



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

Held on 17 April 2018 at 1900hrs
River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst WI

The meeting was called to order by 8th District Commander Ron Fregien 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 Adjutant Herminath led the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call of officers was taken. Officers present included Commander Fregien, 1st Vice Commander Balz, 2nd Vice Commander Wickershiem, Adjutant Herminath, Finance Officer Jensen, Historian Pope, Sgt.-at-Arms Young, Marathon County Commander Balz, Shawano County Commander Marien, Waupaca County Commander Pope, Waushara County Commander Wickersheim, and Wood County Commander Krofta.

Commander Fregien asked for an 8th District finance report and a King Day finance report from Finance Officer Jensen.

Commander Fregien asked for any other reports. Adjutant Herminath said he had the 2018 Department Convention Pre-Convention forms with him and encouraged that interested Legionnaires sign up for the available positions as soon as possible. He added that invitations to the upcoming 2018 Spring Conference had been sent out by mail or email to all 8th District Posts and Officers. He encouraged the Legionnaires to send him their Post newsletters and any Post activity announcements for posting on the website.

Commander Fregien then reported on his activities during the past several months. He reported on about his efforts to revitalize the Amherst Post. He also spoke about an emergency DEC meeting he attended in January, a King Day planning meeting in February, and asked for any new business.

Jim Young, Department Representative to King Veterans Home, gave a report on his activities during the reporting period. He stressed that Post donations sent to Department and earmarked for King enable him to hold special events for the residents. He encouraged the Legionnaires present to promote such donations by all Posts in the 8th District.

Commander Fregien spoke about a resolution that will be presented at the upcoming 2018 Department Convention concerning the duties of the Department Adjutant. The resolution also covers the Department of Wisconsin performance appraisal reporting procedures for the Department Adjutant.

Commander Fregien encouraged all Legionnaires who plan to attend the upcoming Department Convention in Oshkosh to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. He said a number of events are scheduled in Oshkosh for the same week as our Convention and added that hotels rooms will probably sell out quickly.

Commander Fregien 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.

Commander Fregien showed the Legionnaires a copy of a document entitled *Welcome to the American Legion*. The Adjutant offered to upload a copy of the document to the 8th District website and bring a number of copies of the document to the Spring Conference for distribution.

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 Fregien adjourned the meeting at 2000 hrs.

Arien Herminath
8th District Adjutant