

**Sons Of The American Legion  
Detachment Of Wisconsin  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention Minutes Fri. 2009**

THE 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT THE WYNDHAM HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER (CREOLE SUITE) IN MILWAUKEE, WI. WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE WITH THE PROPER OPENNING CEREMONY AT 3:00 P.M. JULY 24, 2009.

**Roll Call Of Officers**

TAKEN BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER			
DETACHMENT	<b>COMMANDER</b>	KIRK D. HOVE	(158) P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245) P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	KELLY POWERS	(158) P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	DAVID A. BLAZER	(214) A
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	VACANT	
“	<b>FINANCE</b>	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406) P
“	<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	RONALD F. FAUST	(245) P
“	<b>SGT.-AT-ARMS</b>	RODNEY P. FALL	(108) P
“	<b>SGT.-AT-ARMS</b>	COLIN MELTESEN	(129) A
“	<b>ASST. SGT.-AT-ARMS</b>	GARY LUBICH	(129) P
“	<b>ASST. SGT.-AT-ARMS</b>	BARRY PRINDLE	(048) P
“	<b>N.E.C. MAN</b>	LAWRENCE A. RICE	(449) P
“	<b>ALT. N.E.C. MAN</b>	PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ	(093) P
“	<b>ADJUTANT</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437) P
“	<b>ASST. ADJUTANT</b>	GARY LEE LEROY	(294) P
“	<b>HISTORIAN</b>	RUSSELL SEVERSON	(313) P
“	<b>EDITOR</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437) P
“	<b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	VACANT	
“	<b>ASSIST. JUDGE ADV.</b>	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449) P
DEPARTMENT	<b>COMMANDER</b>	JAMES REIGEL	E
“	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	DALE VANNES	P
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN	E
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	MARTY CZARNECKI	E
“	<b>LIAISON</b>	ROBERT STONE	E
S.A.L.	<b>LIAISON</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437) P
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	KIRK D. HOVE	(158) P
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437) P

**Past Detachment Commanders Present**

KIRK D. HOVE, RONALD FAUST, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID FAUST, THOMAS A. KNOX, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ,

**Roll Call Of Squadrons**

18 MILWAUKEE , 21 KENOSHA, 48 BELOIT, 93 TOMAHAWK, 108 CLEAR LAKE, 117 SHAWANO, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 189 WATERTOWN, 245 CROSS PLAINS, 284 HOLMEN, 294 HARTLAND, 313 BLACK EARTH, 336 ONALASKA, 406 GENERAL KING, 416 GREENDALE, 434 OAK CREEK, 437 MAZOMANIE, 449 BROOKFIELD, 537 HAROLD TODD MILWAUKEE.

BY SQUADRON A QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT BY ADJUTANT LAWLER

**Roll Call District Chairman**

FIRST DISTRICT	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
SECOND DISTRICT			V
THIRD DISTRICT	DANIEL OASEN	(481)	A
FOURTH DISTRICT	RUSSELL EVANSON	(018)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT			V
SIXTH DISTRICT	VERN BARTTLES	(075)	A
SEVENTH DISTRICT	KEN DRURY	(336)	A
EIGHTH DISTRICT	DALE VANNES	(117)	P

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NINTH DISTRICT			V
TENTH DISTRICT	KARL ADANK	(158)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	P
13 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT	DENNIS BLUE	(MN.)	A

**Reading Of The Past D.E.C. Minutes**

MINUTES FROM THE PRE-D.E.C. MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 8/24/08 WERE PRESENTED AND READ BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LEROY, MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES BY, DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED KARL ADANK (158), MOTION PASSED.

**Rules Of The Convention**

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION AND UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE WERE TO BE READ BY THE VICE COMMANDER KELLY POWERS (053), MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO SUSPEND THE READING OF THE RULES AND CODE OF PROCEDURE AS THEY ARE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE BODY AND TO EXCEPT WITH A SEPARATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RULE 17, SECONDED BY THOMAS KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH FOR THIS CONVENTION TO ELIMINATE RULE 17 PERTAINING TO THE NOMINATION PROCEDURES BY ROLL CALL OF SQUADRONS AS IT WOULD ADD LENGTH TO THE CONVENTION, SECONDED BY THOMAS KNOX, MOTION PASSED.

