

**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Wisconsin**

Fall Detachment Executive Committee Minutes October 21, 2023

Opening

Call to Order

Saturday October 21, 2023 Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held at Portage, WI at 1:06 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 Allen Watry (038)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers

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

Detachment Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Jeremy Mason	(015)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland	(481)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Present
National Executive Committeeman	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Patrick N. Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Robert Sirovina, Jr.	(434)	Excused
Past Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
1st District Commander	Randy Timms	(375)	Present
2nd District Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Present
4th District Commander	Richard Wojciechowski	(537)	Present
6th District Commander	John Hoeft II	(234)	Present
10th District Commander	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Excused

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Historian	Mike Pook	(375)	Present
Detachment Adjutant	David R. Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Randy Timms	(375)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Michael A. Hellquist	(021)	Absent

Introduction of Guests

Corey Doehrmann was present during the morning committee and commissions and provided the attached. Highlights are that he presented himself as a Tri (Legion & SAL & Rider) member and the Director for the American Legion Riders. He read the mission statement for the Riders. Stressed the importance of this statement. In his first Badger Legionnaire article he stressed that “we” (all Legion families) are strongest when we function together. Get everyone involved. Using the Legion Riders can be an effective way to recruit for the SAL. Reach out to the Rider Director in your area for questions and support. Although motorcycles get put away with snow cover, the Riders never stop doing their fund-raising activities for veterans. Discussed a number of items the Riders do throughout the year.

Reading of the Previous Minutes

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Randy Timms (375).

Chris Sherman (071) made a motion to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and passed.

Official Correspondence

Detachment Adjutant David R. Faust (245):

- Detachment Adjutant Faust read a hand-written Thank You note to the Detachment from the family of Laura Marie Gryskiewicz.

Detachment Officer Reports

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

- Cushing Post voted to start a squadron.
- Most of the -0- membership have been updated
- Grantsburg post having some difficulty

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Detachment Vice Commander – Christopher Dannenmann (434) Districts (1, 3, 4, 5) along with District Commanders.

See attached report. Highlights below:

- Ray – 3rd District will be having a Zoom meeting in November
- 4th District Richard Wojciechowski – (Wojo) – 537 held Thank you dinner for volunteers in Big Bend. The city provided a very nice donation.
- Hogs For Heros – an effort they are going to support.
- Memorial Day was a big success.
- Chili cook-off – 4th annual – was a great success.
- Working with Homeless Veterans Initiative – they ran out of food and money for supplies. The 4th District took money for the purchase of whatever they needed.
- District 4 will be holding all future meetings at Post 418.
- Will have coffee and donuts on Veterans Day.
- Randy provided his report – 5 Squadron’s showing -0-% membership however since report was generated, one is now at 100% and the others are working at becoming current.
- We are still waiting for JD to clarify what dates have been selected for the Badger Youth Camp. Dates will determine whether SAL can be involved in 2024 as it may conflict with Convention.
- Discussed and explained the No Next Of Kin (NNOK) Ride scheduled for June 1, 2024. All four Legion families in District 1 will be participating.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Detachment Vice Commander – Jeremy Mason (015) Districts (2, 6, 9) along with District Commanders.

- “The Year of Communications”
- Have had a very busy schedule including the beginning of District Fall meetings.
- John Hoeft, II – donation by Ripon post
- Post 75 planning a freezin for a reason event. Dates to be announced.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Detachment Vice Commander – Rich Ruland (481) Districts (7, 8) along with District Commanders.

