

# Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

51<sup>st</sup> annual Convention Saturday session, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Opening

### Call to Order

Saturday July 20th, 2019 Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) reconvened the 51<sup>th</sup> annual Convention at 9:30am at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI.

### Posting of the Colors

With colors in place hand salute was rendered.

**Invocation**-Invocation was given by Detachment Chaplain John L'Huillier (434).

### POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

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

Placement of the Blue Star was posted.

### The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (537).

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

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble was led by Detachment Vice-Commander Robert Sirovina (537).

### Roll Call of Detachment Officers

Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Robert Sirovina	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
Alternate NECman	Kelly Powers	(121)	Absent
1st District Commander	Joe Probst	(294)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
4 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
6th District Commander	Mark Lipke	(075)	Present
10 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present

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

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'Huillier	(434)	Excused
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Excused

### Past Detachment Commanders Present

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

**Roll Call of Squadrons by Adjutant David Faust (245).**

District	Squad. No.	City
1	071	Pewaukee
1	209	Orfordville
1	294	Hartland
1	449	Brookfield
2	189	Watertown
2	243	Plymouth
3	059	Stoughton
3	245	Cross Plains
3	385	Verona
3	437	Mazomanie
3	481	Madison
3	491	Cazenovia
4	537	Milwaukee
4	434	Oak Creek
6	075	Fond du Lac
6	234	Omro
9	038	Appleton
10	121	River Falls
11	093	Tomahawk

## Introduction of Guests

**American Legion National Commander** – Brett Reistad (duel member) one of the things during his term that has been worked on legislatively is the issue of the American Legion to be allowed to set the membership eligibility dates and this issue should be passed in congress and the President soon and by the National Convention. The Blades of Cross which is a memorial for about 40 veterans erected after WWI that were actually buried overseas and a group with an atheist mind was trying to have it removed because they found it to be offensive to their religion. The American Legion took the group on in the courts up to the Supreme court and won the battle saving the memorial. With legislation drafted other memorials would be protected from demolition or removal. Commander Reistad during his travel on the Legion end is the issues of bringing in other people outside of the established war eras set by Congress and what to do with the Male spouse of Female veterans where there is no eligibility to the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion. These issues have had much discussions and conversations with all the family and solutions are being explored. Commander Sherman presented Commander Reistad with a 50<sup>th</sup> State pin and a gift bag.

**Newly Elected Department Commander** – David Wischer maid greetings to the Detachment noted that the Legion and himself is here for the support of the Detachment if anything is needed we will together to get things done. Commander Wischer noted that his theme for his term is “Focused on the Future” there are a number of reasons to do that first and foremost over his last four years that over those years enduring his wife’s health issues while staying focused on Legion programs near and dear to him and his wife for 39 years. Commander Wischer noted that after his wife’s passing last Oct. he needed to be more focused moving on forward. With the Legion Focus and celebrating 100 years as an organization continuing to move forward in support of Veterans, Communities and their families. Commander Sherman presented Commander Wischer with a 50th State pin.

**S.A.L. Past National Commanders** - David Faust (Wi), JR Stillwell (Ill).

**S.A.L. National Vice Commander** – Matt Kriste brought greetings from National Commander Greg (Doc) Gibbs Hamburg NY. Post 527. Commander Gibbs motto this year has been “Honor the Past & Continuing the Legacy” in honoring the past is as simple as keeping the memories alive by talking with Legionnaires keeping their storied remembrance’s in view and part of remembering. When out and about in your communities ask people if they are a veteran and could be

eligible to join the American Legion Family this now includes females and a new wave of younger Veterans. Continuing the Legacy all of us in this room is a part of the Legacy proud possessors of a priceless heritage it is up to you to continue the Legacy of our parent organization of the American Legion keeping memories alive as well attending to the needs of current and former military families.

NVC Kriste noted that this year has been an excellent one for the S.A.L. Legion Family as we moved into the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> year with the S.A.L. donations from the Sons of the American Legion to the Child Welfare Foundation surpassing \$8 mill. Remember other donations needed for are the Legacy Scholarship Fund and National Emergency Fund two great causes that were created to help our own Legion members and Family's. Need to continue to per mote the parent organization of the American Legion in membership just ask around in your communities for veterans.

