

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

SATURDAY APRIL 25th, 2009 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER THE SPRING D. E. C. MEETING, BEING HELD AT STATE HEADQUARTERS IN PORTAGE WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES.

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)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	RON A. HENDERSON	(336)	A
“ - VICE COMM.	ERIC J. TORSTENSON	(183)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	DAVID A. BLAZER	(214)	E
“ - FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“ - CHAPLAIN	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	E
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	COLIN H. MELTESEN	(129)	A
“ - 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
“ - ASSIS'T. ADJUTANT	GARY LEE LE ROY	(294)	P
“ - HISTORIAN	RUSSELL B. SEVERSON	(313)	P
“ - EDITOR	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“ - JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEVEN C. CHAMPENY	(209)	P
“ - ASSIS'T. JUDGE ADVOCATE	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	P
DEPARTMENT - A. L. COMMANDER	JAMES REIGEL		-
“ - A. L. CHAIRMAN	DALE VANNES		P
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	MARTY CZARNECKI		-
“ - A. L. COMMITTEEMAN	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		-
“ - A. L. LIAISON	ROBERT STONE		P
“ - 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

Roll Call Of District Chairman

FIRST DISTRICT -	ROBERT AMES	(048)	P
SECOND DISTRICT -			-
THIRD DISTRICT -	DANIEL OASEN	(481)	A
FOURTH DISTRICT -	RUSSELL EVANSON	(018)	P
FIFTH DISTRICT -	VERN BARTELS	(75)	E
SIXTH DISTRICT -			-
SEVENTH DISTRICT -	KEN DRURY	(336)	A
EIGHTH DISTRICT -	DALE VANNES	(117)	P
NINTH DISTRICT -			-
TENTH DISTRICT -	KARL ADANK	(158)	E
ELEVENTH DISTRICT -	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT -	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	E
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT -	DENNIS BLUE	(MN)	P

Past Detachment Commanders Present

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

QUORUM WAS PRESENT, REPORTED BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

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Introduction Of Guests

Presented By Adjutant Michael L. Lawler

DENNIS BLUE – S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL (MN)

MRS. LAURA BLUE – WIFE TO S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER DENNIS BLUE

MELVIN McNEW (POST 18), MARY LEE PONTZLOFF (UNIT 18), KELLY POWERS (158), MARK WOOD (108), BARRY PRINDLE (48), TRAVIS LOCKWOOD (48), GARY LUBICK (121), MIKE POOK (449), SHAWN HAEDT (385).

Reading Of The Previous Minutes

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS D. E. C. MINUTES FROM THE CONVENTION MEETINGS AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Official Correspondence

Presented By Detachment Adjutant Michael L. Lawler

ADJUTANT LAWLER REPORTED 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.

COPIES OF VICE COMMANDER BLASER'S LETTERS SENT TO SQUADRONS, ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CORRESPONDENCE DONE BY OFFICERS BE PRESENTED TO HIM FOR REVIEW.

RECEIVED LETTER FROM THE VA HOSPITAL ADDRESSED TO SQUADRON 67 THANKING THEM FOR THEIR DONATION \$700 TO THE VA'S TELEVISION FUND.

RECEIVED LETTER FROM ARIEN HERMINATH THANKING THE DETACHMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES PERFORMED AT THE PAST ORATORICAL CONTEST PROVIDING ESCORTS AND SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

RECEIVED LETTER FROM VA CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DETACHMENT HISTORIAN RUSS SEVERSON THE POSITION OF DEPUTY REP. AT THE MADISON VA CENTER.

RECEIVED LETTER FROM POST/SQUADRON 449 ENDORSING MIKE POOK AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DETACHMENT COMMANDER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

COMMANDER HOVE HAD A FEW ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE AS FOLLOWS:

RECEIVED LETTER FROM ATWOOD GRANBERRY NEC MAN FROM CA. ANNOUNCING HIS CANDIDACY AND REQUEST OF SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CHAPLAIN YEAR OF 2009/10.

RECEIVED LETTER FROM LEGION RIDERS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT ASKING FOR SUPPORT OF THE FUND RAISER FOR THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RIDE AUG. SECOND, FIVE TICKETS WERE ENCLOSED. IF ADDITIONAL TICKET ARE WANTED CONTACT BOB LYODD.

