



American Legion  
Department of Wisconsin  
8<sup>th</sup> District Executive Board  
*Regular Meeting Minutes*

*July 30, 2013, 1900 hrs Rivers Bar and Supper Club, Amherst, WI*

1. The meeting was called to order by District Commander Jerry Krofta at 1900hrs followed by a salute to the colors. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the POW/MIA ceremony, and the recitation of the Preamble. Chaplain Frank Wozniak gave an opening prayer.
2. The roll call and determination of quorum was completed by Acting Adjutant Arien Herminath with the following results:

Members Present: Jerry Krofta, Sam Solberg, Jim Young, Ron Fregien, Arien Herminath, David Jensen, Frank Wozniak, Don Southworth, and Jim Jaeger

Members Excused: David Jensen, Mike Zapka, Pat Borchartd, Larry Olsen, Jason Nagorski, and Marty Czarnecki

Members Absent: Dave Vandre

Guests Present: Frank Wozniak, Cathy Gorst, Don Southworth and Dan Rindt

1. Reports:
  - a. 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jerry Krofta  
He gave a report on 8<sup>th</sup> District membership. He then asked Department Vice-Commander Rindt to say a few words. Commander Rindt thanked the 8<sup>th</sup> District for its support at the 2013 Department Convention.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Sam Solberg
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Jim Young
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Ron Fregien
  - e. Treasurer David Jensen (Exc)
  - f. Acting Adjutant Arien Herminath  
He reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> District received a bid to host the 2014 8<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference from Post 442. Post 2013-2014 officer reports for Wood and Waupaca counties has been received, but information has not been received to date for a number of 8<sup>th</sup> District Posts in the other four counties.
  - g. Chaplain Frank Wozniak
  - h. Historian Don Southworth
  - i. Judge Advocate Cathy Gorst
  - j. Sgt-at-Arms Jim Jaeger  
He spoke about forms in the Administration Manual that outline things the Post are supposed to accomplish during the year. He plans to utilize these forms to brief his County and Post officers on their duties and review progress on American Legion Post activities and programs during the year. He also spoke

about trying to get the VA to hold local information meetings on issues like Agent Orange to attract younger vets. Cathy Gorst asked several questions about this initiative and provided several suggestions on how to promote the initiative. Vice-Commander Rindt also commented on the initiative to have the VA reach out to younger veterans.

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| k. Sgt-at-Arms         | Mike Zapka      | (Exc) |
| l. County Commanders   |                 |       |
| i. Marathon            | Pat Borchardt   | (Exc) |
| ii. Portage            | Dave Vandre     | (Abs) |
| iii. Shawano/Menomonee | Larry Olsen     | (Exc) |
| iv. Waupaca            | Jim Jaeger      |       |
| v. Waushara            | Marty Czarnecki | (Exc) |
| vi. Wood               | Ron Fregien     |       |
2. Communications:
- a. The 8<sup>th</sup> District has to submit an Officer Certification Form to Department.
  - b. The 2009 8<sup>th</sup> District Constitution and By Laws is posted on the 8<sup>th</sup> District website.
3. Old Business:
- a. Commander Krofta reminded everyone that the Administrative Manual contains monthly report forms that, if used, will make the yearly reports easy to prepare.
  - b. He added that Don Southworth agreed to take 8<sup>th</sup> District Badger Boys, Larry Olsen VA&R, Ron Fregien Children and Youth, Jim Jaeger Camp American Legion, Jim Young Shooting Sports, Sam Solberg POW/MIA, Jim Jaeger and Jerry Krofta Membership, and Cathy Gorst Legislative during the coming year.
  - c. Commander Krofta contacted Amherst High School to see if they would be willing to host the 8<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical Contest, but no response to date.
  - d. Commander Krofta queried the County Commanders about Post yet to receive their administrative packets from the Department Convention.
4. New Business:
- a. Commander Krofta gave the Vice Commander assignments as follows: Sam Solbert, Portage and Marathon; Jim Young, Waupaca and Shawano; and Ron Fregien, Wood and Waushara counties.
5. Important Dates:
- a. 8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Executive Board Meeting 22 October
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference 26 October, Crystal Falls in New London
6. Next Meeting of this Body: Where: Here / When: Tuesday, 22 October 2013
7. Meeting Adjournment
- a. Acting Chaplain Frank Wozniak offered a closing Prayer.
  - b. The POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair
  - c. A salute to the colors was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours

Meeting minutes submitted by: Arien Herminath 8<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant