We need to work together to achieve our goals and promote the Sons of The American Legion, can we count on you?

Posted on our web site www.wisal.org, are the Membership Reports. Here is the November 2 2009 report. While we have been doing quite well in membership some of our squadrons are struggling, what can we do to help them?

I am looking forward to seeing your Squadron at the Mid-Winter Conference in the Wisconsin Dells.

Michael Lawler, Detachment Adjutant

What is your Squadron doing Veterans Day November 11 2009?

Flag Lowering- Executive Order #295- Fort Hood

www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/honoring-victims-tragedy-fort-hood-texas

www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=4696

The Governor has issued an Executive Order to lower the flags in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Fort Hood Army Base in Texas. Flags should be lowered to half-staff beginning forthwith and ending at Sunset on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. The language of Executive Order #295 may be found below.

If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Office at 608.266.1212.

S.A.L Mid-Winter January 29-30 2010 Fun and Educational

The Sons of The American Legion 2010 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells January 29-30, in conjunction with the Legion Mid-Winter. We have an invitation in to National Commander Mark Arneson, Mark lived in Brackett, WI in his youth and now hails from Georgia.

Our Committees and Commissions will meet on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning the Convention and Activities Committee in cooperation with the Officers Development Team has educational training sessions scheduled including: Five Star and Ten Ideals Program, Flag Education, Camp American Legion and Voluntary Services at the Veterans Administration facilities. If these do not strike your fancy, the Legion will also have workshops running at the same time that you may attend. Bring your officers and members; send a few to each session to take notes.

We will conduct our Detachment Executive Committee meeting Saturday afternoon, and there will be time to enjoy the Legion Mid-Winter Conference showing a preview of the Discover Wisconsin program being produced on The Wisconsin American Legion that evening.

Bring your family and enjoy the indoor waterpark and many activities offered in the Wisconsin Dells. The next issue of the Badger Legionnaire will feature registration forms, schedules, and information on reserving your hotel room in the Wisconsin American Legion room block.

Sons of The American Legion members and guest will be required to pay the registration fees and display their ID badge to attend the training and special events.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day, Wednesday November 11 2010. Our hats go off to the men and women who have and are still serving our nation. It is through their service that we gain our eligibility in to the Sons. Make sure your squadron is taking part in your area Veterans Day events; help your Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit. Be an organizer, a worker or be spectator everyone is necessary for the events to be successful.

Thank a Veteran, not just on Veterans Day but every day.

19 Squadrons have meet the Veterans Day Membership Challenge, your squadron still has time to get their membership in by Veterans Day and be 100 percent. Commander Powers will personally reward your Squadron at the Mid-Winter Conference, if you reach this goal.

Legion Midwinter Announcement

(from the November Badger Legionnaire)
The 2010 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells January 28th-31st. This year's Conference will feature a visit by National Commander Clarence Hill. The Department is excited to welcome him to Wisconsin. We are also hoping to have a homecoming by SAL National Commander Mark Arneson, a native of Brackett, WI.

In addition to these visits, the Mid-Winter Conference will feature a showing of a preview of the Discover Wisconsin program being produced on The Wisconsin American Legion. The producers will be present at the Conference to show the preview video and answer questions. The full program is scheduled to air summer 2010 and that will be an exciting time for the Department.

With the scheduled re-launch of the National website legion.org, post officers will have free access to on-line membership renewal and address corrections thru American Legion Post Officer Portal (ALPOP)
after January 1, 2010.

Several training sessions will also be offered in the Wisconsin Dells. This is expected to include an Adjutant's/AL POP training put on by representatives from the National organization. The Department
is also planning training sessions on Resolutions, Roberts Rules of Order, Public Relations for Posts, and Veterans Benefits. This schedule is subject to change depending on demand.

Please mark your calendars and save the dates of January 28-31. Bring your family and enjoy the indoor waterpark and many activities offered in the Wisconsin Dells. The next issue of the Badger Legionnaire will feature registration forms, schedules, and information on reserving your hotel room in the Wisconsin American Legion room block.

Americanism Coloring Contest

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin's Americanism Committee is sponsoring a coloring contest. The entry form will be published in the Sons of The American Legion newsletter, the SALute, and mailed one per SAL household, or print it from this link: 2010 Coloring Contest Entry Form

There will be five age groups, with prizes for each age group, • 0-3 • 4-7 • 8-12 • 13-17 • 18 and older.

The deadline is April 1st, 2010

The Contest will be judged at the Spring DEC meeting in Portage and prizes will be presented at the Detachment Convention in Wausau July 17 2010

Please print copies from our web site at, this link: 2010 Coloring Contest Entry Form

You may also make this a Squadron project in your communities; use it to educate our members and the public about the Pledge of Allegiance.

This should be a fun activity for Sons of all ages.

Thank you for your participation,

Sons of The American Legion
Detachment Americanism Committee

Commander Project Donations

Pass the Hat for Homeless Veterans ***Commanders Project*** **- Total $302.00**

Squadrons #313 Black Earth- $16.00, #437 Mazomanie - $50.00, #48 Beloit- $25.00, # 108 Clear Lake- $40.00, #209 Orfordville- $100.00, Mike Pook, $20.00, Kelly Powers, $50.00, Det. Fall DEC Fine $1.00

***Camp American Legion* – Total $75.00**
Squadrons #18 Milwaukee- $75.00

***CWF – Total* - $486.00**
Squadrons #158 Maiden Rock- $26.00, # 108 Clear Lake- $60.00, # 437 Mazomanie- $300.00, #209 Orfordville- $100.00

***National Emergency Fund* – Total $150.00**
Squadrons #437 Mazomanie- $50.00, #209 Orfordville- $100.00

Make donations payable to CWF for Child Welfare Foundation, NEF for the National Emergency Fund, Sons of The American Legion for the commanders project and Camp American Legion 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.

Did You Earn an Award?

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.

Individual Recruitment Award Form (pdf file)

Individual Recruitment Award Form (word doc file)

- 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
- Individual Recruitment Award Form (pdf file)
- Individual Recruitment Award Form (word doc file)

Earn a Blue Brigade Jacket

Blue Brigade Award

First time qualifiers for the S.A.L. “Blue Brigade” receive: An S.A.L. “Blue Brigade” Jacket and S.A.L. Blue Brigade Certificate

- Recruit thirty (30) new members into the S.A.L. (NO RENEWALS OR REINSTATEMENTS) and join the Blue Brigade.
- Complete 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 12, 2010.

Late submissions will not be processed.

Districts Where Do You Stand?

Just a few days left to make the 100 percent by Veterans Day Goal and Award Donation, 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 113.56%
3. Third District 78.61%
4. Fifth District 77.05%
5. Fourth District 72.76%
6. First District 48.49%
7. Sixth District 46.88%
8. Tenth District 39.87%
9. Seventh District 36.98%
10. Second District 29.88%
11. Ninth District 22.60%
12. Eighth District 22.12%

How does your district compare to your Legion and Auxiliary counterparts, make membership a Legion Family event.

National and Regional Membership Report

Keep up the great work; we are still number one in the central region and now seventh in the nation, here are some words of wisdom from our National Membership Committee.

Good Wednesday morning to the Central Region Membership team. As of the November 3 report the Central is looking in good shape. We need to be at 35% by the 17 of November and by the looks of things we can make that goal easy. As all can see Wisconsin and Minnesota are already at their December goal with Illinois just a little bit away from Decembers goal. If you look at the total turned in so far this year the Central has the largest total number of members turned in at this point of all the Regions. Great job getting this task accomplished.

If you have received Dennis Henkemeyer report from Minnesota they have their first new Squadron chartered great job. I would like to know if the other Detachments get new Squadrons chartered so I can congratulate the Detachments for a great job of accomplishing Commander Marks goals for membership.

Please keep up the great work and let's not let up on this task . I know we have some lag on getting membership to National and it does not always get posted by the weekly date but keep working, we will succeed. Please remember that if you have a Squadron member that signs up five new members get him to fill out the paper work for the recruitment pin and send it to me and when I get the pins for 2010 I will send them out. I have received 3 already and I'm waiting for the pins to arrive. They are supposed to be out by December. Keep up the great work, have a great week and God Bless.

John Zgoda

(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)			
Detachment	**Goal**	**Actual**	**Percent**
WISCONSIN	3,137	1,497	47.721
MINNESOTA	10,631	4,843	45.555
ILLINOIS	14,925	6,400	42.881
IOWA	2,758	927	33.611
INDIANA	35,923	11,257	31.336
MICHIGAN	20,352	6,372	31.309
MISSOURI	3,128	858	27.430
OHIO	30,398	7,577	24.926
Totals	**121,252**	**39,731**	**32.767**

2010 SAL Membership Report as of: November 6, 2009

*All Time High	#	Detachment	2010 Mbsp. Needed for Goal	11/17/2009 35% Target	2010 Membership Needed for 35% Target	11/6/2009 Total	Pct of Goal
*	1	MISSISSIPPI	601	210	-508	718	119.468
	2	HAWAII	43	15	-19	34	79.070
	3	FRANCE	310	108	-79	187	60.323
	4	LOUISIANA	2,001	700	-478		

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