

**Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin
57th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
Saturday July 18, 2026 Convention Minutes**

Opening

Call to Order

Saturday July 18, 2026 Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) reconvened the Detachment Convention being held in Appleton, WI at 8:46 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 Christopher Dannenmann (434)

Roll Call of Detachment Officers

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

Detachment Commander	Christopher Dannenmann	(434)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Steven R. DuBois	(143)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Jeremy Mason	(015)	Present
Detachment Vice Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
Detachment Vice Commander	Randy Timms	(375)	Excused
Detachment Chaplain	John L'Huillier	(434)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Rick Helms	(070)	Present
Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms	Ray Dzieciol	(534)	Absent
National Executive Committeeman	Christopher Sherman	(071)	Present
Alternate National Executive Committeeman	Mike Pook	(375)	Present
1st District Commander	Michael A. Hellquist	(021)	Absent
2nd District Commander	Dave Hodgson	(522)	Excused
3rd District Commander	Dave Havlik	(491)	Absent
4th District Commander	Terry Barrington	(416)	Present
6th District Commander	Shawn D. McCrary	(075)	Present
7th District Commander	Scott Johnson	(051)	Absent
9th District Commander	Robert G Seide	(038)	Present
10th District Commander	Rick A. Talford	(291)	Absent

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
Detachment Assistant Adjutant	Randy Timms	(375)	Present
Department S.A.L. Chairman	Allen Watry	(038)	Present

Past Detachment Commanders Present:

David R. Faust (245)
Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (093)
Kerry L. Serverson (245)
Gary Lubich (121)
Christopher Sherman (071)
Robert Sirovina Jr. (434)
David Fuller (209)

Roll Call of Squadrons and Delegate Counts

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

The following Squadrons were present:

District	Squad. No.	City	Delegates Present
1	071	Pewaukee	1
1	294	Hartland	2
1	375	Mukwonago	1
2	015	Juneau	1
2	036	West Bend	2
3	229	Mount Hope	1
3	245	Cross Plains	2
3	481	Madison	1
4	416	Greendale	2
4	434	Oak Creek	3
4	537	Milwaukee	2
6	033	Neenah	1
6	070	Oshkosh	2
6	075	Fond du Lac	4
6	234	Omro	1
6	454	Mt. Calvary	1
6	477	St. Nazianz	1
9	038	Appleton	2
9	55	Hortonville	1
10	121	River Falls	1
11	090	Ashland	1
12	143	Saint Croix Falls	1
Total Delegates			34

Introduction of Guests

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) asked all Past Detachment Commanders to stand and be recognized. Those that were listed as present during the roll call were recognized.

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) then asked all Past National Vice Commanders to stand and be recognized. David Faust (245) was recognized.

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Convention Committee Reports and Awards

Americanism

Shawn McCrary (075)

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

- \$16,567 value for Badger Boys/Girls State
- \$117,329 in value for Color Guards
- \$37,408 in value towards Scouting
- \$10,188 in value for Junior Shooters
- \$102,534 in value for Legion Baseball
- \$32,639 in value for sports teams 9,638 Flags Presented
- \$88,200 of value in Flag programs
- \$35,567 in value towards Blood Drives 32,971 Community Service Hours and \$44,129 in donations.
- Value of \$1,235,694 towards your communities.
- The "Flying Flags for Heroes" program has placed 378,045 of its one-million-flag goal. Wisconsin reported over 20,000, ranking third. A QR code was provided for reporting.

GRAND TOTAL AMERICANISM

- 56 of 68 Squadrons Reporting
- 54,356 Volunteer Hours and \$128,220 in donations
- \$2,092,839 total value for Americanism programs

Americanism Awards

RAYMOND FAUST PLAQUE

Best Blood Program

Honorable Mentions

Squadron 75 Fond du Lac

Squadron 243 Plymouth

2nd Place

Squadron 21 Kenosha

1st Place

Squadron 454 Mt. Calvary

\$10,842 in value

MARY ANN NELSON PLAQUE

Best Community Services Program

Honorable Mentions

Squadron 21 Kenosha

Squadron 106 Seymour

Squadron 243 Plymouth

Squadron 245 Cross Plains

Squadron 294 Hartland

Squadron 375 Mukwonago

Squadron 501 Madison
Squadron 537 Milwaukee

2nd Place
Squadron 105 Shullsburg

1st Place
Squadron 67 Lake Mills
\$4,900 & 4,487 hours for \$167,060 in value

ROBERT WILCOX PLAQUE Best Americanism Program

Honorable Mentions
Squadron 21 Kenosha
Squadron 38 Appleton
Squadron 67 Lake Mills
Squadron 243 Plymouth
Squadron 294 Hartland
Squadron 434 Oak Creek
Squadron 454 Mt. Calvary
Squadron 537 Milwaukee

2nd Place
Squadron 106 Seymour

1st Place
Squadron 105 Shullsburg
\$201,993 in value

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.