- 7th and 8th District – 8 out of 10 in 7th have -0- membership according to latest report. 6 of 8 in 8th have -0-.
- Shullsburg asked Rich to swear in new officers. He was unable so Chris Sherman provided that service.
- Many members from Darlington transferred to Schullsburg.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Detachment Chaplain – John L'Huillier (434)

- Have been busy over the last few months. Several funerals have been taken.
- If you have a need, or know of someone who does, let the Commander or Adjutant know.
- Allen – Wisconsin Legion website – you can sign up for notifications.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Detachment Historian – Mike Pook (375)

- Mike Pook – At Mid-Winter – Mike wants a portrait style picture of each officer/committee person.
- Mike welcomes all pictures from all vice commanders, etc.
- Allen Watry presented Mike with a plaque for winning the 2nd place award at National for the Yearbook. Mike also earned first place at National for the Squadron yearbook of the year. Congratulations Mike, Well Done!

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

National Executive Committeeman – Christopher Sherman (071)

- Chris – discussed the resolution on operation ALF. Questions came about cost. It was passed after the Q&A period. ALF will be on the CSR report form.
- Milwaukee Journal had an article on our new National Commander Daniel Seehafer.
- NMI classes are ending. SAL College will begin. (If you have taken the NMI you are not eligible for the SAL class as they are the same.) More information coming. May 27th is DEC and this begins the Wednesday after that. Location is Indianapolis.
- 2 resolutions – Significant fund raising from Hartland, Hubertus and Orfordville had to be listed under OTHER. This resolution did pass, so these will have a specific line item to allow for clearer accounting.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

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

- Attended the VA&R meetings. Charles Rigsby award – will add language to allow people who volunteer at other places to have an opportunity to win this award. (Currently this award applies only to federal sites)
- May 18, 2024 veterans assistance day.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Michael A. Hellquist (021)

No report.

Detachment Commander – Allen Watry (038)

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) turned the gavel over to Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) for the purposes of receiving the Detachment Commander's Report.

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) then called on Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) for the Detachment Commander's Report.

See attached report. Highlights below:

- Allen – Thank you for all your efforts! Your efforts in getting into the field are being recognized by Department.
- The activities I have attended have been an eye-opening experience.
- All the activity helps us grow as more people see and understand what the SAL is/does.

National Executive Committeeman Chris Sherman (071) made a motion to approve the Detachment Commander's reports as given and submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) then returned the gavel to Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038)

Committee and Commission Reports

Programs Committee – Led by Mike Pook (375) for Gary Lubich. Programs Committee met on October 21, 2023 at 9:15 am and the report is as follows:

Americanism – Mark Pape (294)

- Mark Pape, Squadron 294 - He has been healing from recent surgeries. Mark read some correspondence.
- Story of a Veteran pulled over on the side of the road, person honoring the funeral procession. Others just passed on. They identified who he was and thanked him privately.
- Allen Watry added – Badger Boys State – sponsor packets have been mailed out. If you have not rec'd, contact Sherry Hicks. Full sponsorship is \$400.00. Eau Claire. Badger Girls contact Auxiliary Dept.
- Badger State Games – Sponsored by Hartland
- Oratorical – delayed at National level. May is contest. State date is March 23rd.
- WALLECA – would like more legion family member participation. Have asked Chris Sherman to be involved. Due to his father's service and Chris' own background with law enforcement.
- Mark Pape sponsoring 7 boys to Badger Boys.
- David Fuller – reminded about Badger Youth Camp this year. Invited to attend again in 2024, however we may have a conflict with the State Convention.
- Wreath sales are ongoing.
- Mike Pook – Donating blood is also part of this pillar.
- Chris Dannenmann – flag retirement at various locations

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

See attached report submitted by Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434). Highlights below:

- We are waiting for our shipment of 1,000 ALF dogs.

- ALF donation should be \$12.00 going forward which will include shipping. We are using the shipping program with the Auxiliary.
- Allen Watry – knows of a soldier who has recently deployed. He has 2 children and they were sent for the kids.
- John L'Huillier – child welfare fund. Trying to raise \$1.00 per member for this fund. Allen – At Fall DEC, a list was passed by State that shows Wisconsin has no grants for this. Would be a wonderful program for Wisconsin. Various other opportunities to help children and welfare programming.

