

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
Fall D.E.C. Minutes 2008**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2008 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER THE FALL D. E. C. MEETING, BEING HELD AT THE KENOSHA AMERICAN LEGION POST 21 AND BEING HOSTED BY SQUADRON 21 KENOSHA WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES.

Roll Call Of Officers

Taken By The Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler

DETACHMENT - COMMANDER	KIRK D. HOVE	(158)	P
“ - VICE COMM.	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	RON A. HENDERSON	(336)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	ERIC J. TORSTENSON	(183)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	DAVID A. BLAZER	(214)	P
“ - FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“ - CHAPLAIN	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	COLIN H. MELTESEN	(129)	E
“ - N. E. C MAN	LAWRENCE A. RICE	(449)	P
“ - ALT. N. E. C. MAN	PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	E
“ - ADJUTANT	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - ASSIS'T. ADJUTANT	GARY LEE LE ROY	(294)	P
“ - HISTORIAN			-
“ - EDITOR	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEVEN C. CHAMPENY	(209)	P
“ - ASSIS'T. JUDGE ADVOCATE	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	P
DEPARTMENT - A. L. COMMANDER	JAMES REIGEL		-
“ - A. L. CHAIRMAN	DALE VANNES		-
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	MARTY CZARNECKI		-
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN			-
“ - A. L. LIAISON			-
- S. A. L. LIAISON	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	KIRK D. HOVE	(158)	P
- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P

Roll Call Of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT -	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
SECOND DISTRICT -			-
THIRD DISTRICT -	DANIEL OASEN	(481)	A
FOURTH DISTRICT -	RUSSELL EVANSON	(018)	E
FIFTH DISTRICT -			-
SIXTH DISTRICT -			-
SEVENTH DISTRICT -	KEN DRURY	(336)	E
EIGHTH DISTRICT -	DALE VANNES	(117)	A
NINTH DISTRICT -			-
TENTH DISTRICT -	KARL ADANK	(158)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT -	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	E
TWELFTH DISTRICT -	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	P
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT -	DENNIS BLUE	(MN)	-

Past Detachment Commanders Present

KIRK D. HOVE, RONALD F. FAUST, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID R. FAUST, THOMAS A. KNOX, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, STEVEN C. CHAMPENY

QUORUM PRESENT, REPORTED BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

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Introduction Of Guests

Presented By Commander Kirk D. Hove

DENNIS L. THEOBALD - NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMANDER OF THE CENTRAL REGION 2009-2010 FROM THE STATE OF IOWA. INTRODUCED HIS WIFE AND AUXILIARY MEMBER CONNIE THEOBALD. HE GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT, EXTENDED THANKS TO POST 21 FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE. PRESENTED TO THE DETACHMENT HIS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE VICE-COMMANDER.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED MR. THEOBALD WITH A STATE OF WISCONSIN LAPEL PIN.

JACK CURTIS POST 21 KENOSHA FIRST VICE COMM., PRESENTED GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

RON DAVIS POST 21 KENOSHA SECOND VICE COMM., ALSO PRESENTED GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT.

LISA KUHN KENOSHA AUX UNIT 21 PRESIDENT GAVE WELCOMES AND GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

Reading Of The Previous Minutes

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS D. E. C. MINUTES FROM THE CONVENTION MEETINGS AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Official Correspondence

Presented By Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler

ADJUTANT LAWLER REPORTED THAT THERE WERE THE USUAL ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THAT THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE PROPER COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION FOR DISPERSAL AND OR ACTION.

THERE WAS ONE ITEM THAT HE DID WISH TO SHARE WITH THE DETACHMENT IT WAS A THANK YOU NOTE FROM BJORN NORDERHAUG (AGE 12) FROM (449) WHO HAD ENTERED THE COLORING CONTEST. BJORN EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE DETACHMENT FOR HIS RECOGNITION OF HIS ART WORK AND THAT HE INTENDS ON STAYING ACTIVE WITHIN HIS SQUADRON.

