



THE AMERICAN LEGION

THIRD DISTRICT STATE OF WISCONSIN



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The Third District Spring Conference was held at Post 84 in Monroe on April 19, 1997.

Cmdr Ken "Skip" Gust called the conference to order at 9 AM.

Colors were presented.

Opening prayer by Chaplain Bud Mautz.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Preamble was recited.

Roll call of Officers by Adj Dennis Baures and a copy is attached.

Guest attending were Past Nat. Cmdr Keith Krueger and Past Dist Cmdr Louie Arndt among the regular higher office holders which are members of the 3rd District.

Candidates running for office were Dave Wegener, 2nd and Earl Rigg, 4th District commanders for Dept Vice Cmdr.

Roll Call of posts reporting 66 members from 28 posts. Copy is attached.

Minutes from the Fall Conference held at Richland Center on Oct 6th 1996 were read and approved as read.

Welcome remarks by Green County Sheriff, Mayer Bill Gough, Police Chief Fred Kelley Post Cmdr John Dahlan and Green County Cmdr Harold Loomis.

Americanism report by Dave Gough is attached covering Apathy, the problem with membership.

Camp American Legion by Camp Board Director Ralph Schulenberg. He has brochures and new applications for attending Camp. The 40 et 8 shed fell in because of snow load. Dane County cabin leaks. The first weekend in May will be clean up time. Much damage was caused in Camp during the heavy snows of winter.

Finance Officer Hans Ströich reports total monies on hand on Apr 19 at \$2346.38 and a copy is attached.

The proposed budget is also attached. Four posts have not yet paid per capita dues.

Children and Youth by Dick Linder, He read a list of pamphlets which are available from either the Dept or National Headquarters. The Annual reports are due on or before June 1st. Last year only 46% reported.

Consolidates reports are due the same time. Both are Mandatory. Next year will be better.

At this time Cmdr Skip escorted Dist Pres Rosie Wegner into the room. Pres Rosie lost the membership bet, so Cmdr Skip recieved a TOP GUN Hat. She also presented the District with a check for \$250 for the INFORMER and directories. Green County Pres Bonnie Zurfluh welcomed everyone to the Conference.

Back to reports.

Legislative Chris Zales reports two pieces of legislation are the GI Bill of Health and the Flag Amemdment are coming to the floor again.

Resolution committee are Ralph Schulenberg, Gary Petersen, Kieth Lovell, Chris Zales Bud Mautz and Jerry Williams.

~~Guest Roger Mathison~~ is running for Dept Cmdr.

Back to reports. Membership Pat Young as of Apr 19 the district has Crawford and LaFayette county at 100%. Iowa needs 3 to make 100%. The District is 99.55%. He suggest we find a new approach to recruit new mambers.

At this time Cmdr Skip went to meet with Aux and V Cmdr Pat chair the conference. Every post should have a DARE program for the youth. He thanked Bud Mautz for signing him up as a Legion member. Chris Zales asked for another member to judge winner of Leg of the Year and Police officer of the Year.

S.A.L. Ray Faust reports 9 squadrons in the District have 332 members. A meeting will be at Coon Valley on Apr 26.

Badger Boys State Dan Gaudagno reports June 14 to 21 is BBS camp at Ripon. Cost is 180 dollars per boy. 939 attended last year.

Shooters Sport by Dan. 9 posts are sponsors of shooters. Post 13, Richland Center and Post 68, Prairie duChien are sponsoring this year. Tapes are available for anyone interested starting.

Resolutions committee reported by Gary Petersen. Res #1 are thank you resolution for the Post 84 and Unit 84 and the City for the conference.

#2 is the resolution to relocate the Dept Headquarters. The resolution was approved by voice vote and forwarded to the State Convention in July at Green Bay.

After lunch State Cmdr Dale Peterson spoke about membership and we exceeded the Nation Goal. Wis has 96.63% on this day. Camp American Legion is running ads on Radio and Television about the camp and how to get there.

He Thanked Bud Mautz for serving on the Relocation Comm.

VA & R Jim Bobarts reports VISN in 22 divisions. VERA is division 12 received 8 million dollars less than last year.