National Security – John Hoeft II (234)

- Steve DuBois – taking care of our troops in the field. Contact your local congressman to continue support for Camp American Legion.
- Legion supporting a bill to support emergency services in rural communities.
- Suicide prevention – over 6000 veterans/year. Be The One program bracelet's are available to call attention to this.
- 118th Congress – Pack Act and Burn Pits – signed into law August, 2022. Expands service and benefits. No deadline for claiming benefits. Although the deadline for back pay has passed.
- Legion working to provide good living conditions for soldiers and sailors. Includes attention to daycare issues.
- VA continues to modernize health records.
- Allen Watry – Legion has various awards for emergency workers. Police, Firefighters, etc.
- There are many National Security concerns both inside and outside our borders at this time. Be vigilant

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation – William R. Olcott (258)

- Bill Olcott – He is new to this role and welcomes input.
- Some rumors about VA closing some facilities. Although Bill has not found any listed. They are having trouble recovering nurses due to the pandemic.
- Volunteer opportunities are opening again and are needed.
- Access to care – long wait times are concerning. Help build a library of books to waiting areas.
- Rehabilitation – what resources are/are not available via VA? Rural residents find what they can at a local clinic. But not all services may be available. Be aware of the difference between Urgent Care and Emergency Care. Funding/reimbursement can be different.
- Most communities do have alcohol and drug counseling available.
- Housing assistance may also be available in your area. Varies by community.
- Dave Fuller – distributed flyers for Troop and Family Support. Dave recently signed up a dual member. But found the process more difficult. Member did not have his DD214. Department was able to secure for him. Make sure all veterans are signed up/in with their county service officer.
- Allen Watry – we have the opportunity to have Reps and Deps at nursing homes/hospitals.
- Honor Flight and Vets Roll continues to look for participants.
- Randy Timms spoke about the NNOK Ride – The Terrence Sund Fund (Unclaimed Veteran Burial Fund) A first of its kind in that all four family units in District 1 are participating.
- Mike Pook – must encourage all members to participate. ALL volunteer hours count on the CSR form. Keep track of all activities by all squadron members. Suggest you do this at monthly meetings.
- Fund raising – is it proper to hold on to great sums of money? Chris Dannenmann – Tax code does have stipulations of what can be carried forward. Best to find veteran causes to donate to.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Finance Commission – Tom Petrie (189). The Finance Commission met on October 21, 2023 at 11:50 am and the report is as follows:

- Tom - no numbers are available today. However, it would appear the funds for the 100% membership pins should be available.
- On the reimbursement form, an explanation of who is eligible for what reimbursement is on the back of the form.
- If you have additional budget requests, please send them to Tom. Please send soon if you want them included for consideration in 2024-2025.
- Donation Form – If the squadron makes a donation, the detachment may not have a record of that transaction. All donations should be reported to Detachment Finance for proper (historical) reporting. The form is on the SAL website.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Internal Affairs Commission – Jeremy Mason (015). Internal Affairs Commission met on October 21, 2023 at 10:15 am and the report is as follows:

Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)

- Several issues already discussed under national security. TAP program (Transition Assistance Program) being worked on by National. Helping veterans find employment in a field for which they worked while in the military. 70% of veterans are not completing this application.
- Coast Guard, TSA and Border Patrol are not covered under the funding during a government shut down. Contact your congressman to ask them to include these agencies in funding. See attached report.

