

**Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Wisconsin  
Spring D.E.C. Minutes 2008**

SATURDAY APRIL 26th, 2008 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES, THE SPRING D.E.C. MEETING BEING HELD AT SQUADRON 48, 236 SAINT LAWRENCE ST., BELOIT, WIS.

**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>	ELLIOTT W. JOHNSON	(158)	E
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	MARVIN E. JOHNSON	(158)	E
“	<b>VICE COMM.</b>	RON HENDERSON	(336)	E
“	<b>FINANCE OFFICER</b>	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“	<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	E
“	<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b>	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“	<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b>	COLIN MELTESEN	(129)	P
“	<b>N.E.C. MAN</b>	LAWRENCE A. RICE	(449)	P
“	<b>ALT. N.E.C. MAN</b>	PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	E
“	<b>ADJUTANT</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	<b>ASS'T. ADJUTANT</b>	GARY LEE LeROY	(294)	P
“	<b>HISTORIAN</b>	STEVEN M.CRAIG	(051)	E
“	<b>EDITOR</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	<b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	STEVEN C. CHAMPENY	(209)	E
“	<b>ASS'T. JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	E
DEPARTMENT	<b>COMMANDER</b>	DAVE KURTZ		E
“	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	ANTHONY SODA		E
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		-
“	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	MARTY CZARNECKI		-
“	<b>LIAISON</b>	ROBERT STONE		-
S.A.L.	<b>LIAISON</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
S.A.L.	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	KIRK D. HOVE	(158)	P
S.A.L.	<b>COMMITTEEMAN</b>	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P

**Roll Call District Chairman**

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

**Roll Call of Past Detachment Commanders**

DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH, DAVID R. FAUST, LAWRENCE A. RICE, MICHAEL L. LAWLER, KIRK D. HOVE

QUORUM WAS REPORTED PRESENT BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL L. LAWLER.

**Introduction of Guests**

TOMMIE CISNA FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL REGION CANDIDATE FOR SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER.

RALPH CARLTON SQUADRON 48 COMMANDER, LESTER SCHULTZ SQUADRON 48, JOHN CLAMPET SQUADRON 48, DAVID BLASER SQUADRON 214.

KATHY CISNA WIFE OF TOMMIE CISNA, JANICE LAWLER WIFE OF DETACHMENT ADJUTANT MICHAEL LAWLER

**Reading of The Previous Minutes**

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREVIOUS D.E.C. MINUTES AS POSTED AND MAILED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTIONED PASSED.

**Official Correspondence**

ADJUTANT LAWLER REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCES WERE RECEIVED.

THE USUAL ADMINISTRATIVE LETTERS AND MEMOS FROM THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM AUX. PRESIDENT ROSE WEGNER REMINDING THE DETACHMENT OF HER UPCOMING TESTIMONIAL DINNER MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, THERE ARE APPLICATIONS IN THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE AND SHE WOULD BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE.

COMMANDER HOVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BOB LOYD VICE PRESIDENT DISTRICT THREE LEGION RIDERS REQUESTING THAT THE DETACHMENT HELP SUPPORT THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND BY PURCHASING OR SELLING THE FIVE ENCLOSED RAFFLE TICKETS. COMMANDER HOVE HAS SOLD FOUR ALREADY ONE TO HIMSELF, ONE TO ADJUTANT LAWLER, ONE TO CANDIDATE TOMMIE CISNA, ONE TO ASSIST. ADJ. GARY LEE LEROY AND THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE LAST ONE COULD SEE THE HIM AFTER THE MEETING.

**Standing Commission Reports**  
**Constitution and By-Laws**

REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN, DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406)

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS PENDING FOR C/B/L.