Extended congratulations to as of 7/18/19 the Detachment of Wisconsin in 6<sup>th</sup> place within the Nation 3912 memberships turned in 106.56% in the central region it is awesome being 99.245% putting Wisconsin in line for the Triple Nickel award. Richard Phieffer (Ind.) should be the next Central National Vice Commander.

**Department Auxiliary President** – Charlayne “Char” Kiesling gave greetings to the Detachment members noted that it is a highlight to be at this S.A.L. Convention, over the past year she has had more fun and enjoyed the events that Comm. Sherman was at such as the deployments, found them to be rewarding and heartwarming times. President Char noted that she has gained a greater appreciation for small groups such as the Sons of the American Legion and asked that the membership continue the great efforts to support the Legion Family.

**Camp American Legion Chairman** – Michael Burk thanked the Detachment and Squadrons who have supported camp in many ways. The ground breaking occurred for cabin 22 the American Legion Family cabin. Donations to camp and for the longer-term development are to be used wisely moving forward. The gift shop being done and started is going to be put on hold and was jumped the gun for the capitol plan for camp. The area of the gift shop is under the plan's that area is required easement to bring in utilities of gas and power to the generator house electrical building that is needing to be done. The main House requires to have a new roof put on these issues are immediate needs. Commander Sherman presented NVC Kriste with a special gift bag of fine wine, cheese and 50<sup>th</sup> State pin.

**Register of the Wisconsin American Legion Collage** – Michael Kalsbeeck reported on Thursday he had the privilege of participating in presenting of three more Legion college graduates from the S.A.L. there are 5 College graduates Bob Sirovina, Michael Kalsbeeck new are Allen Watry, Christopher Sherman and Shawn Grothe this last year. There is to be a Legion Collage hosted at the Orfordville Post (209) three weekends in Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> any members interested come and participate. At Mid – Winter there will be the Commanders and Adjutant courses it is recommended that member participate the Commanders course is recommended.

**Commander Sherman** – noted that the Triple Nickel Award was confirmed to be won by Wisconsin, achieving 105% in membership obtaining 5 new Squadrons and better than 5% in renewals. Other items of accomplishment were very strong in VA&R 5470 volunteer hrs., Children and Youth deployed over 550 Josh Dogs and brought in \$24,393 in donations. Community service 24,761 volunteer hrs. and \$51,739 in donations. Americanism Donated 1,334 pints of blood, 26,855 volunteer hrs. \$65,110 in donations. Totaling 44,786 volunteer hrs. \$129,976 in donations making the Total economic impact supporting The American Legion: of \$1,268,871.

Commander Sherman noted there was a resolution before the floor asked Sgt.-at-Arms to distribute the resolution to the membership, then he would read it in full as follows: It was motioned by the (PNC) (PDC) Adjutant David Faust (245) the Convention Rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing (PNVC) (PDC) Michael L. Lawler (437) to introduce the resolution from the floor. Comm. Sherman Called Past Comm. Lawler to the podium.

#### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN**

Detachment Executive Committee Meeting  
(or) **Detachment Convention Assembled**

Date: July 20, 2019  
Resolution No: DC-2019-01

Originated from Past Detachment Commanders

**Title: HONORARY PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER**

**Whereas:** The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin is currently blessed by a very dedicated man who has made a tremendous commitment to the growth and betterment of our organization; and

**Whereas:** This man has been instrumental in establishing the course that we take, and;

**Whereas:** This person set a standard of conduct that exemplifies professionalism, honesty, and integrity that is beyond reproach; and

**Whereas:** When reviewing our history, it is unimaginable to consider where we would be today without his service, most notably as the keeper of our minutes as Detachment Assistant Adjutant for about two decades; and

**Whereas:** He has recently announced his well-deserved retirement from this position; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**Resolved:** By the 51st Annual Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, 'Detachment of Wisconsin assembled on the 20th day of July 2019 in the city of Middleton, Wisconsin, that Gary Leroy, a 40-year member of Flanagan-Dom Squadron 294 in Hartland, Wisconsin, is hereby recognized as a Past Detachment Commander with at-large convention delegate privilege with his squadron.

Commander Sherman (071) presented a retiring Gavel to Mr. LeRoy (294).

Motion was made by Dave Fuller (209) to accept the resolution, seconded by Allen Watry (038), discussion none, motion carried.

