

**Sons Of The American Legion  
Detachment Of Wisconsin  
Midwinter D.E.C. Minutes 2011**

SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND, 2011 COMMANDER, KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) CALLED TO ORDER THE MIDWINTER D. E. C. MEETING, HELD AT THE HO-CHUNK HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER IN BARABOO WISCONSIN WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES.

**Roll Call Of Officers**

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

DETACHMENT - <b>COMMANDER</b>	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	P
“ - <b>VICE COMM.</b>	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
“ - <b>VICE COMM.</b>	RUSS SEVERSON	(313)	P
“ - <b>VICE COMM.</b>	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“ - <b>VICE COMM.</b>	ROBERT BREUTZMANN	(018)	P
“ - <b>FINANCE OFFICER</b>	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“ - <b>CHAPLAIN</b>	ROBERT L. HOFFMAN	(117)	E
“ - <b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b>	GARY LUBICH	(121)	P
“ - <b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b>	CHRIS HESSIL	(021)	P
“ - <b>N. E. C MAN</b>	KELLY R. POWERS	(158)	E
“ - <b>ALT. N. E. C. MAN</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - <b>ADJUTANT</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - <b>ASSIS'T. ADJUTANT</b>	GARY LEE LE ROY	(294)	P
“ - <b>HISTORIAN</b>	DAVID L. ANDERSON	(048)	E
“ - <b>TRAINING OFFICER</b>	DAVID R. FAUST	(245)	P
“ - <b>EDITOR</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - <b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT - <b>A. L. COMMANDER</b>	ROBERT BATY		E
“ - <b>A. L. CHAIRMAN</b>	ROBERT DANIELSON		E
“ - <b>A. L. COMMITTEEMAN</b>	RICH RULAND		E
“ - <b>A. L. COMMITTEEMAN</b>	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		E
“ - <b>S. A. L. LIAISON</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - <b>S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN</b>	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	P
“ - <b>S. A. L. COMMITTEEMAN</b>	GARY LUBICH	(121)	P

**Roll Call Of District Chairman**

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

**Past Detachment Commanders Present**

DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), DAVID R. FAUST (245), LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437), PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ (093), KIRK D. HOVE (158).

QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT, BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

**Guest To The Mid-Winter D.E.C.**

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NATIONAL COMMANDER (AMERICAN LEGION) – JIMMIE FOSTER

AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER – JIM VAN HORN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN – DAVID GOUGH (AMERICAN LEGION WIS.)

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN – JOE MONTI (PNVC) (SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACH. OF MISSOURI.)

LEADING CANDIDATE FOR S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL, - JOHN SANSOUCIE  
SQUADRON 253 MISSOURI.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPT. PRESIDENT – FLORENCE WASLEY UNIT 493 DIST. 3 WIS.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT – MARY PETRIE

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR HOMELESS VETERANS FOR ROCK COUNTY - JANA JANES

KEVIN McCLOREY- SQUADRON 544 TWIN LAKES

COLIN METLESEN (PDSA)-SQUADRON 129 BLACK RIVER FALLS

NATIONAL COMMANDER JIMMIE FOSTER ADDRESSED THE DETACHMENT BY GIVING GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT AND NOTING THAT FROM HIS TRAVELS HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY SMALLER SQUADRONS DEPARTMENTS AND DETACHMENTS THAT IT IS HARD TO WORK AND ADDRESS ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS AND THAT HE HAS SUGGESTED TO THOSE SMALLER SQUADRONS DEPARTMENT AND DETACHMENTS TO SELECT ONE OR TWO OF THE PROGRAMS AND PUT THEIR BEST EFFORT INTO ONLY THOSE SELECTED. COMMANDER FOSTER ASKED THE MEMBERSHIP TO OF COURSE SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS IF ONE SHOULD SIGN UP 2 NEW WITH 5 RENEWAL MEMBERS, ONE COULD RECEIVE HIS LIBERTY BELL LUCKY 7 PIN AWARD. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT HIS PERSONNEL CATCH PHRASE FOR APPROACHING AND SIGNING A NEW LEGION MEMBER IS “NOT DUAL NOT COOL” AND OFTEN WOULD GET THE MEMBER FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

COMMANDER SEVERSON PRESENTED COMMANDER FOSTER WITH A GIFT AND STATE PIN.

