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Detachment Of Wisconsin
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009 COMMANDER KELLY POWERS (158) CALLED TO ORDER THE FALL D. E. C. MEETING, BEING HELD AT STATE HEADQUARTERS IN PORTAGE WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES.

Roll Call Of Officers

Taken By The Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

DETACHMENT -	COMMANDER	KELLY R. POWERS	(158)	P
“	- VICE COMM.	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	P
“	- VICE COMM.	RUSSELL SEVERSON	(313)	P
“	- VICE COMM.	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
“	- VICE COMM.	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“	- FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“	- CHAPLAIN	RALPH CARLTON	(048)	E
“	- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	GARY LUBICH	(121)	P
“	- SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	BARRY PRINDLE	(048)	P
“	- 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	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	P
DEPARTMENT -	A. L. COMMANDER	LEO ENDRES		-
“	- A. L. CHAIRMAN	ROBERT DANIELSON		-
“	- A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		-
“	- A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	RICH RULAND		-
	- S. A. L. LIAISON	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
	- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	KELLY R. POWERS	(158)	P
	- S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	GARY LUBICH	(121)	P

Roll Call Of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT -	GARY MYERS	(294)	P
SECOND DISTRICT -	TOM PETRIE	(186)	P
THIRD DISTRICT -	VACANT		
FOURTH DISTRICT -	RUSSELL EVANSON	(018)	E
FIFTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
SIXTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
SEVENTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
EIGHTH DISTRICT -	DALE VANNES	(117)	
NINTH DISTRICT -	VACANT		
TENTH DISTRICT -	KARL ADANK	(158)	E
ELEVENTH DISTRICT -	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	E
TWELFTH DISTRICT -	MARK WOOD	(108)	
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT -	DENNIS BLUE	(MN)	
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT -	TOMMIE CISNA	(IL)	

Past Detachment Commanders Present

DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), DAVID R. FAUST (245), THOMAS A. KNOX (449), LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437).

QUORUM WAS PRESENT, REPORTED BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

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Introduction Of Guests

Presented By Commander Kelly Powers (158)

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT - DAVE KURTZ GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT.

DAVE ANDERSON - GAVE WORKSHOP ON "CHAIRPERSON PLANNING" UNDER OFFICER DEVELOPMENT.

Reading Of The Previous Minutes

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS D. E. C. MINUTES FROM THE POST CONVENTION MEETING AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY RUSSELL SEVERSON (313), MOTION PASSED.

Official Correspondence

Presented By Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

ADJUTANT LAWLER (437) 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.

COMMISSIONS

Constitution & By – Laws

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfish (406)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE C&BL REAFFIRMING THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES THAT WERE SUGGESTED WERE MADE AND IN PLACE IT WAS FOUND THAT ARTICLE VI SECTION 1. PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS BY ROLL CALL OF SQUADRONS NEEDED TO BE MODIFIED. CHANGES WOULD BE MADE, CORRECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE ADJUTANT FOR PUBLICATION, THE NEW DOCUMENT WILL BE DATED OCTOBER 25, 2009 AND ALL OTHER COPIES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED OBSOLETE.

THIS REQUIRED A REVIEW OF THE RULES TO THE CONVENTION IT WAS NOTED THAT ITEM 17 NEEDS TO BE REMOVED BASED ON APPROVED CHANGES TO THE C&BL. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT AT ITEM 17 A NEW RULE BE INTRODUCED TO READ SELF NOMINATIONS OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS CAN BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

ALTHOUGH THE VOTING PROCEDURES FALLS UNDER C&A THIS WAS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE TO INTRODUCE IDEAS AND HELP STREAMLINE THE PROCEDURE KEEPING IT INLINE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS BE ADDRESSED AGAIN AT THE MID WINTER MEETINGS BY ALL COMMITTEE'S INVOLVED.

LEGISLATIVE – A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO PURCHASE A WREATH TO PLACE AT THE IWO JIMA MEMORIAL DURING THE WASHINGTON D.C. CONFERENCES.

RESOLUTIONS – NO RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON LOOKING AT RECOMMENDED/SUGGESTED CRITERIA BE DEVELOPED FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF DETACHMENT COMMANDER. AGAIN THIS ITEM DOES NOT DIRECTLY FALL UNDER THIS COMMITTEE BUT IDEAS ARE BEING ASKED FOR DETERMINING THAT THEY STAY WITHIN PROCEDURES AND RULES.

