



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

12 May 2021  
River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst, WI

The meeting was called to order by 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jean Balz at 1830 hours followed by a salute to the colors. Commander Balz led the opening prayer; the Sergeant at Arms placed the POW/MIA flag; Commander Balz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call of officers was completed. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Zachowitz and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Laumann were absent. Chaplain Melton, Wood County Commander Krofta, and Sergeant at Arms Elter were excused.

Commander Balz asked for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting. As they were posted on-line, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed. The motion passed.

Commander Balz asked for a finance report. Finance Officer Fregien gave a finance report as of 30 April 2021. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

Commander Balz handed out reports from the recent Department Executive Board meetings for presentation at the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference on Saturday, 15 May. She also confirmed the presenters of the above committee and activity reports.

Commander Balz said she did not know the number of Department officers who would attend the the Spring Conference on Saturday to speak on their candidacies for office. She encouraged District Officers and County Commanders to have their reports ready but to keep them brief.

Commander Balz reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> District would need to identify two new Vice Commanders, an Adjutant, and a Sergeant at Arms for the coming year.

Commander Balz then spoke about Department efforts to promote membership in the American Legion. A discussion ensued concerning the many programs and initiatives taking place state-wide to publicize the American Legion.

Commander Balz spoke about how she contacted Legionnaire members of Post 2930 and invited them to join their local American Legion Post. In response to a question, she reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> District is currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place for membership in the Department.

She then turned to Daniel Sehafer's candidacy for National Commander. She gave an overview of fundraising efforts by the Wisconsin American Legion to support his candidacy. This included Post, County and District initiatives to raise funds.

Post 63 Commander Dan Rindt gave an overview of the facility, lunch, and program for Saturday. Commander Balz then reviewed the items we might want Nathan to address in his presentation and asked for suggestions. She added that we would hold a moment of silence for Past Department Commander Reigle as part of the program on Saturday.

Commander Balz asked if there was anything for the good of the American Legion.

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

Commander Balz adjourned the meeting at 1910 hrs.

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