



American Legion

Department of Wisconsin

8th District Caucus

Meeting Minutes

Department Convention – Appleton, WI

July 17, 2015 – 1st Day

1. 8th District Commander Jerry Krofta called the meeting room to order at 0730hrs. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. Chaplain Frank Wozniak gave an opening prayer. Commander Krofta led the POW/MIA ceremony and Vice Commander Jim Young led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Commander Fregien led the recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
2. Commander Krofta declared the Caucus convened. He introduced the guests present including Past Department Commander jim Reigel, Past Department Vice Commanders Dan Rindt, Frank Wozniak, David Jensen, Mike Feier, Gary Mader, and Kathy Gorst.
3. A roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

- a. District Officers Present: District Commander Krofta, 2nd Vice Commander Young, Third Vice Commander Fregien, Finance Officer Jensen, Adjutant Miller, Chaplain Wozniak, Judge Advocate Gorst, 1st Sergeant-at-Arms Sonontag, 2nd Sergeant-at-Arms Jaeger. County Commanders Rindt of Waupaca and Miller of Wood were also present.
 - b. District Officers Excused: Second Vice Commander Solberg, and Historian Southworth, were excused. County Commanders Balz of Marathon, Vandre of Portage, and Czarnecki of Waushara counties were also excused.
 - c. Posts: Thirty-three members from twelve posts were present.
4. Commander Krofta turned the Caucus over to Commander-elect Jim Young. Commander Young then passed out a number of awards and Department Administrative packets to Post and County officers.
5. A number of candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus and spoke on their qualifications for office.
6. Old Business:
 - a. The Commander reminded all Posts to submit updated 2015-2016 Officer and Committee reports to the County, District and Department.
 - b. Legionnaires Ron Miller volunteered to serve as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at the Department Convention.
 - c. Ballot Clerk Assignments for the Department Convention included Legionnaires David Jensen, Jim Jaeger and Ron Fregien.
 - d. Department Committee assignments were confirmed as follows: Krofta (Americanism); Fregien (Children and Youth); Borchardt (Constitutional Amendments); Jaeger (Finance); Gorst (Legislative);

Balz (Membership); Young (National Security); Miller (Resolutions); and Rindt (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation). The Department Committee reports are to be given at the July 18 caucus. Minutes of the respective Department Convention Committee meetings were handed out to the above 8th District legionnaires.

- e. The 8th District will not send any Delegates to the 2015 National Convention in Baltimore, Md.
- f. Gary Mader gave a report on Code Red, White and Blue at King. He also spoke about an award he received for volunteer hours.
- g. Judge Advocate Gorst reviewed the Resolutions currently before the Department Convention and explained their content to the attendees. Individual motions were made and seconded to approve the resolutions. The motions passed.

7. New Business:

- a. Posts were reminded to pick up their Department Administrative packets for 2015-2016.
- b. Legionnaires were reminded that it is not too late to volunteer for a District or Department program or committee position.

8. Being no further business, the Chaplain gave a closing prayer, the POW/MIA flag was retired and there was a final salute to the colors. The Commander declared the Caucus recessed at 08:35 hours.