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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

We are still going strong; we need a little work on our programs, donations and membership, but we are on target for a successful year.

[Posted at this link is the January 19 2009 membership report.](#)

Membership reports are also on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#), as PDF files.

[Michael Lawler, Detachment Adjutant](#)

Winter Meetings to be Held Saturday January 24th in Portage

You are invited to attend the Sons of The American Legion Winter DEC January 24 2009 in Portage. Please extend this invitation to your other Squadron Officers and Members. This notice and a membership report was mailed to the Squadron Adjutant of record. If your Squadron Adjutant did not receive it, please have him fill out a new [Squadron Information Form](#).

Details are posted on our web site www.wisal.org, click on the [DETACHMENT INFORMATION](#) tab, you will find the links for [Winter DEC January 24 2009](#), [Winter 2009 DEC Agenda](#) , and [Portage Area Hotels](#)

Josh and Friends

Has your Squadron purchased the Josh Dogs to donate to children in your local hospital?

We will have a limited quantity at the Winter DEC Saturday January 24th in Portage or you can order them from <http://www.joshandfriends.com/>

[Where has Commander Tommie Cisna's Josh Dog gone?](#)



Chairman
[Butch Ray](#) (IL)

[Chairman Ray's Report](#)

Remember to have your picture taken handing out your Josh Dogs and send them in to be posted on the national web-site. The Detachment and Squadron that purchases and distributes the most Josh Dogs by July 15, 2009 will receive a special award from National Commander Tommie Cisna at he convention in Louisville in August. Josh Keep the photos coming!

VAVS DEPs

The Sons of The American Legion has just received its annual joint review at the Wm Middleton VA Hospital in Madison. The review is a painless process; with goals and objective set for the coming year.

Two goals were set for this year

1. To add 3 Deputy Representatives

- a. **Deputies:** If you would like to get involved, live in the Greater Dane County area, including Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Rock and Sauk Counties and are able to drive to the VA Hospital for special events and quarterly meetings the opportunity awaits you. Our next VAVS meeting will be May 19th 3:00 PM at the Hospital.

2. To get at least 10 Squadrons Involved

- a. **Squadron Involvement:** Your Squadron can get involved through **monetary donations**, sponsor newspaper and television subscriptions, or other special projects (large or small), and by **attending special events**, i.e. the Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Sunday February 8, Saint Patrick's Day Ice Cream Social Sunday March 15th, Former Prisoner of War Day Friday April 10th.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Squadrons #67 Lake Mills, #385 Verona and #437 Mazomanie**, for their donations and involvement, if your squadron is involved we need to know, make sure your donations are listed as Sons of The American Legion SQUADRON #, often the check and information only name the POST and then the Post is credited for your donation.

Contact [Adjutant Michael Lawler](#), [VA&R Chairman Rodney Fall](#) or [Commander Kirk Hove](#) if you are interested in being VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives.

The Wm S Middleton VA Hospital Community Relations Department (formerly Voluntary Services) has an excellent newsletter the [OVERLOOK](#), and you may contact the staff for more information.

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Email Contest Winners

The winners of the Sons of The American Legion Email Contests have been notified by email. We have only heard back from a few of them, if you know the winners have them check their spam filters/blockers to make sure that adjutant@wisal.org is listed in their email address book. They need to reply to adjutant@wisal.org.

Congratulations to

Squadron or Post	Name
John	Kerestan
437Robert	Sutcliffe
116Bradley	Role
73Scott	Simpson
91Terry	Kasten

27Leo	Belter
245Cole	Miller
Nick	Volnec
121Jakob	Till
Rachel	Reichhoff
547Neal	Tytor
245Kerry	Severson
417Nick	Boswell
333Dennis	Norton
84Charles	Drnek
437Dave	Clason
51Andrea	Page
271Patrick	Gatling
Kevin	Meinholtz
Marian	Tyrrell

Annual Fundraising Campaign

Our annual [fundraising campaign](#) has begun. Please be as generous as you can. Your support makes everything the Sons do possible. Last years campaign returned donations from members like you in 30 squadrons and 11 of the 12 districts. Thank you all for your generosity.

As **bonus**, this year if you donate \$75.00 or more you will receive a Sons of The American Legion soft sided Briefcase/Messenger Bag. This bag is just the right size for your books, binders, laptops and small electronics; it has many pockets for pen and accessories.



The [Fundraising Campaign letter](#) was mailed with the SALute, if you did not get yours yet or need a new copy you can print it from our web site.

[Read Full Article](#)

District Score Sheet

Our goal is 90%, by February 7th, and I am running out of clever golf terms, please feel free to email me your duffer quips.

