



**The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin  
Department Convention, Oshkosh, WI  
8th District Caucus, Day One, July 19, 2019**

- 1. 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ron Fregien 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 performed, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.**
- 2. Commander Fregien declared the Caucus convened and introduced the guests present.**
- 3. The Adjutant took the roll. Ten of eleven 8<sup>th</sup> District officers and four of five County Commanders were present. Overall, twenty-nine Legionnaires from sixteen posts were in attendance at the opening of the caucus.**
- 4. Various candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus during the meeting and spoke about their qualification for office.**
- 5. Old business:**
  - a. Commander Fregien reminded Post Commanders to pick up their Department Administrative Update packets on the front table at the end of today's Caucus meeting.**
  - b. Commander Fregien also reminded Post Commanders to pick up a copy of the 2019 Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies along with a copy of the 2019 Post Adjutant's Manual on the front table for their posts.**
  - c. He confirmed that Legionnaires David Jensen, Willis Pope, and Jim Jaeger would serve as Ballot Clerks on Saturday. He also confirmed that Legionnaire Jim Young was present to serve as a Department Assistant Sergeant at Arms.**

- d. **Commander Fregien confirmed the names of the Legionnaires who would attend select Department Convention Committee meetings scheduled for Friday afternoon and report on their activities at the Saturday Caucus as follows:**

**Americanism – Jerry Krofta / Children and Youth – Ron Fregien / Constitutional Amendments – Arien Herminath / Finance – John Zocowitz / Legislative – Kathy Gorst / Membership – Mark Melton / National Security – Will Pope / Resolutions – Jim Jaeger / Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Mike Burt**

- e. **8<sup>th</sup> District Judge Advocate gave an overview of the various resolutions before the 2019 Department Convention. The 8<sup>th</sup> District voted as follows:**

<b>1.2019 Honorary Past State Commander</b>	<b>Reject</b>
<b>2.2019 Endorsement of Jeffery Antezak as Post 375 Candidate for National Historian</b>	<b>Reject</b>
<b>3.2019 to Establish an Educator of the Year Award</b>	<b>Approve</b>
<b>4.2019 Medal of Honor Way at Camp American Legion</b>	<b>Reject</b>
<b>5.2019 Host Post – Severson-Cairns Post 501</b>	<b>Approve</b>
<b>6.2019 City of Middleton</b>	<b>Approve</b>
<b>7.2019 Hotel, Madison Marriott West</b>	<b>Approve</b>

- f. **Commander Fregien then handed out awards for membership and retention.**

**6. Commander Fregien asked if there was any new business.**

**7. The POW/MIA flag was retired, the Chaplain let a prayer, and Commander Fregien called for a salute to the colors. The Caucus was adjourned at 0850.**

**Arien Herminath  
8<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant**

