

Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Wisconsin
53RD Annual DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 15, 2022 Detachment Commander David Fuller (209) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held at Portage, WI at 1:30 pm.

Posting of the Colors

Invocation

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony.

Blue Star Banner Ceremony

The Pledge of Allegiance

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Welcome by Detachment Commander David Fuller (209)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers

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

Detachment Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Steve DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(059)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Patrick Gryskiewicz	(091)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Robert Sirovina Jr.	(434)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
1st District Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Present
4th District Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
10th District Commander	Gary Lubich	(121)	Present

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Historian	Mike Pook	(449)	Present
Detachment Adjutant	David Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Jeff Puddy	(075)	Excused

Reading of the Previous Minutes

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Christopher Sherman (071).

Official Correspondence

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245):

- No correspondence to report.

Detachment Officer Reports

Detachment Vice Commander – Gary F. Lubich (121) Districts (2, 4, 5, 9)

See attached report.

10th District at 100%

Attended River Falls golf tournament, Patriot program and help put out flags and has Hammond Post

Asking to start a Squadron.

Detachment Vice Commander – Allen Watry (038) Districts (6, 7, 8)

2022 Summer Convention DEC Report

Vice Commander Watry - Districts 6,7,8

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- Continue to work/coordinate with National C&Y for National Children and Youth Academy event at Natl Convention
- Continue to provide updates to the N.E.C. and Alt N.E.C. men as requested, also provide occasional updates to the Natl Vice Commanders
- See Natl Convention Report for details and upcoming decisions we need to make regarding 2022 Convention in Milwaukee

Detachment Activities

- Continued to stay in contact, as possible with Squadrons in Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- Meetings/Trainings
 - 6th District Spring Conference – Detachment and District Summary
 - 8th District Spring Conference – Detachment and District Summary
 - New Squadron Presentation to Rosholt Post
- Continuing forward with the Detachment Quarterly Newsletters
 - Working to obtain addresses of all Posts which have Squadrons
 - Will start to do “hard mailings” to those addresses, then only email via Mail Chimp to the rest (proposal)
 - Will send next one out shortly after Natl Convention – please send pictures
- Potential Squadrons moving into 2022/2023
 - Hortonville (9th)
 - Freemont (8th)
 - Rosholt (8th)

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Absent. No report.

Detachment Vice Commander – Steven R. DuBois (143) Districts (10, 11, 12)

Attended dinner at St. Croix Legion Post, Badger Boys State, Spooner parade, Diane Wiggins and Dave Fuller Testimonials. Steve also has Superior, Hayward and Hammond asking to start squadrons.

Detachment Chaplain – John L'Huillier (434)

Sent out condolences to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.

Detachment Historian – Mike Pook (375)

Presented books of this year's detachment functions to Commander Fuller and to National Vice Commander Jeff Vrabel Jr. and also needs more photos for Historians scrap book.

Needs Detachment to fix Face book page.

Needs written history about our Detachment.

National Executive Committeeman – Christopher Sherman (071)

NEC Sherman has been distributing information from National on a weekly basis to appropriate chairs.

Spoke about resolutions at National Executive Meeting in spring and Adjutant Faust continued this discussion while NEC Sherman picked up National Commander Mike Fox from airport.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093)

No report.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Jeff Puddy (075)

Excused. No report.

Detachment Commander – David Fuller (209)

Working to salvage Shawano and Winneconne Squadrons will also be working with Department.

Helping other squadrons to develop Freezing for a Reason.

Hendrix Foundation gave the Detachment a 5000.00 check for bus services at National Convention.

The Detachment purchased a trailer and stickered it also now ready for deployments and squadrons use.

Committee and Commission Reports

Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions – Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman Christopher Dannenmann (434) gave his report.

Programs Committee – Steven R. DuBois (143)

Americanism – Kelly R. Powers (121)

Absent. No report. Programs Committee.

Children & Youth – Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)

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DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN**

**CONVENTION REPORT 7-22
CHILDREN & YOUTH
PDC BOB SIROVINA, CHAIRMAN**

Children & Youth Activities 2021-22

- Operation A.L.F.
 - Ordered and received 1,000 dogs, delivered to Commander Fuller
 - Answered multiple inquiries from other Detachments about the program
 - Answered inquiries from Auxiliary Departments
 - Shipped dogs to
 - Washington
 - Connecticut
 - New York
 - Iowa
 - Donations totaled \$2500
 - Received donation of \$750 from 4th District Riders
 - Sent 2 A.L.F.'s to children of a deployed mom
 - Sent 2 A.L.F.'s to children of a deploying father
 - Deployments:
 - Madison
 - Prairie du Chien
 - Milwaukee at the 128th-twice
 - Appleton-attended by Post 38
- Received Child Welfare information from National Chairman and distributed some
- Received call from 4th District Legion Commander that help was needed immediately to unload a 53-foot trailer of paper products. 4th District attends deployments and distributes to military families.

