

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin
54th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
Saturday July 22, 2023**

Call to Order

Saturday July 22, 2023 Detachment Commander David Fuller (209). reconvened the Detachment Convention being held in Rothschild, WI at 9:05 am.

Posting of the Colors

Invocation

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony.

Blue Star Banner Ceremony

The Pledge of Allegiance

Reciting of the S.A.L. Preamble

Welcome by Detachment Commander David Fuller (209)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers

Taken by the Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245). Voting Officers:

Detachment Commander	David Fuller	(209)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Allen Watry	(038)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
National Executive Committeeman	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Patrick N. Gryskiewicz	(093)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Robert Sirovina, Jr.	(434)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Past Detachment Commander	Mike A. Kollmansberger	(075)	Absent
1st District Commander	Randy Timms	(375)	Present
2nd District Commander	Jeremy Mason	(015)	Present
3rd District Commander	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Excused
4th District Commander	Richard Wojciechowski	(537)	Present
6th District Commander	John Hoeft II	(234)	Present
10th District Commander	Gary F. Lubich	(121)	Present

Roll Call of Non-Voting Detachment Officers

Detachment Judge Advocate	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Historian	Mike Pook	(375)	Present
Detachment Adjutant	David R. Faust	(245)	Present
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Keith Lovell	(501)	Present

Past Detachment Commanders Present:

- David R. Faust (245)
- Michael Byers (052)
- Patrick N. Gyskiewicz (093)
- Gary F. Lubich (121)
- Christopher Sherman (071)
- Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)

Roll Call of Squadrons

Roll Call of Squadrons by Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245).

The following Squadrons were present:

District	Squad. No.	City
1	071	Pewaukee
1	209	Orfordville
1	294	Hartland
1	375	Mukwonago
2	015	Juneau
2	036	West Bend
2	189	Watertown
2	215	Pardeeville
2	522	Hubertus
3	245	Cross Plains
3	481	Madison
3	501	Madison
4	416	Greendale
4	434	Oak Creek
4	537	Milwaukee
6	033	Neenah
6	070	Oshkosh
6	234	Omro
7	052	La Crosse
8	010	Wausau
9	011	Green Bay
9	038	Appleton
9	055	Hortonville
9	258	Little Chute
10	053	Eau Claire
10	121	River Falls
11	093	Tomahawk
12	108	Clear Lake
12	143	Saint Croix Falls

Roll call of squadrons included delegates present. The total number of delegates present was 45, therefore 23 votes are needed to elect.

Election Balloting

Detachment Officers

Ballots were distributed to delegates present who were instructed to deposit their ballots in the ballot box.

National Convention Delegates and Alternates

Motion was made by Allen Watry (038) that since there were no contested positions for National Convention Delegates to declare them elected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Special Appointment

Detachment Commander David Fuller (209) appointed Cooper Kroger as Assistant Adjutant for this convention.

Convention Committee Reports and Awards

Americanism

Allen Watry (038) for Mark Pape (294)

Mission: to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism through the teaching and promotion of American values.

- \$10,417 in value to Badger Boys & Girls State
- \$36,410 in value of Color Guard Appearances
- \$21,070 in value towards Scouting
- \$6,696 supporting Junior Shooters
- \$64,730 for Legion Baseball
- \$10,507 for sports teams
- 3,363 Flags Presented
- \$55,930 of value in Flag programs
- \$8,062 in value towards Blood Drives
- \$45,938 in donations in your communities
- 11,628 hours towards your communities
- \$415,693 in total value in your communities

GRAND TOTAL AMERICANISM

- 35 of 44 Squadrons Reporting
- 20,903 Volunteer Hours and \$90,757 in donations
- \$755,472 in total value for Americanism programs

AWARDS:

RAYMOND FAUST PLAQUE for Best Blood Program

Honorable Mention Squadron 189 Watertown

2nd Place Squadron 115 Elroy

1st Place Squadron 243 Plymouth with \$5,116 in value

MARY ANN NELSON PLAQUE Best Community Services Program

Honorable Mention Squadron 189 Waterton

2nd Place Squadron 501 Madison

1st Place Squadron 243 Plymouth with 820 hours and \$27,889

ROBERT WILCOX PLAQUE Best Americanism Program

Honorable Mention Squadron 38 Appleton

2nd Place Squadron 537 Milwaukee

1st Place Squadron 243 Plymouth with \$880 value per member

Children and Youth

Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434)

Mission: to support programs and activities that are dedicated to the well-being of the children and youth of Wisconsin.

