



**The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Department Convention, Appleton, WI
8TH District Caucus, July 15, 2017**

1. 8TH District Commander Jim Young called the meeting to order at 0730. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. The Chaplain gave an opening prayer. The POW/MIA ceremony was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
2. Commander Young declared the Caucus convened and introduced the guests present.
3. The Adjutant took the roll and it was determined that a quorum was present.
4. Various candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus during the meeting and spoke about their qualifications for office.
5. Old Business:

- a. Commander Young asked for the Department committee reports from Friday:

Resolution Committee: Resolutions 4 - Endorsement of Roger P. Mathison, 5a - Endorsement of Daniel J. Seehafer, 9 - Host Post 38, 10 - Host City of Appleton and 11 - Host Hotel were approved. Resolution 3 - Medal of Merit was disapproved.

VA&R Committee: Resolution 2 - Medical Cannabis was approved.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Resolutions 1a - Department Sergeant-at-Arms and 6 - Discipline of Members were approved. Resolutions 7 - Sale or Mortgage of Post Property and 8 - Constitution and Bylaws were disapproved.

The proposed 8th District amendment to Resolution 7 was read to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee during its deliberation. A written copy of the proposed

amendment was presented to the Department Adjutant for his consideration should the resolution be resubmitted at the next Department Convention.

All other 8th District Caucus representatives did not have resolutions under consideration. They presented administrative reports on meetings attended.

6. New Business:

- a. Commander Young reported that Coloma Post 139 would host the 8th District 2017 Fall Conference. Manawa Post 226 will host the 8th District 2018 Spring Conference.
- b. He then introduced Ron Fregien, the incoming 8th District Commander. Commander Fregien said he was not pleased with the lack of attendance at our 8th District meetings and events. He stressed the need to increase Legionnaire participation in 8th District activities across the board.
- c. A member of Post 139 spoke about the physical condition of cabin 8 at Camp American Legion. Many cabins there, including cabin 8 sponsored by Waupaca County, were built in the 1920s and require extensive upgrade or replacement.
- d. The Waushara County Commander said all District County Commanders were invited to attend the upcoming Waushara County Family Picnic. The event will be held at 1300 hours on August 5th at Post 139
- e. Vice Commander Jaeger invited 8th District Legionnaires to attend the dedication of a new Veterans Memorial in New London on 26 August at 1000 hours. They currently have around 700 names inscribed on the two 6 x 16 foot walls of the memorial with 100 more names to be added. Around 122 names of veterans from the Civil War, War of 1812, and Spanish American War interred in New London area cemeteries were inscribed on the memorial walls thanks to local donations.
- f. Commander Young read a list of reports submitted by 8th District Posts. He pointed out that various posts, including several 100% membership posts, did not file any reports (Consolidated Post, Children & Youth, VA&R) during the past year.

7. Being no further business to come before the Caucus, the POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair. The Chaplain gave a closing prayer. Commander Young led the Legionnaires in a salute to the colors and declared the Caucus adjourned.