COMMISSIONS

Constitution & By – Laws

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch

LEGISLATIVE – COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE LATEST N.E.C. MINUTES AND WOULD NOTE THE FACT THAT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WILL BE MARCH 1ST – 4TH 2009 IN THE PAST THE DETACHMENT HAS PROVIDED A WREATH FOR THIS EVENT. IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE DETACHMENT TO CONSIDER THIS AND BRING IT BEFORE THE FLOOR AT A LATER DATE.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – IT WAS AGAIN RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SQUADRONS HAVE THESE DOCUMENTS IN PLACE AND FORWARD THEM TO THE DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR REVIEW. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SQUADRONS COULD PATTERN THEIRS AROUND AN EXISTING SQUADRON, THE DETACHMENT AND OR THE TEMPLATE THAT IS FOUND IN THE SQUADRON HANDBOOK ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

POLICY – NO REPORT

RESOLUTIONS – ONE RESOLUTION WAS RECEIVED DEC-01-08 ENDORSEMENT OF PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL REGION. THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED AND READ LATER DURING THE MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

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Internal Affairs

Reported By Acting Chairman Thomas A. Knox

COMMANDERS ADVISORY - NO REPORT

COMMANDERS PROJECT – IS CAMP AMERICAN LEGION THE FOLLOWING HAVE DONATED TO THE CAUSE CLEAR LAKE #108 (\$60), MAZOMANIE #437 (\$25) AND FOND DU LAC #75 (\$4) FOR A TOTAL OF \$89.00 TO DATE. OTHER DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE N.E.F. (NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND) BY MAZOMANIE #437 (\$25). THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$150.00 ON RECORD FOR N.E.F. THAT WAS NOT RECORDED THRU THE DETACHMENT; *SQUADRONS SHOULD BE REMINDED TO CHANNEL DONATIONS THRU THE DETACHMENT.*

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES 2010 – NO REPORT

NATIONAL OFFICERS CAMPAIGN – PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ IS RUNNING FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL 2009-2010, A RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMISSION FOR PROCESSING TO HAVE MR. GRYSKIEWICZ CERTIFIED BY THE DETACHMENT.

OFFICERS WORKSHOP – NO REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP – NO REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Finance

Reported By Finance Officer Dennis F. Stockfisch

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND FOUND IT TO BE IN ORDER AT THIS TIME EXCEPT FOR THE LINE ITEM OF THE WORKSHOP WHICH WAS SHOWING AN OVERAGE DUE TO SUPPLIES AND ITEMS PROVIDED AT THE WORKSHOP.

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT, WHICH COVERS THE DETACHMENT IF THE NEED IS REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS THERE HAS BEEN VERY MINIMAL ACTIVITY FROM THIS ACCOUNT AT THIS DATE.

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GUIDELINES OF DISTRIBUTION AND THE EXPENSE VOUCHER FOR THE DETACHMENT AND HAS SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THEM TO BRING THE 20 YEAR OLD VOUCHER MORE IN LINE WITH TODAY'S ECONOMY IN REGARD TO HOUSING, MEALS AND TRAVEL. DRIVER INCREASE TO .30, PASSENGER TO .35, LODGING \$40, BREAKFAST \$5.00, LUNCH \$7.00 AND DINNER \$10.00. AS A SAFETY MEASURE THE ADDITION OF A GUIDELINE NOTE, TO LIMIT THE ADJUTANT TO SECURE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES, IN EXCESS OF \$300 OF THE BUDGETED ITEM, FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION. THE FOURTH COMING CHANGES SHALL BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED AT THE MID-WINTER MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS WERE REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION:

VA&R REQUESTED \$350 FOR DISTRIBUTION OF A DVD AND PUBLICATION PERTAINING TO AMERICAN VETERANS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE 2009 CONVENTION TO ALL SQUADRONS IN ATTENDANCE.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REQUESTED \$300 FOR DVD'S OF NATIONAL COMMANDER THOMAS CISNA, NATIONAL AND DETACHMENT ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SQUADRONS BY THE ADJUTANT.