Squadrons contribute to:

- Child Welfare Foundation
- Special Olympics
- Ronald McDonald Houses
- Children's Organ Transplant Association
- Veteran's Children Foundation
- \$15,992 in donations to other Children & Youth programs and 1,273 Volunteer Hours

Operation A.L.F.

- Shipments:
 - Sue Turowski-Camp Hometown Heroes, funded by SAL Squadrons 355 (2), 434, 537, Sue Turowski, Linda Pfeiffer, ALA Unit 355
 - Katy Watry, ALA Unit 470, Saukville, WI
 - Carol Graham, SAL Squadron 904, Alexandria Bay, NY
- Donations
 - ALA Jefferson County Council-\$50
 - ALA 2nd District-\$210
 - ALA 2nd District (Spring Conference)-\$130
 - ALR 2nd District-\$50
 - ALA Unit 300, Gillet, WI-\$50
- Misc. Operation A.L.F. Information
 - The Auxiliary is allowing us to use their discounted shipping program, big savings on our outbound shipping costs
 - Received remaining 4 cases 6/24/23 from last order
 - Asked supplier about drop-shipping for orders, not something they would do
 - Talked to supplier on pricing, we are receiving best discount
 - Resolution to ask national to recognize Operation A.L.F. as national program drafted by Chris Dannenmann

Other Activities

- Guest speaker at ALA 2nd District Spring Conference
- Attended 4th SAL District meeting
- Attended meeting at Squadron 537
- Contacted 5th District for memberships
- Participated in Post 434 Honor Guard for 4 funerals and July 4th parade

GRAND TOTAL CHILDREN & YOUTH

- 20 of 42 Squadrons Reporting
- 1,852 Volunteer Hours and \$20,170 in donations
- \$79,064 in total value for Children & Youth programs

Squadrons with \$1.00 or more per capita to the Child Welfare Foundation

Dist.	Squadron
1	209 Orfordville
1	294 Hartland
1	375 Mukwonago
2	15 Juneau
2	243 Plymouth

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION Highest Per Capita Donations

Honorable Mention Squadron 294 Hartland

2nd Place Squadron 375 Mukwonago

1st Place Squadron 15 Juneau with \$14.29 per member

LILLIAN PRIEST PLAQUE Best Children and Youth Program

Honorable Mention Squadron 15 Juneau

2nd Place Squadron 494 Caledonia

1st Place Squadron 192 Franklin with \$184.25 value per member

Constitutional Amendments

Christopher Dannenmann (434)

There were no Constitutional Amendments and therefore no report.

Finance

Tom Petrie (189)

Finance Chairman Petrie mentioned we have a balance of approximately \$29,000 in our investment account.

Legislative

Steven R. DuBois (143)

The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 117th Congress, 2nd Session

Support our Afghan Allies

- In the U.S. military, there is a code: "no one left behind."
- For two decades, members of the U.S. Armed Forces fought shoulder-to-shoulder with brave Afghan allies who served with and protected Americans.
- Grant permanent legal status to Afghan refugees
- Improve the Special Immigrant Visa process for Afghans who served alongside U.S. servicemembers

Military Quality of Life

- Increase access to child care for military families
- Increase appropriations to address servicemember food insecurity
- Increase funding to renovate military housing

VA Healthcare Modernization

- Ensuring VA is equipped to meet the unique needs of a diverse veteran population.
- Requires that VA fully leverage all healthcare modalities.
- Ensure a seamless transition between them.
- Modernizing electronic health records.
- While the means by which care delivery may change, VA should continue to deliver the best care anywhere to our nation's veterans.

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

- Studies show that peer support is beneficial.
- The Legion has its own peer support program known as "Buddy Checks".
- The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation requiring VA to establish a national Buddy Check Week to encourage veterans to reach out to those they served with.
- The American Legion also encourages legislation to establish a peer-support program that would offer grants to place peer-support specialists in local posts of veteran's service organizations.

Protect Veterans from Predatory Actors

- Veterans are targeted from predatory actors
- Claims companies that charge exorbitant fees (for services provided free by veterans service organizations).
- Cap on legal services provided in association with the Camp Lejeune Justice Act.

