

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin
56th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
Friday July 18, 2025 Convention Minutes

Opening

Call to Order

Friday, July 18, 2025 Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) called to order the Detachment Convention held in Green Bay, 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	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Excused
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Absent
National Executive Committeeman	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Mike Pook	(375)	Present
1st District Commander	Randy Timms	(375)	Present
2nd District Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
3rd District Commander	Dave Havlick	(491)	Excused
4th District Commander	Richard Wojciechowski	(537)	Absent
6th District Commander	John Hoeft II	(234)	Present
7th District Commander	Scott Johnson	(051)	Excused
9th District Commander	Robert G. Seide	(038)	Excused
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. Gyskiewicz (093)
Kerry L. Serverson (245)
Gary Lubich (121)
Christopher Sherman (071)
Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)

Remarks by Department Commander Jim Johnson

Remarks were given by Department Commander Jim Johnson.

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	091	Oconomowoc
1	209	Orfordville
1	294	Hartland
1	375	Mukwonago
2	015	Juneau
2	036	West Bend
2	189	Watertown
3	084	Monroe
3	245	Cross Plains
3	534	McFarland
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
9	038	Appleton
10	121	River Falls
11	093	Tomahawk
12	143	Saint Croix Falls

Introduction of Guests

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.
Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) then asked all Past National Commanders to stand and be recognized.
David Faust (245) was recognized.

Guest Speakers

The following guests spoke before the convention:

Roger Mathison (WI) National Vice Commander of The American Legion
Robert Shappell NEC The American Legion
Jay Bowen (CO) Candidate for National Commander of The American Legion
Becky Mueller, Department President Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary
Corey Doehrmann, President Wisconsin American Legion Riders

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 – Paul Donovan (084)
- Children and Youth – Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)
- Constitutional Amendments – Christopher Dannenmann (434)
- Finance – Tom Petrie (189)
- Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)
- Membership – Robert Seide (038)
- National Security – John Edelblute, IV (434)
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – John Hoeft II (234)

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: Christopher Dannenmann (434)
Detachment Vice Commander: Steven R. DuBois (143)
Detachment Vice Commander: Jeremy Mason (015)
Detachment Vice Commander: Dave Hodgson (522)
Detachment Vice Commander: Randy Timms (375)
Detachment Chaplain: John L'Huillier (434)
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Helms (070)
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms: Ray Dzieciol (534)

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

District selected National Convention Delegates

District	Delegate	Alternate
1 st District	Randy Timms (375)	Michael Hellquist (021)
2 nd District	Jeremy Mason (015)	Dave Hodgson (522)
3 rd District	Paul Donovan (84)	Dave Havlick (491)

Nominated from the floor:

Shawn McCrary (075)

Bob Sirovina, Jr. (434)

Pat Gryskiewicz (093)

Mike Pook (375)

Andrew Minch (416)

Terry Barrington (416)

John Hoeft II (234)

Alternate National Convention Delegates

There were not alternate delegates nominated.

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 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 5:00 pm with a call to reconvene on July 19, 2025 at 8:45 am.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)