



**The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Department Convention, Oshkosh, WI
8th District Caucus, Day Two, July 20, 2019**

- 1. 8th 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 8th District officers and four of five County Commanders were present. Overall, thirty-two Legionnaires from seventeen 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 were serving as Ballot Clerks on Saturday. He also confirmed that Legionnaire Jim Young was serving as a Department Assistant Sergeant at Arms.**

d. Legionnaire reports on the Department Convention Committee meetings attended on Friday were as follows:

The Resolutions Committee rejected Resolutions 1.2019, 2.2019, and 4.2019 due to technicalities. The Committee approved Resolutions 5.2019, 6.2019, and 7.2019.

The Americanism Committee approved Resolution 3.2019.

The Children and Youth Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

The Constitutional Amendments Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

The Finance Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

The Legislative Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

The National Security Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

The Membership Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee met but did not have any resolutions to consider and adjourned.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above reports. Approved.

6. Department Committee decisions on the 2019 Resolutions were as follows:

1.2019 Honorary Past State Commander	Reject
2.2019 Endorsement of Jeffery Antezak as Post 375 Candidate for National Historian	Reject
3.2019 to Establish an Educator of the Year Award	Approve

4.2019 Medal of Honor Way at Camp American Legion	Reject
5.2019 Host Post – Severson-Cairns Post 501	Approve
6.2019 City of Middleton	Approve
7.2019 Hotel, Madison Marriott West	Approve

7. Commander Fregien asked if there was any new business.

- a. Commander Fregien said it was not too late to sign up for a Department Committee. Forms for this purpose were available at the front desk.**
- b. He added that voting would begin at 0830 and encouraged all 8th District Delegates to vote.**
- c. Vice Commander Balz mentioned that the Rothchild Post would be sending in a bid to host the 2019 8th District Fall Conference.**
- d. Finally, Commander Fregien expressed his appreciation for the support he received during his years as a Vice Commander and the past two years as Commander of the 8th District. He stressed that he thoroughly enjoyed his time as Commander and expressed his sincere appreciation.**

8. 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 0815.

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