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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



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We had a great Midwinter Conference last January 29-30, 2010. We need your [Midwinter Evaluation Forms](#) promptly returned. Read below for midwinter highlights and other important information.

The Membership Report for [February 2 2010](#), is posted on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#).

We have dropped to 3rd in the Central Region, 14th in the Nation for our membership standings and 6th in the nation for retention. Minnesota and Illinois are only a few percentage points ahead of us, lets get those memberships in to Headquarters promptly.

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Calling all Sons of The American Legion:

This is a call to action!

American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors competes for \$250K Pepsi grant

Your Votes Needed!

The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors is competing for a \$250,000 grant to be awarded by Pepsi Cola, Inc. at the end of the month. There are 729 charities competing for grants, which are determined by number of votes received online. As of this morning, Operation Comfort Warriors just moved into second place. The top two vote getters at the end of the month will receive quarter-million dollar grants. Rules allow voters to vote for Operation Comfort Warriors once a day through the month of February.

Visitors can cast their votes at <http://www.refresheverything.com/operationcomfortwarriors>.

Since December 2008, the American Legion family has raised funds for Operation Comfort Warriors, a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded military personnel, providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more.

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Midwinter Recap

We made substantial changes to our Winter Detachment Executive Committee Meetings, so much so, we changed the name to our Midwinter Conference. It was a great two-day event, held at the Wilderness Lodge Hotel and Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells, and with plenty of activities to attend after our meetings and workshops adjourned.

Our workshop presenters did a fantastic job, our thanks to Laura Bishop and Scott

Krueger from the VA Hospital System, Kevin Moshea, Director of Camp American Legion, PNC David Faust, Boy Scouts Troop 70 Portage, and Americanism Chairman Mike Pook. The Officers Development Team and Convention and Activities Committee are already making plans for the Spring DEC, Convention and Fall DEC meetings.

Legion NECman Gough, introduced National Legion Commander Clarence Hill for a heartfelt speech, Department Commander Endres was on board to greet our members and provide encouragement for our members. Department Auxiliary Historian Endres rounded up the guest speakers with a strategic planning survey for our members.

The Discover Wisconsin/American Legion premier exceeded my expectations; I personally cannot wait for the full-length version this summer. They are still filming segments, so make sure you wear your Sons of The American Legion cap at all functions, you may be the next homegrown movie star.

While we did have a couple of officers out on the sick and injured reserve list, we had a great turn out and many new faces. Sergeant At Arms Lubich did a great job handling the crowd, doing his duties and all of the extras tossed at him!

A big thank you to the Headquarters Staff, the layout of our meeting rooms was perfect, we really appreciate the efforts you put into these events.

Make sure you fill out and return your [Midwinter Evaluation Form](#).

Is Your Award in the Mail?

Awards and Citations are presented at our Midwinter Conferences, Spring and Fall DEC meetings, and Conventions. Being that a representative from some Squadrons were not able to accept them at time awarded; we assigned our Vice Commander and District Chairmen the task of presenting the awards to the Squadrons during their regularly scheduled meeting or a special event. Our Vice Commanders or District Chairman were either unable to contact some of these squadrons or were unable to set a suitable time to present these awards, so they will be mailed this coming week. Commanders, Adjutants and Advisors if we list your squadron below, please watch your mailbox for your citation:

#15 Juneau, 67 Lake Mills, 70 Oshkosh, 75 Fond du Lac, 84 Monroe, 91 Oconomowoc, 151 Madison, 157 Horicon, 171 Union Grove, 220 Soldiers Grove, 243 Plymouth, 271 Poynette, 313 Black Earth, 333 Sun Prairie, 336 Onalaska, 347 Lomira, 355 Grafton, 375 Mukwonago, 387 Franklin, 405 Dousman, 433 Barneveld, and 534 McFarland.

Editors Note: In the [January 21st newsletter](#) we listed the squadrons who were receiving awards at the Midwinter Conference.

Have Spaghetti with Darlington Squadron 214

Mark your calendar and help your fellow Squadron raise funds for their programs.

Squadron 214 Darlington is hosting its annual

Super Spaghetti Supper and Fundraiser

Sat. April 17th

4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

1400 Keep St.

Darlington, WI

\$7 Adults \$5 children under 12 kids 5 and under free

For more details, contact Squadron 214 Commander, David Blaser at, blaserelectric@yahoo.com or Post Commander and Dual Member, Dan O'brien at danhobrien@hotmail.com.

5 Districts Rise to the Top

There was another Rally Cry from the Membership Committee and at the Midwinter Conference, Squadrons turned in 121 memberships. Great Job!

Our next membership goal is 100 percent by March 1st, 2010. If your Squadron is 100 percent by the Legion Birthday, you will receive a certificate from Clarence Hill, National Commander of The American Legion.

1. Eleventh District 187.88%
2. Twelfth District 120.34%
3. Third District 95.50%
4. Fifth District 95.08%
5. Fourth District 92.61%
6. First District 89.30%
7. Second District 76.79%
8. Tenth District 75.95%
9. Seventh District 70.02%
10. Eighth District 66.37%
11. Sixth District 61.46%
12. Ninth District 48.08%

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

Contact your [Vice Commanders and District Chairmen](#) if you need help or have any questions.

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