**Guest To The Convention**

PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – DAVID KORTH  
CANDIDATE FOR LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER- JIMMIE FOSTER STATE OF ALASKA  
S.A.L NATIONAL COMMANDER-TOMMIE CISNA AND WIFE KATHY FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT- SUE VORWALD UNIT 121 RIVER FALLS.  
CONVENTION CORPORATION CHAIRMAN- WAYNE JENSEN 415  
WISCONSIN LITTLE MISS POPPY –CAITLIN ROSEMEYER POST 118 THORP WI.  
BADGER GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR- AREZU MONAWER  
DETACHMENT DEN MOTHER-MARIE GRYKIEWICZ

**GUESTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE**

WAYNE JENSON-PRESENTED GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT FOR THIS 41<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION, REFLECTED ON HIS OWN TIE TO THE S.A.L. AS A DUEL MEMBER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IF ANY QUESTION OR PROBLEMS SHOULD ARISE TO CONTACT HIM FOR RESOLVE AND WISHED EVERYONE A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE CONVENTION. ALSO COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT RUSSELL EVANSON HAS BEEN QUITE INVOLVED IN THIS CONVENTION SET UP AND WILL BE CONTINUING TO HELP WITH THE UP COMING 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED CHAIRMAN JENSON A STATE OF WISCONSIN DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

TOMMIE CISNA STARTED BY THANKING COMMANDER HOVE AND THE DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP FOR ACHIEVING 100% HE NOTED THAT HIS COMMENTS TODAY WOULD BE SHORT AND HE JUST WANTED TO SAY HELLO TO ALL OF HIS OLD FRIENDS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, HE DID HAVE PINS TO HAND OUT AND HE ALSO INTRODUCED HIS WIFE KATHY.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT SUE VORWALD WHO'S THEME IS "OCEANS OF LOVE TO OUR VETERANS" GAVE GREETINGS AND ADDRESSED THE MEMBERSHIP INVITING THEM TO JOIN IN ON A GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER MIXER HELD IN THE BATON ROUGE HALL LATER TODAY AT 5:30 P.M. SHE EXPRESSED WHAT A PLEASURE IT HAS BEEN BEING ASSOCIATED TO COMMANDER HOVE DURING THE YEARS TRAVEL, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS. IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT THE S.A.L. IS SUCH A DIVERSIFIED ORGANIZATION BY AGE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL MEMBERS SUCH AS THE AUXILIARY IS AND SHE HERSELF HAS SEEN S.A.L. MEMBERS MATURE OVER THE YEARS OF HER INVOLVEMENT. SHE NOTED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD LISTEN TO THE VETERAN AND GET THEIR STORIES. MRS. VORWALD ASKED COMMANDER HOVE AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN KARL ADANK TO TELL HER WHAT THE DETACHMENTS MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAM HAS BEEN OVER THE YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN

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INVOLVED THEY COULD NOT COME UP WITH THE SAME ANSWER. HOWEVER PRESIDENT VORWALD NOTED THAT BY END OF THE CONVENTION SHE WOULD DONATE \$100.00 TO THE DETACHMENT CHILD WELFARE FUND DONATIONS AND NOTED THAT OVER THE YEARS WHILE SHE HAS KNOWN MR. HOVE AND MR. ADANK THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AGREE 100% WITH EACH OTHER.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED PRESIDENT VORWALD WITH A DISTINGUISHED GUEST RIBBON AND DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

PNVC DAVID KORTH INTRODUCED JIMMIE FOSTER CANDIDATE FOR THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

CANDIDATE FOSTER FIRST ACKNOWLEDGED HIS OLD FRIEND NATIONAL S.A.L. COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA. THEN PROCEEDED TO STATE IT WAS A HONOR TO SPEAK TO THE DETACHMENT NOTING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO GROOM THE YOUNGER MEMBERS INTO VIABLE MEMBERS THAT CAN LEND THEIR LEADERSHIP TO THE ORGANIZATION AND KEEP THE PROGRAMS OPERATING. HOWEVER AT THE SQUADRON LEVEL HELP THE SQUADRONS NOT TO GET TASKED BY TRYING TO DO ALL THE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE BUT PICK ONE OR TWO TO CONCENTRATE ON. PAID GRATITUDE TO THE S.A.L. AS A WHOLE FOR THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM, THAT IT HAS SO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. TO KEEP THE AMERICAN LEGION STRONG, ALL MEMBERS LEGION, AUXILIARY JR. AUX. AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER AS A FAMILY TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION FUNCTION THE BEST THAT IT CAN.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED MR. FOSTER WITH A DISTINGUISHED GUEST RIBBON AND DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

AREZU MONAWER BADGER GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED HER THANKS TO THE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE LEGIONS BADGER GIRLS STATE PROGRAM AND THAT SHE IS GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS GREAT PROGRAM WHERE SHE HAD A WONDER FULL WEEK LEARNING AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED THE BGS GOV. WITH A DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

COMMANDER HOVE MADE NOTE THAT HE DID HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER DAVID REHBEIN AT A GATHERING THURSDAY EVENING WHO ADVISED MR. HOVE THAT HE MAY NOT MAKE TO THE DETACHMENT MEETING DUE TO SCHEDULING OF EVENTS IN HIS SCHEDULE AND THAT HE ASKED COMMANDER HOVE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS TO THE DETACHMENT IN HIS NAME. THESE ITEMS WERE TO EXPRESS HIS GREETING TO THE DETACHMENT, COMMEND THE S.A.L. FROM WISCONSIN ON ITS SUPERB EFFORTS IN ACHIEVING 100% MEMBERSHIP AND TO CONTINUE IN SOLIDIFYING THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY.

