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## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



### Detachment Officers

### Detachment Information

### Squadron Information

This is the start of a new administrative year for the Sons of The American Legion, at the convention, we had a great time, and a very exciting election, Kelly Powers is now your commander. Almost every position had multiple candidates and this is a good thing, it shows how many Sons share our passion and commitment.

It was an honor to have our National Commander Tommie Cisna and his wife Kathy as our guest at the convention, he had great things to say about the work you do. I want to thank all of the Delegates, Alternates, headquarter staff, and Commander Hove and his officers for making this convention great, there are many changes coming out of the convention as we start our new year.

Michael Lawler, Detachment Adjutant

### Newly Elected Officers

The election is complete, your Detachment Officers are posted on our web site [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org) along with their [contact information](#).

**Commander** Kelly R Powers

#### Vice

**Commander** Kerry L Severson

*Districts 7-8-9*

#### Vice

**Commander** Russell B Severson

*Districts 2-3-6*

#### Vice

**Commander** Rodney P Fall

*Districts 10-11-12*

#### Vice

**Commander** Robert J Ames

*Districts 1-4-5*

### Events at Wisconsin's Veterans Home in King

**Friday August 7, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. The 2009 State of Wisconsin Purple Heart Day Ceremony** will be held at the Bandstand in Quadrangle Park at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin.

This event is held in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Wisconsin to honor all current and former Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coastguardsman and Merchant Marines ever awarded the Purple Heart and their loved ones.

For additional information on Purple Heart Day and the Purple Heart Medal visit

[www.WisVets.Com/purpleheart](http://www.WisVets.Com/purpleheart)

**Sunday August 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. King Day.** Coomander Powers is encouraging all Detachment Officers to attend, we will march as the Detachment if we have enough members, otherwise we will march with our Districts, bring your parade colors.

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**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR ♦ ALL INVITED August 8 2009**

**Date:** August 8, 2009 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Location:** Department Headquarters, Portage  
**Contact:** Rachel Reichhoff **Phone:** (608) 745-1090 **Email:** [rachel@wilegion.org](mailto:rachel@wilegion.org)

Leadership Seminar for membership and adjutant training is Saturday, August 8th at 9:00AM.

Everyone is invited to attend— **especially** all District and County Commanders, Vice Commanders and Adjutants!!

Sons of The American Legion officers and members are encouraged to attend.

\*\*Please RSVP to Dept HQ by Tuesday August 4th - 12 Noon.

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## American Legion Baseball All-Star Game

**Date:** August 16, 2009 **Location:** Miller Park, Milwaukee  
**Contact:** Jill Janke **Phone:** (608) 745-1090 **Email:** [jill@wilegion.org](mailto:jill@wilegion.org)  
**Web Address:** [http://wilegion.org/programs/americanism/AL\\_Baseball/](http://wilegion.org/programs/americanism/AL_Baseball/)

### **Milwaukee Brewers Shortstop J.J. Hardy Signs on for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year to Support Legion Baseball**

Milwaukee Brewers starting shortstop J.J. Hardy will be back as the Honorary Chairman for Wisconsin American Legion Baseball in 2009. This is the second year that Hardy has agreed to provide financial support and lend his name to the Legion and give a big league boost to the Wisconsin American Legion All-Star Game.

**Click here to download [Brewer Ticket Order Form](#).**

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## National Convention Louisville KY

The S.A.L. agenda is posted online at this link,  
<http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/convention/SALNatlConvAgenda09.pdf>

National Convention Registration [Form](#) for Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL Members.

National Convention Accommodation [Form](#) for those attending the National Convention.

Early Registration is available for this years [American Legion Legacy Run](#).

Detailed [Tour information](#) for delegates attending the 2009 National Convention.

Tour [Registration Form](#) for Louisville tours.