HOWEVER THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON FROM THE LEGISLATIVE THAT THERE IS AN ON GOING FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE LEGISLATION AGAINST THE DESECRATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG WHICH THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS COMMITTED TO. A NEW RESOLUTION HAS BEEN MADE AND PRESENTED BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE CONGRESS TO HAVE THE POWER TO PROHIBIT THE DESECRATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON ANOTHER POINT THE AMERICAN LEGION IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF IS THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, U.S. CONGRESS, THE MEN AND WOMEN, LEADERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES ENGAGED IN THE COLD WAR ON TERRORISM. URGING ALL AMERICANS AND FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO STAND UNITED IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM AND UNITE IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE TROOPS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN PROTECTING OUR VALUES AND WAY OF LIFE.

**Resolutions**

NO REPORT

**Policy**

NO REPORT

**Legislative**

NO REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COLIN MELTESEN (129), MOTION PASSED.

**Internal Affairs**

REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN, KERRY SEVERSON (245)

**Commanders Advisory** – COMMISSION NOTED THAT COMMANDER HOVE IS DOING A GREAT JOB AND THAT HE CONTINUE TO PREPARE ARTICLES FOR THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE.

**Commanders Projects** – COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT THE PROJECT ARE GOING WELL AND THAT CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM THE DETACHMENT AND SQUADRONS ARE MAKING THE PROJECTS SUCCESSFUL.

**Fund Raising** – DONATIONS WERE MADE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND BY SQUADRON (437) \$25, SQUADRON (209) \$100. TOTAL OF \$125.00

DONATIONS WERE MADE TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS FUND BY SQUADRON (51) \$82, SQUADRON (209) \$100 SQUADRON (437) \$25. TOTAL OF \$207.00

**National Officers Campaign-** FOR THE NATIONAL CANDIDATES CAMPAIGN LAWRENCE A. RICE CONTINUES TO PLACE HIS NAME AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL 2009/2010 AND THAT NEXT WEEKEND AT THE N.E.C. HE SHOULD LEARN AND OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE MATTER, AT THIS TIME SUPPORT OF THE DETACHMENT IS PREMATURE.

PATRICK GRYSKIWICZ IS RUNNING FOR THE SAME OFFICE BUT AT THIS TIME HIS YEARS ARE OPEN.

**Scholarship-** THERE HAS BEEN ONE APPLICANT THAT WAS RECEIVED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. JUDGES WERE SELECTED DAVID R. FAUST (PNC.), DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (PNC) AND TOMMIE CISNA NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL , THE APPLICATION WAS JUDGED PER THE RULES OF THE DETACHMENT AND WAS FOUND TO BE SHORT BY 2 POINTS OF THE REQUIRED 75 POINTS TO AWARD. THE JUDGING PANEL WOULD NOT RECOMMEND AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON THE ACTUAL POINT TOTAL. AS IT WAS SO CLOSE IT WAS REFERRED TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSION TO DECIDE ON THE OUT COME OF THE APPLICANT. THE COMMISSION PUT IT FORTH FOR THE DETACHMENT BODY TO VOTE ON AWARD OF THE APPLICATION. FROM LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS AND BY THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMANDER THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES WOULD BE FINAL AND NO SCHOLARSHIP WOULD BE AWARDED THIS YEAR.

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

**Finance**

REPORTED BY FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406)

THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT AND FOUND THAT THE POSTAGE, PRINTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE LINE ITEMS HAVE CONTINUED TO INCREASE OVER THE BUDGETED AMOUNT. WITH THREE MONTHS LEFT ON THE BUDGET THE COMMISSION IS RECOMMENDING SOME RESTRAINT ON SPENDING BE EXERCISED IN THESE AREAS.

THERE ARE SOME OFFICERS THAT HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR BUDGET LINES, HOWEVER THE COMMISSION NOTES THAT THESE OFFICERS SHOULD STILL TURN IN VOUCHERS FOR REVIEW AT THE END OF THE YEAR AT CLOSING OF THE BOOKS.

THE SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT WAS REVIEWED AND FOUND TO BE IN ORDER.