Membership – David Fuller (209)

- David Faust updated - Reports are available on the SAL website. They are weekly reports. Typically uploaded on Thursday night.
- David Faust ran through the web site and explained the various features.
- David Fuller – developing a Membership/Recruitment tool that can be used at remote locations and will explain all aspects of the Legion families. Will run off a flash drive and a smart TV in a box. Will be given to Vice Commanders for use within their regions.
- John Michaels is leaving Department to return to teaching.
- Allen Watry – since we are now able to renew online, department is working on a method to return dues to the squadron. They will submit a proposal. Looking at the balance (per squadron) held quarterly. If it's \$50.00 or more, they will send a check. By year end, all accounts will be distributed. More information forthcoming as details are worked out.
- Membership Pin – Dave has a design that can be voted on. He also has a narrative to explain how this would be issued. National already supplies a Certificate so there is little need to duplicate.
- ¾" x 1.5" pin. Cost to supply (on average) would be about \$261.08/year. How to award with repeat awards? Date ribbons for subsequent years? Action will be taken later today. Pins would not have a date so they can be used every year.
- Web has new squadron starter forms. Please review the web site as it has much to offer – many of the forms are fillable now. Various questions about starting a new squadron.

Officer Development & Policy – Christopher Sherman (071)

- We have been asked to discuss how to start a squadron at Mid-Winter. (January 20th)

Public Relations – Ray Dzieciol (534)

- Questioned how many ALF dogs we have at the time?
- Ray is in contact with the Marines in Dane County for toys for tots.

Convention Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules – Jeremy Mason (015)
Nothing to report at this time.

With no questions or objection, the report was received and filed.

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

- Resolution DEC-2023-04 Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander. Motion by Steve DuBois with 2nd by Rich Ruland to approve Resolution for Chris Sherman. Motion passed.
- Resolution DEC-2023-05 Endorsement of Allen Watry (WI) for National Vice Commander. Motion by Steve DuBois 2nd by Chris Sherman to approve Resolution for Allen Watry. Motion passed.
- A motion and 2nd for the purchase of 100% membership pins. Suggestion to write a resolution for Mid-Winter so that historical tracking of this new item is more easily tracked. Chris Dannenmann will write this.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Appointments

There were no appointments made.

New Business

There was no new business.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion

- Mid-Winter - Post 52 in LaCrosse – Thursday and Friday night. Freezin for a Reason.
- Raffle for a UTV – done at State Convention. “Yamaha Viking”
- Squadron 537 has access to a mobility scooter – brand new. Must go to a veteran. Please let him know if it’s needed. Contact 4th District Commander Wojciechowski for details.
- Washington Conference is set. Our Detachment could place a wreath. More to come.
- Mid-Winter – Legion and SAL web site has details. Schedule is on the web site. Project 22 walk – 2 PM Friday our program starts. Saturday meetings. Saturday night party –
- Proceeds for the Basket Raffles at Mid-Winter will go to the Troop and Family Support program.
- Department is considering a renovation of the Portage location. The goal is to grow and enhance the museum.
- Award received from National for the All-Time High Award and 100% Award.
- Award to Wisconsin for the chartering of the most new squadrons in a year with 10. The award was presented to David Fuller as the Commander under this effort.

Closing

Benediction

Retirement of the POW/MIA Chair Cover

Commander's Charge

Retirement of the Colors

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) declared the Spring Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Randy Timms (375)



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Sons of the American Legion, Detachment Executive Committee,

October 21, 2023

I am the State Director for the Wisconsin American Legion Riders. I am a dual member, a Legionnaire at SSG Henry F Gumm Post 486 in Jackson and a Son from Lt. Ray Dickop Squadron 36 in West Bend.

The Wisconsin American Legion Riders are 706 members strong with riders in every district. Our purpose is: *To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety. To provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interests. To use our group to promote and support the programs of The American Legion, the community and other motorcycle organizations. We are not a motorcycle club. We are a group of American Legion Family Members who ride for a cause.*

As I have stated on many occasions and in my first Badger Legionnaire article published in June this year, the American Legion Family is at its strongest and can do the most for our veterans when we collaborate and work together toward common goals. I encourage you to reach out to the Legion Riders in your local area to get them involved in events with you and get involved with their events. To assist with that communication, on the back of this letter is the contact info for District Directors and Rider stats. Motorcycle enthusiasts can be one of the quickest ways to grow your own SAL membership, they tend to travel in groups and are fierce in support of our nation's veterans.

