

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

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 26th, 2013

Saturday Oct. 26th, 2013 Commander, Daniel Daily (434) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee, at State Headquarters in Portage, WI. with the proper opening ceremonies.

Prior to the invocation Chaplain Braford W. Catura called for a minute of silence on behalf of Thomas Sutcliffe (PDet Chaplain) and Russell Evanson (Det. VC), who recently were called to the "Squadron Everlasting".

Roll Call of Officers

Taken by the Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

DETACHMENT - COMMANDER	Daniel Daily	(434)	P
" - VICE COMMANDER	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
" - VICE COMMANDER	Shawn Grothe	(243)	P
" - VICE COMMANDER	Russell Evanson	(018)	Decd.
" - VICE COMMANDER	Robert Breutzmann	(018)	E
" - CHAPLAIN	Braford W. Catura	(449)	P
" - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	P
" - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	P
" - N.E.C. MAN	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
" - ALT. N.E.C. MAN	Russell B. Severson	(313)	E
" - ADJUTANT	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
" - ASSISTANT ADJUTANT	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	P
" - HISTORIAN	Gary Masnak	(434)	P
" - JUDGE ADVOCATE	Chad Lawler	(437)	E
DEPARTMENT A.L. - CHAIRMAN	Randy Lenser	(000)	P
S.A.L. - LIAISON	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P

Past Detachment Commanders Present

Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), (PNC) David R. Faust (245), Michael L. Lawler (437)

A quorum was reported present by the Detachment Adjutant

Roll Call of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR	Christopher Sherman	(071)	P
SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR	Travis Delmar	(243)	P
THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
FOURTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
FIFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SIXTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
EIGHTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
NINTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
TENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Gary Lubich	(121)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	E
TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Rodney Fall	(108)	E

Guest to the D.E.C.

Cal Manske Squadron (116) Commander, Jack Badalik and Wayne Pratis Squadron (018), Tim Stratton Squadron (329)

Reading Of the Previous Minutes

Presented by the Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the past meeting minutes from the convention D.E.C. as published and distributed, motion carried.

Official Correspondence

Presented by the Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

Received a thank you note from Barneveld (433) thanking the Detachment for the donation to the Chapel renovation project at Camp American Legion.

Adjutant Lawler noted that many of the day to day items received have been distributed to the proper committee file folders for their review.

Detachment Officer Reports

Vice Commanders:

Vice Commander – Sean Patchin Sr. (385) Districts 3-7-10 reported 754 paid members no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 37, no. of goose eggs 14, Squadrons at current goal 14, Squadrons at 100% 4, Squadron 111 (Somerset) is at 166%. Reported that he attended the fall 3rd District conference at Marshall, 1st District fall conference in Brookfield, 7th District fall conference in Necedah, has contacted Post, District officers by phone and e-mail in all three Districts. Has been consulting with the 1st District Post members on the formation of a District structure, made contacts with (129) Black River Falls and (467) Ontario both Squadrons are considering canceling their charters. Has been in contact and assisting with Post (439) Melrose who is trying to start a Squadron.

10th District Chairman – Gary Lubich (121) turned in 9 membership and reported the 10th district has 5 goose eggs they are being worked on, attended the Maiden Rock (158) turkey shoot and the Pierce County Fair. Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) seconded by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406) to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Shawn Grothe (243) Districts 2-6-8 reported, no. of Squadrons as of last D.E.C. 21, total membership 627, no. of goose eggs 14, Squadrons at current goal 6, Squadrons at 100% 1, Squadrons at final goal 0, no. of new Squadrons 0, Squadron contacts as of last D.E.C. 15., Reported that he was in attendance at the 2nd District Fall conference and will be attending the 6th District Fall conference on Sunday. Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) seconded by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406) to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Russell Evanson (018) Districts 1-4-5 *PASSED AWAY PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.*

1st District Chairman – Chris Sherman (071) reported the first district has a new Squadron (382) Menomonee Falls. He was in attendance at the 1st District Fall Conference where further discussions on establishing a S.A.L. District structure were held and that the existing area Squadrons should be notified soon. Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385) seconded by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406) to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander – Robert Breutzmann (018) district 9-11-12 No Report

Chaplain – Bradford W. Catura (449) – reported that he attended three separate funerals Leon Gosse Post 449, David Lers Cudworth Post-Milwaukee and Detachment Vice Commander Russell Evanson. Sent get well cards to (PDP) Virginia Faust and (PDVC) Thomas A. Knox. Sympathy cards sent to the families of (PDepC) Dale Peterson, (PDepC) Jack Damon, (PDepVC) John Dooley, (PDetChap) Thomas Sutcliffe (437), (PPC) 273&501 Kenneth Duane Sidwell and Barbara Annette Manley Rynes. Also in addition the Chaplain attended the “Welcome Home Celebration” Honor Flight Mission 19. Motion by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), seconded by Gary Lubich (121), to accept the report, from discussion it was noted that if anyone should need the services of the Chaplain they are free to ask by e-mail or phone, and that deceased members should be reported to the Adjutant and Head Quarters thru the “Member Data Form” procedure for accountability, motion carried.

