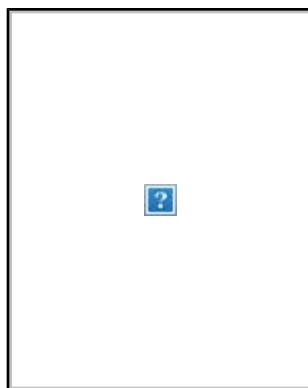




# Merry Christmas From the Detachment Of Wisconsin

[December 21 2009 Membership Report](#)

## National Commanders Christmas Wish



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Y'ALL

From

[Mark Arneson](#), National Commander

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## National Chaplains Holiday Prayer

Holiday Prayer

We come to our Heavenly Father giving him the entire honor, praise and the glory to receive him as our savior; on the profession of our faith.

We should solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant with one another as one body in his name.

We must pray that each and every one of us strive for the advancement of mankind in knowledge, holiness, and sustain worship, and let the spread of the gospel go through all nations.

We must continually pray for our nation, our soldiers and their families asking God to strengthen and calm our fears.

We must further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate each other in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

May you know the glory and wonder of God's love.

Have a blessed Holiday Season

[Atwood Grandberry](#)

SAL National Chaplain

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## Message from National Vice Commander Theobald



To The Central Region Commanders and Adjutants,

Looking at the Central Region in 2nd place is a great way to celebrate the Dec. 15 membership report. I see that the entire region is ahead of my Detachment and I will be in contact with my fellow members here to take notice of our placement. Even with the blizzard that went thru the Central Region, all of you made the extra effort to get the membership in. This year has been a seesaw between Minnesota and Wisconsin for first place, great job to both Detachments. I will also point out that on Dec. 8th Illinois had their membership to National early so the region was at goal a day ahead target. I have to say Thanks and a Great Job to each Detachment for making the goal of 45% on Dec. 9th. This is a challenging year for all of us and everyone has gone the extra mile plus.

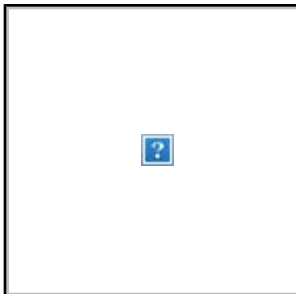
I hope all of you look at your Detachments renewal rate often. This is an important part of our membership goal. Every Detachment is doing an outstanding job on getting new members but let's all take extra effort early in 2010 to make contact with our members that have not renewed yet. I know that in January 2 renewal mailing will go out. Going the extra step to remind them why they joined could make a big difference in where we end up this year.

I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone in the Central Region. Each of you makes our region Great.

Dennis Theobald  
NVC Sons of The American Legion

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## 2010 National Convention Milwaukee



Detachment Convention Chairman [Mike Pook](#) has been going a great job working to have the Squadrons in the Milwaukee area to set up events for the National Convention including a Golf Outing for Thursday August 26 and a Dinner Dance Friday August 27. Details and flyers will be coming soon. We will need people to volunteer at all events, contact [Mike Pook](#) to sign up.

We will have our National Convention pins available to preview at the Midwinter Conference, it should be an exciting unveiling.

Convention information is on the national [website](#) and [facebook](#).

## VAVS Reps and Deps

Are you currently a Veterans Affairs Representative or Deputy Representative for the Sons of The American Legion at your area VA facility? Please check when your certification expires, we need to renew our certifications every two years.

Do you want to become a Veterans Affairs Representative or Deputy Representative for the Sons of The American Legion at your area VA facility?

Contact our VA&R Committee Chairman [Rodney Fall](#), so he can complete a form for you. Commander Powers and the Detachment Executive Committee will vote to approve these at the Midwinter Conference.

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## District Standings

Thank you to Districts 11, 12, 5, and 4, you are over the New Years Day, January 1 2010, 85 percent target, and Third District only needs 2 members to go over goal.

1. Eleventh District 166.67%
  2. Twelfth District 118.64%
  3. Fifth District 91.80%
  4. Fourth District 91.05%
  5. Third District 84.80%
  6. First District 69.23%
  7. Sixth District 59.38%
  8. Seventh District 54.22%
  9. Second District 54.07%
  10. Tenth District 50.00%
  11. Eighth District 39.82%
  12. Ninth District 27.40%
- How does your district compare to your [Legion](#) and [Auxiliary](#) counterparts, make membership a Legion Family event.

Can you reach the goal? Is your district organized? Get involved with your Legion District.

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## Loss of Charters

The following Squadrons are at risk of losing thier charters, please help us help them

1 Germantown	17	0	0%
11 Green Bay	37	0	0%
62 Columbus	11	0	0%
91 Oconomowoc	28	0	0%
116 Coon Valley	24	0	0%
129 Black River Falls	40	0	0%
168 Glenwood City	22	0	0%
196 Delafield	60	0	0%
243 Plymouth	20	0	0%
271 Poynette	50	0	0%
305 Johnson Creek	19	0	0%
326 Boyd	11	0	0%
339 Almond	33	0	0%
385 Verona	9	0	0%
387 Franklin	18	0	0%
444 F. D. Roosevelt	12	0	0%
538 Carlton	44	0	0%

63 Clintonville      4                      0                      0%

### National Membership Standing

We are struggling to maintain our hold on the membership ladder, dropping a few rungs to 11<sup>th</sup> place in the nation, but holding on to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Central Region still following Minnesota, and only a few points above Illinois.

The Renewal Report finds us in 8<sup>th</sup> place, at 50 percent.

Lets make membership a priority for the new year.

Thanks for your help!

<b>(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)</b>				
<b>Detachment</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
MINNESOTA	10,632	7,097	66.751	
WISCONSIN	3,156	1,872	59.316	
ILLINOIS	14,947	8,247	55.175	
MICHIGAN	20,404	10,988	53.852	
INDIANA	35,943	18,291	50.889	
OHIO	30,416	15,412	50.671	
MISSOURI	3,134	1,536	49.011	
IOWA	2,760	1,300	47.101	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>121,392</b>	<b>64,743</b>	<b>53.334</b>	

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