

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

THE 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT THE WYNDHAM HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER (CREOLE SUITE) IN MILWAUKEE, WI. WAS RECONVENED BY THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE WITH THE PROPER OPENNING CEREMONY AT 8:30 A.M. JULY 25, 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)	E
"	<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, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, 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, 121 RIVER FALLS, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 189 WATERTOWN, 196 DELAFIELD, 245 CROSS PLAINS, 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 Of 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
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

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**Guest To The Convention**

PASTDEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE-FRED BURNS (POST 191)  
JILL JANKE FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.  
S.A.L NATIONAL COMMANDER-TOMMIE CISNA AND WIFE KATHY FROM THE STATE OF IL.  
S.A.L. LEADING CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER-MARK ARNESON (STATE OF GA.)  
BILL POOK - U.S.A.F. RESERVIST OUT OF LANGLEY VA.  
DETACHMENT DEN MOTHER-MARIE GRYSKIEWICZ

**Announcements**

COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT ALONG WITH HIMSELF, KELLY POWERS, KARL ADANK, HE STILL NEEDED THREE MORE VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND THE REHERSAL ON SATURDAY AND THE MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY. KERRY SEVERSON, MIKE POOK AND RODNEY FALL VOLUNTEERED.

COMMANDER HOVE AGAIN REMINDED THE MEMBERSHIP THAT 6 MEMBERS WERE NEEDED FOR COLLECTORS AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY AND THEY WOULD NEED TO BE AT THE REHEARSAL 6:00PM SAT. NIGHT.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THE AWARDS LUNCHEON WOULD BE SAT. AT 11:30 \$5.00 COST TO MEMBERS \$9.00 TO GUESTS IF YOU WISHED TO ATTEND SEE THE FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS STOCKFISCH

IT WAS NOTED THAT PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACT AS A ELECTIONS TALLYMAN FOR THE ELECTION, AS HE HAD TO ATTEND TO ALT. NEC MAN DUTIES DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. COMMANDER HOVE APPOINTED TOM PETRIE (189) IN HIS PLACE.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TOM PETRIE, BY KELLY POWERS (158), SECONDED BY KARL ADANK (158), MOTION PASSED.

ADJUTANT LAWLER REMINDED THE MEMBERS THAT THERE IS A CONVENTION SURVEY IN THEIR HAND OUTS AND ASKED THAT THIS BE FILLED OUT BY THE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE SO THAT WE MAY IMPROVE THE CONVENTION PROCESS.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT NO MATTER WHAT LITTLE ITEM A SQUADRON SHOULD DO, IT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DETACHMENT ON THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM AS THIS IS WHAT IS LOOKED AT ON THE NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL ON THE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE DETACHMENTS.

AS THE DETACHMENT IS SHORT OF VA&R REPS AND DEPUTY REPS IT IS ASKED OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING, THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM.

DENNIS STOCKFISCH ANNOUNCED THAT THE PCC BREAKFAST WOULD BE HELD AT 7:0 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING IN THE NEW ORLEANS ROOM.

MICHAEL WAGONER CONVENTION CORPORATION LIAISON NOTED THAT THE LEGION MID WINTER HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK A WEEK IT WILL NOW BE HELD THIS YEAR THE LAST WEEK OF JAN. 28, 29, 30, 31. IT WILL BE HELD IN WISCONSIN DELLS AT THE WILDERNESS WATER PARK. EACH ROOM CHECKED INTO WILL RECEIVE FIVE WATER PARK GUEST PASSES.

GARY LUBICH SQUADRON 121 RIVER FALLS NOTED THAT HIS SQUADRON WILL BE HOLDING A BRAT STAND ON AUG. 29 & 30<sup>TH</sup> ALL ARE WELCOME TO STOP BY.

THERE IS A SHORT MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP AFTER THE CLOSE OF CONVENTION ALL NEW OFFICERS SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE.

AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE POST D.E.C. ON SUNDAY THERE WILL BE AN OFFICERS ORIENTATION WORK SHOP ALL NEW OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

***GUESTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE***

JILL JANKE FROM DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS EXPLAINED AND PRESENTED A FUND RAISER FOR THE LEGION BASEBALL PROGRAM IN THAT A RAFFLE IS BEING RUN WITH ITEMS ENDORSED BY J.J. HARDING OF THE BREWERS ORGANIZATION, RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$4.00 EACH OR A SHEET FOR \$20.00. ITEMS ARE BAT IN CASE, HATS, BALL ECT. AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM.

S.A.L. NATIONAL COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA ADDRESSED THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION AND NOTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

OFFERED A WELL DONE TO THE DETACHMENT FOR ITS 100% IN MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT.

INTRODUCED HIS LONG TIME FRIEND AND WIFE KATHY, SAID HELLO TO MANY OF THE WISCONSIN MEMBERS THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH OVER THE YEARS.

REVIEWED SOME OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMS THAT THE S.A.L. HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OVER THE YEARS REACHING SOME GREAT MILLSTONES SUCH AS \$14,000,000 AND 277,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERISM FOR VA&R, \$4,000,000 DONATED TO CWF, \$686,000 AND 102,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERISM FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS, \$2.3 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, \$21,000,000 DONATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS AND WITH NUMBERS LIKE THESE THE AMERICAN LEGION IS NOTICING MORE THE CREDITABILITY OF THE S.A.L.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SQUADRONS TO FILL OUT THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM AND REPORT TO NATIONAL WHAT THEY ARE DOING THIS IS WHAT WILL MAKE OUR CREDITABILITY GET EVEN STRONGER WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED COMMANDER CISNA WITH A BOX OF GOLF BALLS, DISTINGUISHED GUEST RIBBON, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN STATE PIN AND A BASKET OF CHEESE AND SAUSAGE.

LEADING CANDIDATE FOR S.A.L. NATIONAL COMMANDER MARK ARNESON THANKED THE DETACHMENT FOR ITS HOSPITALITY SO FAR AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENING EVENTS. EVEN THOUGH HE NOW HAILS FROM GA. HE WAS BORN IN EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN. SHOULD HE BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL COMMANDER HE WOULD BRING WITH HIM A BUSINESS FOCUS APPLING IT TO THE S.A.L. ORGANIZATION, STRESSING THE PROFITS OF GAINING SQUADRONS AND MEMBERSHIP RESULTING IN THE GAIN OF PEOPLE THAT MAKE THE ORGANIZATION STRONG. BY HIS FIGURES WISCONSIN HAS 523 LEGION POSTS AND ONLY 112 CHARTERED SQUADRONS THERE IS GREAT ROOM FOR GROWTH. DURING MR. ARNESON TIME HERE SO FAR HE HIMSELF HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL LEGION MEMBERS LOOKING FOR INFORMATION TO START A SQUADRON ONTARIO WI AND LEGION POST 467, HE URGED THE DETACHMENT TO GET ON THESE REQUESTS AND FOLLOW THEM THRU. CANDIDATE ARNESON NOTED THAT HIS TWO VISIONS FOR THE YEAR SHOULD HE BE ELECTED WOULD BE CWF WHICH THAT S.A.L. DOES VERY WELL AT AND VAVS WHICH NEEDS SOME HELP FROM THE S.A.L. TO MAKE THAT PROGRAM EVEN BETTER THERE ARE 194 VAVS FACILITIES AND THE S.A.L. IS ONLY REPRESENTED IN 40 THIS IS WHAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED CANDIDATE ARNESON WITH, DISTINGUISHED GUEST RIBBON, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN STATE PIN AND A BASKET OF CHEESE AND SAUSAGE.

ADJUTANT LAWLER PRESENTED A LETTER FROM THE HONORARY JR. AUX. PRESIDENT KOSAL SANKE THAT WAS SENT TO COMMANDER HOVE IN REGARDS TO GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT FROM HER AND REGRETS THAT SHE COULD NOT ATTEND THE CONVENTION AS SHE WAS IN SAN DIEGO CA. THAT WEEK.

**Nomination Speeches**

KELLY POWERS NOMINEE FOR DETACHMENT COMMANDER

MIKE POOK NOMINEE FOR DETACHMENT COMMANDER, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH.

