

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

Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Minutes July 17, 2026

Opening

Call to Order

Friday July 17, 2026 Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) called to order the Detachment Executive Committee meeting being held in Appleton, WI at 1:30 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
Past Detachment Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Absent
Past Detachment Commander	Robert Sirovina, Jr.	(434)	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

Introduction of Guests

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) asked all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized. David Faust (245), Gary Lubich (121), Christopher Sherman (071), Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) Allen Watry (038) were recognized.

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) then asked all Past National Vice Commanders to stand and be recognized. David Faust (245) was recognized.

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Reading of the Previous Minutes

Detachment Assistant Adjutant Christopher Sherman (071).

A motion was made by Past Detachment Commander Allen Watry (038) to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2026 Detachment Executive Committee meeting as published. The motion was seconded and passed.

Official Correspondence

Detachment Adjutant David R. Faust (245) reported no correspondence.

Detachment Officer Reports

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

- Activities included parking lot paving, breakfasts, dinners, meat raffles, and scholarship donations.
- River Falls awarded two scholarships of \$1,000 each.
- Superior secured 12 signatures to start a new squadron.
- A new charter for Squadron 301 Woodville was received.

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

See attached report. Highlights:

- Vice Commander Mason remained highly active across Districts 2, 6, and 9 through ceremonies, conferences, squadron visits, veteran outreach, installations, meetings, and regular buddy checks.
- All three districts exceeded their 2026 membership goals: District 2 reached 112.27% and ranked 2nd; District 6 reached 109.61% and ranked 3rd; District 9 reached 106.70% and ranked 5th.
- Most squadrons met or surpassed goal, with several achieving all-time highs.
- Priority follow-up is needed for underperforming squadrons—especially Winneconne at 0%, plus Princeton and Wausaukee at 50%.

Detachment Vice Commander – Dave Hodgson (522) Districts (3, 7, 8) along with District Commanders. No report.

3rd District Vice Commander Alan McCormick (229) reported:

- Welcomed three new squadrons over the past year.
- Focused on fundraising for the ALF Dogs program via a coin challenge.
- Two additional squadrons are in development.

Detachment Vice Commander – Randy Timms (375) Districts (1, 4, 5) along with District Commanders. No report.

- District 1 reported most squadrons are over 100% in membership.
- The Homeless Veterans Initiative in Hartland raised over \$1,000.
- District 4 participated in the Oak Creek Flag Day and Fourth of July parades, distributing 2,500 flags.

Detachment Chaplain – John L'Huillier (434)

- Sent sympathy and get-well cards to members.

- Offered a prayer for an Honor Flight in April.

Detachment Historian – Mike Pook (375)

Highlights:

- Submitted photos and articles to the national newsletter, highlighting Wisconsin squadron activities.
- Published an article on SAL members joining post honor guards.
- Created an “Operation Blessing” book and a book for the Commander titled “ALF Goes for a Ride.”

National Executive Committeeman – Christopher Sherman (071)

- Wisconsin ranks 10th nationally in membership and 1st in the central region at 104%.
- Several detachment members serve on national committees, including Resolutions, Media, and Americanism.

Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Mike Pook (375)

Nothing additional to report.

With no objection the above reports were received and filed.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – Christopher Dannenmann (434)

See attached report and below report from the Detachment Commander

Detachment Commander – Christopher Dannenmann (434)

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) turned the gavel over to Detachment Vice Commander Jeremy Mason (015).

Detachment Vice Commander Jeremy Mason (015) then called for Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann’s (434) report.

See attached report. Highlights below:

- Eight new squadrons were added this year, with about ten more forming.
- Membership surpassed 5,070 members.
- The commander participated in numerous events, including Operation Comfort Warrior, the Washington Conference, and squadron visits.
- He highlighted the success of the Operation Homeless Vet event with National Commander Clancy.

6th District Commander Shawn McCrary (075) made a motion to approve the Detachment Commander’s reports as given and submitted. The motion was seconded by National Executive Committeeman Christopher Sherman (071) and passed.

Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions – Detachment Subcommittee on Resolutions Chairman Allen Watry (038) reported on no new resolutions to be before the Detachment Executive Committee. There will be a constitutional amendment resolution taking place during the convention on Saturday, Resolution DC-2026-01 Updates to Constitution and Bylaws concerning Sergeant-at-Arms.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business, but a question was raised about not receiving 2027 membership cards. It was clarified that cards have not yet been printed nationally, but shipping is expected to start Tuesday. In the meantime, memberships can be processed online via mylegion.org.

