

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
Pre D.E.C. Minutes 2008**

FRIDAY JULY 18, 2008 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER THE PRE D.E.C. CONVENTION MEETING BEING HELD AT THE La CROSSE CONVENTION CENTER (ZEILKE SUITE) IN La CROSSE WI., WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONY.

Roll Call Of Officers

TAKEN BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER

DETACHMENT	COMMANDER	KIRK D. HOVE	(158)	P
“	VICE COMM.	KERRY L. SEVERSON	(245)	P
“	VICE COMM.	ELLOITT W. JOHNSON	(158)	P
“	VICE COMM.	MARVIN E. JOHNSON	(158)	P
“	VICE COMM.	RON HENDERSON	(336)	P
“	FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“	CHAPLAIN	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	P
“	SGT.-AT-ARMS	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“	SGT.-AT-ARMS	COLIN MELTESEN	(129)	P
“	N.E.C. MAN	LAWRENCE A. RICE	(449)	P
“	ALT. N.E.C. MAN	PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
“	ADJUTANT	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	ASST. ADJ.	GARY LEE LEROY	(294)	P
“	HISTORIAN	STEVEN M. CRAIG	(051)	E
“	EDITOR	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEVEN C. CHAMPENY	(209)	P
“	ASSIST. JUDGE ADV.	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT	COMMANDER	DAVE KURTZ		E
“	CHAIRMAN	DALE VANNES	(117)	P
“	COMMITTEEMAN	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		E
“	COMMITTEEMAN	MARTY CZARNECKI		E
“	LIAISON	ROBERT STONE		E
S.A.L.	COMMITTEEMAN	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
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Past Detachment Commanders Present

KIRK D. HOVE, RONALD F. FAUST, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, MARK BARTON, MIKE WAGONER, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, STEVEN C. CHAMPENY, PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ,

QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT BY ADJUTANT LAWLER

Roll Call District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT			V
SECOND DISTRICT			V
THIRD DISTRICT	DANIEL OASEN	(481)	A
FOURTH DISTRICT	RUSSELL EVERSON	(18)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT			V
SIXTH DISTRICT			V
SEVENTH DISTRICT	MICHAEL CHRISTIANSON	(52)	P
EIGHTH DISTRICT	DALE VANIS	(117)	P
NINTH DISTRICT			V
TENTH DISTRICT	KARL ADANK	(158)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(93)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	E

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Reading Of The Previous Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS D.E.C. MINUTES FROM THE SPRING MEETING AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) FROM DISCUSSION THERE WAS A MINOR CHANGE NOTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJ. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THERE WERE MANY OF THE USUAL ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THESE WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION. THERE WERE SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT FOLLOWS.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM JAN PULVERMACHER-RYAN NATIONAL PRESIDENT, THANKING THE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR DONATION TO HER CAMPAIGN.

NOTICE FROM VIRGINA KODL WHO WILL BE RUNNING FOR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CENTRAL DIVISION.

BRIAN OHEARN NATIONAL ADJUTANT, ASKING OF THE DETACHMENT FOR THE APPROVAL OF PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ FOR A NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT IN THE FUTURE.

BRENDA THOMPSON DIRECTOR OF THE MADISON VA THANKING RANDY LICHTSKA SQUADRON (67) FOR THE DONATION OF \$1000.00 TO THE TELEVISION FUND.

PETER GATON DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL VAVR CONFIRMING MICHAEL LAWLER'S CERTIFICATION TO THE MADISON VA CENTER.

REQUEST FOR COMMANDER HOVE TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUX. CONVENTIONS.

Introduction Of Guests

DAVE KURTZ (117) -DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

HAROLD CALLERT (449)-PAST CAPTAIN OF THE ORIGINAL SQUADRON 21.

PETE PAPAGEORGE (120)-SQUADRON VICE COMM. / ADJUTANT

LOIS HOVE, MARIA GRYSKIEWICZ (DEN MOTHER), JANICE LAWLER

STATE COMMANDER DAVE KURTZ (117) GAVE GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DETACHMENT, HE NOTED THAT THIS PAST YEAR STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE SOLIDIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY UNIT BASED ON COOPERATION OF ALL GROUPS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. HE STATED IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND THAT HE HOPEFULLY WILL CONTINUE ON SERVING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AS NATIONAL ALTERNATE N.E.C. MAN PENDING THE OUT COME OF THE PENDING ELECTIONS. COMMANDER KURTZ ALSO NOTED REGRET ON THE PASSING OF DUEL MEMBER AND PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER GEORGE BROWN WHO HE CONSIDERED A MENTOR WHEN HE GOT INVOLVED IN THE AMERICAN LEGION.

COMMANDER KURTZ PRESENTED COMMANDER HOVE WITH A GIFT OF A GOLD MONEY CLIP, COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED COMMANDER KURTZ WITH A DETACHMENT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

PETE PAPAGEORGE-(120) ADDRESSED THE DETACHMENT BY PRESENTING A VERY SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM THAT THE TANNER-PAUL SQUADRON HAS DEVELOPED AND THAT THEY WANTED TO SHARE WITH OTHER SQUADRONS AND POSTS. IT IS A WELL DESIGNED GIFT BOX OF PACKAGED GROUND COFFEES FROM HUBBARD AND GRAVENS AND THEY CALL THE PACKAGE "HONOR GROUNDS". ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE STAY WITHIN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION OR SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TO USE FOR WHAT PROGRAMS THEY DEEM FIT. THERE IS A DISPLAY TABLE NEAR REGISTRATION FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM.

