

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Wisconsin**

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 27, 2018

## Opening

### Call to Order

Saturday October 27, 2018 Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held at Detachment Headquarters in Portage, WI 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 Acting Detachment Chaplain John L'Huillier.

### POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Lipke (075).

### Blue Star Banner Ceremony

The Blue Star Banner ceremony was conducted by Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

### The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Lipke (075).

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

Reciting of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion was led by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038)

## Roll Call of Detachment Officers

### Taken by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245). Voting Officers:

Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina, Jr.	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Vacant		
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Excused
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Kelly Powers	(121)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Excused
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)	Present
4th District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6th District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present
10th District Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present

### Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Michael L. Lawler	(437)	Excused
Detachment Historian	Joe Bromley	(071)	Excused
Detachment Adjutant	David Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Gary Lee LeRoy	(294)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Present

### Reading of the Previous Minutes

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary LeRoy (294)

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to postpone acceptance of previous meeting minutes until mid-winter conference, seconded by 1<sup>ST</sup> District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434), motion carried.

### Official Correspondence

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) had no correspondence to report.

### Detachment Officer Reports

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) Districts (4, 5, 12) gave his report.

- Attended Women's Auxiliary events and wore Josh Dog costume
- Attended 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District meetings for Detachment Commander
- Assisted 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander with membership outreach
- Updated current membership total
- Submitted written report

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept the report, seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (534), motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) Districts (6, 8, 9) gave his report.

- Helped squadron 011 with their membership packet
- Assisted new 9<sup>th</sup> district commander
- Attended 6<sup>th</sup> district conference
- Reached out to squadron 054 Marshfield to inquire on their successful techniques to increasing membership
- Thanked attendees to the Sturtevant deployment
- Getting word out to districts 6, 8 and 9 for Red Arrow deployment
- Updated current membership total
- Submitted written report

Motion by Alternate National Executive Committeeman Kelly Powers (121) to accept the report, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209), motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209) Districts (1, 7, 10).

- Formed new district (10<sup>th</sup>), Gary Lubich (121) as commander
- Attended Wild Wild West Days
- Attended Silent March
- Represented Honor Guard Homecoming
- Reached out to squadron 544 Twin Lakes that was disbanded and now has 22 members

- Updated current membership total
- Submitted written report

Motion by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (534), to accept the report, seconded by 1<sup>ST</sup> District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434), motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** – Detachment Vice Commander Rich Ruland (481) Districts (2, 3, 11) gave his report.

- Will meet with squadron 93 to help with membership
- Working on obtaining current contact information from squadrons and districts
- Willing to help squadrons and districts in any way as membership chairman
- Updated current membership total
- Submitted written report

Motion by Alternate National Executive Committeeman Kelly Powers (121) to accept the report, seconded by Past Detachment Commander Daniel R. Daily (434), motion carried.

**Detachment Chaplain** – Detachment Chaplain - vacant.

**Detachment Historian** – Detachment Historian Joe Bromley (071) had no report.

**National Executive Committeeman** – National Executive Committeeman Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093) had no report.

**Alternate National Executive Committeeman** – Alternate National Executive Committeeman Kelly Powers (121) had no report.

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** – Department S.A.L. Chairman Jeff Puddy (075) had no report.

**Detachment Commander** – Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071)

Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) turned the meeting over to Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) for the purpose of the Detachment Commander's report. Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) called on Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) for his report.

Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) gave his report.

- Health issues slowed down some activities this quarter
- Received 100% membership ribbon award at national
- Received 90% renewal award
- Attended 7<sup>th</sup> district conference
- In 2018, 42 detachment members passed away
- Encouraged everyone to continue driving membership

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) to accept the report, seconded by 1<sup>ST</sup> District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434), motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) turned the meeting back over to Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

## **Committee and Commission Reports**

**Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions** – Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman Chad Lawler (437) gave his report. There were no resolutions.

