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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

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As we put the final touches on our Memorial Day program, I reflect on the great rapport my squadron has with our Post and Unit and what an honor it is to be a member of The American Legion Family. This rapport has carried to the County, District and Department levels and I encourage everyone to take an active role in the Sons.

We managed to maintain our rank of 14th in the nation for retention with 84.42 percent, please keep working on the renewals, this should be 95 percent retention.

Posted on our web site www.wisal.org, is the [May 24 2010](#), membership report all the reports are listed under [Membership Reports](#).

Thanks for everything you do for the Sons and The American Legion Family.

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

You Can Not Win If You Do Not Report

Consolidated Reports have been coming in by mail and electronically the deadline to apply for the Detachment Awards, Plaques and Prizes, including; Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation is June 1, 2010. We use the [Consolidated Reports](#) for judging the Detachment Awards, and encourage you to make sure your squadron is on the list.

Thank you to the following Squadrons for submitting their [Consolidated Reports](#). (If you mailed yours in, Thank you too). If your Squadron is not listed, please check with your Commander and Adjutants to make sure the Consolidated Report is submitted.

[Consolidated Reports.](#)

38 Appleton
48 Beloit
52 LaCrosse
108 Clear Lake
117 Shawano
121 River Falls
150 Wausaukee
172 North Freedom
189 Watertown
220 Soldiers Grove
273 Grand Marsh
294 Hartland
313 Black Earth
333 Sun Prairie
375 Mukwonago
406 General King
and the Third District

You still have until midnight June 1st to submit yours to qualify for the Detachment Awards, Plaques and Prizes. If you do not want to compete for the awards, we still need your report, even if you miss the deadline; a completed report is required to be seated at convention and maintain your charter.

Sons Attending Post Meetings:

In many Posts, the Sons have the privilege of being invited by the Post Commander to attend the Post meeting and report on the activities of the Sons. While this would seem logical, as the Post is the sponsor organization, it is not a right of the Sons or requirement of the Post to invite the Sons.

The Sons should have a working relationship with the Post and Unit where this is the norm not the exception. If your Post has not invited you to attend their meeting do not think you have been slighted, they most likely did not think about it.

I would encourage squadrons to speak with their S.A.L. Advisor to see if the Post Commander and Adjutant could add them to the Post agenda. With that invitation comes a responsibility to have a prepared report, be respectful of the Post member's time. I have seen many great relationships between the Post and Squadron, some where the Sons report and leave to attend their own meetings and some where the representative stays for the entire Post Meetings (except during closed sessions).

The Sons should be are working on their programs and viewed as an asset to the Post. Earn the respect of the Legion and they will want you to attend the Post meetings.

National Convention Dinner Dance

Dinner Dance Flyer

Come attend the National Convention Sons of The American Legion Dinner Dance, Friday August 27, 2010; it will be a "Traditional Milwaukee Fish Fry" with live Oktoberfest music.

Hosted by Squadrons 120 & 449 at American Legion Post 120 6922 W Orchard Street, West Allis, WI 53214 (414) 476-5701. The Dinner/ Dance is only \$20.00, with separate events tickets available for \$18, & \$5 respectively. The entire American Legion Family and their guests of are invited to attend.

There will be fun Sports and Harley Davidson raffles and door prizes for the best Motorcycle themed attire. Bring your local sports team and/ or Harley T-shirts and items for the Raffle and receive a free raffle ticket.

The menu includes Fish Fry, Chicken Potatoes, Veggie, and Bread. Music by "Music Vendors" playing Oktoberfest and your favorite from the 60's, 70's & more.

For more information and to book transportation contact Mike Pook at 414-689-4000 or mp3wpok@yahoo.com

RSVP with payment to Dennis Stockfish N56 W 18346 Evergreen Lane Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 Please make payment to Sons of the American Legion.

Squadrons in Distress

What can the Detachment do to help these Squadrons get over ten members?

326 Boyd	11	0	**
385 Verona	9	3	**
63 Clintonville	4	4	**

We are here to help, just contact your [Detachment Officers](#), they can help you with your transmittals, tips for recruiting new members and retaining your current members.

Detachment Convention Registration

Convention Delegate Certification

July 16-18 2010 marks the 42nd Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin Convention. Make sure you delegates, alternates and guest are registered. Your Squadron has been mailed a Detachment Convention Delegate Certification Form. We require you return the certification form completed and signed, and a registration form with fee for each person attending the convention.

[Registration Form](#)

[Available Hotels](#)

We are finalizing the details, with the tentative schedule list here:

Friday

- Preconvention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting 1 PM
- Official Start of Convention 3 PM
- Greetings and Various Appointments
- Nominations for Detachment Officers
- Workshop: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Saturday 8:30 AM

- Keynote speaker, National Commander Mark Arneson or Nation Vice Commander Dennis Theobald
- Election of Officers 10:30 PM.
- Awards Lunch, most awards are judged from the [Consolidated Report Form](#). Make sure your Squadron is represented to pick up your award.
- Installation of Officers
- Saturday Afternoon Training and Workshop, National Child Welfare Foundation, John Mejia. John has a great program on the history, present and future of the CWF. John will be offering the Children Action Team Certification Program, where you will be able to complete your certification and receive your exclusive CAT pin. We will also have limited CWF, shirts, cups, and totes for sale.
- Pool Pizza Party or Bowling for Saturday evening's social event.

