

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

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes Oct. 28th, 2017

**Opening**

**Call to Order**

Saturday Oct. 28th, 2017 Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting, being held at State Headquarters in Portage Wisconsin with the proper opening ceremonies at 12:30 PM.

**Posting of the Colors**

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

**POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony**

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) and Detachment Sgt. At Arms Gary Masnak (434).

**Invocation**-Invocation was given by Past National Chaplain Michael L. Lawler (437).

Blue Star ceremony was addressed by Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038).

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

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209).

**Roll Call of Voting Detachment Officers**

**Taken by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245)**

Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Masnak	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Probst	(294)	Excused
National Executive Committeeman	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Alternate NECman	Patrick Gyskiewicz	(091)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
1st District Commander	Mike Pook	(449)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
6th District Commander	Brian Stenz	(075)	Excused

**Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers**

Detachment Judge Advocate	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	Present
Detachment Historian	Joe Bromley	(071)	Present
Detachment Adjutant	David Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Excused

### **Guest to the D.E.C.**

New Department Adjutant Amber Nikolai introduced herself and gave greetings to the Detachment. Department Adjutant Nikolai gave some of her history being a Navy Vet, has been a Legion member for five years, worked at King in admissions, donations, marketing procedures and operating budget procedures. Mrs. Nikolai noted that she has a brother Lt. Commander in the Navy who is currently deployed and has a 12 year old son. Her aspirations for her new positions is to improve on the communications with the Legion Family by Posts, Squadrons and Units, take down some remaining barriers with in the Organizations and A.L. Family to make the A.L. Family stronger and more functional we need to act like a Family. Need to tell the Legion Story in a better manor.

Detachment Judge Advocate Michael L. Lawler (437) explained the Josh Dog program as one of the items the Sons of The American Legion. Detachment Commander Sherman presented Department Adjutant Nikolai with a complete G.I. Josh Dog kit and a new Jr. Josh Dog.

### **Reading Of the Previous Minutes**

Presented by the Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept as published of the previous convention meeting minutes, seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), it was noted by the Detachment Adjutant and Detachment Asst. Adj. that due to technical difficulties the minutes were not finished or published, discussion National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) rescinded his motion to accept the minutes and re-motioined to deal with the minutes at the Mid-winter meeting after they are published or read, seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), motion carried.

### **Official Correspondence**

None Daniel R. Daily (434)

## **Detachment Officer Reports**

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Robert Sirovina (434) Districts (1-2-4) Reported:

Newsletter was sent out to Districts 1, 2 and 4 earlier this week contacting the Squadrons to update and provide contact information. Newsletter also included information on the GI Josh Dogs, membership goals, and asked for pictures of the new Sons of The American Legion Leadership. Contacts with all Squadrons in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Districts is ongoing.

Working on a date and place to hold an organizational meeting in District 4 for the Sons of The American Legion, Attended a deployment ceremony in West Bend with Detachment Commander Chris Sherman, reception for National Aux. President Diane Duscheck at Green Lake and brought greetings from the Sons of The American Legion. Worked with the Aux. to take orders for the Christmas Gift Shop.

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), to accept the report, second by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434)-discussion-none-motion carried.

1st district District Commander Mike Pook (449) noted Joe Probst (294) was appointed to District Vice Commander as the replacement for David Fuller. District is discussing the fee for Squadrons.

**Detachment Vice Commander -Ray Dzieciol** (534) (7-10-12) in his absence Detachment Commander Sherman noted he did talk with Mr. Dzieciol they noted that there needs a lot of work to be done in 7-10-12 help is needed.

10<sup>th</sup> District Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) noted that himself and Past Detachment Commander Kelly Powers (158) went to Eau Claire for the purpose of officer installation.

**Detachment Vice Commander -Allen Watry** (038) (6-8-9) Sent two letters to all Squadrons in his districts, first was to inform Squadrons what transpired at the convention and who the new officers are, and remind the Squadrons to send in their new officers. The second was to remind Squadrons of membership and to send in contact information to Headquarters at Portage. Attended multiple district meeting in his area (8,9) reminding Posts to work with the Squadron in membership and paperwork activities. Addressed the 8<sup>th</sup>District Aux. about the Josh Dog program. Will be attending 6<sup>th</sup>District at New Holstein Sun Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> planning to discuss membership and the Josh Dog program. Attended the West Bend deployment.

Has been working with the Squadron on membership and starting a program called "Simple but Impactful" to help increase involvement in the community. New possible Squadrons Little Chute, Coloma and New London and Winneconne.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434), second by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434) discussion Past Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger noted that he had talked with Winneconne noting he helped them with their membership and was surprised that it has not been sent in yet motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** – David Fuller districts (3-5-11) reported 19 Squadrons in his area, five Squadrons are at %100 or better Presque Isle is at %200. District 3 has two goose eggs, District 5 has 1 and District 11 has 1. Talked with Ray from District 3 he told me that the goose eggs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District historically turn in membership shortly after the Fall District meeting. Made one contact with a Squadron since becoming a Detachment Vice Commander Monroe 84. At this time they were listed as inactive. Met with members of their executive committee and had a very productive talk. On the latest membership report Monroe is no longer listed as inactive. There are no new Squadrons since the last D.E.C. meeting. Will be talking to Brodhead and Albany as possible new Squadrons. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> attended the Silent march at 449 Brookfield.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept the report, second by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) discussion none, motion carried.