COMMANDER FOSTER PRESENTED THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM NATIONAL FOR A \$500 DONATION TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND THAT WAS MADE BY THE DETACHMENT.

AMERICAN LEGION AUX. DEPT. PRESIDENT – FLORENCE WASLEY GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT. ALSO NOTED THAT ALL OF HER FAMILY IS ENGAGED WITH THE LEGION IN SOME MANOR THRU HER HUSBAND AND OR SONS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS. AS A RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER WHO STILL DOES SUBSTITUTION TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK IT WAS A GREAT HONOR FOR HER TO EXTEND AMERICANISM AND OR PATRIOTISM INTO TO THE SCHOOLS. HER SPECIAL PROJECT FOR THE YEAR IS TO HELP THE FEMALE HOMELESS VETERAN AND IT IS GOING STRONG.

COMMANDER SEVERSON PRESENTED PRESIDENT WASLEY WITH A GIFT OF THE DETACHMENT STATE PIN.

JOHN SANSOUCIE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL ADDRESSING THE DETACHMENT MADE NOTE THAT HE IS A 14 YEAR MEMBER OF SQUADRON 253 FESTUS, MO. AND HE HAS HELD ALL OF THE POSITIONS IN HIS SQUADRON AND MOST OF THEM IN THE DETACHMENT OF MO.. THE THEME FOR HIS CANDIDACY IS “BACK TO BLUE” THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE BLUE SQUADRON CAP AND THE SQUADRON MEMBER. IT TAKES COMMITMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPPORT THE SQUADRONS AND MEMBERS IN THEIR EFFORTS WORKING THE LEGION PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT THE DETACHMENT THEY SHOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE OR LEFT BEHIND.

JANA JANES OPERATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A NON PROFIT GROUP VETERANS OF ROCK COUNTY EXPLAINED THAT THEIR PROJECT TO OPEN A HOMELESS VETERANS HOUSING FACILITY IS UNDER WAY AND IT IS EXPECTED TO HAVE OCCUPANCY OF THE FIRST 24 UNITS (STUDIO TYPE APARTMENTS) AVAILABLE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. THIS WOULD HOUSE 48 INDIVIDUALS FOR UP TO TWO YEARS. AT THE FACILITY GUESTS WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN LIFE SKILLS TO GET BACK ON THEIR OWN FOOTING AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT. GUEST WOULD BE ATTENDED TO ONE OF FIFTH TEEN ADVISORS IN THE AREAS THAT THE GUEST WOULD NEED HELP. THIS FACILITY HOWEVER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS AND ATTEND TO LONG TERM MEDICAL ISSUES AND CARE. THE FACILITY IS OPEN TO BOTH FEMALE AND MALE VETERANS WHO ARE CAPABLE OF PHYSICALLY TAKING CARE OF THEIR OWN MEDICAL ISSUES BUT ARE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK AND FAMILIES ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE ATTENDED TOO. DONATIONS TO THE

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HOME ARE STILL BEING ASKED FOR TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS ALTHOUGH THE FACILITY WILL BEING GOING ON WITH A CONTINUING GRANT THAT HAD BEEN SECURED. IT IS EXPECTED THE UNITS WILL FILL UP FAST.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT AMES (048) THAT THE DETACHMENT OF WIS. DONATE THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 TO THE HOMELESS VETERANS ORGANIZATION, SECONDED BY ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018), MOTION PASSED.

**Reading Of The Previous Minutes**

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy (294)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RODNEY FALL (108) TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS D. E. C. FROM THE FALL MEETING AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY RUSS SEVERSON (313), MOTION PASSED.

**Official Correspondence**

Presented By Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler (437)

ADJUTANT LAWLER (437) NOTED 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. THE FOLLOWING HAD SENT THANK YOU NOTES TO THE DETACHMENT, FROM DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT FLORENCE WASLEY FOR THE DETACHMENTS HELP AND SERVICES AT THE AUX. FALL FORUM. THANK YOU FROM PAST AUX. SECTARY KATHY WOLLMER FOR THE DETACHMENTS COOPERATION OVER THE PAST YEARS WITH THE AUXILIARY AND FOR HER RETIREMENT GIFT. THANK YOU FROM CURRENT AUX. SECTARY BONNIE DORNIK FOR THE DETACHMENTS COOPERATION AND WORK AT THE FALL FORUM AND THE CONTINUED EFFORTS PUT FORTH BY THE DETACHMENT IN THE COMING YEAR. THANK YOU FROM CAMP AMERICAN LEGION DIRECTOR KEVIN MOSHEA FOR THE DETACHMENTS DONATION TO HELP START THE CAMPS NEW ENDEAVOR OF A NEW FACILITY TO HELP THE VETERAN.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Americanism**

