

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

46th Annual Detachment Convention Saturday July 19th 2014

Opening

Call to Order: Saturday July 19th, 2014 Detachment Commander Daniel Daily (434) reconvened the 46th annual Detachment Convention at 9:00am in the Evergreen room of the Paper Valley Convention Center, Appleton WI.

Posting of the Colors: With the Colors being in place, a right-hand salute was rendered to the U.S. flag.

Invocation-Invocation was given by Detachment Chaplain Bradford Catura (449)

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was led by Detachment Commander Dan Daily (434), Detachment Chaplain Bradford Catura (449), and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Lubich (121).

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice-Commander Robert Breutzmann (018)

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble: Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice-Commander Shawn Grothe (243)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers, by Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

Detachment Commander	Daniel Daily	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Seán Patchin Sr.	(385)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina	(434)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Breutzmann	(018)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Braford W. Catura	(449)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	Present
Alternate NECman	Russell B. Severson	(313)	Excused
Detachment Adjutant	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	Present
Detachment Historian	Gary Masnak	(434)	Present
Detachment Judge Advocate	Chad M. Lawler	(437)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Randy Lenser	(202)	---

Past Detachment Commanders Present: David Faust (245), Michael Wagoner (052), Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093), Kelly Powers (121).

Roll Call of District Commanders / Chairman

First District – Chair	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Second District – Chair	Travis Demler	(243)	Present
Third District – Commander	Seán Patchin Sr.	(385)	Present
Fourth District – Chair	Vacant		

Fifth District – Chair	Vacant		
Sixth District – Chair	Robert Krause	(326)	Absent
Seventh District – Chair	Calvin Manske	(116)	Present
Eighth District – Chair	Vacant		
Ninth District – Chair	Vacant		
Tenth District – Chair	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
Eleventh District – Chair	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
Twelfth District – Chair	Rodney Fall	(108)	Excused

Roll Call of Squadrons

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11	093	Tomahawk
		19 TOTAL SQUADRONS

Introduction of Guests

National Executive Committeeman – David Gough (214) introduced the National Commander of The American Legion.

The National Commander – Dan Dellinger is from Virginia, he gave greeting to the Detachment and noted that he is also a member of the Sons of The American Legion. Commander Dellinger commended National S.A.L. Commander Joe Gladden and the job he is doing this year in support of the Sons of the American Legion, citing that the Child Welfare Foundation program has exceeded \$6,000,000.00. National Commander Dellinger is in awe of the success of the GI Josh Dog program being administered by the Detachment of Wisconsin. Extended thanks to the Detachment of Wisconsin for its support and efforts for the veteran and their families. Detachment Commander Daily turned over \$220 to National Commander Dellinger for the National Emergency Fund and presented him with a GI Josh Dog and a Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin pin.

National S.A.L. Vice-Commander Randy Eicher noted that it was a privilege to be in attendance At the Wisconsin State Convention and on behalf of the National Commander Joe Gladden extended greetings from the National Organization. Commander Gladden at the start of his term established his goals and structure with the coined phrase “United In Service” establishing this is the way programs can officiated and run with the help of the combined membership and Legion Family support. Commander Daily presented Vice Commander Eicher with a Detachment citation of appreciation, a Josh Dog, and a Kielbasa and cheese basket. Squadron 38 Appleton also presented a gift basket to National Vice-Commander Eicher.

Past National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan escorted Department President Joyce Endres and introduced President Endres to the Delegates. President Endres greeted the detachment noting that it has been an amazing year for her as president along with Detachment Commander Daily. President Endres is a true believer in The American Legion Family, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and the Legion Riders. It has been an awesome year travelling around the state and seeing how all factions of the Legion Family work together in support of the Veterans and their families. In working with Commander Dan this year President Endres was fortunate to attend two of the GI Josh Dog deployment projects which were heartwarming and satisfying. Commander Daily presented President Enders with a Detachment citation of appreciation, flowers and a gift card.

Department Commander – Ken Rynes addressed the Detachment gave greetings and complemented the Detachment on the work they have done this past year, stating that the membership can be and should stay proud of their efforts, noted the success of “Rhinos Run” for the Legacy scholarship program. Commander Daily presented Commander Rynes with a Detachment citation of appreciation, Cup and flask and \$280.00 which was collected earlier for the Legacy Scholarship fund.