**Detachment Chaplain** –Shawn Grothe (243) in his absence it was noted by adjutant Faust that Mr. Grothe has been diligent in sending out the appropriate cards as needed.

**Detachment Historian** –Joe Bromley (071) Mr. Bromley requested contact info for the previous Historian so he could obtain the procedures, processes and documentation for his new office.

Motion by to accept the report by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), second by 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449) discussion it was brought up about the location of the Detachment camera this will be investigated and tracked down, motion carried.

**National Executive Committeeman** - Daniel R. Daily (434) no report However Detachment Commander Sherman noted a couple of key notes that were the PUFL is still being worked on (possible 8 years out yet) and to keep an eye on the new media blitz.

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

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** – Jeff Puddy (075), In Mr. Puddy's absence Past Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) noted that Mr. Puddy was attending to some health issues with his father. Past Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) did speak with him and noted that everyone gets on the E-mail list for meeting notifications, get meeting minutes published and out and as far as it is known the budget has been approved. Mr. Puddy also expressed that he is willing to help out the Sons of The American Legion to further succeed and grow

Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) turned the podium over to Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) for the purpose of the Commanders report.

**Detachment Commander** – Detachment Christopher Sherman (071) (1-12) stressed that the consolidated reports are important and that the Detachment Vice Commanders should be reminding the Squadrons to get the reports in use the accomplishment list and Josh Dog program when addressing the Squadrons in their areas. He was proud to note to the Legion that the Sons of The American Legions total impact the past year was \$994,458 but this year with reports we could do better. Attended the Detachment Commanders school in Indianapolis it was well worth it. Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> District meetings, POW/MIA silent march at 449 Brookfield, several military deployments. Work at the effort not as I but as WE as a Detachment, Districts and Squadrons and strive to get things done.

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to accept the report by second by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) turned the podium back over to Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

## **Committee and Commission Reports**

**Resolution Committee-** none as noted by Detachment Adjutant Faust

**Programs Committee-**Chairman Gary Lubich (121) reported:

### **Americanism**

**Children & Youth-**A check was presented for 40 Josh Dogs for upcoming deployments to be placed at an holding Squadrons for extra dogs for deployments. There also has been donated money set aside to secure 333 Jr. size Josh Dogs motion was made by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) purchase the Jr. size Josh Dogs, seconded by dsa Gary Masnak (434), discussion the ordering of the Jr. Josh Dogs is to be a one-year trail basis, motion carried.

**Programs Committee-**Chairman Mike Kollmansberger (071) reported:

**National Security-** Allen Watry (038) Military is struggling and being thinned out due to issues going on in the world, (IE) there is a shortage of pilots. Law Enforcement academy check the web site under the Legion.

Motion by (pdc) Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), to accept the report, second by dvs Robert Sirovina (434)-discussion-none-motion carried.

**Finance-**Chairman Tom Petrie (189). Noted that the budget was supposedly approved by Department, some line items were increased administrative, delegate stipends for national.

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449), to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434)-discussion-none-motion carried.

**Internal Affairs-** Chairman Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) reported that a membership incentive program is being considered for next year mirroring that of Department.

**Officer Development /Policy** reviewed the placement of officer training program at Mid-Winter Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) and Michael L. Lawler (437) and David Faust (245) would do a Squadron start up training. Under policy it was discussed and noted that a template is available starting and setting up Districts. It was discussed that District 4 and 5 might be able to be merged was noted by the Detachment Adjutant that this may not be possible, the Sons of The American Legion by-laws however do not say the structure of Districts as determined by the Legion and their boundaries and that this needs to be further looked into. Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the report, seconded by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121),-discussion-none-motion carried.

**Public Relation-** Rack card examples were presented for the Josh Dog program one was selected for submittal to Department for approval. Motion made by 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449) for the accepted rack card, seconded by National Executive Committeeman Dan Daily (434), discussion it was noted that an update for the face book page would be out at mid winter, motion carried.

**Legislative** –none

**Resolutions, Motions and Petitions** – Chair Michael L. Lawler (437) none.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

**Appointments-** Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) made the following appointments for the ad-hoc committee for the Sons of the American 50<sup>th</sup> and the American Legions 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary preparations and plans.

David Faust (245), Daniel R. Daily (434), Michael L. Lawler (437) (Chairman), Kelly Powers (121), Gary Kennedy (449).

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) for acceptance of the appointments, seconded by Past Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) discussion none, motion carried.

**Veterans Affairs-** Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) asked Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) if he would take the chairmanship

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449) to accept the appointment, second by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), Discussion Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) and Gary Kennedy (449) asked and volunteered to be on Public relations. Motion carried.

**New Business**

None

**Good of Sons of The American Legion**

Squadron 121 River Falls turned in 14 memberships.

Mid-Winter registration is out on the web as soon housing is out it will be posted to the web.

With no other business Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) closed the Fall D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)