



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

SATURDAY JANUARY 26th, 2008 COMMANDER KIRK D. HOVE CALLED TO ORDER WITH THE PROPER OPENING CEREMONIES, THE MIDWINTER D.E.C. MEETING BEING HELD AT WISCONSIN RAPIDS IN THE McMILLAN LIBRARY FINE ARTS CENTER.

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 W. JOHNSON	(158)	E
“	VICE COMM.	MARVIN E. JOHNSON	(158)	E
“	VICE COMM.	RON HENDERSON	(336)	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 MELTESEN	(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
“	ASS’T. ADJUTANT	GARY LEE LeROY	(294)	P
“	HISTORIAN	STEVEN M.CRAIG	(051)	A
“	EDITOR	MICHAEL L. LAWLER	(437)	P
“	JUDGE ADVOCATE	STEVEN C. CHAMPENY	(209)	P
“	ASS’T. JUDGE ADVOCATE	THOMAS A. KNOX	(449)	A
DEPARTMENT	COMMANDER	DAVE KURTZ		P
“	CHAIRMAN	ANTHONY SODA		E
“	COMMITTEEMAN	WAYNE CHRISTENSEN		-
“	COMMITTEEMAN	MARTY CZARNECKI		-
“	LIAISON	ROBERT STONE		-
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 District Chairman

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

Roll Call of Past Detachment Commanders

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

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

Introduction of Guests

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DAVID KURTZ GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT AND ITS GUESTS, APOLOGIZING FOR HIS LATENESS NOTING OF COURSE THAT AS COMMANDER IT HAS BEEN A BUSY HECTIC MID WINTER SO FAR FOR HIM. HOWEVER HE IS PLEASED AND PRIVILEGED TO BE ADDRESSING THE DETACHMENT TODAY. WHILE DURING A VISIT TO THE VA HOSPITAL IN IRON WOOD MICHIGAN HE MET A YOUNG IRAQI VETERAN WHO WAS IN REHAB FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED IN IRAQ AND A WWII 84 YEAR OLD VETERAN. THE COMMANDER NOTED THAT THE COMMON THREAD BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ALL VETERANS WHO SERVE IS THE COMMITMENT THEY HAVE TO SERVE AND DEFEND OUR COUNTRY, DURING HIS RETURN TRIP HE STOPPED IN CRANDON WIS. HE RAN INTO A VETERAN WHO HAS 60 YEARS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION. THIS ILLUSTRATED TO HIM THAT EVERYONE WITHIN THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLL AND COMMITMENT TO PLAY WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION FROM MEMBER TO OFFICER TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY IN CARRYING ON ITS PROGRAMS AND VALUES IN SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTRIES IDEALS.

COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED COMMANDER KURTZ AN S.A.L. AND A FLAG PIN ON BEHALF OF THE DETACHMENT.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ROSE WENGER GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT FROM THE AUXILIARY AND WISHED THE DETACHMENT A SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING, ALSO SHE MADE NOTE THAT ALL FACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS BEEN STARTED AND STRIVE TO MAKE THE LEGION FAMILY EVEN STRONGER. COMMANDER HOVE PRESENTED MRS. WENGER AN S.A.L. AND A FLAG PIN ON BEHALF OF THE DETACHMENT.

S.A.L. NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, JOHN KAILUNAS GAVE GREETINGS TO THE DETACHMENT AND SIGHTING THE NEED TO GET OUT AND SECURE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SQUADRONS AND DETACHMENTS AND THAT THE KEY WORD IS TO JUST ASK. IN ADDITION HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE SQUADRONS AND DETACHMENT TO FILL OUT THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORMS AND SEND THEM INTO NATIONAL.

