

**Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment Of Wisconsin
40th Annual Convention Minutes Sun. 2008**

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2008 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE RE CONVENED THE 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION BEING HELD AT THE LA CROSSE CONVENTION CENTER IN LA CROSSE WI. AT 9:30 A.M..

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.	ELLIOTT JOHNSON	(158)	P
	“	VICE COMM.	MARVIN JOHNSON	(158)	P
	“	VICE COMM.	RON HENDERSON	(336)	P
	“	FINANCE	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
	“	CHAPLAIN	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	E
	“	SGT.-AT-ARMS	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
	“	SGT.-AT-ARMS	COLIN HMELTESEN	(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
	“	ASSIST. ADJ.	GARY LEE LEROY	(294)	P
	“	HISTORIAN	STEVEN M. CRAIG	(051)	E
	“	EDITOR	MICHAEL LAWLER	(437)	P
	“	JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEVE C. CHAMPENY	(209)	P
	“	ASSIST. JUDGE ADV.	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT	COMMANDER	DAVE KURTZ		E	
	“	CHAIRMAN	DALE VANNES	E	
	“	COMMITTEEMAN	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN	E	
	“	COMMITTEEMAN	MARTY CZARNECKI	E	
	“	LIAISON	ROBERT STONE	E	
S.A.L.	LIAISON	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P	
S.A.L.	COMMITTEEMAN	KIRK D. HOVE	(158)	P	
S.A.L.	COMMITTEEMAN	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P	

Past Detachment Commanders Present

KIRK D. HOVE, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID FAUST, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, STEVEN C. CHAMPENY, PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ

Roll Call Of Squadrons

TAKEN BY THE ADJUTANT MICHAEL LAWLER

18 MILWAUKEE, 52 LA CROSSE, 93 TOMAHAWK, 108 CLEAR LAKE, 121 RIVER FALLS, 129 BLACK RIVER FALLS, 158 MAIDEN ROCK, 189 WATERTOWN, 209 ORFORDVILLE, 214 DARLINGTON, 245 CROSS PLAINS, 294 HARTLAND, 302 OCONTO, 336 ONALASKA, 406 GENERAL KING, 437 MAZOMANIE, 449 BROOKFIELD,

BY SQUADRON A QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT BY THE ADJUTANT.

Roll Call District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT			V
SECOND DISTRICT			V
THIRD DISTRICT	DANIEL OASEN	(481)	E
FOURTH DISTRICT	RUSSELL EVERSON	(018)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT			V
SIXTH DISTRICT			V
SEVENTH DISTRICT	MICHAEL CHRISTIANSON	(052)	E
EIGHTH DISTRICT	DALE VANNES	(117)	E
NINTH DISTRICT			V
TENTH DISTRICT	KARL ADANK	(158)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	E

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COMMANDER HOVE TURNED THE PODIUM OVER TO VICE COMMANDER KERRY SEVERSON AS HE HAD TO LEAVE TO VISIT THE LEGION AND AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS.

Guests

NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JAN PULVAMACHER-RYAN
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ROSE WEGNER
COMMANDER HOVE'S MOTHER LOIS HOVE.
DETACHMENT DEN MOTHER MARIE GRYSKIEWICZ

PRESIDENT ROSE WEGNER GAVE GREETINGS AND WELL WISHES TO THE DETACHMENT AND INTRODUCED OUR WISCONSIN NATIONAL PRESIDENT JAN PULVAMACHER-RYAN WHO NOTED IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE NATIONAL PRES. THIS LAST YEAR.. HER SPECIAL PROJECT FOR THE YEAR WAS THE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WHICH IS TO HELP CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS. THE PROGRAM HAS COLLECTED \$760,000. FOR THE NEXT YEAR THE AUX. IS LOOKING AT TECHNOLOGIES, DEVELOPING STANDARD FOR ALL UNITS AND HELPING WITH THE CLEARING HOUSE PROGRAM FOR RETURNING MILITARY PERSONAL.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED BOTH OF THE PRESIDENTS WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FROM THE DETACHMENT AND A PORTFOLIO AND PIN TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Commissions / Committee Reports

Americanism

ERIC TORSTENSON REPORTED THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: GOVERNMENT YOUTH DAYS IDEAS ON WORKING WITH THE DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES TO GET EXPOSURE IN THE SCHOOLS. OTHERS PROGRAMS BBS, AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, ORATORICAL, JR. SHOOTERS, BLOOD PROGRAMS, FLAG DISPOSAL AND ARMED FORCES EDUCATION WERE ALSO TOUCHED ON.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

VICE COMMANDER MARVIN JOHNSON RETURNED THE PODIUM OVER TO VICE COMMANDER ELLIOTT JOHNSON WHILE HE GAVE THE AMERICANISM REPORT.