Catagory C no longer get care at the VA. Those receiving care can still go. This means less care for fewer veterans. Veterans with cold weather injuries like forstbite or froozen will have long terms effects.

Rules for care have changed and may not be as easy to receive care.

~~Disfranchized loans for~~ homes and repair to homes.

Lower the income of the vet the lower the rate of interest.

Home loans are still available.

Health care aid grants are hard to get anymore.

Education grats are available.

County Reports:

Crawford Jim Hannah. 4 posts of the 6 in the county are Over The Top.

Gov't Day for all schools in May 2nd.

Annual American Legion Birthday dinner with Dept Service Officer Lee Murry as guest speaker at Post 446 in Stuben.

Post 68, Prairie duChien sponsors BaseBall team and Shooters program.

The county sponsors a Badger Boy along with other posts sending their boys.

A book about Viet Nam written by Bob Peterson from Soldiers Grove is for sale for \$15.00.

Dane Leo Endres. He attended the State Convention and many of the post through out the county. Membership drives and county programs were many.

Gov't Day was attended by 55 students at the City-County Building.

6 posts are OTT and several need only a few to be over.

A complete report is attached.

Grant Jim Harpin. Apologized for not bringing the new set of Colors to the conference.

2 posts are OTT but it hard to get the Gulf era vets to renew their dues.

1 of the 2 students from the county went to Valley Forge

A new squadron of S.A.L. members has been considered in the county.

The 40 et 8 round-up was successfully in our county.

Green Harold Loomis attended the State Convention.

Visited all posts in the county during the past year.

Gov't Day had 42 students attend. The County Judge is very cooperative with the school in this program.

Iowa David Bell has 7 posts OTT. It's the first time in 10 years the county has been 100% in membership.

He thanked Cmdr "Skip" and past Cmdr Bud for the help in getting members to run the county. He was the only officer for 6 months.

The Judge in Iowa county is a veteran which help the Gov't Day program.

US flags are in all classrooms.

An Avenue of flags have in installed.

LaFayette Dave Gough Gov't Day had 96 students attend,
Participated in the Box Car Round-up.
Student in the Oratorical contest.

The county was 100% in membership on Feb 18th, the first
county OTT in this district.

Child Welfare Banquet was very successful.

Past National Cmdr Kieth presented awards.

Richland Jim Dietelhoff is County Cmdr again.

Caze Post 491 is 2 OTT.

Raised \$2800 for Mrs Duggon.

Past Cmdr Chris and another member selected Brian Rude
as 'Legislator of the Year' award and Bill Filback from Craw-
ford county as 'Police Officer of the Year' award.

Reports are due on or before June 1.

10 band units can receive \$400 each by going to the
State Convention parade.

Awards and Ribbons for 100% by Dec. 31st.

Traveling Trophy for first county OTT to David Gough La-
Fayette county Cmdr.

First post OTT to Darlington 214.

First county for Per Capita Dues to Richlan County again.

First post under 50 members to Oregon 334.

Highest percentage increase to Madison 151.

LeRoy Wooly, Oiler for the Richland 40 et 8 locomotive,
presented Vice Cmdr Marjorie Marshman with a camouflage jacket
and cap for her next trip on the membership round-up.

Historian Ray Faust presented Past Cmdr Terry Woolf
with a history memories picture book.

Certificates of appreciation to Cmdr Spireo, Post 844 Cmdr
and Past V Cmdr Milford Thompson.

Good for the American Legion:

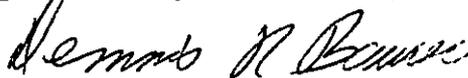
Change the By-Laws about selecting the site for Spring
and Fall Conferences.

Collect registration fees to cover the extra expense for
guest which attend the conference.

Memorial Services were conducted by Distrist Chaplian Bud Mautz for the deceased members transferred to Post Everlasting during the past year.

There being no futher business to come before this Third District Spring Conference, the Closing Prayer was read by Chaplian Bud Mautz, the Colors retired and the conference was adjourned at 3:20 PM by Cmdr Ken "Skip" Gust.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis R. Baures, Dist Adj.