEMBER.

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE AT THIS MEETING:
NEC. MAN - MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437)
ALT. NEC. MAN - RUSSELL SEVERSON (313)
VICE COMMANDER - BOB BRUETZMAN (018)

THE ADJUTANT NOTED THAT A CANDIDATE SHOULD FILL OUT A CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FORM PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION.

BASED ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR THAT THE FIRST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN HAS NOW BEEN ABSENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITH OUT AND EXCUSES BEING PRESENTED OR REPORT BEING SENT IN IT WAS ASKED FOR HIS REMOVAL AND A NEW APPOINTMENT BE MADE. MIKE POOK (449) VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THE POSITION, WITHOUT A QUORUM NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THE FOLLOWING UP-COMING EVENTS AND DATES WERE PRESENTED AS A REMINDER BY THE ADJUTANT.

FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY FEB. 4TH, SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS FEB. 12TH MADISON, FEB. 15TH MINNEAPOLIS, DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST FEB. 25TH, WASHINGTON CONFERENCE FEB. 26 TO 28TH, OPENING DAY LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT MARCH 4TH, AUX. BOWLING TOURNAMENT APRIL, LEGION BIRTHDAY MARCH 15TH, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER TESTIMONIAL MARCH 24TH, POW/MIA DAY APRIL 6TH MADISON V.A., SPRING D.E.C. MEETING APRIL 21ST, KING DAY JUNE 17th, DETACHMENT CONVENTION MIDDLETON JULY 20-22ND, NATIONAL CONVENTION INDIANAPOLIS AUG. 24 – 26TH, FALL D.E.C. MEETING OCT 27TH.

DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1ST, CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORMS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST, CWF DONATIONS DUE BY MAY 1ST, DONATIONS FOR THE COMMANDERS PROJECT JR. SHOOTERS PROGRAM ARE YET NEEDED BY THE COMMANDER.

SQUADRON 449 BROOKFIELD WILL HAVE LIVE MUSIC AT THE POST ON SATURDAY NIGHTS.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER RUSSELL B. SEVERSON CLOSED THE MID-WINTER D.E.C. WITH THE PROPER CLOSING CEREMONIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE DETACHMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LE ROY
Gary Lee LeRoy