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## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



**Detachment Officers**

**Detachment Information**

**Squadron Information**

We had a great national convention; we met with our old friends and made new ones. As we wrapped up the 2009-2010 year, we were able to see the great work that you all do, the tremendous generosity you have. Now with the new officers in place we look towards the future as we promote our programs, the Sons and the entire American Legion Family.

During my tenure as a Sons of The American Legion member, I have had the opportunity to promote our American Legion family, to tell people "Why I Belong", to honor my Father's service to our country, to assist our veterans, to serve our organization and so much more. As I visit different Posts, Squadrons and Units, meet with different Departments and Detachments, I am reminded of the precarious relationship we have at times and how it is important to appreciate what it means to be a Son. I am reminded of what a great resource we have with our Dual Members and the perspective they can bring to our organization. However, when a Legionnaire or Son complains about their Post or Squadron, I have to ask is more about what is good for themselves and less about the good we do? Do we let our egos get in the way of doing what is best for The American Legion Family? Do we forget that the Legionnaires are our Forefathers? Does the Legion forget we are literally their Sons? Sure there are issues that arise from time to time, but I hope we can focus on what is right with our organization and use that to fix what is perceived wrong.

By working with your American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit and Sons of The American Legion Squadron, anything is possible, do not let the negative actions of a few members detract us from our goal; serving our Veterans, our Children & Youth, our Community, State and Nation.

Have a safe Labor Day Weekend!

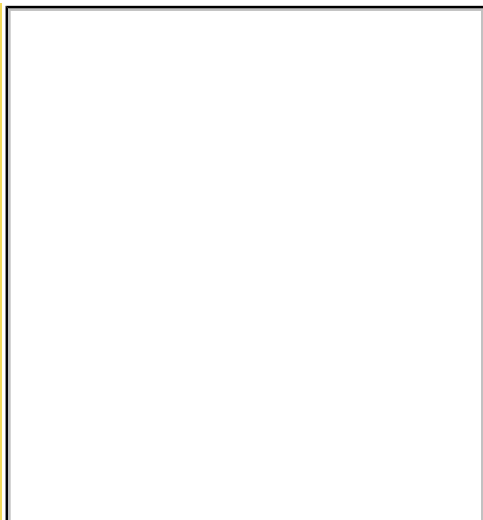
[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

The 2011 Membership Report for [August 26](#) and [September 1](#), are on our web site [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org), under [Membership Reports](#).

### **Welcome Ya All, National Convention Update**

Detachment of Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion Commander Kerry Severson was called upon by National Commander Arneson to bring greetings to the National Delegation.

Commander Severson welcomed the 800 plus registered Delegates, Alternates and Guest to Milwaukee Wisconsin for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual



National Sons of The American Legion Convention. He encouraged the members to enjoy the sights and events available in Wisconsin during their visit.

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### Consolidated Report Log

The [Consolidated Report](#) is not a once a year event, it is a total of your squadron members, daily, weekly, and monthly activities. You and your squadron should be keeping a log each month of the hours you have put in and the moneys you have donated to your programs.

Print twelve of the consolidated reports and write each month at the top of them

[http://www.wisal.org/consolidated\\_report/index.php?year=2011](http://www.wisal.org/consolidated_report/index.php?year=2011). Use June as your start month, as May 31<sup>st</sup> is the end of the reporting year.

By having, the consolidated report form online we have greatly increased our reporting, this will help us report our accomplishments to the American Legion, the national organization and Congress. An added benefit of reporting is the opportunity to garner some of the Detachment and National awards.

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### Wisconsin SAL Garners 2 National Membership Awards

Commander Severson (l) was proud to represent Wisconsin and receive the **Arthur D. Houghton Trophy** and the **National Renewal Plaque**, from National Vice Commander Dennis Theobald(c) and National Membership Chairman Mike Moss (r). We received these awards thanks to your tireless work, recruiting new members, renewing and retaining former members. By presenting a positive image as Sons of The American Legion potential members will want to join, just ask them.



The **Arthur D. Houghton Trophy**: is a National award inscribed “. . .Awarded annually to that Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion which on January 1st of each year has attained the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year’s total membership”. Category III includes 3,001 to 6,000 members.

**National Renewal Plaque**: is a plaque is presented to the Detachment who achieved the highest renewal percentage within each Region as of December 31st of each year.

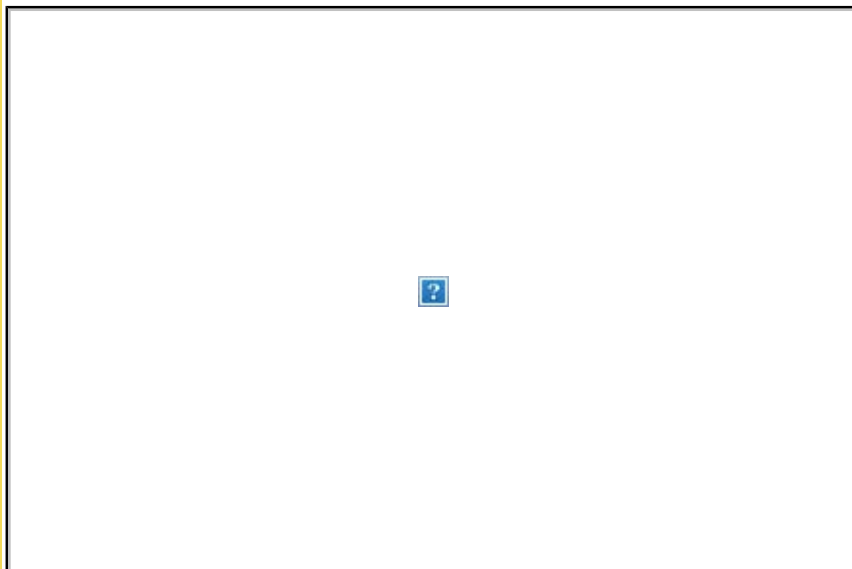
This year our goal is to bring home the **Triple Nickel Award**: This award is the newest membership incentive for any detachment that excels and exceeds in membership. A gift certificate from National Emblem Sales for \$555.00 will be awarded to any Detachment that achieves all three items in membership by July 1st of the current membership year: 105% in membership by July 1; Five (5) new Squadron charters (new Squadron charters – not reactivated) w/membership transmitted; and 85% renewal rate by July 1 of each year. Again, you must achieve all three of the above categories to receive this award.

