



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
8th DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

05 August 2015 1900hrs River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst, WI

The meeting was called to order by 8th District Commander Jim Young at 1900 hrs followed by a salute to the colors. The Acting Chaplain led a prayer, the 2nd Vice Commander led the POW/MIA ceremony, Commander Young led the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call of officers was completed with the following results:

Members Present: 8th District Commander, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Finance Officer, Historian, both Sergeant at Arms, as well as the Waupaca and Wood County Commanders.

Members Excused: 1st Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, as well as the Marathon and Waushara County Commanders.

Members Absent: Portage and Shawano County Commanders.

District Adjutant Herminath read the minutes of the two 8th District Caucuses held at the 2015 Department Convention.

District Commander Young introduced the guests.

Department Vice Commander Krofta thanked the Legionnaires for their support during the recent Department Convention in Appleton.

The 8th District Auxiliary President thanked everyone for inviting her to the meeting. She spoke about her plans for the Auxiliary and expressed her appreciation for our support for the Legion Family.

Past Department Vice Commander Rindt and Adjutant Herminath spoke about a recent camp for handicapped people at Keller Lake. A number of veterans from Waupaca County attended the event and were very impressed with the reception they received. They encouraged the Legionnaires to promote and participate in such events in their communities.

Commander Young spoke about a well-appointed trailer with bench seats he had available for use at parades. 3rd Vice Commander Jaeger reported that a couple in New London also had a trailer that was available for use in parades.

Commander Young then asked for the officer reports. Highlights of the reports included updated information on officer and committee elections and appointments for 2015-2016. The Finance Officer gave an update on 8th District Finances. The Adjutant encouraged the attendees to submit information to help keep the website current. He added that he is unable to upload the longer post newsletters, especially those with color and picture inserts, to the 8th District website. Several County Commanders spoke about veteran-related activities including a traveling Vietnam Wall, the recent Manawa Rodeo recruitment drive, District-wide membership efforts, and various local military appreciation events.

Commander Young then gave a report on his activities since the recent Department Convention. He thanked the Legionnaires for all their help during the blood drive at the Convention.

New Business: Commander Young announced that 1st Vice Commander Fregien would be responsible for Waushara and Wood Counties, 2nd Vice Commander Borchardt would be responsible for Shawano and Marathon Counties, and 3rd Vice Commander Jaeger would be responsible for Waupaca and Portage Counties.

Being no further business, the POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair, a closing prayer was offered followed by a salute to the colors.

Commander Young adjourned the meeting at 2000 hrs.

Arien Herminath
8th District Adjutant