Contributions made to: Child Well-Being Foundation Special Olympics
Ronald McDonald Houses Children's Miracle Network Veteran's Children Foundation

Operation A.L.F.

- Shipments
 - SAL Squadron 209, Colorado Springs, CO, 1 case \$300
 - TAL Post 24, Devils Lake, ND, 2 cases \$600
 - TAL Post 218, Hayward, WI, 1 case \$300
 - ALA Unit 126, Brillion, WI 2 dogs \$30
 - TAL Post 24, Devils Lake, ND, 25 dogs, \$300
 - SAL Squadron 209, Colorado Springs, CO, 50 dogs, \$600
 - SAL Squadron 106, Seymour, WI-1 case \$300
- A.L.F. Donations
 - SAL Squadron 75, Fond du Lac, WI, \$375

- TAL Post 313, Mt Horeb WI, \$300
- SAL 1st District, \$300
- TAL Post 75, Fond du Lac, WI, \$60
- Cash from fines at Convention, \$100
- ALA Unit 38, Appleton, WI, \$240
- ALR 2nd District, \$1000
- ALA Unit 77, Chippewa Falls, WI, \$120
- TAL 1st District, \$500
- ALA Unit 38, Appleton, WI, \$240.00
- ALR 2nd District, West Bend, WI, \$1000
- ALA Unit 77, Chippewa Falls, WI, \$120
- ALA Unit 185, Grantsburg, WI, \$300
- ALA Unit 41, Kaukauna, WI, \$300
- SAL Squadron 537, Milwaukee, WI \$600
- American Legion Post 400, Germantown, WI, \$100.00
- SAL Squadron 501, Madison, WI, \$300.00
- SAL Squadron 121, River Falls, WI \$200.00
- SAL Squadron 84, Monroe, WI, \$1500
- ALA Ozaukee County Council, Cedarburg, WI, \$250
- ALA Unit 196, Delafield, WI, \$300
- Deployment
 - Attended Yellow Ribbon event in Brookfield with Commander Dannenmann, distributed approximately 100 dogs
- Misc. Operation A.L.F. Information
 - Provided 42 dogs to Sue Turowski, Grafton Unit 355 for Grafton High School project to provide comfort bags to children of deployed service members. She needed 100 but had 58 left from last year's Camp Hometown Heroes project. These are for children of those that deployed 11/30 but we could not attend due to snowstorm
 - Count of dogs-roughly 1,000

Other Activities

- Attended National Convention in Tampa
- Attended ALA National President's Cocktail Reception before ALA States Dinner
- Participated in Post 434 and Post 27 Honor Guard for many funerals, 39 so far this year
- Participated in the ALA Christmas Gift Shop
- Attended dinner for National President Pam Ray
- Attended National SAL Commander's visit
- SAL Representative at Zablocki VAMC

2,040 hours and \$21,400 in donations to other Children & Youth programs

GRAND TOTAL

24 of 68 Squadrons

5,081 Volunteer Hours and \$28,115 in donations

\$211,742 total value for Children & Youth programs

Children & Youth Awards

CHILD WELL-BEING FOUNDATION

Squadrons with \$1.00 or more per capita:

15 Juneau
21 Kenosha
75 Fond du Lac
106 Seymour
115 Thorp
209 Orfordville
375 Mukwonago
434 Oak Creek
522 Hubertus
537 Milwaukee
547 Lublin

Highest Per Capita Donations

2nd Place
Squadron 75 Fond du Lac

1st Place
Squadron 118 Thorp
\$26.35 per member

DALE E. DAILY PLAQUE

Operation A.L.F.