POLICY – NO REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO LOOKING AT GUIDELINES AND STRUCTURING FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTIES LEVEL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE DETACHMENT ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS EFFORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CAN BE FORWARDED TO MR. STOCKFISCH, MOTION PASSED.

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Internal Affairs

Reported By Chairman Kerry Severson (245)

COMMANDERS ADVISORY - NO REPORT

COMMANDERS PROJECT – DISCUSSED THE COMMANDERS PROJECT HOMELESS VETERANS, DONATIONS HAVE COME IN FROM SOME SQUADRONS.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES 2010 – NO REPORT

NATIONAL OFFICERS CAMPAIGN – PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ (093) IS RUNNING FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL 2009-2010, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT \$300 HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR THE CANDIDATE TO USE DURING HIS CAMPAIGN AND FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DETACHMENT AND FORWARDED TO THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

OFFICERS DEVELOPMENT – IT WAS NOTED THAT GOOD FEEDBACK FROM THE MEMBERSHIP WAS GIVEN IN REGARD TO HAVING THE OFFICERS TRAINING INCLUDED ON SUNDAY AFTER THE CONVENTION. ALL OFFICERS TRAINING IS BEING LOOKED AT FOR REFINING IN PRESENTATION AND CONTENT.

IT IS SUGGESTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO THE ADJUTANT THAT INTERNAL AFFAIRS MEET LATER IN THE DAY AFTER THE OTHER COMMITTEES HAVE MET TO ALLOW ENHANCED REPORTING OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

SCHOLARSHIP – NO SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AT THIS TIME.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Finance

Reported By Finance Officer Dennis F. Stockfisch

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL BUDGET ACCOUNT AS IT IS EARLY IN THE YEAR NOT A LOT OF SPENDING HAS OCCURRED AND LINE ITEMS ARE IN GOOD ORDER NO ISSUES WERE TO BE FOUND. REVIEWED THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND THAT FOUND TO BE SOLID NO ISSUES.

BASED ON DEPARTMENT HAVING TO CHANGE TO A CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET TO ALIGN WITH IRS STIPULATIONS THE DETACHMENT HAS ALSO ASKED TO DO THE SAME. THE FINANCE COMMISSION HAD TO ESSENTIONALLY FORMULATE A BUDGET FOR A SEVENTEEN MONTH PERIOD IN THE YEAR 2010 TO BE SUBMITTED. THIS WAS DONE BY INCREASING THE LINE ITEMS OF MEMBERSHIP, HISTORIAN, POSTAGE AND PROGRAM CONTINGENTS. THE CURRENT 2009-2010 BUDGET WILL BE AUDITED AND CLOSED ENDING DECEMBER 31ST OF 2009 AND THE NEW 2010 BUDGET WILL TAKE OVER.

TWO REQUEST FOR FUNDS WERE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION \$150.00 FOR THE WREATH TO BE PLACED AT THE IWO JIMA MEMORIAL FROM LEGISLATIVE, COMMISSION APPROVED FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE. \$250.00 FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE SECOND INSTALLMENT TO THE LEGION DISCOVER WISCONSIN PROGRAM COMMISSION APPROVED FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

COMMITTEES

Americanism

Reported By Chairman Mike Pook (449)

COMMITTEE AGAIN DISCUSSED THE FORMATION OF A COLOR GUARD (MIN OF THREE MEMBERS) TO PRESENT COLORS AT THE MID WINTER AND CONVENTIONS, THE GUARD WOULD BE MADE UP OF THE CURRENT SGT.-AT-ARMS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND ANY DETACHMENT OFFICERS. VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING ASKED FOR SO THAT THE COLOR GUARD COULD BE IN PLACE FOR THE MID WINTER MEETING.

COMMITTEE AGAIN DISCUSSED THE CREATION OF AWARDS FOR THE MID WINTER CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE CALLED THE "PUBLIC SERVICE" AWARDS, A) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVANT OF THE YEAR B) FIRE OR EMT SERVANT OF THE YEAR AND EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR. EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR WOULD REQUIRE S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING. FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS TO BE DONE BY COMMITTEE, RULES AND GUIDELINES NEED TO BE DEVELOPED TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MID

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WINTER MEETING 2010 FOR ACCEPTANCE. IT IS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE THAT THIS BE REFINED AND BE READY TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THE YEAR 2011.