REVIEWED THE NEW PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET, WHICH HAS BEEN TURNED IN AND IS BEING REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECT MAILING FUND RAISER HAS NETTED 1400 PLUS DOLLARS THESE FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THEIR DESIGNATED CATEGORIES.

OF COURSE DUE TO THE ECONOMY INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN AND THE DETACHMENT IS NOT EARNING AS MUCH AT THIS TIME.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY THE AMERICANISM COMM. \$200 FOR THE PURCHASE OF GET OUT AND VOTE SIGNS TO BE GIVEN TO EACH SQUADRON AT CONVENTION, COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMM. \$500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BANNER STAND AND TWO BANNERS FOR USE AT MEETINGS CONVENTION AND LENDING OUT TO SQUADRONS, COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BASED ON THIS WOULD BE UNDER NEXT YEARS BUDGET.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMM. \$500 FOR THE AWARDS FOR A E-MAIL GATHERING CONTEST TO BE RUN AFTER NEXT CONVENTION, COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BASED ON THIS WOULD BE UNDER NEXT YEARS BUDGET.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT AND SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY RODNEY P. FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**Standing Committee Reports**  
**Americanism**

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LAWLER (437)

**Americanism** – 20 COLORING CONTEST ENTRÉE'S WERE SUBMITTED FOR JUDGING RANGING FROM AGE 2 TO 17 MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER. JUDGES WERE SELECTED RODNEY P. FALL (108), DAVID BRAZER (214) AND NATIONAL CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL TOMMIE CISNA. THE JUDGES FELT THAT ALL ENTRÉE'S SHOULD BE PRESENTED A CITATION OF PARTICIPATION. FROM THE JUDGING ALL ENTRÉE'S WERE AWARDED A MONETARY AMOUNT BY AGE CATEGORIES AND TALENT OF THE ARTIST. ADJUTANT LAWLER WILL POST THE WINNERS ON THE WEB SITE, THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE 30 GET OUT AND VOTE SIGNS TO PRESENT TO SQUADRONS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION IN JULY, REQUEST OF AVAILABLE FUNDS WAS SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION.

IT WAS NOTED THAT S.A.L. ACCOMPLISHMENTS BE DISTRIBUTED.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION ON THE GET OUT AND VOTE SIGNS, BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437) AND SECONDED BY COLIN MELTESEN (129), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE GET OUT AND VOTE SIGNS, BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), SECONDED BY RODNEY P. FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**Children and Youth**

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN RALPH CARLTON (48)

**Child Welfare Foundation** – LETTER FROM RON WYATE THE CENTRAL REGION IS BEHIND ASKING THE SQUADRONS GET THEIR DONATIONS IN BY MAY 31. A CHALLENGE WAS PRESENTED BY SQUADRON 437 THAT THEIR \$25.00 DONATION BE MATCHED OR DOUBLED, SQUADRON 48 AND 108 DID MATCH SQUADRON 437'S CHALLENGE.

**Badger Boys State** – DISCUSSED THE NEED TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM AND HOW THEY MIGHT GET MORE INVOLVED.

**Education** –DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO HELP SQUADRONS TO GET TO KNOW YOUR OTHER SQUADRONS AND POST IN YOUR AREA OR DISTRICT. START TO CEMENT RELATIONS WITH OTHERS TO MAKE THE LEGION FAMILY GROW STRONGER.

**Oratorical – NO REPORT**

POST/SQUADRON 48 WILL BE HOLDING THEIR SECONDED ANNUAL RE DEDICATION OF AMERICA FOR A DONATION A CROSS IS PROVIDED WITH DONATORS NAME, THESE CROSS ARE PLACED AND LEFT UP UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), SECONDED BY RODNEY P. FALL (108), MOTION PASSED.

**Convention and Activities**

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMEN MICHAEL LAWLER AND GARY LEROY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CONVENTION WERE REVIEWED, IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT MINI-GOLF BE SELECTED AS THE ACTIVITY, IF APPROVED BY THE DETACHMENT THE ADJUTANT SHOULD CONTACT MICHAEL WAGONER TO SECURE INFORMATION AND SET-UP THE FUNCTION.

KENOSHA HAS PUT IN A BID FOR THE FALL D.E.C. MEETING OCT. 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS BID.

IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT THE SPRING AND FALL D.E.C. MEETINGS FOR 2009 BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS IN PORTAGE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION MOVED

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINI-GOLF AT THE CONVENTION BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

**C&A CONT'D.**

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SPRING AND FALL D.E.C. 2009 TO BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS IN PORTAGE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE APPROVAL OF KENOSHA SQUADRON 21 HOLDING THE FALL 2008 D.E.C. MEETING OCTOBER 25, BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

**Membership**

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN KIRK HOVE (158)

**Membership** – THE DETACHMENT IS IN 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN THE CENTRAL REGION WITH 2795 MEMBERS AT 93.48% PLACING WIS. IN 26<sup>TH</sup> PLACE NATIONWIDE. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT ADJ. LAWLER PLACE A REQUEST WITH DEPARTMENT ADJ. TERRY TROUTMAN TO PULL CHARTERS FROM 316 SHELDON AND 457 THIENSVILLE. THERE ARE STILL 3 SQUADRONS UNDER 10 MEMBERS THEY WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL CONVENTION BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN. THERE ARE SEVEN NEW SQUADRON AND 2 NEW INQUIRES. 399 OKAUCHEE STILL HAS NOT TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP THE COMMITTEE FEELS THEY NEED TO BE CONTACTED TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.

THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE MEMBERS NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON.

AS A CONTINUED RESULT OF RETURNS ON THE PUFL 64 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED 32 INDICATED FOR A DETACHMENT RUN PROGRAM, 19 WERE IN FAVOR OF A NATIONAL RUN PROGRAM AND 13 DID NOT CARE EITHER WAY. STILL WITH ONLY 64 RESPONSES THE COMMITTEE STILL CAN NOT FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION OR DECISION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRK HOVE (158) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

**Public Relations**

REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LAWLER

**Badger Legionnaire** – COME THE TIME OF YEAR FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE S.A.L. COMMANDERS ARTICLES GET BUMPED, HOWEVER P.R. SUGGESTS THAT THE COMMANDER CONTINUE TO WRITE AND SUBMIT THE ARTICLE ANYWAY. THE S.A.L. HAS OVER 300 ADDRESSES THAT HAVE PROBLEMS EVERYONE SHOULD WORK ON THIS TO GET THEM CORRECTED.

**SALute** – AS THIS YEARS BUDGET HAS TIGHTENED UP THE NEXT SALute ISSUE WILL NOT GO OUT UNTIL AFTER THE CONVENTION AND IN A NEW BUDGET YEAR., IT WILL ALSO BE REFORMULATED IN ITS LAYOUT TO SAVE SPACE AND PAGES.

**Nalpa and Walpa** – ANYONE CAN JOIN THESE GROUPS. THE ADJUTANT IS GOING TO WORK ON ADDING THESE AS A LINK TO THE WEB SITE.

**Web Site** – TOMMIE CISNA GAVE THE DETACHMENT AN AT-A-BOY FOR THE DESIGN AND STRUCTURE OF THE WEB SITE AND TO MAKE IT BETTER SUGGESTED TO HAVE MORE LINKS AVAILABLE FROM THE LEGION AND AUX..

TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATIONS THE COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING A CONTEST TO SECURE E-MAILS OF MEMBERS, 20 \$25 PRIZES WOULD BE AWARDED, THIS WOULD BE LAUNCHED AT THE CONVENTION AND THE WINNERS WOULD BE DRAWN AT THE MID WINTER MEETING. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THE FUNDS TO COVER THE PRIZES FROM FINANCE.

