

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
45th Annual Convention Minutes July 19, 2013**

Friday July 19, 2013 Commander, Steven L. Meyer (220) called to order the 45th Annual Convention, held at the Olympia Convention Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, with the proper opening ceremonies at 3:15PM.

Roll Call of Officers

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

Detachment – Commander	Steven L. Meyer	(220)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Robert Ames	(048)	E
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Dan Daily	(434)	P
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Gary Lubich	(121)	E
“ - VICE COMMANDER	Mike Pook	(449)	P
“ - CHAPLAIN	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Sean Patchin Jr.	(385)	Ret.
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	Barry Prindle	(048)	E
“ - 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	Stig Meyer	(220)	P
“ - JUDGE ADVOCATE	Thomas A. Knox	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT A.L. - CHAIRMAN	Fred Schutz		E
“ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Dudley Markham		-
“ A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Dennis Wood		-
S.A.L. - LIAISON	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	P
S.A.L. - COMMITTEEMAN	Steven L. Meyer	(220)	P

Past Detachment Commanders Present

Dennis F. Stockfisch (406), David Faust (245), Michael Lawler (437), Patrick Gryskiewicz (093)

Roll Call of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT – CHAIR	Kevin McClorey	(544)	E
SECOND DISTRICT – CHAIR	Shawn Grothe	(243)	P
THIRD DISTRICT – COMMANDER	Sean Patchin Sr.	(385)	P
FOURTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Russell Evanson	(018)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SIXTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
SEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
EIGHTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
NINTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
TENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Vacant		
ELEVENTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT – CHAIR	Rodney Fall	(108)	P

Roll Call of Squadrons

294 Hartland, 449 Brookfield, 243 Plymouth, 220 Soldiers Grove, 245 Cross Plains, 385 Verona, 437 Mazomanie, 018 West Allis, 434 Oak Creek, 406 Milwaukee, 75 Fond du Lac, 093 Tomahawk, 108 Clear Lake.

By Squadron a quorum was reported present by Adjutant Lawler

Reading of the Past Pre-D.E.C. Minutes

Motion by Mike Pook (449), seconded by Dennis Stockfisch (406), to accept the previous convention minutes as published, Motion Carried.

Guest to the Convention

National Vice Commander – David Hall from Department of WV, (S.A.L. memb.) - escorted by N.E.C. Man David Gough

Candidate for National Commander – Michael Helm from Department of NB (S.A.L. memb.) - escorted by N.E.C. Man David Gough

Department Commander – Wayne Jensen

Guests in order of appearance

Candidate for National Commander – Michael Helm made note that the year he would be elected is most likely the year that Mike Moss of CO would be elected as National Commander and he would be honored to serve with Mr. Moss. Years ago when Mr. Helm got involved, in the Legion and particularly the S.A.L. the Sons of The American Legion's main focus was on CWF and Children & Youth Programs. He has noticed that over the years the Sons of The American Legion have grown into an important part of the American Legion Family and congratulated the Detachment on its efforts to achieve this status. Commander Meyer presented a Detachment pin.

National Vice Commander - David Hall brought greetings from national Commander. He also made note that during his visits to different events and Legion Posts that have S.A.L. Squadrons he sees that most of the time S.A.L. members are assisting with the work at the event or supporting the Post. As Mr. Hall found this to be true in Wisconsin also he extended praises and thanks to the Detachment and the Squadrons. Commander Meyer presented a Detachment pin.

Credentials / Resolutions & Rules

Credentials Chairman David Faust reported recommendation to adopt the Uniform Code of procedure for the Convention as published latest change June of 2012, there were copies of on the table in the back of the room, and request for motion was asked for approval of the Uniform Code.

Motion by Chuck Cook (434) seconded by Mark Wood (108), to approve the published Uniform Code of Procedure, motion carried. Resolution, there were none to attend to.

Convention Committee Appointments

Commander Meyer made the following appointments:

- Americanism – Chair Mike Pook (449) accepted
- Constitutional Amendments – Chair David Faust (245) accepted
- Children and Youth – Chair Dan Daily (434) accepted
- Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Chair David Faust (245) accepted
- Finance – Chair Dennis F. Stockfisch (406) accepted
- Legislative – Chair Russell Evanson (018) accepted
- Membership – Chair Shawn Grothe (243) accepted
- National Security – Chair Sean Patchin Sr. (385) accepted
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Chair Rodney Fall (108) accepted

Commander Meyer appointed the following:

Elections judge David Faust (245) accepted, teller 1 Gary Kennedy (449) accepted, teller 2 Chuck Cook (434) accepted, Patrick Gryskiewicz (093)

Motion by Brad Catura (449) seconded by Mark Wood (108), to approve the above appointments, motion carried.

Commander Meyer appointed the following:

- Acting Judge Advocate to this Convention, Dennis F. Stockfisch (406)
- Acting Sgt.-at Arms to this Convention, Rodney Fall (108), Robert Breutzmann (018)

Motion by Stig Meyer (220) seconded by Mike Pook (449), to approve the above appointments, motion carried.

National Convention Delegates Explanation

Commander Meyer called on PNC David Faust (245) Election judge to explain the National Delegate structure. Mr. Faust reported the following based on the Detachment membership of 3623 Wisconsin is allotted ten (10) delegates (three as a detachment plus one for each 500 members) plus one at large. At large is the Past National Commander David Faust, there are four automatic delegates allowed, the incoming and outgoing Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant and the National Executive Committeeman. Three Districts are allowed to assign their delegates and alternate delegate for 500 or more in membership they are District 1, 3, 7 this would leave 4 delegates and 7 alt. delegates to be elected from the floor.

