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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

We just returned from the National Executive Committee meetings in Indianapolis, Commander Powers and I attended the Commanders and Adjutants Training Session. Your officers were busy taking notes at the committee and commission meetings and will report at the Fall DEC Saturday October 24. Judge Advocate Knox, serves on the Finance Commission, Alternate NEC Gryskiewicz serves on the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, and NECman Rice attended the Internal Affairs Commission meetings. I was able to iron out some details for the National Convention in Milwaukee and we should be set to plan our Golf Outing and Dinner Dance events.

The [Membership Reports](#) are posted on our web site, www.wisal.org, here is the [October 13 2009 report](#).

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Contact information for the [Detachment Officers](#) is on a simple PDF file for your convenience.

We have a new and improved [Squadron Information Form](#), to better serve the needs of our Squadrons, make sure you get your form in soon.

Fall DEC Meeting Agenda

The Fall Detachment Executive Committee meeting [agenda](#) is now posted on our web site.

Make sure your squadron has a representative at the meetings

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY at Post 38 Appleton

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TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, WI (APPLETON, WI)—On Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Appleton's American Legion Post No. 38, will hold an official, formal American Flag Retirement Ceremony. This event will take place on the grounds of American Legion Post No. 38, at 3220 West College Avenue, in Appleton (corner of West College Avenue and Bluemound Drive).

The purpose of this ceremony is to encourage proper respect for the Flag of the United States, and to provide for disposal of unserviceable flags in a dignified manner. American flags that have been collected or dropped off at Appleton's American Legion Post will be disposed of properly. Resolution No. 373, approved by the National Convention of The American Legion meeting in Chicago, Illinois, September 18-20, 1944, re-emphasized the purpose of proper public Flag disposal ceremonies and encouraged greater use of this ceremony by The American Legion. The resolution adopted is as follows:

WHEREAS, Our Flag which we love and cherish

WHEREAS, In a proper service of tribute and memory and love, our Flag becomes faded and worn and must be honorably retired from life; and

WHEREAS, Such retirement of Flags that have become unserviceable may be done in public with respectful and honorable rites: therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The American Legion in convention assembled at Chicago, Illinois, September 18-20, 1944, urge that the National Headquarters use all means to foster and promote through the proper channels, the greater use of the official American Legion Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable Flags as outlined in the Manual of Ceremonies; and be it further ...

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2009 Renewals

We do a great job renewing our members in Wisconsin; currently we are 8th in the Nation and 1st in the Central Region for 2009 membership renewals.

We have a challenge with the Central Region Detachments; almost all are in the top 20, to see if we can all be in the top ten by December 31 2009. We will need your help, please go back over your roster and contact your delinquent members for 2009.

Thank you for your hard work in keeping up on the renewals.

Remember we have through December to get our renewals for 2009, in many cases, all you need to do is ask them in person and they will renew.

<u>DETACHMENT</u>	2008 MEMBERSHIP FINAL	2009 TRADITIONAL RENEWED	RENEWAL %
HAWAII	40	40	100.00%
FRANCE	277	275	99.28%
MISSISSIPPI	500	462	92.40%
NEBRASKA	5,557	5,115	92.05%
LOUISIANA	1,772	1,622	91.53%
MARYLAND	15,449	13,976	90.47%
NEW YORK	26,215	23,590	89.99%
WISCONSIN	3,051	2,739	89.77%
OHIO	30,085	27,003	89.76%
MINNESOTA	10,431	9,356	89.69%
ILLINOIS	14,789	13,231	89.47%
PENNSYLVANIA	49,144	43,918	89.37%
NEW JERSEY	8,869	7,904	89.12%
DELAWARE	1,982	1,764	89.00%
IOWA	2,602	2,309	88.74%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,918	5,249	88.70%
MICHIGAN	19,929	17,583	88.23%
INDIANA	35,185	30,906	87.84%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,409	4,697	86.84%
VERMONT	3,951	3,425	86.69%

Central Region Membership Chairman, John Zgoda

Good Friday morning to the Central Region membership team. I hope everyone is doing well and recouped from Fall NEC. As of the October 14, the membership report for the Central Region shows we are still in 3rd place. I want to thank everyone from the Central Region that has helped in the membership so far this year. As you can see, we are off and running at an even pace, we have made our two membership goals so far. We have all of our Detachments working hard getting memberships in and please remember to have fun getting membership. If all Detachments have fun with membership, it does not seem like work at collecting them. The

Cheese Heads lead the pack with 37.975% with the Gopher State close behind with 35.674% and Illinois at 31.885% Congratulations to the everyone in the Central let's keep the pressure on so we can take over first place coming up in the next month. I challenge everyone in the Central Region to make a BIG PUSH to surpass the Southern Region. They have a commanding lead but it not such a big lead that we cannot catch them and take over first place. MISSOURI WE NEED YOUR DETACHMENT TO PICK UP THE PACE AND MAKE THE GOALS SET FOR THIS YEAR. I know you can make it happen and remember when it's tough the tough get going and succeed at whatever the task is. I know our NVC Dennis is proud of all of the hard work that everyone is doing. I'm sure Dennis will have some words of wisdom to pass along coming up soon. Again GREAT JOB everyone let's try and pass the Southern Region. Please remember to thank our Soldiers and their families for their service. God Bless all!

