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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

We have plans for a great New Year, new awards, new squadrons, new training, and new members. What does your squadron have planned?

The 2011 Membership Report for December 21, 2010 is on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#).

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans, our Communities and our Nation!

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

*A son by birth, a volunteer and member of the **SONS** by choice.*

ZERO In December

We are down to 15 **GOOSE EGG SQUADRONS**; these are squadrons reporting ZERO membership for 2011. Remember our membership recruitment year commences in June, we mailed your 2011 cards in June 2010 and dues should be collect and transmitted to HQ by January 1, 2011, if possible. While you can and should recruit new members through 2011, current members risk losing their continual years if their dues are not processed at Headquarters before the new cards are sent to the printers.

Squadron	2010	2011
1 Germantown	16	0
44 Wabeno	16	0
75 Fond du Lac	26	0
91 Oconomowoc	19	0
95 Delavan	17	0
115 Elroy	17	0
116 Coon Valley	23	0
129 Black River Falls	38	0
143 St. Croix Falls	29	0
271 Poynette	50	0
302 Oconto Falls	10	0
305 Johnson Creek	19	0
339 Almond	22	0
387 Franklin	18	0
538 Carlton	39	0

In January, National will send yet another delinquent postcard to members who do not show paid for 2011, reminding them they are **no longer a member in good standing**. If you need help with your membership program, contact your detachment vice commander or adjutant Lawler LEAVE A MESSAGE and PHONE number, most of our officers have a day job in addition to the volunteer

hours we put in for the SONS.

Adjutants Update

On Tuesday December 21, we mailed the Adjutants Update to your Squadron Primary Contact person; they should have it today or next week. We feel the Adjutants Update contains information valuable to all squadron members, so we have made them available to you at the date links below.

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This year as a pilot program, we sent out eight issues of the Adjutants Update, one per squadron, from January to December, with one in each of the last four months to see if this would increase membership, reporting and activities. While the data is still out for review, we are also looking into going back to mailing every other month, three per squadron, pending a cost/benefit analysis these mailings would go to the Commander, Adjutant and Advisor,. The cost of printing and postage is the driving factor in changing the way we communicate with our squadrons, we need to balance expenses with effectiveness and will most likely end promoting Legion functions that are already in the Badger Legionnaire or online. It will be up to the individual squadrons to seek out the information. If you have thoughts on this or if there is other information you would like to see in the Adjutants Updates contact Adjutant Lawler at mll@chorus.net or 608-795-4345.

Midwinter Agenda Friday January 21, 2011

[Agenda Friday January 21, 2010](#)

Committees and Commission will meet per this agenda; Squadrons are encouraged to have a member attend each meeting, to learn what each committee/commission is working on.

12:45

Committee/Commission Chairmen report directly to your assigned rooms, recite the pledge of allegiance at the start of your committees. **Members and guest** report to the room where the committee/commission is meeting that you have an interest in. As each session ends please move promptly to the next session to help keep us on schedule.

1:00 – 2:00

Upper Dells C **Americanism**

Chairman Mike Pook, members Mark Wood, Sean Patchin

Upper Dells D **Children and Youth**

Chairman Gary Lubich, members Robert Breutzmann, Robert L Hoffman

Upper Dells E **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**

Chairman Rodney Fall, members Kelly Powers Robert Ames

2:15 – 3:15

Upper Dells A **Membership**

Internal Affairs, Chairman Russ Severson, members Rich Ruland, Gary Myers, Russ Evanson

Upper Dells C **Constitution and By-Laws Commission**

Chairman David Faust, members Larry Rice, Gary Lee LeRoy

3:30 - 4:30

Upper Dells A **Internal Affairs Commission**

Chairman Russ Severson, members Robert Ames, Gary Myers, Tom Knox

4:45 - 5:45

Upper Dells C **Finance Commission**

Chairman Dennis Stockfisch, members Robert Ames, Gary Lee LeRoy, Kirk Hove, Tom Knox

Midwinter Agenda Saturday January 22, 2010

[Agenda Saturday January 22, 2010](#)

We will start our Saturday with S.A.L. 101; you should have your squadron members attend this and the Legion Training Sessions.

Upper Dells A

9:00 –11:30

S.A.L. 101, David Faust Training Officer

- 1) **Introduction** David Faust
A brief history of the Sons, the Benefits of having a Squadron
- 2) **Squadron Operations** Michael Lawler
An overview of Squadron Administrative requirements
- 3) **Squadron Finances** Dennis Stockfisch
How to operate your squadron finances
- 4) **Membership** Russ Severson
A review of Squadron membership responsibilities and rewards
- 5) **Reporting and Forms** Michael Lawler
A how to guide to Squadron reporting
- 6) **Programs and Donations** David Faust
What programs are Squadrons involved
- 7) **Question & Answer Session**

11:30 12:45

Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Detachment Executive Committee ,

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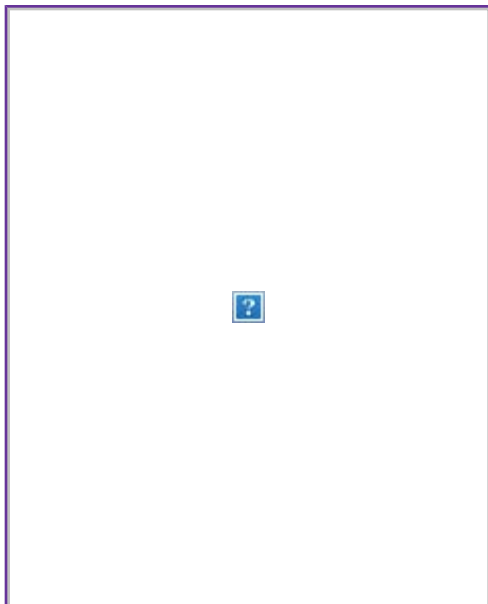
Midwinter Sunday January 23, 2011

While we will complete the S.A.L. Midwinter Conference on Saturday, Sunday The American Legion general session will hold a wealth of information for you, including National Commander Jimmy Foster, Brigadier General Kerry Denson and America's VetDogs! www.wilegion.org/uploads/MW%20Sunday%20Session.pdf. Please join the fun, with these educational and motivating speakers.

