

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

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes Oct. 24th, 2015

Opening

Call to Order

The Fall Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin was called to order by Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger (075), at State Headquarters, Portage Wisconsin with the proper opening ceremonies on Saturday, October 25, 2015 at 12:45 PM.

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 National Chaplain (PDC) Michael L. Lawler (437)

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Kollmansberger (075).

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble Detachment vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

Roll Call of Voting Detachment Officers

Taken by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245)

Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina	(434)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Braford W. Catura	(449)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Masnak	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Breutzmann	(018)	Absent
National Executive Committeeman	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Alternate NECman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Russell Severson	(313)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
1st District Commander	Mike Pook	(449)	Absent
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Present
6th District Commander	Brian Stenz	(075)	Absent

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Chad Lawler	(437)	Present
Detachment Historian	Tom Powers	(075)	Present
Detachment Adjutant	David Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Michael Wagoner	(052)	Absent

Guest to the D.E.C.

None

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept as published the previous convention meeting minutes, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534), from discussion minor correction were noted, motion carried.

Official Correspondence

Presented by the Adjutant David Faust (245) received letter from letter from Denise Rohan thanking the Detachment for its donation to her campaign for National Commander of The American Legion.

Detachment Officer Reports

Detachment Vice Commander – Christopher Sherman Districts (1-7-10) reported:

1st District Commander Mike Pook (449) attended the Legion District meeting and was told to take slow steps in Running the District.

6th District Commander Brian Stenz (075) was working on membership in his District.

10th District has been working with Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich and Past Detachment Commander Kelly powers to get the 10th District established.

Reported he is working sending out information to the Squadrons consisting of the new communications to the Detachment.

Attended the 11th District meeting in Lublin talked about The American Legion Family and forming a Son of The American Legion District.

Congrats were extend to 1st District Squadrons that have reached 100% or better, Beloit 100%, Kenosha 21 108%, Pewaukee 71 116.67%.

From discussion it was questioned to the fact if the First District American Legion has ratified the formation of the District Sons of The American Legion it was explained that the formations was approved however the By-Laws were still being reviewed by Legion District Judge Advocate Ted DeMicchi for final approval

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the report, second by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander – Robert Sirovina (434) Districts (3-4-5) Report was submitted and read as follows:

Met with representatives from the Harold Todd Jr. Squadron 537 to present certificates presented at the Detachment Convention in July.

Attended a spaghetti dinner in Greendale Post 416 and talked with members about the dues increase and getting their memberships in before the increase. Also met a few members from other Squadrons that attended the events.

Made several more attempts to contact Squadrons 23, 27 and 203 to find out what is going on, but so far no calls have been made.

Emailed Chris Schmidt at Portage and asked for a list of Post Commanders for District 11. In her reply she asked why I wanted them so I replied that I wanted to see if there was possibly any interest in starting more Squadrons in the District. She replied that I should call Adjutant Kurtz. I have not had time to do that yet.

G.I. Josh update: Contact was made with the Auxiliary Department of Washington, the Director of the Naval Base Day Care Centers and Dr. Lange at Josh and Friends. All parties are very interested in starting the program on the three bases soon. When we visit in December we will visit the base and follow-up to answer any questions they may have at that time. More updates will be shared as available.

The first newsletter was sent out to Districts 4, 5 and 11 earlier this month. It included a Squadron information form with a request that they fill out and send it back to me as soon as possible even if they had sent the info to Portage. The letter also included information on the G.I. Josh Dogs, membership goals and pictures of the new Sons of The American Legion Leadership, also made a request that every Squadron update their Constitution and By-Laws and send them in.

Will continue to make contacts with Squadrons as is necessary, especially those that are not meeting the published membership goals. Plan to attend the District Legion meetings and other Squadrons meetings as time and work schedule permits.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the report, seconded by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121), motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander – Shawn Grothe (243) Districts (2-11-12), No Report

Detachment Vice Commander – Ray Dzieciol (534) (6-8-9) has been getting help and mentoring from Detachment Vice Commander Chris Sherman and Detachment Commander Kollmansberger within his Districts, Third District is in good shape Barneveld should be 100% by end of day tomorrow. Black Earth will be contacted soon as possible. Has not traveled so much outside of the Third District helping McFarland and Stoughton. Has inquires at Cottage Grove and Richland Center to form new Squadrons and is trying to concentrate on those. Motion by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report, second by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), motion carried.

Detachment Chaplain – Bradford W. Catura (449) reported by written report received for file

In the past 3 months since the summer convention, I attended the annual Purple Heart Ceremony at the Milwaukee War Memorial on Friday, August 7th. I also attended the 1st District Silent March honoring POW/MIAs at Post 21 in Kenosha on Saturday, September 19th.

His report also detailed who cards have been sent to.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to note received and file the report, second by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak(434) motion carried.

Detachment Historian – Tom Powers (075) the position is new to Mr. Powers but he said he would do his best to document the Detachment and its Officers the best he can.

Motion by to accept the report by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534), motion carried.

National Executive Committeeman – Daniel R. Daily (434) reported fall conference was Oct 10th and 11th.

For Americanism a new Facebook page was developed facebook.com/SAL Americanism.

Children and Youth gave approx. \$600,000 this year, the C&Y chairman has set a very small goal of .25 per member this would come to about \$912.50 for the State of Wisconsin.

Finance-Resolution 4 2015 to donate money to the Harry Colmery Memorial.

Internal Affairs-Resolution 1 2015 to endorse Kenneth Wagner for National vice Commander.

Member Training-still has two openings for NMI in the spring suggestion to have Squadrons try 3 to 5 year membership plan.

Legislative- full schedule for the Washington Conference in February.

Public Relations/Media – anyone can submit articles to the Legion Magazine. These would be submitted to Chairman Korba and he will forward to Adjutant O’Hearn. (Space permitting)

PNC Huntzinger suggested using more social media adding a public relations page to Facebook and twitter.

Veterans Affairs – resolution 3 2015 to formally acknowledge Detachment nominees for the Charles Rigsby award.

Copies of the resolutions are available.

Only 1400 consolidated report forms were turned into National. Since there are approx. 6023 Squadrons currently chartered in the Sons of The American Legion, this means that 4672 Squadrons never filled out the reports.

Only 18 Detachments turned in the reports.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept his report, second by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak(434) motion carried.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Patrick Gryskiewicz (091) No report.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Michael Wagoner (052) No Report

Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) turned the podium over Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534). Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) then called on Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger for this report.

Detachment Commander – Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) has been busy visiting Districts and Squadrons to promote the Sons of The American Legion and continually staying in contact with the Detachment Vice Commanders. Had a call from The American Legion Riders President Ray McSherry asking that the Detachment ask Squadrons to participate in the Wreaths across America being held at King.

At Midwinter there will be a Sons of The American Legion class for Posts. There are many American Legion classes that the Sons of The American Legion members can attend and Commander Kollmansberger urges members to attend. At Midwinter this year for the first time there will be a testimonial dinner for all four leaders of The American Legion family, Department Commander Dale Oatman, Department President Laura Calteux, Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger and Legion Riders President Ray McSherry. Alternate National Executive Committeeman Ken Reynes will MC this event.

Commander Kollmansberger's project is the Camp for Hometown Hero's which is a Camp for family and children members who have lost a parent or parents during a war. The Hearts for Hero's ride this year will assist in establishing funds for the Camp for Hometown Hero's and Kwik Trip will match what funds are raised. Each attendee to camp is \$500.00/child. Total goal is \$6000.00 based on sending 1 child from each District.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to donate \$1000.00 to the Commanders project from the Detachment to get the project started, second by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) motion carried.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the report, second by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) from discussion it was noted that at Midwinter the table raffle would be and proceeds would support the Detachment Commanders Project, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) turned the podium back over to Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

Committee and Commission Reports

Resolution Committee – Chairman Chad Lawler (437) reported there were several resolutions presented:

Dec-F15-01 endorsing Michael A. Lawler for the office of National Vice Commander. Resolution was read in its entirety committee recommended adoption.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to adopt the Resolution as read, second by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), motion carried.

Dec-F15-02 Media Campaign with Department of Wisconsin for 2016 at a cost of \$3000 was read in its entirety committee recommended adoption.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to adopt the Resolution as read, second by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) motion carried.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) motion carried.

Programs Committee-Chairman Christopher Sherman (071) reported:

Americanism Children & Youth conference training session was discussed and how the Detachment could fund to send Detachment representatives, there were \$600,000 in grants distributed from National. National Commander Kevin Collier is asking for \$0.25 / member for Children & Youth. For the Detachment of Wisconsin this would be approx. \$912.00. The CAT (Children Action Team) program provides funds for grants in the support of children in need such as autism research, Father Flanagan's Boys Home and others. Squadrons should be urged to participate in this program as it helps many individuals.

National Security – no report but would remind people to be vigilant of their surroundings.

Veterans Affairs – VA is changing how the laws for outpatients within thirty days are implemented, Navy ship personnel is being added at this time due to Agent Orange. V.A. administrator Allison Hickey was asked for her resignation by The American Legion and she did resign.

Josh Dog program – Is going well the Detachment has approx. 100 left, assistance will continue to be given to Washington State establishing the program to place Josh in daycare facilities at Naval bases in Washington. It is recommended that 100 Hospital Josh and 100 GI Josh be secured to keep the program going in the State of Wisconsin with more possible deployments possible.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) to accept the report, second by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), motion carried.

Finance Commission – Chairman Tom Petrie gave a report on the Detachment finances.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071), seconded by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), to accept the report.

Internal Affairs Commission – Acting Chairman Michael L. Lawler (437)

Legislative – Chair Shawn Grothe (243) tendered his resignation as Legislative. There were 30 bills discussed by the Legion and only two were enacted "Stolen Valor" and Credits for Veterans technical assistance". Committee recommends the Detachment sponsors a wreath to be place at memorials during the Washington Conference.