National Membership Recruitment Awards

Editor Note: You may submit an old form; the new forms will be posted online next month.

Your National Membership Committee is pleased to offer you a National Recruitment Awards. Just meet the following requirements:

Blue Brigade Award

- Recruit thirty (30) new members into the S.A.L. (NO RENEWALS OR REINSTATEMENTS) and join the Blue Brigade.
- Get the [National Recruitment Award Form](#)
- Type or clearly print all required information. Non-readable forms will not be processed.
- No abbreviations. Spell out all names, cities and street names.
- The new members record card must be received at your Detachment and at National Headquarters.
- The form must be postmarked prior to midnight May 1, 2010. Late submissions will not be processed.
- Only one (1) award pin per member regardless of the total of new members recruited.

2009-2010 Individual Recruitment Award

- The National Membership Committee offers a recruitment pin award for those members recruiting five (5) new members into the Sons of The American Legion within a membership year. This pin is suitable to wear upon your cover or lapel. You must meet and complete the requirements listed below.
- Recruit five (5) new members into the S.A.L., no renewals
- All information must be clearly printed or typed. Non-readable forms will not be processed
- The new members membership record must be received at the Detachment and National Headquarters
- This form must be postmarked prior to midnight of August 31, 2010
- Only one (1) award pin per member regardless of the total new members recruited
- American Legion Family members are also eligible for this award.
- No Abbreviations. Information must be spelled out and complete
- Get the [Individual Recruitment Award Form](#) (pdf file)
- [Individual Recruitment Award Form](#) (word doc file)

National Membership Report

We are FIRST in the Central Region again!!!! When we set our sights on a goal there is no stopping us.

Sixth in the Nation is not to bad either, but why settle for a minnow when you can catch a Musky? We are confident we can reach third place by Veterans Day, which means we need over 700 memberships send to headquarters promptly. If you total the members of all the Squadron's with a Goose Egg it equals 935, so 700 should be a walk in the park. Remember membership is everybody's duty, thanks for doing your part.

(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent	
WISCONSIN	3,131	1,189	37.975	
MINNESOTA	10,610	3,785	35.674	
ILLINOIS	14,916	4,756	31.885	

INDIANA	35,814	9,595	26.791
IOWA	2,754	728	26.434
OHIO	30,348	7,583	24.987
MICHIGAN	20,318	4,112	20.238
MISSOURI	3,084	448	14.527
Totals	120,975	32,196	26.614

2010 SAL 25% Target Date Report as of: October 14, 2009

#	*All Time High Detachment	2010	2010		10/14/2009 Total	Pct of Goal
		Mbsp. Needed for Goal	10/14/2009 25% Target	Membership Needed for 10% Target		
* 1	MISSISSIPPI	601	150	-550	700	116.473
2	HAWAII	43	10	-23	33	76.744
3	FRANCE	310	77	-92	169	54.516
4	LOUISIANA	2,000	500	-509	1,009	50.450
5	GEORGIA	5,059	1,264	-1,184	2,448	48.389
6	WISCONSIN	3,131	782	-407	1,189	37.975
7	OREGON	1,838	459	-233	692	37.650
8	MINNESOTA	10,610	2,652	-1,133	3,785	35.674
9	MONTANA	708	177	-71	248	35.028
10	VIRGINIA	4,420	1,105	-399	1,504	34.027

Child Welfare Foundation Awards More Than \$636K in Grants

Editor's Note: 5 of the 19 grants were sponsored by the Sons, your Child Welfare Foundation donations do great things across the nation, keep up the fundraising. If you know of a nonprofit organization who you feel could benefit from the Child Welfare Foundation, visit the CWF web site, <http://www.legion.org/cwf/>, for grant applications and details.

<http://www.sal.legion.org/commissions/childwelfare.html>

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 15, 2009) -- The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 55th year, has awarded \$636,869 to 19 non-profit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Sheraton Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Ind., on October 11, have been awarded to support worthwhile projects through the dissemination of information to the general public and specific target groups. The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2010:

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Districts On Target

The challenge: can your District and Squadron reach 100% by Veterans Day November 11? If you do, we will make a donation in your squadrons name to the Commanders Project, Homeless Veterans.

As you can see, this is an attainable goal, two districts and thirteen squadrons are already there, last year over one third of you made it. We just need your help; if your squadron is already at goal, contact your neighboring squadron to see if you can help, if you are not at goal contact us and see if we can help.