Guard & Reserve GI Bill Parity

- National Guard and Reserve accrue GI Bill benefits when called to federal active duty.
- If activated under state orders, no benefits accrue.
- We believe every day in uniform counts and benefits should always accrue.

Concurrent Receipt

- More than 50,000 military retirees with combat-related injuries qualify for both DoD retirement pay and disability compensation from the VA.
- If disability rating less than 50%, retirement pay is reduced by VA compensation.
- Forces many retirees to forfeit retirement pay to get full VA compensation.
- We urge Congress to allow disabled veterans to concurrently receive retirement pay and disability compensation.

GI Bill for Honorable Service

- For most VA benefits, a veteran's character of discharge or service must be "under honorable conditions."
- However, education benefits require an "honorable discharge."
- We urge Congress to allow access to VA educational assistance to veterans with general under honorable conditions discharges

Citizenship for Honorable Service

- Many immigrant veterans are deported after discharge if they did not acquire citizenship while serving.
- Naturalization through military service should be ensured prior to discharge.
- We also support providing expedited citizenship applications and the resources to complete the applications to deported honorably-discharged veterans.

Pay the Coast Guard

- U.S. Coast Guard must work without pay during government shutdown.
- The only military branch to do so, because they are not DoD but Homeland Security.
- Congress needs to protect Coast Guard personnel same as other military branches.

Protect the American Flag

- Amend the U.S. Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag.
- Further, pass the Flag Code Modernization Act of 2021.

Membership

Jeremy Mason (015)

Membership status:

- We have 121 Squadrons in 118 Different Cities and Villages
- We are in 53 of 72 Counties
- We are in all 12 Districts
- We are at 4,304 Total Members for 102.79% of goal
- National Goal is 4,187
- New All Time High!

100 % Membership

- 65 Squadrons
- 6 Districts

All Time High Membership

- 24 Squadrons

Renewals

- Renewal Rate 85.84%
- 62 Squadrons with 90+% Renewal Rate

Squadron Triple Nickel Requires:

- 5 new members
- 85% or better renewals
- 105% or better total membership
- We had 24 Squadrons achieve this.

Central Region

- Wisconsin is in 3rd place behind Michigan and Iowa.

ONLINE RENEWAL STATUS

- This is turned on for ALL squadrons.
- We must have current Squadron Info.
- Without it, only Detachment and National per capita portions will be collected. The squadron will be out any monies they collect above that.
- Of our 121 squadrons, only 59 have updated their info in the last 18 months.
- That leaves 62 with outdated info.
- We have 11 squadrons whose last update was over a decade ago.
- Without updated info, Department won't know where to send the membership dues either.
- <https://wisal.org/squadron-info/>

JACK KEY PLAQUE First Squadron to reach 110%

Squadron 21 Kenosha – 7/21/2022 – Currently at 261%

ARMIN TEWS PLAQUE GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Honorable Mention Squadron 293 Silver Lake – 250%

2nd Place Squadron 21 Kenosha – 261%

1st Place Squadron 416 Greendale – 392%

Squadron Membership Awards – 100% Squadrons

B = 100% by Legion Birthday (March 15-17); A = All Time High; 5 = Triple Nickel (5 New, 85% Renew, 105%

Dist. Squadron^B (BD)^A (ATH)⁵ (555)

- 1 21 Kenosha^{B A 5}
- 1 24 Lake Geneva
- 1 71 Pewaukee^B
- 1 91 Oconomowoc^{B A 5}
- 1 196 Delafield^B
- 1 209 Orfordville
- 1 293 Silver Lake^{B A}
- 1 294 Hartland^{B 5}
- 1 375 Mukwonago^{B A}
- 1 494 Caledonia^B
- 1 544 Twin Lakes^B

- 2 1 Germantown^B
- 2 15 Juneau^{B A}
- 2 19 Hartford^A
- 2 36 West Bend^{B A 5}
- 2 67 Lake Mills
- 2 145 Random Lake^A
- 2 157 Horicon^{B A}
- 2 215 Pardeeville^{B A}
- 2 261 Greenbush^A
- 2 270 Theresa^A
- 2 288 Cedarburg^{B 5}
- 2 347 Lomira
- 2 355 Grafton
- 2 387 Franklin^B
- 2 521 Fox Lake^{B A}
- 2 522 Hubertus^{B A 5}