THE THIRD ISSUE REVIEWED WAS THE PROMOTION TO THE SQUADRONS OF THE AMERICANISM PROGRAMS TO SCHOOLS AND SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS, IT WAS NOTED THAT MANY OF THE SQUADRONS DO THIS IN SOME FORM NOW, BUT IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THEM AND MAYBE GET MORE SQUADRONS INVOLVED IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THERE ARE MANY AIDES AVAILABLE TO THE SQUADRONS SUCH AS THE FLAG ETIQUETTE CD (\$15) WHICH THEY CAN SECURE AND DISTRIBUTE TO THESE GROUPS.

THE COLORING CONTEST WAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED, A DRAWING HAS BEEN SELECTED FROM THOSE THAT WERE SUBMITTED WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES TO BE ADDED, THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA WOULD SOMEWHAT THE SAME AS THE LAST CONTEST THAT WAS HELD, THE CONTEST WOULD BE OPEN TO S.A.L. MEMBERS AND ANY LEGION FAMILY MEMBER WHO WISHED TO ENTER THE CONTEST. TIME LINE WILL BE; ISSUE THE CONTEST IN THE NEXT SALute WITH DEADLINE DATE OF APRIL 1ST, WINNERS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT CONVENTION. THERE WOULD BE FIVE AGE CATEGORIES WITH FIRST PLACE AT \$25, SECONDED PLACE \$15 AND THIRD PLACE \$10 IN EACH CATEGORY FOR A TOTAL OF \$250 IN PRIZES BEING REQUIRED

IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT THE THAT EACH SQUADRON SHOULD BE SUGGESTED TO SPONSOR AT LEAST ONE BOY TO BADGER BOYS STATE PROGRAM. COST FOR THIS IS APPROX. \$235.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE FORMATION OF A COLOR GUARD AND THE CREATION OF SERVANT OF THE YEAR AWARDS, SECONDED BY BARRY PRINDLE (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS ASKED WHERE WOULD THE FUNDS FOR THE COLORING CONTEST COME FROM, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT A REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO FINANCE AND APPROVED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE CONTEST. MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION KERRY SEVERSON (245) MOTIONED FOR THE FORMATION OF A COLOR GUARD TO PRESENT COLORS AT MID WINTER AND THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION, SECONDED BY BARRY PRINDLE (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT COLORS WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THESE EVENTS BY SELECTED MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS AND THAT IT SHOULD ALSO BE LEFT OPEN TO ANY SQUADRON OR OUTSIDE GROUP THAT HAS A COLOR GUARD THAT WOULD LIKE TO DO THE OPENING CEREMONIES, MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION FOR THE CREATION OF AWARDS WITH LENGTHY DISCUSSION IT WAS MOTION BY TOM KNOX (449) THAT THIS ISSUE BE TABLED FOR THE NEXT MEETING AT MID WINTER FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND STRUCTURING BY THE COMMITTEE AND TO DETERMINE IF AWARDS ARE NOT BEING DUPLICATED WITH WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN ALREADY HAS IN PLACE, SECONDED BY DAVE FAUST (245), MOTION PASSED.

Children & Youth

Reported By Acting Chairman Michael Lawler

COMMITTEE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DONATION TO DATE TO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION SQUADRON 158, MAIDEN ROCK (\$26.00), 108, WILEY DAVIS (\$60.00), 437, GREENING-BEULOW (\$250.00) FOR A TOTAL OF \$336.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) TO ACCEPT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

Convention And Activities

Reported By Chairman Mike Pook (449)

COMMITTEE HAS NOTED A CHANGING OF THE ROLE OF THE C&A COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS 1) RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVENTIONS, MID WINTER AND D.E.C. MEETINGS 2) RECOMMENDS SCHEDULES AND ASSISTS THE ADJUTANT IN THE PLANNING OF CONVENTIONS, MID WINTER AND D.E.C. MEETINGS AS NEEDED 3) ASSISTS DURING THE CONVENTIONS, MID WINTER AND D.E.C. MEETINGS 4) PLAN ACTIVITIES DURING THE MEETING DAY.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION COW PIN WAS HELD AS A RESOLVE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT DENNIS STOCKFISCH BE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY AND CREATIVE

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LICENSE TO EXPEDITE AND MAKE MINOR CHANGES TO THE DESIGN BEFORE FINALIZATION AND ORDERING.

