

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

Spring Detachment Executive Committee Minutes April 15th, 2017

**Opening**

**Call to Order**

Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Detachment Commander Mike Kollmansberger (075), called to order the Detachment Executive Committee (D.E.C) 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.

**Invocation**-Invocation was given by National Vice Commander Michael Lawler (437)

**POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony**

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Kollmansberger (075).

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 Ray Dzieciol (534).

**Roll Call of Voting Detachment Officers**

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

Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina	(434)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Masnak	(434)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	David Fuller	(209)	Excused
National Executive Committeeman	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Alternate NECman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Russell Severson	(313)	Absent
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)	Excused

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

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)	Excused

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

Joe Probst 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Sons of The American Legion Squadron 294

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

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

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept as published minutes of the previous Mid-Winter meeting, seconded by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) , discussion none, motion carried.

### **Official Correspondence**

Presented by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) none to report.

### **Detachment Officer Reports**

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Christopher Sherman districts (1-2-7) reported for

1<sup>st</sup> district is doing well at 88.5%, District has (2) goose eggs, (5) Squadrons are at better than 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> district is running at approx.99.05% in of membership from the Squadrons, District has (1) goose egg, (7) Squadrons are at better than 100%

7<sup>th</sup> district is at 81.80%, District has (7) goose eggs, (2) Squadrons are at better than 100%

Has attended fish-o-ree in Hartland the Oratorical contest in Rippon, and meat raffle at Post 349. The Waukesha county council held in Hartland 294 where Denise Rohan was in attendance. The First District Sons of The American Legion was held and the constitution/by law were received back from the First District Legion approved and ratified and know will be forward to the Detachment for final approval and then Department.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept report, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) discussion none, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Robert Sirovina (434) Districts (4-5-10) submitted Report: report was read.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the report as published, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) noted that he attended the 10<sup>th</sup> District meeting in the absence of Mr. Sirovina and Detachment Adjutant Faust and passed on info to the district on how to form and start squadrons, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** –Ray Dzieciol (059) Districts (3-11-12), Reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> District is doing well just a few Squadrons are short on a minimal number of members, District is at 99.6%. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> District have stepped up 11th is at 108.7% and the 12<sup>th</sup> is at 92.91%.

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the report, second by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Rich Ruland, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** -Allen Watry (038) (6-8-9) 6<sup>th</sup> district is doing well Princeton is having issues VC Watry will be seeing Princeton later this month. District 8 was a 100% Mid January. District 9 is in good shape and has a new Squadron at Seymour. Attended two spring conferences and will be doing one the end of April.

Motion by Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the report, second by Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

**Detachment Chaplain –Shawn Grothe (243)** no report however National Vice Commander Michael Lawler noted that American Legion Past National Commander Bob Turner's wife passed away.

**Detachment Historian** – Mark Lipke (075) excused, Detachment Commander Kollmansberger noted that Mr. Lipke is continuing to work on the Detachment history book but needs more photos and stories from the Squadrons and their events.

**National Executive Committeeman** - Daniel R. Daily (434) reported most all the info from National was covered by other officer reports. Mr. Daily did ask if the information is filtered to the Squadrons by the members of the Detachment as it should be. Has been working in the fourth District to establish the Sons of The American Legion visiting Squadrons and Posts, from the consensus he asked the body just how many members knew what the programs are that the Legion and or Sons of The American Legion are involved in. Information needs to be passed on or distributed to the Squadrons everyone needs to be hands on to the Squadrons. Mr. Daily noted that his Squadron has secured a tele communications unit from Polycom that the Squadron would like to donate to the Fisher House in the name of the Detachment.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept his report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

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

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** – Jeff Puddy (075), In Mr. Puddy's absence Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) noted that he had discussed issues with Mr. Puddy who was concerned with the Verona Squadron.

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

**Detachment Commander** – Mike A. Kollmansberger has called many Posts, Squadrons, and Districts dealing with membership. He has also found by question from most that Squadrons are not getting information, which needs to improve. According to National, Wisconsin has 130 Squadrons out of 506 Posts throughout the State, this is below the National average. Potential new Squadrons are Theresa, Kaukauna and Lormira.

Motion by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Rich Ruland (481) to accept the report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) turned the gavel back over to Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

#### **Committee and Commission Reports**

**Resolution Committee-** Detachment Chairman Chad Lawler (437) no items to report it was asked if the recommended changes to the handbook were sent onto National, Detachment Adjutant Faust noted it would be sent within the week.

**Programs Committee** - Detachment Chairman Christopher Sherman (071) reported:

**Americanism** – no report.

**Children & Youth**-discussion on the type of Josh Dogs should the Detachment continue to facilitate, Hospital, GI Josh and or Jr. Josh. It was noted we should continue the Hospital and G.I. Josh program but not jump into the Jr. Josh's at this time due to lack of funding. It was asked if the procedures for purchase and distribution of Josh Dogs has been finished, it was noted that the document is still in the hands of the Judge Advocate for finalization.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the report, second by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121). Discussion there is a pin from CWF (the cut above) at \$100.00 this will be counted as a donation to CWF as long as the forms are filled out, it was noted that Rolling Thunder made a donation for the Josh Dogs and may become a permanent supporter for the program, Squadron 449 made a donation to cover 15 Josh Dog purchase, motion carried.