### **Convention Committee Reports and Awards**

**Americanism Chair** – Kelly Powers (158)-Acting chair Allen Watry asked the membership as we go thru the Americanism accomplishments and awards to remember and thing about the following from our preamble, to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America, foster and perpetuate a true spirt of Americanism, to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community State and Nation, transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and Democracy. These parts are what a lot of the Americanism programs are about. It was asked that Squadrons 18, 48, 75 & 189 make their way to the podium to receive their awards.

#### **Americanism Awards**

##### **Best Blood Raymond Faust Plaque**

Honorable mention –18 Milwaukee– certificate

Second place –75 Fond du Lac– certificate

First place –189 Watertown – Raymond Faust - plaque (990) pints of blood

##### **Best Community Service Mary Ann Nelson (M.A.N.) Plaque**

Honorable mention –189 Watertown - certificate

Second place –48 Beloit – certificate

First place –75 Fond du Lac – Mary Ann Nelson (M.A.N.) – plaque (6,000 hours & over \$35,000)

##### **Best Americanism Robert Wilcox – Plaque**

Honorable mention –189 Watertown – certificate

Second place –48 Beloit– certificate

First place –75 Fond du Lac – Robert Wilcox – plaque (610 dollars & hours per member)

Motion by Seán Patchin (385), second by Robert Sirovina (434) to accept the report, discussion none, motion carried.

#### **Children and Youth Child Welfare**

Chair – Daniel R. Daily (434) reported he has been given a check in the amount of \$500 from Commander Joh L'Huiller and his wife Paula who took it upon them self to put on a bean bag tournament and donated the funds to the Josh Dog program. It was asked that Squadrons 38, 48, 63, 108, 120, 121, 189 & 243 make their way to the podium to receive their awards.

#### **Children & Youth Awards**

##### **Excellence Award \$1.00 per member to CWF.**

(038) Appleton, (048) Beloit, (063) Clintonville (189) Watertown, (120) West Allis, (243) Plymouth, (108) Clear Lake.

##### **Child Welfare Foundation (High per cap donation)**

Honorable mention – (038) Appleton– certificate

Second place – (048) Beloit – certificate

First place – (189) Watertown – **CWF** – plaque (\$24.07 per member)

#### **Josh Dog Program**

##### **Excellence Award \$1.00 per member to CWF.**

(048) Beloit, (209) Orfordville, (294) Hartland, (449) Brookfield, (243) Plymouth, (288) Cedarburg, (192) Franklin, (106) Seymour, (121) River Falls, (434) Oak Creek

##### **Dale E. Daily Plaque**

##### **Highest Per Capita Donations to Josh Dogs**

Honorable mention –(209) Orfordville– certificate

Second place –(121) River Falls– certificate

First place – (192) Franklin –**Daniel E. Daily** – plaque (\$175.83 per member).

**Special** award to Mike Kalsbeek (444) for outstanding contributions to the Josh Dog program.

Daniel R. Daily (434) reported for Children & Youth the major numbers from the Squadrons reporting on the consolidated reports. Special Olympics and operation Military Kids donations \$1770 and 249 volunteer hours, 7 Squadrons gave at least \$1.00 per member to **CWF**, 550 Josh Dogs were deployed the amount of \$18,715, 9 Squadrons gave at least \$1.00 to the Josh Dog program, \$3,908 to other **CWF** programs with 976 volunteer hours, total volunteer hours 1,225, \$24,393 in donations

##### **Children and Youth (Best) Lillian Priest – Plaque**

Honorable mention – (048) Beloit – certificate

Second place – (121) River Falls – certificate

First place – (192) Franklin – **Lillian Priest – Plaque**

Motion by Ray Dzieciol (059) second by Christopher Dannenmann (434) to accept the report, discussion none, motion carried.

**Constitutional Amendments** - chair Michael Lawler (437) reported that the committee met and considered to review the Constitution By-Laws standing rules of Convention and the election process. It was recommended that an ad-hoc committee be established to carry this out thru the next year.

Motion by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) to accept the Constitutional Amendments report second by Joe Probst (294), discussion none, motion carried.

**Legislative** – chair Micheal Lawler (437) reported as Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Family that one impact item is to continue to talk to your legislator's. The American Legion Family Legislative priorities.

