

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin  
55th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION  
Friday July 12, 2024**

**Opening**

**Call to Order**

Friday, July 12, 2024 Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) called to order the Detachment Convention held in Appleton, WI. at 3:00 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) | 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 |
| 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                   | Rick A. Talford        | (291) | 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) | Present |

**Past Detachment Commanders Present:**

David R. Faust (245)  
Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093)  
Christopher Sherman (071)  
Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)

**Past Detachment Commanders Excused:**

Gary F. Lubich (121)  
David Fuller (209)

**Remarks by Department Commander Karl Stuvengen**

Remarks were given by Department Commander Karl Stuvengen.

**Roll Call of Squadrons**

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

The following Squadrons were present:

| District | Squad. No. | City         |
|----------|------------|--------------|
| 1        | 021        | Kenosha      |
| 1        | 071        | Pewaukee     |
| 1        | 209        | Orfordville  |
| 1        | 294        | Hartland     |
| 1        | 375        | Mukwonago    |
| 2        | 015        | Juneau       |
| 2        | 036        | West Bend    |
| 2        | 189        | Watertown    |
| 2        | 288        | Cedarburg    |
| 2        | 522        | Hubertus     |
| 3        | 245        | Cross Plains |
| 3        | 481        | Madison      |
| 3        | 501        | Madison      |
| 4        | 416        | Greendale    |
| 4        | 434        | Oak Creek    |
| 4        | 537        | Milwaukee    |
| 6        | 033        | Neenah       |
| 6        | 070        | Oshkosh      |
| 6        | 075        | Fond du Lac  |
| 6        | 234        | Omro         |
| 6        | 454        | Mt. Calvary  |
| 7        | 052        | La Crosse    |
| 7        | 100        | Sparta       |
| 7        | 284        | Holmen       |
| 9        | 038        | Appleton     |
| 9        | 055        | Hortonville  |
| 9        | 106        | Seymour      |
| 9        | 258        | Little Chute |

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|----|-----|-------------------|
| 11 | 093 | Tomahawk          |
| 12 | 108 | Clear Lake        |
| 12 | 143 | Saint Croix Falls |

## Introduction of Guests

The following guests were introduced:

- Terry Harris from Kansas, SAL National Vice Commander
- Joseph Navarrete from New Mexico, Leading Candidate for SAL National Commander

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) asked all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized. Those that were listed as present during the roll call were recognized.

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) then asked all Past National Vice Commanders to stand and be recognized. David Faust (245) and Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) were recognized.

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## Uniform Code of Procedures for Convention

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) called on the Convention Credentials, Resolutions and Rules Chair Christopher Dannenmann (434) for the Uniform Code of Procedures for Convention.

Chair Dannenmann announced this Convention is governed by the Uniform Code of Procedures and Standing Rules which were adopted by the Detachment Executive Committee on April 27, 2024 and subsequently published.

## Convention Committee Chairmen Appointments

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) announced the following Convention Committee Chairmen:

- Americanism – Shawn McCrary (075)
- Children and Youth – Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)
- Constitutional Amendments – Christopher Dannenmann (434)
- Finance – Tom Petrie (189)
- Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)
- Membership – Christopher Sherman (071)
- National Security – John Hoeft II (234)
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – William Olcott (258)

Detachment Vice Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Nominations for Detachment Officers and National Convention Delegates

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) explained the nomination process and National Convention delegate allocations.

The following were nominated:

### Detachment Officers

Detachment Commander: Allen Watry (038)

Detachment Vice Commander: Steven R. DuBois (143)

Detachment Vice Commander: Christopher Dannenmann (434)

Detachment Vice Commander: Jeremy Mason (015)

Detachment Vice Commander: Dave Hodgson (522)  
Detachment Chaplain: John L'Huillier (434)  
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Helms (070)  
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms: Ray Dzieciol (534)  
National Executive Committeeman Christopher Sherman (071)  
Alternate National Executive Committeeman Mike Pook (375)

### **National Convention Delegates**

At-Large: National Executive Committeeman Christopher Sherman (071)  
At-Large: Past National Commander David Faust (245)

Automatic:

Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038)  
Incoming Detachment Commander

### **Nominated from the floor:**

Patrick Gryskiewicz (093)  
Chris Dannenmann (434)  
Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)  
Jeremy Mason (015)  
Steven R. DuBois (143)  
Dave Hodgson (522)  
Shawn McCrary (075)  
Randy Timms (375)

### **Alternate National Convention Delegates**

#### **Nominated from the floor:**

Terrence Casper (294)  
John Hoeft II (234)  
Terry Barnett (416)  
Michael Hellquist (021)  
John L'Huillier (434)

Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) made motion to close all nominations and since there were no contested offices dispense with the appoint of Election Tellers. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Announcement of Convention Committee Meetings**

The Convention Committee Chairs announced where their respective committees will meet.

### **Announcement of District Caucuses**

District Commanders announced where their District caucuses will meet.

### **General Announcements**

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) gave a rundown of evening activities and the schedule for the remainder of the weekend.

## **Closing Ceremony**

### **Benediction**

### **Salute the Colors**

### **Recess**

With no other business, Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) declared the 2024 Detachment Convention recessed at 4:36 pm with a call to reconvene on July 13, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant  
Christopher Sherman (071)