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## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



**Detachment Officers**

**Detachment Information**

**Squadron Information**

I just returned from our National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, what a great time, I will cover some highlights below.

We are gearing up for a great year.

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Check our web site [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org), under [Membership Reports](#). [Click here for the August 17 2009 Membership Report](#).

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### Mark Arneson Elected National Commander

At the 38th Annual National Convention in Louisville Kentucky, delegates from around the world voted [Mark Arneson](#) in as their National Commander, Mark is from Georgia and will be an excellent leader. Commander Arneson put forth a couple of programs including 10-n-10, and Triple Nickel.

**10-n-10:** In 2010 Commander Arneson would like each Detachment to identify 10 Post that are in need of a Sons of The American Legion Squadron. We have already started this process, and if you know of a Post that can use a Squadron, please contact, Commander Powers or Membership Chairman Kirk Hove. We will work closely with these Post to get the application complete and a charter presented to them.

**Triple Nickel:** is a simple three-part challenge, Retain 85 percent of your members, Reach 105 percent total membership, and Charter at least 5 of the Squadrons identified in the 10-n-10 program. Typically Wisconsin retains close to 90 percent of their members, but in these uncertain times you may need to work harder to keep your members. If you have members who have fallen on hard times, see what your Squadron can do to help them.

**Operation Proud Son** and **the Son that Shines** are other programs that Commander Arneson has in the works, details will be coming in future newsletters.

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### Information from your National Officers, Committee and Commission Chairmen

When you visit the National Sons of The American Legion web site, [www.sal.legion.org](http://www.sal.legion.org), you will find our National officers, including National Vice Commander [Dennis Theobald](#), Dennis is from Iowa and will be serving the Central Region.

You can click on the links for any of the committee and commission chairmen to find information about the programs. Under [Publications](#), you will find back issues of the [National Update](#), reporting forms and more.

Feel free to contact the officers and chairmen to find out what your squadron could be doing for Americanism, CWF, NEF, VA&R, and more.

## 2010 National Convention August 27-28-29

Wisconsin will be hosting the National Convention in 2010 and the National Convention Chairman for the Sons of The American Legion is Michael Lawler, from Squadron 437. We have the opportunity to setup a couple events and raise money for our programs, so we are looking to you to help.

We will be setting up a Golf Tournament for Thursday August 26 2010, details from this year's golf outing are on the internet, [Golf Scramble Sponsor Letter](#), [Golf Scramble Flyer](#). In addition to the many people who arrive at convention for the golf tournament, we will be promoting this for Wisconsin Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members to enter as well. If your squadron would like to help host the tournament contact, [Michael Lawler](#).

This year a Squadron in Louisville hosted a dinner dance, in the past there have been Luau's, dances, and dinners. We can plan an event for Friday and Saturday, email [Michael Lawler](#), your suggestions and how your squadron will be able to put them together.

The Legion Convention Corp will be planning tours and site seeing events, and we will need to work within the parameters of meeting times and shuttle bus schedules.

Let's make Milwaukee 2010 the place to be.

## District Report

Eleventh District GREAT JOB! from last to first place!

1. Eleventh District 75.76%
2. Twelfth District 54.24%
3. Fifth District 49.18%
4. Fourth District 42.80%
5. Third District 40.15%
6. Sixth District 18.75%
7. Tenth District 14.56%
8. Seventh District 12.93%
9. Eighth District 7.69%
10. First District 5.18%
11. Second District 1.73%
12. Ninth District 0.48%

## Membership

The first award deadline is fast approaching, is your squadron making the grade?

	2009	2010	%
<i>Squadron</i>			
245 Cross Plains	104	108	104%
180 Bay View	45	46	102%
84 Monroe	12	12	100%
220 Soldiers			

Grove	33	33	100%
93 Tomahawk	14	14	100%
172 North Freedom	24	22	92%
108 Clear Lake	36	32	89%
18 Milwaukee	66	55	83%
313 Black Earth	15	12	80%
284 Holmen	19	13	68%
15 Juneau	11	7	64%
10 Wausau	13	8	62%
23 Cudworth	41	24	59%
547 Lublin	19	11	58%
158 Maiden Rock	37	21	57%
183 Genoa City	16	9	56%
434 Oak Creek	19	8	42%
534 McFarland	73	28	38%
171 Union Grove	13	4	31%
406 General King	20	6	30%
437 Mazomanie	57	16	28%
70 Oshkosh	24	6	25%
75 Fond du Lac	50	12	24%
52 La Crosse	145	33	23%
73 Neilsville	19	4	21%
333 Sun Prairie	25	5	20%
294 Hartland	84	11	13%
27 South Milwaukee	13	1	8%
209 Orfordville	93	7	8%
54 Marshfield	20	1	5%
121 River Falls	54	2	4%
44 Wabeno	35	1	3%

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