COMMISSIONS

Constitution & By – Laws

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch

LEGISLATIVE – NONE

RESOLUTIONS – NONE

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – NONE

POLICY – REVIEWED THE POLICY WRITTEN JULY 18 1986 REFERRING TO ARTICLE 5 SECTION 9 OF THE DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION WHICH READS DETACHMENT OFFICERS WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES ARE THE COMMANDER, FOUR VICE COMMANDERS, CHAPLAIN, FINANCE OFFICER, TWO SGT.-AT-ARMS, NEC MAN, ALT. NEC MAN ALL PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDERS, COUNTY AND DISTRICT COMMANDERS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT WHEN THIS WAS WRITTEN THE CONCERN WAS THAT IF THEIR WERE TWO PEOPLE HOLDING A COUNTY OR DISTRICT POSITION PLUS BEING A DETACHMENT VOTING OFFICER THEIR VOTE WOULD BE LOST BY RULE AS YOU CAN ONLY CAST ONE VOTE. THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO THIS THAT ANYONE HOLDING COUNTY OR DISTRICT COMMANDERSHIPS DOES NOT HOLD AN OFFICERS POSITION WITHIN THE DETACHMENT.

IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION THAT A SECTION 9a WOULD BE ADDED TO THE DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION TO READ IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMANDER OF THE DISTRICT OR COUNTY, VOTING PRIVILEGES WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT VICE COMMANDERS.

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IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY OR DISTRICT TO RETAIN THEIR VOTE IN THE CASE THAT THE COMMANDER OF EACH WOULD HAPPEN ALSO TO BE A DETACHMENT OFFICER.

COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SEC B IN THAT SHOULD ONE PERSON HOLD A DETACHMENT OFFICE AND A COUNTY OR DISTRICT POSITION SAID PERSON SHALL CAST HIS VOTE DUE TO HIS HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE DETACHMENT THAT HE HOLDS, ALLOWING THE EXTENDED VOTING PRIVILEGE TO THE VICE COMMANDER OF THE DISTRICT OR COUNTY SO THAT VOTES WOULD NOT BE LOST.

THE COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED THE ABOVE CHANGES TO THE POLICY AND CONSTITUTION AND SHALL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Internal Affairs

Reported By Acting Chairman Lawrence A. Rice

COMMANDERS ADVISORY – NO REPORT

COMMANDERS PROJECT – NO REPORT

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES 2010 – NO REPORT

NATIONAL OFFICERS CAMPAIGN – NO REPORT

OFFICERS WORKSHOP – NO REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP – TWO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THEY WERE JUDGED BY (PDC)

DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID R.FAUST AND TOM A. KNOX. THE PRECIPITANT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IS LEVI STUVENGEN SQUADRON 209 ORFORDVILLE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY PATRICK GRESKIEWICZ (094), MOTION PASSED.

Finance

Reported By Finance Officer Dennis F. Stockfish

COMMISSION REVIEWED NEXT YEARS 2009/2010 BUDGET, AS APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT AS OF APRIL 18TH, FOUND IT APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT AT THIS POINT THERE ARE NO SURPRISES OR MAJOR OVER RUNS OCCURRING.

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT WAS REVIEWED AND IS IN GOOD STANDING.

THERE HAVE BEEN DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS, CAMP AMERICAN LEGION \$1038.00, NEF \$125.00 AND FUND RAISING \$245.00.

THERE STILL ARE FUNDS DUE OR PINS TO BE RETURNED, STEVE CRAIG FOR (10) 75TH ANNIVERSARY PINS AND JOSH LICHTFUSS FOR (25) CALF PINS.

THERE WERE NO FUNDS DISTRIBUTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST YEAR.

THERE ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SALute.

VA&R HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TWO PLAQUES TO BE DONE AT THE MEMORIAL CEMETERIES AS REQUESTED IN THE PAST WHICH WILL BE IN EFFECT UNDER THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR STARTING AUG. 1ST.

