

2025 Spring 8th district conference minutes

0902 Opening Ceremony by District Commander Adam Klapperich

A motion was made by Adam to make David Leder the temporary adjutant for this meeting.
Seconded and passed

Roll call was taken

Minutes were posted on the website

Finance report was read, Motion to accept by Dan Rindt and seconded by Willis Pope Motion carried.

A letter was read by District 2nd vice commander David Leder from Deb Thomas at the Department.

Officers reports were given. Motion to receive and file the reports was made and seconded, carried

District Committee Chairman's reports:

Legislative/Resolutions: Cathy Gorst Veterans Day at the capitol Nate Coward and World Health for the trade Center to be fully funded resolution also presented by Nate Coward.

Americanism; Jerome Krofta

Camp American Legion; Bill Crowe 100th anniversary 14 June 2025

Children & Youth; Open

Communications/Convention; Open Webmaster, Get the stuff turned in

Finance /Fund Raising; Jeff Zwiers (absent)

Homeless Vets and Hospital; Jim Young Staff shortages and they have a capacity of over 700 and a current population of under 300 at King

King Day pilgrimage; Adam Klapperich Not at this time.

Legion Riders; Jim Carmody Gun raffle for wreaths, they offer 3 scholarships a year

Membership; Jean Balz Congratulated the post at 100% Use the resources available Like the 2930 List Members can sign up online using credit cards

MIA/POW; Jim Young

National Security; Bob Bohr did not attend

Religious Emphasis; Jim Carmody Chaplins Retreat 30 May-1 June 2025

VA&R; David Leder

Motion to accept the reports was made by Dan Rindt and seconded by Jean Balz, Motion carried.

Program Directors Reports:

A&G scholarships; Jean Balz

Badgers Boys State; Mike Feirer 8 June - 14 June 2025 UW Eau Claire

Baseball/softball; Tony Nardi

Blood Doner; Jim Young Can Donate at the conversion and make sure it gets on the CPR reports

Scouting; Open

County Youth Government; Arien Herminath

Oratorical Program; Adam Klapperich Keep promoting and contact home school groups too.

S.A.L.; Jeff Zwiers Absent

Motion to receive and file the reports by Nate Coward and seconded by Dan Rindt. Motion carried

Old Business:

Bench for Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. No update

New Business:

Wisconsin Legislator of the year: Senator Jesse L James Motion made by Jerome Krofta and seconded by Dan Rindt to accept the nomination. Motion carried.

Resolution for "Restitution for the World Trade Center Health to be fully funded." Motion made By Bill Crowe and seconded by Penny Peeters to accept. Motion carried

Motion made By Cathy Gorst to approve the Amended article 11 and seconded by Penny Peeters was approved.

Nominations for Department officers Tammy Neve read a letter from Nathan Bond for Department Commander and Adam Klapperich read a letter from Larry Larson for Department vice-commander.

Convention committee appointments:

Americanism; Penny Peeters Children and Youth; Mike Bennett Constitution; Cathay Gorst Finance; Mike Feirer Resolution; Nate Coward and Bob Bohr VA&R; David Leder Membership; John Zychowicz Ballet Clerks; John Zychowicz & Mike Bennett Sgt at Arms; Jim Young

Break for Lunch Reconvene at 1217 hours

Nominations for 8th District officers

District Commander; Penny Peeters

1st Vice-Commander David Leder

2nd Vice-Commander John Zychowicz

3rd Vice-Commander; Jeff Zwiers and Craig Blumke

Finance; Jerry Krofta

Judge Advocate; Cathy Gorst

Chaplain; Don Hildebrandt

Sgt at Arms; Jim Young, Mike Bennett and Jim Carmody

A motion was made for a unanimous ballot for all but 3rd vice-commander and Sgt at Arms. Motion carried. Ballots were cast for the remaining 2 positions.

For Department officers, PDC Wayne Jenson spoke for Steve Konke and Adam Klapperich read a bio for Rita G Rindahl.

Ballots were counted and for 3rd vice-commander Jeff Zwiers was elected and for Sgt at Arms Jim Young and Mike Bennett were elected.

The 8th District fall conference will be on 27 September 2025 at the Wisconsin Veterans home. Posts 14 in Iola and Post 161 in King are hosting. Spring Conference is on 25 April 2026 at post 139 Coloma. The Fall conference on 26 September 2026 location has not been determined as of yet.

The incoming 8th district appointed Adam Klapperich for the position of adjutant for her term as commander.

Adam Klapperich adjourned the meeting at 1350 Hours.