MR. STOCKFISCH WAS GIVEN THE FLOOR TO EXPLAIN THE MINOR CHANGES TO ENHANCE MANUFACTURING SUCH AS COLOR, OUTLINE USE OF THE S.A.L. EMBLEM AND 2500 QUANTITY TO ORDER.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ALLOW THE FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH CREATIVE LICENSE AS EXPLAINED AND PRESENTED FOR THE PIN DESIGN, SECONDED, MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION GOLF OUTING WERE HELD THIS WOULD BE THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION OPENING, SEVERAL COURSE WERE DISCUSSED IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BROOKFIELD HILLS BE SELECTED, TEE OFF TIME WOULD BE APPROX. 10:30 AM, HOLE SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE \$150.00 AND WOULD BE OPEN TO ANY LEGION POSTS, S.A.L. SQUADRONS / OTHER DETACHMENTS, AUX. UNITS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES. ANY FUNDS LEFT OVER AFTER GOLF IS PAID FOR WOULD BE DONATED TO VA&R.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION DINNER, TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT WAS DISCUSSED THE PRELIMINARY SELECTION FOR THE DINNER IS THE WISCONSIN CLUB WHICH THIS NEEDS TO BE RESEARCHED FURTHER IN ADDITION ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS EVENT NEEDS TO BE RESEARCHED BY THE COMMITTEE, THERE WOULD BE RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS PLANNED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE MID WINTER MEETINGS START ON FRI 1:00PM TO 4:00PM WITH COMMISSION / COMMITTEE SESSIONS. SAT. MORNING WOULD BE LEGION AND OR (TO BE SELECTED) S.A.L. WORKSHOP SESSIONS FROM 9:00AM TO 12:00. THE ACTUAL D.E.C. MEETING WOULD START AT 1:00 TO 4:00 ON SAT. AFTERNOON. FOR THE S.A.L. RUN WORKSHOPS IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE S.A.L. COULD DO THE 5/10 IDEALS, FLAG ETIQUETTE, VAVS OR CAMP AMERICAN LEGION. THERE ARE PLANS FOR A RAFFLE AT THE MID WINTER THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FROM THE MEMBERSHIP FOR A DONATION OF A \$10.00 ITEM TO INCLUDE AS A RAFFLE ITEMS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE C&A REPORT, SECONDED BY ROBERT AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

Membership

Reported By Acting Chairman Commander Kelly Powers (158)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO HAVE A STRUCTURE ADDED TO THE E-MAIL BASE TO HAVE AND HELP MEMBERS SUBMIT DATE OF BIRTH (DOB) INFORMATION, THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A REMINDER SHEET PROVIDED AT ALL MEETING TO SECURE THE DOB INFORMATION ALSO. IN ADDITION TO THIS IT WAS REQUESTED THAT DOB INFO BE POSTED ON THE MEMBERSHIP REPORTS ISSUED BY THE ADJUTANT.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL OFFICERS SHOULD BE TALKING TO PEOPLE ADDRESSING MEMBERSHIP DURING THEIR TRAVELS AND VISITS TO THE DIFFERENT FUNCTION THEY MAY ATTEND.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMANDER POWERS (158) TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER THAT SQUADRONS THAT REACH 100% BY NOV 11 2009 WOULD RECEIVE THE HONOR OF A \$10.00 DONATION TO THE COMMANDERS PROJECT HOMELESS VETERANS, MADE BY THE DETACHMENT. IT WAS RESOLVED BY DISCUSSION THAT INSTEAD OF ADDING A COLUMN TO THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT, WHICH IS ALREADY AT ITS SPACE LIMITS A SECOND PAGE WOULD BE ADDED MONTHLY TO SHOW THE DOB INFORMATION. THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP 048 (5), 121 (7), 449 (34) AND 189 (36), IT WAS NOTED BY THE ADJUTANT THAT THE DETACHMENT IS IN FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL REGION, MOTION PASSED.