MICHAEL WAGONER (P.D.C.) AND DEPARTMENT STATE CONVENTION CORPORATION CHAIRMAN ADDRESSED THE DETACHMENT EXPLAINING LOGISTIC AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UP COMING STATE CONVENTION, SUGGESTING THAT THE DETACHMENT MAKE ITS REQUIREMENTS KNOWN TO THE CORPORATION IN ADVANCE AND MAKE THE REQUIREMENTS HIGH (IE: ROOMS, AMENITIES, TABLES ECT. LATER REQUESTS WOULD BE CHARGED TO THE DETACHMENT.). HE MADE NOTE THAT THERE ARE FIVE ROOMS AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL AVAILABLE FOR THE S.A.L. TO USE FOR OFFICERS AND DIGNITARIES. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER HOTELS CAN BE MADE THRU THE CONVENTION CORPORATION OR IF ALL S.A.L. WOULD LIKE TO BE TOGETHER HE COULD MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS. AVAILABLE EVENTS FOR THE S.A.L. ARE MINI GOLF, BOWLING, GO KARTS, BOAT TRIPS AND AFTER HOURS DINNER. THE DETACHMENT SHOULD SELECT THE EVENT OR EVENTS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

THE STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT WILL OPEN MAR 1ST IN LA CROSSE.

SGT.-AT-ARMS COLIN MELTESEN'S GRANDMOTHER "NANA" AND HIS MOTHERS SISTER TANIA. ADJUTANT LAWLER'S WIFE JANICE.

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 CORRESPONDENCE WERE RECEIVED.

LETTER FROM NATIONAL NOTIFYING THE DETACHMENT THAT THE NEW CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM SHALL BE SENT TO ALL LISTED SQUADRON ADJUTANTS TOWARDS THE END OF FEBRUARY.

ADJUTANT LAWLER NOTED THAT AGAIN UPDATED OFFICER DATA SHEET NEED TO BE CORRECTLY FILLED OUT FROM THE SQUADRONS AND TURNED INTO THE DETACHMENT.

LETTER FROM NATIONAL NOTING THAT THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND ONCE AGAIN FOUND THAT MEMBER ADDRESSES NEED TO BE CORRECTED AND ASKED THAT MEMBERS BE REMINDED TO KEEP ADDRESSES UPDATED.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT, THE DETACHMENT IS ALLOWED TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE DETACHMENT EDUCATION OR SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TWO OTHER S.A.L MEMBERS(ADJUTANT LAWLER RECOMMENDED THAT THIS YEAR WE SHOULD SUBMIT ON THIS PROGRAM).

ERIC DEWER OF SQUADRON 416 (GREENDALE) WAS AWARDED THE COVETED SQUARE KNOT PATCH WHICH IS A JOINT AWARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN BOY SCOUTS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Standing Commission Reports
Constitution and By-Laws

CHAIRMAN DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO BUSINESS PENDING FOR C/B/L. HOWEVER THE COMMISSION WOULD RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SQUADRONS, AGAIN BE REMINDED TO SUBMIT CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS TO THE DETACHMENT FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION AND JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR FORWARDING TO NATIONAL.

Resolutions

TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF PATRICK N. GRYSKIEWICZ FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER CENTRAL NO YEARS SELECTED.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED BY THE COMMISSION THAT SQUADRONS COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS SHOULD REVIEW THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR WRITING AND SUBMITTING A RESOLUTION.

Policy

NO REPORT

Legislative

NO REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COLIN MELTENSEN (129), MOTION PASSED.

Internal Affairs

REPORTED BY KERRY SEVERSON (245)

Commanders Advisory – COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT COMMANDER HOVE CONTINUE TO PREPARE ARTICLES FOR THE BADGER LEGIONNAIRE AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE VACANT INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN. (KERRY SEVERSON WAS APPOINTED AT THE FALL DEC MEETING)

Commanders Projects – WOUNDED SOLDIERS, NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND AND CAMP AMERICAN LEGION, DENNIS STOCKFISCH REPORTED THAT W.S. HAD \$82.00 DONATED AND N.E.F. AND CAMP AMERICAN LEGION HAD NO DONATIONS AS YET.

Fund Raising – THE COMMISSION FUND RAISER LETTER WAS SENT OUT AND THE RESPONSE SO FAR HAS DONATIONS IN THE TOTAL OF \$1136.00.

