

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
43RD Annual Convention Minutes Fri. 2011**

THE 43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER IN THE EVERGREEN ROOM AT APPLETON WISCONSIN. WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER KERRY SEVERSON, WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONY AT 3:00 P.M. JULY 15, 2011.

Roll Call Of Officers

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| TAKEN BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER | | | |
| DETACHMENT | COMMANDER | KERRY L. SEVERSON | (245) P |
| “ | VICE COMM. | ROBERT AMES | (048) P |
| “ | VICE COMM. | RUSSELL SEVERSON | (313) P |
| “ | VICE COMM. | RODNEY P. FALL | (108) P |
| “ | VICE COMM. | ROBERT BREUTZMANN | (018) P |
| “ | FINANCE | DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH | (406) E |
| “ | CHAPLAIN | ROBERT L. HOFFMANN | (117) P |
| “ | SGT.-AT-ARMS | GARY LUBICH | (121) P |
| “ | SGT.-AT-ARMS | CHRIS HESSIL | (021) E |
| “ | N.E.C. MAN | KELLY R. POWERS | (158) P |
| “ | ALT. N.E.C. MAN | MICHAEL L. LAWLER | (437) P |
| “ | ADJUTANT | MICHAEL L. LAWLER | (437) P |
| “ | ASST. ADJUTANT | GARY LEE LEROY | (294) P |
| “ | HISTORIAN | DAVID L. ANDERSON | (048) A |
| “ | TRAINING OFFICER | DAVID R. FAUST | (245) P |
| “ | EDITOR | MICHAEL L. LAWLER | (437) P |
| “ | JUDGE ADVOCATE | THOMAS A. KNOX | (449) P |
| DEPARTMENT | COMMANDER | ROBERT BATTY | E |
| “ | CHAIRMAN | ROBERT DANIELSON | E |
| “ | COMMITTEEMAN | WAYNE CHRISTENSEN | E |
| “ | COMMITTEEMAN | RICH RULAND | E |
| S.A.L. | LIAISON | MICHAEL L. LAWLER | (437) P |
| “ | COMMITTEEMAN | KERRY L. SEVERSON | (245) P |
| “ | COMMITTEEMAN | GARY LUBICH | (121) P |

Past Detachment Commanders Present

KELLY POWERS, DAVID FAUST, THOMAS A. KNOX, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ, ELMER HANSON.

Roll Call Of Squadrons

48 BELOIT, 294 HARTLAND, 449 BROOKFIELD, 544 TWIN LAKES, 189 WATERTOWN, 220 SOLDIERS GROVE, 245 CROSS PLAINS, 313 BLACK EARTH, 333 SUN PRAIRIE, 385 VERONA, 437 MAZOMANIE, 18 MILWAUKEE, 434 OAK CREEK, 100 SPARTA, 117 SHAWANO, 38 APPLETON, 121 RIVER FALLS, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 93 TOMAHAWK, 108 CLEAR LAKE.

BY SQUADRON A QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT BY ADJUTANT LAWLER

Roll Call District Chairman

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| FIRST DISTRICT | GARY A. MYERS | (294) | E |
| SECOND DISTRICT | TOM PETRIE | (186) | P |
| THIRD DISTRICT - COMMANDER | SEAN PATCHIN | (385) | P |
| FOURTH DISTRICT | RUSSELL EVANSON | (018) | P |
| FIFTH DISTRICT | MIKE POOK | (449) | P |
| SIXTH DISTRICT | VACANT | | |
| SEVENTH DISTRICT | VACANT | | |
| EIGHTH DISTRICT | ROBERT L. HOFFMANN | (117) | P |
| NINTH DISTRICT | VACANT | | |
| TENTH DISTRICT | GARY LUBICH | (121) | P |
| ELEVENTH DISTRICT | PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ | (093) | P |
| TWELFTH DISTRICT | MARK WOOD | (108) | P |

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Reading Of The Past D.E.C. Minutes

TO EXPEDITE TIME MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE PRE-D.E.C. MINUTES AND HAVE THEM PUBLISHED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJ. FOR APPROVAL AT A LATER DATE BY ROBERT AMES (048), SECONDED RUSS SEVERSON (313), MOTION PASSED.

Guest To The Convention

PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ-S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL
RAY GASS- PRESIDENT APPLETON STATE CONVENTION CORP. (POST AND SQUADRON MEMBER 38)
JOAN CHWALA-AUX. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT, POPPY CHAIRMAN (BOYD UNIT 326)
THERESA SCHINDLER- AUX. DEPARTMENT JR. ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN (LUBLIN UNIT 547)
MARIAH PURSLEY- HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT (STEVENS POINT UNIT 6)
MISS WISCONSIN POPPY PRINCESS –MERIDITH HOMANN (STEVENS POINT UNIT 6)
LITTLE MISS WISCONSIN POPPY PRINCESS –AMELIA OLSON (GILMAN UNIT 359)

GUESTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

RAY GASS POST/SQUADRON 38 GAVE GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO THE DETACHMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION CORPORATION, THE LEGION FAMILY AND POST 38 WISHING EVERYONE TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS AND A GOOD TIME DURING THEIR VISIT TO APPLETON.

