

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

47th annual Convention Saturday session, July 18th 2015

Opening

Call to Order

Saturday July 18th, 2015 Detachment Commander Gary F. Lubich (121) reconvened the 47th annual Convention at 9:30am in the Evergreen room of the Paper Valley Convention Center, Appleton Wi.

Posting of the Colors

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

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) Detachment Chaplain Bradford Catura (449), and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434).

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 Detachment

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Detachment Historian	Kelly Powers	(158)	Excused
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)	Present

Past Detachment Commanders Present

David Faust (245), Michael Wagoner (052), Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093), Daniel R. Daily (434).

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Introduction of Guests

Candidate for National Commander of The American Legion Denise H. Rohan (WI) Gave greetings to the Detachment and thanked the Detachment for their support of the Hole sponsorship at the golf outing held for her campaign. Also for being supportive of The American Legion Family.

Candidate for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary Diane Duscheck (Wi.) Gave greetings to the Detachment and thanked the Detachment for their support of getting the Josh Dog Program started in the state of Washington. Mike Rohan Escort and campaign manager to Denise H. Rohan. Past National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan Escort to Diane Duscheck.

Convention Committee Reports

Americanism Chair -Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) reported items were discussed for youth baseball, Badger Boys state, Badger Girls state and the Jr Shooters program.

Motion by Christopher Sherman (071) second by Mike Pook (449) to accept the Americanism report, motion carried.

Americanism Awards

Blood

- Honorable mention –385 Verona– certificate
- Second place –437 Mazomanie– certificate
- First place –189 Watertown – **Raymond Faust** – plaque/cert.

Community Service

- Honorable mention – 189 Watertown - certificate

Second place –048 Beloit – certificate

First place –537 Milwaukee– **Mary Ann Nelson (M.A.N.)** – plaque/cert.

Americanism

Honorable mention –437 Mazomanie – certificate

Second place –189 Watertown – certificate

First place –537 Milwaukee – **Robert Wilcox** – plaque/cert.

Constitutional Amendments

No Report

Children and Youth

Chair – Chris Sherman (071) reported that the Josh Dog program has approx. 118 dogs left and that continued work is being done by the Sirovina’s to aid the Legion Family in Washington state to establish Josh Dog programs at military installations there.

Motion by Mike Pook (449) second by Ray Dzieciol (534) to accept the Children & Youth report, motion carried.

Finance

No report

Legislative

Chairman Chad Lawler (437) noted that legislative actions may be limited by the Sons due to the restructuring by Department.

Motion by second by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) Mike Pook (449) to accept the Legislative report, discussion-none motion carried.

Children & Youth Awards

Child Welfare Foundation

Honorable mention –437 Mazomanie – certificate

Second place –189 Watertown– certificate

First place -048 Beloit – **CWF** – plaque/cert.

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First place –336 Onalaska– **Lillian Priest** – plaque/cert.

Membership

Chairman Michael Lawler noted that it has been suggested that Squadrons currently at 0 for some years now should be sent a letter asking for the return of their charter, the affected Squadrons are 095, 045, 129, 138, 417, 467 & 185. New squadrons as this year 065, 550, 487

Motion by Mike Pook (449) second by Josh Rickert to accept the membership report, discussion-none motion carried.

Membership Awards

First Squadron over 110% - 385 Verona – **Jack Keys** – plaque/cert.

Greatest percentage membership increase – 059 Stoughton – **Armin Tews** – plaque/cert.

Motion carried.

100 Percent Ribbons

Dist.	Squad.	City	Dist.	Squad.	City
1	091	Oconomowoc	4	018	Milwaukee
1	171	Union Grove	4	120	West Allis
1	183	Genoa City	4	180	Milwaukee
1	209	Orfordville	4	192	Franklin
1	294	Hartland	4	416	Greendale
1	375	Mukwonago	4	434	Oak Creek
1	449	Brookfield	4	537	Milwaukee
1	552	Somers	6	070	Oshkosh
2	015	Juneau	6	075	Fond du Lac
2	067	Lake Mills	7	052	LaCrosse
2	157	Horicon	7	073	Neillsville
2	243	Plymouth	7	336	Onalaska
2	271	Poynette	8	339	Almond
2	347	Lormira	8	010	Wausau
2	355	Grafton	8	054	Marshfield
2	522	Hubertus	9	011	Green Bay
3	059	Stoughton	9	060	Kimberly
3	084	Monroe	9	538	Carlton
3	214	Darlington	10	053	Eau Claire
3	220	Soldiers Grove	10	121	River Falls
3	245	Cross Plains	10	326	Boyd
3	313	Black Earth	11	093	Tomahawk
3	333	Sun Prairie			
3	385	Verona			
3	437	Mazomanie			
3	481	Madison			
3	501	Madison			
3	534	McFarland			

All Time High

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1	183	Genoa City	3	534	McFarland
1	294	Hartland	4	120	West Allis
1	552	Somers	4	180	Milwaukee
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2	355	Grafton	4	192	Franklin
2	387	Franklin	4	434	Oak Creek
3	084	Monroe	6	075	Fond Du Lac
3	151	Madison	7	065	Rome
3	245	Cross Plains	9	038	Appleton
3	214	Darlington	9	550	Brackett
3	220	Soldiers Grove	9	538	Carlton
3	313	Black Earth	9	060	Kimberly
3	385	Verona	12	487	Cable
3	437	Mazomanie			

National Security – Chair Sean Patchin Sr. (385) discussions pertaining to open borders and should they better secured, gun free zones and soldiers on base should carry their weapons.