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,

Scholarship- NO APPLICATION REQUEST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS OF THIS TIME.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF COST OVERRUNS ATTRIBUTED TO THE LAST ISSUE PRINTING / MAILING AND OF THE SALute FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT ITEMS BE LOOKED AT SUCH AS MERGE AND PURGING OF THE MAILING LIST. THE USE OF INTERNET RELEASE OF THE PUBLICATION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY SEVERSON (245) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Finance

FINANCE OFFICER DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH REPORTED THE FOLLOWING.

THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE GENERAL ACCOUNT AND FOUND THAT THE POSTAGE, PRINTING AND PROGRAM CONTINGENCIES ACCOUNT LINE ITEMS WERE RUNNING ON THE HIGH SIDE THESE WILL BE CONTINUED TO BE MONITORED BY THE COMMISSION. ALL OF THE NO'S. ARE NOT IN ON THE POSTAGE AND PRINTING OF THE LAST SALute. THE POSTAGE AND PRINTING WERE RUNNING HIGH DO TO THE ADDITIONAL MAILING OF THE DONATIONS REQUEST FORM (A ONE TIME ITEM FOR KNOW). AND THE ADDED COST OF PRINTING AT HQ.

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

REVIEWED THE NEW PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET TO THIS YEARS BUDGET.

THERE WERE TWO REQUEST FOR FUNDS REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION (1) FROM THE AMERICANISM COMM. FOR \$400 TO COVER THE COLORING CONTEST PRIZES AND FLAG EDUCATION DVD'S, COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FUNDS. (2) PUBLIC RELATION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE BUDGETED TO ENHANCE THE LINE ITEMS FOR PRINTING AND POSTAGE, THE COMMISSION RESOLVED THAT FUNDS THAT WERE INCREASED IN THE 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET SHOULD HELP THESE LINE ITEMS AND RECOMMENDED THAT TABLING THE REQUEST FROM (PR) HOWEVER WHEN ALL THE NO'S FOR PRINTING AND POSTAGE ARE CONFIRMED THE COMMISSION ALONG WITH THE ADJ. AND PR CHAIRMAN WILL REVIEW THESE LINE ITEMS BEFORE THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS FINALIZED AND SUBMITTED AND MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT FUNDS THAT ARE RECEIVED DUE TO THE FUNDRAISER LETTER SHOULD BE DIRECTED INTO THE SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS AND UNDER THEIR DESIGNATED CATEGORY OF COURSE.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Americanism

REPORTED BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437)

Americanism – REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150 HAS BEEN MADE TO SUBSIDIZE THE AWARDS OF THE AMERICANISM COLORING CONTEST FOR THE FIVE CATEGORIES, PRIZES TO BE DETERMINED LATTER. **Flag Education** – TO KEEP FLAG EDUCATION UPDATED THERE HAS BEEN A REQUEST OF FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE FLAG EDUCATION DVD'S TO PRESENT TO THE 10 NEW ADDITIONAL SQUADRONS. Patriotic Observances – **IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS ARE ALSO LISTED IN THE S.A.L. HANDBOOK AND WILL POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.**

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS BY MICHAEL LAWLER (437) AND SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Children and Youth

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN KIRK D. HOVE (158)

Child Welfare Foundation – CWF CANISTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IF THEY ARE TAKEN THEY ARE TO BE RETURNED WITH THE FUNDS TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION BEFORE THE MAY 1ST CUT OFF DATE. CURRENTLY AS OF JAN 26TH THE DETACHMENT IS ON THE BOOKS FOR \$473 IN DONATIONS FROM TANNER PAUL SQUAD. 20 (\$50), PRINCETON 366 (\$5), 100% SQUADRONS BY VETERANS DAY (\$200), WESTFIELD BELOIT 48 (\$38), GENERAL KING 406 (\$20), WATERTOWN 189 (\$60) AND DARLINGTON 214 (\$100).

Badger Boys State – IT WAS NOTED THAT SQUADRONS ALSO CAN SPONSOR CANDIDATES TO BBS. THE DETACHMENT DOES COVER COST AND SUPPLY FOR COPIER AT BBS.

Education – NO REPORT

Oratorical – WILL BE HELD FEB. 9TH, 2008 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE, THE DETACHMENT COVERS COST FOR PROGRAM PRINTING FOR THIS EVENT, COMM. KIRK HOVE, ADJUTANT MICHAEL LAWLER AND TENTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN KARL ADANK WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE, SEE THE ADJUTANT FOR DETAILS.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY KIRK D. HOVE (158), SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), MOTION PASSED.

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Convention and Activities

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ACTING CHAIRMAN RODNEY FALL THE FOLLOWING:

THE ORATORICAL CONTESTS WILL BE HELD FEB. 9TH, 2008 AT RIPPON COLLAGE

AMERICAN LEGION BONSSPEIL FEB. 1ST THRU 3RD ,2008 AT LODI

MARTYS PARTY FEB. 3RD AT LAKE TOMAHAWK

SALUTE TO THE LEGISLATURE AT MADISON FEB.20TH

SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS FEB. 10TH AT MADISON VA.

DEPARTMENT AUX. PRESIDENT ROSE WAGNER TESTIMONIAL DINNER MAY 17TH IN MONROE WIS.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DAVE KURTZ TESTIMONIAL DINNER MARCH 29TH AT GLENDALE WIS.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY AT POST 48 BELOIT APRIL 27TH .

SPRING NEC MAY 3RD THRU 5TH AT INDIANAPOLIS.

STATE CONVENTION JULY 18TH THRU 20TH AT LA CROSSE.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PHOENIX AR. AUG 22ND THRU 24TH , 2008.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT A ONE PAGE GUIDE LINE BE SET TO GIVE TO THE SQUADRONS WHO WOULD WISH TO PUT IN FOR A D.E.C. MEETING OUTLINING THE DETACHMENTS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RODNEY FALL (108) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT, SECONDED BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406), FROM DISCUSSION IT WAS ASKED WHAT WAS THE LOCATION AND DATE FOR THE SPRING D.E.C. EITHER KENOSHA OR BELOIT IT WAS NOTED THAT NEITHER HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST AND THAT THESE ARE ONLY PROPOSED LOCATIONS AT THIS TIME SEPARATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE LOCATION FOR THE SPRING D.E.C. WILL BE REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED.

THE ADJ. NOTED THAT THE SPRING D.E.C. MEETING STILL NEEDED TO BE CONFIRMED, MOTION WAS MADE BY DENNIS STOCKFISCH (406) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM BELOIT TO HOLD THE SPRING D.E.C. CONTINGENT ON THEIR CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE AND PROCESSING THE PAPER WORK, SHOULD THIS NOT OCCUR PORTAGE WOULD BE BOOKED AS THE BACK-UP FOR THE SPRING D.E.C. MEETING, SECONDED BY LAWRENCE RICE (449) MOTION PASSED.

Membership

REPORTED BY STEVEN C. CHAMPENY (209)

Membership – AS A CONTINUED RESULT OF RETURNS ON THE PUFL 62 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED 31 INDICATED FOR A DETACHMENT RUN PROGRAM, 17 WERE IN FAVOR OF A NATIONAL RUN PROGRAM AND 14 DID NOT CARE EITHER WAY. STILL WITH ONLY 62 RESPONSES THE COMMITTEE STILL CAN NOT FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION OR DECISION.

AS OF 1/21/08 THE DETACHMENT IS AT 2300 OUR GOAL IS 2971 OR 77.4%, THE DETACHMENT IS FIFTH THE NATION AND FIRST IN THE CENTRAL REGION, THERE ARE STILL 7 SQUADRONS SITTING ON GOOSE EGGS THE VICE COMMANDERS ARE WORKING ON THESE.

Squadron Recruitment –START UP PACKETS WAS PRESENTED TO DELAVAN BY COMMANDER HOVE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT LA CROSSE COUNTY HAS ESTABLISHED A COUNTY LEVEL ORGANIZATION (WEST SALEM, LA CROSSE, HOLMEN, ONALASKA AND FRENCH ISLAND) AND REQUEST THAT THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER BE THERE IN APRIL TO INSTALL OFFICERS. IT WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHAT CRITERIA WAS USED TO FORM THIS COUNTY STRUCTURE (IE WHAT ARE THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS) AND HAVE THEY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR REVIEW.

IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT IF SHELDON DOES NOT SHOW ANY INTEREST OR MEMBERSHIP IN BY THE 2008 STATE CONVENTION THEIR CHARTER SHOULD BE CONSIDER FOR REVOCATION.

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

Public Relations

REPORTED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN BOB AMES

COMMANDER IS AGAIN REQUESTED TO KEEP THE LETTERS TO BADGER LEGIONNAIRE COMING. ALL OFFICERS SHOULD STRESS THAT SQUADRON NEED TO KEEP OFFICER REPORTS AND ADDRESSES UPDATE WITH THE DETACHMENT.

SALute – KEEP THE ARTICLES COMING INTO THE EDITOR ON A TIMELY BASIS. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED ABOUT ADDING THE SALute TO THE WEBSITE. PUBLIC RELATIONS HAS REQUESTED FUNDS TO BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET FOR PRINTING AND POSTAGE. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SQUADRONS CAN SEND IN FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES FOR PUBLICATION.

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

Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation

REPORTED BY RODNEY FALL (108)

MR. FALL NOTED THERE WAS NO BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO AND THERE WAS NO REPORT TO BE GIVEN.

Officer Reports

Vice Commander – KERRY L. SEVERSON (245) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

DISTRICT NO. 1,2,3, NO. OF SQUADRONS 37, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 749, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 3, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 20, SQUADRONS AT 100% 20, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 20, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 3 AND CONTACTS MADE 2. ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, AMERICAN LEGION STEAK FEED AT RICHLAND CENTER AND HIS OWN SQUADRON MEETING.

Vice Commander – ELLIOTT W. JOHNSON (158) REPORTED BY KERRY SEVERSON:

DISTRICT NO. 6,8,9, NO. OF SQUADRONS 12, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 210, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 3, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 7, SQUADRONS AT 100% 2, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 2, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 1 AND CONTACTS MADE 8. ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, NONE

Vice Commander – MARVIN E. JOHNSON (158) REPORTED BY KERRY SEVERSON:

DISTRICT NO. 10,11,12, NO. OF SQUADRONS 10, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 200, NO. OF GOOSE EGGS 1, SQUADRONS AT CURRENT GOAL 7, SQUADRONS AT 100% 2, SQUADRONS AT FINAL GOAL 2, NO. OF NEW SQUADRONS 0 AND CONTACTS MADE 4, ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, NONE

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

Vice Commander – RON HENDERSON (336)- NO REPORT

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

Chaplain – RONALD FAUST (245) - NO REPORT

National Executive Committeeman – LAWRENCE A. RICE (449) REPORTED ON 11-4-08 VISITED KENOSHA SQUADRON 21 FOR MEETING TIMES WERE MESSED UP, 11-6-08 ELMBROOK SQUADRON 449 FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY, 12-2-08 REVISITED KENOSHA SQUADRON 21 WAS ON TIME AND DISCUSSED S.A.L. WITH THE BODY, 12-4-08 ELMBROOK SQUADRON 449 AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL N.E.C. IN INDIANAPOLIS.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY LAWRENCE RICE (449), SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), 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 –NO REPORT, HOWEVER ADJUTANT LAWLER MADE COMMENT AT THIS POINT ABOUT MR. SODA’S HEALTH SITUATION AFTER HE HAD SUFFERED A MILD STROKE , MR. SODA WAS IMPROVING SLOWLY AND WAS VERY PLEASED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE GET WELL CARD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN.

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

S.A.L. Liaison – MICHAEL LAWLER REPORTED THAT HE DID ATTEND THE LEGION D.E.C. AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING TO THEM. CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORMS WILL BE SENT TO THE SQUADRON ADJUTANTS IN LATE FEB., PRESENTED A LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE S.A.L., NOTED THE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST, 2008, ALSO NOTED THE DEADLINE FOR THE COLORING CONTEST WOULD ALSO BE APRIL 1ST, 2008. THE DETACHMENT IS IN FIRST PLACE IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND FIFTH IN THE NATION. NOTED THAT THE SALute WENT OUT. PASSED OUT UPDATED SQUADRON, OFFICER ADDRESS LISTS AND OFFICER REPORT FORMS.

MR. LAWLER NOTED THAT THE DETACHMENT WILL GET ITS SEAT BACK AT THE LEGION D.E.C.'S.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY MICHAEL L. LAWLER (437), SECONDED BY STEVEN CHAMPENY (209), MOTION PASSED.

Commander – KIRK HOVE (158) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

ATTENDED THE AMERICAN LEGION POLK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CLEAR LAKE POST OCT. 27TH 2007, WINGS AND SHRIMP DINNER FUNDRAISER SQUADRON 336 ONALASKA OCT. 30TH 2007, DEPARTMENT PCC MEETING AND DINNER AT MARSHFIELD NOV 3RD 2007, VETERANS DAY PROGRAM VA CHAPEL TOMAH VA CENTER NOV 9 2007, VETERANS DAY DINNER AT CLEAR LAKE NOV. 10TH 2007, BREAKFAST AND S.A.L. MEETING ONALASKA NOV 18TH 2007, CHRISTMAS PARTY POST 53 EAU CLAIRE DEC 15TH 2007, POST 326 LEGION MEETING AND HOLIDAY DINNER AT BOYD WI. DEC 18TH 2007.

COMMANDER HOVE NOTED THAT HE RECEIVED A E-MAIL FROM VERN BARTELS SQUADRON ADJ. FOND DU LAC (75) WHICH STATED THAT (PDC) RODNEY BARTELS HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH MS ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, THE FAMILY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW HOUSE THIS YEAR AND DEALING WITH RODNEY'S MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS. MR. BARTELS APOLOGIZED TO COMMANDER HOVE AND THE DETACHMENT FOR NOT HAVING THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER.

COMMANDER HOVE NOTED AND ASKED THAT THE DETACHMENT BE PATIENT ON THE SQUADRON SITUATION, EXTEND OUR PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND MAYBE HELP OUT SOME HOW.

FROM DISCUSSION THE ISSUE OF THE NAME OF SQUADRON (449) ELM GROOVE, BROOKFIELD, ELMBROOK AROSE AGAIN. ADJUTANT LAWLER REAFFIRMED THAT HE NEEDS TO SEE EITHER A CHANGED CHARTER OR A LETTER FROM NATIONAL STATING THE CORRECT NAME CHANGE BEFORE HE CAN APPROPRIATELY CORRECT THE DETACHMENT PAPERWORK, NEC RICE WILL GET THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION FROM NATIONAL.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT BY KIRK HOVE (158), SECONDED BY PATRICK GRYSKIEWICZ (093), 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

NONE

Good For The Sons Of The American Legion

COMMANDER HOVE PASSED OUT AWARDS OF CITATION TO THE SQUADRONS THAT ACHIEVED 100% MEMBERSHIP BY NOV. 11th 2007. MILWAUKEE (18), БЕЛОIT (48), COLUMBUS (62), CLINTONVILLE (63), MONROE (84), ST. CROIX FALLS (143), WESTBY (155), WATERTOWN (189), SOLDIERS GROVE (220), CROSS PLAINS (245), CEDARBURG (288), HARTLAND (294), ONALASKA (336), ALMOND (339), GRAFTON (355), MUKWONAGO (375), PLYMOUTH (387), FRENCH ISLAND (417).

SQUADRON 449 WAS AWARDED A CWF PIN, LAWRENCE RICE ACCEPTED.

SQUADRON 437 MAZOMANIE DONATED THE FOLLOWING \$25 TO NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND, \$25 TO CHILDREN WELFARE FOUNDATION AND \$25 TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS FUND.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LAWRENCE RICE THAT THE DETACHMENT DONATE \$200.00 TO THE USO FOR THE MAILING COSTS OF CARE PACKAGES TO BE SENT TO THE TROOPS OVERSEAS. PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL USO DENNIS F. STOCKFISCH ELABORATED ON THIS MATTER AND NOTED THAT THE CARE PACKAGES WOULD BE IN THE NAME OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF WIS.. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KERRY SEVERSON, MOTION PASSED.

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

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

Gary Lee LeRoy