1. Eleventh District 115.15%
2. Twelfth District 111.86%
3. Fifth District 73.77%

- 4. Third District 66.23%
- 5. Fourth District 59.53%
- 6. Sixth District 46.88%
- 7. First District 35.45%
- 8. Tenth District 35.44%
- 9. Seventh District 28.01%
- 10. Second District 20.99%
- 11. Ninth District 17.31%
- 12. Eighth District 15.93%

District Chairmen let's put some fun in this membership campaign. Do you have awards and prizes for the Commanders of the Squadrons that are over goal?

Leaders in the Membership Race

Great Job 13 Squadrons are at 100 Percent and Above! You have made the Commanders List! A donation will be made in your Squadron's name for the Commanders Project.

<i>Trans 10-12 10-13-09</i>	2009 Total	2010%	
284 Holmen	19	27	142%
547 Lublin	19	24	126%
143 St. Croix Falls	23	29	126%
115 Elroy	14	17	121%
245 Cross Plains	104	108	104%
108 Clear Lake	36	37	103%
180 Bay View	45	46	102%
214 Darlington	57	58	102%
375 Mukwonago	64	65	102%
84 Monroe	12	12	100%
220 Soldiers Grove	33	33	100%
313 Black Earth	15	15	100%
93 Tomahawk	14	14	100%

Goal Minded

35 Squadrons are at or surpassed the 50 percent goal, 100 percent by Veterans Day is easily within reach for these squadrons. Keep you eye on the prize.

<i>Trans 10-12 10-13-09</i>	2009 Total	2010%	
18 Milwaukee	66	63	95%
172 North Freedom	24	22	92%
24 Lake Geneva	33	27	82%
406 General King	20	15	75%
23 Cudworth	41	30	73%
288 Cedarburg	53	37	70%
183 Genoa City	16	11	69%
434 Oak Creek	19	13	68%
67 Lake Mills	49	32	65%
121 River Falls	54	35	65%
48 Beloit	25	16	64%
15 Juneau	11	7	64%
171 Union Grove	13	8	62%
10 Wausau	13	8	62%
534 McFarland	73	44	60%

158 Maiden Rock	37	21	57%
75 Fond du Lac	50	26	52%
150 Wausaukee	25	13	52%
203 Federal	27	14	52%
501 Madison	16	8	50%
70 Oshkosh	24	12	50%
54 Marshfield	20	10	50%

Do it Today

Members: Do not wait to send in your dues, your Squadron is counting on you.

<i>Trans 10-12 10-13-09</i>	2009 Total	2010	%
416 Greendale	33	16	48%
333 Sun Prairie	25	12	48%
481 Madison	81	37	46%
437 Mazomanie	57	26	46%
294 Hartland	84	37	44%
51 West Salem	57	25	44%
100 Sparta	32	13	41%
209 Orfordville	93	31	33%
38 Appleton	54	18	33%
366 Princeton	22	7	32%
302 Oconto Falls	13	4	31%
347 Lomira	35	9	26%
21 Kenosha	37	9	24%
52 La Crosse	145	33	23%
336 Onalaska	69	15	22%
73 Neilsville	19	4	21%
405 Dousman	43	8	19%
27 South Milwaukee	13	1	8%
44 Wabeno	35	1	3%

Membership Round Up

I was told that many Squadrons were holding on to their membership to turn it in at their District Membership Round Up. While we understand this, your members expect and deserve a timely turnaround of their membership. If you need assistance, please contact our [Detachment Officers](#) or Department Headquarters 608-745-1090.

<i>Trans 10-12 10-13-09</i>	2009 Total	2010	%
91 Oconomowoc	28	0	0%
95 Delavan	16	0	0%
196 Delafield	60	0	0%
449 Brookfield	86	0	0%
151 Madison	19	0	0%
385 Verona	9	0	0%
433 Barneveld	32	0	0%
11 Green Bay	37	0	0%
538 Carlton	44	0	0%
53 Eau Claire	34	0	0%
168 Glenwood City	22	0	0%
326 Boyd	11	0	0%

116 Coon Valley	24	0	0%
118 Thorp	43	0	0%
129 Black River Falls	40	0	0%
155 Westby	22	0	0%
273 Grand Marsh	17	0	0%
417 French Island	32	0	0%
63 Clintonville	4	0	0%
117 Shawano	43	0	0%
339 Almond	33	0	0%
120 Tanner-Paull	25	0	0%
444 F. D. Roosevelt	12	0	0%
537 Harold Todd	17	0	0%
1 Germantown	17	0	0%
62 Columbus	11	0	0%
157 Horicon	31	0	0%
189 Watertown	30	0	0%
243 Plymouth	20	0	0%
271 Poynette	50	0	0%
305 Johnson Creek	19	0	0%
355 Grafton	42	0	0%
387 Franklin	18	0	0%
522 Hubertus	19	0	0%

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