

**Sons Of The American Legion  
Detachment Of Wisconsin  
Post D.E.C. Minutes 2009**

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THE NEW ELECTED COMMANDER KELLY POWERS CALLED TO ORDER WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONY THE POST D.E.C. MEETING BEING HELD AT THE WYNDHAM HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER IN THE CREOLE ROOM, MILWAUKEE WI.9:00 AM SUNDAY JULY 26, 2009.

COMMANDER KELLY RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DETACHMENT

**ADJUTANT:** MICHAEL LAWLER, (437) ACCEPTED

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT AS MICHAEL L. LAWLER, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

**Roll Call Of Officers**

TAKEN BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER

DETACHMENT	<b>COMMANDER</b>	KELLY R. POWERS	(158)	P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	RUSSELL SEVERSON	(313)	P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
“	<b>FINANCE OFFICER</b>	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“	<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	RALPH CARLTON	(048)	P
“	<b>SGT.-AT-ARMS</b>	GARY LUBICH	(121)	P
“	<b>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 GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
“	ADJUTANT	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	ASSIST. ADJ.			
“	JUDGE ADVOCATE			
“	ASSIST. JUDGE ADVOCATE			
“	HISTORIAN			
“	EDITOR			
DEPARTMENT	CHAIRMAN			
“	COMMITTEE MAN			
“	COMMITTEE MAN			
DETACHMENT	S.A.L. COMMITTEE MAN			
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DEPARTMENT	LIAISON			
DETACHMENT	S.A.L. LIAISON			

**Past Detachment Commanders Present**

KIRK D. HOVE, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID R. FAUST, TOM KNOX, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL LAWLER, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ

QUORUM REPORTED PRESENT BY THE ADJUTANT

**Appointment Of Other Officers**

COMMANDER KELLY RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

**ASSISTANT ADJUTANT:** GARY LEE LEROY (294) ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDED BY ADJ. LAWLER

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** THOMAS A. KNOX, (449) ACCEPTED

**HISTORIAN:** TRAVIS LOCKWOOD (048) PENDING HIS ACCEPTANCE

**DETACHMENT COMMITTEE MAN:** GARY LUBICH (129) ACCEPTED

**DETACHMENT S.A.L. LIAISON:** MICHAEL LAWLER, (437) ACCEPTED

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE DETACHMENT OFFICERS, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

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**Appointment Of District Chairman**

FIRST DISTRICT	GARY A. MYERS	(294)
SECOND DISTRICT	TOM PETRIE	(189)
THIRD DISTRICT	WAS NOTED THAT 3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT HAS FORMED AND WILL BE ELECTING A	
DISTRICT COMMANDER		
FOURTH DISTRICT	RUSSELL EVERSON	(018)
FIFTH DISTRICT	VACANT	
SIXTH DISTRICT	VACANT	
SEVENTH DISTRICT	VACANT	
EIGHTH DISTRICT	DALE VANNES	(117)
NINTH DISTRICT	VACANT	
TENTH DISTRICT	KARL ADANK	(158)
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)
TWELFTH DISTRICT	MARK WOOD	(108)

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**Standing Committee Appointments**

AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN- MIKE POOK (449)  
MEMBER 1- MARK WOOD (108)  
MEMBER 2- VACANT

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIRMAN- RALPH CARLTON (048)  
MEMBER 1- VACANT  
MEMBER 2- VACANT

OFFICERS DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN-DAVID FAUST (245)  
MEMBER 1- THOMAS A. KNOX (449)  
MEMBER 2- VACANT

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN-RODNEY FALL (108)  
MEMBER 1- RUSSELL SEVERSON (313)  
MEMBER 2- BARRY PRINDLE (048)

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE DETACHMENT MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES, SECONDED BARRY PRINDLE (048), MOTION PASSED.

**Commission Appointments**

FINANCE CHAIRMAN- DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (449)  
MEMBER 2010- THOMAS A. KNOX (449)  
MEMBER 2010- ROBERT AMES (048)  
MEMBER 2011- KIRK HOVE (158)  
MEMBER 2011- GARY LEE LEROY (294)

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN- KERRY SEVERSON (245)  
MEMBER 2012-VACANT  
MEMBER 2012- GARY A. MYERS (294)  
MEMBER 2010- THOMAS A. KNOX (449)  
MEMBER 2010-ROBERT AMES (048)

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SUBCOMMITTEES OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN- KIRK HOVE (158)

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN- RUSSELL SEVERSON (313)

CONVENTION AND ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN- MIKE POOK (449), CO-CHAIR PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ

(093)

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN- KERRY SEVERSON (245)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406)

MEMBER 1- GARY LEE LEROY (294)

MEMBER 2- LAWRENCE A. RICE (449)

MEMBER 3- RONALD FAUST (245)

POLICY CHAIRMAN- LAWRENCE A. RICE (449)

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES CHAIRMAN- LAWRENCE A. RICE (449)

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE- N.E.C. MAN LAWRENCE RICE, ALT. N.E.C. MAN PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ, GARY LUBICH, BARRY PRINDLE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE DETACHMENT MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSIONS, SECONDED PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), MOTION PASSED.