CONVENTION AND ACTIVITIES REQUESTED \$330 TO SPONSOR A GOLF HOLE AT THE UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT YEAR , PROCEEDS GO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION.

THE ABOVE THREE ITEMS WERE APPROVED FOR FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PROCESSING SHOULD THE DETACHMENT APPROVE THE PROJECT.

TWO OTHER REQUESTS FROM VA&R FOR \$200 EACH TO SECURE PLAQUES IN THE NAME OF THE DETACHMENT FOR MEMORIALS AT KING AND UNION GROVE WERE RECOMMENDED TO BE TABLED TO THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR 2009-2010 AND WILL BE DEALT WITH AT THE UP COMING MID-WINTER BUDGET MEETING.

COMMISSION ASKED THE ADJUTANT TO VERIFY AND CHECK INTO THE FACT THAT A \$500 PAYMENT WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOLARSHIP HOWEVER NO SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED THIS PAST YEAR BY THE DETACHMENT. (This was check and no scholarship moneys were paid out for 2008, however the 2007 Recipient's last payment was made in January 2008 after confirmation of his college status)

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

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COMMITTEES

Americanism

Reported By Acting Chairman David R. Faust

COMMITTEE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT SQUADRONS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND HAVE HAD SUCCESS WITH SUCH AS 313 BLACK EARTH WHO SECURED THE DVD "FOR WHICH IT STANDS" AND DISTRIBUTING TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AS PART OF VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES. BELOIT 48 WILL BE HOLDING A POW/MIA PROGRAM ON DEC. 13TH 2008.

THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE SQUADRONS TO PROMOTE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FLAG EDUCATION, A&G TESTING, BADGER BOYS STATE, ORATORICAL CONTEST, LEGION SHOOTER SPORTS AND POW/MIA FUNCTIONS.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE COMMITTED TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET FURTHER REAL WORLD EXAMPLES OF WHAT OTHER SQUADRONS HAVE DONE AND TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR THE SALute TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL SQUADRONS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN C. CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Children & Youth

Reported By Acting Chairman Ronald F. Faust

COMMITTEE REVIEWED THREE NATIONAL PROGRAMS UNDER THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION TOOL KIT, CHILD MIRACLE NETWORK, AMERICAN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE JOSH DOGS PROGRAMS. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT SQUADRONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST THE TOOL KITS AND USE THEM FOR LEGACY AND THE MIRACLE NETWORK, THEY CAN CONTACT C&Y CHAIRMAN RONALD WYATT BY "E-MAIL" AT SUZIEQ967@WOWAY.COM OR NAT'L. VICE COMM. DENNIS BLUE AT BLUETATOO@HOTMAIL.COM. THE COMMITTEE HOWEVER HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FUND SPLIT PERCENTAGE OF THE JOSH DOG PROGRAM FOR THE \$33.00 COST, \$5.00 ONLY GOES TO THE MIRACLE NETWORK AND THE REMAINDER TO WHATEVER SEEMED TO BE A INAPPROPRIATE SPLIT FOR THE CAUSE INTENDED.

FOR THE PAST YEAR NATION WIDE THE S.A.L. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILD WELFARE ARE \$332,425.96 THIS YEARS GOAL IS SET AT \$365,000. SO FAR THIS YEAR FROM THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN THERE ARE DONATION FROM 129 BLACK RIVER FALLS, 437 MAZOMANIE AND 158 MAIDEN ROCK TOTALING \$584.13.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

Convention And Activities

Reported By Acting Chairman Lawrence A Rice

COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE MINUTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AND HAD THESE HIGHLIGHTS TO REPORT. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO INCREASE THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EVENTS AS FOLLOWS MID WINTER FROM \$10 TO \$20 WITH A LATE FEE OF \$25, STATE CONVENTION \$15 TO \$25 WITH A LATE FEE OF \$30 MOTIONS WERE CARRIED AND WILL TAKE EFFECT STARTING IN JANUARY 2009.