While we are getting to the part of the year where it's best not to mention riding their motorcycle to a Legion Rider, the work we do across the state doesn't completely stop during the cold months. Many districts as well as the state have already begun their planning for events next summer. From district fundraising rides, to parades, to supporting our currently serving National Guard members, the work to plan often starts months ahead of time as I'm sure you can all imagine.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Corey Doehrmann
State Director
Wisconsin American Legion Riders
We Will Never Forget

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Dist 2	Corey Doehrmann	262-305-0305	wialrad2.president@gmail.com	29	91	25	145
Dist 3	Mike Rynes	608-475-2267	retruckmike@gmail.com	6	63	11	80
Dist 4	Steve Kohnke	414-639-4192	chiefkohnke@gmail.com	12	50	16	78
Dist 6	Terry Broehm	920-359-0636	t.broehm@yahoo.com	2	16	8	26
Dist 7	Gary Hess	608-788-1768	alra.district.7.director@gmail.com	4	43	9	56
Dist 8	Pat Kulas	715-424-0555	pat@kulasnet.net	3	47	11	61
Dist 9	Paul Heit	920-757-1118	paul.heit@att.net	7	33	1	41
Dist 10	Tony Mack	651-261-1516	tmacktr@aol.com	3	51	4	58
Dist 11	James Sprague	715-277-4938		0	33	5	38
Dist 12	Joe Roberts	715-939-1230	joeroberts2359@gmail.com	9	42	1	52

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

**FALL DEC REPORT 10-21-23
CHILDREN & YOUTH
PDC BOB SIROVINA, CHAIRMAN**

Operation A.L.F.

- Shipments:
 - Bea Roeschadl, ALA Unit 67, Lake Mills, WI, 7 A.L.F. for kids of deployed parents
 - Ken Taylor, SAL Squadron 209, Colorado Springs, CO, 1 case \$300
 - Requested & received purchase order for 1,000 more A.L.F., submitted, waiting for shipping info

- Misc. Operation A.L.F. Information
 - The Auxiliary is allowing us to use their discounted shipping program, big savings on our outbound shipping costs
 - Asked supplier about drop-shipping for orders, not something they would do
 - Talked to supplier on pricing again, we are receiving best discount

Other Activities

- Attended 4th SAL District meeting
- Attended meeting at Squadron 537
- Participated in Post 434 Honor Guard for 11 funerals
- Attended SAL National Convention in Charlotte, NC
- Attended Auxiliary National President's Homecoming in Fairbanks, AK



Vice Commanders Report

Districts - 1, 3, 4, 5

Name: Christopher Dannenmann

Date: 01 July 2023 – 15 October 2023

25% Goal - Membership Report Date: 10/12/23

Districts 1,3,4,5 numbers in your area – Goal TOTAL	1,854
Number of Squadrons in your area as of last D.E.C.	42
Total area membership as of the last D.E.C.	1,062
Number of “Goose Egg” Squadrons in your area	11
Number of Squadrons at current goal (25%)	27
Number of Squadrons at 100% or more	4
Number of Squadrons at Final goal	1
Number of new Squadrons as of last D.E.C.	1
Contacts made to your Squadrons since last D.E.C.	38

County, District, Department / National events attended since the last D.E.C.