Historian – Gary Masnak (434)-No Report

National Executive Committeeman-Michael Lawler (437) reported there is a wealth of information on the National website for members use. Commander Daily was presented the National Membership Renewal Award highest percentage within the Central region that the Detachment won at National Convention for the 2012/13 year. In addition Robert Ames noted that Squadron (38) Beloit received the National Children & Youth award at the National Convention. Motion by Brad Catura (449), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the report, motion carried.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman-Russell B. Severson (313) no report

Department A.L. Chairman-Randy Lenser (000) noted that he did report to Department last weekend on the accomplishment of the Detachment of Wisconsin and the Squadrons in regard to monetary donations, service time to Veterans and Legion programs. If the Detachment or any Squadron or member needs help feel free to contact him by phone or e-mail and his contact info is published on Officers roster. Mr. Lenser stressed the times are changing and that the S.A.L. is becoming a true asset the American Legion.

Motion by Brad Catura (449), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the report, motion carried.

Commander Daily (434) turned the podium over to Vice Commander Patchin (385) for the purpose of his report.

Commander – Daniel Daily (434) reported since he has taken office from July to now it has been a busy and exciting year so far. In his travels he noticed an increased respectability from American Legion towards the Sons of the American Legion. Some of the events attended were the National Convention, Third District membership meeting at Mineral Point, Legion Aux. Fall Forum performing the POW/MIA ceremony at the opening, participated in a parade at Mazomanie (437), attended Department Commander Reigns Mothers funeral at Richland Center.

Commander Daily again asked the Vice Commanders and members during their travels to remind the Squadrons about the “Josh Dog” program which is his Commanders Project and noted that he was very Honored to receive at the National Convention on behalf of (048) Beloit in accepting their award for their efforts for Children and Youth programs.

Motion by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the report, motion carried.

Vice Commander Patchin (385) turned the podium back over to Commander Daily (434) to continue with the meeting.

Committee and Commission

Resolution Committee-Chairman David Faust (245) made note there was no business or resolution to attend too.

Programs Committee- Chairman David Faust (245) the committee under Americanism discussed the coloring contest Sean Patchin will look into this for presentation at mid-winter, discussed plans for flag etiquette program to be planned, it was suggested to contact 449 Americanism chair as they have leads on how to secure grants for Americanism programs. Under Children and Youth discussed the Commanders project “Josh Dogs” and “GI Josh Dogs” also some of the grants that were given out. VA&R discussed the volunteer opportunities available at area hospitals and contact info at these locations. Discussions on support for Camp American Legion donation from the Detachment and from Squadron 294 Hartland, Upcoming events and milestones that aide veterans Wounded Warriors summit, Comfort Warriors program and the completion of the first Fischer House in Wisconsin.

Motion by David Faust (245), seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), to accept the report, from discussion it was noted that when the Fischer House is complete volunteers will be need to help man the facility, motion carried.

Finance-Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch (406) Committee recommended that Mike Pook be appointed to fill the finance commission vacancy. Commission reviewed the next year (2014) budget which was approved by Department it was essentially the same as last years with some minor line item changes. Reviewed the current Headquarters General Account and Money Market Account and found both to be stable. There is still concern over the split year finances and ways to administer them instead of holding two sets of books with in a year. Due to the fact that the Detachment is carrying almost the tax limits in net asset funds, the Commission is recommending changes to the expense disbursements in regard to mileage changing to \$.45 single/.50 passenger for gas, \$100.00 limit per night for lodging and \$5.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 lunch and \$15.00 for dinner. Other suggestions A. are to pay dues for elected & appointed officers, committee chairman and members, B. paying all S.A.L. membership for the state, C. adding a second scholarship and or increasing the current one.

Motion by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the report, motion carried.

Internal Affairs- Russell Severson (313) No Report

Legislative –Vacant

Membership – Rich Ruland () No Report

Officer Development &Policy - David Faust (245) No Report

Public Relations – Shawn Grothe (243) No Report

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions - None

Unfinished Business – It was brought to the Commanders attention that appointed district Chairman or committee members should not be allowed to wear the District level S.A.L. Blue and White cap (as authorized by past Detachment policies that may have been set years ago). From discussion and confirmation from PNC David Faust this old policy should be rescinded and should stand as unless the member is an officially elected officer of an organized District level structure these would be the only members that could wear the Blue and White cap. From further resolve those members that were appointed to district chairman or committee members that may have purchased the appropriate cap under the old rule can be reimbursed by submitting the receipt to the Detachment finance officer..

Motion by David Faust (245), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to accept the report, motion carried.

Appointments – Commander Daily recommended the following appointments to Officers, Committee Chairman or members:

Vice Commander – Robert Sirovina (537) 1,4,5,9,11,12 to replace (PDVC) Russell Evanson (018)

Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms – Walter Fleischmann (434)

Finance Commission member – Mike Pook (449)

6th District Chairman – Robert Krause (326)

7th District Chairman – Cal Manske (116)

Motion by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), seconded by Sean Patchin Sr. (385), to accept the appointments, motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), seconded by Shawn Grothe (243), to allocate from Net Assets \$5000 to the Commanders project “Josh Dogs” program, motion carried.

Adjutant Lawler instructed the Sgt.-At-Arms to pass out the following information: Membership Transmittal sheet, Mid-Winter registration form, reminding the officers to submit to Headquarters ASAP, American Legion Bowling tournament forms, and the Department Americanism Poster.

(PDC) Michael Lawler suggested that the Detachment fund additional scholarships for the Jr. Shooters program. Motion by Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), seconded by Gary Lubich (121), to allocate and add to our budget \$1000.00 for Scholarships for the Junior Shooting Sports Program in addition to the Scholarships provided by the Department, motion carried.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

Jack and Wayne from Squadron (018) Milwaukee expressed personal thanks to the Detachment Officers for their support at the Funeral of (PDVC) Russell Evanson from Milwaukee (018).

With no other business Commander Daily (434) closed the Fall D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)