Certificates of Appreciation
Sons of The American Legion 1st District
The American Legion Post 75 Fond du Lac
The American Legion Post 313 Mt Horeb
The American Legion Post 400 Germantown
The American Legion 1st District
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 9 Delafield
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38 Appleton
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 Kaukauna
American Legion Aux. Unit 77 Chippewa Falls
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 185 Grantsburg
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 245 Cross Plains
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 288 Cedarburg
American Legion Riders 2nd District

Honorable Mentions
Squadron 75 Fond du Lac
Squadron 121 River Falls
Squadron 501 Madison
Squadron 537 Milwaukee

2nd Place
Squadron 105 Shullsburg

1st Place
Squadron 84 Monroe
\$78.95 per member

LILLIAN PRIEST PLAQUE **Best Children and Youth Program**

Honorable Mentions
Squadron 15 Juneau
Squadron 294 Hartland
Squadron 434 Oak Creek
Squadron 454 Mt. Calvary
Squadron 522 Hubertus
Squadron 534 McFarland
Squadron 537 Milwaukee

2nd Place
Squadron 375 Mukwonago

1st Place
Squadron 416 Geendale

Constitutional Amendments

Resolutions Chair Allen Watry (038) introduced Resolution DC-2026-01 Updates to Constitution and Bylaws concerning Sergeant-at-Arms. Shawn McCrary (075) made a motion to adopt the resolution and the ensuing changes to the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.

Finance

Christopher Sherman (071)

Finance Chairman Sherman gave an overall status of the Detachment Finances.

- The new budget is in effect. Dues remain at \$12.00 with five dollars going to national and seven dollars remaining in Wisconsin.
- Restricted funds (excess monies from sales) are reported for transparency but are not used to balance the budget. The committee is exploring easier ways to work with these funds.
- Stipends are allocated for various positions. Delegates attending the national convention will receive a \$300 stipend, provided they attend all meetings.

LEGISLATIVE

Steven DuBois (143)

The following are the American Legion Family Legislative priorities:

- Winning the War Within
- Balance Community Care
- Improving Compensation & Pension Exam Processes
- Improve Care for Women Veterans

- Guard & Reserve GI Bill Parity
- Strengthen Defense, Honor Service
- End Veteran Homelessness
- Strengthen our Domestic Supply Chain and Promote Veteran Entrepreneurship
- Protect the U.S. Flag
- Legion.org/action

Membership

Jeremy Mason (015) for David Fuller (209)

Membership status:

- 140 Squadrons (+7)
- 137 Different Cities and Villages
- 58 of 70 Counties (+2 Buffalo-Pepin and Grant)
- 12 Districts
- 5,074 Total Members for 104% of goal National Goal is 4,879

New Squadrons

District 1: 399 Okauchee
District 3: 170 Mineral Point
229 Mount Hope
482 Bagley
District 8: 343 Hancock
District 10: 224 Alma
353 Cornell

Achieving 100 % Membership

- 100 Squadrons
- 38 Counties
- 8 Districts

Achieving All Time High Membership

- 45 Squadrons

Renewal Rate 89.63% overall

- 87 Squadrons with 90+% Renewal Rate

Squadron Triple Nickel

- 5 or more new members
- 85% or better renewals
- 105% or better of goal

27 Squadrons achieved this!!

Central Region – Steven Honigfort (OH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
WISCONSIN	4,879	5,074	104.00%
KENTUCKY	2,305	2,395	103.90%
OHIO	33,577	33,582	100.01%
MICHIGAN	29,187	29,145	99.86%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,797	2,750	98.32%
INDIANA	38,726	37,559	96.99%
ILLINOIS	14,514	13,744	94.69%
Totals:	125,985	124,249	98.62%

Nationally – William Clancy (NY)			
Region	Goal	Actual	Percent
SOUTHEAST	55,407	55,709	100.55%
WESTERN	37,057	36,544	98.62%
CENTRAL	125,985	124,249	98.62%
MIDWEST	38,462	37,623	97.82%
NORTHEAST	152,333	147,895	97.09%
Totals:	409,244	402,020	98.23%

JACK KEY PLAQUE

First Squadron to reach 110%

Squadron 33 Neenah – 9/4/2025 Currently at 121.95%

ARMIN TEWS PLAQUE GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Honorable Mentions – 130+%

Squadron 55 Hortonville

Squadron 65 Rome

Squadron 111 Somerset

Squadron 120 West Allis

Squadron 215 Pardeeville

Squadron 271 Poynette

Squadron 382 Menomonee Falls

2nd Place

Squadron 61 Prescott – 171%

1st Place

Squadron 80 New Richmond – 200%

2026 Squadron Membership Awards – 100%

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	45 Elkhorn ^{B A}
1	48 Beloit ^B
1	71 Pewaukee ^B
1	91 Oconomowoc ^{B A}
1	171 Union Grove ^B
1	183 Genoa City ^B
1	196 Delafield ^{B 5}
1	293 Silver Lake ^{B A}
1	294 Hartland
1	375 Mukwonago ^{B A 5}
1	382 Menomonee Falls ⁵
1	399 Okauchee ^{B A}
1	405 Dousman ^B
1	494 Caledonia ^B