COMMANDER HOVE TURNED THE PODIUM OVER TO THE ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN THOMAS A. KNOX FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. CHAIRMAN KNOX CALLED FOR NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR THE FOLLOWING WERE NOMINATED:

COMMANDER-NONE

VICE COMMANDER- BOB AMES (48), RUSS EVANSON (018)

FINANCE OFFICER-

CHAPLAIN- RONALD FAUST (245)

SGT.-AT-ARMS- BARRY PRINDLE (048)

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**Credentials**

CHAIRMAN DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH REPORTED AND TOOK ROLL BY DISTRICT AND SQUADRONS WITH DELEGATES PRESENT BALLOTS WERE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDINGLY FOR ALL OFFICES, 51 DELEGATES WERE PRESENT IT WOULD TAKE 26 VOTES TO ELECT.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY KARL ADANK (158), SECONDED BY BOB AMES (048), MOTION PASSED.

**Special Order Of Business (Elections) 10:30 a.m.**

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN THOMAS A. KNOX (449) INTRODUCED HIS ELECTION TELLERS SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED, WAYNE PRETIS (018), TOM PETRIE (189) AND ELECTIONS JUDGE DAVID FAUST (245).

**Commander**

WITH MIKE POOK (449) AND KELLY POWERS (158) HAVING ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACY FOR COMMANDER, NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR NO OTHERS WERE PRESENTED NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED, BY FINAL BALLOT VOTE KELLY POWERS (158) WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF S.A.L. COMMANDER FOR THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

**Vice Commanders (4 Required)**

WITH THE ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY'S OF KERRY SEVERSON (245), RODNEY FALL (108), RUSS SEVERSON (313), BOB AMES (048), KARL ADANK (158), RUSS EVANSON (018), NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR MIKE POOK (449) WAS SUBMITTED AND WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN. BY FINAL BALLOT VOTE THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO THE OFFICES OF VICE COMMANDER FOR THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN KERRY SEVERSON (245), RODNEY FALL (108), RUSS SEVERSON (313), AND BOB AMES (048).

**Finance Officer**

WITH THE CANDIDATE OF DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) BEING ANNOUNCED NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR, NONE WERE SUBMITTED. WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN. DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION TO THE OFFICE OF FINANCE OFFICER, SECONDED.

**Chaplain**

WITH RONALD FAUST BEING ANNOUNCED AS A CANDIDATE, NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR, RALPH CARLTON (48) WAS SUBMITTED, RONALD FAUST BY PROXY WITHDREW, KARL ADANK(158) WAS SUBMITTED, WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS BEING SUBMITTED. BY FINAL BALLOT VOTE RALPH CARLTON (48) WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN FOR THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

**Sergeant-At-Arms (2 Req'd.)**

WITH GARY LUBICH (121) AND BARRY PRINDLE (48) BEING ANNOUNCED AS A CANDIDATES, NOMINATIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR, MIKE POOK (449), RUSS EVANSON (18) WERE SUBMITTED, WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS, CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE NOMINATIONS. BY FINAL BALLOT VOTE GARY LUBICH (121) AND BARRY PRINDLE (48) WERE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF SGT.-AT-ARMS FOR THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

**Delegates To The National Convention**

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THE DETACHMENT WAS ALLOWED A TOTAL OF 9 DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PLUS ONE AT LARGE FOR A TOTAL OF 10. AUTOMATICALLY THE INCOMING COMMANDER KELLY POWERS (158) / OUT GOING COMMANDER KIRK HOVE (158) / ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) AND N.E.C. MAN LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS ARE ALLOWED TO PLACE DELEGATES EACH BASED ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP, DISTRICT (1) (3) (7), THE DELEGATE AT LARGE IS PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER DAVID FAUST (245).

FROM ALLOWED CAUCUS TIME THE FOLLOWING WERE SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT AS DELEGATES: 1<sup>ST</sup> THOMAS A. KNOX (449), 3<sup>RD</sup> KERRY SEVERSON (245) 7<sup>TH</sup> MICHAEL WAGONER (052).

THIS LEAVES 2 DELEGATES TO BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR, THE FOLLOWING WERE NOMINATED, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), TOM PETRIE (189), ALL ACCEPTED. WITH NO OTHER NOMINATIONS MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO VOTE BY ACCLAMATION FOR THE DELEGATES MOTION MOVED.