THE COMMITTEE IS PROPOSING THAT A BANNER STAND AND TWO BANNERS BE SECURED TO USE AT CONVENTION AND LEND TO SQUADRONS FOR THERE EVENTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED FUNDS FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

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BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDS FOR A E-MAIL CONTEST BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation**

REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN RODNEY P. FALL (108)

NATIONAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE DAY IS SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2008 THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ALL SQUADRONS PARTICIPATE AND HELP OUT ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE PERSONAL (IE LAWN YARD WORK, PROVIDE NEEDED TRANSPORTATION, SHOPPING, A NEEDED NIGHT OUT OR JUST PLAIN CONVERSATION).

REPS ARE NEEDED FOR THE TOMAH AND U. P. VA THE COMMITTEE IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND ASKING THE ADJ. GET THE WORD OUT TO THE SQUADRON / DETACHMENT MEMBERSHIP REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS.

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

**Special Guest**

N.E.C. MAN LAWRENCE RICE INTRODUCED CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL TOMMIE CISNA FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. MR. CISNA INTRODUCED HIS WIFE AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER KATHY CISNA AND PROCEEDED TO GIVE THE DETACHMENT GREETINGS AND A HISTORY OF HIMSELF. HE ALSO CITED THAT HARD WORK MAKES THE PROGRAM, DETACHMENT, AND SQUADRONS WORK. AMERICANISM AND VA&R Are VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND THAT THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FILL OUT AND SUBMIT.

**Officer Reports**

**Vice Commander** – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:  
DISTRICT NO. 1,2,3, NO. OF SQUADRONS 40, 1<sup>ST</sup> 85.89%, 2<sup>ND</sup> 111.34%, 3<sup>RD</sup> 100.60%, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 0, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 21, SQUADRONS AT 100% 24, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 21, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 2 AND CONTACTS MADE MANY. ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, HIS OWN SQUADRON MEETING. FROM HIS DISTRICT KERRY CITED THAT SQUADRON 48 BELOIT IS AT 175%, 91 OCONOMOWOC IS AT 172%, 189 WATERTOWN IS AT 158%. 522 HUBERTUS IS AT 133%.

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

**Vice Commander** – ELLIOTT W. JOHNSON (158) - REPORTED (BY E-MAIL)  
DISTRICT NO. 6, 8, 9, NO. OF SQUADRONS 14, TOTAL MEM. AS OF LAST D.E.C. 387, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 0, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 3, SQUADRONS AT 100% 7, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 4, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 3 AND CONTACTS 16. NO ATTENDED EVENTS.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE WRITTEN REPORT BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**Vice Commander** – MARVIN E. JOHNSON (158) - REPORTED (BY E-MAIL)  
DISTRICT NO. 10, 11, 12, NO. OF SQUADRONS 10, TOTAL MEM. AS OF LAST D.E.C. 241, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 1, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 5, SQUADRONS AT 100% 5 SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 3, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 0 AND MADE MANY CONTACTS NO ANSWERS. NO ATTENDED EVENTS.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE WRITTEN REPORT BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**Vice Commander** – RON HENDERSON (336)- REPORTED (BY E-MAIL)  
DISTRICT NO. 4, 5, 7, NO. OF SQUADRONS 24, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 0, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 13, SQUADRONS AT 100% 13, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 4, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 1, MADE MANY CONTACTS ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, LA CROSSE COUNTY MEETING, SQUADRON MEETING 51, 284, 336.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE WRITTEN REPORT BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**Chaplain** – RONALD FAUST (245) - NO REPORT

**National Executive Committeeman** – LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) NOTED THAT MEETINGS HAVE NOT BEEN HELD YET SO HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT, HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SQUADRON 21 KENOSHA TO HOST THE FALL DEC.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), SECONDED BY COLIN MELTESEN (129), MOTION PASSED.