NVC Robert Bristo – Central Region – Quarterly Conference Call	Ongoing
WALCAA Constitution & Bylaws Committee	Ongoing
Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 District Commander’s Call & E-mail conversations	Ongoing
Dist. 4 Sq. 416 E- Board meeting	07/31/2023
Badger Youth Camp	07/15/2023
Detachment Convention	07/20-23/2023
Dist. 1 Sq. 21 Officer & New Member Installation	08/10/2023
Nat’l. Convention: Constitution, Internal Affairs, VA&R, C&Y, etc.	08/24-28/2023
Dist. 4 & Oak Creek Lions Club – Local Veteran of the Year Award	08/03/2023
Dist. 4 Fall Conference - Sq. 416 Greendale	08/09/2023
Patriot’s Day – various locations	08/11/2023
Gary Masnak - Funeral Honors, Forest Hill Cemetery, Oak Creek, WI	08/22/2023
Dist. 1 Fall Conference – Sq. 375 Mukwonago	08/23/2023
Dist. 1 Legion Fall Conference – Post 21 Kenosha	09/01/2023
Dist. 4 Shooting Sports Meeting – Post 537 Milwaukee	10/13/2023
Dist. 4 Chili Cook-Off (Legion Family joint event) @ 537 Milwaukee	10/15/2023
Dist. 3 Fall (Video/Google/Zoom) Conference	10/16/2023

Notes:

Badger Youth Camp, 15 July 2023, Wautoma, WI

C&Y Education: SAL Pillars, Ideals, Flag Education, History, Honor, Duty, Service, Commitment to God and Country, Veterans Q&A, Veterans experiences, stories, and lessons learned.

Detachment Convention, 20-23 July 2023, Rosholt, WI: DEC

Resolutions presented, passed, and forwarded to National through Department of Wisconsin



Vice Commanders Report

Districts - 1, 3, 4, 5

51st National Convention, Charlotte, NC – 08/24-28/2023 – Detachment of Wisconsin

Daniel J. Seehafer (WI), National Commander of The American Legion

Donald “JR” Hall Jr. (MD), National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion

Joseph Navarrete (NM), Endorsed Candidate for Nat’l. Commander 2024-2025

Resolution DC-2023-01 - Add Troop & Family Support to CSR – PASSED

Resolution DC-2023-02 - Add Homeless Veterans to CSR – PASSED

Resolution DC-2023-03 - Align Triple Nickel Date w/ Membership Target Date – **TABLED**

Resolution DC-2023-04 – ALF Project to National Level - PASSED

National Childre & Youth Academy: R. Sirovina & I sold raffle tickets & t-shirts = \$2,000

Detachment of Wisconsin Membership all time high

Detachment of Wisconsin Most New Squadrons 2022-2023

Blue Brigade recipient(s): Marvin Northway (416 - Greendale), Michael Hellquist (21 - Kenosha)

- **Dist. 1 – 21:**
- 08/10/2023 New Officer Installation. Detachment Commander Watry
- Installed 6 (six) New members. NEC Sherman and Dist. 1 Cmdr. Timms attending. Lengthy conversation re: CSR filings, fundraising and leadership succession.
- **Dist. 4 – 416:** Reorganized the Leadership with the help & support of the Post. Finalizing Fund Raising program(s). The squadron is back on track to 41 members.

Dist. 1:

- 08/23/2023 Dist. 1 Fall Conference:
- Possible New Squadron(s): Elkhorn (045), Walworth (102), East Troy (188)
- 09/01/2023 Legion Dist. 1 Fall Conference: Dist. 1 SAL Report and ALRA Report by Commander Timms. Presented a Freez’n-for-a-Reason Update.
- Hartland Sq. 294 Cmdr. Mark: Pape “Freez’n for-a-reason Event at Mid-Winter (Dist. 7) Sponsored by La Crosse (052)
- 11/12/2023 Kenosha (21) Spaghetti Dinner

Dist. 3:

- 10/16/2023 Fall (Video/Google/Zoom) Conference
- 313 Black Earth – 160.06%
- 385 Verona - 114.29%
- 481 Madison – 101.84%

Dist. 4:

- 07/31/23 Finance Officer Marvin Northway resigned due to medical reasons.
- Andrew Mench has been duly sworn in as District 4 Finance Officer.
- Terry Barrington submitted nomination papers and is recommended to the appointment of the Detachment Americanism as well as the Constitution and Resolutions Committees.
- Shooting Sports will be the District Commander’s Project.
- 08/09/2023 Dist.4 Fall Conference:
- Officially installed Commander “Wojo” for his term in office.