2	1 Germantown ^B
2	19 Hartford ^{B A}
2	36 West Bend ^{B A 5}
2	67 Lake Mills ^{B 5}
2	82 Port Washington ^{B A}
2	145 Random Lake ^{B A}
2	157 Horicon ^B
2	189 Watertown ^B
2	215 Pardeeville ^{B A}
2	243 Plymouth ^{B A}
2	261 Greenbush ^B
2	270 Theresa ^{B A}
2	271 Poynette ^{B 5}
2	288 Cedarburg ⁵
2	347 Lomira ^B
2	355 Grafton ^{B A 5}
2	387 Franklin ^B
2	457 Mequon-Thiensville ^{B A}
2	486 Jackson ^{B A}
2	521 Fox Lake ^{B A 5}
2	522 Hubertus

3	59 Stoughton ^{B 5}
3	84 Monroe ^{B A}
3	151 Madison ^B
3	170 Mineral Point ^{B A}

Dist.	Squadron ^B (BD) ^A (ATH) ⁵ (555)
3	214 Darlington ^{B 5}
3	229 Mount Hope ^{B A}
3	245 Cross Plains ^B
3	313 Black Earth ^{B A}
3	333 Sun Prairie ^B
3	385 Verona ^{B A}
3	482 Bagley ^{B A}
3	491 Cazenovia ^A
3	534 McFarland ^{B A 5}

4	18 Milwaukee ^B
4	27 South Milwaukee ^B
4	120 West Allis
4	192 Franklin ^B
4	416 Greendale ^{B A 5}
4	434 Oak Creek ⁵
4	537 Milwaukee

6	33 Neenah ^{B A 5}
6	70 Oshkosh
6	75 Fond du Lac
6	234 Omro ^B
6	306 Green Lake ^B
6	351 Montello ^{B A}
6	454 Mt. Calvary ^{B A 5}
6	477 St. Nazianz ^{B A 5}

7	52 La Crosse
7	65 Rome ^{B 5}
7	73 Neillsville ^B
7	100 Sparta ^B
7	116 Coon Valley ^B
7	118 Thorp ^B

8	339 Almond ^B
8	370 Wild Rose ^{B A}
8	391 Fremont ^{B A}
8	492 Rothschild ^{B A}

9	38 Appleton ^{B A 5}
9	55 Hortonville ^{B A 5}
9	60 Kimberly ^{B A 5}
9	106 Seymour ^A
9	258 Little Chute
9	538 Carlton ^B

Dist.	Squadron ^B (BD) ^A (ATH) ⁵ (555)
10	61 Prescott ^{B A 5}
10	80 New Richmond ^{B A 5}
10	98 Cumberland ^A
10	111 Somerset ^{B A 5}
10	121 River Falls ^{B 5}
10	168 Glenwood City ^B
10	224 Alma ^{B A}
10	291 Augusta ^{B A}
10	326 Boyd ^{B A}
10	353 Cornell ^A
10	365 Plum City ^{B A}
10	550 Brackett ^{B A 5}

11	90 Ashland ^B
11	93 Tomahawk ^B
11	547 Lublin ^A

12	12 Spooner ^{A 5}
12	108 Clear Lake
12	143 Saint Croix Falls ^B
12	218 Hayward ^{B A}
12	269 Cushing ^A
12	487 Cable

Membership – Superfecta!

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

Dst	Squadron	Dst	Squadron
1	375 Mukwonago	6	477 St. Nazianz
2	36 West Bend	9	38 Appleton
2	355 Grafton	9	55 Hortonville
2	521 Fox Lake	9	60 Kimberly
3	534 McFarland	10	61 Prescott
4	416 Greendale	10	80 New Richmond
6	33 Neenah	10	111 Somerset
6	454 Mt. Calvary	10	550 Brackett

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 – 136 / 94.1% / 112.3%

District 3 – 108 / 92.9% / 106.6%

District 6 – 60 / 88.3% / 109.6%

District 9 – 47 / 95.0% / 106.7%

District 10 – 131 / 92.9% / 123.8%

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

Steven R. DuBois – Districts 10, 11, 12
176 / 90.4% / 113.2%

Jeremy Mason – Districts 2, 6, 9
243 / 93.2% / 110.2%

Detachment Membership– Triple Nickel

5 or more new Squadrons – 7 new Squadrons

85% or greater renewal rate – 89.63%

105% or greater of TN goal – 105.25%

TRIPLE NICKEL!!!

National Security

John Edelblute IV (434)

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.