THERE WERE NO REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY ANY COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION AT THIS MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), FROM DISCUSSION ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT HE IS SEEKING BIDS FOR PRINTING OF THE SALute OUTSIDE OF DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS TO REDUCE COST, MOTION PASSED.

COMMITTEES

Americanism

Reported By Acting Chairman Kelly Powers

COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE DRAWINGS FOR THE COLORING CONTEST MIKE POOK CONTACTED THE WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENTS TO DRAW THE PICTURES, SEVERAL STUDENTS WENT ONLINE TO LOOK AT THE PAST SAMPLES AT THIS POINT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A RESPONSE FROM THE STUDENTS.

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DISCUSSED SCOUTING AND FINDING OUT WHAT POSTS OR SQUADRONS SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS, THE THIRD DISTRICT WAS QUESTIONED AND NO POST OR SQUADRONS CURRENTLY SUPPORT SCOUTING, IT WAS ASKED IF THERE WAS A WAY THE LEGION COULD HELP WITH THIS INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE OTHER DISTRICTS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLY POWERS (158) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS ASKED IF PAST HISTORY OF THE DETACHMENT MIGHT SHOW IF A SQUADRON SUPPORTED SCOUTING ADJUTANT LAWLER WOULD INVESTIGATE, MOTION PASSED.

Children & Youth

Reported By Acting Chairman Kirk Hove

COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE NATIONAL CWF COIN CHALLENGE SET INTO PLACE TO INCREASE DETACHMENT DONATIONS TO CWF, THE COINS ARE \$10.00 EACH AND ARE PROVIDED IN A CLOTH CASE. THEY CAN BE GOTTEN ON CONSIGNMENT FROM BARB HAY. THE COIN IS BRONZE AND HAS A CHILD AND FLAG WITH THE WORDS "DEDICATED TO THE BETTERMENT OF ALL CHILDREN". THESE COINS ARE INTENDED TO GIVE TO PERSONS WHO MAKE DONATIONS TO CWF. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO EXTEND THE COIN CHALLENGE FROM MAY 1st 2009 TO MAY 1st 2010 THE SQUADRONS WITH THE MOST DONATION WOULD RECEIVE A COIN FROM THE DETACHMENT.

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM BILL ALEXANDER EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE LEGION CHILDREN'S HOME WHICH IS A LONG EXISTING PROGRAM THAT AIDES VETERANS FAMILIES DURING THEIR ABSENCE WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. WITH THE CURRENT TIMES THE HOME IS EXPERIENCING SOME HARD TIMES HAVING TO TURN PEOPLE AWAY AND ARE SEEKING SOME HELP. THERE IS A VIDEO AVAILABLE TO SEE WHAT THE PROGRAM IS.

THERE ARE CWF CANISTERS AVAILABLE AND ALSO THE JOSH DOG PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE.

CWF DONATION TOTALS TO DATE ARE BLACKHAWK SQUAD. (129) \$512.13, MAZOMANIE (437) \$25.00, MAIDEN ROCK (158) \$47.00, CLEAR LAKE (108) \$60.00, WATERTOWN (189) \$75.00, WESTFIELD (048) \$10.00, DARLINGTON (214) \$100.00, SPONSORED HOLE-IN-ONE (DETACH. OF WI.) \$330.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1159.13.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRK HOVE (158) TO ACCEPT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT, SECONDED PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (094), MOTION PASSED.

Convention And Activities

Reported By Chairman Patrick N.Gryskiewicz

COMMITTEE REVIEWED ACTIVITIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CONVENTION THEY ARE BATTING CAGE PARK, MINI-GOLF, BOWLING, POSSIBLE BREWERS GAME, MILLER PARK TOUR, HARLEY DAVIDSON TOUR. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING THE BATING GAGES. FOR SAT. EVENING EVENT A DINNER IS BEING CONSIDERED THE DECISION ON THIS WOULD BE AT THE PRE DEC MEETING ON FRIDAY OF THE CONVENTION.

THE RESULTS OF THE CONVENTION SURVEY WAS REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE, THERE WERE 49 SURVEYS RETURNED, 51% OF ATTENDED THE CONVENTION 41% DID NOT, MAJORITY OF ATTENDED 1 TO 5 YEARS, MOST DELEGATES ATTENDED FOR ALL THREE DAYS, LARGE PERCENT ATTENDED BOTH LEGION AND S.A.L. CONVENTION FUNCTIONS, 43% DO VOTE, 38% TO LEARN ABOUT THE S.A.L., 35% TO RECEIVE AWARDS, THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO NOT ATTENDING WERE JOB, SCHOOL CONFLICTS AND MONETARY CONCERNS, PERCENTAGE STATED THAT MORE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS SHOULD BE ADDED. A LARGE PERCENTAGE STRESSED THAT ELECTIONS (BY PAPER BALLOT) AND INSTALLATION SHOULD BE THE SAME DAY, CONVENTION SHOULD START ON FRIDAY., OFFICERS WORKSHOP SHOULD BE HELD ON THE LAST DAY.

CONVENTION THIS YEAR IS AT THE WYNDHAM HOTEL IN MILWAUKEE EVERYTHING WILL BE HELD WITHIN THAT FACILITY.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE 2010 CONVENTION PIN FORMAT AND RECOMMENDS THAT ONCE AGAIN WE GO WITH THE COW DESIGN AS REVISED AND SHOWN IN A ILLUSTRATION THAT WAS PRESENTED CHANGING THE COLOR SCHEME TO S.A.L. BLUE AND WHITE WITH RED RHINESTONES FACING THE COW THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. THE ORIGINAL COW PINS WERE ORDERED IN LOTS OF 1000, 1000 AND 500 FOR A TOTAL OF 2500. COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY BY CONVENTION TO DECIDE ON THIS ISSUE.

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COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE PROPOSED UP COMING STATE CONVENTION AGENDA AS FOLLOWS, PRE CONVENTION D.E.C WOULD BE AT 1:30 FRI AFTERNOON WITH THE CONVENTION OPENING AT 3:00PM AFTER THE PRE D.E.C. MEETING LATER FRI. AFTERNOON AND WOULD RECESS TO SAT. MORNING. SATURDAY REGISTRATION WOULD START AT 8:00 AM WITH THE MEETING START AT 8:30AM, ELECTIONS WOULD BE AT 10:30, INSTALLATION WOULD BE AFTER THE ELECTION TOWARDS THE CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION ON SAT., ELECTIONS WOULD BE BY SEPARATE PAPER BALLOT FOR EACH OFFICE REQUIRED. THERE WOULD BE AN AWARDS LUNCHEON ON SAT. PROPOSED FOR 11:30 TO 12:30 THE COST WILL BE \$9.00 \$5.00 PER S.A.L. MEMBER WITH \$4.00 BEING PAID BY THE DETACHMENT. THE POST D.E.C. WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AND OFFICERS WORKSHOP WOULD BE HELD AFTER THE POST D.E.C. ON SUNDAY. RECOMMENDED WORKSHOP FOR NEXT YEARS CONVENTION WOULD BE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION FOR DELEGATES ALSO IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO HOLD A SILENT AUCTION OF SOME SORT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MUCH DISCUSSION AROSE ON THE FORMAT OF THE PROPOSED CONVENTION AGENDA TIMING, VOTING PROCEDURE STRUCTURE, COST COVERAGE'S OF MEALS BY THE DETACHMENT AND 2010 PIN DESIGN AND DISTRIBUTION.

AS FURTHER RESOLVE SEPARATE ACTIONS WERE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING, (1) VOTING PROCEDURE AND STRUCTURE (2) DETACHMENT BEARING A \$4.00 COST FOR THE AWARDS LUNCHEON, (3) PRE D.E.C. MEETING AND START OF THE CONVENTION ON FRI., VOTING, INSTALLATION AND THE END OF THE CONVENTION ON SAT. WITH POST D.E.C. MEETING AND OFFICERS TRAINING WORKSHOP BEING HELD ON SUN, (4) ACCEPTANCE OF THE DESIGN FOR THE 2010 CONVENTION PIN, MOTION WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE SEPARATE ACTIONS TO THE REPORT, MOTION PASSED.