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**Alternate Delegates**

CHAIRMAN TOM KNOX NOTED THAT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS ARE ALLOWED TO PLACE ALT. DELEGATES EACH BASED ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP, DISTRICT (1) (3) (7).

FROM ALLOWED CAUCUS TIME THE FOLLOWING WERE SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT AS ALT. DELEGATES:

1<sup>ST</sup> GARY LEE LE ROY (294), 3<sup>RD</sup> RICH RULAND (481), 7<sup>TH</sup> TOM GLANDER (406).

THIS LEAVES 6 DELEGATES TO BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR, THE FOLLOWING WERE NOMINATED, DEAN SUTCLIFFE (437), MIKE BYERS (052), GARY BRUSKE (444), KARL ADANK (158), RUSS SEVERSON (313), RODNEY FALL (108), MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT BY ACCLAMATION ALL THE ABOVE NAMED MEMBERS AS ALT. CONVENTION DELEGATES SECONDED, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO DESTROY ALL BALLOTS FROM THE ELECTIONS, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS CHAIRMAN KNOX THANKED THE TELLERS AND JUDGE AND RETURNED THE PODIUM TO COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE.

**Installation of New Officers**

INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTED OFFICERS WAS PERFORMED BY SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA.

**Newly Elected Commanders Speech**

COMMANDER KELLY POWERS THANKED THE DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP FOR ELECTING HIM COMMANDER AND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE FOR ASSISTANCE IF THEY NEED TO CONTACT HIM.

**Retiring Commanders Speech**

PDC KIRK HOVE NOTED THAT ITS HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE COMMANDER OF THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN, A PLEASURE BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANY PEOPLE AND HIS OFFICERS HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THESE PAST FEW YEARS AND WISHED COMMANDER POWERS SUCCESS WITH HIS NEW TERM.

**Convention Committee Reports**

**AMERICANISM-** MIKE POOK REPORTED THE COMM. DISCUSSED SEVERAL PROGRAMS, SQUADRON SPONSORSHIP TO BADGER BOYS STATE, SHOOTING SPORTS TOURNAMENT, PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT GRAVE SIDES MEMORIAL DAY AND THE PLANNED COLORING CONTEST TO KICK OFF IN THE FALL. THE COMM. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) ALL SQUADRONS ARE URGED TO DEVELOP A FLAG ETIQUETTE PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL SCHOOLS, PUBLIC PLACES AND AT THE POST.
- 2) IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DETACHMENT CREATE A COLOR OR HONOR GUARD TO BE AT MID WINTER CONFERENCE AND THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION.
- 3) RECOMMENDED TO DEVELOP AN AWARDS PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TO BE AWARDED AT MID WINTER OR STATE CONVENTION AND WOULD NOT NEED TO BE A YEARLY CONCEPT.
  - A) EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR, BE AN SAL MEMBER/BOY SCOUT, NOMINATED BY SQUADRON.
  - B) NEW MEMBERSHIP SQUADRON AWARD, GIVEN TO SQUADRON WITH THE MOST NEW MEMBERS IN A GIVEN YEAR.
  - C) PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR, NOMINEES BY SQUADRON FOR POLICE, FIRE, EMT'S, LIONS, KIWANIS

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE POOK (449) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH-**RUSS SEVERSON REPORTED COMM. DISCUSSED WAYS OF GETTING SQUADRONS INVOLVED IN ALL LEVELS.

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

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS-**DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

DISCUSSED THE NEED TO CREATE GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING AND FORMATION OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT LEVELS. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT, THIS ISSUE BE FOLLOWED THRU BY THE APPROPRIATE STANDING COMMISSIONS.

**LEGISLATIVE-POLICY-RESOLUTIONS-** IT WAS DISCUSSED AND IS A RECOMMENDED TO ENHANCE FUNCTION OF THIS COMMISSION GROUPING TO STRUCTURE THE LEGISLATIVE PORTION BY ITSELF WITH A CHAIRMAN.

