

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

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2009 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER THE WINTER 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)	P
“ - VICE COMM.	RON A. HENDERSON	(336)	A
“ - VICE COMM.	ERIC J. TORSTENSON	(183)	E
“ - VICE COMM.	DAVID A. BLAZER	(214)	A
“ - FINANCE OFFICER	DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH	(406)	P
“ - CHAPLAIN	RONALD F. FAUST	(245)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	RODNEY P. FALL	(108)	P
“ - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	COLIN H. MELTESEN	(129)	E
“ - 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		P
“ - A. L. CHAIRMAN	DALE VANNES		-
“ - 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)	E
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)	A
NINTH DISTRICT -			-
TENTH DISTRICT -	KARL ADANK	(158)	P
ELEVENTH DISTRICT -	PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ	(093)	P
TWELFTH DISTRICT -	ROBERT DANIELSON	(108)	E
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT -	DENNIS BLUE	(MN)	-

Past Detachment Commanders Present

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

QUORUM PRESENT, REPORTED BY THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

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Introduction Of Guests

Presented By Commander Kirk D. Hove

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN COMMANDER: JAMES REIGEL

KELLY POWERS (158 MAIDEN ROCK), TRAVIS LOCHWOOD (48 BELOIT), BERRY PRINDLE (48 BELOIT), JOHN N. COOPER (48 BELOIT), MARY LOU PRITZLAFF (UNIT 18 MILWAUKEE), JODY BRITZEMEN (UNIT 18 MILWAUKEE), BOB BRITZEMEN (18 MILWAUKEE), TOM SMOLKO (120 TANNER PAULL), PETE PAPAGEORGE (120 TANNER PAULL), MIKE POOK (449 BROOKFIELD).

COMMANDER REIGEL GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN AND NOTED THAT THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION IN THAT THE OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE IS BEING PRESENTED TO SUPPORT ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE 32ND BRIGADE WHICH WILL BE ACTIVATED IN LATE FEBRUARY AND DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN APRIL, AS THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY IT IS ALSO ASKED THAT THE SONS HELP IN ACCOMPLISHING OF THIS MISSION.

ON ANOTHER NOTE IF THERE SHOULD BE POSTS IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT ARE IN NEED OF HELP IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT THE S.A.L. ESTABLISH A SQUADRON TO ASSIST THE POST AND INCREASE THE FORCE MULTIPLIER TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION'S OF OUR RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.

ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION THE LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEED TO CONTINUE TO PUT FOURTH THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF SUCH THINGS AS THE 77 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR IN BENEFITS FOR WISCONSIN VETERANS, THAT CAMP AMERICAN LEGION SERVICED 440 VETERANS THIS PAST YEAR, THAT BADGER BOYS STATE PROVIDED 818 YOUNG ADULTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL EDUCATION, THAT 148 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS WERE SPONSORED AND APPLETON WISCONSIN HAS BEEN SELECTED TO HOST THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT STARTING IN AUGUST OF NEXT YEAR. THERE WERE 4702 FUNERAL HONORS PERFORMED THIS PAST YEAR, 4671 PINTS OF BLOOD WERE DONATED IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CROSS THIS PAST YEAR, 250.000 VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE PROVIDED TO THE VA HOSPITALS THIS PAST YEAR.

FEBUARARY 17TH AT THE ALLIANT CENTER IN MADISON ALL 3500 MEMBERS OF THE 32ND AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE PRESENT, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL IS ASKING THAT ALL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO COME FORWARD TO SIGN A PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THOSE FAMILIES OF THE TROOP BEING DEPLOYED.

