

Sixth District Spring Conference  
Post 125, FOE Hall, Chilton, WI  
April 27, 2008

9:06 Call to Order

Dave Gough ANEC, NEC Candidate- Discussed the improvements at Walter Reed and the troubles at Guantanamo Bay.

Al Richards ANEC Candidate, Past Dept. Commander- Discussed his service and asked for support for his candidacy.

Welcome speeches

Post Commander: For Brian Schmidt-Sharon Woelfel-Nett

Mayor Tom Reinl-not present

Police Chief Larry Seipel

FOE President Al Steiner-Representative Linda Schott

Post 125 Auxiliary President: For Margie Kreuger- Mary Ann Lechler

Greetings 6<sup>th</sup> Dist. Aux. Pres. Dorothy Gruber

Response District Vice-Commander East Harland Zeitlow

Introduction of guests

Roll Call:

Minutes and Finance report

2007 Fall Conference minutes

Tabled until end of the meeting: RoseMarie Pitz- Jim Halverson-All in favor

2008 Spring DEC minutes:

Clary Reinhardt, Keith Glaser-All I Favor

Finance report:

Jim Norse-(need second)

2008-09 Budget:

Keith Glaser-Vern Bartels- All in favor

District Commander: All posts must have their reports in to headquarters and finalized before you will be seated at the State Convention.

Vice-Commander Reports

VC East

Harland Zietlow recognized Lloyd Haberman from Brillion

VC Central

Jim Romnek spoke on membership issues and reported two fast growing posts from North Fond du Lac and Omro. Jim recognizes past district commanders

VC West

Angela Hahn and her mother will join us for dinner. Fred Barke would like action by the Wisconsin American Legion to start a program to ensure that younger disabled veterans would be among their peers. Vietnam Wall will be in Princeton October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. They still need support; financial, honor guard, and ceremonies.

Contact for the Wall: Sam Hennessy 920-295-4684

Finance Officer: Nothing to report

Chaplain report: Thank you for the response to the memorial ceremony request. Stan identified several

events including Car show and other events. A Wild West show in honor of Mike Dade (Sp) and all veterans that served the country will be done in Princeton.

Historian-Loretta Miller

Send pictures, articles, and other event information to Loretta for the scrapbook. Loretta covered 60 year awards and the Hahn event.

Leo Endres-3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander- Department Vice-Commander candidate-Described his service and asks for support.

Break

Commander Krause-Reads letter from Nellie DeBaker for Sergeant at Arms Candidacy.

Dan Daul- Calumet County- to save money they would like to accept the checks for the art contest. \$25 for the student, \$100 for the school. Cty bowling tournament and birthday banquet. Reports due by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Memorial will be dedicated on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Government day was successful (44<sup>th</sup> year).

Fond du Lac County-No report

Greg Polly- Green Lake County-Dept. Commander and Dist. Commander will install new officers for Princeton post. The post is not going away. 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for the art contest. Government day was successful.

Keith Glaser- Marquette County- Government day was successful.

Jon Jindra- Marquette County-One post over 100%. County youth government day was successful. A and G testing done with some award winners. Meeting in September.

RoaseMarie Pitz-Winnebago County- 2 posts over 100% (Omro and Winneconne). June 19<sup>th</sup> county officer election. Youth Government day was successful.

Americanism-Roy Helms-Thanks to the attendees for the banquet, finance report submitted. Traveling wall will be in Oshkosh through April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup> at the expo center.

AG- Fred Barke- third year in a row, three district winners won state. Scholarships were awarded (6 out of 32 available across the state) went to the district. AG chairs need to get out and contact schools this spring to give a heads up that the material will be arriving in August or September. It is a large scholarship opportunity. Bob Wipf-State chair.

Athletic Activity-Ed Ott-Letter- Chicken BBQ today. Asks for all to support; each post should buy 10 tickets for the All Star Game at County Stadium (Miller Park?)

Membership program- Roy Helms- list of 100% submitted.

Oratorical Committee-Jon Jindra- Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, at Post 75. Rebecca Lee won district, first runner up at department. Schools should receive their new packets in August and September.

Public Relations- Harland Zietlow- Carry a camera at all times, there are many opportunities. Get on the website, and get the word out that we have information available. Badger Legionnaire- would you be comfortable reading the issue off the web?

SAL- Tony Soda- Attended SAL veteran exec. Committee conference. Stepping down from all American Legion offices due to health reasons. Will maintain district offices as long as Bob Kraue is commander of the district

Legislative- Delbert Schmidt-Diane Grow (SP) Iraq veteran, offering assistance with financial services, connected with Goodwill industries. New GI Bill, post 9/11-21<sup>st</sup> century GI bill- increased educational benefits for those that served on active duty after 9/11 will pay up to the amount of highest cost state school and housing costs. Federal budget-medical administration account issues. Vote against proposal to transfer funds. Sending letters out to VFW, Herb Kohl, Russ Feingold, and Tom Petrie. Healthcare facility in Green Bay is being considered.

American Legion Riders- Roy Helms for Mike Parke- Thanks the American Legion and 6<sup>th</sup> district for support. Many contributions and donations made at district an individual level. Commander Krause endorses the Riders for use of Camp American Legion.

Sound Taps of Wisconsin-Loretta Miller- Anyone that would like to compete go to [HYPERLINK "http://www.soundtaps.com" www.soundtaps.com](http://www.soundtaps.com) and submit a tape of their recording to be considered. Finals held in Sparta on July 4<sup>th</sup>. No age limit. Promote through scouting. Check Americanism committee to help promote the program.

Break for lunch

Reconvene-13:02

Roll Call taken

Jim Reigel-State Vice Commander-Described the role of the American Legion with the family support of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. We need to support the families, but we cannot put our other issues on the back burner. Running for Department Commander.

Fall conference minutes- Motion made and second, discussion-leads to a motion to table the motion. Motion to table the subject of approval until the next meeting 18 yea 34nay  
Motion and second to approve as presented, overwhelming majority in favor, 11 apposed.

Motion for the 6<sup>th</sup> District to back the Legion riders to use camp American Legion for a weekend.  
Motion and second, all in favor.

Letter of resignation from Marcus Oksa read by Commander Krause. Resignation accepted. Jim Romnek will accept the duties in the interim.

Jim Romnek's requirements. When the post holds an election, he needs an election report mailed to him, ASAP. The form and instructions are in the administration manual that was distributed to each post after the last state conference. It is necessary to have an address from each post. Default will go to the adjutant. 30 days before the state convention, the dues letter will go out. Please respond with payment ASAP. Mail will go to last known post commander if there is no other information. Please get an e-mail address to expedite mailings. It does not have to be a post officer to have the e-mail address. Jim needs everyone's cooperation because of his additional duties. Thank you in advance for responding to Jim's needs.

George Wackup-Fall Conference bids-Montello post hosting at CJ's in Ripon.

Delegates for National Convention in Phoenix, AZ in August-Ed Ott, need the information to state by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

David Kurtz speaks- Thanks the sixth district for support. Expresses the importance of the American Legion supporting the National Guard family support system. Satellite phones are being provided by the American Legion to our troop overseas. Membership incentives coming up, cashing in I Got One's for gifts. Having dinner with department commander, etc.

Harold Simon-9<sup>th</sup> District Commander- Running for State Vice-Commander- Asks for our support.

Americanism Banquette-Green lake and Marquette County make a bid-motion to accept all in favor- CJ's in Ripon. Will work out date with incoming Department Commander.

Manitowoc having a pig roast in June.

Memorial Service

Adjourned 14:37