National Security and Homeland Security

- Operation Comfort Warriors
- POW/MIA Advocacy
- Troop Support
- Notification of local Post
- Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness
- Foreign Relations
- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Resources at www.legion.org

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Squadrons with \$1.00 or more per capita:

Squadron 75 Fond du Lac

Squadron 192 Franklin

Squadron 209 Orfordville

Squadron 243 Plymouth

Squadron 434 Oak Creek

National Emergency Fund Highest Per Capita Contributions

2nd Place

Squadron 434 Oak Creek

1st Place

Squadron 75 Fond du Lac

\$21.74 per member

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Veterans Employment & Education

John Hoeft II (234)

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

VAVS Representatives and Deputies at Hospitals VA Hospital visits

State Veteran's Facilities visits

Greetings to the members of the Sal of Wi and guests. I have the following to mention to you today.

The VA & R program is committed to promoting, supporting and providing services that enhance the lives of Veterans and their families. It, along with the other Four Pillars, is one of our premier programs in our organization.

Activities may include but are not limited to:

- Volunteering at VA Facilities
- Aiding Veterans in their Communities.
- Raising awareness about homeless Veterans, many of whom have children
- Be the One, Suicide awareness and the mission behind it
- Contributing to National Salute the Veterans Week events and
- Wreaths Across America

Volunteers are a very important asset in the VA facilities systems. In fact, you could almost say they are irreplaceable. In Milwaukee VA (Clement J Zablocki) they are currently 302 volunteers with 76 VSO representing different organizations from which some of the volunteers are associated with. Besides Milwaukee Volunteers are needed in all of our facilities. Green Bay, Appleton, Tomah, Iron Mountain and Middleton Last year in Milwaukee alone there were 57,180 volunteer hours recorded. Volunteers are irreplaceable in our VA Facilities.

If you know of a Veteran in need of filing a disability claim, please have them contact their local county CVSO or better yet our Department Service office for assistance. I know the Team in our Dept. Service Office and they are excellent beyond compare and always complete the mission.

R.A.C.E. Suicide Prevention Training

Please consider taking this course online or in person if available. This course is taught by Curtis Peck. His email is curtiss.peck@yahoo.com.

The Unclaimed Remains Task force is still very hard at work with identification and making sure that Veterans who have no family are being presented with proper Military Funeral Honors.

Just a side note, please remember to fundraise whenever possible. Our Department National Homeland Security Committee needs help with raising money for the Troop and Family Support part of their mission.

In closing, please remain vigilant to help keep our families, state and country safe. You all know what I mean.

As with any aspect of my report or any questions you may have, please see me this weekend or call and/or email if you so desire.

2,586 hours and \$33,022 to Troop and Family Support 3,426 hours and \$94,813 for Homeless Veterans 4,953 hours and \$41,075 in other VA&R projects

GRAND TOTAL

34 of 68 Squadrons Reporting

14,536 Volunteer Hours and \$186,031 in donations.

\$702,518 in total value to Veterans programs

THOMAS A. KNOX PLAQUE

Best VA & R Program

Honorable Mentions

Squadron 36 West Bend

Squadron 38 Appleton

Squadron 106 Seymour

Squadron 118 Thorp

Squadron 243 Plymouth

Squadron 291 Augusta

Squadron 313 Black Earth

Squadron 375 Mukwonago

Squadron 434 Oak Creek

Squadron 522 Hubertus

Squadron 537 Milwaukee

2nd Place

Squadron 416 Greendale

1st Place

Squadron 294 Hartland

\$257,600 in value to Veterans

Detachment Commander's Project

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434)

TROOP & FAMILY SUPPORT

17 Squadrons reported activities 2,586 hours and \$33,022 in donations

Total value of \$126,480 in support of our Troops and Families

TROOP & FAMILY SUPPORT

Honorable Mentions

Squadron 75 Fond du Lac

Squadron 84 Monroe

Squadron 105 Shullsburg

Squadron 171 Union Grove

Squadron 288 Cedarburg

Squadron 416 Greendale

Squadron 537 Milwaukee

Squadron 544 Twin Lakes

TROOP & FAMILY SUPPORT

Highest Per Capita Donations

2nd Place

Squadron 192 Franklin

1st Place

Squadron 434 Oak Creek

\$164.95 per member

History Book

Mike Pook (375)

- The historian is researching 100-year squadrons in Wisconsin for the national 100th anniversary.
- It was noted that nine past commanders were present. Squadron 375 was the only one to submit a yearbook.
- All squadrons were encouraged to document activities and submit a history report. The report was approved.

