

# Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

Detachment Executive Committee Post Convention Meeting Minutes, July 15th 2018

## Opening

### Call to Order

Sunday July 15th, 2018 newly elected Detachment Commander Chris Sherman (071) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee Post convention meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Thistle room at 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 Chris Sherman (071), Detachment Chaplain Shawn Grothe (243).

**Blue Star Banner** -was placed.

### The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

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## Roll Call of Detachment Officers (Voting)

Taken by Detachment Adjutant David R. Faust (245)

Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina Jr.	(434)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	Shawn Grothe	(243)	Present
Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present
Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Absent
National Exec. Committeeman	Patrick N. Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
Alternate NECman	Kelly Powers	(121)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> District Commander	Joe Probst	(294)	Absent
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Absent
4th District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6th District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present

## Roll Call of Detachment Officers (Non-Voting)

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

## Guests

**Past Department Commander** - Laurel M. Clewell greeted the membership and noted that without the S.A.L. and the Aux. would not be where the Legion family is now today, there has been many great events in support of Veterans and Military families, many times in the Past Commanders travels it was stated that more than not the Post would say without the Aux. and S.A.L. participation the Legion family has grown with continued efforts the Legion family could only grow even more. The Josh Dog program deployment that the Past Commander attended in Appleton noted that it very impressive when Commander Clewell saw the faces of the kids and family members. Commander Sherman presented a gift of wine, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a Josh Dog pin.

**Department Adjutant** – Amber Nikolai addressed the members and apologized for not attending the Saturday session as she was tied up on the Legion floor all day. Thanked the Detachment leadership for their input at the SWOT (strengths, weakness, opportunity's and threat's) conference, noting that missed opportunities are often missed due to not being treated well all the time and barriers imposed which are the threats these will need to be worked on by the AL family. The S.A.L. is great asset to the American Legion in their membership and support of programs. Adj. Nikolai noted that the "Josh Dog" program administrated by the S.A.L. is all Hands down is her favorite program. The American legion does have a Foundation which the Sons can utilize. It has been requisitioned that a professional outlet service for branding all the American Legion Family including Legion, Axillary, Sons and the ALR. The Department Audit is still in the works.

Commander Sherman presented the Department Adj. with a Josh Dog pin.

Commander Sherman requested that Vice Commander Watry come and take the podium as he had to go to the Legion floor.

Detachment Vice Commander Watry called for a recess until the Commander return approx. 15 min.

Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) reconvened the meeting and returned the podium to Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

Commander Sherman (071) made the following administrative appointments.

Adjutant: David Faust (245)

Judge Advocate: Michael Lawler (437)

Historian: Joe Bromley (071)

Assitant Adjutants: Gary Lee LeRoy, John L'Huillier (434)

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Kelly Powers (121) to accept the appointments, seconded by Christopher Dannenmann (434), discussion none, Motion carried.

## Committee and Commission Appointments

### Internal Affairs Commission

Internal Affairs Chair– Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) (2020)

Legislative – Chad Lawler (437) (2018)

Membership – Rich Ruland (481) (2020)

Officer Development & Policy Michael L. Lawler (437) (2018)

Public Relations – Mike Kalsbeek (437) (2019)

### Finance Commission

Finance Chair– Tom Petrie (189) (2018),

Gary Lee LeRoy (294) (2020),

Patrick Gryskiewicz (091) (2020),

Mike Pook (449) (2019),

Mike A. Kollmansberger (075) (2020).

### **Programs Committee**

Programs Chair – Gary F. Lubich (121) (2019).  
Americanism Chair – Kelly Powers (121) (2018)  
Children and Youth - Daniel R. Daily (434) (2018)  
National Security Chair – Allen Watry (038) (2018)  
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – (000) (2019)

### **Resolutions**

Resolutions Chair -Chad Lawler (437) (2018),  
Members- Mark Lipke (075) (2018),  
Kelly Powers (121) (2018).

Motion by Detachment Vice - Commander Rich Ruland (481) to accept the appointments, seconded by Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093), discussion none, Motion carried.

**Vice Commander District Assignments**-Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) appointed the following districts to the Vice Commanders:

Robert Sirovina (537) (4, 5, 12)  
Allen Watry (038) (6, 8, 9)  
Rich Ruland (481) (2, 3, 11)  
David Fuller (209) (1, 7, 10)

Commander Sherman noted he setting his goals although lofty he feels they are achievable.

Membership (to win the Triple Nickel Award) 105 percent membership and 100% by Veterans Day.

Child Welfare Foundation, \$1.00 per member.

Consolidated reports 100 percent.

Communications-conference calls, reach each member through mailings and eNews.

Commanders Project (Josh Dogs)-\$1.00 per member.

Training session performed by Officer Development & Policy Michael L. Lawler (PDC) (PNVC) (PChp) (437).

### **Unfinished Business**

NEC Man Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093), asked about registration and housing for the National Convention, Adjutant Faust noted that the registration forms should be in to him by the end of this session and housing by tomorrow. The convention will be at the Hilton.

Commander Sherman suggested that new shirts should be obtained for this new year. Based on this was a good idea a committee was selected, Commander Sherman, Kelly Powers, Dave Fuller and Robert Sirovina Jr. volunteered to investigate ideas of design to bring back proposal for quotes in all sizes, colors. Commander Sherman thanked all of the old and new officers for there help the last year.

### **New Business**

Adjutant Faust (245) noted that there is an additional flyer being worked on for the promotion of the Josh Dog program in more detail, Mike Kalsbeek (437) Public Relations reviewed the Josh Dog Draft for advertising the program explaining he does have the first part of this process he will be working the rest of the flyer working out the details.

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

The 6<sup>th</sup> Districts is holding the 6<sup>th</sup> district Americanism Banquet and the Son of the American Legion have been invited.

### **Final Announcements**

There were no final announcements

### **Closing**

#### **Benediction**

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

#### **Retirement of POW/MIA Empty Chair**

The POW/MIA Empty Chair cover was retired by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms.

#### **Retirement of the Colors**

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

#### **Adjournment**

With no other business Commander Christopher Sherman (071), declared the Post Conv. Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)