

American Legion
Department of Wisconsin
8th District Executive Board
Regular Meeting Agenda

January 10, 2012, 1830 hrs Rivers Bar and Supper Club, Amherst, WI

1. The meeting was called to order by District Commander Dan Rindt at 1900hrs followed by a salute to the colors. Second Vice-Commander Pitt led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Third Vice-Commander Solberg led the membership in the POW/MIA ceremony. Second Vice-Commander Pitt led the membership in the Preamble. Acting Chaplain Olsen gave an opening prayer.
2. The roll call and determination of quorum was completed by Adjutant Arien Herminath with the following results:

Members Present: Dan Rindt, Jerry Krofta, Vern Pitt, Sam Solberg, Arien Herminath, David Jensen, Vernon Baierl, Don Southworth, Louis LaCroix, Rick Klotzbuecher, Wayne Winter, Larry Olsen and Ronald Fregien.

Members Excused: LeRoy Knauf, Gene Van Ryzin, Marty Czarnecki

Members Absent: Tony Nardi

Guests Present: 8th District Auxiliary President Lori Barber, Past 8th District Commanders David Jensen, Kathy Gorst (currently serving as Department Vice-Commander), Jim Grimm, Robert Polaske and Don Southworth were recognized.

3. Reports:

a. 1 st Vice Commander	Jerry Krofta
b. 2 nd Vice Commander	Vern Pitt
c. 3 rd Vice Commander	Sam Solberg
d. Treasurer	Dave Jensen
e. Adjutant	Arien Herminath
f. Chaplain	LeRoy Knaur (Excused)

g. Historian	Don Southworth
h. Parliamentary	Gene Van Ryzin (Excused)
i. Sgt-at-Arms	Wayne Winter
j. Sgt-at-Arms	Vernon Baierel
k. Marathon County Commander	Tony Nardi (Absent)
l. Portage County Commander	Louis LaCorix
m. Shawano/Menominee County Commander	Larry Olsen
n. Waupaca County Commander	Larry Klotzbuecker
o. Waushara County Commander	Marty Czarneck (Excused)
p. Wood County Commander	Ron Fregien

4. Commander Rindt welcomed all members and thanked them for attending.

5. Communications: Commander Rindt reviewed a number of announcements received from Department including: a bowling tournament at La Crosse; Badger Boys State at Ripon College; a golf outing at Neenah; forms for donations to Camp American Legion and the purchase of bricks to support the Department HQs Building Fund; A&G Scholarship program; County Youth Government program; All Star Game at Miller Park; and a Shooting Sports program demonstration at Mid-Winter.

6. Under old business:

- a. Commander Rindt asked the District Finance Officer for an update on the Sgt Forest Perez fund. The Finance Officer reported that no new donations had been received since the 2011 Fall Conference.
- b. Commander Rind encouraged everyone to continue to work on membership. He thanked everyone for their hard work in this area, but reminded Executive Board members that the 8th District had slipped from 3rd to 6th place since the October 2011 Fall Conference.

7. Under New Business:

- a. Wayne Winter, 8th District Oratorical Chairman, briefed board members on the upcoming 8th District Oratorical Contest at Wautoma. He and the Portage County Commander are working together to enable a home-schooled contestant from another county/district to participate in the oratorical program. The tenth grade student, accompanied and certified by a representative of her home district, is to give her presentation at the Portage County Contest. She would not compete with other Portage County contestants, rather separately as the only contestant of her home county/district.

- b. County Commander Le Croix encouraged all legionnaires to utilize the website mylegion.org which provides valuable information on potential legionnaires living in specific zip code areas. He also reported on the use of “I Helped a Veteran” posters as a fund raiser. Local businesses donate money to display the posters in their establishments.
 - c. Commander Rindt spoke about the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference at Portage. He encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the many training opportunities to be offered during the conference.
8. Important Dates:
- a. Leadership training at Tigerton on 24 January.
 - b. Leadership training at Wisconsin Rapids on 25 January.
 - c. DEC meeting at Portage from 11-13 May.
 - d. 8th District Executive Board Meeting at Amherst on 15 May.
 - e. 8th District Spring Conference at Post 263 New London on 19 May.
9. Being no further business for the good of the American Legion, Acting Chaplain Larry Olsen gave a closing prayer. A final salute to the colors was given and Commander Rindt adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Arien Herminath, 8th District Adjutant