Reported By Chairman Mike Pook (449)

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE S.A.L. ACCOMPLISHMENT LIST AND COMPARED WHAT ITEMS THE DETACHMENT AND SQUADRONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR. REVIEWED THE RECOGNITION OF THE YEAR AWARDS PROGRAM THE COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED, NOTING SOME REFINEMENTS IN THE APPLICATION FORM THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOUR AWARDS TO LAUNCH THIS PROJECT AND GET IT STARTED TO THE SQUADRONS PENDING APPROVAL BY THE DETACHMENT.

IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT SQUADRONS COULD ADOPT A SMALL AREA CEMETERY TO OVERSEE AND TAKE CARE OF THEM, SQUADRONS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE, JR. SHOOTER PROGRAM COULD BE LOOKED INTO AND TO SUPPORT THE NEF PROGRAM.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT TABLE FLAG SET BE SECURED TO USE IN THE COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MEETINGS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FOR THE COLORING CONTEST PICTURE THE COLORING PAGE COULD COME FROM DOWNLOADS AT U.S. FLAG.COM. CHAIRMAN POOK ASKED FOR SEPARATE ACTION THE AWARDS PROGRAM.

THE COMMITTEE HAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT IT BE LEFT AS ITS OWN COMMITTEE INSTEAD OF BEING CONSOLIDATED UNDER A NEW PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING. FROM DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO TABLE THIS ITEM OF CONSOLIDATION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND NOT ACCEPT IT IN THE AMERICANISM REPORT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRK HOVE (158) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS" PROGRAM, SECONDED BY ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY SEAN PATCHIN (385) TO ACCEPT THE "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS" PROGRAM, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE AWARDS PROGRAM BE REVIEWED BY THE C&BY-LAWS AND THE JUDGE ADVOCATE TO APPROVE SOME TERMINOLOGY, IT WAS ASKED THAT ONLY THE APPLICATIONS BE APPROVED AT THIS POINT MOTIONER REVISED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT ONLY THE APPLICATIONS AND THE REMAINDER OF

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THE PROGRAM TO BE TABLE PENDING REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION AND JA FOR THE NEXT D.E.C. MEETING TO FINALIZE THE WHOLE PROGRAM, MOTION PASSED.

**Children & Youth**

Reported By Chairman Gary Lubich (121)

CHAIRMAN REPORTED THE CWF DONATIONS FROM AUG. 1, 2009 TO MAY 31, 2010 WERE \$1439.00 FROM JUNE 1 2010 TO DATE WERE \$2170.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY LUBICH (121) TO ACCEPT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT SECONDED BY RUSS SEVERSON (313), FROM DISCUSSION THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WERE TURNED IN SQUADRON 108 CLEAR LAKE \$50.00, 313 BLACK EARTH \$35.00, 189 WATERTOWN \$350.00, 108 CLEAR LAKE (CURLY DANIELSON) \$17.30, MOTION PASSED.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

Reported By Chairman Rodney P Fall (108)

ACTING CHAIRMAN BOB AMES REPORTED THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED PAST COMMANDER POWERS PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS AND WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE WITH THE FUNDS. THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL NETTED \$47,000. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE VA HOSPITALS. THE FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY WILL BE FEB. 6<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ZABLOCKI VA BUILDING. IT WAS QUESTIONED BY THE COMMITTEE IF THE PLAQUES FOR THE VETERANS CEMETERIES HAD BEEN DISBURSED.

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

**COMMISSIONS AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Internal Affairs**

Reported By Acting Chairman Russ Severson (313)

**MEMBERSHIP** – DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE HELP OF THE DUAL MEMBERS TO AIDE IN MEMBERSHIP GATHERING AND SQUADRON RECRUITMENT.