Formal Wear [Rental Service](#) for National Commanders Banquet

**NATIONAL CONVENTION ATTIRE** – All delegates should be in proper dress attire while attending the Convention sessions. Coat and tie is preferred especially when receiving awards on the stage, however, casual dress (trousers, shoes and shirt) is very acceptable. Also, many speakers and visitors will be addressing the sessions and our National Convention delegates. We should be at our best. The wearing of tank tops, short shorts, and shower clogs should be discouraged by your delegation except for small children. The dress of your delegates is a reflection of your Detachment. Your attendance during the convention is important and we are very proud to represent all members Nationwide at our 38th National Convention.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION – LOUISVILLE** – The National Convention will be in Hall 1A, street level, Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky. During the National Convention we ask that all delegations kindly be seated during the National Convention. We always seem to have a contingent of folks standing in the rear of the room conducting various conversations, etc. We ask that these be confined to the foyer area outside the convention hall near the 4th street entrance. The Sergeant-at-Arms and their Assistants will assist in this effort and your cooperation and patience is requested.

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## National Liaison John Kerestan

<http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/reports/LiaisonNotes7-1.pdf>

**RENEWAL POSTCARD SCHEDULE AND MAILING (2010)** – The schedule for the mailing of the annual SAL renewal postcard mailing will be made in September, followed by the second mailing in January, then the final renewal mailing in April. These mailings are made in conjunction and subsequent to membership target dates. Therefore, please follow these membership target dates closely. Above all, “transmit”, as too many Squadrons are holding membership. This saves the organization considerable postage costs. All three mailings will be made usually within a couple of days following the target in that respective month of mailing. The membership target dates are posted on the SAL web page at {[www.sal.legion.org](http://www.sal.legion.org)}. John Kerestan National SAL Liaisons report, <http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/reports/LiaisonNotes7-1.pdf>

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## NATIONAL AMERICANISM CONFERENCE

The National Americanism Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 25-27, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Indianapolis. Included in this conference will be sessions for Boy State, Oratorical, Baseball, and Chaplains. For more information on this conference, agenda, and registration, click [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) under programs.

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## NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE

The annual National Children & Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 18-20, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Indianapolis. For more information on this scheduled conference, agenda, and registration click [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) under programs.

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## Legion Day Needs Your Help

Legion Day Cosponsors Needed

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Tell your Representative to Support H. Res. 679

[Who is my Legislator?](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx) <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>

More Info Visit this page:

<http://capwiz.com/legion/utr/1/LPHHKZCJZO/DBJEKZCMDK/3715340806>

On July 24, a resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives that honors The American Legion's 90 years of service to America by recognizing September 16 as American Legion Day, a national day of observance of The American Legion's goals and ideals in which the country may celebrate, with appropriate programs and activities, the long history of The American Legion and its steadfast and patriotic service to the community, state and nation. House Resolution (H. Res.) 679 was introduced by Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson and is currently cosponsored by 20 Members of Congress.

In a letter to her colleagues requesting co-sponsorship, Rep. Halvorson writes:

Since their Congressional charter on September 16, 1919, The American Legion has worked tirelessly to serve American veterans and communities across the nation. I ask you to honor The American Legion's legacy by becoming an original cosponsor of a resolution to designate September 16th as "American Legion Day."

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## Election Changes

To improve our convention and organization we are implementing the following changes to our election process

- Candidates should announce their intention to run for an office at the Midwinter Conferences
    - This will allow candidates time to submit an article in the Badger Legionnaire
    - Candidates will have time to campaign
    - This will give you the opportunity to know your candidates
  - Nominations will be closed on the Friday of Convention
    - This will allow your Districts, Counties and Squadrons overnight to caucus
  - One ballot will be printed with all of the offices and candidates listed
    - You will check by the candidates you wish to vote for, up to the maximum per office.
  - Election will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.
  - To receive an election ballot
    - you must be a duly registered delegate to the convention
    - you must be present
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## Membership

The 2010 Membership Report is in, posted at this [link](#)

We are off to a great start, and well on our way to reach our goals.

To reach the National Targets these are the goals and target dates we need to conquer:

- August 1-10%,
- September 1-25%,
- October 1-35%,
- November 11-50%(100% for the prize),
- December 7- 75%,
- January 1-85%,
- February 1-90%,
- March 11-100%,
- April 1, 105%

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