STRUCTURING HAS BEEN SET THAT THE LEGION MID WINTER CONFERENCES AFTER 2009 WILL BE HELD AT ONE LOCATION FOR A 5 YEAR PERIOD THE WILDERNESS LODGE IN WISCONSIN DELLS.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED A REQUEST FROM NATIONAL IN REGARDS TO SPONSORSHIP OF A GOLF HOLE AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330 THE PROCEEDS WILL GO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION. AS THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ITEM A REQUEST OF FUNDS WAS SENT TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION PENDING APPROVAL OF THE DETACHMENT

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON RESTRUCTURING THE ORDER OF THE NEXT 2009 CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE C&A REPORT EXCEPT WITH SEPARATE ACTION ON THE FUNDING FOR THE GOLF HOLE AND THE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

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BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) TO SPONSOR A GOLF HOLE FOR \$330 AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE ISSUE OF RESTRUCTURING THE NEXT DETACHMENT CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE AS A RESOLVE OF THE DISCUSSION MANY ITEMS AND ISSUES NEED TO BE LOOKED AT DAVID FAUST SUGGESTED THIS MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO THE C&A COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND FORMULATION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS KNOX (449) TO TABLE THE CONVENTION RESTRUCTURING BACK TO THE CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Membership

Reported By Chairman Steven C. Champeny

CURRENTLY THE DETACHMENT IS AT 1,258 PAID MEMBERS, 41.67% OF LAST YEARS 3,019, THERE ARE 29 GOOSE EGG SQUADRONS, 11 SQUADRONS AT 100% OR MORE. PLACING WISCONSIN IN FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION AND 5TH PLACE NATIONWIDE. THERE ARE 102 SQUADRONS VERSUS 527 LEGION POST WITH IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, AS OF THE END OF LAST YEAR OUT OF THE 3,019 MEMBERS THERE ARE ONLY 1,095 MEMBERS REPORTING THEIR DOB (DATE OF BIRTH) REFLECTING ONLY ABOUT 1/3 OF THE MEMBERSHIP THE COMMITTEE STILL FEELS THAT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO STRUCTURE THE PUFL (PAID UP FOR LIFE) PROGRAM. NEXT MEMBERSHIP GOAL IS NOVEMBER 11TH SQUADRONS SHOULD BE AT 45%.

UNDER SQUADRON RECRUITMENT IN THE 11TH DISTRICT ODONA HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN FORMING A SQUADRON ALSO THERE IS ONE IN THE 8TH AND SUN PRAIRIE IS CONTINUING TO REORGANIZE AND GET SETTLED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT, SECONDED BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437), MOTION PASSED.

Public Relations

Reported By Acting Chairman Russ Severson

THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING AND STRESSING THAT ARTICLES FROM DETACHMENT OFFICERS ARE NEEDED TO DO THE NEXT SALute. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A SMALL AWARD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PEN AN ARTICLE, SUCH AS A PIN.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED A DVD FROM NATIONAL COMMANDER THOMAS CISNA AND RECOMMENDS THAT THIS BE DISTRIBUTED TO SQUADRONS. REQUEST OF FUNDS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION FOR \$300 TO COVER THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ITEMS BY THE ADJUTANT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED THE DISCOVER WISCONSIN TV PROGRAM FOR COVERAGE OF THE LEGION AND THE S.A.L. HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. ALSO THE LEGION IS LOOKING AT A ONE LINE MISSION STATEMENT THAT THEY HAVE ALSO ASKED THE S.A.L. TO SHARE IN.

WITH THE LEGION MID WINTER APPROACHING IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN ASK IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PUT ON A WORKSHOP OR A Q. & A. SESSION PERTAINING TO THE S.A.L. FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR BOTH LEGION AND S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING.

RECOMMENDED THAT ARTICLES ALSO GET SENT TO THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE, NATIONAL UPDATE AND ALSO THE SALute. ANY MEMBER OR SQUADRON MAY SEND IN ARTICLES.

