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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



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Be it 2009 or 2010, some things stay the same, in our membership report we are exactly where we were a year ago, 2211 members paid and transmitted. What are the odds of that happening?

We need to look to the future and move past last year's numbers, as we have been struggling to recapture our lead in the Central Region, we are 1/10th of a percent behind Minnesota, GREAT JOB moving ahead of Illinois. Now we need everybody's help to get our members renewed, we can provide your adjutant with an updated roster if needed.

Do you need a membership [application](#)? You can fill out the [application](#) and print it from this handy [PDF file](#).

Posted on our web site www.wisal.org, are the [Membership Reports](#). Here is the report for [January 7 2009](#)

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Reminders

Midwinter Conference, http://www.wisal.org/view_news.php?id=204

Scholarship Applications Due April 1st,
http://www.wisal.org/detachment/committees/children_youth/scholarship/scholarship.php

Coloring Contest Entrees Due April 1st,
<http://www.wisal.org/detachment/committees/americanism/americanismcolorcontest.php>

Sons of The American Legion Accomplishments,
<http://www.wisal.org/documents/2009%20Accomplishments.pdf>

Legion Bowling March 6, - April 26, 2010

Sons if you are 18 and older you can enter the Legion Bowling tournament, get your teams together and sign up now.

Date: March 6, - April 26, 2010

Location: Lake Shore Lanes, Shawano
Phone: (608) 792-8135
Email: michael.f.wagoner@us.army.mil
Contact: Michael Wagoner
Host: Shawano Post 117

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Donations for Troop Support

Is your squadron looking for a VA&R Project?

PDC Mike Wagoner of Squadron #52 LaCrosse is working on feeding 3200 WI National Guard soldiers returning from Iraq, if you can help contact him at, 608 792 8135.

Remember to keep track of your donations for the consolidated report.

Announce Your Candidacy at Midwinter

Hard to believe the year is half over, and we are already starting the campaign for 2010-2011.

Now is the time of the year for all Squadrons to send their qualified candidates to start their campaign for Detachment Offices. We encourage candidates to announce their intentions at the Midwinter Conference, for the following positions: Detachment Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms, National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

If you or your fellow members would like to work at the Detachment level, read on and come to the Midwinter Conference.

Detachment Commander

When you decide to run for Commander or for any other office, it is encouraged that you have a Resolution or letter of support from your Squadron, Post, Unit, County and District.

As a candidate, you should be prepared to address the Convention and present your plan of action for the year. Items to include

- Your goals, (membership, donations to CWF, CAMP, NEF, Etc)
- Your Commanders Project
- Appointments (make sure you ask people in advance)
 - Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Editor, Committee and Commission Chairmen and members.

You should be actively recruiting members to run for offices, like Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms. If elected these will make up your officers and will contribute to the success of your year. It is ok to recruit the current officers to run for reelection. Duties of the Commander are listed.

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Vice Commander

You are the Commander's work crew, you and the District Chairmen will contact all of the Squadrons in your Districts and keep them informed of membership deadlines and donation goals.

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District Chairmen

The commander appoints this position. You will be a nonvoting member of the Detachment Executive Committee. Your primary function is to assist, report and stay in contact with your appropriate assigned vice commander for your District, relaying information to him on how your district squadrons are functioning or requesting of him how the Detachment of Wisconsin can better serve our Squadrons.

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Detachment Officers Should Attend These Events

Being a Detachment officer requires a commitment, in addition to your regular duties, you will be asked to

attend many functions. While we understand that you would not necessarily be able to attend all of them, you should be prepared to attend most of them. Below is a list of events.

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District Standings

Will your district be at 90 percent at Midwinter? One third of the districts are already there, keep up the good work. Contact your [Vice Commanders and District Chairmen](#) if you need help or have any questions.

1. Eleventh District 166.67%
2. Twelfth District 118.64%
3. Fifth District 91.80%
4. Fourth District 91.44%
5. Third District 87.43%
6. First District 80.77%
7. Tenth District 69.62%
8. Eighth District 62.83%
9. Sixth District 61.64%
10. Second District 58.52%
11. Seventh District 55.30%
12. Ninth District 29.33%

[Legion](#) and [Auxiliary](#) District Reports are available on their web sites.

Washington Conference

The 50th Annual Washington Conference of The American Legion Family will be held Sunday, February 28 through Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel. The National Sons of The American Legion Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Tomb of The Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery (in Arlington, Virginia) is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 3:15 P.M.

A Memorial Wreath will be placed by National Commander Mark E. Arneson (GA) along with members representing various Detachments present to honor our Veterans of all Wars. Other members of the American Legion Family are also encouraged to attend to join The Sons of The American Legion in observance of this solemn ceremony of honor. Detachments will also have the opportunity to present Memorial Wreaths at the various memorials visited by the National Sons of The American Legion to honor our Veterans from the various wars.

A Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will also be conducted by the National Sons of The American Legion, with National Commander Mark E. Arneson and members at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima). The Sons of The American Legion will also visit and pay honor to those of the Vietnam War at The Vietnam Wall Memorial.

The National Legislative Commission would like to thank all those who have participated in the various wreath laying and the commission meetings in the past and look forward to seeing you in 2010. This year's bus transportation will be available to a limited number of members on a first come first serve basis. A box lunch will also be available to those participants of the wreath laying on Sunday. Advance reservation for memorial wreaths, bus seats, and box lunches is mandatory!

David W. Lee

National Legislative Commission

Regional and National Membership Report

We are 9th in the Nation and back in second place in the Central Region.
We still have work to do to beat Minnesota.

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