Detachment Adjutant Lawler’s spouse - Janice Lawler, Detachment Commander Daily made special point to extend thanks to Mrs. Lawler as she does a lot of behind the scene work at our meeting manning the sales and display tables. Commander Daily presented her with flowers.

Convention Committee Reports

Americanism Chair - Seán Patchin Sr. (385) reported the on the coloring contest winners:

Age 0 – 3, 1st place Aries Golla (018)

Age 8 – 12, 1st place Tristen Allen Mortel (108), 2nd place Tjuandell Porter (018)

Age 13 – 17, 1st place Ben Catura (449)

\$25.00 will be awarded to each first place winner and \$15.00 to seconded place winners.

Other items discussed by committee: Recommends that the Jr. Shooting Sports should have more attention and promotion, however more information is needed on the program.

Recommended that the Detachment improve on promotion of the programs, achievements and contests, (publicize winners of contests and scholarship awardee’s). Recommends that publications on Flag etiquette be sent to Squadrons to remind them of this important program. It was asked that this be done for the Mid-Winter Conference. Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) second by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to accept the Americanism report, Discussion- Awards Presented

Americanism Awards

Blood Honorable mention – 189 Watertown – certificate , Second place – 313 Black Earth – certificate, First place –385 Verona – **Raymond Faust** - plaque

Community Service Honorable mention –437 Mazomanie– certificate Second place –189 Watertown– certificate
First place –048 Beloit– **Mary Ann Nelson (M.A.N.)** - plaque

Americanism: Honorable mention –189 Watertown– certificate, Second place –437 Mazomanie – certificate
First place –336 Onalaska– **Robert Wilcox** - plaque
Motion carried.

Constitutional Amendments: David Faust (245) reported that the resolution DC-14-01 in place was reviewed by committee and would be attended to Saturday during the Convention.

Motion by David Faust (245) second by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) to accept the Constitutional amendments report, motion carried.

Children and Youth: Chair – Chris Sherman (071) reported that the Josh Dog has exceeded the Detachments expectations and goals. More Dogs need to be ordered and a request is in for 200 more. There is an initiative by Detachment Commander Daily to seek outside funding for this program, committee has requested funds from Finance.

Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) second by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to accept the Children & Youth report, discussion: Awards Presented,

Child Welfare Foundation: Honorable mention –437 Mazomanie – certificate, Second place –189 Watertown– certificate, First place -048 Beloit – **CWF** – plaque

Children and Youth:Honorable mention –100 Sparta– certificate, Second place –108 Clear Lake– certificate, First place – 284 Holmen– **Lillian Priest** – plaque.

Motion carried.

Finance: Acting-Chair Tom Petrie (189) noted as Mr. Stockfisch was busy elsewhere with Legion business there was no report at this time. Adjutant Lawler noted that with the changes to the commission chairman Detachment Finances will be working with Department, and may take some time to iron out the details, membership will be kept updated as changes are implemented.

Legislative- Chairman Travis Demler (243) No report

National Security -Gary Kennedy (449) No report, Chairman Gary Kennedy (449) along with Detachment Commander Daily preceded to present awards.

National Emergency Fund Honorable mention – 108 Clear Lake – certificate, Second place –209 Orfordville– certificate
First place – 437 Mazomanie-**NEF**- plaque

Membership: Acting Chair - Gary Lubich (121) reported that as of last night there were two new squadrons waiting on approval of charters, later after the meeting Rich Ruland confirmed that he was notified by National that one of the two (Rome) has been approved. Committee will again be sending letters to Goose Egg Squadrons to get them resolved and on track.

Motion by Gary Lubich (121) second by Travis Demler (243) to accept the membership report, discussion:

Awards Presented, First Squadron over 110% - 044 Wabeno – **Jack Key** – plaque. Greatest percentage membership increase – 117 Shawano – **Armin Tews** – plaque Motion carried.