Membership – it was discussed that communication and visitations to those Squadrons that continually have been Goose Eggs be enhanced to help them out and get back on track or determine if they should be terminated.

Getting Squadrons established on social media, stress getting delegates to Convention and Midwinter for training, urge Squadron to get on MySAL.org and wisal.org.

Motion by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) for acceptance of the report, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) motion carried.

Unfinished Business

At the last convention it was brought up to form a committee for The American Legion 100th Birthday and the Sons of The American Legion 50th Detachment Convention Celebrations. It was suggested that a committee should be formed now and volunteers should be asked for.

A resolution should be made to set the committee and what the mission of the committee should be and whom the committee will report to and how it will operate.

The Legion has in place David Gough, Leslie Morgan, Peter Henish, and Wilford Stenish and as S.A.L. representative Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman.

From the S.A.L. side the following Volunteered Christopher Sherman, Robert Ames, Mike A. Kollmansberger, Tim Williams and Michael Lawler.

New Business

Appointments – membership team Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) volunteered.

For the Good of Sons of The American Legion

Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) turned in 11 renewals and 1 new in membership.

Mr. Lubich discussed a potential fundraiser for Michael A. Lawler.

Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) asked that (PDC) Gary Lubich (121) be brought to the podium for the purpose of attaching the 100% membership ribbon that was secured under (PDC) Gary Lubich (121) under his year as commander.

Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) was presented a gift from the National Commander of The American Legion Dale Barnett for his success in graduating from the Detachment Commanders training school it was a photo of Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) and National Commander Kevin Collier.

Tom Petrie (189) Watertown turned in 38 renewals and one new membership.

As Mr. Breen has not been at a Finance Commission meeting since his start of term, Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) asked for volunteers to take an appointment for the remaining term. National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) accepted the appointment.

Detachment Adjutant Faust noted that Midwinter is Jan. 15-17-2016 at the Dells Ho Chunk Hotel and Convention center and it would be beneficial if your reservation were put in ASAP.

Also to Sign up for the first joint testimonial dinner for the Legion Family to be held Sat. evening it should be stellar event.

Detachment Convention will be In July at Middleton.

Encourage Squadrons to turn in their officer reports.

With no further business Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) closed the Fall D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Resolution

All copies must be submitted to the Detachment Adjutant under the proper time restrictions.

DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2930 American Legion Drive, Portage, WI 53901-0388

Detachment Executive Committee

Date:

October 24, 2015

Resolution No:

DEC- F15-01

Endorsement of Michael L. Lawler for National Vice Commander

WHEREAS: The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin has an outstanding candidate for the high office of National Vice Commander, in the person of Michael L. Lawler; and

WHEREAS: Michael is eligible to join the Sons is through his father Donald L. Lawler, a Marine and paid up for life member of The American Legion, Post #437; and

WHEREAS: Michael Lawler is a 27 year member in good standing of Greening-Buelow Squadron #437 of Mazomanie, WI; and

WHEREAS: Michael has served his Squadron, District, Detachment and National organization with dignity combined with a wealth of experience through his leadership and has shown an uncommon dedication on all levels of the Legion Family, including serving as Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant for 17 years, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, National Executive Committeeman, National Historian and currently as National Chaplain; and

WHEREAS: Michael seeks the high office of National Vice Commander for 2016-2017 and the responsibilities therein; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: by the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, assembled this 24th day of October, 2015 in the city of Portage, Wisconsin, that the Detachment of Wisconsin unanimously endorses Michael L. Lawler for the high office of National Vice Commander; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin for their consideration; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: that a copy be forwarded to the National organization of the Sons of The American Legion for the record.

Submitted by: Detachment Executive Committee _____

Received by: David R Faust _____
Detachment Adjutant

To be filled out by Resolutions Chairman

Approval X Rejected Refer to Other Action _____

Chairman's Signature _____

Resolution

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DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
2930 American Legion Drive, Portage, WI 53901-0388

Detachment Executive Committee

Date: October 24, 2015
Resolution No: DEC- F15-02

Authorize Media Campaign in 2016

WHEREAS: The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin has an opportunity to partner with The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin on a media campaign in 2016; and

WHEREAS: This media campaign will include radio advertisements specifically for the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS: Determinations need to be made on where, geographically, the campaign will be targeted, what the message will be, and who will be the spokesperson; and

WHEREAS: This media campaign will be coordinated with The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: by the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, assembled this 24th day of October, 2015 in the city of Portage, Wisconsin, that we authorize the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Public Relations Chairman and Detachment Membership Chairman to work with The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin on the media campaign; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: the costs of the media campaign will be funded from our net asset account at an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Submitted by: Detachment Executive Committee_____

Received by: David R Faust _____
Detachment Adjutant

To be filled out by Resolutions Chairman

Approval Rejected _____ Refer to _____ Other Action _____

Chairman's Signature_____