

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

Midwinter Conference Detachment Executive Committee Minutes January 19, 2013

Saturday January 19, 2013 Commander, Steven L. Meyer (220) called to order the Midwinter D.E.C., held at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells 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 J. Ames	(048)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Daniel Daily	(434)	P
“ - 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)	E
DEPARTMENT A.L. - CHAIRMAN	Fred Schutz		E
“ 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

(PNC) David R. Faust (245), (PNH) Michael L. Lawler (437), (PNVC) Patrick N. Gryskiewicz

A quorum was reported present by the Detachment Adjutant

Roll Call of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR	Kevin McClorey	(544)	P
SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
FOURTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Russell Evanson	(018)	P
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)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Rodney Fall	(108)	E

Guest to the D.E.C.

Squadron 23, Cudworth: Jeff White
Squadron 38, Appleton: Paul Heit, Bob Seide Carl Abendroth
Squadron 48, Beloit: Cal Johnson, Cal Johnson III
Squadron 243, Plymouth: Shawn Grothe
Squadron 329 Briggsville: Bob Krause
Squadron 449, Brookfield: Jim Schwantes, Garry Kennedy
Squadron 481, Madison: Bill Cosh
Squadron 537, Milwaukee: Roger Pufahl
Squadron 544, Twin Lakes: Tim Vandersee, Christian Peterson
Squadron 552, Somers: Jay Johnson (Post Commander)

Commander Meyer presented the name of Shawn Grothe Squadron 243 Plymouth for appointment as the Second District Chairman.

Motion by Steven Meyer (220), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the appointment, motion carried.

Commander Meyer noted that as he is still trying to recover from his surgery and could not stand long periods of time he turned over the podium to Vice Commander Mike Pook for the duration of the meeting.

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by the Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by Steven Meyer (220), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the past meeting minutes from the Fall 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.

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, 1 in 7th, 1 in 8th, Squadrons at current goal 14, Squadrons at 100% 12, Squadrons at final goal 9, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 0. Reported that he attended the Fall D.E.C. at Portage Wi. 10/27/12, 3rd District Spring Conference Madison Wi. 12/8/12 where he installed Officers.

Vice Comm. Ames Called on Sean Patchin Sr. (385) for the purpose of the Third District Commander report, Mr. Patchin reported he was elected in Oct. as the 3rd District Commander after the resignation of the present Commander. Formed a committee to review and up-date the Districts Constitution and By-Laws and has been in contact with Squadrons 313,151,481,501, 59, 333 and 534 working on the Goose Eggs and membership. Attended the 3rd District Christmas party.

Motion by Robert J. Ames (048) seconded by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Dan Daily (434) Districts 2-4-6 written reported, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 27, total membership 851, no. of goose eggs 6, Squadrons at current goal 10, Squadrons at 100% 7, Squadrons at final goal 7, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 2., Reported that he was in attendance at the Veterans day parade in Milwaukee, presented colors in Milwaukee, Veterans day dinner at Oak Creek, Christmas with Santa in Oak Creek and the 4th District meetings.

Motion by Dan Daily (434), seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), 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 search for a lost child in his hometown the child was found.

Motion by Gary Lubich (121), seconded by Dan Daily (434), to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander –Mike Pook (449) turned the podium over to Vice Commander Lubich, district 1-5-9 no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 25, no. of goose eggs 6, Squadrons at current goal 7, Squadrons at 100% 7, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 3. Reported, that he was in attendance Waukesha County Legion meeting and Veterans Day Parade with Legion Vice Commander Roloff

Motion made by Mike Pook (449) seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried. Vice Commander Lubich returned control of the meeting to Vice Commander Pook.

Chaplain – Sean Patchin Sr. (385) – reported that get well cards were sent to AL PNC Anthony Jordan, PDC Kirk Hove, Detachment Commander Steven Meyer, Esther Stockfisch wife of PNVC Dennis Stockfisch, President George H.W. Bush member Post 77 Department of Texas.

Cards of Sympathy were sent to families of Fred Statz late member of Squadron 245, Dorothy Neuman, widow of PDC Duane Neuman and PNVC Dennis Stockfisch on the loss of his wife Esther Stockfisch.

Chaplain Patchin noted he was in attendance at the Legion’s annual Chaplain Luncheon, Mid-Winter religious Emphasis Committee meeting, Fred Statz (245) funeral, visited with Dane County Commander during his stay in the hospital, called on Russ Evanson (4th District Chair) upon his release from the hospital. Met with other Chaplain’s for discussion on the Four Chaplain’s Sunday.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Steven Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion carried.

Historian – Stig Meyer reported he visited Squadron 100 Sparta for A.L. Past Commanders meeting.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Gary Lubich (121), to accept the report, motion carried.