PETE PAPAGEORGE CURRENT ADJUTANT (TANNER-PAULL 120) PRESENTED AND EXPLAINED THE "HONOR GROUNDS" PROGRAM WHICH IS A FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL SQUADRONS AND THE WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY SUPPORT FUND. WITH EVERY BAG OF COFFEE SOLD .50 AUTOMATICALLY GOES THE LEGION FAMILY SUPPORT FUND, \$1.00 GOES TO THE SELLING SQUADRON, ALL OF THE MONIES STAY WITHIN THE STATE. SPECIAL FAMILY AND VETERANS STORIES CAN BE ADDED TO THE BAGS OF COFFEE AS ADVERTISEMENTS OF HONOR THIS IS WHAT MAKES THIS PROGRAM SPECIAL TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND YOUR SQUADRONS LOCAL AREA.

Reading Of The Previous Minutes

Presented By Detachment Assistant Adjutant Gary Lee LeRoy

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE FALL D. E. C. MINUTES AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245), 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.

THE CONVENTION SURVEY RETURNS ARE STARTING TO COME IN MORE WOULD BE REPORTED AT A LATER DATE.

A REQUEST FOR COMMANDER HOVE AND OTHER OFFICERS TO APPEAR IN LA CROSSE FOR AN EVENT.

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IN ADDITION AS HE HAD SOME RETURN MAIL ADDRESSES HE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT ADJUTANTS AND SQUADRONS KEEP UP ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS DATA BASES MAKING SURE THEY ARE UP TO DATE AND CORRECT.

THERE WILL BE A SYMPATHY CARD PASSED AROUND FOR EVERYONE TO SIGN FOR PATRICK SHEA PDC OF OHIO AND CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER FOR 2010 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

COMMISSIONS

Constitution & By – Laws

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch

LEGISLATIVE – COMMITTEE RE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING A WREATH AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE DUE TO COST AND AS NO ONE IS HAS VOLUNTEERED OR STATED THEY WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE IT IS NOW RECOMMENDED THAT THE DETACHMENT FORGO THE PROVIDING OF A WREATH. TOM KNOX AND PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ VOLUNTEERED TO SEND THE ADJUTANT AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO OBTAIN NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE UP-DATES TO SHARE WITH THE DETACHMENT.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS –AGAIN IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SQUADRONS HAVE THESE DOCUMENTS IN PLACE AND FORWARD THEM TO THE DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR REVIEW. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SQUADRONS COULD PATTERN THEIRS AROUND AN EXISTING SQUADRON, THE DETACHMENT AND OR THE TEMPLATE THAT IS FOUND IN THE SQUADRON HANDBOOK ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DETACHMENT ADJUTANT.

POLICY – NO REPORT

RESOLUTIONS – NO RESOLUTIONS WERE RECEIVED HOWEVER THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED DEC-01-08 ENDORSEMENT OF PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL REGION APPROVED AT THE KENOSHA D.E.C. MEETING. THIS WILL BE PRESENTED AND READ AT THE 2009 CONVENTION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Internal Affairs

Reported By Acting Chairman Kerry L. Severson

COMMANDERS ADVISORY – CONSENSUS HAS IT THAT COMMANDER HOVE IS CONTINUING TO DO A PROPER JOB AND EFFORT.

COMMANDERS PROJECT – IS CAMP AMERICAN LEGION THE FOLLOWING HAVE DONATED TO THE CAUSE CLEAR LAKE #108 (\$60), MAZOMANIE #437 (\$25), FOND DU LAC #75 (\$4), TANNER-PAULL #120 (\$48), 19 100% SQUADRONS BY VETERANS DAY (\$190), ORFORDVILLE #209 (\$176) AND DARLINGTON #214 (\$104) FOR A TOTAL OF \$607.00 TO DATE. OTHER DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE N.E.F. (NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND) BY MAZOMANIE #437 (\$25), ORFORDVILLE #209 (\$100) FOR A TOTAL OF \$125.00.
SQUADRONS SHOULD BE REMINDED TO CHANNEL DONATIONS THRU THE DETACHMENT.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES 2010 – NO REPORT

NATIONAL OFFICERS CAMPAIGN – NO REPORT

OFFICERS WORKSHOP – NO REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP – NO APPLICATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS OF THIS DATE. IF A SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE AWARDED IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A RANKING DETACHMENT OFFICER BE THERE TO PRESENT THE AWARD AT THE SCHOOL CEREMONY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), MOTION PASSED.

