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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

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Make sure your members know the value of being a SON, it is more than a discount card, more than bowling, curling and meetings, it is a Priceless Heritage, provide by our parent's, grandparent's and great grandparent's service in these United States of America's Armed Forces. It is because of the sacrifice they made and continue to make that we enjoy daily the freedoms we have and with these freedoms comes responsibilities. To be a SON is to be an active member of your Squadron, Community, and Nation. We are **Partners in Service to America**.

Sad News: Squadron 10 Wausau announces the passing of Squadron Commander James Seehafer.
<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20100219/WDH010301/2190383/James-D.-Seehafer>

National Standings: we are 7th in the Nation, and 2nd in the Region for overall membership, we are 6th in the Nation for retention, do not lose those members once you sign them up as they are our future.

We have 909 members from 2009 who have not renewed as of February 24th, what are we doing to retain those valued members?

The Membership Report for [February 24 2010](#), is posted on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#).

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Email Subscriptions We have added to our email list and in this world of multiple email addresses, make sure you keep your subscription current. If you receive this email twice or want to change your information, use the Opt out link at the bottom of this email newsletter, then re-subscribe, <http://www.wisal.org/newsletter.php?action=subscribe>

Do you have members who would like to receive the Sons of The American Legion Detachment email news updates, have them subscribe at <http://www.wisal.org/newsletter.php?action=subscribe>.

You may also be interested in news from the American Legion Department of Wisconsin,
<http://wilegion.org/newsletter/subscriber/signup.aspx>

A Students Praise

Thanks Veterans

I thank you down to my core
For serving in a war.
I have much gratitude
For your attitude
I ask no more.
Although you might be old
I still think you're very bold.

Written by a Columbus, WI Middle School student

(from the Overlook, the Madison, WI VA Hospital newsletter.)

Come to the Former Prisoner Of War Day April 9, 2PM at the Madison VA Hospital Auditorium

Sons We Need Your Help April 9-11 In Wausau

Workers are needed at the Conference for the National Guard Family Readiness Volunteers

The American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the awards (\$1200) given during the Conference for the

National Guard Family Readiness Volunteers.

The conference is to provide an update to their volunteers as to what is happening, train them on new programs and reward them for their constant support throughout the year.

The conference is being held April 09 - 11 in Wausau at the Patriot Center.

The coordinator of this conference has offered to give us space in the resource area for distribution of our Legion Family program materials and membership and/or she would see that Legion Family information is included in the packets for the conference attendees.

Your duties would be to help with the booth, handout brochures and answer questions and encourage membership for the Legion Family.

Gladys Beese and Unit 10 have agreed to be on hand to assist with children, because Post/Unit 10 is hosting the Department Convention in July, I do not think we should ask them to do more.

Contact us at alawi@amlegionauxwi.org, (608) 745-0124

Kathy Wollmer
Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Wisconsin - American Legion Auxiliary

Service not Self for Veterans

2010 VETERANS JOB FAIRS & BENEFIT INFORMATION

Please share with all veterans in your email list.

Thanks!

James "Mike" Rohan
AmeriCorps
VISTA Volunteer
Department of Wisconsin

March 11, Thursday (9:00-4:00 pm): *Madison*

Edgewood College, Deming Way Campus, 1255 Deming Way

Contact: Michael Beck, (608) 242-4910 or Eric Benson, (608) 242-4881

March 12, Friday (9:00-12:00 pm): *Milwaukee*

Milwaukee VA Medical Center, 5000 West National Ave, Room 3435

Contact: Greg Williams, (414) 389-6293 or Stan Kogutkiewicz, (262) 695-7790

March 25, Thursday (9:00-5:00 pm): *Chippewa Falls*

Army National Guard Armory, 2811 East Park Avenue

Contact: Tim Moore, (715) 836-2909 or Dave Tesch, (715) 836-3299

April 23, Friday (9:00-3:00 pm): *Hayward*

Army National Guard Armory, 10691 Main Street

Contact: Tim Moore, (715) 836-2909 or (715) 456-5790

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2010 National Convention



We are hosting the National Convention, at the Midwest Airline Center in Milwaukee August 27-30 2010.

The Detachment will sponsor two activities, a golf tournament Thursday August 26 and the Dinner Dance Friday August 27 hosted at Squadron #120 Tanner Paull, West Allis. We will need help from your squadrons to make these a success, we need volunteers to help at the golf outing, dinner dance, sell convention pins, raffles tickets at convention and more. Visit our web site for tours and other details, <http://www.sal.legion.org/commissions/convention.html>

We want a large contingent of Wisconsin Sons attending the National Convention; we need you! Bring your officers and members and become involved, informed and enjoy the camaraderie. If you cannot attend all three days, get people from your squadron to help each day. Preregistration is required.