100 Percent Ribbons

Dist.	Squad.	City	Dist.	Squad.	City
1	021	Kenosha	4	027	South Milwaukee
1	071	Pewaukee	4	416	Greendale
1	171	Union Grove	4	434	Oak Creek
1	183	Genoa City	4	444	Milwaukee
1	196	Delafield	4	537	Milwaukee
1	294	Hartland	5	023	Milwaukee
1	375	Mukwonago	5	406	Milwaukee (Gen. King)
1	382	Menomonee Falls	6	075	Fond du Lac
1	405	Dousman	6	329	Briggsville
1	449	Brookfield	6	366	Princeton
1	552	Somers	7	051	West Salem
2	062	Columbus	7	115	Elroy
2	157	Horicon	7	116	Coon Valley
2	243	Plymouth	7	118	Thorp
2	305	Johnson Creek	7	155	Westby
2	355	Grafton	7	172	North Freedom
2	387	Franklin	7	336	Onalaska
2	522	Hubertus	8	010	Wausau
3	084	Monroe	8	063	Clintonville
3	151	Madison	8	117	Shawano
3	214	Darlington	9	011	Green Bay
3	220	Soldiers Grove	9	038	Appleton
3	245	Cross Plains	9	044	Wabeno
3	313	Black Earth	9	060	Kimberly
3	385	Verona	9	538	Carlton
3	433	Barneveld	10	053	Eau Claire
3	437	Mazomanie	10	111	Somerset
3	481	Madison	10	168	Glenwood City
3	501	Madison	10	326	Boyd
3	534	McFarland	12	108	Clear Lake
			12	143	Saint Croix Falls

All Time High

1	196	Delafield	3	481	Madison
1	294	Hartland	3	534	McFarland
1	375	Mukwonago	4	537	Milwaukee
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3	437	Mazomanie			

Motion carried.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman- Chuck Cook (434) No report, Chuck Cook (434) along with Detachment Commander Daily proceeded to present awards.

Honorable mention –537 Milwaukee– certificate Second place –100 Sparta– certificate, First place –294 Hartland–
Thomas A. Knox – plaque

Special Order of Business Elections 10:30 a.m.

Final Credentials Report (PNC) David Faust (245) Credentials Chairman reviewed the voting strength of the delegates and delegates at large by Squadron the tally reported was 46 present would take 24 to elect.

Delegates to the National Convention As required the following were submitted by Districts as delegates and alternate delegates for District 1, 3 & 7: **First District** – Delegate Gary Kennedy (449), Alternate Delegate Mike Pook (449) **Third District** – Delegate Ray Dzieciol (534), Alternate Delegate from floor **Seventh District** - Delegate Cal Manske (116), Alternate Delegate Mike Wagoner (052) This would leave 4 delegates and 7 alternates to be nominated from the floor, the following were nominated during Fridays Session:

Delegate to National Convention: Shawn Grothe (243), Ed Ciechanowski (443), Kelly Powers (121), Chad Lawler (437)

Alternate National Delegates to Convention Kerry Severson (245), Patrick Gyskiewicz (093), Bruce McCormick (434), Travis Demler (243), Christopher Sherman (071), Bradford W. Catura, (449), Robert Ames (048).

Election Results - With the results of the balloted Election (PNC) David Faust (245) announced the following elected officers: Detachment Commander – Gary Lubich (121). Detachment Vice Commanders – Shawn Grothe (243), Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina (434) and Mike A. Kollmansberger (075). Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms– no two candidates received the appropriate requisite amount of votes to be elected, it is suggested that another vote be taken after a recess as new ballots were required to be made. Detachment Chaplain –Brad Catura (449). NEC man – Dan Daily (434). Alternate NEC man – Patrick Gyskiewicz (093) Motion by Ed Cheichanowski (434), seconded by Dennis Stockfisch (406), to accept the results of the elections to this point excluding the Sgt.-at-Arms positions, motion carried.

Commander Daily called for a recess until 12:45pm

Commander Daily reconvened the Sat session at 12:50pm

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Motion by Ed Cheichanowski (434), seconded by Dennis Stockfisch (406), to suspend the rules to allow each of the Sgt.-at-Arms Candidates to speak for new delegates that were not present earlier in the day, motion carried. Candidates were allowed to give a short speech. Ballots were distributed for the following offices and candidates for Sgt.-at-Arms.

Sergeant-At-Arms- (2 Req'd.) - Robert Breutzmann (018), Travis Demler (243), Joe McCormick (220) and Gary Masnak (434). Motion by Chuck Cook (434), seconded by Ray Dzeziel (534), to reinstate rules to the Convention, motion carried.

Election Results - With the results of the balloted Election (PNC) David Faust (245) announced the following were elected for Sergeant-At-Arms: Only one candidate received the appropriate requisite amount of votes to be elected, Gary Masnak (434) was elected as Sergeant-At-Arms. Once again it is required that another vote be taken. Ballots were distributed. With the results of the third balloted Election (PNC) David Faust (245) announced one candidate received

the appropriate requisite amount of votes to be elected, Mike Pook (449) was elected as Sergeant-At-Arms. Motion by (PNC) David Faust (245), seconded by Tom Petrie (189), to destroy all ballots, motion carried. With the elections concluded, (PNC) David Faust thanked the tellers and returned the podium to Detachment Commander Daily.