Finance

Reported By Finance Officer Dennis F. Stockfisch

COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR ALL SEEMS TO BE ON TRACK HOWEVER THE LINE ITEM FOR THE LAST WORKSHOP RAN A LITTLE OVER. THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT IS SOLID BUT DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION THE INTEREST GAIN IS NOT SO GOOD AT THIS TIME.

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THE COMMISSION SET AND REVIEWED THE NEXT YEARS 2009/2010 BUDGET, INCREASES WERE MADE IN ALL OFFICER LINE ITEMS, MEMBERSHIP, ADMINISTRATIVE, PLAQUES AND AWARDS, PROGRAM COMMITTEES AND THE LINE ITEM OFF MISC. OFFICERS WAS DELETED.

VOUCHERS AND THE RULES OF DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN REVISED AND WILL GO INTO EFFECT AUG. 1ST. ALL CATEGORIES WITH IN THE VOUCHER HAVE BEEN INCREASED IN VALUE. CHAIRMAN STOCKFISCH READ THE RULES WITH THERE CHANGES TO THE DETACHMENT BODY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449), FROM DISCUSSION FINANCE CHAIRMAN DENNIS STOCKFISCH AMENDED HIS REPORT TO INCLUDE THAT THE FUNDS REQUEST FROM THE VA&R COMMITTEE FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$200 EACH FOR PLAQUES AT KING AND UNION GROVE THAT WAS TABLED FROM THE FALL DEC IN KENOSHA WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR THE 2009/2010 BUDGET BY THE FINANCE COMMISSION, MOTION PASSED.

COMMITTEES

Americanism

Reported By Acting Chairman David R. Faust

COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF POSSIBLY DOING A 30 MINUTE FLAG EDUCATION WORKSHOP AT THE STATE CONVENTION DEPENDENT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT AND IF THEY ALL READY DO HAVE ONE COULD THE S.A.L. BE INVITED TO THAT OR NOT. FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AT THE SPRING MEETING FURTHER PURSUING THIS ISSUE.

DISCUSSED THAT S.A.L. GET MORE INVOLVED IN BOY SCOUTING PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE A COLORING CONTEST AGAIN IN THE 2009/2010 YEAR, MONIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR THE PRIZE LEVELS OF \$25 FIRST, \$15 SECOND, \$10 THIRD IN FIVE DIFFERENT AGE GROUP. SQUADRON 449 HAS VOLUNTEERED TO SECURE NEW DRAWINGS FOR THE CONTEST.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RUSS SEVERSON (313) TO ACCEPT THE AMERICANISM REPORT, WITH SEPARATE ACTION ON THE COLORING CONTEST, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE RUNNING OF A COLORING CONTEST FOR 2009/2010, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Children & Youth

Reported By Acting Chairman Michael L. Lawler

COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET HOWEVER ADJUTANT LAWLER HAD THESE ITEMS, CWF DONATIONS HAVE COME IN FROM BLACK RIVER FALLS (129) \$512.13, MAZOMANIE (437) \$25.00, MAIDEN ROCK (158) \$47.00, CLEAR LAKE (108) \$60.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$644.13.

JOSH DOGS CAN BE OBTAINED THRU NATIONAL AT A COST OF \$39.00 PLUS \$10.00 SHIPPING FOR A TOTAL OF \$49.00. TODAY YOU CAN GET ONE FROM OUR POUND AT \$45.00, SEE POUND MASTER M. LAWLER AFTER THE MEETING.

COMMANDER HOVE HAS RECEIVED DONATION CANISTERS FROM CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION THESE ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE SQUADRONS DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF FUNDS BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IS IN TO THE DETACHMENT BY OR AT THE SPRING DETACHMENT EXEC. MEETING..

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) TO ACCEPT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT, Who SECONDED, MOTION PASSED.

Convention And Activities

Reported By Chairman Patrick N.Gryskiewicz

COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS, WHICH WAS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO HAVE ONE.