(1) BY SEPARATE ACTION A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO TABLE THE VOTING PROCEDURE AND STRUCTURE TO THE FALL D.E.C. AFTER THE STATE CONVENTION, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

(2) BY SEPARATE ACTION A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT COST OF \$4.00 PER MEMBER BY THE DETACHMENT FOR THE LUNCHEON AFTER VERIFICATION WAS MADE BY THE FINANCE COMMISSION THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE ATTENDING MEMBER WOULD PAY THE \$5.00 RSVP ADVANCE AMOUNT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

(3) BY SEPARATE ACTION A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) THAT THE PRE D.E.C. MEETING AND START OF THE CONVENTION BE ON FRI., VOTING, INSTALLATION AND THE END OF THE CONVENTION ON SAT. WITH POST D.E.C. MEETING AND OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP BEING HELD ON SUN, MOTION PASSED.

(4) BY SEPARATE ACTION A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDED DESIGN OF THE 2010 CONVENTION PIN, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT COSTS WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION AND THE AMOUNT TO ORDER COULD THEN BE DECIDED UPON, MOTION PASSED.

Membership

Reported By Chairman Steven C. Champeny

CURRENTLY THE DETACHMENT IS AT 2936 PAID MEMBERS, 96.23% OF LAST YEARS 3,051 GOAL, "REALLY GOOD NEWS" THERE ARE 0 GOOSE EGG SQUADRONS, PLACING WISCONSIN IN FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION AND 4TH PLACE NATIONWIDE.

THE PUFL IS STILL IN A HOLDING PATTERN BUT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONTINUED.

NATIONAL HAS ADVISED THE DETACHMENT THAT THE LAST RENEWAL POSTCARD HAS GONE OUT FOR THE YEAR. THE CUT OFF DATE FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD PRINTING IS MAY 13TH.

UNDER SQUADRON RECRUITMENT START UP PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT TO DELEVAN (095) AND TWIN LAKES (544). A NEW SQUADRON HAS BEEN ADDED IT IS LAKE GENEVA 24.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT, SECONDED BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), MOTION PASSED.

Public Relations

Reported By Chairman Michael Lawler

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE DONATION FOR THE DEPT. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, IN REGARD TO THEIR PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WIS. AND THE DISCOVER WISCONSIN TELEVISION NETWORK.

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IT IS PLANNED FOR THE SALute TO BE SENT OUT IN JUNE PERMITTING FINANCES ARE AVAILABLE, ARTICLES SHOULD BE IN TO THE EDITOR BY MAY 15TH.

ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE CAN SUBMIT ARTICLE TO THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE THEY NEED TO BE IN BY APRIL 30TH.

IT WAS DISCUSSED TO POST THE SALute TO THE WEBSITE.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE SALute WILL BE ARTICLES BY MAY 15TH ISSUE IN JUNE AND ARTICLES BY AUG. 15TH ISSUE IN SEPT..

DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF GETTING OUT POSTERS ON JOINING THE S.A.L. ORGANIZATION IN FORMAT OF 8 ½ X 11 AND 12 X 17. COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR DESIGN IDEAS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Reported By Chairman Rodney P Fall

REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED A COUPLE OF LETTERS, THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW REPS PRESENTED FOR THE VA POSITIONS. RUSS SEVERSON HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE VA IN MADISON AS A DEPUTY REP. LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VA THANKING THE DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN FOR ITS DONATION FOR THE GLUCOSE MONITOR KIT AND ALSO A LETTER FOR SQUADRON 437 WHO ALSO MADE THE SAME DONATION. THERE ALSO WAS A THANK FROM THE VA FOR THE DONATION FROM SQUADRON 67 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700 TO THE VA TELEVISION FUND.

NATIONAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE DAY IS MAY 17TH ALL ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP OUT A VETERAN IN SOME MANOR. ALSO. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HELP VETERANS ALL THE TIME AND JUST NOT ON THIS DAY. THERE WILL BE A VETERANS BENEFIT WORKSHOP AND JOB FAIR JUNE 4TH AND 5TH AT THE EAU CLAIRE EXPOSITION CENTER.