- 3 59 Stoughton⁵
- 3 84 Monroe^{B A}
- 3 214 Darlington^{B A 5}
- 3 313 Black Earth^{B A 5}
- 3 333 Sun Prairie
- 3 385 Verona^B
- 3 481 Madison^{B A}
- 3 491 Cazenovia^{B A}
- 3 501 Madison^{B 5}
- 3 534 McFarland^A

- 4 120 West Allis^A
- 4 192 Franklin^B
- 4 416 Greendale^{B A 5}
- 4 434 Oak Creek^{B 5}
- 4 537 Milwaukee⁵

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6	70 Oshkosh
6	306 Green Lake
6	366 Princeton ^B
6	454 Mt. Calvary ^{B A 5}
7	51 West Salem ^{B A 5}
7	52 La Crosse
7	115 Elroy ^B
7	116 Coon Valley ^{B A}
7	118 Thorp ^{B A 5}
7	172 North Freedom ^B
8	10 Wausau ^B
8	391 Fremont ^A
9	38 Appleton ^{B A 5}
9	44 Wabeno ^{B 5}
9	55 Hortonville ^{B A}
9	60 Kimberly ^{B A 5}
9	106 Seymour ^{A 5}
9	258 Little Chute ^{B A}
10	61 Prescott ^A
10	80 New Richmond ^B
10	98 Cumberland ^{B A 5}
10	111 Somerset ⁵
10	121 River Falls
10	158 Maiden Rock ^B
10	240 Baldwin ^A
10	326 Boyd ^{B A}
10	432 Hammond ^{B A}
10	550 Brackett ^{B A}
11	90 Ashland ^{B 5}
11	547 Lublin ^{B 5}
12	218 Hayward ^A

Membership Superfecta

100% by Legion Birthday, All-time High, Triple Nickel

Dist Squadron

1	21 Kenosha
1	91 Oconomowoc
2	36 West Bend
2	522 Hubertus
3	214 Darlington
3	313 Black Earth
4	416 Greendale

6	454 Mt. Calvary
7	51 West Salem
7	118 Thorp
9	38 Appleton
9	60 Kimberly
10	98 Cumberland

The following Districts Achieved Triple Nickel status:

Averaged 5 new members per squadron
District achieved 85% or more renewals
District achieved 105% or greater of goal

- District 2 – 138 New, 91.93% Renewal, 116.14%
- District 4 – 51 New, 97.87% Renewal, 119.57%
- District 9 – 57 New, 93.42% Renewal, 111.29%

The following Detachment Vice Commanders Achieved Triple Nickel status:

Averaged 5 new members per squadron
Achieved 85% or more renewals
Achieved 105% or greater of goal

Christopher Dannenmann – District 1, 2, 4, 5
335 New, 89.13% Renewal, 110.30%

Membership had one resolution – Resolution DC-2023-03 Align Triple Nickel Award with Membership Target Dates. Tom Petrie (189) made a motion to adopt this resolution. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Patrick Gryskiewicz (093) made a motion to approve the membership report. It was seconded and the motion passed.

National Security

Allen Watry (038)

Mission: to manage program areas such as Civil Defense & Emergency Preparedness, Family Support Network, Foreign Relations, Operation Comfort Warriors, POW/MIA advocacy, Temporary Financial Assistance, and Troop Support.

There was no significant reporting amongst National Security items in the consolidated reports.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Squadrons with \$1.00 or more per capita:

Dist.	Squadron
1	209 Orfordville
2	15 Juneau
3	243 Plymouth
9	106 Seymour

National Emergency Fund Highest Per Capita Contributions

Honorable Mention Squadron 243 Plymouth

2nd Place Squadron 106 Seymour

1st Place Squadron 15 Juneau with \$15.14 per member

Detachment Historian Mike Pook (375) made a motion to accept the Convention National Security Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Veterans Employment & Education

Seán Patchin (215)

Mission: to honor the service of those who have gone before us by supporting programs for veterans in Wisconsin.

Squadrons contribute to:

- VAVS Representatives and Deputies at Hospitals
- VA Hospital visits
- State Veteran's Facilities visits
- Fisher House
- 1,455 hours in Veterans visits along with donations creating a total value of \$59,438
- 7,291 hours and \$173,434 in other VA&R projects

GRAND TOTAL VA & R and VE & E

- 17 of 44 Squadrons Reporting
- 8,746 Volunteer Hours and \$186,603
- \$464,726 in total value to Veterans Programs

THOMAS A. KNOX PLAQUE Best VA & R Program

Honorable Mention Squadron 375 Mukwonago

2nd Place Squadron 209 Orfordville

1st Place Squadron 294 Hartland

The committee had two resolutions to consider:

DC-2023-01 Add Troop & Family Support to Consolidated Squadron Reports.

