

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

51st annual Convention Friday, July 19th 2019

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 19th, 2019 Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) called to order the 51st annual Convention at 3:00 p.m. at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton, Wisconsin.

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 John L'Huiller (434).

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

A ceremony honoring our POW/MIA was conducted by Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071), Detachment Chaplain John L'Huiller (434) and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (059).

Blue Star Banner- was placed.

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038).

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209).

Commanders Welcome-Commander Sherman greeted the old familiar and new members.

Roll Call of Detachment Officers (Voting)

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

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| 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 | John L'Huiller | (434) | Present |
| Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms | Mark Lipke | (075) | Excused |
| Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms | Ray Dzieciol | (059) | Present |
| National Executive Committeeman | Patrick Gryskiewicz | (093) | Present |
| Alternate NECman | Kelly R. Powers | (121) | Present |
| 1st District Commander | Joe Probst | (294) | Present |
| 3rd District Commander | Ray Dzieciol | (059) | Present |
| 4 th District Commander | Christopher Dannenmann | (434) | Present |
| 6th District Commander | Mark Lipke | (075) | Excused |
| 10 th District Commander | Gary Lubich | (121) | Present |

Roll Call of Detachment Officers (non-Voting)

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

Roll Call of Past Detachment Commanders present at convention

David R. Faust (245), Michael L. Lawler (437), Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), Daniel R. Daily (434), Gary Lubich (121).

Roll Call of Squadrons

| District | Squad. No. | City |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 048 | Beloit |
| 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 | 385 | Verona |
| 3 | 437 | Mazomanie |
| 3 | 481 | Madison |
| 4 | 434 | Oak Creek |
| 4 | 537 | Milwaukee |
| 6 | 075 | Fond du Lac |
| 9 | 038 | Appleton |
| 10 | 121 | River Falls |
| 11 | 093 | Tomahawk |
| 12 | 143 | Saint Croix Falls |

Introduction of Guests

Candidate (AL) National Commander – Rev. Dan Seehafer (WI) thanked Comm. Sherman for letting him take a few moments to address the Detachment. Rev. Seehafer extended a special thanks to Comm. Sherman and the Detachment of Wi. For the achievements reached and the great job that is being done in support of Legion Family (Dual is Kool). Rev. Seehafer noted that he has been endorsed thru the proper channel and structure to be a Nat'l Candidate for Comm. and has been placed in the candidate pool, he can now do fundraising within the state of Wi. only until he is moved up within the pool structure as a candidate.

Commander Sherman presented Nat'l. Candidate Rev. Dan Seehafer with a 50th year State pin and a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the Detachment of Wisconsin for his campaign.

Candidate (AL) National Commander – N.E.C. Dale Oatman introduced Paul Dillard from the State of Texas a Candidate for (AL) National Commander. Mr. Dillard thanked the Detachment for having him in attendance noted that he also was a dual member and a S.A.L. charter member with his Post 62 in Vincent Texas, both of his two sons and his two grandsons are S.A.L. members. Mr. Dillard noted that in his travels around he has noticed the difference in posts that have an operating Squadrons.

Commander Sherman presented Nat'l. Candidate Paul Dillard with a 50th year State pin and a gift bag of goodies from Wisconsin.

S.A.L. Past National Commander – JR Stillwell (Ill.)

S.A.L. National Vice Commander – Matt Kriste

Past National Presidents - Diane Duscheck, Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan from Wisconsin escorted the new National President Kathy Dungan to the podium. President Dungan gave greetings to the Detachment and noted that she met and visited with the National S.A.L. Commander last month. President Dungan stated her theme is "Serving Our Hero's" because veteran's children and their families are her hero's, stressing the issues that may arise particular to children

helping them out in any way you can. Also, to support in any ways needed the female Veterans' with their issues and challenge's that may occur pending from their service.

Commander Sherman presented President Dungan with a 50th year State pin and a gift bag of goodies from Wisconsin.

Standing Rules of the Convention

Credentials, Resolution and Rules Chair – Michael L. Lawler (437)

This Convention is governed by the Uniform Code of Procedures and Standing Rules which were adopted by the Detachment Executive Committee on April 28, 2018 and subsequently published.

Reading of Resolutions presented to Convention- Chad Lawler (437)

There were none to be presented.

