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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



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We had a very productive Detachment Executive Committee meeting Saturday October 24.

- Commander Powers appointed David Anderson from Squadron 48 Beloit, as Historian please give Dave a Sons Welcome.
- The Americanism Committee announced the launching of a coloring contest.
- The Scholarship Committee will be taking applications for our \$1000.00 scholarship.
- The Public Relations Committee needs your Squadron contact information; use the [Squadron Information Form](#), to get your Squadron information updated on the [Squadron Locator](#).
- The [Membership Reports](#) are posted on our web site, www.wisal.org, here is the [October 19 2009 report](#).

Watch the newsletters for more information on other items and details from the Detachment.

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

The [Detachment Officers](#) contact list is on a simple PDF file for your convenience.

Are You a Son Who Shines?

The National Commander takes notice of a Wisconsin Son!

A Son That Shines

Another concept from the business world that we need to incorporate into our organization is the employee of the month. We talk of the blue cappers, many of you that read the National Update, that are the ones that make things happen. Then, what is the best way to show our appreciation? Recognize those blue cappers for their good deeds by designating them as a "Son that Shines" Each Detachment will select a Son that shines brightest. While the employee of the month in a business may get a front row parking spot or an added bonus to the paycheck, neither of which we can offer, the blue capper will be recognized among their peers for what they do in the National Update and serve as Shining examples of Molded in Excellence and Embodied by Tradition. Will you be recognized as the Son that shines in your Detachment? In my campaign travels, I came across 3 such individuals that would be worthy candidates to be recognized as such. Don Nelson from Michigan for 32 years of service to his VA hospital, Dave Perry from New York who travels on his own dime to Washington DC every year for The American Legion Legislative Conference to make sure the Sons in his Squadron are represented and **Robert Danielson, from Squadron 108 Clear Lake, Wisconsin, who drives over an hour to a neighboring state to serve as the VAVS representative at that VA hospital. It is this type of sincere service that merits the title, A Son That Shines!**

Veterans Day November 11 2009

Veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat a free meal at participating Applebee's restaurants on Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11. This is the second year Applebee's has undertaken this program in an effort to say "Thank you!" to the millions of men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. This promotion will be available during business hours on November 11, 2009 at participating Applebee's only. Dine-in from limited menu only. Beverages and gratuity not included. Veterans and active duty military simply show proof of military service.

Valid Veteran and Active Duty Identification to Obtain Free Entree:

- * U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card
- * U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card
- * Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- * Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW)
- * Photograph in uniform
- * Wearing uniform

For more information and for meals available, click Applebee's link below

<http://www.facebook.com/l/26f5c:www.applebees.com/vetsday/>

Members of The American Legion Family are encouraged to pass this information along in an effort to alert veterans of this opportunity

Are You a Proud Son?

Operation Proud Son

Commander Arneson with his father



The quintessential thank you that a Son can bestow upon his parent or forefather for their service in the Armed Forces is a membership in the Sons of The American Legion! Some of us are fortunate to have the parent that made us eligible for the Sons to still be with us. I am one such Son. I am blessed to still have my father with me. He served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was there when the Chinese decided that it was time to make their grand entrance into the War. For those who know their history, you know that my father was at the Chosin Reservoir. He understands what it means to be in a constant state of cold where his tank engine was the only source of warmth for miles around. He has seen a friend, a comrade in arms, make the ultimate sacrifice. He

understands the true price of freedom. For 55 years, he has continued to serve his Country through The American Legion and for the last 20 years, he has represented The American Legion and ensured that no veteran is left behind at the Atlanta VAMC. His service to OUR country allows me to stand here today to serve you. You have bestowed upon me a Great Honor by electing me as National Commander but it cannot rival the title he has given to me, A Proud Son of a Priceless Veteran. "Thank you for your service, Sir."

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National Commander Mark Arneson's Weekly Briefings

This year National Commander Arneson will attempt to post a weekly briefing of where he has been, what he has been doing or other topics that may be of interest. This will hopefully bring to everyone how important it is to market all of our positive actions as we promote our organization. Weekly briefings may be accessed [here](http://www.sal.legion.org).
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Midwinter Detachment Meetings January 29-30 2010

The Sons of The American Legion Midwinter will be held at the Wilderness Lodge and Water Park, January 29-30 2010, watch the Badger Legionnaire for registration information. Our Convention and Activities Committee and Chairman Mike Pook are working to schedule a great midwinter conference. Friday afternoon will be Committee and Commission meetings; Saturday morning will be our breakout sessions, for the 5 Star and Ten Ideals Awards, Flag Education, and more. The Legion will also be holding workshops along with their meetings and social events bring the entire family.

Sons Shine in 09

What do the Sons of The American Legion do?