Steven DuBois made a motion to adopt resolution DC-2023-01. The motion was seconded and passed.

DC-2023-02 Add Homeless Veterans to Consolidated Squadron Reports

Steven DuBois made a motion to adopt resolution DC-2023-02. The motion was seconded and passed.

Detachment Historian Mike Pook (375) made a motion to accept the Convention Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Veterans Employment & Education Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Detachment Commander's Project

Detachment Commander David Fuller (209)

Homeless Veterans

This year's Detachment Commander's Project was to raise awareness and funds to support homeless veterans.

- Several squadrons stepped up with this effort.

- Notably was Squadron 294 of Hartland who held their 4th annual February sleepout.
- Also, Squadron 209 of Orfordville staged their 2nd Freezin' for a Reason event.
- Second District spearhead by Squadron 522 Hubertus held their first Freezin' for a Reason event.
- Combined, these three events raised over \$173,000 for homeless veterans.
- In addition, both collected box trucks full of food, clothing, and shelter items.

HOMELESS VETERANS Highest Per Capita Donations

Honorable Mention Squadron 375 Mukwonago
 2nd Place Squadron 209 Orfordville
 1st Place Squadron 294 Hartland with \$848.98 per member

Overall Program

Detachment Commander David Fuller (209)

We had:

- Other Volunteer hours of 17,322
- Other Donations for \$42,036
- 44 Squadrons Reporting

GRAND TOTAL OVERALL

- 48,823 Volunteer Hours and \$339,567 in donations

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT: 1,892,122

DON PRIEST PLAQUE Best Overall Programs and Activities

Honorable Mention Squadron 71 Pewaukee
 2nd Place Squadron 243 Plymouth
 1st Place Squadron 294 Hartland

Detachment Officer Election Results

Election Judge Keith Lovell presented the election results to Detachment Adjutant David Faust who read them on the floor. There were 45 delegates present requiring 23 votes to elect. Those indicated with a check mark were elected.

Office	Candidate and Squadron	Votes Received
Detachment Commander	Allen Watry (038)	45 ✓

Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois (143)	40 ✓
Detachment Vice Commander	Christopher Dannenmann (434)	39 ✓
Detachment Vice Commander	Jeremy Mason (015)	40 ✓
Detachment Vice Commander	Seán Patchin (215)	21
Detachment Vice Commander	Rich Ruland (481)	27 ✓

Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier (434)	45 ✓
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Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms (070)	42 ✓
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol (534)	41 ✓
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Write In	1

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Installation of Detachment Officers and District Commanders

The installation of the 2023-2024 Detachment Officers and District Commanders was performed by The American Legion Past National Sergeant-at-Arms Roy Holms of Post 70 Oshkosh.

Remarks by Detachment Commander Allen Watry

Detachment Commander Watry outlined our goals for 2023-2024. He stated that these goals are going to require all of us to work together to achieve them.

Vision/Mission: Continue to grow membership by driving a higher level of engagement between:

- Legion/SAL at all Levels (Post/Squadron, District/District, Department/Detachment)
- Squadrons/Community

Membership:

- 105% of 2023 Membership by July 1st 2024 Convention
- 90% Renewals by July 1st 2024 Convention
- 5 New Squadrons by July 1st 2024
- 0 Goose Eggs/folding Squadrons for 2024 Membership Diver
- Continue to develop District Representation for all Districts
 - o As part of the Detachment DEC
 - o For any needs within a Districts (Legion or SAL needs)
- Development of a process for people to inquire about becoming a SAL Member via the Department and Detachment Web Site – Stretch Goal allow on-line sign-up.

