

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Wisconsin**

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 29, 2016

Opening

Call to Order

Saturday October 29, 2016 Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger (075) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held at Oeschlaeger-Dallmann American Legion Post 434 Oak Creek Wisconsin with the proper opening ceremonies 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 Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243).

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Kollmansberger (075) 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 Ray Dzieciol (534).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion was led by 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)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Masnak	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	David Fuller	(209)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Russell Severson	(313)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
1st District Commander	Mike Pook	(449)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
6th District Commander	Brian Stems	(075)	Excused

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Chad Lawler	(437)	Present
Detachment Historian	Mark Lipke	(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	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Excused

Guest to the D.E.C.

National President of The American Legion Auxiliary Mary Davis
Department President of The American Legion Auxiliary Laurel DuBois
Past National President of The American Legion Auxiliary Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan
Past Department President of The American Legion Auxiliary Diana Sirovina
Director of Hospital Representatives for the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Sue Hembrook
Steve DuBois, Past Department Vice Commander of The American Legion and driver for Department President Laurel DuBois
Jonny Blueth Post 434 Post Commander
Chris Stanman Commander of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 434
Joe Probst 1st Vice Commander Sons of the American Legion Squadron 294

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)
Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept as published of the previous convention meeting minutes, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038), from discussion minor corrections were noted, motion carried.

Official Correspondence

Presented by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) received letter from letter from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation stating the Detachment of Wisconsin will receive the bronze award from the circle gift club for the Detachment's efforts in supporting and donating to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation program for 2015/2016 year.

Detachment Officer Reports

Detachment Vice Commander – Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman districts (1-2-7) reported for 1st district is at 40% renewals S.A.L. District Commander Mike Pook (449) and his team are tracking down the districts membership.

2nd district is running at approx. 50% in of membership from the Squadrons.

7th district is off to a slow start. Detachment Vice Commander Chris will be paying attention to the Seventh in more detail in the next weeks to get them moving.

Has been in contact with Melrose, and trying to get Mauston to start a Squadron with the help of Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

He and Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) are also working on Tomah as well.

Detachment Vice Commander Sherman noted that he is still experiencing incorrect information and contacts from Squadron to Detachment and vice-versa. Asking that we look at ways to improve the situation.

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

Detachment Vice Commander – Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) Districts (4-5-10) Reported:

In districts 4-5-10 there are 13 goose eggs, Squadron 444 is at 100% others are working on membership.

Has put out a newsletter to all Squadrons in his District.

G.I. Josh update: The Josh Dog program in Washington state is still progressing but slowly do to security issues with the Naval bases.

Newsletter was sent out to Districts 4, 5 and 10 earlier this month contacting and updating the Squadrons.

Gary Lubich noted he has been in contact with Summerset and Boyd lending these Squadrons help.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071), Discussion it was asked what were the issues getting the Josh dog program going in the day care centers on the military bases was noted that the centers are actually on base, so clearance is

required to access, Past Detachment Commander Kelly Powers (121) offered his service and help in the 10th district motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander –Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) Districts (3-11-12), Reported the 11th and 12th has no changes, made calls to the Districts. Third District has all but two Squadrons with membership in. Barneveld should be 100% by Mid-Winter and Black Earth is progressing.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071), to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander -Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) (6-8-9): 6th District is at 44% with 3 of 5 Squadrons reporting membership. 8th District is at 57% with 4 of 5 Squadrons reporting membership. 9th District is at 24% with 2 of 8 Squadrons reporting membership. Sent letters to all Squadrons, introducing himself and offering his services to the Squadrons. Attended District meeting in his area and will be attending others in the future has visited several Squadrons.

Motion by Shawn Grothe (243), second by Robert Sirovina (434), motion carried.

Detachment Chaplain –Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243) reported sending out several condolence cards attended three military funerals.

Motion by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report, second by Robert Sirovina (434) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Historian – Detachment Historian Mark Lipke (075) will work on a scrap book to send on to National, Mr. Lipke is asking for information, photos, ideas and events be sent to the historian thru the web site or e-mail.

Motion to accept the report by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) second by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434). Discussion: There is a flag retirement at Post 38 Appleton which is to covered by the American Legion Magazine. Motion carried.

National Executive Committeeman – National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) reported Detachment of Wisconsin is in 11 Place nationally at 36.397%. The California National Guard is being forced to repay enlistment bonuses. National Management Institute (NMI) is filled. Feb. 26th Washington conference wreath laying. It has been suggested to increase the per- Diem for (NMI) delegates. Detachment Commanders training is being looked at to be started at National.

S.A.L. Resolution 1 endorsement of Michael Cotton of Delaware for National Vice Commander received and filed.

S.A.L. Resolution 6 establishes a per-diem for National Management Institute (NMI) attendees, motion carried.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept his report, second by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434). Discussion: it was asked if the S.A.L. National Commander had a projected goal for Child Welfare Foundation from all of the membership. It was noted that the S.A.L. National Commander was expecting \$8,000,000 total goal by May 31st but was only asking that all Detachments and Squadrons just try their best to meet this with what they could provide without a goal of a minimum or maximum from the membership, motion carried.

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

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Department S.A.L. Chairman Jeff Puddy (075), In Mr. Puddy's absence Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) noted for the Department S.A.L. Chairman stated to him that the Detachment has been doing well in all areas and should continue the good work. Department S.A.L. Chairman Puddy will be getting more active in the future.

Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) turned the meeting over to Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) for the purpose of the Detachment Commander's report. Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) called on Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) for his report.

Detachment Commander – Detachment Commander Kollmansberger has attended many Post, Squadron, District and County meeting meetings promoting the Sons of The American Legion and assisting Squadrons with their needs. He Recommends that everyone should attend Post, Squadron, County, and District meetings. He is very proud and

appreciative to the Detachment for the awards that have been achieved this past year by the Detachment. He challenged the membership and his officers to keep up the good work to make this year a better year and keep the State of Wisconsin in the forefront as a leader. Work on the District set and improve the ones that are in place, work on the goose egg Squadrons to improve their membership.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) turned the meeting back over to Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

Committee and Commission Reports

Detachment Resolution Committee- Detachment Chairman Chad Lawler (437) reported there was no business to attend to, no report

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept, second by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434), discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Programs Committee – Detachment Chairman Christopher Sherman (071) reported:

Detachment Americanism-noted that members that do go to vote which is their right they should not wear their Caps as when it comes to politics we are to remain non-partisan.

Detachment Children & Youth – Hospital and GI Josh are \$35.00, baby/mini Josh is \$20.00 or \$15.00 for 12 or more. Orfordsville is supporting an Honor Flight with a fund raiser on Nov. 5th.

Detachment National Security – No report.

Detachment Veterans Affairs – The Tomah homeless vets center is closing in December. Discussion and recommendation that the Detachment form a VA&R Sub-committee on Veterans Education.

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434), motion carried.

Detachment Finance – Detachment Chairman Tom Petrie (189). Acting chair Gary Leroy (294) reported that communicating finances with Department has been greatly improved. It has been recommended that the 2018 budget to be planned and started.

Members fill out the finance for their stipend. It was suggested that the National Convention Delegate stipend be increased and voted on under new business.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) , seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept the report, discussion was established that the Jr. Josh Dog are under control of the Detachment and can be reordered by Squadrons thru channels. Motion carried.

Detachment Internal Affairs – Acting Chairman Michael L. Lawler (437). There was discussion about the Consolidated Squadron Report Form on National's website. Detachment Adjutant Faust noted the consolidated report form on the National web site should not be used until it is fixed so that the Detachment can get the info out. In the meantime use the hard copy form.

Detachment Legislative – Acting chair Allen Watry (038) was noted the State Legislature was not in session but urged members to get out and vote in the elections coming up we as members are to be non-partisan do not wear your lids or other identification while voting.

Detachment Officer Development Policy – Detachment Chairman Michael L. Lawler (437) reviewed many training programs, key phrase to remember (Knowledge is Power).

Detachment Public Relations- chair is still needed.

Motion by Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243) for acceptance of the report, seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) discussion: Caledonia has submitted membership, Seymour has been chartered, Post 23 has merged into Post 449. There are some Squadrons yet that have been on the membership list but have not turned in

membership for at least five years, it was noted that these squadrons would come under the new ad hoc membership committee policy that would need to be attended to.

Detachment Adjutant Faust will cross reference the National list and our list, Detachment Commander Kollmansberger noted that this will be discussed during the membership conference call. motion carried.

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions – Chair Chad Lawler (437) none

Unfinished Business

Discussions on the information flow from Squadron to Detachment and vice-versa more so from Detachment to Squadron to achieve more consolidated reporting, historical info, membership awards to the Squadrons. It is challenged that the Detachment needs to get more involved positive ways to get the Squadrons to report this information back and forth to the Detachment and back to the Squadrons. Use of the web site, communications by both sides and possibly increased mailings everyone needs to get involved.

Appointments – Detachment Commander Kollmansberger (075) made the following appointments:

Public relations Chair-Kelly Power (121)

Americanism Chair Kelly Powers (121)

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) for acceptance of the appointments, seconded by S.A.L. 1st District Commander Mike Pook (449) discussion none, motion carried.

New Business

S.A.L. National Vice Commander Central Michael L. Lawler (437) recommends that the Detachment of Wisconsin presents a resolution to National Sons of The American Legion Squadron Handbook to change some of the wording relating to membership eligibility referring to sons of male veterans who are fathers, should be changed to just indicate veterans who have served their country. This language would be inclusive of female veterans.

Motion by S.A.L. 1st District Commander Mike Pook (449) to accept the recommendation of the resolution to recommend changes to the handbook, second by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071), discussion the wording and formation of the resolution should be prepared ready to submit at the Mid-Winter conference

It is recommended that the Detachment adopt some version of education for veterans VA&R sub-committee. a resolution would be required to be drafted, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) motioned to have the budget increased for National delegates for the 2017 National Convention only from \$300.00 to \$600.00, with the additional \$300.00 available to each delegate only if they stay through the installation ceremonies of Diane Duscheck for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary and Denise Rohan for National Commander of The American Legion, seconded by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121), motion carried.

Good of Sons of the American Legion

Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) stated that River Falls sponsored The American Legion Baseball tournament and it went well.

S.A.L. 1st District Commander Mike Pook (449) asked if Detachment Commander Kollmansberger would attend the Veterans Day parade in Milwaukee. Detachment Commander Kollmansberger said he would try.

Post 449 will be hosting the First District POW/MIA Silent March in 2017.

Squadron 294 Hartland donated \$400 to the Josh Dog Program.

Detachment Commander Kollmansberger noted for Ray McSherry about the Wreaths across America would be held December 17th and urged Squadrons to participate.

With no other business, Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) closed the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)