A shining example is on the list of [accomplishments for 2009](#) and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Is your Squadron on this list? Everyone should be reporting their volunteer activities to their Squadron Adjutant. Then fill out your Squadron Consolidated Report form, have your hard work and donations counted on the Accomplishment Report, this information is reported to The American Legion and to Congress.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- 60 REGISTERED (VAVS) REPRESENTATIVES
- MEMBER OF NATIONAL VAVS BOARD
- 252,055 VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED AND 14,270 VISITS WITH \$1,245,504 IN CASH AND GIFTS
- \$70,795 DONATED TO FISHER HOUSE WITH 3,660 HOURS
- 9,895 HOURS WITH \$42,539 TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

Children & Youth

- SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CHILD ~WELFARE FOUNDATION: \$343,977 WITH 25,321 HOURS OF SERVICE
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS - \$131,419 DONATED WITH 11,903 HOURS OF SERVICE
- CHILDRENS MIRACLE NETWORK \$97,351 IN DONATIONS WITH 8,685 SERVICE HOURS
- \$1,213,453 AND 66,709 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF OTHER CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS, BRINGING THE TOTAL YEARLY DONATIONS TO ALL C & Y PROGRAMS TO \$1,817,766 WITH 112,618 SERVICE HOURS

2009 MEMBERSHIP

331,636 MEMBERS IN 5,748 SQUADRONS IN 52 DETACHMENTS

Americanism

- 586 BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES AT A COST OF \$134,221
- 7,666 COLOR GUARD APPEARANCES AT A COST OF \$77,193
- 190 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAMS SPONSORED AT A COST OF \$109,705
- OTHER TEAMS SPONSORED AT A COST OF \$116,241
- \$44,930 IN SUPPORT OF SCOUTING
- \$9,601 IN DONATIONS AND 19,922 SERVICE HOURS TO THE ORATORICAL PROGRAM
- 6,655 HOURS AND \$33,953 TO JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS
- 7,494 FLAGS PRESENTED AT A COST OF \$37,654
- 1,351 FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT A COST OF \$13,644 WITH 3,773 HOURS
- 5,790 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES
- 278,140 FLAGS PRESENTED AT CEMETERIES & PARADES AT A COST OF \$70,722
- \$287,825 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WITH 11,144 HOURS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- 615 - 5 STAR /10 IDEALS PROGRAMS AT A COST OF \$6,125

- VARIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AT A COST OF \$671,711 AND 482,159 SERVICE HOURS
- \$28,377 IN DONATIONS TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND
- A TOTAL OF \$1,669,027 AND 549,224 HOURS OF SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

SALute Articles Due November 15 2009

Squadrons, Districts, Detachment Officers and Chairmen, share your knowledge, experiences, and events, with the rest of the Sons. In December, the SALute goes out bulk mail, one per Sons of The American Legion member address.

We need your articles for the SALute by November 15, email the editor at adjutant@wisal.org with SALute in the subject line. Please provide detailed information with your article, Who, What, Where, When, Why. If you include photos, list the persons in the photos.

Districts

Sixteen Squadrons have reached the 100 percent milestone, and there were quite a few memberships turned in to HQ during the DEC meetings that will show up on the next report.

Make sure your Squadron will be part of the Veterans Day Challenge: reach 100% by Veterans Day November 11 and the Detachment will make a donation in your squadrons name to the Commanders **Homeless Veterans Project**, and issue a citation personally signed by Commander Powers.

1. Eleventh District 130.30%
2. Twelfth District 111.86%
3. Fifth District 73.77%
4. Third District 72.98%
5. Fourth District 59.53%
6. Sixth District 46.88%
7. First District 38.63%
8. Tenth District 35.44%
9. Seventh District 32.85%
10. Eighth District 22.12%
11. Second District 20.99%
12. Ninth District 17.31%

Minnesota Challenge

Each week we get a notice from the Detachment of Minnesota, trying to get our secret for staying FIRST PLACE in the Central Region. We gave them Brett and we gave them cheese, let's not give them the lead. We are only a fraction ahead of the Gophers and Illinois so we need your help to stay on top and to move from eighth to first in the Nation.

If you are, 100 Percent by Veterans Day Commander Powers will sign an award and make a donation in your Squadrons name to the Homeless Veterans Program.

Commanders Project Donations

The donations are coming in for the Commander Project, Pass the Hat for Homeless Veterans, has your Squadron joined the campaign? Commander Powers' goal of \$1.00 per member should be a snap, just pass the hat at your meetings, put out a donation hat at your local businesses, or hold a brat fry.

Commander Powers has even helped squadrons to reach their goal by working at their fund raisers. If you have an event, you would like to have Commander Powers attend, please contact him at 310 Governor St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715-404-9465 commanderpowers@wisal.org, please provide detailed information in your request and allow ample time for scheduling.

Make donations payable to Sons of The American Legion, put Commanders Project in the memo line and mail to the Detachment Finance Officer. Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051.

CWF and NEF

The Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and the National Emergency Fund (NEF) are just a few of the great programs your Squadron can donate.

CWF Links

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

<http://www.legion.org/cwf>

The Sons of The American Legion are the leading donators to the Child Welfare Foundation and your help is needed to keep us there.

Make donations payable to CWF or Child Welfare Foundation and mail to the Detachment Finance Officer. Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051, this helps us record the squadrons who donate and helps you get credit for the donation.

National Emergency Fund donations can be made to NEF and mailed to the Detachment Finance Officer. Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051, this helps us record the squadrons who donate and helps you get credit for the donation.

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