Public Relations

Reported By Chairman Russ Severson (313)

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED IDEAS TO PROMOTE THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE FOLLOWING WERE CONSIDERED A) POCKET CALENDARS \$2.50 TO \$3.00 EACH, B) PENS AT .45 TO .70 CENTS PER UNIT, FURTHER RESEARCH WILL BE DONE FOR A FIRMER PRESENTATION AT THE MID WINTER MEETING.

IDEAS WERE DISCUSSED ON UPDATING THE WEB SITE TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE DETACHMENT SUCH AS INCLUDING THE SALute ON THE SITE, ALLOWING AN AREA FOR SQUADRONS TO PUBLISH ITEMS AND EVENTS. FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE ADJUTANT WILL BE HELD ON THE UPDATES.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A LETTER AND POSTER BE SENT TO ALL NON SQUADRON LEGION POSTS TO SUGGEST THEM TO CONSIDER STARTING OF A SQUADRON.

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COMMITTEE PUT IN A REQUEST FOR FUNDS OF \$250.00 FOR THE SECOND INSTALLMENT FOR THE LEGION DISCOVER WISCONSIN PROGRAM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE P/R REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS ASKED OR QUESTIONED IF THIS ISSUE OF THE \$250.00 FOR THE DONATION TO THE LEGION DISCOVER WISCONSIN PROGRAM WAS ALREADY PASSED, FROM A REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 FOR EACH OF THE THREE YEARS WAS APPROVED BY THE DETACHMENT NO SEPARATE ACTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED, MOTION PASSED.

Distinguished Guest

Reported by Chairman Lawrence Rice (449)

REPORTED NO GUEST WERE PRESENT, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE DETACHMENT IS WORKING ON THE NATIONAL COMMANDER FOR THE MIDWINTER MEETINGS AS HE MOST LIKELY WILL BE HERE FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 2010.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE D/G REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT IT IS NOT THE COMMITTEES DUTY TO INVITE GUESTS THIS IS STILL THE DUTY OF THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT, IT IS THE COMMITTEES DUTY TO GREET, MEET AND ENTERTAIN THE GUESTS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE N.E.C. MAN AND OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REQUEST INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN REGARD TO PROTOCOLS AND OR OBLIGATIONS FOR THE DETACHMENT IN HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION OR MONETARY ASPECT FOR VISITING OFFICERS WHO WOULD BE INVITED TO THE STATE. MOTION PASSED.

Scholarship

Reported by Chairman Lawrence Rice (449)

IT WAS REPORTED THAT NO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS OF THIS DATE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED. FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP CHARIMAN NEEDS TO PUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE AND SALute.

Officers Development Team

Reported by Chairman David Faust (245)

COMMITTEE COMMENTED THAT THEY THOUGHT MR. ANDERSON'S PRESENTATION ON "CHAIRPERSON PLANNING" WENT WELL. FOR THE FUTURE THE COMMITTEE IS GOING TO FOCUS ON A PROGRAM DIRECTED TO THE VICE COMMANDERS FUNCTIONS AND ISSUES AND INSTRUCTION ON THE 5 STAR / 10 IDEALS PROGRAMS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE ODT REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Reported By Chairman Rodney P Fall (108)

REVIEWED THE DIRECTORS LIST THAT WAS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL FOR THE VA CENTERS AND IT WAS FOUND THE TOMAH WAS NOT ON THE LIST THE COMMITTEE WILL LOOK INTO THIS ISSUE. DONATION FOR LAST YEARS COMMANDERS PROJECT CAMP AMERICAN LEGION TOTALED \$1413 THIS WAS TO BE FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT AT CAMP, IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO COMPLETE A PROJECT IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FUNDS BE DELIVERED ANYWAY FOR THE CAMPS USE AS THEY SEE FIT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE VA&R REPORT, SECONDED BY BARRY PRINDLE (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PHONE CARDS THE DETACHMENT

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AUTHORIZED FOR THE VETS IN IRAQ FINALLY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REMINDED THE VA&R COMMITTEE THAT THE TWO PLAQUES FOR THE VETERANS CEMETERIES THEY HAD