**Alternate N.E.C. Man** – PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093)-NO REPORT

**Historian** – STEVEN CRAIG (051) – NO REPORT

**Department S.A.L. Chairman** - TONY SODA ( DALE VANNES ) – NO REPORT

**Department S.A.L. Liaison** – ROBERT STONE - NO REPORT

**S.A.L. Liaison** – MICHAEL LAWLER – NO REPORT

**Commander** – KIRK HOVE (158) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 THE AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST IN RIPPON, FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>, S.A.L. LA CROSSE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AT HOLMAN, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT IN LA CROSSE, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, WINGS & SHRIMP FUNDRAISER S.A.L. SQUADRON 336 ONALASKA, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> FISH FRY SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 236 BOYD. MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DAVID KURTZ TESTIMONIAL DINNER GLENDALE WI., APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> S.A.L. SQUADRON 385 VERONA SQUADRON MEETING, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> COMBINED AMERICAN LEGION S.A.L. MEETING BOYD 326, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN LEGION 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAN LEGION 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE PESHTIGO WI..

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

#### District Chairman

**10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**-KARL ADANK REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT WITH THE COMMANDER, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONFERENCES, SQUADRON 48 BELOIT IS 100%.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY KARL ADANK (158), SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), MOTION PASSED.

**12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**- ROBERT DANIELSON REPORTED HE ATTENDED THE MID-WINTER IN WISCONSIN RAPIDS, 12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT D.E.C. MEETINGS, DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF SQUADRON 316 SHELDON WITH COMMANDER JOHN SILVERNALE. MR. DANIELSON HAS BECOME AN ASSOCIATE REP FOR THE VA IN MINNEAPOLIS THE COMMITTEE MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR, MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY. AT THE VA OVER 500,000 OUTPATIENT VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE, THE VA IS CURRENTLY BUILDING A FACILITY FOR BLINDNESS REHABILITATION.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY RODNEY P. FALL (108), SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

#### Receive Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

**Resolutions** – NONE

**Petitions** – NONE

**Motions** - NONE

#### Unfinished Business

NONE

#### Appointments of Members of Standing or Special Committees

NONE

**New Business**

IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE TOMMIE CINSIA FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL A MOTION WAS MADE TO PURCHASE FOR EACH DETACHMENT MEMBER PRESENT A CAMPAIGN COIN BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED BY ROBERT DANIELSON THAT MEMBERS OF SQUADRON 108 HAD BEEN REJECTED FOR THE \$1000 INSURANCE PROGRAM BASED ON A MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT. IT WAS QUESTIONED AS TO IF THIS WAS CORRECT OR NOT AS THE FORMS DO NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE AGE RESTRICTIONS. ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THERE IS CONFUSION TO THE MATTER THAT WISCONSIN S.A.L. MEMBERS MAY NOT EVEN BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM AND HE IS CURRENTLY CHECKING THIS WITH THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT TERRY TROUTMAN.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THE OFFICER REPORT FORMS AND THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FROM WHICH HAS BEEN MAILED NEED TO BE FILL OUT AND RETURNED TO THE DETACHMENT BY JUNE 1st. THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES FROM THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, 11, 437, 214, 189, 48, 406, 417, 387, 355, 339, 220, 155, 143, 84, 63, 62, 18, 120, 118 AND 108.

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

KIRK HOVE ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE OFFICE OF DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR 2009.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT A THANK YOU NOTE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE "USO" FOR THE DETACHMENT DONATION TO THE "USO'S" SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROGRAM.

IT WAS NOTED THAT DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER MARVIN JOHNSON WAS STILL RECOVERING AND THAT THE DETACHMENT SHOULD SEND A CARD TO HIM.

(PDC) COMMANDER GEORGE BROWN IS SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND THE DETACHMENT SHOULD SEND A CARD. IN ADDITION MR. BROWNS WIFE IS ALSO ILL.

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

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

*Gary Lee LeRoy*