Unrecognized armed hostilities recognition, The future of V A health care, 'Protect the best care anywhere, V A recruitment and retention, The road home from TBI and PTSD, Improving care for women veterans, Improve access to care for MST victims and survivors, Veteran suicide prevention. Support for veteran caregivers, Prevent veteran homelessness, Blue Water Navy vets deserve benefits, Electronic health records, Licensing and credentialing, Veterans Preference hiring, Access to capital for small business, Federal contracting for veteran-owned businesses, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program, New approaches to transition, Maintain integrity of the GI Bill, Cybersecurity, Strengthen the U.S. Military, Fund law enforcement agencies, Financial protections from scams, Protect the U.S. Flag from desecration, Gold Star families, Expedited citizenship through military service, Resources at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

Motion by Christopher Dannenmann (434), second by Seán Patchin (385), to accept the Legislative report, Discussion none, motion carried.

**Finance Chair** - Tom Petrie (189) Reported the six-month budget for the year expenditures were the amount of \$15,700 remaining budgeted in the amount of \$18,247 it is expected to have a \$3,000 rollover at years end.

Motion by Allen Watry (038) to accept the report, second by Seán Patchin (385), discussion none, motion carried.

**Membership** - Chairman Rich Ruland congratulated all squadrons who worked hard to achieve the Triple Nickle Award, reported that in his districts and over the State some of the high achieving Squadrons First District Oconomowoc (091) 130.43%, Second District 106.25%, Third District 99.74% Squadron (501) 128.57%, Squadron (491) Cazenovia 125.00%, Sixth District 126.42%, Seventh District 104.37%, Eighth District 169.12% Squadron (054) Marshfield 511.11%, Ninth District 111.34% Squadron (060) Kimberly 121.43%, Tenth District 104.95% Squadron (550) Brackett 126.67%, Eleventh

District 98.40%, Twelfth District 100.00% Squadron (143) Saint Croix Falls 147.06%. There are now 106 Squadrons this is with the five new this year, 66 Squadrons at 100.00% or better this year, there are thirty Squadrons at all-time high. The five new Squadrons are Little Chute (258), West Bend (036), Ripon (043), Wisconsin Rapids (442) and Omro (234).

**Membership Awards**

First Squadron to reach 110% - **Jack Keys** plaque

Squadron (054) Marshfield

Greatest percentage membership increase - **Armin Tews** plaque

Squadron (054) Marshfield

**Membership – 100% & All Time High**

Dist.	Squadron <sup>B</sup> (BD) <sup>A</sup> (ATH) <sup>5</sup>	Dist.	Squadron <sup>B</sup> (BD) <sup>A</sup> (ATH) <sup>5</sup>
1	024 Lake Geneva <sup>B5</sup>	4	434 Oak Creek <sup>BA5</sup>
1	048 Beloit <sup>B</sup>	4	537 Milwaukee <sup>5</sup>
1	071 Pewaukee <sup>BA</sup>	5	406 Milwaukee <sup>5</sup>
1	091 Oconomowoc <sup>B5</sup>	6	075 Fond du Lac <sup>B5</sup>
1	196 Delafield <sup>B</sup>	6	306 Green Lake
1	209 Orfordville	6	366 Princeton <sup>B</sup>
1	294 Hartland <sup>5</sup>	7	051 West Salem <sup>BA</sup>
1	375 Mukwonago <sup>BA</sup>	7	052 La Crosse
1	405 Dousman <sup>B</sup>	7	065 Rome <sup>BA</sup>
1	544 Twin Lakes <sup>B5</sup>	7	100 Sparta
2	001 Germantown <sup>B</sup>	7	115 Elroy <sup>B</sup>
2	015 Juneau <sup>BA</sup>	7	116 Coon Valley <sup>A</sup>
2	067 Lake Mills <sup>B5</sup>	7	172 North Freedom
2	157 Horicon <sup>A</sup>	7	336 Onalaska <sup>B5</sup>
2	189 Watertown <sup>B</sup>	8	Wausau
2	243 Plymouth <sup>BA5</sup>	8	054 Marshfield <sup>BA5</sup>
2	271 Poynette <sup>B</sup>	8	063 Clintonville <sup>BA</sup>
2	288 Cedarburg <sup>5</sup>	8	117 Shawano <sup>B</sup>
2	347 Lomira <sup>B5</sup>	8	339 Almond <sup>B</sup>
2	335 Grafton <sup>BA</sup>	9	011 Green Bay <sup>B</sup>
2	387 Franklin <sup>BA</sup>	9	038 Appleton <sup>A</sup>
3	059 Stoughton <sup>BA5</sup>	9	044 Wabeno <sup>B</sup>
3	084 Monroe <sup>BA</sup>	9	060 Kimberly <sup>BA</sup>
3	214 Darlington <sup>BA</sup>	9	106 Seymour <sup>BA</sup>
3	220 Soldiers Grove <sup>B</sup>	10	080 New Richmond <sup>B</sup>
3	245 Cross Plains <sup>B</sup>	10	111 Somerset
3	433 Barneveld	10	121 River Falls <sup>BA5</sup>
3	437 Mazomanie <sup>BA</sup>	10	168 Glenwood City <sup>B</sup>
3	481 Madison <sup>BA</sup>	10	326 Boyd <sup>BA</sup>
3	491 Cazenovia <sup>BA5</sup>	10	550 Brackett <sup>BA</sup>
3	501 Madison <sup>B5</sup>	11	093 Tomahawk <sup>B</sup>
4	027 South Milwaukee <sup>B</sup>	11	547 Lublin <sup>B</sup>