Children And Youth

RON HENDERSON (336) REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT THE SQUADRONS BE ASKED FOR A DOLLAR PER MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH. SQUADRONS SHOULD BE URGED TO SHARE IDEAS WITH OTHER SQUADRONS.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY CARL ADANK (158), SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108) FROM DISCUSSION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO CWF AND MAILED TO THE DETACHMENT FINANCE OFFICER. DONATIONS TO CWF SO FAR 129 BLACK RIVER FALLS \$529.00), 158 MAIDEN ROCK (\$47.00) AND 437 MAZOMAINIE (\$25.00), MOTION PASSED.

VICE COMMANDER KERRY SEVERSON TURNED THE PODIUM BACK OVER TO COMMANDER KIRK HOVE AS HE RETURNED FROM HIS APPEARANCES AT THE LEGION AND AUX..

Constitution / Amendments

DENNIS STOCKFISCH-NO REPORT

Legislative / Rules

STEVEN CHAMPENY-NO REPORT

Credentials

DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THAT 28 DELEGATES WERE PRESENT IF A VOTE WAS REQUIRED IT WOULD TAKE 15 TO ELECT..

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) MOTION PASSED.

Finance

FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THE COMMISSION REVIEWED SEVERAL LINE ITEMS THAT WERE OF CONCERN FOR THIS YEARS BUDGET WHICH WILL BE UP FOR REVIEW IN JAN.. THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO IN JAN., REVIEW AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE TRAVEL VOUCHERS DUE TO RISING COSTS FOR HOUSING, MEALS AND MILEAGE.

CLOSING OF THE BOOKS WILL BE HELD AT POST 449 JULY 28TH AT 6:30.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209) (SUBJECT TO AUDIT), MOTION PASSED.

Membership

STEVEN CHAMPENY REPORTED THAT THE DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP IS AT 3017, 100.9% MORE THAN LAST YEAR, PLACING THE DETACHMENT 25TH IN THE NATION AND FOUR IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION. THERE ARE 8 NEW SQUADRONS AND TWO GOOSE EGGS. THE PAID UP FOR LIFE ISSUE WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED THERE IS NO NATIONAL PROGRAM THE DETACHMENT WILL HAVE TO DEVELOP ITS OWN PROGRAM IDEAS FROM OTHER STATES WILL BE REVIEWED AND SOME LAYOUT PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE FOR THE NEXT D.E.C.. THIENSVILLE POST WOULD LIKE TO SURRENDER THEIR S.A.L. CHARTER. THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS HAVE TURNED IN 2009 MEMBERSHIP 15 JUNEAU (5), 84 MONROE (12), 93 TOMAHAWK (6), 158 MAIDEN ROCK (11), 129 BLACK RIVER FALLS (35), 150 WAUSAUKEE (5), 294 HARTLAND (10), 209 ORFORDVILLE (23) & (3) FOR 2008, 243 PLYMOUTH (2), 406 GENERAL KING (8).

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

RODNEY FALL REPORTED THAT A BROCHURE PROGRAM PUT TOGETHER BY THE PRINCETON SAL FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RELATING TO SUPPORT OF VETERANS WAS REVIEWED, IT WAS A GOOD PROGRAM AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS BE SHARED WITH THE SQUADRONS TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO GETTING INTO OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS IN THEIR AREAS. A NEW WISH LIST IS OUT FROM CAMP AMERICAN LEGION IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THIS GET TO THE SQUADRONS TO WORK ON.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED BY STEVE EDBERG (052), MOTION PASSED.

Convention / Activities

MIKE POOK REPORTED THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS TOOK PART IN THE OUTING AT THE RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK PLAYING MINI GOLF AND RIDING GO CARTS. JERRY ENDRES, KIRK HOVE AND MIKE POOK NOW BELONG TO THE HOLE IN ONE CLUB.

JERRY ENDRES WAS AWARDED A TEE SHIRT FOR THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER AWARD. FOR THE BEST BLIND SHOT "HOLE IN ONE" KIRK HOVE WAS AWARDED A TEE SHIRT.