- [Midwinter Conference Registration Form](#)
 - [Ho Chunk Room Reservation Form](#)
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National Commander David Dew

[National Sons of The American Legion Commander
David L.Dew](#)



Our very own Public Relations Team and the National Public Relations Commission have teamed together to bring you our National Commander David Dew, on DVD. In your squadron mailing you will find the DVD, if you are unable to view the National Commanders message on DVD, you can also find this video on www.youtube.com, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGC_YF3uQqI. Commander Dew has been doing a great job representing our organization, as he travels across the United States. We have invited him to our Detachment Convention in Appleton this coming July, we eagerly await his travel

confirmation.

Child Welfare Foundation

Wisconsin is in second place in the Central Region and fifteenth in the nation for our CWF donations. Children and Youth Chairman Gary Lubich wants to thank the squadrons who are already involved with the Child Welfare Foundation. Gary has called LAST CALL for orders of CWF Cups and Mugs are \$5.00, Coins and totes \$10.00 and shirts \$25.00 Orders will be available to pick up at the Midwinter, or you can order your own using this easy order form, http://www.wisal.org/documents/CWF/CWF_Orderform.pdf. Your squadron will get credit for the entire donation for each mug, cup, tote and shirt you purchase.

Another incentive is the 100% Banner, this reward comes when your squadron donates the equivalent of \$1.00 per member to the Child Welfare Foundation In order to qualify for the banner, you need to fill out the [attached paperwork](#). Once your donation, along with the supporting documentation, has been received by CWF, an acknowledgement letter and the banner will be sent to you.

Make donation payable to CWF or Child Welfare Foundation, mail donations to the Detachment Finance Officer Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051, this helps us record the squadrons who donate and helps you get credit for the donation.

Contact Gary Lubich using the Detachment Officers Roster, <http://www.wisal.org/documents/2010-2011%20Detachment%20Officers.pdf>

National Standings

Read this out loud, "WE ARE FOURTH IN THE NATION!" It sounds as good aloud as it looks on paper!

We are 12 percent behind Nevada, Louisiana and Montana, and I am confident we can pull off a coup in the next few weeks if we all work together.

Thank you to all the squadrons who have been working diligently with their membership programs, you make us proud!

Central Region Challenge

Being FIRST in the Central Region for this long could go to a person's head, but the Central Region Challenge is going full force, with Planes Trains and Automobile Themed membership programs across the region and one Card Shark tossed in for good measure we cannot rest. We even received a scathing email from Minnesota accusing us of dealing from the bottom of the Deck, Michigan seems to be lurking in the weeds, Iowa claims to be drafting ready to pass us when we least expect it, and Illinois grabbing up our train money. We are counting on YOU to renew, recruit and RETAIN!

(Central Region) Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (WI)

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
WISCONSIN	3,199	2,124	66.396
MINNESOTA	10,835	6,587	60.794
ILLINOIS	15,141	8,219	54.283
MISSOURI	3,276	1,764	53.846
IOWA	2,740	1,447	52.810
INDIANA	36,990	19,051	51.503
OHIO	30,438	15,579	51.183
MICHIGAN	20,926	8,874	42.407
Totals	123,545	63,645	51.516

District Race 365

1. Fourth District 100.35%
2. Third District 93.83%
3. Fifth District 82.76%
4. Eleventh District 82.35%
5. Tenth District 69.32%
6. Sixth District 66.13%
7. First District 65.24%
8. Seventh District 59.41%
9. Twelfth District 59.15%
10. Second District 58.35%
11. Ninth District 54.75%
12. Eighth District 42.71%

January 1 2011, New Years Day is our 95% goal; Congratulations to the Fourth District for reaching 100 percent! Third is with a few members, but the rest of the districts are playing catch up. With all the holiday activities going on make sure you remember to mail you membership in.

Legion District Spring Conferences

Legion District Spring Conferences: Check with your District Commander to see what role your squadron can take in the District Spring Conferences, at the very least you should have squadron representation in the audience. District Conferences are great opportunities to meet other squadrons, share ideas and form partnerships for activities and fundraisers.

[6th District Spring Conference](#) April 9, 2011 Ripon, WI

[9th District Spring Conference](#) April 10, 2011 Post 436 Wrightstown

[3rd District Spring Meeting](#) April 30, 2011 Post 256 Monticello-
[1st District Spring Meeting](#) May 1, 2011 Post 21 Kenosha-
[2nd District Spring Conference](#) May 1, 2011 Landt-Thieh Post 470
[5th District Spring Conference](#) May 17, 2011 Post 4215555 W. Good Hope Rd.
[4th District Spring Conference](#) May 18, 2011 TBA

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