4	120 West Allis <sup>B A</sup>	12	Saint Croix Falls <sup>B</sup>
4	180 Milwaukee <sup>B</sup>		

B= 100% by Legion Birthday in March, All listed Squadrons receive Honor ribbon

A= All Time High

5 = Triple Nickle

(243) Plymouth, (059) Stoughton, (491) Cazenovia, (434) Oak Creek, (054) Marshfield and (121) River Falls were recognized for their excellent membership efforts. Districts achieving “Triple Nickel” status are Districts 8 and 9, Vice Commanders achieving “Triple Nickel” status is Allen Watry (038).

Commander Sherman called to the podium S.A.L. Past National Commander JR Stillwell (ILL) to present and explain how the State of ILL. has set up a P.U.F.L. program that Wisconsin may adopt. (PNC) Stillwell noted that ILL. Has had the PUFL for approx. 10 years and it is administrated by the Detachment, a packet was distributed to officers and members of this Convention to review while (PNC) Stillwell explained rules, ins, outs, actuary tables and process of the program. (PNC) Stillwell noted that its takes a lot of work with the States Department and their finance committee to get the PUFL established and it is not know what national is working on this issue but ILL program is working.

Motion by Daniel R. Daily (434) to accept the report, second by Sán Patchin (385), discussion none, motion carried.

**Special Order of Business Elections 11:30 a.m.**

**Credentials Report**

Chair Michael Lawler called and reviewed the voting strength of the delegates and delegates at large by Squadron the tally reported was 37 present it would take 19 to elect.

Commander Sherman reported that Christopher Dannemann (434) assigned as a teller developed an illness and would not be here today, Commander Sherman asked for a replacement appointment, Jeff Puddy (075) stepped up as a replacement for teller.

Motion by Ray Dzieciol (059) second by Mike Pook (449) to accept the replacement appointment, discussion none, motion carried.

Motion by Michael Lawler (437) second by Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the credentials report, discussion none, motion carried.

**Election process Explanation – Elections Judge Dan Daily**

Membership will be voting for Detachment Commander, four Vice Commanders, Chaplain, two Sgt.-at- Arms and it was noted the National Delegates will be done after the Lunch break. Ballots were passed out.

After ballots were collected Commander Sherman called for recess for lunch and to give the elections committee time to tally the results of voting until Return to session at 1:15 PM.

Commander Sherman (071) turned the podium over to the elections Judge Dan Daily (434) after the break for the purpose of the election results.

**Commander** – (1 required) Robert Sirovina Jr. (434).

**Vice Commanders-** (4 Required) - Allen Watry (038), David Fuller (209), Rich Ruland (481), Steve Du Bouis (434).

**Chaplain** – (1 Required) John L’Huillier (434).

**Sergeant-At-Arms-** (2 Req’d.) – Ray Dzieciol (059), revote for the second Sergeant-At-Arms is needed ballots were passed out.

**National Security** – Chair Allen Watry (038) noted key efforts that where addressed at the Legion level disaster preparedness and readiness program consider ways to support and partner up with the communities in the event of a disaster if needed. Other programs under National Security are National Emergency Fund, Pow/Mia advisory, Troop Support.