THIS YEARS STATE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE WYNDHAM HOTEL NEAR THE AIRPORT IN MILWAUKEE. ALL LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD HERE.

ACTIVITIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CONVENTION ARE BATTING CAGE PARK, MINI-GOLF, BOWLING, POSSIBLE BREWERS GAME, MILLER PARK TOUR, HARLEY DAVIDSON TOUR.

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FOR THE 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION PIN CONTEST THERE WAS A SUBMISSION BUT IT WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE COMMITTEE AND DEEMED UNUSABLE AS IT DID NOT REPRESENT THE S.A.L. NATIONAL CONVENTION THEME BY THE DESIGN PRESENTED. AS THERE IS NO WINNER OF THE CONTEST

THE PRIZE MONIES THAT WERE SET ASIDE ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE DONATED TO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION.

FOR THE CONVENTION IT WAS DISCUSSED IF THE DETACHMENT COULD SET A BOOTH AND DISPLAY PERTAINING TO THE S.A.L. AND ITS OPERATIONS IT APPEARS TO BE FINE WITH THE CONVENTION CORPORATION AND IT SHOULD NOT COST DETACHMENT MUCH OR ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL TO MAN THE BOOTH DURING THAT TIME.

AGENDA FOR THE CONVENTION HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMANDER APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND DESIGN THE CONVENTION PIN.

SQUADRON 75 IS SHOWING INTEREST IN HOSTING A D.E.C. MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVENTION & ACTIVITIES REPORT, SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE ADJUTANT COORDINATE WITH THE NATIONAL ADJ. ON WHAT SUPPLIES THEY COULD OR WOULD SUPPLY FOR THE BOOTH AT CONVENTION LOCATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE THE MIDWEST EXPRESS CENTER IN MILWAUKEE 2010. IS THERE GOING TO BE ANY CONSIDERATION FOR A S.A.L. DINNER AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. MOTION PASSED.

Membership

Reported By Chairman Steven C. Champeny

CURRENTLY THE DETACHMENT IS AT 2319 PAID MEMBERS, 76% OF LAST YEARS 3,048 GOAL, THERE ARE 9 GOOSE EGG SQUADRONS, 33 SQUADRONS AT 100% OR MORE. PLACING WISCONSIN IN FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND 6TH PLACE NATIONWIDE. THE DETACHMENTS NEXT MEMBERSHIP DATE IS FEB. 7TH THE DETACHMENT SHOULD BE AT 90%, FEB. 11TH IS THE NATIONAL DATE AND SHOULD BE AT 75%.

THE PUFL IS STILL IN A HOLDING PATTERN BUT INVESTIGATION IS STILL CONTINUED, INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO WAS JUST RECEIVED TODAY AND NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED. WE STILL NEED A WAY TO SECURE MORE DOBS.

UNDER SQUADRON RECRUITMENT START UP PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT TO GRANTSBURG AND CAMPBELLSPORT. 100% MEMBERSHIP AWARDS ARE TO BE HANDED OUT LATER BY THE COMMANDER.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM KNOX (449) TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT, SECONDED BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS TURNED IN MEMBERSHIP (196) DELAFIELD, (48) BELOIT , (449) BROOKFIELD MOTION PASSED.

Public Relations

Reported By Chairman Michael Lawler

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WIS. AND THE DISCOVER WISCONSIN TELEVISION NETWORK WHICH WILL BE ENTERING A THREE YEAR CONTRACT TO RUN 2 YEARS OF PROGRAMMING IN HALF HOUR SPOTS OVER SEVEN MIDWEST STATES

HIGH LIGHTING THE BENEFITS OF THE WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION. IN SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE FELT THIS VENTURE WOULD ALSO HOPEFULLY SHOW BENEFITS FOR THE SON OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND IS REQUESTING \$250 FOR THIS YEAR AND \$250 FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND APPLIED TO THIS PROGRAM.

THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE IS CHANGING TO A FIVE WEEK PUBLICATION CYCLE INSTEAD OF MONTHLY THIS IS TO SAVE ON COST OF THE PUBLICATION. THIS WILL EFFECT THE S.A.L. IN THAT DETAILED ARTICLES AND OR PHOTOS FROM SQUADRONS AND OFFICERS WILL STILL NEED TO BE IN EARLY.

THE SALute WAS MAILED FROM HQ ON JAN 5TH BY BULK MAIL WHICH CAN STAY AT EACH MAIL STOP UP TO 10 DAYS BEFORE FINAL DELIVERY IS MET. DISCUSSIONS WERE HAD ON SUBSIDIZING THE COST OF THE SALute AS ONE ADDITION IS KILLING THE BUDGET, IDEAS WERE SECURING A BACKER OR BACKER BY POSSIBLY ADVERTISING.

IF A MEMBER OF YOUR POST OR SQUADRONS IS A EDITOR YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN NALPA AND OR WALPA.

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THE WEBSITE IS DOING WELL HOWEVER THE COMMITTEE IS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THE SITE. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO ADD CONTACT INFORMATION TO OFFICER PROFILES. IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS OPENING CERTAIN FILES JUST GETTING CODED SCRIPT IT IS RECOMMENDED TO CHANGE YOUR WEB BROWSER TO HTML THIS SHOULD CORRECT THE ISSUE. THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING INTO FACE BOOK, MY SPACE, SOCIAL / CORPORATE NETWORKING CURRENTLY THE DETACHMENT DOES HAVE A FACEBOOK WEB Group.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT WITH SEPARATE ACTION REQUEST FOR FUNDS SECONDED BY RODNEY FALL (108), FROM DISCUSSION SOME QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED BY THE ADJ. IN REGARD TO THE DISCOVER WISCONSIN PROGRAM. THE NEXT ISSUE SALUTE FOR THIS YEAR IS QUESTIONABLE DUE TO FINANCES BUT ARTICLES SHOULD STILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOTION PASSED.

BY SEPARATE ACTION MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449) TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF \$250 FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION / DISCOVER WISCONSIN PROGRAM, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS QUESTIONED IF FINANCES WERE AVAILABLE, FINANCE CHAIR DENNIS STOCKFISCH NOTED THE COMMISSION APPROVED THIS REQUEST AND FUND WERE AVAILABLE, MOTION PASSED.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Reported By Chairman Rodney P Fall

REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THAT THE VAVS REPRESENTATIVE (MICHAEL LAWLER) FOR THE VETERANS HOSPITAL AT MIDDLETON IS SEEKING THREE DEPUTY REPS BE APPOINTED TO ASSIST HIM. VOLUNTEER HELP POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FILE AND READING ROOMS. VOLUNTEERS COULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE 22 SQUADRONS WITHIN THE AREA. THE WM. S. MIDDLETON VA HOSPITAL WILL BE HOLDING A SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETS ON FEB 8TH, A ST. PATRICK DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL MARCH 15TH AND FORMER PRISONER OF WAR DAY APRIL 10TH.

ONE ITEM ON A WISH LIST FOR THE HOSPITAL ARE GLUCOSE METER MONITORING KIT FOR TRAINING THESE COST 98 DOLLARS IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE TO DONATE THE MONIES FOR THIS NEED. THE COMMITTEE HAS ISSUED A REQUEST TO FINANCE FOR THESE FUND.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED FUNDS TO PURCHASE (10) 30 MIN. DEDICATED PHONE CARDS FROM THE USO FOR DISTRIBUTION TO TROOPS OVERSEAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 TOTAL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (497) TO ACCEPT THE VA&R REPORT SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE PHONE CARDS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO TROOPS THAT ARE BEING PROCESSED THRU THE HOSPITAL IN GERMANY, IT WAS VERIFIED THAT MONIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE REQUEST, MOTION PASSED.