Motion by Brad Catura (449) second by Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the National Security report, motion carried.

Awards

National Emergency Fund

Second place –209 Orfordville– certificate

First place – 437 Mazomanie-NEF- plaque/cert.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Chairman- Jordan Pullen (041) reported it was discussed on ways to get more volunteers for VA&R System from the Squadrons.

Motion by Brad Catura (449) second by Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the VA&R report, motion carried.

Awards

Honorable mention –437 Mazomanie – certificate

Second place –294 Hartland– certificate

First place –537 Milwaukee– **Thomas A. Knox** – plaque/cert.

Best Overall Program

Honorable Mention-189-Watertown– certificate

Second place – 437 Mazomanie – certificate

Best overall program –537-Milwaukee– **Don Priest** – plaque/cert.

Dennis F. Stockfisch – Meritorious Service Award

Was presented by Detachment Commander Lubich to Michael A. Lawler (437).

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

Final Credentials Report

(JA) Elections Judge Chad Lawler reviewed the voting strength of the delegates and delegates at large by squadron the tally reported was 40 present would take 21 to elect.

Motion by Seán Patchin Sr. (385) second by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to accept the credentials report, discussion- motion carried.

Elections-ballots were distributed by the Detachment Sgt.-at Arms for the following offices and candidates.

Commander – (1 Required)- Seán Patchin Sr. (385), Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

Vice Commanders- (4 Required) - Shawn Grothe (243), Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina (537), Ray Dzieciol (534).

and Bruce McCormick (434).

Sergeant-At-Arms- (2 Req'd.) - Robert Breutzmann (018), Travis Demlar (243), and Gary Masnak (434).

Chaplain – (1 Required) Brad Catura (449).

After the voting was finished the ballots were collected by the election tellers and retired along with the Elections Judge to another room for tallying.

Delegates to the National Convention

As required the following were submitted by District as delegates and alt. delegates for District 1 & 3:

First District – Delegate Brad Catura (449), Alt. Delegate Christopher Sherman (071).

Third District – Delegate Jim Oller (059), Alt. Delegate Dean Stenjem (059).

This would leave 5 delegates at large to be nominated from the floor, the following were nominated, Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), Seán Patchin Sr. (385), Chad Lawler (437).

Alternate National Delegates to Convention

The required 8 Alt. delegates at large to be nominated from the floor, the following were nominated.

Gary Lee LeRoy (294), Mike Pook (449), Robert Sirovina (537), Gary Masnak (434), Ron Rylatt (183), Ray Dzieciol (534), Conner Heiney (437) and Mike Wagoner (052).

Motion by Al Watry (038) second by Christopher Sherman (071), to close the nominations and elect the nominees by acclamation, motion carried.

Election Results - With the results of the balloted Election (JA) Election Judge Chad Lawler (437) announced the Following elected officers:

Detachment Commander – Mike A. Kollmansberger (075)

Detachment Vice Commanders – Shawn Grothe (243), Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina (537) and Ray Dzieciol (534).

Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms– Gary Masnak (434),Robert Breutzmann (018).

Detachment Chaplain –Brad Catura (449)

Motion by Karl Adank (53) , seconded by Ray Dzieciol (534) , to have the ballots destroyed, motion carried.

Resolutions –Judge Advocate Chad Lawler presented DEC-15-01 pertaining to the proposed \$2.00 dues increase the Resolution was read in its entirety for approval by the membership.

Motion by Christopher Sherman (071), seconded by Ray Dzieciol (534), to approve and accept the \$2.00 dues increase-discussion none-motion carried.

Detachment Commander Lubich (121) called for a recess at 12:30 pm

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Installations of New Officers

Past Detachment Commander Michael Wagoner installed the newly elected Detachment Officers.

Unfinished Business

There was no new unfinished business

New Business

There was no new business.

Commanders remarks

Detachment Commander Gary F. Lubich (121) expressed thanks to all of his officers and other members this past year for their support of his term in office. Commented that it has been a interesting year and he learned a lot.

For The Good of the Sons of The American Legion

During the meeting the hat was passed by (ALR) Bob Chappel for the Legacy Scholarship Run the amount of \$2,307.43 was collected for the Scholarship fund.

To collect the stipend for required officers get the administrative form from Tom Petrie fill it out and return it. National delegates must fill out the registration forms and return to Detachment Adjutant Faust.

Brookfield (449) presented a check in the amount of \$250.00 for Child Welfare Foundation.

Detachment Commander Lubich once again reminded the membership that volunteers were needed for the Memorial Service on Sunday morning at 8:00am, rehearsal would be at 6:30-p.m. tonight

Detachment Adjutant Faust 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.

The Post Convention D.E.C. meeting would be Sunday morning starting at 9:00a.m

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 Masnak (434)

Retirement of the Colors

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

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Gary F. Lubich (121) declared the Detachment Convention meeting closed.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee Leroy (294)