**National Emergency Fund Awards**

Squadrons with \$1.00 or more per capita:

Dist	Squadron
1	243 Plymouth

6 075 Fond du Lac

12 108 Clear Lake

### **National Emergency Fund Highest Per Capita Contributions**

Honorable Mention: Squadron 243 Plymouth

2nd Place: Squadron 108 Clear Lake

1st Place: Squadron 075 Fond du Lac (\$5.63 per member)

Motion by Seán Patchin (385) second by Mike Pook (449) to accept the report, discussion none, motion carried.

Elections Judge Dan Daily reported that the second election for Sergeant-At-Arms was not conclusive and the vote would have to be done a third time, ballot were passed out.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation-** acting chair Gary Lubich (121) presented the awards.

### **VA&R Awards Best Rehabilitation Program**

Honorable mention – (449) Brookfield – certificate

Second place – (171) Union Grove – certificate

First place – (196) Delafield – **Thomas A. Knox** – plaque

Motion by Ray Dzieciol (059) to accept the report, second by Patrick Gryskiewicz (093), discussion none, motion carried.

Elections Judge Dan Daily returned and reported that the third election for Sergeant-At-Arms was finished and the vote has elected Mark Lipke (075) as the second Sergeant-At-Arms.

Motion by Jeff Puddy (075) to have all the ballots destroyed, second by Christopher Dannenmann (434), discussion none, motion carried.

**Best Overall Program** – presented by Commander Sherman he noted that there were 11,236 volunteer hours and donations were in the amount of \$25,009 out of 52 Squadrons reporting. Total accomplishments by the S.A.L. from Wisconsin is 44,786 volunteer hours and a total of \$129,976 in donations. Total economic impact supporting the American Legion \$1,268,871.

Honorable Mention-(189) Watertown– certificate

Second place – (048) Beloit – certificate

Best overall program – (075) - Fond Du Lac – **Don Priest** – plaque

At this point Adj. Faust called for the nominations of delegates and alt. delegates to the National Convention.

### **Delegates to the National Convention**

Wisconsin by membership of 3922+ is allowed 11 delegates and 1 at large for a total of 12.

Delegate at large-PNC David Faust (245)

Outgoing Commander – (automatic) Christopher Sherman (071)

In coming Commander- (automatic) Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)

NEC Man- Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) – (automatic)

Detachment Adjutant-David Faust (245)

As required the following were submitted by District as delegates and alt. delegates for District 1 & 3

**First District** – Delegate Joe Probst (294), Alt. Delegate Bob Ames (048).

**Third District** – Delegate Rich Ruland (481) Alt. Delegate Ray Dzieciol (059).

This would leave 6 delegates at large to be nominated from the floor, the following were nominated, Michael Lawler (437) Gary Kennady (434), Allan Watry (038), Daniel Daily (434), Gary Le Roy (294), Steve Du Bouis (143).

### **Alternate National Delegates to Convention**

The required 9 Alt. delegates to be nominated from the floor, the following were nominated.

John L’Huillier (434), Mark Lipke (075), Dave Ruland (481), Mike Kalsbeek (), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Tom Petrie (189), Gary Lubich (121), Conor Heining (437), Jeff Puddy (075).

Motion by Allen Watry (038) to close the nominations and elect the nominees by acclamation, second by Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

Commander Sherman explained 2 resolutions from National level asking for a proposed Natl. due increase, the last time dues were increased was 1982. One resolution was to increase the National dues by \$3.00 totaling \$5.00 the second



resolution was to increase National dues by \$5.00 totaling \$7.00. At this point with proposal one it would be to the Squadrons to send in \$12.00 to State and for proposal two it would be to the Squadrons to send in \$14.00 to state. Commander Sherman noted that the delegates going to the National Convention would be needing to vote for one of the proposals. Commander Sherman called for discussion much discussion was had on what way Wisconsin delegates should vote. Motion by Jeff Puddy (075) to accept resolution for the \$5.00 dues increase at National, second by Steve Du Bouis (434), discussion none, motion carried.

#### **New Business**

**Josh Dog program chair** - Daniel R. Daily (434) reported that the use of the **Josh Dogs** program will no longer exist, it is not that the program doesn't exist but the company that provided the dogs is no longer operating. This comes from the originator Dr. Lange due to family and personnel issue no longer will allow the use of the rights and patent to the Josh Dogs. Mr. Daily noted we are investigating options to keep the idea of this program going for support of veterans and current military families during deployments.