Officers Reports

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) DISTRICTS 2-9-11, NO. OF SQUADRONS AS OF THE LAST D.E.C. 22, TOTAL, NUMBER OF GOOSE EGGS 3, NUMBER OF SQUADRONS 100% OR MORE 7, NO. SQUADRONS AT 70% 6, THIENSVILLE (457) IS REQUESTING TO TURN IN THERE CHARTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) TO ACCEPT THE VICE COMMANDER REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

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

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

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

Fourth District Chairman – RUSS EVANSON REPORTED THAT HIS SQUADRON 18 MILWAUKEE IS AT 107%, 180 BAY VIEW IS AT 102%, 434 OAK CREEK IS AT 127%, 444 F.D. ROOSEVELT IS AT 100%, 120 TANNER-PAULL IS AT 96% ALL OF THE OTHERS ARE BETTER THAN 50%.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE 4TH DISTRICT CHAIRMANS REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Sixth District Chairman – VERN BARTELS REPORTED (BY SUBMITTED REPORT) 48 DUES NOTICES WERE SENT OUT FOR SQUADRON 75, 2008/2009, SQUADRON 75 IS PLANNING A FUND RAISER MS, SQUADRON 75 IS INTERESTED IN HOSTING A D.E.C. MEETING.

Twelfth District Chairman – ROBERT DANIELSON REPORTED (BY SUBMITTED REPORT) HE ATTENDED THE POLK COUNTY COUNCIL AT BALSAM LAKE NOV. 1ST, 12TH DISTRICT D.E.C. AT BALSAM LAKE NOV 1ST, VAVS DINNER AT FORT SNELLING CLUB ON NOV. 12TH, 12TH DISTRICT D.E.C. MEETING AT MINONG, WI. JAN 10TH, MID WINTER CONFERENCE AT MARSHFIELD JAN 16-18TH.

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HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON JAN 24TH IN ST. CROIX FALLS.

THERE IS NO WORD ON THE BIRCHWOOD SQUADRON YET. NOV. 11TH, THERE WAS A VETERANS DAY PROGRAM HELD AT THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN VETERANS CEMETERY AT SPOONER. PER THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008 IT IS ALLOWED THAT VETERANS CAN SALUTE THE FLAG WITHOUT BEING IN UNIFORM. 12TH DISTRICT WILL BE HOLDING A AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY EVERYONE IS WELCOME IT WILL BE HELD AT CLUB 8 IN LADYSMITH.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) TO ACCEPT THE 12TH AND 4TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Chaplain – RONALD F. FAUST- NO REPORT

N.E.C.- Man – LAWRENCE A. RICE REPORTED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) TO ACCEPT THE N.E.C. MAN REPORT, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT PAT SHEA LEADING CANDIDATE FOR S.A.L. NATIONAL COMMANDER YEAR 2010 FUNERAL WAS YESTERDAY, THERE IS A CARD BEING PASSED AROUND FOR THE FAMILY, MOTION PASSED.

Historian – RUSSELL B. SEVERSON REPORTED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON THIS HISTORY BOOK HE NEEDS SQUADRON PHOTOS OR ARTICLES TO INCLUDE IN THE BOOK. HELPED ADJUTANT LAWLER GET THE SALUTE READY FOR MAILING.

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

Department S.A.L. Chairman – DALE VANNES-NO REPORT

Department S.A.L. Liaison – ROBERT STONE REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHELDON SQUADRON WAS THAT IT HAD SEEMED TO BE A GOOD IDEA FOR SOME MEMBERS THERE BUT PERSONNEL IS SHORT IN THAT AREA AND ONE OF THE FOUNDING AND DRIVING MEMBER HAD PASSED AWAY. HE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS PRESENTING THE DETACHMENTS CONCERNS WITH GALE JANSON CANDIDATE FOR AUX PRESIDENT OF GRANTSBURG POST SHE WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ISSUE TO THE MEMBERSHIP TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET THE S.A.L. BACK ON TRACK. ATTENDED THE MID WINTER IN MARSHFIELD AND COMMENTED THAT IT WAS GOOD THAT THIS BECAME A 3 DAY EVENT BUT IT DID ALSO HAVE SOME DRAW BACKS AS IT WAS HARD TO ATTEND ALL OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS, TRAINING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS THAT WERE AVAILABLE. LEO ENDRES THIRD DISTRICT IS RUNNING AT THIS POINT UNOPPOSED FOR DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND THERE ARE 5 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE FOUR VICE COMMANDER POSITIONS.