Detachment Formation

1962 Department formed a committee, Don Priest of Post 434 Oak Creek was named Chairman.

1968 First Detachment Convention was held. Nick Volenec of Squadron 245 Cross Plains was elected as first Detachment Commander.

Membership Milestones

1979 Surpassed 1,000 members

2000 Surpassed 2,000 members

2008 Surpassed 3,000 members and 90 Squadrons

2022 Surpassed 4,000 members and 110 Squadrons

2026 Surpassed 5,000 members and 140 Squadrons

Members that have served National Offices

1974 John Webster (84) Assistant National Sergeant-at-Arms

1978 John Webster (84) National Sergeant-at-Arms

1979 John Webster (84) National Chaplain

1982 Dennis Stockfisch (406) National Vice Commander

1985 David Faust (245) National Vice Commander

1988 David Faust (245) National Commander

1993 Tom Knox (449) National Vice Commander

1993 Tom Glander (52) National Sergeant-at-Arms

2008 Michael Lawler (437) National Historian

2010 Pat Gryskiewicz (93) National Vice Commander

2015 Michael Lawler (437) National Chaplain

2016 Michael Lawler (437) National Vice Commander

Currently Active Squadrons Chartered before first Convention

Squadron	Date
27 South Milwaukee	1/19/1934
245 Cross Plains	5/3/1935
38 Appleton	10/1/1935
70 Oshkosh	4/2/1936

434 Oak Creek 5/23/1960
11 Green Bay 6/12/1968

Accomplishments History

Year	Mbshp	Sqd	Rpts	%	Dollars	Hours	Total Value
2021-2022	4,024	112	32	29%	\$210,106	39,875	\$1,404,363
2022-2023	4,304	121	44	36%	\$339,567	48,823	\$1,892,122
2023-2024	4,694	126	61	48%	\$332,775	72,611	\$2,764,531
2024-2025	4,850	133	67	50%	\$524,064	95,435	\$3,844,248
2025-2026	5,074	140	68	49%	\$435,359	109,949	\$4,408,920

AWARDS:

DILLMAN Plaque for the BEST SQUADRON HISTORY BOOK.

1st Place:

Squadron 375 Mukwonago

Overall Program

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434)

Other Volunteer hours of 35,978 and Other Donations for \$91,717

68 Squadrons Reporting

Total Accomplishments of Wisconsin S.A.L.

109,949 Hours and \$435,359 in donations

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$4,408,920

DON PRIEST PLAQUE

Best Overall Programs and Activities

Honorable Mentions / 4 Areas / \$170,000+ value

Squadron 21 Kenosha

Squadron 38 Appleton

Squadron 106 Seymour

Squadron 375 Mukwonago

Squadron 416 Greendale

Squadron 522 Hubertus

nd Place

Squadron 537 Milwaukee

1st Place

Squadron 294 Hartland

Election Balloting

Past Detachment Commander Robert Sirovina, Jr. (434) made a motion to suspend the rules and instruct the Detachment Adjutant to declare all nominated Detachment Officers with the exception of Detachment Chaplains, and

National Convention Delegates as elected, followed by a resumption of the rules. The motion was seconded and passed.

Detachment Adjutant David Faust (245) then declared all nominated Detachment Officers with the exception of Detachment Chaplain, and National Convention Delegates as elected.

Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms then distributed ballots for the position of Detachment Chaplain. After a few minutes the ballots were collected and the Election Tellers took possession and proceeded to another room to count the ballots. The election results were as follows:

- John L'Huillier (434) – 18 votes
- Matthew McCormick (229) – 16 votes.

Introduction of Honored Guest and Speech

NEC Man Christopher Sherman (071) introduced Mike Monserud from Iowa, a candidate for SAL National Commander 2027-2028.

Mr. Monserud focused on his "membership through mentorship" campaign. He emphasized honoring the legacies of the veterans whose service grants eligibility, taking pride in the SAL's role, and increasing community involvement. He affirmed that SAL policy follows American Legion policy.

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

Honoring our deceased members over the past year that have gone on to Squadron Everlasting.