REQUESTED FUNDS FOR HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND GREEN LIGHTED FOR PROCUREMENT THE COMMITTEE CAN GET THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TOGETHER AND SUBMIT TO SECURE THE PLAQUES, THIS YEARS COMMANDERS PROJECT IS FOR HOMELESS VETERAN DONATIONS WOULD BE SPLIT TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS THE KLINE HOUSE, TOMAH DOMICILIARY AND UNION GROVE DOMICILIARY SHOULD THEY HAVE ONE ZABLOCKI WOULD BE AN ALTERNATE. SQUADRON 048 (\$25.00), 437 (\$50.00), 449 (\$20.00) AND 108 (\$40.00) ALL MADE DONATIONS TO THE COMMANDERS PROJECT. MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO LET THE FUND FOR CAMP AMERICAN LEGION GROW BY DONATIONS UNTIL A SPECIFIC PROJECT AT CAMP CAN BE SELECTED, SECONDED BY RUSS SEVERSON (313), MOTION PASSED.

Officers Reports

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) DISTRICTS 7-8-9, REPORTED TOTAL NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 11, BY DISTRICT THE 7TH HAS 6 GOOSE EGGS, 2 SQUADRONS OVER 100%, 284 HOLMAN IS AT 142%, 1 SQUADRON AT 92% TOTAL FOR THE SEVENTH IS 28.4%. 8TH DISTRICT HAS 3 GOOSE EGGS, TOTAL OF 5 SQUADRONS ONE IS AT 50% AND ONE IS AT 65% FOR A TOTAL OF 15.93%. 9TH DISTRICT HAS 2 GOOSE EGGS, TOTAL OF 6 SQUADRONS FOR A TOTAL OF 17.31%.

REPORTED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH 44 WABENO IN REGARDS TO MEMBERSHIP CARDS NOT BEING SENT AND IS REQUESTING THAT THE ADJUTANT LOOK INTO THIS AND ADVISE. WOULD BE SENDING LETTERS TO SEVERAL SQUADRONS IN REFERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP.

ATTENDED THE THIRD DISTRICT S.A.L. MEETING AT BARNEVELD IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE EVENING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

Vice Commander – RUSSELL B. SEVERSON (313) DISTRICTS 2-3-6, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 30, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 1034, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 11, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 7. HAS ONE POST WITH A START UP KIT AND 2 PENDING AND CONSIDERING TO START A SQUADRON. 3RD DISTRICT IS AT 73%, 6TH IS AT 46.88% AND THE 2ND IS AT 20.99% WATERTOWN JUST TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP THAT SHOULD INCREASE THE 2ND NUMBERS.

ATTENDED S.A.L. MEETINGS AT 481 WAUNAKEE AND 501 MADISON.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSSELL SEVERSON (313) TO ACCEPT HIS VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

Vice Commander – RODNEY P. FALL (108) DISTRICTS 10-11-12, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 9, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 156, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 3, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 6, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 4, NO. SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 2, NUMBER OF NEW SQUADRONS 0, CONTACTS MADE TO SQUADRONS 1.

ATTENDED LEGION 12TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE AT SUPERIOR WI 9/18/09 AND THE POLK COUNTY FAIR AT ST. CROIX FALLS WITH SQUADRON 143 HELPING THE SQUADRON SELL RAFFLE TICKETS. HAS MADE CONTACTS WITH SEVERAL POSTS INTERESTED IN STARTING SQUADRONS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY BARRY PRINDLE (048), MOTION PASSED.

Vice Commander – BOB AMES (048) DISTRICTS 1-4-5, HAS A TOTAL OF 23 SQUADRONS, REPORTED TOTAL NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 6, BY DISTRICT THE 1ST HAS 2 GOOSE EGGS, 1 IN THE 4TH DISTRICT AND THREE IN THE 5TH.

ATTENDED THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, ROCK COUNTY COUNCIL IN ORFORDSVILLE, POW/MIA SILENT MARCH AT DELAVAN AND THE FIRST DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE IN LAKE GENEVA.

IN ADDITION DID THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT THE SQUADRON LEVEL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT SQ. 24 LAKE GENEVA, PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AT SQ. 209 ORFORDSVILLE, FIRST S.A.L. MEETING OF SQ. 71 IN PEWAUKEE, IS SCHEDULE TO INSTALL OFFICERS AT A LATER DATE AT SQ. 71 AND MEMBERSHIP TRAINING AT SQ. 95 DELAVAN.

