



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

Held on 04 April 2017 at 1900hrs
River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst WI

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

A roll call of officers was completed. Those present included Commander Young, 2nd Vice Commander Balz, Adjutant Herminath, Finance Officer Jensen, Historian Pope, Sgt.-at-Arms Klotzbuecher, Sgt.-at-Arms Sonnentag, Shawano County Commander Marien, Waupaca County Commander Pope, and Waushara County Commander Wickersheim.

District Commander Young introduced the guests.

Commander Young passed out Department Committee Reports to 8th District Department Committee members. The reports are to be presented at the 2017 Spring Conference on 08 April. Commander Young said he would hold the reports for 8th District Officers who were either excused or absent.

Commander Young then asked for any unfinished business. He encouraged everyone to get their yearly reports and all their post and county election reports in on time. Several Legionnaires commented that only one officer should present County Activity Reports at the upcoming Spring Conference. If a County officer is unavailable to give the overall report, one Post officer should read the County Activity Report.

The officers present gave short reports on their activities since the 8th District 2016 Fall Conference. The Treasurer gave a full report on 8th District financial transactions during the year.

Legionnaire Dan Rindt gave a report on recent activities of the Waupaca County Resource Coalition.

Commander Young asked for any new business. He asked if there were any Legionnaires interested in serving on a Department Committee. He then reported that James Jaeger, 8th District 3rd Vice Commander, resigned due to personal issues and would be unable to attend the upcoming Spring Conference. Commander Young said he spoke with Waushara County Commander Wickersheim about accepting an 8th District Vice Commander position. He added that the 8th District required three volunteers to serve as Ballot Clerks, volunteers to attend the meetings of several Standing Committees, and a volunteer to serve as Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms at the upcoming Department Convention. Legionnaires Balz, Jensen, and Kuehl volunteered to serve as Ballot Clerks.

Commander Young reminded all 8th District County Commanders to prepare lists of deceased Legionnaires prior to the upcoming Spring Conference for presentation at the Memorial Service to be led by our District Chaplain.

He then commented on the upcoming King Day Pilgrimage scheduled for June 18, Father's Day. He added that the parade route was reversed this year and would end where it began last year.

The Commander encouraged all Legionnaires to register for the Department Convention as early as possible. The 8th District requires a volunteer to serve as Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms at the National Convention. He added that Legionnaires Gorst and Reigel had volunteered serve as Delegates to the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Commander Young then spoke about his recent efforts to revitalize the Amherst Post. He met with Post officers to encourage them to sign up local Legionnaires who are currently members of the Department Holding Post.

Commander Young asked Shawano County Commander Marien about the Kashena Post. A discussion ensued about efforts by Legion officers to revitalize the Post and encourage the members to be more active.

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

Commander Young adjourned the meeting at 2020 hrs.

Arien Herminath
8th District Adjutant