National Security – Allen Watry (038)
See attached

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National Security Report

The following is a summary of key National Security Items which the American Legion Family note as critical items which are being closely monitored. Many include links which are links to articles about these topics on the Legion National Security Web Page.

- North Korea and their ongoing activities
 - [Why further sanctions against North Korea could be tough to add \(msn.com\)](#)
 - [Suspected North Korea Dam Water Release Prompts South Koreans to Evacuate | World News | US News](#)
 - [North Korea slams US-South Korea-Japan military cooperation \(msn.com\)](#)
 - [North Korea accuses U.S., Japan, South Korea of seeking 'Asian NATO' \(msn.com\)](#)
- Russia/Ukraine
 - [Russia learns that \(info\) war is hell | The American Legion](#)
 - [No more free-riders in the free world | The American Legion](#)
 - [Looking ahead to Fortress Ukraine | The American Legion](#)
- China/Taiwan
 - [Biden administration preparing for 'wrong kind' of China conflict in case of Taiwan invasion: book | Fox News](#)
 - [Taiwan watching Ukraine crisis with 'concern and anxiety,' says diplomat \(nbcnews.com\)](#)
 - [The threat of China invading Taiwan is growing every day. What the U.S. can do to stop it. \(nbcnews.com\)](#)
- Watching Iran
 - [Iran Tensions | NBC News](#)
- Inside the US
 - [America as a reforming global power | The American Legion](#)
 - [Still a symbol of freedom | The American Legion](#)

Reminder of several Legion awards to promote within our local areas. Please work with your local Posts to identify and submit any local candidates for these awards:

- WALLECA (Law Enforcement Academy)
- Law Enforcement Person of the Year
- First Responder Person of the Year
- Fire Fighter of the Year
- Eagle Scout of the Year
- Blood Donor Programs
- Does anyone want to share the background of anyone their Squadron/Post/Unit nominated for these awards?

A great resources to keep up to date on National Security Items is the Legion National Security Web Page. The Web Address is <https://www.legion.org/security>

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation – Joe Probst (294)
Excused. No report. See Programs Committee notes.

Finance Commission – Tom Petrie (189)

Department Finance Director Lee Roundy distributed copies of the March 31st financial statement and walked us through it.

Internal Affairs Commission – Mike Pook (375)

Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)
Excused. See Internal Affairs Commission notes.

Membership – Rich Ruland (481)
Absent. See attached membership report.

Officer Development & Policy – Christopher Sherman (071)
See Internal Affairs Commission notes.

Public Relations – Ray Dzieciol (534)
See attached report.

Convention Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules – Christopher Dannenmann (434)
None to report

Resolutions Committee – Christopher Dannenmann (434)
None to report

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

None to report

Unfinished Business

None

Appointments

Detachment Commander David Fuller (209) made the following appointments:
Mark Pape (294) as Detachment Americanism Chair.

Detachment Convention Committee appointments.

The Convention Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules Committee chair Christopher Dannenmann (434) was appointed at the MidWinter DEC.

For the rest of the Convention Committees, Commander Fuller appoint the following as Chairmen:

- Americanism – Mark Pape (294)
- Children and Youth – Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)
- Constitutional Amendments – Christopher Dannenmann (434)
- Finance – Tom Petrie (189)
- Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)

- Membership – Rich Ruland (481)
- National Security – Allen Watry (038)
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Joe Probst (294)

New Business

Brad Cutura donated a basket to be auctioned on Saturday after our meeting to raise money for the Commanders Project.

Bob Sirovina Jr. made motion and was seconded by Rick Helm motion passed.

Gary Lubich spoke about getting new shirts and how to order.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 434 turned in 100% membership.

Squadron 434 gave check to Department for 700.00 to help with cost of storage unit.

Squadron 11 hosting dinner at 6pm

Closing Ceremony

Benediction

Retirement of the POW/MIA Chair Cover

Retirement of the Colors

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander David Fuller (209) declared the Spring Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)