**Unfinished Business**

CONVENTION AND ACTIVITIES REPORT- MIKE POOK REPORTED THAT FRIDAY NIGHT SEVERAL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDED DINNER AT MULLAGANS RESTAURANT THE FOOD AND BEVERAGES AND SOCIALIZING WERE EXCELLENT ALL HAD A GOOD TIME. MR. POOK PRESENTED COMMANDER KELLY WITH A BALL CAP FROM THE RESTAURANT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED ROBERT AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

**New Business**

COMMANDER KELLY NOTED THAT HIS PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR WILL TO LEND SUPPORT TO HOMELESS VETERANS SHELTERS WITH IN THE STATE AND THAT HE WILL BE FORMULIZING HIS PLAN SOON.

COMMANDER KELLY NOTED THAT ALSO HE WOULD BE SETTING GOALS FOR N.E.F. AND CWF IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EXPECTED MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES ARE TO BE 10% BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AUG.1<sup>ST</sup>, 25% AND NO GOOSE EGGS BY SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>, 35% BY THE FALL D.E.C. IN OCT., 50% BY NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> AND OR 100% FOR THE DETACHMENT AWARD, 75% DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup> PEARL HARBOR DAY, 85% BY THE MID WINTER MEETINGS, 90% BY PRESIDENTS DAY FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 100% BY THE LEGION BIRTHDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 105% BY THE APRIL SPRING MEETING AND CONVENTION DELEGATE STRENGTH BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>.

ADJUTANT LAWLER MADE NOTE THAT CURRENTLY THE DETACHMENT IS AT 256 MEMBERS PAID AND THAT THIS IS A GOOD START TO HOPEFULLY A RECORD YEAR.

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

MIKE POOK FROM HIS NOTES OF THE CONVENTION SHOWED THAT FOUR SQUADRON WERE PRESENT FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE CONVENTION, 20 SQUADRONS TOTAL IN COMPARISON TO LAST YEAR IN LA CROSSE 22 SQUADRONS WERE PRESENT AND IN GREEN BAY THE YEAR BEFORE THERE WERE 17 PRESENT HE WAS CONCERNED FOR THE LOW SHOWING BY POPULATION BASED ON THE AREA OF THE CONVENTION.

MR. POOK TOOK A POOL AND RESOLVED THAT OUT OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT THERE WERE ONLY THREE MEMBERS THAT WERE NON-DETACHMENT OFFICERS, CHAIRMAN OR COMMITTEE PEOPLE, HIS CONCERN IS THAT THE DETACHMENT SOMEHOW NEEDS TO GET MORE INTEREST FROM THE 91 SQUADRONS TO THE DEC LEVEL AND OR CONVENTIONS.

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FOCUS NEEDS TO BE PUT ON BOTH THE LARGE AND SMALL POPULATED AREAS TO GET THE MEMBERSHIP MORE INVOLVED.

S.A.L. NATIONAL COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA MADE SOME CLOSING COMMENTS, THANKED THE DETACHMENT ON THEIR MEMBER SHIP ACHIEVEMENT THIS PAST YEAR, THE DETACHMENT FOR THE HOSPITALITY THAT WAS EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE KATHY. WISHED THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN WELL ON ITS FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND TO KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT. NOTED THAT IT WAS GOOD TO SEE OLD FRIENDS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND CITED THE USE OF THE NMI (NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INSTITUTE) PROGRAM.

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER MARK ARNESON MADE SOME CLOSING COMMENTS, THANKED THE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND INVITING HIM TO THE CONVENTION. HE ASKED THAT THE DETACHMENT WORK ON CLOSING THE REQUEST FOR START OF THE SQUADRON AT ONTARIO 437 THAT HE BROUGHT FORTH AT THIS CONVENTION AND THAT THE DETACHMENT SHOULD WORK ON GETTING 9 MORE FOR THIS YEAR. IT WAS NOTED BY THE ADJUTANT THAT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION ALSO HAVE REQUESTED START UP OF SQUADRON INFORMATION 499 GORDON, 6 STEVENS POINT, 544 TWIN LAKES, REEDSBURG, NEW RICHMOND, MOUNT HOREB AND STOUGHTON.

KERRY SEVERSON NOTED THAT ALL OFFICER SHOULD MAKE IT A POINT TO CIRCULATE AND VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGION AND AUXILIARY AT SUCH EVENTS SUCH AS MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, HOSPITALITY ROOM ECT. TO MAKE THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION STRONGER WITH THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WE ARE A FAMILY.

LAWRENCE RICE NOTED THAT THE PCC CLUB DUES ARE \$5.00 PER YEAR OR \$25.00 FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

GARY LUBICH NOTED THAT SQUADRON 121 ON AUG. 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> WILL HAVE A BRAT FEST.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER POWERS CLOSED THE POST D.E.C. WITH THE PROPER CLOSEING CEREMONIES.

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

*Gary Lee LeRoy*