District 1

Squadron 24 Lake Geneva	Luke J Braden
Squadron 48 Beloit	Randolph A Bankes
Squadron 171 Union Grove	Jeffrey A Brown
Squadron 196 Delafield	David Downer
Squadron 209 Orfordville	Leroy J Helminiak
Squadron 375 Mukwonago	Michael D Clark

District 2

Squadron 1 Germantown	Gary R Dotzauer
Squadron 15 Juneau	Jeff Mason
Squadron 189 Watertown	Thomas R Petrie
Squadron 457 Mequon-Thiensville	Francis A Lubinski

District 3

Squadron 151 Madison	Delbert C Kolman Jr
Squadron 151 Madison	Jason E Mundstock
Squadron 245 Cross Plains	David D Statz
Squadron 245 Cross Plains	Jim Bratton
Squadron 313 Black Earth	Jorgen N Goderstad
Squadron 433 Barneveld	David Schlimgen
Squadron 481 Madison	Daniel Joyce
Squadron 481 Madison	Donald G Eyre
Squadron 481 Madison	Donald J Ruland

Squadron 481 Madison	John Holden
Squadron 481 Madison	Mike J Draper
Squadron 481 Madison	Monte N Johnston
Squadron 501 Madison	Christopher J Landsness
Squadron 501 Madison	Jeff Leem

District 4

Squadron 434 Oak Creek	Earl W Stone
Squadron 434 Oak Creek	Garland D Wimmer
Squadron 537 Milwaukee	Donald R Revolinski
Squadron 537 Milwaukee	John Joseph Pugel

District 7

Squadron 51 West Salem	Bobby A Last
Squadron 51 West Salem	Dave Smith
Squadron 51 West Salem	Gene G Pankonien
Squadron 52 La Crosse	Eric W Buchholtz
Squadron 52 La Crosse	Gerald J Seubert
Squadron 65 Rome	Kris P Riemenschneider
Squadron 116 Coon Valley	Allan Burgemeister

District 9

Squadron 11 Green Bay	Robert C Baumann
Squadron 106 Seymour	Adam Smith

District 10

Squadron 53 Eau Claire	Merrill Lovvik
Squadron 111 Somerset	Adam J Beskau
Squadron 111 Somerset	Anthony Lueck
Squadron 111 Somerset	Dean M Belisle
Squadron 111 Somerset	Gary Hanson
Squadron 111 Somerset	Gary R Quaderer
Squadron 111 Somerset	James E Gallagher
Squadron 111 Somerset	Jesse Bullis
Squadron 111 Somerset	Jim R Gabrielson
Squadron 111 Somerset	Joseph A Zink
Squadron 111 Somerset	Mark Otto
Squadron 111 Somerset	Patrick A Beeksma
Squadron 111 Somerset	Robert A Neuenfeldt
Squadron 111 Somerset	Scott M Boucher
Squadron 121 River Falls	Butch Liddle
Squadron 121 River Falls	Dan P Scribner
Squadron 324 Osseo	Daniel L Thompson

Resolutions, Motions and Petitions

No new resolutions to report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Installation of Detachment Officers and District Commanders

The installation of the 2025-2026 Detachment Officers and District Commanders was performed by Past National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion David R. Faust.

Remarks by Detachment Commander Jeremy Mason (015)

Detachment Commander Dannenmann outlined our goals for 2025-2026. He stated that these goals are going to require all of us to work together to achieve them.

Commander Mason's theme is "tradition and traction," aiming to honor the organization's history while moving it forward. He called on members to strengthen squadrons, grow membership, and serve veterans.

"Commander, past commanders, distinguished guests, fellow legionnaires. Members of the American Legion family, thank you. I am truly humbled and honored by the confidence you have in me by electing me as your detachment commander. I accept this responsibility with gratitude, humility, and a deep commitment to serving every member of the Sons of the American Legion across Wisconsin. I want to thank everyone who has supported me throughout this journey.

I am especially grateful to my family, my home squadron of fifteen, Julie Muhlie, who was the reason that I got started eleven years ago, District Two and the members of District Two, Six and Nine, where I've had the privilege of serving as your detachment vice commander. Thank you for your trust, your encouragement and your friendship.

My love for the American Legion family began years ago, twenty nine or so, when I was sponsored to attend Badger Boys State. That experience taught me the value of leadership, citizenship and service. It planted a seed that has grown into a lifelong commitment to this organization and a mission. We all share.

I also stand here because of the example set by both my grandfathers. My grandfather Mason was a tank commander in World War Two. He served in North Africa under General Patton, part of one of the most decisive campaigns of the war. He commanded armor in brutal desert conditions against a battle-hardened enemy, and he did it with the courage and commitment that defined the greatest generation. He never talked much about it. That's how I knew it mattered. My grandfather Sokol served in the United States Navy in World War II and Korea. He was in the Panama Canal on the day we dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

A witness to the moment that ended the war in the Pacific and changed the course of human history. In Korea, he served as a fire control officer, responsible for weapons targeting and precision aboard his ship. Two wars, two theaters, one steady man who came home and lived the rest of his life in a model of what service and sacrifice mean. Truly, every time I put on this emblem, I am reminded that our purpose is greater than ourselves. We exist to preserve the legacy of those who served and to ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten. Throughout my campaign, as I talked with all of you.