**Detachment Programs Committee** – Detachment Programs Committee Chairman Gary F. Lubich (121)

**Detachment Americanism** – Chairman Kelly R. Powers (121) gave his report.

- Encouraged everyone to vote
- American Legion is non-partisan
- Will look into American Legion Americanism programs and report at a later date

**Detachment Children and Youth** – Chairman Daniel R. Daily (434) gave his report.

- Deployment coming soon
- Josh Dog kits need to be assembled
- 175 children currently for coming deployment
- Continue raising money
- More deployments coming within the next year
- Resources available for families after deployment
- Child welfare grants given by SAL

**Detachment National Security** – Chairman Allen Watry (038) gave his report.

- Immigration has become an issue lately from Central and South America
- Instability in the Middle East
- Nuclear arms agreements with North Korea
- Economic and political impact of trade with China
- Keep contributing to National Emergency Fund

**Detachment Veterans Affairs** – Chairman Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) gave his report.

- Wreaths across America at all national and state cemeteries
- Camp Legion America accepting donations for cabin 22
- Veterans camp/retreat in Superior (Dairyland)

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the reports, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038), motion carried.

**Detachment Finance Commission** – Detachment Finance Chairman Tom Petrie (189) gave his report.

- Discussed detachment reimbursement guidelines
- Submitted written report

Motion by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (534) to accept the reports, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434), motion carried.

**Detachment Internal Affairs Commission** – Detachment Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Mike A. Kollmansberger (075)

**Detachment Legislative** – Chairman Chad Lawler (437) gave his report.

- Election day is November 6
- Any budget requests for veterans affairs are submitted to the governor's office and forwarded to the legislature and are due on June 30
- There is much enthusiasm on both side for the election
- The governor's race is close
- Veteran issues in Wisconsin have traditionally had bi-partisan support

**Detachment Membership** – Chairman Rich Ruland (481) gave his report.

- Gave report of 100% and 0% current membership in each district
- Discussed accuracy of membership totals between national and state
- Discussed (2930) holding post and how members can be assigned to posts in their area
- Suggestion of possible SAL holding post
- Suggestion of welcome letter for new members from detachment
- Need to share ideas and information to help each other with membership

**Detachment Officer Development** – Chairman Michael L. Lawler (437) had no report.

**Detachment Public Relations** – Chairman Michael Kalsbeek (243) had no report.

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the reports, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038), motion carried.

## **Resolutions, Motions and Petitions**

– Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman Chad Lawler (437) stated there were no new resolutions to act on.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **Appointments**

Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) made the following appointments:

- Resignation of Shawn Grothe, Detachment Chaplain
- Appointment of John L’Huillier (434), Detachment Chaplain

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Gary F. Lubich (121) to accept the appointment, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209), motion carried.

## **New Business**

- Discussed eliminating \$1000 scholarship. Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) to eliminate the \$1,000 annual scholarship due to lack of interest and seconded by Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209), motion carried.
- Discussed including in budget, paying for caps for incoming/outgoing detachment officers. Motion by Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209) to accept and seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434), motion carried.
- Register online for Mid-Winter
- Mid-Winter will have training, national officer, great Saturday night banquet
- Squadron (355) Grafton requests a raffle to help rebuild cabin 22 at Camp American Legion. Discussed holding single raffle at Mid-Winter to raise money. Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept and seconded by Alternate National Executive Committeeman Kelly Powers (121), motion carried.
- Discussed mailing membership cards to Legion posts if they do not arrive in time for distribution at King Day, Attn. – SAL, to guarantee cards are delivered on time. Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) to accept and seconded by Past Detachment Commander Daniel R. Daily (434), motion carried.
- Discussion of shirts with logos. Samples with vendor pricing will be brought to Mid-Winter for consideration

## **For the Good of Sons of the American Legion**

- Gary F. Lubich (121) submitted two new members
- Gary F. Lubich (121) and Kelly Powers (121) donated \$5000 to the Josh Dog program from a River Falls fundraiser and additional fundraising
- Mark Lipke (075) invited all to participate in a gun raffle to be drawn on January 26, 2019
- In remembrance, Past Detachment Vice Commander Karl Adank of Eau Claire is in the hospital, Past Detachment Commander Larry Rice passed away in the past year

## **Closing**

### **Benediction**

Benediction was given by Detachment Chaplain John L'Huillier (434).

### **POW/MIA**

The POW/MIA Empty Chair cover was retired by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Lipke (075).

### **Adjournment**

With no other business, Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) declared the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
John L'Huillier (434)