DISCUSSION ON DELINQUENT SQUADRONS AND WHAT TO DO WITH THEM SHOULD THEY CONTINUE TO SHOW NO IMPROVEMENT. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT SHOULD THESE SQUADRONS NOT SHOW A INCREASE BY SPRING, LETTERS SHOULD BE SENT TO THEM AS A REMINDER TO GET IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING A NEW I GOT ONE PIN BE DESIGNED AND WOULD BE REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THIS TASK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS WERE 100% BY VETERANS DAY, 18 MILWAUKEE 100%, 59 STOUGHTON 100%, 70 OSHKOSH 106%, 71 PEWAUKEE 100%, 84 MONROE 100%, 138 VIROQUA 100%, 155 WESTBY 106%, 172 NORTH FREEDOM 100%, 180 BAY VIEW 100%, 220 SOLDIERS GROVE 103%, 245 CROSS PLAINS 102%, 313 BLACK EARTH 100%, 385 VERONA 100%, 434 OAK CREEK 162%, 444 FD ROOSEVELT 100% AND 537 HAROLD TODD 104%. AWARDS WERE DISTRIBUTED.

THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP 294 HARTLAND 8 AND 189 WATERTOWN 11.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – DISCUSSED WAYS TO ENHANCE THE VISIBILITY OF THE SQUADRONS UNDER THE DETACHMENT. SUCH AS NEWS ARTICLES, PHOTO OPPS, A IMPROVED LARGER S.A.L. POSTER AND A POSSIBLE VIDEO SUPPORTING THE S.A.L. SQUADRON. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.00 WOULD BE REQUESTED. IT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENTS NEW TRAILER AND IF IT WAS AVAILABLE TO THE DETACHMENT AND OR AUXILIARY AT ANYTIME.

**SCHOLARSHIP** – THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINE IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSS SEVERSON (313) FOR ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

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Constitution & By – Laws**

Reported By Chairman (PNC) David R. Faust (245)

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS** – CHAIRMAN FAUST NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW THAT WERE SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AND POLICY COMMITTEE, MOST ALL OF IT WAS ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES HOWEVER A FEW ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND REQUIRED ADDITIONAL ATTENTION THESE WOULD BE DONE AND A NEW DRAFT PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION AND REVIEW AT THE SPRING D.E.C. MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID FAUST (245) TO ACCEPT THE C&BL REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

**Finance**

Reported By Finance Officer Dennis F. Stockfisch

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE FINAL 17 MONTH GENERAL BUDGET ACCOUNT AND FOUND IT TO BE IN THE BLACK WITH \$1300.00 WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ROLLED OVER INTO THE OTHER ACCOUNT.

REVIEWED THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND FOUND IT TO BE SOMEWHAT STABLE WITH NO ISSUES.

THE BUDGET FOR 2011 HAS JUST STARTED AND LITTLE ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE.

REVIEWED TWO REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ONE FROM MEMBERSHIP TO CREATE A NEW DESIGN FOR THE I GOT ONE PINS \$500.00 AND ONE FROM PUBLIC RELATION TO REDO THE POSTER DESIGN UP TO \$1000.00. IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION THAT BOTH REQUESTS BE REJECTED.

NEF (COMMANDERS PROJECT) IS AT \$860.00 TO DATE, CWF PROGRAM IS AT \$2,170.00 TO DATE IN DONATIONS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH THAT FUNDS FOR CONSIGNMENT COW PIN HAVE BEEN TURNED IN FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00, \$325.00 AND \$400 TOTALING \$8885.00 MINUS THE COST OF THE PINS AT \$5520.00 AND OTHER DONATIONS AND DEDUCTIONS THE AMOUNT OF PROFIT IS AT \$1969.87. IT IS ASKED THAT ALL PINS ON CONSIGNMENT OR CASH MADE BE TURNED INTO THE DETACHMENT, MOTION PASSED.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Vice Commander** – RUSSELL B. SEVERSON (313) REPORTED, DISTRICTS 3-7-9, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 35, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 985, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 5, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 12 NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 11. 2 NEW SQUADRON, HAS MADE NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH OTHER SQUADRONS.

ATTENDED CHARTER AND SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS AT 138 VIROQUA.