THE BALL AND DRINK AWARD FOR LOW SCORE WAS AWARDED TO PAT GRYSKIEWICZ HE RECEIVED A BALL CAP.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Past Commanders Club

PDC DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THAT THE CLUB MET AT FAYSIE'S RESTAURANT FOR BREAKFAST. OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS PRESIDENT KIRK D. HOVE, VICE PRESIDENTS MICHAEL LAWLER AND PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ, CHAPLAIN LAWRENCE RICE., SGT-AT ARMS TIM HANSON AND RONALD FAUST, TREASURER/SECRETARY DENNIS STOCKFISCH, PARLIAMENTARIAN GARY LEE LEROY AND SPIRITUAL ADVISOR N.V.C. TOM GETZ OF OHIO.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Commanders Report

COMMANDER HOVE MADE NOTE THAT HE DID VISIT THE LEGION AND AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS THIS MORNING. COMMANDER HOVE EXPRESSED THANKS TO ALL HIS PAST OFFICERS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEXT YEAR WITH HIS NEW OFFICERS. COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT WE SHOULD KEEP PAST VICE COMMANDERS ELLIOTT AND MARVIN JOHNSON IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THEIR IMPROVED HEALTH IN THE COMING YEAR.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), SECONDED BY RON HENDERSON (336), MOTION PASSED.

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Unfinished Business

DAVID FAUST REPORTED ON AND PRESENTED A DRAFT FOR THE 2010 PIN DESIGN CONTEST AS FOLLOWS: PIN SIZE LIMIT TO 1 ½", INCLUDE THE S.A.L. EMBLEM, INDICATE YEAR 2010, CONVEY THAT IS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IN A DISTINCTIVE MANOR. IN ADDITION HE REVIEWED SOME THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OR RULES. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$500.00 SAVINGS BOND. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE WILL GO TO CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION IN THE NAME OF THE DETACHMENT.

FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE PROFITS GO TO 50% CWF AND 50% OTHER DETACHMENT PROGRAMS. THE CONTEST SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ONLY S.A.L. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FROM THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN. CONTEST WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR JUDGING BY MID WINTER JAN 2009.

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

THERE WAS A NEED FOR A CHANGE IN ALT. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AS THERE WERE MEMBERS THAT WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, GARY LEE LEROY AND TIM HANSON WITHDREW THERE NAMES AS ALTERNATES AND COMMANDER HOVE APPOINTED COLIN MELTESEN AND MICHAEL WAGONER AS ALT. DELEGATES.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE AMERLAR (21) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHANGE TO THE ALTERNATE DELEGATES LIST, SECONDED BY KEN DRURY (336), MOTION PASSED.

Announcements

MIKE POOK REPORTED THE FOLLOWING OTHER WINNERS OF THE COLORING CONTEST:

AGE 0-3 1ST PLACE RICH OAKLAND (214 DARLINGTON)

AGE 4-7 1ST PLACE JAMES HELM (70 OSHKOSH), 2ND PLACE PAT OAKLAND (214 DARLINGTON), 3RD PLACE QUINTEN MOTT (538 CARLTON).

AGE 8-12 1ST PLACE BORG NOTERBERG (449 BROOKFIELD), 2ND PLACE RYAN ANDERSON (108 CLEAR LAKE).

AGE 13-17 1ST PLACE RICKEY ANDERSON (108 CLEAR LAKE), 2ND PLACE KENNY ANDERSON (108 CLEAR LAKE).

MILEY KAPOCUS 416, ROSS WADELL 416, BAILEY RAMON 288, JORDEN BRAUN 143, BRAIN WADELL 416, ROD WADELL 416, JACOB RAMON 288, LEE KAPOCUS 416, BEANKA NELSON 116.

Installation

COMMANDER HOVE PASSED THE PODIUM TO PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER DAVID R. FAUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION OF NEW DETACHMENT OFFICERS. UPON COMPLETION MR. FAUST RETURNED THE PODIUM TO COMMANDER HOVE.

New Business

NONE

For The Good OF The Sons Of The American Legion

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

COMMANDER – KIRK D. HOVE YEAR BAR

VICE COMM.-KERRY SEVERSON PIN/RIBBON, VICE COMM.-RON HENDERSON PIN/RIBBON

VICE COMM.-MARVIN JOHNSON YEAR BAR, VICE COMM.-ELLIOTT JOHNSON YEAR BAR

SGT.-AT-ARMS- RODNEY FALL YEAR BAR, SGT.-AT-ARMS- COLIN MELTESEN PIN/RIBBON

FINANCE OFFICER- DENNIS STOCKFISCH YEAR BAR, CHAPLAIN- RONALD FAUST YEAR BAR

JUDGE ADV.- STEVEN CHAMPENY YEAR BAR

NEC MAN-LAWRENCE RICE PIN/RIBBON, 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 CLOSED THE 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION WITH THE PROPER CLOSEING CEREMONY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE DETACHMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GARY LEE LE ROY

Gary Lee LeRoy