**POLICY-** NO REPORT

**RESOLUTIONS-**RESOLUTION 01-08 WAS READ FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL.

ONE OTHER ITEM DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDED FOR CHANGE AND OR ADDITION IN THE CONSTITUTION IS A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR DETACHMENT COMMANDER SHOULD HAVE HELD AT LEAST ONE ELECTED OFFICER POSITION PRIOR TO HIS RUNNING FOR COMMANDER, A RESOLUTION IS IN THE MAKING AND SHALL BE PRESENTED AT LATER DATE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION 01-08 FOR PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION 01-08 FOR PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ'S ENDORSEMENT, SECONDED BY KELLY POWERS (158), MOTION PASSED.

**FINANCE:** CHAIRMAN DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE PAST YEARS DONATIONS BY THE SQUADRONS TOTALING AN AMOUNT OF CLOSE TO \$4,000. THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS DONATED TO CAMP AMERICAN LEGION, 75, 437 (2), 108, 120, 209, 214 (2), 449, 73, 189, 48, 406, 481, 18, (19) SQUADRONS 100% @ VETERANS DAY DETACHMENT AWARD AND DETACHMENT FINES WERE ALSO INCLUDED TO TOTAL \$1413. SQUADRON DONATIONS TO CWF AS FOLLOWS 129, 437 (2), 158, 108, 189, 48, 214, 209, 449, 38, DETACHMENT SPONSORED HOLE IN ONE, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DONATION (SUE VORWALD) AND A PERSONAL DONATION FROM LAWRENCE RICE TOTALING \$1971.13. THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND SQUADRONS 209, 437 TOTALING \$125.00 AND \$245.00 FOR THE PROGRAM FUND RAISER.

THE COMMISSION ALSO REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AS A SANITY CHECK AND FOUND NO ISSUES WITH THESE ACCOUNTS TO REPORT ON.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CLOSING OF THE BOOKS WOULD BE JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, AT POST 449 BROOKFIELD AT 6:30 P.M., MOTION PASSED.

**MEMBERSHIP:** CHAIRMAN KARL ADANK REPORTED THAT THE DETACHMENT CURRENTLY IS AT 16<sup>TH</sup> PLACE NATIONALLY AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE BY THE REGION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT 100% MEMBERSHIP PINS BE AWARDED TO THE SQUADRON COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS SET A CHALLENGE TO ALL SQUADRONS THAT IF ALL THE SQUADRONS ACHIEVES A 5% INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL DONATE \$30.00 TO THE COMMANDERS PROJECT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KARL ADANK (158) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:** CHAIRMAN RODNEY FALL NOTED THAT VOLUNTARY SERVICES REPRESENTITIVES AND DEPUTY REPS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED WITH THE FACILITY THAT THEY VISIT. THE NAME OF SEAN PATCHIN JR (385). HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO TAKE A DEP. REP POSITION AT THE MADISON FACILITY. TOMAH CURRENTLY HAS NO REP OR DEP REP AT THIS TIME AND ZABLOCKI IS MISSING A DEP REP.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (158) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF SEAN PATCHIN JR (385), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION SEAN PATCHIN JR (385) WAS APPOINTED BY COMMANDER HOVE AS A DEPUTY REP TO MADISON.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAWN PACHEON, SECONDED BY KELLY POWERS (158), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT A REP OR DEP REP IS REQUIRED TO BE 18 YEARS OF AGE BY VERIFICATION BY ADJUTANT LAWLER SHAWN IS NOT OF THE PROPER AGE, LAWRENCE RICE RECALLED HIS MOTION LEAVING THIS DEP REP POSITION STILL OPEN.

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**CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES:** CHAIRMAN MIKE POOK REPORTED THE EVENINGS EVENT WOULD BE DINNER AT MULLIGANS RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 27<sup>TH</sup> PUCHS TIME WOULD BE 7:30-8:00 P.M. THERE A BOUTS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**Unfinished Business**

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT HE DID HAVE CWF COINS AVAILABLE FOR ANY SQUADRON THAT WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THEM FOR A FUND RAISER PROGRAM. HE ALSO ASKED IF ANY SQUADRONS HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE THE \$1.00 DONATION PER MEMBER FOR CWF. THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS RESPONDED:

(449) BROOKFIELD \$3.00 PER MEMBER BY DEDICATING A PORTION OF THEIR DUES.