I spoke about tradition and traction. Those are not opposing ideas; they are partners. Tradition is our foundation; it's our history, our values, our rituals, and the sacrifices of those who built this great organization. We will always honor and

protect that foundation.

But traction is what ensures tradition continues to make a difference. Traction means moving forward. It means strengthening our squadrons, growing our membership, developing future leaders, and expanding the impact of the programs. It means turning commitment into action and our values into service.

As your detachment commander, I will work to ensure that every squadron feels supported, every district has a voice, and every member understands that they have an important role in our success. Together we'll continue to strengthen our relationship to the American Legion family, support our veterans, invest in our youth and serve our communities with pride.

No one can accomplish this alone. Our success will not be measured by what one commander achieves, but how we build on that foundation and what we can accomplish together as one detachment united in purpose and committed to service. With that being said, I ask each of you to join me. Bring your ideas, bring your passion. Bring your willingness to serve together. We will honor our traditions, create new momentum, and leave this organization stronger for the next generation of sons. Thank you for your confidence, for your friendship, and for the opportunity to serve. May God bless each of you. May God bless our veterans and active duty service members, and may God continue to bless the Sons of the American Legion.

For the Good of Sons of the American Legion

Several squadrons announced various events they are holding in the coming months.

Checks for programs were received:

- American Legion Post 75 Fond du Lac - \$600 for ALF
- SAL Squadron 75 Fond du Lac - \$1,000 for ALF
- SAL Squadron 75 Fond du Lac - \$1,000 for Operation Comfort Warriors
- SAL Squadron 75 Fond du Lac - \$1,000 for National Emergency Fund
- SAL District 6 - \$800 for ALF
- American Legion Post 70 Oshkosh member - \$1,000 for ALF
- American Legion Post 70 Oshkosh - \$500 for ALF

A post-convention DEC meeting and officer development training are scheduled for the next morning.

Outgoing Officers Awards

Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) presented ribbons, year bars and gifts to the outgoing Detachment Officers.

Closing Ceremony

Benediction

Retirement of the POW/MIA Chair Cover

Commanders Charge

Retirement of the Colors

Adjournment

With no other business, Detachment Commander Detachment Commander Christopher Dannenmann (434) declared the 2026 Detachment Convention adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Detachment Assistant Adjutant
Christopher Sherman (071)

Resolution

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN

Detachment Convention

Date: July 18, 2026

Resolution: DC-2026-01

Title: Updates to Constitution and Bylaws concerning Sergeant-at-Arms

Whereas: The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin is a Program of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin; and

Whereas: Programs are encouraged to align their Policies and Procedures to the Policies and Procedures of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin when and where appropriate; and

Whereas: There are benefits to the execution of Detachment Level Meetings of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin by having continuity from year to year within the offices of the Sergeant-at-Arms. **Now, therefore be it**

Resolved: by the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin assembled in convention on the 18th day of July, 2026 in the city of Appleton, Wisconsin, that our Constitution and By-Laws with an amended date of October 12, 2024 be amended as follows:

Constitution Article VI – ELECTIONS - Section 1

which currently reads:

The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect a Detachment Commander, four (4) Detachment Vice Commanders, a Detachment Chaplain, two (2) Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, a Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committeeman and a Sons of The American Legion Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

be modified to read:

The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect the following officers:

- a). A Detachment Commander, four (4) Detachment Vice Commanders, and a Chaplain, each to a one (1) year term at each Convention.
- b). A National Executive Committee Member (NEC) and an Alternate National Executive Committee Member (ANEC), each to a two (2) year term at Conventions held on Even Years only.
- c). Two (2) Sergeant-at-Arms at the 2027 Detachment Convention only. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes, provided he has also received a majority of votes of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term. The candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms receiving the second highest number of votes, provided he has received a majority of votes of

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delegates present, shall be elected to a one (1) year term. Thereafter at all Conventions one (1) Sergeant-at-Arms will be elected to a two (2) Year Term.

And, be it further

Resolved: Section 4, which currently reads:

Section 4. The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect one (1) Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committeeman and Sons of The American Legion Alternate National Executive Committeeman, for a two (2) year term, with the election to be held in the even number years. These Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committeemen may succeed themselves by election of the Detachment Convention delegates.

Be removed.

And, be it further

Resolved: this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin for their approval.