S.A.L. NATIONAL COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA ALSO NOTED THAT HE ALSO HAD A SIMILAR SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH COMMANDER REHBEIN IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT COMMANDER REHBEIN WAS IMPRESSED AND PROUD WITH COMMANDER HOVE'S INTERACTION WITH HIM ON BEHALF OF THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN LITTLE MISS POPPY CAITLIN ROSEMEYER (9 YEARS OLD) FROM THORP 118 GAVE HELLOS AND REGARDS TO THE DETACHMENT. PRESENTED SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS THAT SHE HAD ATTENDED OVER THE YEAR OF HER REIGN SUCH AS VISITING AND TOURING CAMP AMERICAN LEGION, PLAYING BINGO WITH VETS AT KING, RAISING FUNDS THROUGH POPPIES, DISTRIBUTING CARE BASKETS TO LOCAL VETERANS IN HER POST AREA OF THORP, TAKING PART IN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN HER TOWN.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED CAITLIN WITH A CWF COIN AND DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

**Convention/Commission Chairman Responsibilities**

CHAIRMAN DAVID FAUST PRESENTED TO THE DETACHMENT BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS, PARAMETERS, DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION, ALSO GAVE A BRIEF LAYOUT OF THE CONVENTION OPERATIONS.

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**Credentials**

CHAIRMAN DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH REQUESTED THAT THE REPORT BE GIVEN PRIOR TO THE 10:30 ELECTION TIME ON SAT. MORNING, COMMANDER HOVE SO GRANTED.

**Convention Committee Appointments**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED BY COMMANDER HOVE AS CHAIRMAN / MEMBERS:

AMERICANISM	MIKE POOK (449) / KERRY SEVERSON (245) / RUSS EVANSON (018)
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	KELLY POWERS (158) / GARY LEE LEROY (294) / RUSS SEVERSON (313)
FINANCE	DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) / GARY LEE LEROY (294) / TOM KNOX (449)
RES. & CONST. AMED. /LEG	DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) / TOM KNOX (449) / RUSS SEVERSON (313)
MEMBERSHIP	KARL ADANK (158) / BOB AMES (048) / TOM PETRIE (189)
NATIONAL SECURITY	LAWRENCE RICE (449) / TOMMIE CISNA (NC) / PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093)
VETERAN AFFAIRS	RODNEY FALL (108) / KELLY POWERS (158) / CHRIS HISSEL (21)
CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN	DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406)

**Elections Committee Appointments**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED BY COMMANDER HOVE AS CHAIRMAN / MEMBERS:  
CHAIRMAN- THOMAS A. KNOX, ELECTIONS JUDGE-DAVID FAUST, TALLYMEN-WAYNE PRETIS (18) AND PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (93).

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ALL OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED BY KELLY POWERS (158), MOTION PASSED.

**National Convention Delegates Explanation**

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT DISTRICTS 1, 3 AND 7 WERE ALLOWED TO CONSIDER SELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION BY THE DISTRICTS BASED ON MEMBERSHIP THE DISTRICT MEMBERS SHOULD DISCUSS THERE SELECTION THIS EVENING AND BRING BACK THERE SELECTIONS TO BE REPORTED AT TIME OF THE ELECTIONS.

**For The Good Of The Sons Of The American Legion**

COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT THERE IS OF COURSE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY AND 6 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COLLECTION PROCESS. THERE WOULD BE A REHEARSAL SAT. NIGHT AT 6:00PM IN THE GRAND BALL ROOM AND THAT THOSE VOLUNTEERS WOULD NEED TO ATTEND.

TOM KNOX ALSO NOTED THAT ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SINGING WITH THE CHOIR FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY ALSO NEED TO ATTEND THE REHEARSAL SAT. AT 6:00PM.

**Announcements**

MIKE POOK MEMBER OF THE C&A COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND HE WOULD NEED TO FINALIZE THE CHOICE BY THE END OF THE DAY.

- A.) BATTING CAGES
- B.) DINNER AT RESTAURANT CHOICES:
  - 1. MULAGANS IRISH EATERY
  - 2. THE PACKING HOUSE-BIG ON STEAK
  - 3. DOOBEYS-MEXICAN

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THE AWARDS LUNCHEON WOULD BE SAT. AT 11:30 \$5.00 COST TO MEMBERS \$9.00 TO GUESTS.

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THERE WOULD BE A PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES CLASS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION AND A MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION.

THERE WILL BE A GET TOGETHER AT 5:30PM TONIGHT IN THE BATON ROUGE ROOM.

SQUADRON 118 DONATED \$75.00 TO THE COMMANDERS PROJECT (CAMP AMERICAN LEGION).

SQUADRON 449 IS HOLDING A FISH FRY TONIGHT

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER HOVE RECESSED THE SESSION UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING AT 8:30 AM.

ASSIST. ADJ.  
GARY LEE LEROY  
*Gary Lee LeRoy*