

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

49th annual Convention Friday, July 14th 2017

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 14th, 2017 Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) called to order the 49th annual Convention at 3:00 p.m. in the Evergreen room at 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 Shawn Grothe (243) and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434).

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

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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)	-----
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	(059)	Present
6th District Commander	Brian Stenz	(075)	Present

Roll Call of Detachment Officers (non-Voting)

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

Roll Call of Squadrons

District	Squad. No.	City
1	071	Pewaukee
1	209	Orfordville
1	294	Hartland
1	449	Brookfield
2	189	Watertown
2	243	Plymouth
3	059	Stoughton
3	245	Cross Plains
3	437	Mazomanie
3	481	Madison
3	501	Madison
4	434	Oak Creek
6	075	Fond du Lac
9	038	Appleton
10	053	Eau Claire
11	093	Tomahawk

Introduction of Guests

Department Commander – Daniel J. Seehafer

Gave greetings to the Detachment, noticing that this convention has been uplifting with energy and positivity. The Detachment and Squadrons has given a lot to this effort with the programs and support that the Sons of The American Legion have contributed to the Legion Family. He concluded that the Detachment keep up the passion in these efforts.

Detachment Commander Kollmansberger presented a gift to Department Commander Seehafer

Department S.A.L. Chairman-Jeff Puddy (075) (Legion member, Squadron member and AL Rider)

He has been honored to serve the Detachment as the Americanism committee chairman over the last year. Over the last 8 years with all the committee level he has served on over the three organizations he has decided to take a break for at least one year. Mr. Puddy did give a report at the Legion pertaining to the Sons of The American Legion and their activities. He noted that his info to the committee was under stated in the amount of Josh Dogs at 100 and he was corrected that 231 were distributed at no cost to families thru the deployments.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes

None

Official Correspondence

None were reported by the Detachment Adjutant

Uniform Code of Procedure for Convention

Credentials, Resolution and Rules Chair –Acting Micheal Lawler (437)

Reported that at the previous DEC meeting April 15th 2017 the current standing rules to convention were adopted and approved, they are published for this convention and will govern the 49th annual convention.

Resolution- Acting Micheal Lawler (437)

There are none to be presented.

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 Jr. (243)

Motion by Ray Dzieciol (059) seconded by Robert Breutzmann (018) to approve the appointments, Discussion – none, Motion carried.

Elections Judge Appointment

Elections Judge – Rich Ruland (481) volunteered to act as elections judge when Detachment Commander Kollmansberger requested for a volunteer. In addition tellers would be appointed later.

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

National Convention Delegates Explanation-Chad Lawler (437)

Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) called on Detachment Acting Judge Advocate Mike Lawler (437) to explain the National Delegate structure in his Chad's absence Mr. Lawler reported the following based on the Detachment membership of Wisconsin at 3629 is allotted ten (10) delegates (three as a detachment plus one for each 500 members) plus two at large. At large is the Past National Commander David Faust and Mr. Mike Lawler as current Nat'l Vice Commander for a total of (12) delegates. there are four automatic delegates allowed, the incoming and outgoing Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant and the National Executive Committeeman. However, since David Faust is both the Detachment Adjutant and Past National Commander, an additional delegate from the floor will be elected. Two Districts are allowed to assign their delegates and alternate delegate for 500 or more in membership they are District 1, 3, this would leave 6 delegates and 8 alt. delegates to be elected from the floor on Saturday. If you wish to attend the National and are not a delegate or alternate you can register as a guest, there is a \$25.00 registration fee for all National convention attendees. Delegate registration is paid for by the Detachment. National will be held in Reno NV. Aug. 18th to the 20th. Denise Rohan is expected to be elected as National Commander of the American Legion and Diane Duscheck elected as the National Aux president.

Nomination of Candidates for Detachment Office

Elections Judge – in the absence of Rich Ruland (481) who had to step out from the meeting, Detachment Adjutant Faust (245) continued and called for the following nominations.

Detachment Commander

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of Chris Sherman (071). Adjutant Faust called for other nominations, none were presented.

Detachment Vice-Commander

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidates of, Robert Sirovina (434), Ray Dzieciol (059) and Allen Watry (038) David Fuller (209) for Detachment Vice-Commander were presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations no others were presented.

Detachment Chaplain

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of Shawn Grothe (243) for Detachment Chaplain was presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations none were presented.

Detachment Sgt.-at Arms

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidates of Gary Masnak (434), Gary Kennedy (449) and Joe Probst (294) for Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms were presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations no others were presented.

Nomination and Seconding Speeches

Perspective new officer nominees were allowed to address the body.

Motion was made to close nominations by Daniel R. Daily (434), seconded by Rich Ruland (481), motion carried.

Appointments of election tellers

Commander Kolmansberger called for four tellers, Dan Daily (434), Brad Catura (449), Jason Brantner (053) and Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) step forward and volunteered.

Motion by Detachment Karl Adank (059) seconded by Ray Dzieciol (059) Detachment Vice Commander to approve the appointment, discussion none. Motion carried.

Convention Committee Verification and Appointments

Americanism- Chairman - Daniel R. Daily (434) chair Memb. Josh Litcher (053), David Fuller (209).

Children & Youth Chair – Christopher Sherman (071), Memb. Joe Probst (294), Mike Kells (243).

Constitutional Amendments Chair–Michael Lawler (437),

Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Chair Michael Lawler (437), Mark Lipke, (075) Karl Adank (059)

Finance Chair – Tom Petrie (189), Mike Pook (449), Patrick Gryskiewicz (091)

Legislative Chair – Michael Lawler (437) / Mark Lipke (075), Karl Adank (059)

Membership Chair – Rich Ruland (481), Ray Dzieciol (059), Brad Catura (449)

National Security Chair – Allen Watry (038), Memb. Robert Sirovina (434), Gary Masnak (434)

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair – Chris Sherman (071), Jason Byrun (053), Riley Wilson (243)

Final Announcements

Allen Watry (038) noted that if anyone needed to get around town there are shuttles from the hotel to locations that are required. There is a ball tournament going on this evening and tomorrow at the post ball field.

Memorial services will be at 8:00 am Sunday with rehearsal at 6:00 pm on Saturday, volunteers are asked for the Sunday services to do the collections and distribute programs.

Closing

Benediction

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

Retirement of the Colors

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

Retirement of POW/MIA Empty Chair

Detachment Commander Kollmansberger and Detachment Sergeant-at-arms Gary Masnak reserved to leave the POW/MIA posted for the next session.

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) declared the Detachment Convention meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 am Sat. morning.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)