COMMANDER SEVERSON PRESENTED MR. GASS WITH A DETACHMENT OF WI. STATE PIN.

JOAN CHWALA AUX. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT AND POPPY CHAIRMAN THANKED THE DETACHMENT AND ALL THE S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY. MRS. CHWALA'S THEME THAT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED ON SUNDAY AND IS CALLED THE PYRAMID OF HONOR. PRESIDENT ELECT CHWALA EXTENDED WISHES TO THE DETACHMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION, WITH THIS SAID AND AS POPPY CHAIRMAN PROCEEDED TO INTRODUCE THE POPPY PRINCESSES.

LITTLE MISS WISCONSIN POPPY PRINCESS –AMELIA OLSON FROM JUMP RIVER WI. NOTED THAT IT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO BECOME LITTLE MISS POPPY AND REPRESENT THE STATE, SHE NOTED THAT HER ELIGIBILITY CAME THRU HER GRANDFATHER WHO SEVERED IN THE ARMY DURING WWII. SHE HAS VISITED MANY PLACES INCLUDING FORT McCOY AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY FUNCTIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE JR. AUX UNIT 359 GILMAN WI. IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERAN, SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING YEAR AS THE LITTLE MISS POPPY PRINCESS.

MISS WISCONSIN POPPY PRINCESS –MERIDITH HOMANN OF STEVENS POINT UNIT 6 STATED THAT SHE APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY AND HONOR TO REPRESENT THE STATE AS POPPY PRINCESS FOR SUCH A MEANINGFUL ORGANIZATION AS THE AMERICAN LEGION. ALSO SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING YEAR AS THE MISS POPPY FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012.

COMMANDER SEVERSON PRESENTED AUX. PRESIDENT CHWALA AND THE POPPY PRINCESSES WITH THE DETACHMENT COW PINS.

THERESA SCHINDLER- AUX. DEPARTMENT JR. ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FROM LUBLIN UNIT 547 EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPT. AUX IS MADE UP OF TWO AGE GROUPS 1 TO 17 KNOWN AS THE JR. AUXILIARY AND 18 TO 100+ IS CONSIDERED REGULAR AUXILIARY. THE TWO GROUPS WORK TOGETHER IN UNISON LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER. SUCH THINGS AS MANY JR. AUX. MEMBERS HAVE BROUGHT THEIR UNITS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY AND THE SENIOR MEMBERS HAVE MENTORED THE JR. MEMBERS IN THE IDEALS, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AUXILIARY.

MARIAH PURSLEY- HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FROM STEVENS POINT UNIT 6 NOTED THAT HER PROJECT LAST YEAR WAS THE AMERICAN LEGION CHILDREN'S HOME IN OKLAHOMA WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR CLOSURE AT THE END OF THE YEAR SO SHE TOOK ON THE PROJECT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN TO HAVE AN EXTRA SPECIAL CHRISTMAS, THE PROJECT NETTED \$541.20. AS A SIDE NOTE THE HOME

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CHANGED HANDS AND IS NOW THE MARLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND REMAINS OPEN. MARIAH MADE NOTE THAT SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND BADGER GIRLS STATE THIS PAST SUMMER. OTHER JR. UNITS HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR INSTANCE (239) TIGERTOWN COUNTLESS HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO VETERANS HOME AT KING, (318) THORP HELD BAKE SALE DONATED \$300 TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME PROJECT, (087) RICE LAKE FUNDRAISER FOR A LOCAL NURSING HOME, (006) STEVENS POINT ESTABLISHED A GIRLS DRILL TEAM THAT TOOK FIRST IN STATE

COMMANDER SEVERSON PRESENTED MRS. SCHINDLER AND MARIAH WITH THE DETACHMENT COW PINS.

S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ NOTED HE WOULD MAKE HIS COMMENTS AT SATURDAYS SESSION.

Convention/Resolutions/Credentials/Elections Committee Appointments

CHAIRMAN DAVID FAUST REPORTED THE COMMITTEE MET REVIEWED THE REVISED UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURES AND RULES TO THE CONVENTION AND RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE 4-16-2011 REVISED RULES OF FOR THIS CONVENTION.

MOTION MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY DAVID FAUST (245), SECONDED BY KELLY POWERS (158), MOTION PASSED.

CHAIRMAN DAVID FAUST REVIEWED ALL SQUADRONS PRESENT AND QUALIFIED THEIR DELEGATE AMOUNT. ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TOM KNOX NOTED THAT ALL SQUADRONS WITH DELEGATES SHOULD HAVE TURNED IN A CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM, THIS WAS VERIFIED BY ADJUTANT LAWLER THAT ALL PRESENT SQUADRONS HAD THEIR REPORT IN.