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

S.A.L. Liaison – MICHAEL LAWLER REPORTED THAT MOST OF HIS ITEMS HAVE BEEN COVERED BY OTHER REPORTS. HE DID ADDRESS THE LEGION D.E.C. AT MIDWINTER AND ATTENDED SEVERAL TRAINING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS. HE NOTED THAT THESE LEGION SESSIONS AND WORKSHOP ARE VERY WELL PUT TOGETHER AND ARE VERY BENEFICIAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE OPEN TO THE S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE PART IN. NEED TO WORK ON SQUADRONS TO PROVIDE DOB'S FOR THIER MEMBERS. THE CONVENTION SURVEY HAS GONE OUT ON LINE AND BY MAIL THE SURVEY WILL HOPEFULLY DIRECT SOME IDEAS FOR CHANGES IN THE CONVENTION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRUYSKIEWICZ (093) TO ACCEPT THE LIAISON REPORT, SECONDED BY TOM KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

Detachment Commander – KIRK HOVE REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, DEPT. PAST COMMANDERS ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET NOV 1ST. COMMUNITY VETERANS DAY DINNER AND PROGRAM NOV 8TH, CLEAR LAKE, VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT MONDOVI HIGH SCHOOL NOV. 11TH, FISH FRY SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 IN BOYD WI. NOV 14TH, COMMANDER JAMES REIGEL'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER NOV. 15TH AT MARSHFIELD AND THE AMERICAN LEGION MID WINTER CONFERENCE JAN 17TH & 18TH IN MARSHFIELD.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093) TO ACCEPT THE COMMANDERS REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

Receive Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

Reported By Chairman Dennis F. Stockfisch

NONE PRESENTED

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Unfinished Business

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT THE VICE COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN SHOULD GET THE OUTSTANDING AWARDS AND DISTRIBUTED THE TO THE SQUADRONS.

Appointment of Members of Standing or Special Committees

Made by Commander Kirk D. Hove

Scholarship chairman – LAWRENCE RICE

VA&R Deputy Rep at Madison- RUSS EVENSON

Two assist. to aid in the design of the 2010 Convention pin- RODNEY FALL AND MIKE BYERS (PENDING HIS ACCEPTANCE)

Officers Development Team – DAVID FAUST CHAIR, TOM KNOX, AND DENNIS STOCKFISCH AS AN ALTERNATE.

MOTION WAS MADE, BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209) TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS, SECONDED BY THOMAS A. KNOX (449), MOTION PASSED.

New Business

COMMANDER HOVE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND THE OPENING DAY CEREMONIES MARCH 7TH FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT TO FORM A TEAM ALONG WITH HIMSELF. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AGREED KARL ADANK KELLY POWERS, KERRY SEVERSON AND TOM KNOX AS A ALTERNATE.

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A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS CALLED BY COMMANDER HOVE FOR PNVC PATRIC SHEA.

THE FOLLOWING SQUADRONS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP BY NOV. 11TH. 21, 48, 15, 18, 84, 129, 150, 155, 180, 189, 220, 245, 294, 313, 375, 406.

SQUADRON 449 TURNED IN A \$200 DONATION FOR CAMP AMERICAN LEGION.

THE ADJUTANTS WERE FINED FOR NON BLUE SAL DRESS SHIRTS.

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACY FOR DETACHMENT OFFICE:

DETACHMENT COMMANDER- MIKE POOK

DETACHMENT COMMANDER- KELLY POWERS

DETACHMENT COMMANDER- KERRY SEVERSON

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER- KARL ADANK

DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER- RUSS SEVERSON

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

Gary Lee LeRoy