



**The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Department Convention, Oshkosh, WI
8th District Caucus, July 13, 2018**

- 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 and it was determined that a quorum was present.**
- 4. Commander Fregien said that he was disappointed with the lack of post representation at the Caucus and would make a concerted effort to improve post participation in 8th District meetings during the coming year.**
- 5. Various candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus during the meeting and spoke about their qualification for office.**
- 6. Old business:**
 - a. Commander Fregien reminded all Post and County Commanders to pick up their Department Administrative packets either Friday or Saturday.**
 - b. He confirmed that Legionnaires Jean Balz, John Zychowicz, and Jim Jaeger were present to serve as Ballot Clerks on Saturday. He also confirmed that Legionnaire Jim Young was present to serve as Department Assistant Sergeant at Arms.**

- c. Finally, he 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.
- d. 8th District Judge Advocate Kathy Gorst gave an overview of the various resolutions before the 2018 Department Convention. The 8th District voted as follows:

1.2018 Sale or Mortgaging of Post Real Estate	Approved
2.2018 The American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy	Approved
3.2018 Monies, Collections, Liability, and Expense	Approved
4.2018 Establishment of a "Green Alert" System Nationwide	Approved
5.2018 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand eligibility Of Agent Orange exposed veterans.	Approved
6.2018 A resolution to commission and establish a committee to Explore the updating of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion A History 1919-1992 up through and including our 100 th anniversary year.	Approved
7.2018 Citizenship, Residency or Visitor status for participation in Wisconsin Department American Legion Youth Programs	Approved
8.2018 Bells of Balangiga	Approved
9.2018 Membership Transfers	Approved
10.2018 Host County – Winnebago	Approved
11.2018 Host City of Oshkosh	Approved
12.2018 Host Hotel, Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel	Approved

- 7. Commander Fregien asked if there was any new business to come before the Caucus. It was mentioned that the Ballot Clerk meeting was scheduled for 4:30 this afternoon.
- 8. Commander Fregien called for prayer and the removal of the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair. He called for a salute to the colors and adjourned the Caucus until 0730 Saturday morning.

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8th District Adjutant