Sunday

- Memorial Service 8 AM
- Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting 9 AM
- Officers Training Workshop

Final details of Convention and events will be sent out to your Squadron Primary Contact.

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Regional and National Membership Report

We knew you would come through for us, rising from last place to 4th and ahead of Minnesota to boot, THANK YOU! However if we are going to win the Central Region Challenge we need to get on the ball and get our renewals and new members transmitted as soon as possible.

We are currently 19th in the nation.

(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
MISSOURI	3,135	3,111	99.234
INDIANA	36,074	35,714	99.002
MICHIGAN	20,408	20,020	98.099
WISCONSIN	3,158	3,052	96.643
MINNESOTA	10,632	10,244	96.351
ILLINOIS	14,957	14,395	96.243
OHIO	30,428	28,907	95.001
IOWA	2,760	2,552	92.464
Totals	121,552	117,995	97.074

District Standings

1. Eleventh District 203.03%
2. Twelfth District 120.34%
3. Fourth District 111.28%
4. First District 109.53%
5. Third District 105.44%
6. Second District 98.02%
7. Fifth District 95.08%
8. Seventh District 93.36%
9. Tenth District 90.51%
10. Eighth District 83.19%
11. Ninth District 81.73%
12. Sixth District 64.58%

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

105-294 percent of last years membership

Great Job, the following 32 Squadrons are over 105 percent of their membership reported June 2009. This is the cutoff for membership to count for awards and convention delegates.

Squadron	2009	2010	Percentage
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100-104 Percentage

50 Squadrons over 100 percent is great, can you offer advice to help the other 50 squadrons? Remember to keep up the membership campaign, the final goal is 105 percent

Squadron	2009	2010	Percentage
537 Harold Todd	17	50	294%
547 Lublin	19	46	242%
183 Genoa City	16	35	219%
024 Lake Geneva	33	67	203%
010 Wausau	13	21	162%
284 Holmen	19	30	158%
189 Watertown	30	46	153%
093 Tomahawk	14	21	150%
100 Sparta	32	48	150%
143 St. Croix Falls	23	29	126%
171 Union Grove	13	16	123%
115 Elroy	14	17	121%
481 Madison	81	96	119%
108 Clear Lake	36	42	117%
333 Sun Prairie	25	29	116%
168 Glenwood City	22	25	114%
220 Soldiers Grove	33	37	112%
0048 Beloit	25	28	112%
203 Federal	27	30	111%
151 Madison	19	21	111%
434 Oak Creek	19	21	111%
355 Grafton	42	46	110%
433 Barneveld	32	35	109%
534 McFarland	73	79	108%
288 Cedarburg	53	57	108%
180 Bay View	45	48	107%
313 Black Earth	15		
245 Cross Plains	104	108	104%

294 Hartland	84	87	104%
405 Dousman	43	44	102%
375 Mukwonago	64	65	102%
15 Juneau	11	11	100%
84 Monroe	12	12	100%
172 North Freedom	24	24	100%
196 Delafield	60	60	100%
271 Poynette	50	50	100%
273 Grand Marsh	17	17	100%
305 Johnson Creek	19	19	100%
387 Franklin	18	18	100%
406 General King	20	20	100%
444 F. D. Roosevelt	12	12	100%
501 Madison	16	16	100%
522 Hubertus	19	19	100%
544 Twin Lakes	New	10	100%
71 Pewaukee	New	13	100%

48-98 Percent

40 Squadrons still working to reach 105 percent, what can we do to help, contact your vice commanders, they were elected to serve you.

Squadron	2009	2010	Percentage
449 Brookfield	86	84	98%
052 La Crosse	145	141	97%
038 Appleton	54	52	96%
120 Tanner-Paull	25	24	96%
116 Coon Valley	24	23	96%
129 Black River Falls	40	38	95%
001 Germantown	17	16	94%
023 Cudworth	41	38	93%
053 Eau Claire	34	31	91%
062 Columbus	11	10	91%
366 Princeton	22	20	91%
157 Horicon	31	28	90%
538 Carlton	44	39	89%
209 Orfordville	93	82	88%
150 Wausaukee	25	22	88%
067 Lake Mills	49	43	88%
437 Mazomanie	57	50	88%
73 Neilsville	19	16	84%
011 Green Bay	37	31	84%
158 Maiden Rock	37	30	81%
155 Westby	22	17	77%
027 South Milwaukee	13	10	77%
302 Oconto Falls	13	10	77%
021 Kenosha	37	28	76%
054 Marshfield	20	15	75%
117 Shawano	43	32	74%
417 French Island	32		