SOMMERS IS LOOKING FOR A START-UP PACKET.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB AMES (048) TO ACCEPT HIS VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

First District Chairman – GARY MYERS (294) – NO REPORT

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Second District Chairman – TOM PETRIE (186) – VISITED GERMANTOWN AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF SENDING IN MEMBERSHIP, WILL BE ATTENDING THE SECOND DISTRICT MEETING TOMORROW.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSS SEVERSON (313) TO ACCEPT THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

Fourth District Chairman – MARK WOOD (108) IN MARKS ABSENCE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY VICE COMMANDER RODNEY FALL AS FOLLOWS. ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY FAIR SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS WITH SQUADRON 143, POLK COUNTY MEETINGS IN CLEAR LAKE AND THE 12TH DISTRICT MEETING IN SUPERIOR AT WHICH THE S.A.L. WAS DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL POTENTIAL POSTS FOR THE START UP OF SQUADRONS.

THERE ARE FOUR POTENTIAL NEW SQUADRONS IN THE 12TH DISTRICT AND TWO IN THE 10TH DISTRICT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY BARRY PRINDLE (048), MOTION PASSED.

Chaplain – RALPH CARLTON – NO REPORT.

N.E.C.- Man – LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) REPORTED COUNTRY SINGER MICHAEL PETERSON HAS MADE THE OFFER TO ASSIST SQUADRONS FREE OF CHARGE WITH FUND RAISER EVENTS DEPENDENT ON HIS SCHEDULING. AT NATIONAL MR. RICE ATTENDED THE LEGISLATIVE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS MEETING.

ONE MAJOR PROJECT THAT IS TO BE SUPPORTED IS THE "MISSING IN AMERICA" WHICH IS DECEASED VETERANS THAT ARE STILL INTERNED AT FUNERAL HOMES AND MORTUARIES THRU-OUT THE COUNTRY THAT ARE IN NEED OF PROPER BURIALS. IT IS URGED THAT SQUADRONS ASK THEIR LOCAL FUNERAL HOMES AND MORTUARIES IF THEY COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PROPERLY BURIAL OF THESE SERVICE PERSONS.

THE NMI SCHOOL WILL OPEN AT THE SPRING NEC MEETINGS AND RUN FOR THREE MEETINGS.

IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT ANYONE RUNNING FOR A NATIONAL POSITION BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A RESUME.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE OF ANY KIND TO NATIONAL NOW ARE REQUIRED TO BE SENT THROUGH THE DETACHMENT N.E.C. MAN.

THOMAS A. KNOX HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE N.E.C. MAN REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), FROM DISCUSSION THE CONTACT PEOPLE FOR THE "MISSING IN AMERICA" PROGRAM ARE DAVID LEE OF NEW YORK AND ROGER DEES OF MICHIGAN ADJUTANT TO PROVIDE E-MAIL ADDRESSES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COMMANDER KELLY POWERS BE SENT TO THE NMI PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED.

Historian – VACANT NO REPORT

Department S.A.L. Chairman – ROBERT DANIELSON (108) SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT. THE S.A.L. NATIONALLY HAS DONATED \$343,000 THIS PAST YEAR TO THE CWF RAISING THE TOTAL TO OVER \$4 MILLION ALL TIME.

NATIONAL COMMANDER MARK ARNESON IS ASKING THAT EACH DETACHMENT ADD 10 SQUADRON THE THEIR DETACHMENTS WITHIN THE YEAR.

DETACHMENT COMMANDER KELLY POWERS PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR IS "PASS THE HAT FOR HOMELESS VETERANS" WITH A \$1.00 PER MEMBER GOAL.

MR. DANIELSON HAS ATTENDED THE 12TH DISTRICT FALL MEETING, VAVS MEETINGS AT THE VA IN MINNEAPOLIS, POLK COUNTY FAIR WITH SQUADRON 108 WORKING IN THE BRAT STAND AND BINGO TENTS.