DENNIS STOCKFISCH NOTED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PHONE CARD DONATION IS IN PLACE HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS YET AS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NEEDS TO CATCH UP ON ORDERS PLACED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE VA&R REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Officers Reports

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – RONALD A. HENDERSON (336) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – ERIC J. TORSTENSON (183) NO REPORT

Vice Commander – DAVID A. BLAZER (214) NO REPORT

First District Chairman – ROBERT AMES REPORTED THAT THE FIRST DISTRICT IS 100%, LAKE GENEVA HAS BEEN ADDED AS A NEW SQUADRON

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE 1ST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Eighth District Chairman – DALE VANNES CONGRATULATED SQUADRON 117 SHAWANO FOR BEING ACTIVE AND ACHIEVING 100%. THE RELATIVELY NEW SQUADRON 63 CLINTONVILLE IS IN NEED OF SOME TLC TO HELP GET THEM UP AND GOING VICE COMMANDER SHOULD SEE WHAT THEY NEED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE 8TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Tenth District Chairman – KARL ADANK BY WRITTEN REPORT ATTENDED THE LEGION ORATORICAL FINALS AT RIPON COLLEGE FEB. 21ST, 82ND LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT OPENING CEREMONIES IN WATERTOWN WI. MARCH 7TH AND THE 10TH DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE IN RIVER FALLS APRIL 18TH. MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE 8TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Tenth District Chairman – PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ REPORTED THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT IS OVER 103% WITH ALL SQUADRONS 100% OR OVER.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE 11TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Twelfth District Chairman – ROBERT DANIELSON REPORTED (BY SUBMITTED REPORT) HE ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY COUNCIL AT ST. CROIX FALLS JAN. 24TH, FEB. 5TH ATTENDED THE VAVS MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS VA HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY TOURED THE NEW SPINAL CORD BUILDING WHICH WAS

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REALLY IMPRESSIVE FEB. 23RD MEMBERS OF SQUADRON AND POST 108 ATTENDED THE SEND OFF FOR TROOPS OF THE 128TH OF THE 32ND DIVISION AT NEW RICHMOND. ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY COUNCIL IN AMERY MAR 28TH AND THE 12TH DISTRICT D.E.C. MEETING AT LADYSMITH. APR. 2ND RETURNED TO THE VA IN MINNEAPOLIS. THE FIRST SPINAL CORD PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL ON FEB. 23RD. THE SOCCER FIELD WAS PAVED FOR PARKING LOTS AND THERE WILL BE A PARKING GARAGE FOR PATIENTS ONLY. THERE WAS A GOOD TURN OUT FOR VETERANS DAY HELD ON FEB. 13TH. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY WAS APR. 15-24TH IN CELEBRATION AND APPRECIATION OF OVER 700.8 MILLION VOLUNTEER HOURS. APR. 8TH HELPED WITH THE BADGER BOYS STATE ORIENTATION AT CLEAR LAKE FOR POLK COUNTY CONDUCTED BY PAST STATE COMMANDER AL RICHARDS.

WILL BE ATTENDING THE 12TH DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE AT ST. CROIX ON JUNE 6TH.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE 12TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Chaplain – RONALD F. FAUST- REPORTED BY WRITTEN REPORT THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO THE COMMANDER HOVE'S REQUEST TO SEND GET WELL OR SYMPATHY CARDS OUT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE CHAPLAINS REPORT AS READ, SECONDED BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (094), MOTION PASSED.

N.E.C.- Man – LAWRENCE A. RICE REPORTED THAT AS NOTED BEFORE THAT ATWOOD GRANDBERRY FROM CALIFORNIA IS RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND IN ADDITION ALSO ED "SPANKEY" VAN HOUTEN OF OHIO IS ALSO IN THE RUNNING FOR THE SAME OFFICE, BOTH ARE REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THE DETACHMENT.

MR. RICE WILL LEAVE INFORMATION ON NATIONAL CONVENTION TOURS FOR LOUISVILLE. NATIONAL HAS MADE THE FINAL POST CARD MAILINGS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP. MR. RICE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE NEC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK IN INDIANAPOLIS ANYONE WITH FINAL CWF DONATION CAN GET THEM TO HIM BEFORE HE DEPARTS ON THAT FRI 5/1/09 AT 6:00AM..

