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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

The Membership Report for [March 11, 2010](#) is posted on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#).

Know the Value of Being A Son!

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

National Commander Mark Arneson

You can view the Sons of The American Legion National Commander Mark Arneson in action as he addresses the Washington Conference.

http://legion.org/legiontv?v=MarkArnCommCall_2251.flv

Follow Commander Arneson's year and view his Homecoming photos at, www.arnesonsarmy.org

Triple Nickel

 [Michael Moss](#), Membership Chairman

Gentlemen all I can say is WOW, plus 14, 874 Congratulations to the 35 Detachments who surpassed their goal of 80%, Fantastic! All five regions are to be congratulated with each one hitting their target, job well done guys. I can't say enough about all the squadrons and their members across this country who have given so much for this organization. Its with your hard work and dedication that makes our foundation so much stronger and the only way we can continue to support the many programs is through a strong membership program.

Lets not stop here remember April 14th is our 90% goal also Detachments that are in running for the Triple Nickel must have at least 90% goal, 4 new charters and 75% renewals by April 14th.

Currently as they stand:

- Nebraska-- 4 charters-- Renewals 73.39%-- Goal 83.427%
- Ohio-- 7 charters-- Renewals 75.68%-- Goal 86.062%
- Kansas-- 4 charters-- Renewals 73.60%-- Goal 91.102%
- Georgia-- 3 charters-- Renewals 69.92%-- Goal 88.709%
- California--3 charters-- Renewals68.53%-- Goal 85.072%
- Pennsylvania-- 5 charters-- Renewals 71.53%-- Goal 85.916%

Again, keep up all the good work you all do.

Yours In Service

Mike Moss, National Membership Chairman

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Wisconsin-- 2 charters-- Renewals 76.03%-- Goal 87.23%,

The Triple Nickel prize is tailor made for us to win,

- we typically renew 85+percent of our members,
- we can reach 105 percent of last year's membership,
- Vice Commander Ames has been working hard on chartering new squadrons, but we all need to work on this.

What can you do?

1. Make sure your squadron, and your neighboring squadrons, get their members to renew, personal contact helps.
2. Carry membership applications with you. We miss most potential members because we never ask, "Are You A Son?"
3. Get your membership in promptly, even if you only have one this week send it in, everyone counts.
4. Is there a Post in your area who does not have a Squadron?
5. Drum up some interest, promote what you squadron does in the local papers.
6. Be POSITIVE!

Donate to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

http://www.wisal.org/documents/National_Veterans_Creative_Arts_Festival.pdf

The Tomah VA Medical Center is proud to be the host of the **2010 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival!**

The Festival is the culmination of a year-long arts competition for Veterans receiving care by VA and showcases Veterans' talents in the visual arts and performing arts. Veterans participate by entering their talents in a multitude of categories in music, dance, drama, creative writing and the visual arts. Local competitions are held at VA Medical Centers around the country, with the local winners advancing to the national competition. National Gold Medal Winners are then invited to the week-long National Veterans Creative Arts Festival held in different cities each year.

The 2010 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin. During the week of the Festival, the visual artists display their art, attend workshops and tour the local area. The performers rehearse throughout the week on a stage show. The week comes together on **Sunday, October 24, 2010** when the Veterans showcase their talents at the **free** art exhibit and stage performance at Viterbo Fine Arts Center in La Crosse.

The 2010 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is a large undertaking for the Tomah VA. In addition to planning and coordinating nearly every aspect of the week-long event, the Tomah VA is tasked with raising **\$35,000** to help support this wonderful program.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion Auxiliary and Help Hospitalized Veterans. The funds raised by the Tomah VA will join the other gifts and will be used to provide hotel accommodations and meals for the Veterans attending the Festival; purchase memorabilia for the Veterans; provide art workshops, tours of local attractions, and special activities planned throughout the week.

To help us meet our goal, every Veterans' service organization in Wisconsin is being contacted and asked to do something to help with the fund-raising effort. Perhaps a group will plan a

spaghetti supper, pancake breakfast, bake sale, or just “pass the hat” at the monthly meeting. **All** donations will be gratefully accepted and will help us reach our goal.

If each organization receiving this mailing sent \$25 or \$50, we would exceed our fund-raising goal and have the resources to provide a first-rate event for our deserving Veterans!

Checks should be made out to “**VA Medical Center – 2010 NVCAF**” and sent to:
VA Voluntary Service (135)
500 East Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, please contact me at (608) 372-1727.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Laura Bishop, Voluntary Services Coordinator

April 9 2010 NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY

“National Former Prisoner Of War Recognition Day” will be observed locally on April 9, 2010. The William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital of Madison, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, will be conducting a program in observance of this day at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9th, in the hospital auditorium, according to Deborah A. Thompson, Director.

“We at the hospital are anxious to pay tribute to America’s former prisoners of war and their families in recognition of their special sacrifices,” Thompson said.

This year the guest speakers will be two former prisoners of war speaking about their personal experiences.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will participate in the observance by providing remarks and will present a Proclamation from Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. All former prisoners of war in attendance will be recognized during the program. Veterans, their family members and the public are encouraged to attend this program.

Districts

- 1. Eleventh District 200.34%**
- 2. Twelfth District 120.34%**
- 3. Fourth District 104.28%**
- 4. Third District 98.87%**
- 5. First District 97.83%**
- 6. Fifth District 95.08%**
- 7. Second District 84.94%**
- 8. Seventh District 84.56%**
- 9. Tenth District 81.65%**
- 10. Eighth District 75.22%**
- 11. Ninth District 67.31%**
- 12. Sixth District 63.54%**

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