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## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



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The [Membership Reports](#) are posted on our web site, [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org), [September 16 2009](#) Membership Report is at this link,

Squadrons! Our Detachment Vice Commanders are looking for you. When you get an email, call or letter from your Vice Commander, or District Chairman, please reply even if it is to just say Thanks I received your information. They want to be of service, let them know what your Squadron needs, or better yet, come to the Detachment Executive meetings and get involved with the committees.

Commander Powers is looking recommendations for an awards committee, the committee will review and revise our current awards, citations and plaques to reward you for the service you provide to our programs. Email [commanderpowers@wisal.org](mailto:commanderpowers@wisal.org).

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

If you have not heard from an officer by now we may not have your information, contact the [Detachment Officers](#) and fill out your [Squadron Information Form](#).

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### Squadron Information Updated

**NEW and Improved, Squadron Information Form:** To serve the needs of your squadron we have updated our [Squadron Information Form](#), We need one main contact person from your Squadron, this should eliminate any confusion on our mailings. Please also fill out the back of the form with our Squadron Officers and Chairmen include their email addresses (phone number if no email address). With this information, our Detachment Officers and Chairmen will be able to provide program information directly to your officers and chairmen. Fill it out annually or more often if needed.

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### 2010 National Convention August 27-28-29 Milwaukee

Wisconsin will be hosting the National Convention in 2010 and the National Convention Chairman for the Sons of The American Legion is Michael Lawler, from Squadron 437 Mazomanie. We have the opportunity to setup a couple events and raise money for our programs, so we are looking to you to help.

We will be setting up a Golf Tournament for Thursday August 26 2010, details from this year's golf outing are on the internet, [Golf Scramble Sponsor Letter](#), [Golf Scramble Flyer](#). In addition to the many people who arrive at convention for the golf tournament, we will be promoting this for Wisconsin Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members to enter as well. If your squadron would like to help host the tournament contact, Michael Lawler, at [adjutant@wisal.org](mailto:adjutant@wisal.org). year a Squadron in Louisville hosted a dinner dance, in the past there have been Luau's, dances, and dinners. We can plan an event for Friday and Saturday; email your suggestions and how your squadron will be able to put them together.

ThisThe Legion Convention Corp will be planning tours and site seeing events, and we will

need to work within the parameters of meeting times and shuttle bus schedules.

Let's make Milwaukee 2010 the place to be.

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### **Operation Care and Share at the Madison VA Hospital**

Operation Care and Share is a national public and private sector program for collecting and distributing non-perishable food to needy individuals.

For the 23rd year, we again have the opportunity to participate in this very successful project to support needy veterans and their families.

Thanks to the generosity of our staff and volunteers, this project has evolved from providing just a few packages each year around the holidays to having packages available throughout the year. Each food package contains about 40 pounds of non-perishable food items as well as a 10-12 pound frozen turkey.

Food packages are distributed based on recommendations by staff in the Social Work Service.

The collection period for donations will run from September 21 through October 16. Both monetary and non-perishable food donations are accepted and should be hand-delivered to the Community Relations Service at your VA Facility.

The following non-perishable food items are suggested:

- \* Canned fruit
- \* Peanut butter
- \* Canned vegetables
- \* Pie crust mix
- \* Pumpkin pie filling
- \* Uncooked pasta
- \* Spaghetti sauce
- \* Stuffing mix
- \* Canned tuna
- \* Macaroni & cheese
- \* Sweetened condensed milk
- \* Boxes of instant oatmeal
- \* Boxed dinners (i.e. Hamburger Helper)
- \* Cereal-healthy varieties (Cheerios, Total, Special K)

Thank you for caring and sharing!

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### **Stop the Press: Reporters Needed**

Do you enjoy receiving the Sons of The American Legion newsletter the SALute?

We need energetic writers to submit articles, please contact [adjutant@wisal.org](mailto:adjutant@wisal.org) to get details.