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE N.E.C. MAN REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Historian – RUSSELL B. SEVERSON REPORTED THAT THE HISTORY BOOK IS COMING TOGETHER HOWEVER HE STILL NEEDS SQUADRON HELP, SUCH AS PHOTOS OR ARTICLES TO INCLUDE IN THE BOOK.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE HISTORIAN REPORT, SECONDED BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), MOTION PASSED.

Department S.A.L. Chairman – DALE VANNES- EXTENDED CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DETACHMENT ON IT'S EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THIS YEAR. MR. VANNES NOTED THE HE WOULD WORK WITH THE POSTS TO HELP ENCOURAGE THEIR SQUADRONS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTIONS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Department S.A.L. Liaison – ROBERT STONE REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 31ST THERE WAS A REVIVE TO THE SALUTE TO THE LEGISLATURE, THREE ISSUES AROSE FROM THE VETERANS AFFAIRS THAT WERE OF CONCERN TO THE LEGION FAMILY ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNORS BUDGET A BED TAX IS TO BE IMPOSED AT KING AND UNION GROVE HOSPITALS FROM \$75 TO \$150. THERE WOULD BE SWITCH STAFF COSTS AT THE VETERANS MUSEUM FROM THE VETERANS TRUST FUND TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE AND IT IS PROPOSED TO ASSESS THE DEPARTMENTS BUDGET BY 1% WITH ASSESSMENTS ON LINE ITEMS SUCH AS THE GIFT AND DONATIONS TO THE VETERANS HOME AT KING.

APPROX. 3200 SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE ASSEMBLED AND HONORED WITH A SEND OFF AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM IN MADISON TUES FEB. 17TH. 3RD DISTRICT COMMANDER DENISE ROHAN SIGNED THE COVENANT ON BEHALF OF ALL WISCONSIN'S VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

THE AMERICAN LEGION SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS HAVE GONE OUT. THE AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY WHICH HAD ORIGINATED AS THE RESULT OF WWI IN 1919 IS NOW SOME 90 YEARS OLD.. EXTENDED CONGRATULATIONS TO THE S.A.L. IN THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ORATORICAL CONTEST, THE ORATORICAL NATIONAL CONTEST LETS OUT \$138,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS. AL RICHARDS (PDC) WHO IS VERY INVOLVED IN THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM FAMILY CAUSE REQUEST THAT WE ALL DO NOT FORGET THESE VETERANS FAMILIES WHILE THEY ARE AWAY. THE POST 911 GI BILL IS GOING INTO EFFECT AUG. 1ST. THIS WILL MAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR VETERANS.

MOTION WAS MADE MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE DEPT. LIAISON REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

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S.A.L. Liaison – MICHAEL LAWLER REPORTED THAT THE LEGION D.E.C. WILL BE IN TWO WEEKS
MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449), TO ACCEPT THE LIAISON REPORT, SECONDED PATRICK
GRYSKIEWICZ (093) BY MOTION PASSED.

Detachment Commander – KIRK HOVE REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, LA CROSSE
COUNTY BANQUET JAN 31ST 2009, THE ORATORICAL FINALS FEB 21ST 2009, MAR 7TH 2009 OPENING OF
LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT ALONG WITH OTHER DETACHMENT OFFICERS WHERE THEY BOWLED
THE DIRECTORS TEAM AND EVERYONE HAD FUN, APR. 17TH ATTENDED A SPAGHETTI FUND RAISER FOR
SQUADRON 214 DARLINGTON, APR 19TH 10TH DISTRICT LEGION CONFERENCE AT RIVER FALLS. ON THE 28TH
OF APRIL COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING LAURA BISHOP AT THE TOMAH VA TO
GET INVOLVED IN HIS VA REP DUTIES.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED
BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) MOTION PASSED.