(048) БЕЛОIT VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP TO DONATE \$2.00 EACH TO CWF.

(129) BLACK RIVER FALLS BRAT STAND PROCEEDS VOTED BY MEMBERSHIP DEDICATED \$1.00 PER.

(108) CLEAR LAKE BRAT FEST VOTED BY MEMBERSHIP DEDICATED \$1.50 PER.

FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS STOCKFISCH ALSO MADE NOTE THAT FUNDS RAISED BY SQUADRONS SHOULD GO THRU THE DETACHMENT SO THAT IT GETS PROPERLY REPORT TO CWF.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED HE JUST RETURNED FROM THE LEGION D.E.C. AND THEY HAVE APPROVED THE RESOLUTION 01-08 ENDORSING PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL REGION.

**New Business**

TOM PETRIE (158) SUGGESTED THAT THE WEB SITE CONTAIN MORE OF THE FORMS THAT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DETACHMENT AND WONDERED IF IT REQUIRES ACTION BY THE DETACHMENT, ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT ADMINISTRATIVELY THIS WOULD BE WORKED ON AND MORE OF THE FORMS ADDED.

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COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT ON HIS VISIT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION FLOOR ALONG WITH NATIONAL COMMANDER CISNA WHO WAS PRESENTING GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, CANDIDATE FOR S.A.L. NAT'L. COMMANDER MARK ARNESON AND NEC MAN LAWRENCE RICE AT THE END OF COMMANDER CISNA'S TIME COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED A CHECK TO LEGION COMMANDER RIEGAL REPRESENTING THE DONATIONS COLLECTED BY THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,413 FOR CAMP AMERICAN LEGION, WHICH WAS ONE OF COMMANDER HOVE'S PROJECT THIS PAST YEAR.

ADJUTANT LAWLER PRESENTED THE 100% SQUADRON COMMANDERS THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION WITH A SMALL ATTENDANCE GIFT.

TOM KNOX NOTED THAT HE JUST PASSED 38 YEARS WITH THE BADGER BOYS STATE PROGRAM AND THAT THE BBS HEADQUARTERS IS THANKFUL FOR THE DONATION OF COPIER AND MATERIALS FROM THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN AND THEY HOPE THAT THESE DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE.

LAWRENCE RICE REQUESTED THAT THE ADJUTANT PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE COPIER SUPPLER, ADJUTANT LAWLER SAID THIS COULD BE DONE AND THAT MR. RICE SHOULD PROVIDE HIM THE PROPER INFORMATION.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT IF A POST OR SQUADRON COMBINES AND OR CHANGES THEIR NAME IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEND IN THIS INFORMATION TO THE DETACHMENT SO THAT CHARTERS CAN BE ADJUSTED APPROPRIATELY.

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PAST DETACHMENT OFFICER PINS AND YEAR BARS WERE PASSED OUT BY THE ADJUTANT:

COMMANDER – KIRK D. HOVE -YEAR BAR  
VICE COMM.-KERRY SEVERSON-YEAR BAR  
VICE COMM.-DAVID BLAZER-PIN/RIBBON  
VICE COMM.-KELLY POWERS-YEAR BAR  
VICE COMM.  
SGT.-AT-ARMS- RODNEY FALL-YEAR BAR  
SGT.-AT-ARMS  
ASSIST SGT.-AT ARMS-GARY LUBICH-RIBBON  
ASSIST SGT.-AT ARMS-BARRY PRINDLE-RIBBON  
FINANCE OFFICER- DENNIS STOCKFISCH-YEAR BAR  
HISTORIAN- RUSS SEVERSON-PIN/RIBBON  
CHAPLAIN- RONALD FAUST- YEAR BAR

JUDGE ADV.  
NEC MAN-LAWRENCE RICE-YEAR BAR  
ALT. NEC MAN PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ-YEAR BAR  
ADJUTANT MIKE LAWLER-YEAR BAR  
ASSIST. ADJ. - GARY LEE LEROY -YEAR BAR

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE CONVENTION COMMANDER HOVE TURNED THE PODIUM OVER TO THE NEW COMMANDER KELLY POWERS WHO CLOSED THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION WITH THE PROPER CLOSING CEREMONY.

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