



**The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Department Convention, Oshkosh, WI
8th District Caucus, July 14, 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.**
- 3. Post 63 Commander Dan Rindt turned in 40 memberships for submission at the Convention Session.**
- 4. Legionnaire Matt Harn, Department Chaplain and Chaplain of 8th District Post 442, addressed the caucus. He stressed the importance of membership and encouraged the Legionnaires present to carry an American Legion membership form with them at all times.**
- 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 at the end of today's Caucus meeting.**
 - b. Commander Fregien called for reports from the Legionnaires who attended the Friday afternoon Convention Committee. The reports on the resolutions considered at the Convention Committee meetings were as follows:**

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| 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 | Rejected |
| 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 |
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7. Commander Fregien passed out certificates for blood donors to Posts 502, 63, 161, 391, 163, 54, 442, 520. He also passed out 100% membership pins to Posts 221, 339, 543, 341, 392, 161, 198, 226, 391, 139, 153, 322, and 475. A Legionnaire from Post 442 asked why his post did not receive a 100% membership pin. Commander Fregien said it was probably due to the fact that the most recent Post 442 membership submissions did not reach Department in time to be included in the above list.

 8. Commander Fregien asked if there was any new business to come before the Caucus. A Legionnaire suggested that we look into forming a committee to select an outstanding 8th District member every year and present an award to the person selected. A motion to that effect was made and seconded. The motion passed. Commander Fregien said the motion would be taken up by the Executive Board.

 9. Commander Fregien said that voting will begin at 0830 and encouraged all 8th District Delegates to vote early in order to be able to attend the Convension Sesssion at 0900.

 10. 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 meeting at 0830 hours.

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