

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin
57th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
Friday July 17, 2026 Convention Minutes

Opening

Call to Order

Friday, July 17, 2026 Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) called to order the Detachment Convention held in Appleton, WI. at 3:01 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 Christopher Dannenmann (434)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers

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

Detachment Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Jeremy Mason	(015)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Randy Timms	(375)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
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	Michael A. Hellquist	(021)	Absent
2nd District Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
3rd District Commander	Dave Havlik	(491)	Absent
4th District Commander	Terry Barrington	(416)	Present
6th District Commander	Shawn D. McCrary	(075)	Present
7th District Commander	Scott Johnson	(051)	Absent
9th District Commander	Robert G Seide	(038)	Present
10th District Commander	Rick A. Talford	(291)	Absent

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Allen Watry	(038)	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	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present

Past Detachment Commanders Present:

Ronald Faust (245)
David R. Faust (245)
Gary Lubich (121)
Christopher Sherman (071)
Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)
Allen Watry (038)

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	071	Pewaukee
1	294	Hartland
1	375	Mukwonago
2	015	Juneau
2	036	West Bend
3	229	Mount Hope
3	245	Cross Plains
4	416	Greendale
4	434	Oak Creek
4	537	Milwaukee
6	033	Neenah
6	075	Fond du Lac
6	234	Omro
6	454	Mt. Calvary
9	038	Appleton
9	55	Hortonville
10	121	River Falls
11	090	Ashland
12	143	Saint Croix Falls

Introduction of Guests

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) asked all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized. Those that were listed as present during the roll call were recognized.

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Guest Speakers

The following guests spoke before the convention:

Rev. Daniel Seehafer (WI) Past National Commander of The American Legion.

- **Fundraising:** Mr. Seehafer discussed a new fundraising initiative designed for The American Legion to retain 100% of donations. The goal is to build a foundation that could raise over a million dollars in three years, using only the interest for programs.
- **Advocacy:** Mr. Seehafer urged members to engage in grassroots advocacy by contacting senators and representatives daily via legion.org. He highlighted Wisconsin's drop from #1 to #3 in advocacy and encouraged members to help regain the top spot, stressing that this action is free and brief.

Sue Hembrook Department President The American Legion Auxiliary.

President Hembrook reflected on her year of service, which focused on integrating the "family" by working with Chris, Nathan, and Corey. Activities included visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and giving "ALF" dolls to military children. She also expressed pride that her son, a new Navy sailor, had joined the Legion.

Corey Doehrmann, President Wisconsin American Legion Riders

Wisconsin Legion Riders "Cruise for a Cause" Report: The Legion Riders announced their late June 2026 "Cruise for a Cause" raised over \$91,000. Donations included over \$69,700 to the Veterans and Children Foundation, \$18,000 to the Auxiliary Badger Girls program, and \$3,000 to Operation ALF. An additional \$1,740 was raised for Operation ALF through "ALF dog" sales.

Uniform Code of Procedures for Convention

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

Chair Allen Watry (038) announced this Convention is governed by the Uniform Code of Procedures and Standing Rules which were adopted by the Detachment Executive Committee on April 18, 2026 and subsequently published.

Resolutions

Resolutions Chair Allen Watry (038) introduced Resolution DC-2026-01 Updates to Constitution and Bylaws concerning Sergeant-at-Arms. This resolution amends the Sergeant-at-Arms term structure to align with the Wisconsin Legion's process. The proposal would change the election from two members serving one-year terms annually to a staggered system where one member is elected for a two-year term each year. At the 2027 Detachment Convention two Sergeant-at-Arms will be elected where the candidate with the most votes will receive a two-year term, and the runner-up a one-year term. Beginning in 2028 and thereafter a single Sergeant-at-Arms will be elected each year for a two-year term. Debate and voting on the resolution will occur on July 18, 2026.

Convention Committee Chairmen Appointments

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) announced the following Convention Committee Chairmen:

- Americanism – Shawn McCrary (075)
- Children and Youth – Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)
- Constitutional Amendments – Allen Watry (038))
- Finance – Christopher Sherman (071)
- Legislative – Steven R. DuBois (143)
- Membership – David Fuller (209)
- National Security – John Hoeft II (234)
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – John Edelblute, IV (434)

Election Judge

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) announced Craig Bell (090) will act as the Election Judge for the election of officers and national convention delegates. Tellers will be appointed after nominations are closed.

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: Jeremy Mason (015)
Detachment Vice Commander: Steven R. DuBois (143)
Detachment Vice Commander: Shawn McCrary (075)
Detachment Vice Commander: Robert Seide (038)
Detachment Vice Commander: Terry Barrington (416)
Detachment Chaplain: John L'Huillier (434)
Detachment Chaplain: Matthew McCormick (229)
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:

Outgoing Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434)
Incoming Detachment Commander

District selected National Convention Delegates

District	Delegate	Alternate
1 st District	Mike Pook (375)	Jim Fisher (294)
2 nd District	Dave Hodgson (522)	Scott Roffers (036)
3 rd District	Matthew McCormick (229)	Andrew Goergen (481)
10th District	Gary Lubich (121)	Rick Talford (291)

Nominated from the floor:

Shawn McCrary (075)
Terry Barrington (416)
Tim Penkert (294)
Allen Watry (038)
John Ciechanowski (434)
Bob Sirovina, Jr. (434)
Robert Seide (038)

Alternate National Convention Delegates

Tim Bellis (090).

Robert Sirovina Jr. (434) made motion to close all nominations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Appointment of Election Tellers

The following were appointed as Election Tellers and approved with a motion by Mike Pook (375) that passed.

Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)

George Schroeder (033)

Allen Watry (038)

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.

Past Detachment Commander Gary Lubich (121) asked everyone to keep Past Detachment Commander Kelly Powers (121) in your prayers as he was battling some health issues.

Closing Ceremony

Benediction

Salute the Colors

Recess

With no other business, Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) declared the 2026 Detachment Convention recessed at 4:25 pm with a call to reconvene on July 18, 2026, at 8:45 am.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)