

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

50th Annual Convention Friday Session, July 13th 2018

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 13th, 2018 Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) called to order the 50th annual Convention at 3:00 p.m. in the Thistle room of the Oshkosh 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 Christopher Sherman (071) Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243) and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms.

Blue Star Banner- was placed.

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059).

Commanders Welcome-Mr. Sherman greeted the old familiar and new members, noted that if motions are to be made only delegates may do so, delegate member should stand give name and Squadron number.

Roll Call of Detachment Officers (Voting)

Taken by Detachment Adjutant (PNC) David Faust (245)

Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina Jr.	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Masnak	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Probst	(294)	Absent
National Executive Committeeman	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
Alternate NECman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
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	Joe Probst/ Mike Pook 449 sub	(294)	Absent
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
4 th District Commander	Chrsitopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6th District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present

Officers (non-Voting)

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)	Will arrive

Roll Call of Past Detachment Commanders present at convention

David R. Faust (245), Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), Kelly Powers (158), Daniel R. Daily (434), Gary Lubich (121), Mike A. Kollmansberger (075).

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
2	355	Grafton
3	059	Stoughton
3	245	Cross Plains
3	437	Mazomanie
4	434	Oak Creek
4	537	Milwaukee
6	070	Oshkosh
9	038	Appleton
10	121	River Falls
11	093	Tomahawk

Introduction of Guests

National Sgt.-at-Arms Roy Helms (duel member) gave greetings to the Detachment on behalf of Convention Corporation noted and thanked members for their help during this and other conventions, if the S.A.L. needs some assistance or help he noted to ask the guys in the green hats.

Auxiliary Executive Secretary / Treasurer- Bonnie Dorniak Commander Sherman (071) presented a gift to B. Dorniak for her help in securing only a room for Commander Sherman at the Convention.

Tim Meyer-member (038) Executive director of the (AFTH) Artists for the Humanities a non-profit organization, which works with the V.A. system and veterans with (PTSD), homeless vets, substance abuse and sexual abuse by use of art. Mr. Meyer made a presentation on what the organization deals with.

Uniform Code of Procedure for Convention

Credentials, Resolution and Rules Chair –Acting David Faust (245)

Reported that at the previous DEC meeting April 28th 2018 the current standing rules to convention were adopted and approved, they are published on the web site for this convention and will govern the 50th annual convention.

Resolution- Acting David Faust (245)

There are none to be presented.

Convention Committee Verification and Appointments

Americanism- Chairman – Kelly Powers (121), members Brad Catura (449), Travis Demler (243)

Children & Youth Chair – Daniel R. Daily (434), members Mike Gallsby (243), David Fuller (209)

Constitutional Amendments Chair–Michael Lawler (437)

Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Chad Lawler (437)

Finance Chair – Tom Petrie (189), members Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), Mike Pook (449)

Legislative Chair – Chad Lawler (437) members Kelly Powers (121), Mark Lipke (075)

Membership Chair – Rich Ruland (481) members Gary Lubich (121), Ray Dzieciol (059)

National Security – Allen Watry (038) members Mike A. Kollmansberger (075), John (434)

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair – Robert Sirovina Jr. (434), Joe Bromley (071), Michael Lawler (437)

Motion by Gary Lubich (121) seconded by to Ray Dzieciol (059) approve the appointments, Discussion, none, Motion carried. Mike A. Kollmansberger

Elections Judge Appointment

Elections Judge – Commander Sherman appointed Christopher Dannenmann (434) as elections judge. In addition tellers would be appointed after nominations would be closed.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) seconded by (PDC) Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) to approve the appointment, discussion none. Motion carried.

National Convention Delegates Explanation-Chad Lawler (437) acting David Faust (245)

Mr. Faust reported the following based on the Detachment membership of Wisconsin is allotted ten (10) delegates (three as a detachment plus one for each 500 members) plus one at large which allows 11. At large is the Past National Commander David Faust. There are four automatic delegates allowed, the incoming and outgoing Detachment Commanders, 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 9 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 Minneapolis this is the 100th Legion convention, Aug. 23th to the 25th.