Vice Commanders Report

Districts - 1, 3, 4, 5

- Passing of Past Detachment Sgt-at-Arms Gary Masnak was reported. He will be greatly missed in the American Legion and SAL. He is finally at peace. The funeral will be held on September 22nd at 10:30 AM. Funeral Services will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery in Oak Creek with a luncheon following at Post 434.
- All Detachment & Convention information reported to the Conference
- Shooting Sports committee appointment will be from Squadrons 537, 416 and 434. Details to follow.
- Chili Cook-Off @ Sq. 537, 15 October 2023. Prizes: Snowblower, \$500, \$300
- Dist. Wide raffle of Milwaukee Bucks Jersey to boost admin. Funds of Dist. 4
- Finance/Treasurer Andrew Minch reported that all per capita dues have been paid up before our Fall Meeting. New record achievement date.
- 09/21/2023 Dist. 4 Adjutant Terry Barrington: Report will be submitted at the Fall DEC regarding District 4 events, fund raising and contributions.
- District 4 Spring Conference date TBD.
- 09/22/2023 Honored Dual Member Gary Masnak (USN) District 4, Post 434, Sq. 434, Past Department Sgt-at-Arms, Past Detachment Sgt-at-Arms. Performed Funerary Honors with Color Guard and Detachment Chaplain John L'Hullier, Forest Hill Cemetery, Oak Creek, WI
- 10/14/2023 Shooting Sports organizational meeting with Post 537, Squadron 537, and District 4 Legion & SAL leadership.
- 10/15/2025 Entered Post/Squadron 537 Chili Cook Off

Dist. 5:

- **406:** Reinstated w/ one (1) member renewal online for FY 2023-2024
- **Contact:** Gary Saunders, 6610 McHenry Street, Burlington, WI 53105-8711
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Membership average = 57.28%

09/10/2023 Submitted: SAL Resolution ____ - Fall NEC 2023

Title: Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander

Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin

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Title: Endorsement of Allen Watry (WI) for National Vice Commander

Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Dannenmann, DVC

16 October 2023

- Amended 21 October 2023

**Commander Watry
Fall 2023 DEC Report
July-September Activities**

Travels:

- 3035 Miles driving in Car for events/activities
- 1 Airline Trip (National Convention)
- 5 trips which included at least (1) overnight stay
- Attended Activities/Meetings in 10 of 12 Districts (did not make any activities in 5 and 7)
- Interfaced with members from at least 14 different Squadrons
- Included:
 - o Detachment Convention
 - o National Convention
 - o (3) ALA In The Know Sessions (presenter)
 - o 12th District Legion Conference
 - o Several Squadron meetings/ceremonies
 - o Several social and fundraising events
 - o (1) Funeral Service

Other Correspondences/Meetings

- Central Regional Quarterly Call
- Wi Legion Family Leadership Teleconference (monthly)
- Detachment Teleconferences
- Summer 2023 Detachment Newsletter and Commander Introduction Letter
- New Squadrons Follow-up Email to Squadron Contacts/Commanders
- Multiple Buddy Checks and other Detachment Correspondences for DEC members
- Trying to do more than “just meetings” when on the road, have been stopping at Memorials and other points of interest.

Other activities

- Squadron Adjutant/Membership Chair
- ALRA District 9 Member

Resolution

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN

Detachment Executive Committee

Date: October 21, 2024

Resolution No: DEC-2023-04

Title: Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Legion is a program of the American Legion comprised of male descendants of veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Sherman has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Wisconsin as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of the American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin in regular meeting assembled in Portage, WI on October 21, 2023, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin hereby endorses Christopher Sherman for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution will be forwarded to the Department of Wisconsin with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause with the signatures of the Detachment Adjutant, David Faust, and the Department Adjutant, Julie Muhle, to be on the submitted resolution.

Resolution

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Detachment Executive Committee

Date: October 21, 2024

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