National Vice Commander Central- DENNIS BLUE FROM MINN. INTRODUCED HIS WIFE LAURA AND
EXTENDED GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER TOMMIE CISNA. EXTENDED
CONGRATULATIONS TO LAKE GENEVA FOR BECOMING THE DETACHMENTS LATEST SQUADRON,
REMINDED ALL MEMBERS TO DUE SOMETHING FOR A VETERANS ON MAY 16TH AND TO CONTINUE THE
EFFORT ALL THE TIME ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE S.A.L. THIS PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE LARGEST
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CWF PROGRAM WITH \$1,000,000 AND GIFTS. THIS PAST YEAR NATION WIDE THE
S.A.L. HAS SPONSORED 504 BOYS TO BADGER BOYS STATE PROGRAM AND SPONSORED 143 BASEBALL
TEAMS, PERFORMED OVER 3000 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES.

MR. BLUE URGED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SQUADRONS TO TURN IN THEIR CONSOLIDATED
REPORT FORMS TO THE DETACHMENT OF WIS. IS DUE BY JUNE 1ST. IF YOU ARE A RETIRING OFFICER IT
CAN BE BENEFICIAL & IMPORTANT TO HAVE A RECOMMENDED VALUED REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR
POSITION.

NOTED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE IN PROPER DRESS AS AN OFFICER THIS GAINS RESPECT FROM
OTHERS. SQUADRONS ARE URGED TO DO THEIR OWN FUNCTIONS BUT REMEMBER TO ASSIST THE POST IN
THE MANPOWER AND ABILITY WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE NAT'L. VICE COMMANDERS
REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449) MOTION PASSED.

Resolutions, Motions & Petitions

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch
NONE PRESENTED

Unfinished Business

NONE

Appointment of Members of Standing or Special Committees

Made by Commander Kirk D. Hove

ADJUTANT LAWLER RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL SGT-AT-ARM FOR THE
STATE CONVENTION ONLY, THE NAMES OF BARRY PRINDLE (048) AND GARY LUBICK (121) WERE
SUBMITTED BOTH MEMBERS ACCEPTED THE POSITION

MOTION WAS MADE, BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS, SECONDED BY
THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

New Business

ADJUTANT LAWLER HAS BEEN ASKED BY MARK ARNESON CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL
COMMANDER TO BE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIRMAN FOR NEXT YEAR 2010, MR. LAWLER WAS
NOT SURE IF HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT HE ASKED IF ANYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL THIS
POSITION IN HIS PLACE, MIKE POOK (449) NOTED THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED AND REQUESTED MORE
INFORMATION ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION.

IT WAS NOTED FROM THE FLOOR THAT IT APPEARED THAT THERE WERE OFFICERS DELINQUENT
IN THEIR DUTIES BY MISSING MORE THAN TWO MEETINGS VICE COMMANDER RON HENDERSONS NAME
WAS CONFIRMED. BY RULE AS CONFIRMED BY THE ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE, MR. HENDERSON IS TO
BE AUTOMATICALLY DISMISSED AND THE COMMANDER SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE
POSITION UNTIL THE END OF CONVENTION.

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COMMANDER HOVE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS KELLY POWERS (158) SUBMITTED HIS NAME
COMMANDER HOVE APPOINTED MR. POWERS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE CHAMPENY (209), TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF KELLY
POWERS TO VICE COMMANDER UNTIL THE CONVENTION, SECONDED TOM KNOX (449) BY MOTION
PASSED.

Good of the Sons of The American Legion

SQUADRON 121 WILL BE HOLDING ITS 1ST ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER SAT. MAY 9TH 2009 AT THE
RIVER FALLS POST. PLEASE STOP BY AND SUPPORT THEM.

SQUADRON 437 MAZOMANIE TURNED A \$100 DONATION FOR THE COMMANDERS PROJECT CAMP
AMERICAN LEGION.

TOM KNOX ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM AT BADGER BOYS STATE EXTENDED AN
INVITATION TO ALL TO VISIT THE WEEK LONG COURSE IN GOVERNMENT JUNE 13TH TO 20TH 2009 FOR
YOUNG SCHOOL AGE PERSONS INCLUDING THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY ON THE 18TH.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DETACHMENTS DONATION OF THE COPIER IS WELL RECEIVED
AND NEEDED. LAWRENCE RICE NOTED THAT HE WOULD MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR THE
COPIER.

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

Gary Lee LeRoy