Commanders Project Commander daily noted that he actually got to meet the real Josh dog and Dr. Lang creator of the Josh Hospital and GI Josh Dogs. These programs do have hurdles and stumbling blocks to resolve but with a good distribution network the rewards and satisfaction outweigh the efforts to implement the program. Motion by Seán Patchin Sr. (385) second by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to accept the Commanders report discussion- Awards Presented, Honorable mention –243 Plymouth – certificate

Second place –071 Pewaukee– certificate

First place -385 Verona – **Commanders** – plaque (PNC) David Faust noted when the first deployment was had, not only the members of the guard were excited but Senator Tammy Baldwin, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and Lt. General Dunbar all had high praise of the program. Motion carried. Commander Daily asked that the cap be passed for donations to “Rhinos Run”.

Department S.A.L. – Chairman - Randy Lenser summed up the year citing that the efforts for programs that were contributed to by the S.A.L. such as Blood drives, Josh Dogs, Badger Boys State, Children & Youth (CWF), Shooter’s Sports and Oratorical have not gone unnoticed by the Legion Organization. Detachment Commander Daily presented certificate of appreciation and pin to Mr. Lenser.

Resolutions – Chairman David Faust presented DC-14-01 pertaining to Amended Constitution & By-Laws updates, the resolution was read in its entirety for approval. Motion by Dennis Stockfisch (406), seconded by Ed Cheichanowski (434), to accept the revisions to the Constitution & By-Laws with corrections for minor typos, motion carried. Chairman David Faust Apologized to Commander Daily and the Detachment in regard to the following resolution as it was not presented at Friday’s session. DC-14-02 pertaining to member special recognition, the resolution was read in its entirety. After the resolution was finished Detachment Commander Daily presented Dennis F. Stockfisch a commemorative plaque. Mr. Stockfisch made some emotional comments and Thank You to the officers, members and long term friends, He noted he would still try and help the Detachment from his new location, he was not quitting or giving up the fight just taking a vacation. He will also be missing all his friends and members at all levels of the organization.

Best Overall Program Second place – 537 Milwaukee - certificate Best overall program –336 Onalaska– Don Priest – plaque

New Squadron Charter. Detachment Commander Daily called on Post Commander Jim Kitchen (Dual Member) of the Ryan Larsen Post 065 Rome for the presentation of their Sons of The American Legion Squadron Charter recently approved by the National Organization. Currently Squadron 065 have 14 solid members.

Unfinished Business There was no new unfinished business

New Business There was no new business.

Installations of New Officers National S.A.L. Vice Commander Randy Eicher administrated and installed the newly elected Detachment officers.

For The Good of the Sons of the American Legion Question was asked if the Detachment has resolved the issue Paid Up For Life (PUFL), it was noted that this issue now lies with National and is being addressed, however they still need more dates of birth to set the actuary table structure of the PUFL. Commander daily thanked all the dual members who were present and took time out of their Legion Schedule to attend and support the Detachment Convention. Detachment Commander Daily once again reminded the membership that volunteers were needed for the Memorial Service on Sunday. Detachment Adjutant Lawler noted that if members were going to the National Convention as Delegates to remember to fill out the appropriate forms today and return them to him by end of day, also to pay the registration fee to the Finance Chairman. Bob Ames (048) turned in 6 memberships, Gary Lee LeRoy (294) turned in 12 memberships, Mike Pook (449) turned in 10 memberships. The Post D.E.C. meeting would be Sunday morning starting at 9:00a.m. and rehearsal for the Memorial Service would be at 6:30-p.m. tonight. Detachment officers have been invited to attend the opening ceremonies of the Legion Baseball game at the Post 38 ball field.

Closing

Benediction: A benediction was offered by Detachment Chaplain Bradford Capture (449)

Retirement of POW/MIA Empty Chair: The POW/MIA Empty Chair cover was retired by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, Gary F. Lubich (121)

Retirement of the Colors: Detachment Commander Daily called on Post 38 Honor Guard from Appleton for the retirement of posted colors.

Adjournment: With no other business, Detachment Commander Dan Daily (434) declared the 46th Annual Detachment Convention adjourned

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee Leroy (294)