

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

Detachment Executive Committee Pre-Convention Meeting Minutes, July 13th 2018

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 13th, 2018 Detachment Commander Christopher M. Sherman (071) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee Pre-Convention meeting at 1:00 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).

Blue Star Banner was placed.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038).

Commanders Welcome- Christopher Sherman (071) welcomed the Detachment, Squadrons and guests, thanked his past years officers for there fine work over the year.

Guests-none

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	(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	(091)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Daniel R. Daily	(434)	Excused
1st District Commander	Joe Probst	(294)	Absent
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
4 th District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6th District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Excused

Roll Call of Detachment 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)	Excused

Reading of the previous meeting minutes

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059) seconded by (PDC, NECman) Daniel R. Daily (434), to accept the minutes from the Spring Executive Committee as to be published and distributed. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Official Correspondence

Adjutant Faust noted that cards of thanks were received one from the Watry family and one from the Chapin family.

Detachment Officer Reports

Detachment Vice Commander – Robert Serovina Jr. (434) District 1,2,4

Noted that he has been representing the Sons of the American Legion at the Rock Creek Hospital assigned to the 9th floor. Assisted in getting a Korean and WWII veterans into the VA system to use their benefits. Worked with the Auxiliary Christmas program obtaining hundreds of gifts for Veteran's and their families to be distributed at Christmas. Has worked on all his districts membership with newsletters and Squadron contacts. The fourth district is up and running the Commander is Christopher Dannenmann. Is working at V.A. hospital under VA&r
Motion by Robert Serovina Jr. (434) seconded by Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Fourth District Commander-Christopher Dannenmann

Noted that of course the district is up and running however there are still things to be done. The 4th district was awarded a donation of \$500 and the district wishes to turn donation over to the Josh Dog program here is a check. Motion by Allen Watry (038) seconded by Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander –Ray Dzieciol (059)– District 7,10,12

Planning the Christmas dinner thru the districts along with the VFW, have donated picnic tables, garbage cans and other items. Thru the districts for the Josh Dog program Squadrons have assembled approx. \$3,200 for the program thru the districts.

Motion by Daniel R. Daily (434) seconded by Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander – Allen Watry – Districts 6,8,9

Spring/Summer Efforts:

Attended Spring D.E.C, Attended the 6th District Spring Meeting

Correspondences:

Sent a letter to all Squadrons of 6, 8, and 9 to: Thank them for all they are doing

Remind them be working on membership and submitting membership transmittals in a timely effort

To remember to fill out and submit Consolidated Reports and Squadron Information Reports To let them know Summer Convention is in Oshkosh and will be a special event with the Post 100/Detachment 50 B-days.

Activities:

Visited Wausaukee Post/Squadron 150 twice to help them with their memberships. Also encouraged them (Post and Squadron) to not give up on the Post/Squadron even though they are struggling. They are currently at 10

members, had 11 members last year. Helped them submit their Consolidated Report and an Officer Information Form.

Helped Little Chute Post fill out a Squadron Charter Request. This should have been sent into State, they are ready to submit around 15 memberships once the Charter is Approved and Chris indicates she is ready to receive Memberships

Attended a Revitalization Effort in Marshfield. Also worked with them that afternoon to submit an update to their Squadron Information.

Attending a meeting at the Omro Post. They had a few questions about starting a S.A.L. Squadron. They will likely be moving forward with the chartering of a Squadron. I will be making contact with them at Convention.

Will try to catch up with Wabeno Post to see how they are doing, had a conversation at Spring Convention about how to get the S.A.L. more involved.

Arranged for the Marshfield Post to receive 3 Josh Dog Kits which were given out at a small deployment. Twelve Soldiers were deployed, three children involved

Helped support a Deployment out of Appleton. 17 Josh Dog Kits and multiple Little Josh Dogs were handed out.

Was asked if we would support a fall deployment occurring in the middle of the State. Will touch base with my contact in about a month.

Personally: Continue to fulfill the duties of Squadron 38 Adjutant, rode in several Parades as a ALRA District #9, Member Pulled Post 470's Float in the Saukville July 4th Parade. Had S.A.L. auto magnets on my truck so promote the S.A.L. in the parade.