**National Security-** no report.

**Veterans Affairs**-none

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept his report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

**Finance**-Chairman Tom Petrie (189). reported there was no business however the committee did recommend that \$1000 be found for the purchase of the new commanders pins to be approved under new business.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the report with separate action on fund approval, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449), discussion none, motion carried.

**Internal Affairs-** Acting Chairman Joe Probst (294)

**Legislative** – no legislative business

**Membership** – reviewed and discussed membership goose eggs and issue at the Verona Squadron.

**Officer Development Policy** reviewed many training programs.

**Public Relation-** will need to seek funds for new pamphlets and brochures.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept his report, second by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

**Resolutions, Motions and Petitions** – Detachment Chair Chad Lawler (437) none at this time.

### **Unfinished Business**

Was asked what the status is on the new flags and stands, was noted by the Detachment Adjutant that the purchase is in the works.

It was asked that the new budget be increased for the Josh Dog program, it was explained that the line item shown on the report for the Josh Dogs is not a budgeted item the funds it is a way to keep track for deployments to purchase needed dogs.

**Appointments-** Detachment Commander Kollmansberger (075) made the following appointments for convention committees:

Americanism – Dan Daily (434)

Children and Youth - Christopher Sherman (071)

Constitutional Amendments - Michael L. Lawler (437)

Finance – Tom Petrie (189)

Legislative - Chad Lawler (437)

Membership – Rich Ruland

National Security - Gary Lubich (121)

VA&R - Allen Watry (038)

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) for acceptance of the appointments, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) discussion none, motion carried.

### **New Business**

National Executive Committeeman Dan daily (434) has offered up a high end communications system from Polycom that his Squadron (434) Oak Creek has secured and is offering it to be a donation to the Fischer House from the Detachment and from 434.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept, second by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Sherman (071) requested deliberation on the Jr. Josh Dog program weather it will be started or suspended for now. From discussions against funding and amount to be ordered, the need to keep funds available at this time for the Large Josh Dog program to sustain the upcoming deployments. It was determined from further discussion that committee consisting of the Detachment Commander, Detachment Americanism Chair and Detachment Children and Youth chair would be in charge of fund distribution for any part of the Josh Dog Program.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the report, second by Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) Detachment discussion none, motion carried.

National Vice Commander Michal L. Lawler (437) extended greetings from National Commander Jeffery Frain and the 360,000 Sons of The American Legion members. Mr. Lawler asked if the Detachment was working hard for National Commander Frain. After a YES response Mr. Lawler noted doing the job should be more for the veterans, their families, current men and women in the military and their families, and the young members of the organization. Do it for the SONS.

Be a SUPER Hero sign up three American Heroes to the Legion. This should make all the factions of the Legion Family grow in membership. Wisconsin is currently 4<sup>th</sup> in the Central Region 84% retention and 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation 81%. General

membership 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Central Region. Wisconsin for CWF is in 5<sup>th</sup> place with a per capita of 0.35 per member. The National Plan book has been developed to assist Squadrons in their operations and set up. A goal of one million dollars was set for the combined Legion Family donations for this year need to be in by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

From the floor 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander Mike Pook (449) requested funds for the new Detachment Commander for State Pins in the amount of \$1000.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) for acceptance, seconded by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Rich Ruland (481) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) noted that he would be approaching all the goose egg Squadrons for the years 2016/2017. Should none of these come forth and change their status by Convention he would like to proceed with charter recalls

### **Good of Sons of The American Legion**

Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) turned in three renewals from River Falls. River Falls had three boys that played American Legion Baseball has gone onto the Minor league play.

Hartland turned in 4 renewals and 1 new memberships, Joe Probst (294).

3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Rich Ruland (481), noted that we the Detachment need to step up to a higher level in support our National Candidate.

Squadron 294 Hartland will hold poker run May 13<sup>th</sup>, attending Camp AL week end of the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Pook (449) noted they will be holding a car show June 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 4:00. May 20<sup>th</sup> holding a second chance prom, 449 collectively is raising money for (Hot Tail) at the VA.

\$32.27 was collected for CWF from the Detachment members present.

Fond du Lac is doing the Hearts to Heroes and participating with the AL Riders Legacy run.

\$1,305 has been donated for the Josh Dog program.

Detachment Adjutant Faust noted that consolidated reports are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> these now can be done on the web site mysal.org or hard copy to state.

Convention will be in Appleton July 14 to the 16 fill out the paper work and submit.

### **Endorsement of officer candidates**

Detachment Commander - Christopher Sherman (071) by First District

Detachment Vice Commander - David Fuller (209) by First District

Detachment Vice Commander - Ray Dzieciol (059) by 3<sup>rd</sup> District

With no other business Detachment Commander Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) closed the Spring D.E.C. meeting with the proper closing ceremonies at 3:07 p.m.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)