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### **Update your WILegion.org subscription and WIN**

To serve you better The Wisconsin American Legion, has changed the way it will be sending e-mail communications to you. Visit <http://wilegion.org/newsletter/subscriber/signup.aspx> and update your subscriber account. Enter the information requested and your previous account (at the same e-mail address) will be over-written with the new information. You will now be asked to provide some additional information, like your war era.(you can put in SAL) This will allow us to tailor information to your specific interests. You will also be asked to choose which types of communications you would like to receive from us. By going to the site and re-entering your information, you will have the option to choose to receive the Badger Legionnaire, Adjutant's Notes, Legion News (death notices, etc), Media Releases and Veterans Issues, or National Weekly Updates. By completing this process by the end of the year, you will be entered to **win** some great Legion gear. We will be drawing names among those who have updated their accounts and will announce winners online and in the January 2010 issue of the Badger Legionnaire.

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### **National Renewal Postcards**

Send your membership transmittals promptly and avoid the postcards. Remember it takes a

few weeks for the membership to reported at national.

**RENEWAL POSTCARD SCHEDULE AND MAILING (2010)** – The mailing of the SAL renewal postcard will be processed and mailed this month (September). We expect this mailing to be dropped in the mail the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> to all SAL members whose record at National Headquarter shows unpaid for 2010. A follow up postcard mailing will be done in January and in April of 2010. Just a reminder, these mailings are made in conjunction and subsequent to membership target dates. Therefore, please follow these membership target dates closely. Above all, “transmit”, as many Squadrons hold membership. This saves the organization considerable dollars in 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)}.

### National Membership Report

We are in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Nation and FIRST in the Region, let's keep it up

<b>(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)</b>			
<b>Detachment</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percent</b>
WISCONSIN	3,122	842	26.970
ILLINOIS	14,888	3,346	22.474
MINNESOTA	10,515	2,060	19.591
IOWA	2,737	450	16.441
INDIANA	35,813	4,864	13.582
MICHIGAN	20,244	2,525	12.473
OHIO	30,343	3,446	11.357
MISSOURI	3,080	207	6.721
<b>Totals</b>	<b>120,742</b>	<b>17,740</b>	<b>14.692</b>

### Central Region Membership Chairman Zgoda

Central Region membership team what a great morning it is in Minnesota. Looking at the September 15<sup>th</sup> membership report I see that the Central region is doing well and we did make our first goal of 10% last week. This week we are at 14.421% seven of the eight Detachments are over 10% but we need the Detachment of Missouri to work a little harder to make sure they get over the first goal. We have a ways to go to make our 25% goal on October 14<sup>th</sup> but I know everyone will be at goal by October 14<sup>th</sup>. I would like to see the Central Region over our 25% goal by the time NEC convenes October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis. The Central Region is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place with the Southern Region leading the pack again early this membership year. As you all know the Central starts out SLOW but we gain momentum as the year progresses. Let's see if we can get in the lead early this year and stay in the lead once we make first place.

I would like to congratulate **Wisconsin** for being at 24.095% and Illinois for being at 22.474% , Minnesota at 19.591% , Iowa at 16.441% , Indiana at 13.582% , Ohio at 11.357% , Michigan at 11.297% , Missouri at 6.721% you have all worked toward getting the Central Region to a new all time high and I know we will succeed at our mission this year. Please remember to work on getting new Squadrons Chartered in your Detachment. I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall NEC and hopefully being in FIRST PLACE by then. Please remember to thank our Soldiers and their families for their service to our Country and GOD BLESS everyone!

John Zgoda

**National Vice Commander, Theobald**

We just passed the first leg of the membership year. I feel that you done very well to reach members and get the renewals in. I know that in Minnesota Dennis Henkemeyer works every week sending out information and keeping in touch with the members there. Dennis' dedication to this put his Detachment at over 19% right off the bat.

There are 2 other Detachments that I would like to hear back from. They are **Wisconsin** and Illinois. They reached over 24% and 22% respectively and I would like to share there success ideas with the rest of the region. What they can share with the rest of us might give new light or ideas to each of us. Sharing and thinking of a better way to do membership is important to all of us. My e-mail is [connie\\_dennis@machlink.com](mailto:connie_dennis@machlink.com) .

The bar is being raised to 25% next time. Some Detachments are close to this and the rest of us have a good job in front of us to make this goal. Just a few days ago I was in my squadron meeting and talking about membership. I spoke up about this and said that the best way to get renewals and new members is to " JUST ASK ". I look forward to hearing back from you.

Dennis Theobald

NVC Sons of The American Legion

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