Please contact, Michael Lawler, National Convention Chairman to volunteer, adjutant@wisal.org, or 608-795-4345 (leave a message).

Triple Nickel Award

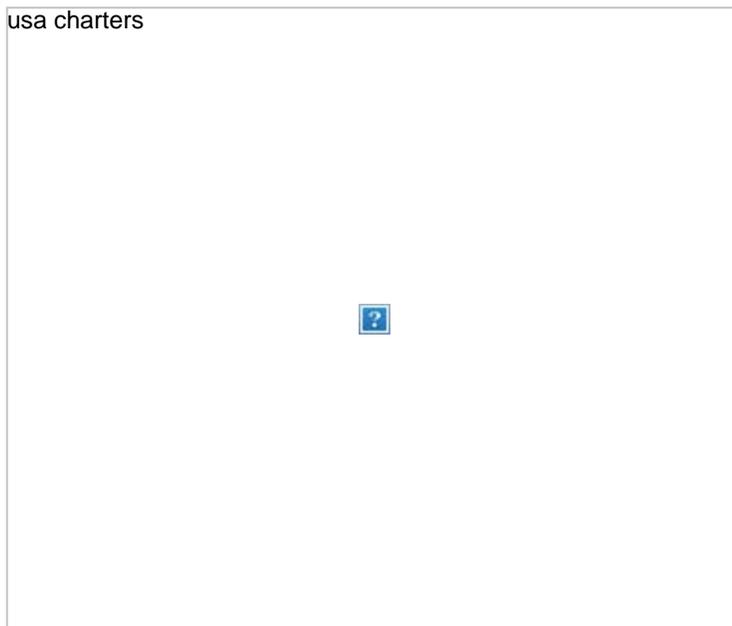
THE "555" REPORT

Beginning this year, the Triple Nickel "555" Award has been established by the National Organization to reward those Detachments that achieve each of these three membership goals:

- 1.) Charter five (5) new Squadrons
- 2.) Achieve 105% of prior year's membership
- 3.) Have at least an 85% retention rate

Category 1 Squadron Charters

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A warm welcome to the Squadrons who have joined our ranks since July 1st:

George H. Hohman, Jr. Squadron 10, AK
 Hayes-Smith Squadron 137, AR
 Yolo Squadron 77, CA
 Twin Cities Squadron 313, CA
 Trujillo-Sheets Squadron 28, CO
 Gulf Breeze Squadron 378, FL
 Thomas Edwin Wall Squadron 191, GA
 L.C. Pace-Eugene Brown Squadron 328, GA
 Two Oakes Squadron 254, IA
 Urbandale Squadron 263, IA

Murphy-Johnson Squadron 94, MN
 Walthall County Squadron 56, MS
 Maywood Squadron 272, NE
 Dwight Squadron 110, NE
 Leigh Squadron 302, NE
 Viking Memorial Squadron 611, OH
 Melvin Mayfield Squadron 806, OH
 Steever R Day Squadron 326, PA
 Pelzer-Williamston Squadron 121, SC
 Needville Squadron 350, TX

David R Berry Squadron 414, KS
Lansing Memorial Squadron 411, KS
Harristown Squadron 202, KY

Spokane Squadron 9, WA
Pewaukee Squadron 71, WI
St. Albans Squadron 73, WV

Category 2

Achieve 105% of prior year's membership

The Detachment of Mississippi

Category 3

Maintain an 85% Retention Rate

The Detachment of Mississippi

12/7/2009

Detachment Convention July 16-17-18

Mark your calendars for July 16-17-18 2010, as the planning of the 42 Annual Detachment Convention is well underway. We had our walk through of the Wausau East High School; we will be in the same lecture hall as 2005, which is a great location and set up for us.

We will be starting convention earlier on Friday to accommodate the nominations, guest speakers and other activities so plan your vacation requests now. Saturday, we hold Elections at 10:30, (National Convention Delegates, and Alternates are appointed at this time also), Awards Luncheon around noon, Installation of Officers in the afternoon, workshops late afternoon. Sunday following the Post Convention DEC, the Officers Development Team will have more training workshops.

Squadron 10 is planning events and activities along with the Post and Unit. Watch for details in the Badger Legionnaire closer to July.