Appointments

Election Judge

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) appointed Craig Bell (090) to act as the Election Judge for the election of officers and national convention delegates.

Motion by Assistant National Executive Committeeman Mike Pook (375) to accept the appointment. The motion was seconded and passed.

Convention Committees

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)

Motion by National Executive Committeeman Christopher Sherman (071) to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

There was not any new business presented.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion

There was no business presented.

Closing

Benediction

Retirement of the POW/MIA Chair Cover

Commander's Charge

Retirement of the Colors

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) declared the Pre-convention Detachment Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)

From: Vice Commander Mason, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin

To: Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin

Date: 12 July 2026

Subject: Vice Commander's Report to the 2026 Spring Detachment Executive Committee

Activities & Events

- ALF Dog Ceremonies
 - Oratorical
 - District Conferences & Squadron Visits throughout Districts 2, 6, and 9
 - Sheboygan County Office Installation
 - Fond Du Lac Office Installation
 - Operation Homeless Vets at Hartland and Fond du Lac
 - Joint Testimonial Dinner — The Clubs at Strawberry Creek
 - Conduct weekly & monthly buddy checks, including widows and orphans
 - Completed and submitted CSRs to the Detachment
 - Attend monthly Zoom meetings
 - Squadron, District and Vice-Commander update calls
 - Various meetings across the state within The American Legion Family: Department, Sons, Auxiliary, and Riders
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Vice Commander Mason — Districts 2, 6 & 9 Membership Summary

As of July 9, 2026

District 2 — Jefferson, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Sheboygan Counties

District Totals: 23 Squadrons | Goal: 750 | 2026: 842 | 112.27% | Ranked 2nd in Detachment

County	Sqdn	Location	Goal	2026	%	Notes
Washington	1	Germantown	22	23	104.55%	
Dodge	15	Juneau	38	22	57.89%	Needs attention
Washington	19	Hartford	19	19	100.00%	ATH

County	Sqdn	Location	Goal	2026	%	Notes
Washington	36	West Bend	70	83	118.57%	ATH
Jefferson	67	Lake Mills	41	47	114.63%	
Ozaukee	82	Port Washington	10	20	200.00%	ATH
Sheboygan	145	Random Lake	10	10	100.00%	ATH
Dodge	157	Horicon	41	52	126.83%	
Jefferson	189	Watertown	27	30	111.11%	
Columbia	215	Pardeeville	12	17	141.67%	ATH
Sheboygan	243	Plymouth	33	39	118.18%	ATH
Sheboygan	261	Greenbush	10	10	100.00%	
Dodge	270	Theresa	23	27	117.39%	ATH
Columbia	271	Poynette	22	33	150.00%	
Ozaukee	288	Cedarburg	67	72	107.46%	
Jefferson	305	Johnson Creek	17	14	82.35%	Needs attention
Dodge	347	Lomira	27	27	100.00%	
Ozaukee	355	Grafton	85	98	115.29%	ATH
Sheboygan	387	Franklin	14	15	107.14%	
Ozaukee	457	Mequon-Thiensville	10	22	220.00%	ATH
Washington	486	Jackson	14	16	114.29%	ATH
Dodge	521	Fox Lake	44	52	118.18%	ATH
Washington	522	Hubertus	94	94	100.00%	
Totals	23 Sqdns	21 at 100%+	750	842	112.27%	

District 6 — Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Calumet, Manitowoc Counties

District Totals: 11 Squadrons | Goal: 281 | 2026: 308 | 109.61% | Ranked 3rd in Detachment

County	Sqdn	Location	Goal	2026	%	Notes
Winnebago	33	Neenah	41	50	121.95%	ATH
Fond du Lac	43	Ripon	10	9	90.00%	Needs attention
Winnebago	70	Oshkosh	18	19	105.56%	
Fond du Lac	75	Fond du Lac	46	49	106.52%	
Winnebago	234	Omro	27	30	111.11%	