VICE COMMANDER SEVERSON REPORTED FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER SEAN PATCHIN HAS VISITED MANY SQUADRONS IN HIS AREA AND ATTENDED SEVERAL COUNTY AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSS SEVERSON (313) TO ACCEPT HIS VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY SEAN PATCHIN (385), MOTION PASSED.

**Vice Commander** – RODNEY P. FALL (108) DISTRICTS –8-10-12, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 13, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 205, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 3, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 3, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 3, NO. SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 3, NUMBER OF POTENTIAL NEW SQUADRONS 1, CONTACTS MADE TO SQUADRONS 1.

ATTENDED THE D.E.C HELD IN PORTAGE.

VICE COMMANDER FALL REPORTED FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER MARK WOOD HAS VISITED SEVERAL SQUADRONS IN HIS AREA AND ATTENDED THE PORTAGE D.E.C. MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RODNEY FALL (108) TO ACCEPT HIS VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY RUSS SEVERSON(313), MOTION PASSED.

**Vice Commander** – ROBERT AMES (048) DISTRICTS 1-2-4, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 38, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. ?, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 3, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 13, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 12, NO. SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 12, NUMBER OF NEW SQUADRONS 0, CONTACTS MADE TO SQUADRONS SEVERAL.

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ATTENDED THE FALL D.E.C. IN PORTAGE, 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE AND ROCK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING. S.A.L. PRESENTATION AT RACINE POST 10 AND CHARTER PRESENTATION AT STOUGHTON POST 59. GAVE CONGRATS TO PEWAUKEE 71 FOR FIRST 100% SQUADRON IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND TO TWIN LAKES 544 WHO REACHED 330% IN MEMBERSHIP.

VICE COMMANDER AMES REPORTED THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CHAIRMAN RUSSEL EVANSON SUBMITTED A REPORT FOR FILE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSS SEVERSON (313) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY SEAN PATCHIN (385), MOTION PASSED.

**Vice Commander** – ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018) DISTRICTS –5-6-11, REPORTED HE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MIKE POOK

MOTION WAS MADE BY RODNEY FALL (108) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY SEAN PATCHIN (385), MOTION PASSED.

**Chaplain** – ROBERT L. HOFFMANN – NO REPORT

**N.E.C.- Man** – KELLY POWERS (158) NO REPORT

**Alternate N.E.C.-Man** – MICHAEL LAWLER MADE NOTE OF THE DRIVE FOR 5 PROGRAM THAT IS REACHING THE 5 MILLION DOLLARS MARK FOR CWF.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018) TO ACCEPT HIS REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**Historian** – DAVID L. ANDERSON (048)-NO REPORT

**S.A.L. Liaison** – MICHAEL LAWLER (437) NO REPORT

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** –ROBERT DANIELSON SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

ATTENDED VAVS MEETINGS IN MINNEAPOLIS WHERE THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE COMING YEARS PROJECTS, ALSO HAD A TRAINING SESSION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION.

VICE COMMANDER AMES MADE PRESENTATION TO POST 310 WHERE WORK IS BEING DONE ON STARTING A SQUADRON, VICE COMMANDER RODNEY FALL AND MR. DANIELSON ARE WORKING ON A SQUADRON FOR CABLE WI. VC FALL ALSO HAS VISITED WITH SOMERSET SEVERAL TIMES.

AT THE SQUADRON LEVEL CLEAR LAKE (108) THEY HAVE HAD FOUR FUNERAL SERVICES, PARTICIPATED IN SIX VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. CO-SPONSORED BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS HANDING OUT GOODY BAGS AND FREE PHOTO WERE TAKEN. PRESENTED TO CUB SCOUT WOLF PACK #130 THE PROPER WAY TO FOLD THE US FLAG AND THE MEANINGS OF EACH FOLD.