In June, make sure your squadron sends in your delegates, alternates and guests certifications and registrations

Potential New Squadrons

Theses Posts and others have expressed an interest in Chartering a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, our Vice Commanders are working with them to assist with the charter application process. If your Post would like [information on how to charter a squadron](#), please contact our officers.

First District

552 Somers

546 Racine

Second District

384 Kewaskum

Third District

59 Stoughton

360 Waunakee

503 Dane

Iowa County Posts

Tenth District

80 New Richmond

Twelfth District

185 Grantsburg

499 Gordon

Convention O Wisconsin Pin



When the news of having the National Convention back in Milwaukee came up, we were ecstatic. This is a great opportunity for the Detachment, and your Squadron, there is a lot to learn, things to do, and friends to reconnect with or make anew.

The National Convention Pin design and sales is also one of the rewards. If you were at the Midwinter Conference, you had the chance to see the launch of the 2010 National Convention Milwaukee Pin, nicknamed the "Convention O Wisconsin" pin or **The COW Pin** for short. In March, your Squadron will receive an advance sales order blank, or [print one](#) up and [order now](#) to beat the rush.

Do you ever wonder how some squadrons can raise so much money for the Child Welfare Foundation, the Commanders Project, and National Emergency Fund? They seize opportunities when they present themselves or create their own opportunities. This is your chance to seize the Day! Your Squadron will be able to use this National Convention Pin as a fundraiser as we have set up discounted pricing for you. The more you order the more you can make.

Be a part of the Herd, get your barn full now!

Districts

In addition to our Squadrons, we are all an important part of a larger community. Your involvement in our counties, districts, the detachment and the national organization works to make us a stronger more efficient group. As you can see even a small change, can have a big impact, mere fractions of a percent separate some of the Districts, and a few new and reinstated members, can change your standings on the reports. Have a meeting with the other Squadrons in your area; see what is working for them, work as a team.

1. Eleventh District 190.91%
2. Twelfth District 120.34%
3. Fourth District 103.50%
4. Third District 98.31%
5. First District 96.99%
6. Fifth District 95.08%
7. Second District 81.73%
8. Tenth District 81.65%
9. Seventh District 75.22%
10. Eighth District 70.80%
11. Ninth District 67.31%
12. Sixth District 62.50%

If your Squadron is 100 percent by the Legion Birthday, National American Legion Commander Clarence Hill will sign a certificate, worthy of framing, for your Squadron.

[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

Stop the Bleed

Retention is as important as signing up new members, here is a little history lesson:

Since 2002 we have lost 3534 members, enough to more than double our Detachment

| Year | Members Lost |
|------|--------------|
| 2009 | 909 |

2008 375
 2007 790
 2006 265
 2005 267
 2004 257
 2003 257
 2002 141

Where did these members go? Did they forget the Value of Being a SON? We have an obligation to reach out to them, reinstate them, and get them involved.

Contact the Detachment Adjutant to get a roster of your past members.

105 - Percent and Above

The Cream Rises to the Top, Great Job to these 20 squadrons for being over the 105 percent goal.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| 537 Harold Todd | 17 | 43 | 253% |
| 547 Lublin | 19 | 45 | 237% |
| 183 Genoa City | 16 | 35 | 219% |
| 24 Lake Geneva | 33 | 65 | 197% |
| 284 Holmen | 19 | 30 | 158% |
| 189 Watertown | 30 | 41 | 137% |
| 10 Wausau | 13 | 17 | 131% |
| 93 Tomahawk | 14 | 18 | 129% |
| 143 St. Croix Falls | 23 | 29 | 126% |
| 100 Sparta | 32 | 39 | 122% |
| 115 Elroy | 14 | 17 | 121% |
| 108 Clear Lake | 36 | 42 | 117% |
| 220 Soldiers Grove | 33 | 37 | 112% |
| 203 Federal | 27 | 30 | 111% |
| 433 Barneveld | 32 | 35 | 109% |
| 48 Beloit | 25 | 27 | 108% |
| 333 Sun Prairie | 25 | 27 | 108% |
| 313 Black Earth | 15 | 16 | 107% |
| 95 Delavan | 16 | 17 | 106% |
| 481 Madison | 81 | 86 | 106% |

100 - 104 Percent

19 Squadrons are at or over the 100 percent goal, but not quite to the 105 percent final goal, keep up the membership campaign, you are right on track.

