

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

Post-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting July 23, 2023

Opening

Call to Order

Sunday July 23, 2023 Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held at Rothschild, WI at 9:00 am.

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	Seán Patchin, Sr.	(215)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
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)	Present
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)	Excused
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 still remaining until new appointments are ratified

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
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Keith Lovell	(501)	Present

Reading of the Previous Minutes

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Christopher Sherman (071). Motion by PDC Sirovina (434) to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded and passed.

Official Correspondence

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245):

- No correspondence to report.

Detachment Officer Appointments

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) made the following appointments:

- Adjutant : David Faust (245)
- Asst.Adjutant: Christopher Sherman (071)
- Asst.Adjutant: Randy Timms (375)
- Judge Advocate: Christopher Dannenmann (434)
- Historian: Mike Pook (375)

Alternate NECman Pat Gryskiewicz (093) made motion to accept appointments and was seconded. Motion Passed.

Commission and Committee Appointments

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) made the following appointments indicated by an asterisk, leaving the makeup as follows:

Position	Name	Sqdn	Term	Expires
Internal Affairs Commission Chairman	Mike Pook	375	3 yrs	2023
Legislative Chairman	Steven R. DuBois	143	3 yrs	2024
Membership Chairman	Jeremy Mason	015	3 yrs	2023
Officer Development & Policy Chairman	Christopher Sherman	071	3 yrs	2024
Public Relations Chairman *	Ray Dzieciol	534	3 yrs	2025
Finance Commission Chairman *	Tom Petrie	189	1 yr	2023
Finance Commission Member	Christopher Dannenmann	434	3 yrs	2023
Finance Commission Member	Patrick N. Gryskiewicz	093	3 yrs	2024
Finance Commission Member *	Mike Pook	375	3 yrs	2025
Finance Commission Member	Christopher Sherman	071	3 yrs	2023
Programs Committee Chairman	Steven R. DuBois	143	2 yrs	2023
Americanism Chairman *	Mark Pape	294	2 yrs	2024
Children and Youth Chairman	Robert Sirovina, Jr.	434	2 yrs	2023
National Security Chairman *	Allen Watry	038	2 yrs	2024
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman	Joe Probst	294	2 yrs	2023

Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman *	Christopher Dannenmann	434	1 yr	2023
Subcommittee on Resolutions Member *	Steven R. DuBois	143	1 yr	2023
Subcommittee on Resolutions Member *	Jeremy Mason	015	1 yr	2023
Convention Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules Chairman *	Jeremy Mason	015	1 yr	2023

Motion to accept report made by Steve DuBois (143) and seconded. Motion passed.

District Officer Appointments

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) made the following appointment:

John Hoeft II (234) was appointed as 6th District Commander.

Motion made to accept appointment made by Robert Sirovina Jr. and seconded. Motion passed.

Detachment Commander's Goals

Detachment Commander Watry outlined our goals for 2023-2024. He stated that these goals are going to require all of us to work together to achieve them.

Vision/Mission: Continue to grow membership by driving a higher level of engagement between:

- Legion/SAL at all Levels (Post/Squadron, District/District, Department/Detachment)
- Squadrons/Community

Membership:

- 105% of 2023 Membership by July 1st 2024 Convention
- 90% Renewals by July 1st 2024 Convention
- 5 New Squadrons by July 1st 2024
- 0 Goose Eggs/folding Squadrons for 2024 Membership Diver
- Continue to develop District Representation for all Districts
 - o As part of the Detachment DEC
 - o For any needs within a Districts (Legion or SAL needs)
- Development of a process for people to inquire about becoming a SAL Member via the Department and Detachment Web Site – Stretch Goal allow on-line sign-up.

Engagement/Visibility – which will be the key to driving Membership Goals

- SAL DEC representation as ALL Legion District Meetings (Spring and Fall)
- SAL Representation at ALL Legion Midwinter and Convention Committee Meetings
- Continued Quarterly Detachment Newsletters – more Squadron articles and Upcoming Events
- Foster improved Legion/Squadron coordination at all levels we are a program at all levels, need to be just like other programs (Baseball, Badger Boys, Oratorical)
- Foster improved Legion/SAL coordination between common Committees (Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Finance, Public Relations).
- Creating more avenues of recognition of Squadron activities/Squadron Members from the Detachment. (need more celebration/recognition to drive awareness and engagement).
 - o Recognition at State Level (Certificates, articles in Department/Detachment newsletters, other)
 - o Foster inclusion of articles in National Publications
- Engagement of Local Squadrons on Mid-Winter and Summer Convention.
- 100% updated Squadron Information Forms
- 100% submissions of Consolidated Squadron Report.

Commander Watry has every confidence in us to do this!

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Detachment Historian Mike Pook made a motion as follows. It was seconded.

1. Increase travel allowance for Detachment Commander by 25%.
2. Increase travel allowance for Detachment Vice Commanders by 10%.
3. Allocate \$3,000.00 for the creation and distribution of 100% membership pins for Squadrons that achieve 100% membership.

After debate and consideration, the motion was amended by Christopher Sherman (071) to refer all items to the Finance Committee to consider and report back at Fall DEC, with Item 3 having an additional referral to the Membership Committee to consider and report back at Fall DEC – currently scheduled for 10/21 at Portage.

The amended motion was passed.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

- Quilt raffle for A.L.F was \$770.00
- Squadron 375 paid for 45 members turned in.
- Thanks to Allen Watry for the upkeep of the News Letter.
- Tickets still available for National Convention Banquet see Chris Sherman \$45.00 each.
- David West will be the D.J at National Convention banquet is from squadron 375.
- Selling of National Convention Pins see Allen Watry need volunteers.
- Squadron 75 gave check for \$100.00 for A.L.F
- John L Huillier gave thanks to all who helped for church services.

Closing Ceremony

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 2023 Post-Convention Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)

At the Post-Convention DEC, under Old Business, a motion was presented for the Finance Committee to do the following:

4. Increase travel allowance for Detachment Commander by 25%.
5. Increase travel allowance for Detachment Vice Commanders by 10%.
6. Allocate \$3,000.00 for the creation and distribution of 100% membership pins for Squadrons that achieve 100% membership.

After debate and consideration, a new motion was made to refer all items to the Finance Committee to consider and report back at Fall DEC.

Item 3 was also referred to the Membership Committee to consider and report back at Fall DEC – currently scheduled for 10/21 at Portage.