Motion was made by Ray Dzieciol (059) for acceptance of the report, seconded by Christopher Dannenmann (434), discussion none, motion carried.

Sixth District-Commander -Mark Lipke

Reported thanking 6th district members and other districts for attending this convention, has been working with Roy Helm on setting things up for this convention. Post 70 Oshkosh will be holding an open house brat fry on Saturday for the community and legion members at 1132 Spruce st. from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Has been doing his duties at Squadron 075. Will be participating in the Legacy ride next weekend.

Motion was made by Gary F. Lubich (121) for acceptance of the report, seconded by Ray Dzieciol (535), discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice Commander –David Fuller (209)– District 3,5,11.

Membership in Districts

These Districts have a total of 20 Squadrons with a total membership of 883.

Districts have 0 goose eggs, three Squadrons are at their current goal, Fourteen Squadrons are at 100% or more with Presque Isle at 255.5%.

Within the three District there are 12 Squadrons that did not file a consolidated report form and 14 that are not registered for mysal.org.

Still working on Albany for a Squadron start up.

Motion by 4th District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) seconded by (Alt. N.E.C.) Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) to accept the report, discussion – none. Motion carried.

Detachment Chaplain – Shawn Grothe (243)

Over the past year Chaplain Grothe attended 7 Military funerals, sent out several sympathy and get well card including one to the Bush family. Attended two Ministry conferences.

Motion by Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), seconded by Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Detachment Historian –Joe Bromley (071)

No report

National Executive Committeeman Daniel R. Daily (434)

Noted that this maybe his last report as N.E.C. as it is time to reelect a new N.E.C., the Detachment nationally is at 99.985% noted we need a last push. Mr. Daily thanked Alt. N.E.C Patrick Gryskiewicz for his great support over his term. Noted that when they were the National meetings just about to arrive Pat was notified that his father passed away. Mr. Daily asked Pat if they should return back home Pat disagreed they continued to the meeting.

Motion by, Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (059), seconded by Gary Masnak (434) to accept the report. Discussion – none. Motion carried.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Patrick Gryskiewicz (093)

No Report.

Commander Christopher Sherman (071) turned the podium over to Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) for the purpose of the Commanders report.

Detachment Commander – Christopher Sherman (071)

It has been a busy the last few months attending and visiting Squadrons, Badger Boys State, Oratorical contests, King Day. Thanked his Vice Commanders for appearing at most all the district meetings, spring and fall meetings. Noted that the many excellent things that have been done comes from the hard work of the working Squadrons supporting. Has attended several deployments.

Motion by Detachment N.E.C. Dan Daily (434) second ed by Detachment Vice Commander Ray Dzieciol (534), to accept the report. Discussion none, Motion carried.

Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434) returned the podium over to Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071).

Convention Committee Verification and Appointments

- Americanism- Chairman – Kelly Powers (121)
- Children & Youth Chair – Daniel Daily (434)
- Constitutional Amendments Chair – Michael Lawler (437)
- Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Michael Lawler (437)
- Finance Chair – Tom Petrie (189)
- Legislative Chair – Chad Lawler (437)
- Membership Chair – Rich Ruland (481)
- National Security – Allen Watry (038)
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair – Robert Sirovina (434)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

There will be an unofficial procession to post (070) open house brat fry. Later in the evening the Commanders Club Dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m.

For the Good of the Sons of the American Legion

Gary Lubich noted that the 10th District ALR is holding a gun raffle this fall and he has tickets for sale.

Squadron 449 turned in 83 memberships at \$747.00, Squadron (434) turned in 100 memberships at \$900. Allen Watry presented \$100 for the Josh Dog program.

(PDC) Kelly Powers noted that the 10th district ALR are holding a ride to support DairyLand veterans retreat, free for Vets with cabins, camping and physiological assistance.

Adjutant Faust noted that there are materials on the back table for the officers, and there are no goose eggs after efforts by Detachment officers purging the goose eggs, the renewal rate is doing extremely well, there are more 100% Squadrons reporting in a long time.

Commander Sherman noted that the Josh Dog program have been received and are ready for distribution ask for them.

Closing

Benediction

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

Retirement of POW/MIA Empty Chair

Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms.

Retirement of the Colors

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

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) declared the Pre-Conv. Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Gary Lee LeRoy (294)