

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Wisconsin  
Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 26, 2019**

**Opening**

**Call to Order**

Saturday October 26, 2019 Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting held at Detachment Headquarters in Portage, WI. at 12:30pm.

**Posting of the Colors**

**Invocation**

**POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony**

**Blue Star Banner Ceremony**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**Roll Call of Detachment Officers**

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

Detachment Commander	Robert Sirovina Jr.	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms	Mark Lipke	(075)	Absent
Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Excused
National Executive Committeeman	Patrick N. Gyskiewicz	(093)	Excused
Alternate NECman	Kelly Powers	(121)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Excused
1 <sup>st</sup> District Commander	Joe Probst	(294)	Excused
3 <sup>rd</sup> District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Excused
4 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Absent
10 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Jason Brantner	(053)	Absent

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

Detachment Judge Advocate	Michael L Lawler	(437)	Absent
Detachment Historian	Vacant		
Detachment Adjutant	David Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Present

Motion by 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Christopher Dannenmann to recognize Mike Pook (449) as 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative, seconded, motion carried.

Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. appointed Christopher Dannenmann as acting Detachment Judge Advocate for this meeting. Motion by John L'Huillier to accept this appointment, seconded, motion carried.

### **Reading of the Previous Minutes**

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Christopher Sherman (071)

Motion by John L'Huillier (434) to accept previous meeting minutes as posted online, seconded, motion passed.

### **Official Correspondence**

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) received a letter from National Headquarters that Lodi Squadron 266 has officially disbanded and turned in charter.

### **Detachment Officer Reports**

**Detachment Vice Commander** Steven DuBois Districts 10,11,12

Attended Deployments at Camp Douglas and Spooner.

Attended 11th District meeting and talked about S.A L

Worked with St. Croix Post with S.A.L membership

Attended Past Commanders Club meeting at Post 537

Attended 100th birthday party at Thorp Post in 10th District

Added New Squadron in Osseo

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** Allen Watry (038) Districts 6,8,9

See Attachment A Allen Watry Fall 2019

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** David Fuller (209) Districts 1,2,4,5

See Attachment B David Fuller Fall 2019 and Attachment C 4<sup>th</sup> District Fall 2019.

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Vice Commander** Rich Ruland (481) Districts 3,7

See Attachment D Rich Ruland Fall 2019

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Chaplain** John L'Huillier (434)

Sent out cards for funerals

Working on Commanders Project

Attended Wisconsin State Fair for Veterans Day events

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Historian** Vacant

**National Executive Committeeman** Patrick Gryskiewicz (091)

No Report

**Alternate National Executive Committeeman Kelly Powers (121)**  
No Report

**Department S.A.L. Chairman Jeff Puddy (075)**  
Americanism meeting is on Friday January 17,2020 at 1:00pm.  
Talked about Josh Dog and changes being made at Detachment level.  
Notified Department Legion about dues increase  
Thanked Detachment Commander Bob Sirovina Jr. and wife Diana for attending 100th birthday celebration at Post 75.  
Please keep him informed about our projects we are working on.

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

**Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)**  
Detachment Commander asked Vice Commander Steven DuBois to assume the chair.  
Detachment Vice Commander DuBois asked for the Detachment Commanders report.  
Attended National Convention at Indianapolis in August 2019  
Attended National Detachment Commanders Training  
Gave report on Commanders Project asking all squadrons to give \$100.00  
Attended Past Commanders Club dinner at Post 537  
Attended Post 75 Legion Birthday Party  
Asking squadrons to bring a basket to raffle at midwinter conference  
7 squadrons asked Commander to attend their meetings to help answer questions.

Motion made by 1st District Representative Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, seconded, motion carried.

Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr (434) then assumed the chair.

## **Committee and Commission Reports**

**Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions** No Report

**Detachment Programs Committee** Christopher Sherman (071)  
Talked about the importance of sending CSR's

### **Detachment Americanism**

See Attachment E Americanism Fall 2019

Oratorical regionals and finals will be held at Ripon College February 8, 2020 at 8:30am  
2nd District Oratorical will be at Midwinter Conference January 18, 2020

### **Detachment Children and Youth**

See Attachment F Children Youth Fall 2019

### **Detachment National Security**

No Reports

### **Detachment Veterans Affairs**

See Attachment G Veterans Affairs Fall 2019

Wreaths Across America date December 14, 2019 at 10am

Motion by Steven DuBois to accept the report and seconded, motion carried.

#### **Detachment Finance Commission**

Has not received report from Department

Motion by 1st District Representative Mike Pook to accept the report and seconded, motion carried.

#### **Detachment Internal Affairs Commission**

Received a check from National for \$555.00 for getting Triple Nickel Award.

#### **Detachment Legislative**

Paul Fisk works on veterans bills at State Capital.

Look in Badger Legionnaire for more information.

#### **Detachment Membership**

Squadrons can now renew memberships online using MY S.A.L they also will need a checking account.

They will pay National and State dues at the same time and National will send State dues back to the Detachment.

All Officers will now have to prove their eligibility to be in the Sons of the American Legion by showing a DD-214 or other forms of ID.

Stepsons may not be eligible to be in the S.A.L this is still being discussed at National

Osseo is a New Squadron in the 10th District thank you PDC Gary Lubich.

Theresa is also working on a new squadron with 3 squadrons possible in the north.

See Attachment H Membership Fall 2019

#### **Detachment Officer Development** Christopher Sherman (071)

Working on updating our policies.

Working on a new training seminar for Midwinter, asking our Detachment Officers to ask our squadrons to attend Midwinter training.

Need to continue getting our squadrons information.

#### **Detachment Public Relations**

No Report

Motion by Christopher Dannenmann to accept the report and seconded, motion carried.

#### **GI JOSH AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Mike Kalsbeek (243) and Commander Bob Sirovina have received samples from vendors of stuffed animals to replace Josh along with pricing.

Discussed logos and colors of vests.

Josh is no longer a program at National.

Discussed what book to put with our new project along with names

Possibility to get a carrying bag

Put our new program on our website along with donation form and explanation of how the program will work and forward to legion family.

#### **PUFL AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Send information to squadrons about program along with dues charts from other Detachments and ask them if they are interested in the Wisconsin Detachment starting a PUFL.

If squadrons say they have enough interest, then Detachment will continue if not then committee will close.

#### **AGENDA & CONVENTION RULES AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Reviewing policies that are in place to find any changes that should be made.

Layout for elections.

Will present changes at Midwinter Conference.

#### **Resolutions, Motions and Petitions**

No Report

#### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business

#### **Appointments**

Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) made the following appointments:

Resignation of Mike Lawler (434) Detachment Judge Advocate

Appointment of Christopher Dannenmann (434) Judge Advocate

Motion by Past Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) to accept the appointment, seconded by Detachment Vice Commander Steve DuBois, motion carried.

#### **New Business**

Discussed National Convention 2022, pins, coins, tours, youth activities, squadron activities.

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

Mike Pook from Squadron 449 will be sending 34 renewals in soon.

#### **Closing**

##### **Benediction**

##### **Retirement of POW/MIA Flag**

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

##### **Adjournment**

With no other business, Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) declared the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant

Christopher Sherman (071)