We need everyone onboard and working towards a common goal.

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### **National Youth Champions**

The fact that two of the National Youth Champions this year call Wisconsin home, is a testament to the commitment we as the American Legion Family have for the youth of today.



2010 Eagle Scout of the year, Joe Phillips is from Fond du Lac and is a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 75. *(far left in photo)*

2009 Baseball Player of the year, Tyler Jacobson is from Oneida, and was sponsored by Pulaski Post 337. *(far right in photo)*

Congratulations to all of the participants of our youth programs. Make sure your squadron is active with the programs of the American Legion; Junior Shooter Sports, Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Badger Boys and Girls, are great places to highlight our commitment, recruit member and be an asset to the Sons.

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## District Fall Conferences

Sons attending the Legion Fall Conference should be routine, but make sure to ask the District Commander if your squadron can have representatives in attendance. You will be required to pay for registration and meals if available. Be a positive representative of the Sons, dress proper for the occasion, be courteous and respectful. If given the opportunity to speak, be prepared, concise; report the positive things your squadron has been doing. If your Post is host to a Fall Conference, see where you can help them put on a successful event.

### Sorted By Date

- September 11, 2010 12th District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2123> Post 379 Birchwood, WI
- September 17-19, 2010 10th District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2121> Post 224 Alma, WI
- September 27, 2010 5th District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2119> TBA
- October 2, 2010 11th District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2122> Post 122 Phillips, WI
- October 2, 2010 3rd District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2117> Post 501 Madison, WI
- October 2, 2010 7th District Fall Conference <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2132> Post 336 Onalaska, WI
- October 3, 2010 1st District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2115> Post 449 Brookfield, WI
- October 24, 2010 9th District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2120> Post 38 Appleton, WI
- October 30, 2010 8th District Fall Conference <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2128> Post 263 New London, WI
- October 31, 2010 2nd District Fall Conference <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2131> Post 1 Germantown, WI

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- 1st District Fall Meeting <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2115> Post 449 Brookfield, WI October 3, 2010
- 2nd District Fall Conference <http://wilegion.org/calendar/?ID=2131> Post 1 Germantown, WI October 31, 2010
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## Renewal Form

It is [renewal](#) time again; make sure your members know where to mail their dues. We have a [renewal form](#) that you can fill out, print and mail to your squadron members to speed the process.

Please contact [Adjutant Lawler](#) if your squadron has not received its 2011 membership cards. We can help track them down or get replacements if they have been lost.

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## District Standings

Half of the districts passed the September target and are well on their way to 100 percent, great work. Our next goal is 50% by October 1<sup>st</sup>, Commander Severson is working with the Membership team to help you, contact your Vice Commanders with any questions and suggestions.

1. Fifth District 65.52%
2. Twelfth District 45.07%
3. Fourth District 38.19%
4. Third District 37.92% %
5. Sixth District 33.87%
6. Eleventh District 30.88%
7. First District 13.48%
8. Seventh District 13.16%
9. Tenth District 10.23%
10. Ninth District 7.82%
11. Eighth District 4.17%
12. Second District 2.24%

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

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## Regional and National Standings

Wisconsin's very own Patrick Gryskiewicz is our newly elected Central Region Vice-Commander. As you can see by the reports below, we are First in the Central Region and seventh in the Nation, let's maintain first place all year and make Pat proud of his Wisconsin Sons

We are finalizing the details of our central region challenge; we need your help to win this year get your squadron involved.

<b>(Central Region) Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (WI)</b>
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Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
WISCONSIN	3,178	615	19.352
ILLINOIS	15,032	2,154	14.329
INDIANA	36,935	5,040	13.646
MINNESOTA	10,707	1,349	12.599
IOWA	2,683	316	11.778
MISSOURI	3,250	259	7.969
MICHIGAN	20,787	1,396	6.716
OHIO	30,062	1,617	5.379
<b>Totals</b>	<b>122,634</b>	<b>12,746</b>	<b>10.394</b>

*All Time High		2011 Mbsp.		2011 Membership		
#	Detachment	Needed for Goal	9/9/2010 10% Target	Needed for 10% Target	9/3/2010 Total	Pct of Goal
1	HAWAII	68	6	-22	28	41.176
2	LOUISIANA	1,905	190	-451	641	33.648
3	GEORGIA	5,232	523	-1,039	1,562	29.855
4	NEVADA					

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