Announcement of Convention Committees

Americanism- Chairman – Kelly Powers (121), members Joe Probst (294), Seán Patchin (535), Allen Watry (038).

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

Constitutional Amendments Chair–Michael Lawler (437), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Robert Sirovina (434).

Convention Credentials Resolutions and Rules – Michael Lawler (437), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Robert Sirovina (434).

Finance Chair – Tom Petrie (189), members Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) Daniel R. Daily (434).

Legislative Chair – Michael Lawler (437), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Robert Sirovina (434).

Membership Chair – Rich Ruland (481) members Ray Dzieciol (059), David Fuller (209).

National Security – Allen Watry (038) members John L'Huiller (434), Rich Ruland (481).

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair – Robert Sirovina Jr. (434), Stevan Cobb (*), Gary Lubich (121) Motion by Christopher Dannenmann (434) seconded by to Ray Dzieciol (059) approve the appointments, discussion none, motion carried.

Announcement of Elections Judge

Elections Judge – Commander Sherman appointed Daniel R. Daily (434) as elections judge. Tellers to be appointed after nominations are closed.

Motion by Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038) seconded by Seán Patchin (385) to approve the appointment, discussion none. Motion carried.

National Convention Delegates Explanation-Michael Lawler (437)

Mr. Lawler reported the following based on the Detachment membership of Wisconsin is allotted ten (11) delegates (three as a detachment plus one for each 500 members) plus one at large which allows 12. 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 Districts 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 Indianapolis this is the 100th Legion convention, Aug. 23th to the 25th.

Department S.A.L. Chairman - Jeff Puddy (075) Duel Memb. noted that he has experienced several deployments the most recent one in Menominee and he was amazed at the interaction of the kids with the Josh Dog. Also noted that he has been asked to continue as Department S.A.L. Chairman under the new future regime.

Nomination of Candidates for Detachment Officer's

Elections Judge – in the absence of Daniel R. Daily (434) who had to step out from the meeting, (PDC) Michael L. Lawler (437) continued and called for the following nominations.

Detachment Commander

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) called for other nominations, none were presented. Motion was made by Daniel R. Daily (434) to close the nominations for Commander, seconded by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Vice-Commander

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidates of, David Fuller (209), Rich Ruland (481), Allen Watry (038) Steven DuBois (*) for Detachment Vice-Commander were presented. Acting chair Lawler called for other nominations the name of Seán Patchin (385) was presented. Motion was made by Dan Daily (434) to close the nominations for Vice Commander, seconded by Ray Dzieciol (059) discussion none, motion carried.

Detachment Chaplain

With the proper paper work and resume being submitted the announced candidate of John L'Huiller (434) for Detachment Chaplain was presented. Acting chair Lawler called for other nominations none were presented. Motion was made by Seán Patchin (385) to close the nominations for Chaplain, seconded by Ray Dzieciol (059), 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), Jason Bratner (053) and Joe Probst (294) for Detachment Sgt.-at-Arms were presented. Acting chair Lawler called for other nominations no others were presented.

Motion was made by Seán Patchin (385) to close the nominations for Sgt.-at-Arms, seconded by Gary Lubich (121), discussion none, motion carried.

Appointments of election tellers

Commander Sherman called for election tellers min. of three required, Christopher Dannenmann (434), Collan, Mr. Kelsbee stepped forward and volunteered.

Motion by Allen Watry (038) seconded by Seán Patchin (385) 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) after this session.

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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 Commander Mike Pook (449) 8:30 Sat., 3rd District Commander Ray Dzieciol (534), 4th District Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) 8:30 Sat., 6th District Commander Mark Lipke (075), 10th District Commander Gary Lubich (121) after session here.

Final Announcement

Commander Sherman had members from 355 Grafton come up to receive their awards 100% ribbon, citation of achievement for excellence in achieving membership by the Legion Birthdate and all-time high citation. Grafton (355) sponsors cabin 22 at camp and the Squadron has raised \$25,000 for the rebuild effort.

Adjutant Faust noted the PCC is Sat evening, church services Sat. evening also practices for the memorial service Sunday.

Gary Lubich 121 turned in \$300 donation for Josh Dog program.

Closing

Benediction

A benediction was offered by Detachment Chaplain John L'Huiller (434)

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 Ray Dzieciol (059) 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)