Nomination of Candidates for Detachment Office and Election Procedures

Election judge PNC David Faust (245) explained the nominations procedure and the requirements, which are Detachment Commander, (4) Vice Commanders, Chaplain, (2) Sgt.-at-Arms, National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman. NEC and Alt. NEC are every other year; this year there is no need to elect these two (2) positions.

Nomination Detachment officers would be held during the Friday Convention session. Elections would be held during the Saturday Session.

Nominations and elections for the National Delegates would be held during the Saturday convention session.

Announced Candidates are required to submit written resume to the credentials chairman prior to the opening of the Friday Convention session for posting. Self-nominations from the floor are allowed an oral speech is required and a written resume is to be turned in prior to the opening of the Saturday Convention Session. Candidates that do not have resumes will be removed from the ballot.

Nomination speeches are accepted limited to 5 min.; seconding speeches are limited to 3 min.

Elections (Special Order of Business) would start at 10:30 during the Saturday session of the Convention. No other business is to be conducted, with the exception of by the Commanders discretion allowing dignitary visitations to the Convention.

Prior to the elections the Commander shall appoint an Elections Judge and Election Tellers.

When two or more candidates are nominated for a single office balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.

For contested elections vote totals shall be announced after each round of voting. Vote by acclamation will only be allowed for an office that is non-contested.

Campaigning is allowed, materials are only allowed that can fit on a members chair, no free standing or hand held items are allowed or can signs be posted in the meeting room, they are allowed to be posted outside of the room in the hall and pamphlets are to be handed out outside of the meeting room.

Elections Judge David Faust (245) called for nominations

With the announced candidates of Steve Meyer (220), Dan Daily (434), Mike Pook (449) for Detachment Commander, elections judge called for other nominations none were presented, closed nominations. Commander Meyer with great regret withdrew his nomination from the running for Detachment Commander.

With the announced candidates of Bob Bruetzman (018), for Detachment Vice Commander, elections judge called for other nominations, Sean Patchin Sr. (385), Russell Evanson (018), Shawn Grothe (243), Kevin McClorey (544) were nominated, nominations were closed.

Elections judge called for nominations for Detachment Chaplain, Brad Catura (449) was presented, with no others nominations closed.

With the announced candidates of Gary Lubich (121), Barry Prindle (048) for Detachment Sargent-at-Arms, elections judge called for other nominations none were presented, closed nominations. Barry Prindle with regret withdrew his nomination from the running for Detachment Sargent-at-Arms. Elections judge called for other nominations none were presented, nominations were closed.

Elections judge David Faust (245) called for seconding and nomination speeches, the following made speeches:

Gary Masnak (434) seconding speech for Dan Daily (434) Dan's Sons of the American Legion eligibility comes from his father a WWII veteran. Dan is currently Squadron Commander of (434) Oak Creek and has been a member for 7 years. Being committed to the American Legion Family Dan currently serves as Vice President of the American Legion Riders for districts four and five. At the State level Dan is serving as Detachment Vice Commander and has served as the Children and Youth chairman. Dan will bring fresh and exciting ideas to the Detachment, he is will work hard to bolster the Children and Youth programs. Dan is a retired police officer from Oak Creek WI he is a husband and father of three and has seven grandchildren. Dan's wife belongs to the Auxiliary, his sons and their sons all belong to the Sons of The American Legion. Dan's mother is also an Auxiliary member and a Gold Star mother, two of his three brothers are members of the Sons of The American Legion, Dan's other older brother a Viet Nam vet has passed on from cancer acquired from being exposed to Agent Orange. His sisters are all Auxiliary members. Dan's plans are to help the Detachment remain a leader now and into the future.

Brad Catura (449) seconding speech for Mike Pook (449) Mike has been a 14 year member of Squadron 449 at Elm Brook. Mike's Sons of the American Legion eligibility comes from his father a Korean War Veteran and his grandfather a WWI veteran. Mike has served as Detachment Vice Commander for Districts 1, 5 & 9 for the year 2012/2013, he is the Americanism chair since 2008 to present, has been appointed as the district 5 chairman 2010/2012 and is an active member serving on many committee within the Detachment, in 2010 coordinated activities for the S.A.L. National Convention held in Milwaukee in 2010. Mike has been Squadron 449 Commander from 2006/2013, in 2012 Squadron achieved 100% plus 23 new members and in 2013 reached 100% by Veterans Day plus 47 new members. In 2011 was appointed as chair to organize entertainment for Post 449 and has been appointed to serve on Post 449 scholarship Committee. Mike has been involved with the S.A.L. Detachment of WI for the last 7 years severing on many commissions or committees.

Sean Patchin Sr. (385) self-nomination speech, currently Detachment Chaplain is running for Detachment Vice Commander noted that he currently serves as the Third District Commander, was involved in the reorganization, , he is a charter member of 385. Under his leadership the Third District has been recognized by The American Legion Family as a vital useful entity. Sean has established a repore among his peers within The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion; he has been appointed by the Dane County Commander to be the S.A.L. chairman and also under his leadership has gotten the third District to an all-time high in membership for the district.

Bob Bruetzman (018) self-nomination speech has been Commander, Vice Commander Chaplain and Historian of his Squadron and he will strive to do his best efforts to serve the Detachment as Vice Commander.

Dan Daily (434) seconding speech for Russell Evanson (018) has been Squadron 018 Commander for the past 10 years serves as Fourth District chairman and is very dedicated to the Sons of The American Legion. Russell has been a mentor to Dan and others in many ways.

Elections judge David Faust (245) returned the podium to Commander Meyer.

With no other business Commander Meyer recessed the Convention until Saturday morning at 9:15 A.M..

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy