



**AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Wisconsin
8th District Executive Meeting**

October 21, 2014 1900 hrs Rivera Bar and Supper Club, Amherst WI

The meeting was called to order by District Commander Jerry Krofta at 1900 hrs 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.

The roll call was completed by Adjutant Miller with the following results.

**Members Present: Jerry Krofta ,Sam Solberg, Jim Young ,Frank Wozniak, Don Southworth, David Jensen, Arien Herminath, J Sonnetag, Jim Jaeger, Ron Miller
Members Excused: Ron Fregien, J Balz, C Cassetta, M Czarnecki
Members Absent: C Gorst, D. Vandre**

**Guests: Past Dept Vice Commander: Dan Rindt, Past Dept Vice Commander: Don Southworth
Past Dept Chaplain: Frank Wozniak, Post Commander Willis Pope (161) King**

Reports:

8th District Commander Jerry Krofta reported he made every county meeting with the exception of 2 counties scheduled on the same night. He performed the installation of Officers at Wood County post 442. He attended the DEC meeting.

Spring Conference Bid from Clintonville. Legion Trust is down. Schedule for Mid Winter is CY programs, Public Relations, American Legion Institute, Funeral Honors, M1 Garand, web site training. Recruit, Retention, Revitalization . Post Adjutant procedures and Administrative process.

1st Vice Sam Soleberg no report.

2nd Vice Jim Young reported he made the meeting of Homeland Security. He requested all Legion Members give blood at Mid Winter Conference at Baraboo WI.

Past Dept Vice Commander Dan Rindt attended county meetings & found bylaws for Waupaca County, He attended other post meetings and took Post Commander Willis Pope along so he could see how other posts work. He attended the fall meeting at Portage VAR Comm. Took Vern Pitt and Willis Pope along, it was very educational. Contacted Frank Wozniak on members who are sick. Went to a funeral of the Past Adjutant of Tigerton Post 239. The past few months we lost 2 Past Department Vice Commanders, Hollar and Mauske. We need to update our Web site. Had a pig roast that could have been better attended,. Also attended 40/8 meetings and helped out Auxillary with rummage sale. Also help veterans.

Chaplain Frank Wozniak at a previous meeting asked the membership to advise him of comrades on sick calls and deaths and the response has been very good. This enabled Frank to contact members on sick call and families of departed Veterans. To date he has sent 15 get well cards and 6 sympathy cards. He always includes a message when he sends out the cards for the 8th District. He also had an opportunity to participate in memorial services of Veterans. He received 3 thank you messages from family members of departed comrades. **Jim Hollar** Past Commander of post 54 Marshfield has passed away. Masonic Service will be held in Marshfield.

Sgt at Arms Jim Jaeger reported that Camp American Legion has closed for the season. Camp looks good. In 2002 guests numbered 300. This year 2014 the Camp guests numbered 1153. Still have closure on Exit ramp 185 in Wausau. Have to use detour to get to District Convention.

Historian Don Southworth has history current except he has requested some information which he has not received. Also he needs photographs with names of individual taken, he also needs a hard copy of items to be placed in history. No E-mails, No Zerox copies.

Webmaster Arien Herminath continues to update web site and trying to keep it current. Also need information to be submitted to keep help the web site current. Some computers had some problems with software.

Old Business Commander Jerry Krofta reported on US Mail costs for District Newsletters seem to be increasing. The basic cost is the weight of the paper used. Mid Winter phamplets are being requested. Commander Krofta stated they might be in the November mailing.

New Business: Past Dept Vice Commander made notice to endorse Commander Jerry Krofta for Department Vice Commander. Don Southworth made a motion to accept. Frank Woziak also made a motion to accept. All members were in agreement. It was discussed to provide funds of \$250.00 for Commander Krofta. Jim Yeager made the motion to approve. Don Southworth made a second motion. Motion was approved by membership. Election of District Officers discussed. Nomination Committee is Dan Rindt, Jerry Krofta Don Southworth. Spring Conference every other year. May 16, 2015.

Important Dates:

2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 15-18, 2015 in Baraboo Wisconsin

Meeting Adjournment

Chaplain Frank Wozniak offered a closing prayer

The POW/ MIA flag was removed from the empty chair

A salute to the colors was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Ronald W Miller, 8th District Adjutant.