DISCUSSED THE UP COMING PIN CONTEST HAND OUTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE P/R REPORT EXCEPT FOR SEPARATE ACTION ON THE FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE DVD DISTRIBUTION AND THE ISSUANCE OF A TOKEN AWARD FOR ARTICLE WRITERS, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) TO PROCEED WITH PRODUCING THE TWO DVD'S, MEET YOUR NATIONAL COMMANDER AND BUSINESS ITEMS SPONSORED BY THE DETACHMENT AND NATIONAL TO BE SENT OUT WITH THE ADJUTANTS UPDATE TO EACH SQUADRON

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AT AN ESTIMATE COST OF \$300, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION SEVERAL QUESTION AROSE THESE WHERE ANSWERED AND THE MOTION PASSED.

SEPARATE ACTION ON THE TOKEN AWARD FOR PUBLICATION WRITERS WAS NOT ADDRESSED.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Reported By Chairman Rodney P Fall

REVIEWED ITEMS FROM NATIONAL VA & R CHAIRMAN BRUNO WILLIAMSON ONE OF INTEREST IS THE FISHER HOUSE PROGRAM.

COMMANDER HOVE'S PROJECT IS CAMP AMERICAN LEGION AND HE IS ASKING FOR \$2.00 PER MEMBER.

COMMITTEE REVIEWED ITEMS FROM UNION GROVE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY AND THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AT KING REQUESTING DONATIONS, DONATORS WOULD RECEIVE A MEMORIAL PLAGUE FOR THEIR DONATION. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THESE PROGRAMS AND WILL PLACE FUND REQUESTS OF \$200 FOR EACH LOCATION INTO THE FINANCE COMMISSION FOR DETACHMENT APPROVAL.

COMMITTEE REVIEWED A DVD AND PUBLICATION PERTAINING TO AMERICAN VETERANS THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THESE ITEMS BE OBTAINED FROM EMBLEM SALES AND PRESENTED TO EACH SQUADRON IN ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT CONVENTION, THE COMMITTEE WILL PLACE A FUND REQUEST OF \$350 INTO THE FINANCE COMMISSION FOR DETACHMENT APPROVAL.

FROM COMMANDER HOVE'S ACCEPTANCE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MR. HOVE TO FILL THE NEEDED VA REP POSITION AT THE TOHMA VA. HOSPITAL, THE APPROPRIATE PAPER APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILLED OUT AND FORWARDED TO THE ADJUTANT FOR SUBMITTAL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE VA&R REPORT EXCEPT FOR SEPARATE ACTION ON THE FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE AMERICAN VETERANS DVD PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING THE DVD AND PUBLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN VETERAN TO BE PRESENTED TO EACH SQUADRON IN ATTENDANCE AT THE 2009 CONVENTION AT AN ESTIMATE COST OF \$350, SECONDED BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437), MOTION PASSED.

Officers Reports

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – RONALD A. HENDERSON (336) DISTRICTS 7-10-12, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 21, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 744, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 0, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 12, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 3, NO. SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 1, NUMBER OF NEW SQUADRONS 1, CONTACTS MADE TO SQUADRONS 8.

ATTENDED WEST SALEM AND HOLMEN FOR COUNTY S.A.L. MEETINGS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Vice Commander – ERIC J. TORSTENSON (183) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – DAVID A. BLAZER (214) DISTRICTS 3-6-8, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 21, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 769, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 6, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 11, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 4, NO. SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 1, NUMBER OF NEW SQUADRONS 0, CONTACTS MADE TO SQUADRONS 2-3.

ATTENDED MEMBERSHIP RALLY IN PORTAGE 9/20/08, FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT DARLINGTON 10/21/08, FUNERAL HONOR GUARD NEAR DARLINGTON LAFAYETTE CO. 9/15/08, STEAK FEED FUND RAISER DARLINGTON (214) 8/9/08 AND THIS FALL MEETING HELD IN KENOSHA 10/25/08.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID BLAZER (214) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Fourth District Chairman – RUSS EVANSON REPORTED THAT HE VISITED SQUADRON #537 HAROLD A. TODD AND PRESENTED THE SQUADRON TWO AWARDS, MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARD AND A CITATION OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR 2008, ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAS CONTACTED SQUADRON #444 F.D. ROOSEVELT AND SQUADRON #203 FEDERAL TO SET UP TIMES TO DELIVER CITATIONS AND AWARDS TO EACH OF

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THESE SQUADRONS. PARTICIPATED WITH SQUADRON 18 AND THE JR. AUX. UNIT 18 TO PACKAGE AND DELIVER HALLOWEEN TREAT PACKS TO THE VA HOSPITAL HANDING THEM OUT TO THE PATENTS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE 4TH DISTRICT CHAIRMANS REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Twelfth District Chairman – ROBERT DANIELSON REPORTED HE ATTENDED VAVS MEETINGS AT THE MINNEAPOLIS VA ON SEPT 4, 2008, ON OCT. 23RD A NEW BUILDING WILL BE DEDICATED FOR SPINAL CORD PATENTS, THE MENTAL HEALTH WING HAS BEEN REMODED WITH NEW BEDS AND WALL COVERING AN ESTIMATED \$500,000,000 THIS YEAR FOR REMOLDING OF THE VA. SOME OF THE SERVICES WILL BE OUT SOURCED BUT THE VA SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAJOR NEEDS OF THE VETERAN.

GROUND BREAKING WILL BEGIN FOR 22 NEW SUITES AT THE FISCHER HOUSE NEXT TO THE EXISTING UNITS.

THE NEXT MEETING VAVS MEETING WILL BE NOV. 12TH.

SEPT. 6TH ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY COUNCIL LEGION MEETING AT INDIAN CREEK, NOTED THAT THEIR WERE TWO SQUADRON IN THIS AREA CLEAR LAKE (108), ST. CROIX FALLS (143) AND ASKED FOR LEGION POST TO CONSIDER STARTING A SQUADRON.

SEPT. 13TH ATTENDED THE 12TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE IN GRANTSBURG, TALKED TO ROBERT GALVIN TO SEE IF THEY NEEDED ANY ADDITIONAL HELP FROM HIMSELF OR RODNEY FALL IN GETTING A SQUADRON GOING IN BIRCHWOOD. MR. GALVIN STATED THAT THEY ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE PROCESS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE 12TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Chaplain – RONALD F. FAUST

N.E.C.- Man – LAWRENCE A. RICE REPORTED HE ATTENDED THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATIVE MEETING AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE ITEMS HE WAS GOING TO NOTE HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED BY OTHER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF CONCERN.

THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ON THE WREATH LAYING AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCES THERE ARE ONLY FIVE LOCATIONS FOR THIS FUNCTION, TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER, NATIONAL AIR FORCE MEMORIAL, NATIONAL NURSES MEMORIAL AND THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL.

BY "E"-MAIL COPIES OF THE MINUTES FROM THESE MEETINGS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. RICE.

THERE ARE 47 REGISTERED VAVS REPS. AND 277,782 VOLUNTEERED HOUR HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATED FOR THE PAST YEAR.

THERE WILL BE A NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR SATURDAY MAY 3RD, 2009 WHICH IS NATIONAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE DAY.