1. Fifth District 105.36%
2. Eleventh District 103.92%
3. Sixth District 87.50%
4. Tenth District 86.57%
5. Third District 85.82%
6. Twelfth District 85.29%
7. Fourth District 83.70%

8. Second District 74.25%
9. Seventh District 73.43%
10. First District 68.11%
11. Ninth District 63.96%
12. Eighth District 59.42%

Post Card Reminders

During this week, over 146,000 SAL renewal postcards are being mailed from the National Headquarters to all SAL members whose record at National shows unpaid for 2009.

This mailing is being made over the next couple of days. Please alert your Squadrons of this mailing. The next scheduled postcard renewal mailing will be in April, which is the last for the 2009 membership year.

John Kerestan
SAL Liaison

Renewal Rates

We are fourth in the nation for renewals, but a 65 percent we are still losing 35 percent of our members.

FRANCE
NEBRASKA
LOUISIANA
WISCONSIN
MINNESOTA

Lets work on the renewals as well as the new members.

National and Regional Score

We are back on the green! First in the Central Region, and fourth in the Nation! Thanks, I knew you could do it. Read all about it in the National Membership reports below.

Chairman



[Michael Moss](#)
(CO)

Members

[Thomas W. Wigmore](#) (MA)
[Rick Lennan](#) (KY)
[Mark Kilstrom](#) (CO)
[John Zgoda](#) (MN)
[Mark Severance](#) (CA)

National Vice Commanders
All Detachment Commanders

[Chairman Moss' Report](#)
1/19/2009

[Greater Mattoon Open](#)

[Mattoon Open Leader Board](#)

[Mattoon Open Score Card](#)

Membership Reports

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as of 1/20/2009

[Membership Renewal Rate](#)

as of 1/20/2009

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Final Membership Reports for 2008

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Below you will find some tools to use in your membership activities. Use these letters as tools to Welcome your new members and Thank your renewing and longtime members.

[Commander's Welcome Letter to New Members](#) Word Doc

[Commander's Thank You to Renewing Members](#) Word Doc

[Commander's Thank You to Longtime Renewing Members](#) Word Doc

Squadrons Score 105 and Better!

The Following Squadrons are Leading the charge with membership at or over 105 percent. Is your Squadron one of them? Congratulations

129 Black River Falls
116 Coon Valley
150 Wausaukee
21 Kenosha
417 French Island
355 Grafton
434 Oak Creek
313 Black Earth
273 Grand Marsh
172 North Freedom
48 Beloit
375 Mukwonago
189 Watertown
121 River Falls
294 Hartland
93 Tomahawk
18 Milwaukee
406 General King
23 Cudworth
168 Glenwood City

Squadrons Score 100-104 percent

Great Job, over 100% and well on their way to the final goal of 105%

547 Lublin
75 Fond du Lac
180 Bay View
534 McFarland
245 Cross Plains
15 Juneau
67 Lake Mills
84 Monroe
151 Madison
220 Soldiers
Grove
433 Barneveld
444 F. D.
Roosevelt
155 Westby

Squadrons at 90 Gercent Goal

Keep up the game, you are on target and heading for the winners cup.

120 Tanner-Paull
305 Johnson
Creek
522 Hubertus
44 Wabeno
108 Clear Lake

Squadron Below Goal, but on Their Way to the Fairway

We know that you have been working hard on membership, and some of you are a fraction of a percent away from the 90 percent goal. Keep your eyes on the ball, and make it a hole in one for the Sons.

70 Oshkosh
53 Eau Claire
203 Federal
336 Onalaska
437 Mazomanie
243 Plymouth
385 Verona
143 St. Croix
Falls
157 Horicon
38 Appleton
339 Almond
158 Maiden Rock
209 Orfordville
183 Genoa City
271 Poynette
117 Shawano
284 Holmen
27 South

Milwaukee
100 Sparta
10 Wausau
214 Darlington
73 Neilsville
333 Sun Prairie
366 Princeton
481 Madison
501 Madison
91 Oconomowoc
11 Green Bay
118 Thorp
54 Marshfield
288 Cedarburg
347 Lomira
302 Oconto Falls
416 Greendale
52 La Crosse
62 Columbus
51 West Salem
449 Brookfield
537 Harold Todd
405 Dousman
171 Union Grove

Zero Members?

Please let us know if your squadron needs new cards or what we can do to help you get on track.

196 Delafield
1 Germantown
387 Franklin
115 Elroy
63 Clintonville
538 Carlton
326 Boyd

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