IN DEC. MR. DANIELSON VOLUNTEERED MUCH OF HIS TIME AS SANTA CLAUS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY TO VISIT MANY LOCATIONS OVER THE HOLIDAY TIME.. THE REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

**National Vice Commander Central Region** – PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ NOTED THAT HE IS PROUD TO BE A S.A.L. MEMBER OF SQUADRON 93 TOMAHAWK WI. FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. IN THE WORDS OF NATIONAL COMMANDER DAVID DEW “WE ARE BY THEIR SIDES WITH HONOR AND PRIDE” REFERRING TO THE VETERANS AND SOLDIERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS. PRESENTED CONGRATS TO COMMANDER SEVERSON AND THE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS SO FAR FOR THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND. REPORTED THAT THE DETACHMENT IS CURRENTLY 75.34% IN MEMBERSHIP AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL REGION, FIFTH PLACE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THIRD PLACE IN RENEWALS. ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS TO SUPPORT THE VETERAN AND THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND ITS PROGRAMS NATIONALLY THRU THE S.A.L. THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN ONE WAY BY 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN GOODS AND DONATIONS TO THE VA FACILITIES TO SUPPORT THE VETERAN AND MEMBERSHIP HAS LOGGED 298,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS TO THE VA’s.

MR. GRYSKIEWICZ ALSO NOTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE ILL. D.E.C. AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) TO ACCEPT THE COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED BY SEAN PATCHIN (385), MOTION PASSED.

**Detachment Commander** – KERRY SEVERSON (245) REPORTED THE DETACHMENT HAS GAINED THREE NEW SQUADRONS THIS YEAR AND THAT THERE ARE 8 OTHERS BEING WORKED ON BY THE VICE COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN. THERE WERE 16 SQUADRONS OVER 100% BY VETERANS DAY. TO CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET THINGS DONE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT BREUTZMANN (018) TO ACCEPT THE COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**RECEIVE RESOLUTION, MOTIONS AND PETITIONS**

NONE RECEIVED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

IT WAS ASKED BY MIKE POOK IF THE LIST HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY THE ADJUTANT IN REGARD TO INACTIVE SQUADRONS, THE ADJUTANT NOTED THAT THIS LIST HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR EVALUATION AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE VICE COMMANDER, DISTRICT COMMANDERS OR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.

**Appointment of Members of Standing or Special Committees**

Made by Commander Severson (245)

**New Business**

DAVID FAUST C&BL CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT ON REQUEST FROM THE ADJUTANT AT THE FALL MEETING TO CONSOLIDATE THE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION IN A DIFFERENT MANOR AND OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CURRENT CHAIRMEN OF THE AMERICANISM, CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND VETERANS AFFAIR AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEES THESE COMMITTEES SHOULD REMAIN AS THEY ARE. C&BL CHAIRMAN DAVID FAUST RESOLVED THAT HE WOULD DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION AND OR LANGUAGE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONCERNS OF THE MEMBERS TO BE PRESENTED AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

ADJUTANT LAWLER THANKED EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE COMMANDERS PROJECT THIS WEEKEND FOR THE BUCKET RAFFLE AND WAS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT TO DATE FOR THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND THE DETACHMENT HAS RAISED \$1762.00.

ADJUTANT LAWLER RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM JIM THOMAS COMMANDER 537 MILWAUKEE NOTING THAT HIS SQUADRON HAS COLLECTED 6.3 TONS OF GOODS WORTH \$12,000.00 FOR THE HUNGER TASK FORCE.

**Good of the Sons of The American Legion**

SHOULD ANYONE NEED CWF ITEMS SEE GARY LUBICH OR ADJUTANT LAWLER.

SEAN PATCHIN NOTED THAT THE NEXT BADGER HONORS FLIGHT WILL BE APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011 SQUADRON 385 VERONA IS SPONSORING A BENEFIT CONCERT BY MICHAEL PETERSON MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 FOR THE BADGERS HONOR FLIGHT.

VICE COMMANDER RUSS SEVERSON EXTENDED THANK YOU TO ADJUTANT LAWLER AND HIS WIFE JANICE FOR THEIR EFFORT ON SETTING UP AND RUNNING THE SUCCESSFUL BUCKET RAFFLE FOR NEF AT THIS EVENT.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE PLACED THEIR NAME FOR CANDIDACY TO OFFICE:

COMMANDER – RUSSELL B. SEVERSON (313)

VICE COMMANDER-GARY LUBICH (121)

VICE COMMANDER-GARY KENNEDY (449)

VICE COMMANDER-KEVIN McCLOREY (544)

CHAPLAIN – KIRK HOVE (158)

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER SEVERSON CLOSED THE MIDWINTER D.E.C. WITH THE PROPER CLOSING CEREMONIES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE DETACHMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LE ROY

*Gary Lee LeRoy*