



American Legion

Department of Wisconsin

8th District Caucus

Meeting Minutes

Department Convention – Middleton, WI

July 21, 2012 – 2nd Day

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1. District Commander Rindt called the meeting room to order at 0730hrs. The colors being in place, a hand salute was rendered. Acting Chaplain Herminath gave an opening prayer. First Vice-Commander Krofta led the POW/MIA ceremony and Third Vice-Commander Young led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Rindt led the group in the recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.
 2. Commander Rindt declared the caucus convened.
 3. The roll call was taken and it was determined there was a quorum.
 1. District Officers Present: District Commander 1st Vice-Commander, , 3rd Vice-Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain and Adjutant . The Marathon, Portage, Waupaca and Wood County Commanders were also present.
 2. District Officers Excused: The 2nd Vice-Commander, Parliamentarian, Historian, two Sgts at Arms, and Waushara County Commander were excused.

3. District Officers NOT Present: The Shawano-Menominee County Commander was not present.
 4. Guests Present: Commander Rindt introduced all distinguished guests present at the opening of the meeting.
4. The roll call of posts within the district was completed by the Adjutant with 12 of 46 posts, a total of 25 legionnaires, represented.
5. District Convention Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given in the caucus:
 1. Americanism
 2. Children and Youth
 3. National/Homeland Security
 4. Membership
 5. Constitutional Amendments
 6. VA&R
 7. Finance
 8. Legislative
 9. Resolutions
6. Commander Rindt asked Department Vice-Commander Gorst to say a few words. Vice Commander Gorst thanked the legionnaires of the 8th District for their cooperation and support during the past year. Commander Rindt then thanked Vice Commander Gorst for her support during the past year.
7. Old Business:
 1. Commander Rindt reminded everyone submit their updated 2012-2013 Officer and Committee reports.
 2. Commander Rindt asked for volunteers to fill 2012-2013 District and Department Committees and 8th District Program Director positions.
 3. He added that the Department administrative packets were available. They should be picked up by the County Commanders and distributed to the Posts. The Administrative Manual should be kept

because in the future they will not be replaced, just updated with replacement pages as changes occur. Replacement cost for the Administrative Manual will be \$25.

4. Commander Rindt gave a report on the use of the Department recruitment trailer at the Manawa rodeo.

8. New Business:

1. Commander Rindt asked Department Vice-Commander Gorst to come forward and present several awards. Fremont Post 391 and Pittsville Post 153 were awarded certificates for their Children and Youth programs.
2. Commander Rindt mentioned that last year's membership was down and hopefully this year would be a bit better.
3. Legionnaires came forward with over 400 2012-2013 memberships and presented them to Commander Rindt to turn in today.

9. Commander Rindt made a number of announcements:

1. There will be a Past Commanders meeting this evening. All past commanders are welcome to attend.
2. The 8th District Fall Conference will be held at Clintonville Post 63 on 29 October.
3. 2nd Vice-Commander Pitt resigned for personal reasons. Yesterday, 3rd Vice-Commander Sam Solberg was moved up to fill his position and Jim Young was elected to fill the 3rd Vice-Commander position.

10. Being no further business, the Commander adjourned the caucus at 0830 hours. Acting Chaplain Herminath gave a closing prayer, the POW flag was removed and there was a final salute to the colors.

Submitted by:

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