Commander Sherman (071) with newly Elect Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) asked for a ad hoc committee of volunteers and appointees to resolve and remodel the new program to maintain the support of Veterans current military families. The following members stepped up: Commander Robert Sirovina Jr. (434), Daniel R. Daily (434), Christopher Sherman (071), Dave Fuller (209) Michael Lawler (437), David Faust (245), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Seán Patchin (385), Micheal Kalisbeek ().

Motion by Allen Watry (038) to accept the appointments of the ad hoc committee, second by Ray Dzieciol (059), discussion none, motion carried.

Commander Sherman called for volunteers and appointees for a ad hoc committee to address the issue of PUFL for the Detachment. The following members stepped up: Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina Jr. (434), David Faust (245), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Rich Ruland (481), Allen Watry (038), Ray Dzieciol (059), Michael Lawler (437), Garry Kennedy ().

Motion by Christopher Dannenmann (434), to accept the appointments of the PUFL ad hoc committee, second by Rich Ruland (481), discussion none, motion carried.

Commander Sherman called for volunteers and appointees for a ad hoc committee to review convention agenda and standing rules and the election process. The following members stepped up: Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina Jr. (434), Seán Patchin (385), Christopher Dannenmann (434), Michael Lawler (437), Ray Dzieciol (059), Michael Lawler (437), Garry Kennedy ().

Motion by Seán Patchin (385), to accept the appointments of the standing rules ad hoc committee, second by Patrick Gryskiewicz (091), discussion none, motion carried.

**Commander Sherman** made his final remarks thanking all of his officers and it has been a great pleasure for him over the past two year working with excellent people. Commander Sherman noted that he was very humbled by the work that had been done by all over his two-year term and is faithful that Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) will continue along with the officers to keep moving things forward in the future. Comm. Sherman passed out gifts to the following officers: (PDC) Michael Lawler (437)-Shirt, Allen Watry (038)-Shirt, David Fuller (209)-Shirt, Rich Ruland (481)-Shirt, Robert Sirovina (434) and (PNC) David Faust (245)-Shirt.

Commander Sherman and Adjutant Faust passed out the last term Detachment Officers year pins and year bars.

Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071)- Ribbon and year/ bar

Detachment Vice Commander Robert Sirovina (434)-year/ bar

Detachment Vice Commander Rich Ruland (481)-year/ bar

Detachment Vice Commander Allen Watry (038)- year/ bar

Detachment Vice Commander David Fuller (209) -year/ bar

Detachment Chaplain- John L'Huillier (434) - year/bar

Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Lipke (075)-year/bar

Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Dzieciol (059) – year/bar

National Executive Committeeman Patrick Gryskiewicz (091) - year/ bar

Alternate NECman Kelly R. Powers - year/bar

Detachment Assistant Judge Advocate Michael L. Lawler (437)- year / bar

Detachment Historian Joe Bromley (071) – year / bar

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) - year / bar

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)-year / bar

#### **Installations of New Officers**

Commander Sherman turned the podium over to (S.A.L.) National Vice Commander Central Region Matt Kriste for the purpose of administrating and installing the newly elected Detachment officers.

(S.A.L.) National Vice Commander Central Region Matt Kriste after the installation returned the podium to Commander Sherman for the purpose to end of the Convention.

New Commander Robert Sirovina Jr, (434)- made some remarks thanking everyone who voted for him, and is hoping to fill the shoes of (PDC) Sherman. Comm. Robert Sirovina (434) he has confidence in his staff of elected officers.

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

Jeff Puddy announced the winning nos for the 50/50 raffles, 347253, 347179 and 346973.

Membership was turned in from Squadron (071) Pewaukee 31 members, Squadron (294) Hartland 16 members.

#### **Final Announcements**

Chaplain noted volunteers are needed at the Memorial Service to do ushering and take the offerings (8 vol needed) practice will be at 6:30 Sat. evening in the Superior Rm. after church. Memorial Service be at 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning in the Superior Room. There is a catholic service at 5:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, The Prodi sent service at 5:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin La Crosse Green Bay Room.

Adjutant Faust noted the Post DEC will be 9:00 am Sun., Past Commanders dinner at 7:00 pm.

Post-Convention D.E.C. meeting Sun. at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Closing**

##### **Benediction**

A benediction was offered by Detachment Chaplain John L’Huillier (434)

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

The POW/MIA Empty Chair cover was retired by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, Ray Dzieciol (059).

##### **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, Past Detachment Commander Christopher Sherman (071) declared the Detachment Convention meeting closed.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Gary Lee Leroy (294)