National Executive Committeeman-Michael Lawler (437) reported there have been no National meetings since the last D.E.C. to report on. There however is a new program at National that Squadrons are being asked to take part in, it is a photo contest based on the four pillars of the American Legion. Further details can be obtained from the adjutant. NEC Lawler noted he did give a report to the Legion D.E.C. pertaining to current membership, goals and needs of the detachment.

Motion by Michael Lawler (437), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman-Russell B. Severson (313) no report

Department A.L. Chairman- Fred Schutz was excused but sent note thanking all the members and officers for their help so far this year.

Vice Commander Mike Pook (449) called on Commander Steven Meyer (220) 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 2477, no. of goose eggs 19, (50% reduction) Squadrons at current goal 34, Squadrons at 100% 29, Squadrons at final goal 15, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 0. Attended A.L. Past Commanders meeting at Sparta (100) 11/3/12, Crawford County Veterans Celebration at Wazeka 11/11/12, American Legion Riders Meeting at Stoughton 11/17/12, Post 220 American Legion meeting Soldiers Grove 11/20/12 and American Legion Post supper Coon Valley (116).

Motion by Steven L. Meyer (220), seconded by Robert Ames (048), to accept the report, motion carried.

District Commander or Chairman Reports

Reports for District Chairman or Commanders were given under the respective Vice Commanders Report previously.

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) presented video form National Commander Chris Huntzinger relating to the American Legion Four Pillars and how it pertains to the Sons of the American Legion, points of interest CWF, Membership and retention, Technology Communications, Legion Family involvement and learning on Legacy.

Committee reviewed organizational plans for program areas, program chairmen will present plans at the spring D.E.C.. Discussed replacement reps and deputy reps. for the VA centers the following were recommended by committee Madison Rep. Michael Lawler, Dep. Rep. Russ Severson & Sean Patchin Sr., Zablocki Rep. Myron Stachowiak Dep. Rep. Bob Brueitzmann, Tomah Rep. Pat Greskiewicz, Dep Rep Richard Shaw. Discussed ideas for national security and children and youth.

Motion by David Faust (245), seconded by Dan Daily (434), to accept the report, motion carried.

Finance- Acting Chairman Gary Lee LeRoy (294) reported the commission reviewed the Headquarters General Account and Money Market Account ending Dec. 31, 2012 which was representative of the closing of the books. They were found to be in good shape and a roll over should be made.

Request for funds was made to cover the remaining 9 shirts for the 100% by Veterans Day polo shirts, committee noted funds should be available.

Motion by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), seconded by Steven Meyer (220), to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander Pook called for all of the Vice Commanders and Cal Johnson (048) to come forward for the purpose of presentations to the 100% membership by Veterans Day Squadrons that were present at this meeting. Donald White (151), Jerry Durian (449), Robert Ames (048), Dustin Burkhalter (084), Ernest Rayner (220), Steven Meyer (220), Andrew Werner (067), Kevin McClorey (544), Sean Patchin Sr. (385), Steven Wargula (366). Other Squadrons that made the deadline but did not submit the request for shirts are (183), (313), (433), (334), (406), (387), (111), (080), (552) and (015).

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

Legislative –Russ Evanson (18) no report

Membership – the amount of current goose eggs result in 382 members not paid up ideas were discussed on how to resolve and get that membership in, Detachment membership is at 2477 69% for 17 place at National. Retention is at 61.07% placing the Detachment in 5th place. Discussions were held on better ways to have the membership cards distributed to the Squadrons.

Officer Development & Policy - David Faust (245) reported the committee recommended approval of the revised policy document.

Public Relations – Michal Lawler explained about the “Snapshot” contest based on the four Pillars of the American Legion, Squadron can pick anyone of the Categories, 3 photos are required for each category description of event members in photo shall be wearing the S.A.L. cap. Submissions are due 30 days prior to National Convention.

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

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

American Legion bowling tournament opening day is March 9th 2013 at Plover volunteers are needed for the Commander team.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

The following Squadrons made donation to various programs:

(018) Milwaukee	CWF	\$100.00
(209) Orfordsville	CWF	\$100.00
(048) Beloit	CWF	\$88.02
(385) Verona	CWF	\$11.00
(209) Orfordsville	NEF	\$100.00
(209) Orfordsville	CAL	\$150.00
Detachment basket raf.	CAL	\$350.00

The following Squadron turned in Membership:

(294) Hartland	9 members
(209) Orfordsville	9 members

Gary Lubich noted that Squadron (121) will be holding their Spaghetti Dinner once again March 30th 2013.

Sean Patchin noted that a reception for his mother a long time Aux. member will be held March 16th 2013 at the VFW hall.

Adjutant Lawler announced that the Spring D.E.C. will be held at Portage April 27th 2013, State convention is July 19th-20th 2013 in Oconomowoc at the Olympia Resort.

Squadrons are encouraged to fill out the National recruiter award paper work and send it to National.

With no other business Vice Commander Pook (449) closed the Pre D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

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