S.A.L. Liaison – MICHAEL LAWLER (437) REPORTED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE LAST LEGION D.E.C. HE DID PROVIDE INFORMATION AND REPORTS TO THE D.E.C. FOR DISTRIBUTION. HE NOTED THAT HE DID HAVE CONVERSATIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT DAVID KURTZ ON THE WRITTEN VALIDITY OF THE S.A.L. EVEN HAVING A NON VOTING / NON SPEAKING SEAT AT A LEGION D.E.C. MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE LIAISON REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Detachment Commander – KELLY POWERS (158) COMMENTED ON THE GREAT JOB BEING DONE ON THE MEMBERSHIP SO FAR THIS YEAR, SIGHTING THAT THE DETACHMENT IS STILL IN FIRST PLACE FOR THE CENTRAL REGION AND WE ARE RANKED 8TH IN THE NATION.

ATTENDED THE RIVER FALLS BRAT STAND AUG. 30TH, MAZOMANIE (437) WILD WEST DAYS PARADE, 10TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN BRACKETT, HAD INTENDED TO BE IN THE HABITAT FOR

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VETERANS GOLF OUTING IN SUN PRAIRIE BUT DO TO SNOW AND RAIN HE DECIDED AGAINST IT, AIDED HIS HOST POST WITH THEIR ANNUAL TRAP SHOUT AND WENT TO THE AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP BANQUET IN EAU CLAIRE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMANDER POWERS (158) TO ACCEPT HIS COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

Receive Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch (406)

NONE RECEIVED

Unfinished Business

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ADJUTANT SHOULD CLARIFY THE 10 NEW SQUADRONS TO NATIONAL THAT MR. ARNESON ASKED FOR.

Appointment of Members of Standing or Special Committees

Made by Commander Powers (158)

IT WAS NOTED THAT RUSS EVANSON (18) IS WILLING TO COVER THE 4TH AND 5TH DISTRICT CHAIRMANSHIPS, FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE SET AS A PRECEDENT FOR A CHAIRMAN TO COVER A DISTRICT WHICH HE IS NOT FROM. HOWEVER IF MR. EVANSON IS WILLING TO COVER THESE SMALL DISTRICTS UNTIL A NEW CANDIDATE CAN BE FOUND OR COMES FORWARD, A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB AMES (048) TO HAVE COMMANDER POWERS APPOINT MR. EVANSON (COMMANDER POWERS AUTHORIZED THE APPOINTMENT) TO THE SAID DISTRICT CHAIRMANSHIPS, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) MOTION PASSED.

THE NAME OF DAVID LEE ANDERSON WAS PRESENTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR DETACHMENT HISTORIAN A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB AMES (048) TO HAVE COMMANDER POWERS APPOINT MR. ANDERSON (COMMANDER POWERS AUTHORIZED THE APPOINTMENT) TO THE OFFICE OF HISTORIAN, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) MOTION PASSED.

New Business

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE EMBLEM ON THE FRONT OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS LOOKING SHABBY AND SHOULD BE FIXED OR REPLACED. ADJUTANT LAWLER WILL TAKE THIS ISSUE UP WITH HEADQUARTERS STAFF ON HOW OR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THIS ITEM.

ADJUTANT LAWLER MADE NOTE THAT ALL OFFICERS SHOULD STRESS TO THE SQUADRONS TO FILL OUT THE NEW SQUADRON INFORMATION SHEET AND SENT IT TO HEADQUARTERS, WE NEED TO GET UP-DATED INFORMATION.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion

MARCH 27TH 2010 SQUADRON 121 RIVER FALLS WILL HOLD THEIR 2ND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER ALL ARE WELCOME.

SQUADRON 437 MAZOMANIE DONATED A \$50.00 CHECK TO NEF.

SQUADRON 108 CLEAR LAKE IS HOLDING A VETERANS DINNER ON NOV. 7TH.

SQUADRON 449 BROOKFIELD WILL PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS DAY SERVICE NOV. 11TH, THEY HAVE NAMED MARILYN BROWN AS THEIR HONORARY SQUADRON DEN MOTHER. OTHER UP COMING EVENTS WILL BE A SUPER BOWL PARTY FEB. 1, A DART BALL TOURNAMENT MAR 20TH / 21ST AND ARMED FORCES DAY CAR SHOW MAY 15TH 2010.

SQUADRON (048) BELOIT WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS DAY SERVICE NOV. 11TH

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

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

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