County	Sqdn	Location	Goal	2026	%	Notes
Green Lake	306	Green Lake	26	27	103.85%	
Marquette	351	Montello	10	22	220.00%	ATH
Winnebago	364	Winneconne	10	0	0.00%	Goose Egg — needs immediate attention
Green Lake	366	Princeton	10	5	50.00%	Needs attention
Fond du Lac	454	Mt. Calvary	56	64	114.29%	ATH
Manitowoc	477	St. Nazianz	27	33	122.22%	ATH
Totals	11 Sqdns	8 at 100%+	281	308	109.61%	

District 9 — Langlade, Forest, Florence, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee, Door Counties

District Totals: 9 Squadrons | Goal: 403 | 2026: 430 | 106.70% | Ranked 5th in Detachment

County	Sqdn	Location	Goal	2026	%	Notes
Brown	11	Green Bay	46	45	97.83%	
Outagamie	38	Appleton	124	139	112.10%	ATH
Forest	44	Wabeno	27	26	96.30%	
Outagamie	55	Hortonville	35	48	137.14%	ATH
Outagamie	60	Kimberly	28	34	121.43%	ATH
Outagamie	106	Seymour	41	41	100.00%	ATH
Marinette	150	Wausaukee	10	5	50.00%	Needs attention
Outagamie	258	Little Chute	42	42	100.00%	
Kewaunee	538	Carlton	50	50	100.00%	
Totals	9 Sqdns	6 at 100%+	403	430	106.70%	

Note: New London Post No. 263 in Outagamie County is part of the 8th District.

In service to our veterans and their families,

Vice Commander Mason Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin Districts 2, 6 & 9

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From: Commander Christopher "5N" Dannenmann, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of WI
To: Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin
Date: 17 July 2026
Subject: Commander's Report to the 2026 Detachment Convention Executive Committee

To the Officers, Committee members, visitors and honored guests,

The state of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin is strong.

Thank you for choosing the Sons of The American Legion to honor your family members who have served. Special thanks to all the Post, District, Detachment, Blue Cappers and dual members. Your selflessness dedication to The American Legion Family, its heritage and legacy shines because of YOU.

Welcome aboard to all our newest members and squadrons throughout the state. We currently have 7 new squadrons that have been chartered so far this year. We may have as many as 10+ Posts that have shown intent on New Squadron formation.

The ALF Dogs continue to be a favorite with each event we attend. We recently had one event and several more are pending for spring and summer. Your fundraising efforts are needed now more than ever to support this cornerstone program of our Detachment.

Events:

- Operation Comfort Warrior
- Washington Conference & Wreath Laying
- Lincoln Pilgrimage
- Oratorical
- LEBW Tissue Transport
- ALRA Meetings
- VA visits with Commande3r Bond and President Hembrook
- District Conferences & Squadron visits
- The SAL National Commander Bill Clancy was here February 13-15 to participate in the Operation Homeless Vets at Hartland and Fond du Lac. He plans to raise OHV to National Prominence showcasing our work in Wisconsin.
- Joint Testimonial Dinner: The Clubs at Strawberry Creek
- Register for National American Legion Basic College
- Register and attend WALC and become an alumni
- Do your weekly & monthly buddy checks + widows and orphans
- Thank you for submitting your CSR's. Fill out the paperwork and submit it to Detachment
- Attend our monthly Zoom meetings
- Vice-Commander update calls
- My gratitude and thanks to our Vice-Commanders for all of their hard work and selfless volunteer time and effort. From the Midwinter Conference and various meetings across the state within TAL Family; Department, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders.
- COLUMBIA Protocol Training
- Oratorical
- Badger Boys State
- Lots of windshield time

Upcoming Events:

- Detachment Convention – July 15th – 19th, 2026 Appleton, WI

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- National Convention – August 27th – 31st, 2026 Louisville, KY
- Spring Conferences & Installations
- Squadron Formation Meetings
- National Poppy Day – May 23rd, 2026
- Honor Flights
- Flag Day – June 14th, 2026
- ALRA State Ride – June 25th – 28th, 2026

You all have accomplished SO much- let's keep track of the difference we are making. Whether its Operation Comfort Warrior, Badger Boys State, Child Well-Being Fund, or a Blood Drive. Report all of your Squadron activities on your CSR's. Please send them into Detachment by June 1st so Congress can see what the Sons of The American Legion do to strengthen the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

Where there is a need, there is a Son.

Respectfully,
Chris Dannenmann, Commander