NEW RULES ARE TO BE SET FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAP BOOK.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE N.E.C. MAN REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Historian – VACANT NO REPORT

Department S.A.L. Chairman – VACANT NO REPORT

Department S.A.L. Liaison – VACANT NO REPORT

S.A.L. Liaison – MICHAEL LAWLER REPORTED THAT AS LIKE THE NEC MANS REPORT MOST OF HIS ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY OTHER COMMITTEE'S OR COMMISSION'S, HOWEVER HE DID NOTE THAT HE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT THE SAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2008, THAT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP PLACES THE DETACHMENT FIRST IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND 5TH NATIONWIDE, THERE ARE 102 CURRENT SQUADRONS, REPORTED ON THE 2010 PIN CONTEST, THE JOSH DOG PROGRAM AND ADVISED DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL, MICHAEL L. LAWLER (NATIONAL HISTORIAN), PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (NATIONAL VA&R COMMISSION), THOMAS A. KNOX (NATIONAL FINANCE COMMISSION) AND CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL REGION PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DETACHMENT STILL NEEDS TO ACCUMULATE DOB (DATE OF BIRTH) AT LEAST 60% TO SET THE STRUCTURING FOR A DETACHMENT BASED PUFL (PAID UP FOR LIFE) PROGRAM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE LIAISON REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Detachment Commander – KIRK HOVE REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, TRIPLE A AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT IN LA CROSSE 8/4/08, 53RD ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION KING DAY PILGRIMAGE 8/10/08, BRAT STAND FUNDRAISER SPONSORED BY SQUADRON 121 RIVER FALLS 8/22&23/08, 7TH DISTRICT FALL LEGION CONFERENCE AT THORP 9/13/08, 10TH DISTRICT FALL LEGION CONFERENCE AT ELMWOOD 9/21/08, N.E.C. MEETINGS INDIANAPOLIS 10/11&12/08, VA MEDICAL CENTER IN

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MINNEAPOLIS TO VISIT PDVC MARVIN JOHNSON 10/17/08 AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP BANQUET IN WISCONSIN DELLS 10/18/08.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRK HOVE (158) TO ACCEPT THE COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Receive Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch

REPORTED THAT A RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED, DEC-01-08 FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ TO THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL REGION FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011. THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. THE RESOLUTION WAS READ IN ITS ENTIRETY TO THE DETACHMENT BODY BY MR. STOCKFISCH.

MOTION WAS MADE, BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business

THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, BY THOMAS A. KNOX IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE THE APPOINTMENT THE DEPARTMENT LIAISON. ADJUTANT LAWLER RESPONDED AT THIS TIME NO ONE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND THAT DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND IS WORKING ON IT.

Appointment of Members of Standing or Special Committees

Made by Commander Kirk D. Hove

Historian – RUSS SEVERSON

First District Chairman – ROBERT AMES

Sixth District Chairman – VERN BARTLES

MOTION WAS MADE, BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

New Business

NONE

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VERN BARTLES SQUADRON 75 QUESTIONED IF THE SLIDE PRESENTATION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN THAT WAS MADE A FEW YEARS AGO WAS STILL AVAILABLE AND IF IT WAS IN SOME FORMAT, COULD HE REQUEST THE ADJUTANT TO SEND HIM A COPY. ADJUTANT LAWLER STATED THAT THERE STILL SOME AT HEADQUARTERS IN A VHS FORMAT AND HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEND ONE TO SQUADRON 75.

COMMANDER HOVE AND ADJUTANT LAWLER PRESENTED NO GOOSE EGG AWARDS TO THOSE SQUADRONS PRESENT. 75 FOND DU LAC, 108 CLEAR LAKE, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 214 DARLINGTON, 209 ORFORDVILLE, 294 HARTLAND, 21 KENOSHA, 48 BELOIT, 449 BROOKFIELD, 313 BLACK EARTH.

COMMANDER HOVE AND ADJUTANT LAWLER PRESENTED 100 % MEMBERSHIP RIBBONS TO THOSE SQUADRONS PRESENT. 18 MILWAUKEE, 48 BELOIT, 108 CLEAR LAKE, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 214 DARLINGTON, 294 HARTLAND, 313 BLACK EARTH, 437 MAZOMANIE.

SQUADRON 449 BROOKFIELD WAS PRESENTED WITH THE CWF BRONZE HERITAGE PLAQUE.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER HOVE CLOSED THE FALL D.E.C. WITH THE PROPER CLOSING CEREMONIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE DETACHMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LE ROY.

Gary Lee LeRoy