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TOM KNOX CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ACT AS ELECTION TELLERS, THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERED KELLY POWERS, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ AND JIM SCHWANIS, COMMANDER SEVERSON MADE THE APPOINTMENTS.

MOTION MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ELECTION TELLER APPOINTMENTS BY ROBERT HOFFMANN (117), SECONDED BY ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018), MOTION PASSED.

National Convention Delegates Explanation

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TOM KNOX EXPLAINED ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD AT 10:30 SAT. AND THAT THE DETACHMENT WAS ALLOWED A TOTAL OF 9 DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PLUS ONE AT LARGE PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER DAVID FAUST (245). FOR A TOTAL OF 10. AUTOMATICALLY THE INCOMING COMMANDER / OUT GOING COMMANDER / ADJUTANT AND N.E.C. MAN WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS ARE ALLOWED TO PLACE DELEGATES EACH BASED ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP, DISTRICT (1) (3) (7), EACH OF THESE DISTRICTS SHOULD HAVE CAUCUS BEFORE THE ELECTION ON SAT., TO SELECT THEIR DELEGATE.

THIS LEAVES 2 DELEGATES TO BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR.

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS ARE ALLOWED TO PLACE ALTERNATE DELEGATES EACH BASED ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP, DISTRICT (1) (3) (7).

THIS LEAVES 6 DELEGATES TO BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR.

Nomination Of Candidates For Detachment Office

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN THOMAS A. KNOX NOTED THE NOMINATIONS FOR DETACHMENT OFFICERS, THE FOLLOWING ARE PRE-ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES * AND HE WOULD ALSO CALL FOR ANY NOMINATION TODAY. IN ADDITION ANY NOMINEES TODAY WOULD NEED TO FILL OUT THE CANDIDATE RESUME FORM FOR POSTING BY THE RECONVENE OF CONVENTION ON SATURDAY.

COMMANDER – *RUSS SEVERSON (313)

VICE COMMANDER – *ELMER HANSON (100), *ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018), *KEVIN McCLOREY (544), STEVEN MEYER (220), DEAN SUTCLIFFE SR. (437)

FINANCE OFFICER - *DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (437)

CHAPLAIN –ROBERT HOFFMANN (117)

SGT.-AT-ARMS - *DEAN SUTCLIFFE JR. (437), *CHRIS HESSILL (021), *SEAN PATCHIN JR. (385)

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NOMINATIONS WERE DECLARED CLOSED BY THE ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TOM KNOX, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ADJUTANT TO PRINT THE BALLOTS. IN ADDITION IT WAS NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE ALLOWED THAT ANY OTHERS SEEKING AN OFFICE WOULD NEED TO BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR PRIOR TO VOTING AND BE CONSIDERED TO BE A WRITE IN CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT.

Convention Committee Explanation

TRAINING OFFICER DAVID FAUST WAS CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN THE CONVENTION COMMITTEES COMPARED TO REGULAR D.E.C. STANDING COMMITTEES. SGT.-AT-ARMS WERE INSTRUCTED TO DISTRIBUTE HAND OUTS, WHICH WERE REVIEWED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP. FROM DISCUSSION, CONV. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE'S.

COMMANDER SEVERSON APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO CONVENTION COMMITTEES AS MEMBERS:

AMERICANISM-ROBERT HOFFMANN, MARK WOOD
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS-GARY LEROY, DAVID FAUST
CHILDREN AND YOUTH-ROBERT BREUTZMANN
CREDENTIALS/RESOLUTIONS AND RULES-KELLY POWERS, TOM PETRIE
FINANCE-BOB AMES, RICH RULAND
LEGISLATIVE-
MEMBERSHIP-RODNEY FALL, ELMER HANSON
NATIONAL SECURITY-ROBERT HOFFMANN, BARRY PRINDLE
VA&R-ROBERT BREUTZMANN, STEVE MEYER

MOTION MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY KELLY POWERS (158), SECONDED BY MIKE POOK (449), MOTION PASSED.

Announcements

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THIS CONVENTION IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE SEE THE ADJUTANT.

THE NEW DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL HAVE TO FILL OUT THE PROPER ROOM REQUEST FORM BEFORE LEAVING CONVENTION AND TURN IT INTO THE ADJUTANT.

NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE S.A.L. WILL BE AUG. 26, 27, 28 2011.

For The Good Of The Sons Of The American Legion

COMMANDER SEVERSON APPOINTED DEAN SUTCLIFFE JR. AS ACTING SGT.-AT-ARMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVENTION.

MOTION MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT BY KELLY POWERS (158), SECONDED BY RUSS SEVERSON (313), MOTION PASSED.

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

ASSIST. ADJ.
GARY LEE LEROY
Gary Lee LeRoy