Department S.A.L. Chairman-Jeff Puddy (075) noted that it has been an alighting year as the S.A.L. chairman learning a lot about the S.A.L. and their achievements. He reported to the Legion Americanism comm. The Detachment achievements highlighting several of the of major programs. The reporting left all very impressed on the work done by the S.A.L. and the Legion family. Noted for the Detachment to keep up the great work for the Josh Dog program.

Nomination of Candidates for Detachment Officer's

Elections Judge – in the absence of Christopher Dannenmann (434) who had to step out from the meeting, 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. Motion was made by Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) to close the nominations for Commander, seconded by Detachment Historian Joe Bromley (071), discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice-Commander

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidates of, Robert Sirovina (434), Rich Ruland (481) and Allen Watry (038) David Fuller (209) for Detachment Vice-Commander were presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations the name of John L'Huillier (434) was presented. Motion was made by Ray Dzieciol (059) to close the nominations for Vice Commander, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) discussion none, motion carried.

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. Motion was made by Mike a. Kollmansberger (075) to close the nominations for Chaplain, seconded by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Masnak (434), discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Sgt.-at Arms

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidates of Mark Lipke (075), Ray Dzieciol (059), Travis Demler (243) for Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms were presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations no others were presented.

Motion was made to close the nominations for Sgt.-at-Arms, seconded, discussion none, motion carried.

National Executive Committee

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) for Detachment N.E.C. Man was presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations none were presented.

Motion was made by Allen Watry (038) to close the nominations for N.E.C., seconded by Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms Robert Servin (434), discussion none, motion carried.

Alt. National Executive Committee

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) for Detachment Alt. N.E.C. Man was presented. Acting chair Faust called for other nominations none were presented the name of Kelly Powers (121) was submitted.

Motion was made by Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) to close the nominations for Alt. N.E.C., seconded by Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

Appointments of election tellers

Commander Sherman called for election tellers min. of three required, Mike Pook (449), Dan Daily (434), Bob Hockey (059) stepped forward and volunteered.

Motion by Brad Catura (449) seconded by Tom Petrie (189) to approve the appointments, discussion none. Motion carried.

Convention Committee Meeting Times announced by chairman

Americanism- Chairman - Kelly Powers (121) after this session.

Children & Youth Chair – Daniel Daily (434) after this session.

Constitutional Amendments Chair– Michael Lawler (437) no meeting required.

Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Chad Lawler (437) no meeting required.

Finance Chair – Tom Petrie (189) after this session.

Legislative Chair – Chad Lawler (437) no meeting required.

Membership Chair – Rich Ruland (481) after this session.

National Security Chair – Allen Watry (038) after this session.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair – Robert Sirovina Jr. after this session.

Announcement of Convention District Caucuses

1st District Acting Commander Mike Pook (449) no meeting is needed, 3rd District Commander Ray Dzieciol (534) at dinner, 4th District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) held at the Ground Round at 7:00 p.m., 6th District Commander Mark Lipke (075) in the evening at a TBD location.

Final Announcement

Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243) noted that there will be Church services Sat. night at 5:00 p.m.. Memorial services will be at eight am Sunday, volunteers are asked for the Sunday services to do the collections and distribute programs. Practice will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Patrick Gryskiewicz noted that the Past Commanders club has not been set up as of yet.

Detachment Adjutant David Faust noted there are a couple of short videos to be shown before everyone leaves for the day one from Badger Boys State and the GI Josh program deployments showing what is being done by the Sons of the American Legion.

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

Commander Sherman and Sgt.-at-arms Gary Masnak reserved to leave the POW/MIA posted for the Sat. session.

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Chris Sherman (071) declared the Detachment Convention meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. until 9:30 am Sat. morning.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)