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Officer Reports

Commander-KIRK HOVE (158) MAY 4TH, 2008 ATTENDED THE FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION MEETING AT HARTLAND WIS. (294), HOME POST OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LEROY.

MAY 17TH, 2008 ATTENDED THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ROSE WENGER IN MONROE WI.

JUNE 4TH, 2008 ATTENDED THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR SQUADRON (385) IN VERONA WI. MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRK HOVE (158) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) MOTION PASSED.

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

DISTRICT NO. 1,2,3, NO. OF SQUADRONS 37, 1ST 93.47%, 2ND 119.40%, 3RD 107.74%, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 1, SQUADRONS AT 100% 30, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 26, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 4.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY MARVIN JOHNSON (158), SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

S.A.L. Liaison-MICHAEL LAWLER REPORTED THAT HE MADE HIS REPORT TO LEGION D.E.C. YESTERDAY, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE OF HIS REPORT.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Chaplain- RONALD FAUST REPORTED THAT AT THE REQUEST OF COMMANDER HOVE HE SENT NUMEROUS SYMPATHY CARDS OUT, ATTENDED AND PERFORMED THE POW/MIA OPENING CEREMONY WITH COMMANDER HOVE AT LEGION AND AUX. CONVENTIONS YESTERDAY MORNING. WAS NOT ABLE TO BE AT THE D.E.C. IN BELOIT BUT HAD HIS BROTHER DAVID FAUST FILL IN FOR HIM AS CHAPLAIN.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

N.E.C. Man-LAWRENCE RICE REPORTED THAT HE AND ALT. N.E.C. MAN PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ ATTENDED THE NATIONAL MEETINGS AND REPORTED TO ALL OFFICERS BY E-MAIL.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY RONALD FAUST (245), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

8TH District Chairman-DALE VANNES REPORTED THAT THE 8TH IS 110.81%, A NEW SQUADRON AT GRESHAM IS BEING WORKED ON AND HE ATTENDED POST / SQUADRON 117 FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. MOTION WAS MADE BY DALE VANNES (117) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) MOTION PASSED.

12TH District Chairman-ROBERT DANIELSON ATTENDED THE 12TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN HAYWARD JUNE 8TH REPORTING THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUESTS TO FORM SQUADRONS FROM THE 12TH, REPORTED ON THE D.E.C. HELD AT BELOIT AND THAT THE SQUADRON FROM SHELDON IS REQUESTING TO FOLD NO REASONS WERE GIVEN AT THIS TIME.

MAY 25TH MR. DANIELSON AND SGT-AT-ARMS RODNEY FALL PARTICIPATED IN A RIFLE SQUAD AT THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN VETERANS CEMETERY AT SPOONER.

ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY LEGION MEETING IN FREDRICK.

AGAIN ALONG WITH RODNEY FALL PARTICIPATED IN A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY WITH SQUADRON (108) WITH THE POST AND AUXILIARY APPROXIMATELY 150 FLAGS WERE RETIRED.

WILL BE ATTENDING THE VAVS MEETING AT THE MINNEAPOLIS VA SEPT. 4TH 2008.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108) MOTION PASSED.

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Unfinished Business

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THE 2010 PIN CONTEST NEEDS TO BE ATTENDED TO AND THAT DAVID FAUST SHOULD BE HERE TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TOMORROW.

BOB AMES IS WORKING ON IDEAS FOR UPDATING INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HOST A D.E.C. MEETING.

VAVS REPS NEED TO BE CONFIRMED FOR TOMAH, MADISON IRON MT. AND THE TWIN CITIES.

New Business

None

Appointments

Credentials Chairman-COMMANDER HOVE APPOINTED DENNIS STOCKFISCH (ACCEPTED)

MOTION WAS MADE BY RON HENDERSON (336) TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS STOCKFISCH, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108) MOTION PASSED.

Good For The Sons Of The American Legion

RICHARD SHAW PRESENTED NUMBERS AND FORMAT FOR A POSSIBLE PUFL STRUCTURE FOR THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN MADE UP FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER STATES. IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE ADJUTANT THAT THIS BE TABLED TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND REFINEMENT INTO A OFFICIAL PROPOSAL.

THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES FOR THIS EVENING, MINIATURE GOLF AND GO CARTING IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY EVENING'S EVENT.

DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THAT THE DETACHMENT PCC WILL BE HELD SUN. MORNING AT 6:30 A.M. AT FAYZE'S RESTAURANT ON 4TH STREET.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE:

Vice Commander-RICHARD SHAW, KERRY SEVERSON, RON HENDERSON. ERIC TORSTENSON

N.E.C. Man- LAWRENCE A. RICE, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ

Chaplain- STEVE EDBERG, RONALD FAUST, KARL ADANK

Finance Officer- DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH

Sgt-At-Arms- COLIN MELTESEN

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT TOMORROW AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND AWARDS A SHORT WORKSHOP WOULD BE HELD FOR COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONS.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS COMMANDER HOVE CLOSED THE PRE CONVENTION D.E.C. WITH THE PROPER CLOSING CEREMONIES.

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

Gary Lee LeRoy