

# Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

Detachment Executive Committee Pre Convention Meeting Minutes, July 14th 2017

## Opening

### Call to Order

Friday July 14th, 2017 Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee Pre convention meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Evergreen room of the Appleton Convention Center.

### 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 Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), 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 Shawn Grothe (243)

### Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice Commander Chris Sherman (71)

### Roll Call of Detachment Officers (Voting)

Taken by Detachment Adjutant (PNC) 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	(059)	Present
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 NECman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Russell Severson	(313)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Excused
1st District Commander	Mike Pook	(449)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
6th District Commander	Brian Stenz	(075)	Excused

### Roll Call of Detachment Officers (non-Voting)

Detachment Judge Advocate	Chad Lawler	(437)	Excused
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

### Introduction of Guests

None

### Reading of the previous meeting minutes

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) seconded by (PDC, NECman) Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the minutes from the Spring Executive Committee as to be published and distributed. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

### Official Correspondence

None presented by Adjutant Faust

### Detachment Officer Reports

#### Detachment Vice Commander – Christopher Sherman (071) District 1, 2, 7

Has been busy in the first District with Squadron membership. Visits to Post, Squadrons, events and meetings also aiding other districts. Noted that Brookfield (449) will host the POW/MIA silent march Sept16th and Hartland (294) will hold a poker run Sept. 30.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

#### Detachment Vice Commander –Ray Dzieciol (059)– District 3,11,12

Reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> District is doing very well, pushing to 100% 2 Squadron are just a few members short. 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> District have had a big push the last month. His Squadron over the last three years has made over \$25,000, \$20,000 went to the Veterans park in Stoughton and \$5,000 to the DAV in Madison.

Motion by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative Rich Ruland (481) seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

#### Detachment Vice Commander – Robert Sirovina (434) – Districts 4, 5, 10

##### Membership in District 4

Four out of nine are at 100%, Squadron 203 which was at 0 for the last few years meetings were held and they are now at 100%.

##### Membership in District 5

Is at 100% of Squadrons

##### Membership in District 10

Is at 4 out of 8 Squadrons 100%, has contacted Boyd (326) they have sent in two in Dec. and June checks they have not have confirmation from Headquarters.

Has attended two deployments, escorted the National President to the VA hospital, Christmas shop, Fischer House and then dinner.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the report, discussion none was noted that Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich has been helping out in the 10<sup>th</sup> but is also finding hard to contact Squadrons, Motion carried.

### **Detachment Vice Commander –Allen Watry (038)– District 6, 8, 9**

#### **Membership in Districts**

District 6 Is at 111% Five Squadrons over, one is new but still short that is Winneconne and still waiting on new cards. Omro and Rippon are still out there and progressing.

District 8 Is at 106.8%, all but one Squad is at 100%.

District 9 Is at 100.4%, all but one Squad at 100%, there is one Squad that is struggling (11) Green Bay.

New London, Coloma, Little Chute are working on charters and or start up packets. Seymour is going with 18 members to come in.

Visited post and squadrons participated in ALRA rides, sent letters to Squadrons and Posts asking for Squadrons to attend Detachment meetings and conventions.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the report, discussion – none. Motion carried.

### **Detachment Chaplain – Shawn Grothe (243)**

Sent out 4 get well cards 26 sympathy cards and has 2 churches that are doing the Four Chaplains ceremony.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative Rich Ruland (481) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

### **Detachment Historian – Mark Lipke (075)**

Has seen a lot of info from Squadrons for the history book he is working on it is better if items were sent on E-mail.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the report, discussion – none. Motion carried.

### **National Executive Committeeman – Daniel R. Daily (434)**

Noted that he is in end of his third year going into the fourth year as representing the Detachment at National and he applauds the Detachment and members for their support and how proud he has been to serve the Detachment and Veterans in that Wisconsin stands out in many of the program and functions for the Legion Family.

Motion by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

### **Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Patrick Gryskiewicz (093)**

No report

Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) turned the podium over to Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) for the purpose of the Detachment Commander's report.

### **Detachment Commander – Mike A. Kollmansberger (075)**

It has been a busy year attending to the promotion of the Sons of The American Legion, supporting the Legion, Legion Aux. and his support of the American Legion Riders. Keeping up the equal balance of the Sons of The American Legion keeping up a great membership year, committees becoming stronger and programs have become stronger. The Josh Dog program has excelled, Badger Boys state he has taught classes, Badger Girls State doing the flag ceremony, Oratorical contests. Commander Kollmansberger challenges members to continue the participation in the programs and committees it has been a very fine and great year and keep up the good work.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071), to accept the report. Discussion none, Motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) returned the podium over to Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

## **Convention Committee Verification and Appointments**

**Americanism- Chairman** – Daniel R. Daily (434)

**Children & Youth Chair** – Christopher Sherman (071)

**Constitutional Amendments Chair** – Michael Lawler (437)

**Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules** – Michael Lawler (437)

**Finance Chair** – Tom Petrie (189)

**Legislative Chair** – Michael Lawler (437) Mark Lipke (075)

**Membership Chair** – Rich Ruland (481)

**National Security** – Allen Watry (038)

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair** – Mark Provencher

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **For the Good of the Sons of the American Legion**

None presented

## **Closing**

### **Benediction**

A benediction was offered by Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243)

### **Retirement of POW/MIA Empty Chair**

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 Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) declared the Pre-Conv. Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)