Engagement/Visibility – which will be the key to driving Membership Goals

- SAL DEC representation as ALL Legion District Meetings (Spring and Fall)
- SAL Representation at ALL Legion Midwinter and Convention Committee Meetings
- Continued Quarterly Detachment Newsletters – more Squadron articles and Upcoming Events
- Foster improved Legion/Squadron coordination at all levels we are a program at all levels, need to be just like other programs (Baseball, Badger Boys, Oratorical)
- Foster improved Legion/SAL coordination between common Committees (Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Finance, Public Relations).
- Creating more avenues of recognition of Squadron activities/Squadron Members from the Detachment. (need more celebration/recognition to drive awareness and engagement).
 - o Recognition at State Level (Certificates, articles in Department/Detachment newsletters, other)
 - o Foster inclusion of articles in National Publications
- Engagement of Local Squadrons on Mid-Winter and Summer Convention.
- 100% updated Squadron Information Forms
- 100% submissions of Consolidated Squadron Report.

Commander Watry has every confidence in us to do this!

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

There was no business presented for this item.

Closing Ceremony

Benediction

Retirement of the POW/MIA Chair Cover

Commanders Charge

Retirement of the Colors

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander David Fuller (209) declared the 2023 Detachment Convention adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)

Resolution

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN

Detachment Convention

Date: July 22, 2023

Resolution No: DC-2023-01

Title: Add Troop & Family Support to Consolidated Squadron Reports

Whereas: Up until the 2019-2020 administrative year, there were two categories on the Consolidated Squadron Report that gave a place to indicate the donations and hours that squadrons contributed to “Support for the Troops” and to the “Family Support Network”; and

Whereas: Today when squadrons contribute to these areas by providing support at troop deployments and helping military families in times of need it all is consolidated under “Other VA&R Projects”; and

Whereas: This results in no visibility into these very important contributions to our nations active-duty members; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

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- Resolved:** That the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission encourages squadrons to participate in efforts to help to support our troops and their families; and, be it finally
- Resolved:** That this resolution become effective with the close of the 2023 National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

Resolution

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN

Detachment Convention

Date: July 22, 2023

Resolution No: DC-2023-02

Title: Add Homeless Veterans to Consolidated Squadron Reports

Whereas: Some of our most vulnerable veterans are homeless; and

Whereas: According to The American Legion's Homeless Veterans Handbook and an American Legion news release concerning Homeless Veterans there are approximately 33,000 homeless veterans today; and

Whereas: Women veterans are more than twice as likely to be homeless as women non-veterans as are veterans ages 18 to 30; and

Whereas: The American Legion has determined homeless veterans a serious enough issue to dedicate an entire website with six supporting subsites to it at www.legion.org/homeless veterans; and

Whereas: There are many squadrons that raise moneys for and volunteer with homeless veterans' programs in their communities; and

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN

Detachment Convention

Date: July 22, 2023

Resolution No: DC-2023-03

Title: Align Triple Nickel Award with Membership Target Date

Whereas: The Sons of The American Legion national organization has several different membership awards; and

Whereas: At least one of the awards known as the Triple Nickel is based on three criteria which are the membership renewal rate of 85% or greater along with chartering five new squadrons with membership and achieving 105% of membership based on prior year ending membership; and

Whereas: The cutoff date for all criteria of the Triple Nickel award is July 1st of each year; and

Whereas: The 105% membership goal that is listed in all of the other membership promotions and membership reports is has coincided with the National Convention Delegate Strength date of 30 days prior to the start of the annual National Convention; and

Whereas: Having two different cutoff dates for the 105% membership goal has led to confusion over qualifying for the Triple Nickel; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved: By the 2023 Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin assembled on the on this, the 22nd day of July 2023 in the City of Rothschild, Wisconsin, that the following resolution be sent to the 2023 National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion which would align the 105% membership portion of the Triple Nickel award with the 105% membership target date.

Title: Align Triple Nickel Award with Membership Target Date

Whereas: The Sons of The American Legion national organization has several different membership awards; and

Whereas: At least one of the awards known as the Triple Nickel is based on three criteria which are the membership renewal rate of 85% or greater along with chartering five new squadrons with membership and achieving 105% of membership based on prior year ending membership; and

Whereas: The cutoff date for all criteria of the Triple Nickel award is July 1st of each year; and

Whereas: The 105% membership goal that is listed in all of the other membership promotions and membership reports is has coincided with the National Convention Delegate Strength date of 30 days prior to the start of the annual National Convention; and

Whereas: Having two different cutoff dates for the 105% membership goal has led to confusion over qualifying for the Triple Nickel; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved: By the Sons of The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 25-27, 2023, that the target date for the goals of the Triple Nickel aware be changed to align with the 105% membership target date; and, be it finally

Resolved: That this resolution become effective with the close of the 2023 National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

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