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|-------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 245 Cross Plains | 104 | 108 | 104% |
| 214 Darlington | 57 | 59 | 104% |
| 18 Milwaukee | 66 | 68 | 103% |
| 294 Hartland | 84 | 86 | 102% |
| 180 Bay View | 45 | 46 | 102% |
| 288 Cedarburg | 53 | 54 | 102% |
| 375 Mukwonago | 64 | 65 | 102% |
| 71 Pewaukee | New | 10 | 100% |
| 171 Union Grove | 13 | 13 | 100% |
| 196 Delafield | 60 | 60 | 100% |
| 305 Johnson Creek | 19 | 19 | 100% |
| 355 Grafton | 42 | 42 | 100% |
| 387 Franklin | 18 | 18 | 100% |

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|------------------------|----|----|------|
| 84 Monroe | 12 | 12 | 100% |
| 168 Glenwood City | 22 | 22 | 100% |
| 273 Grand Marsh | 17 | 17 | 100% |
| 434 Oak Creek | 19 | 19 | 100% |
| 444 F. D. Roosevelt | 12 | 12 | 100% |
| 406 General King | 20 | 20 | 100% |

70-99 Percent

Just a few days left for your squadron to reach 100 percent by The American Legion Birthday. Will you make it? National Commander Clarence Hill is confident you will and will personally sign an award for your squadron if you do.

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|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 172 North Freedom | 24 | 23 | 96% |
| 118 Thorp | 43 | 41 | 95% |
| 121 River Falls | 54 | 51 | 94% |
| 23 Cudworth | 41 | 38 | 93% |
| 120 Tanner-Paul | 25 | 23 | 92% |
| 15 Juneau | 11 | 10 | 91% |
| 366 Princeton | 22 | 20 | 91% |
| 534 McFarland | 73 | 66 | 90% |
| 522 Hubertus | 19 | 17 | 89% |
| 151 Madison | 19 | 17 | 89% |
| 538 Carlton | 44 | 39 | 89% |
| 437 Mazomanie | 57 | 49 | 86% |
| 52 La Crosse | 145 | 120 | 83% |
| 158 Maiden Rock | 37 | 30 | 81% |
| 150 Wausaukee | 25 | 20 | 80% |
| 155 Westby | 22 | 17 | 77% |
| 1 Germantown | 17 | 13 | 76% |
| 53 Eau Claire | 34 | 26 | 76% |
| 501 Madison | 16 | 12 | 75% |
| 405 Dousman | 43 | 32 | 74% |
| 73 Neilsville | 19 | 14 | 74% |
| 67 Lake Mills | 49 | 36 | 73% |
| 21 Kenosha | 37 | 27 | 73% |
| 62 Columbus | 11 | 8 | 73% |
| 38 Appleton | 54 | 39 | 72% |
| 209 Orfordville | 93 | 65 | 70% |

38-69 Percent

We know these squadrons are working on their membership and will soon be achieving goal, they just need a little reminder that this is a team effort and every member of the team needs to put in 110% effort.

Do you need help? Our officers and chairmen are eager to provide whatever you need, contact them. [Officers Contact Information Sheet](#)

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|-----------------------|----|----|-----|
| 27 South Milwaukee | 13 | 9 | 69% |
| 449 Brookfield | 86 | 59 | 69% |
| 91 Oconomowoc | 28 | 19 | 68% |
| 339 Almond | 33 | 22 | 67% |
| 417 French Island | 32 | 21 | 66% |
| 117 Shawano | 43 | 28 | 65% |
| 243 Plymouth | 20 | 13 | 65% |
| 54 Marshfield | 20 | 13 | 65% |
| 347 Lomira | 35 | 21 | 60% |

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|------------------|----|----|-----|
| 70 Oshkosh | 24 | 14 | 58% |
| 336 Onalaska | 69 | 39 | 57% |
| 51 West Salem | 57 | 32 | 56% |
| 11 Green Bay | 37 | 20 | 54% |
| 75 Fond du Lac | 50 | 26 | 52% |
| 271 Poynette | 50 | 25 | 50% |
| 416 Greendale | 33 | 16 | 48% |
| 302 Oconto Falls | 13 | 6 | 46% |
| 44 Wabeno | 35 | 16 | 46% |
| 157 Horicon | 31 | 14 | 45% |
| 116 Coon Valley | 24 | 9 | 38% |

Squadrons on the Mend

We know that each squadron operates a little differently and these squadron are working to bring in their membership. We do remind everyone not to hold onto membership, you can send in one at a time as they come in. If you do hold membership, do not hold them past the first of the year, as this causes your members become delinquent and no longer in good standing. They may lose their continual years and benefits.

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|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| 385 Verona | 9 | 0 | 0% |
| 326 Boyd | 11 | 0 | 0% |
| 129 Black River Falls | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| 63 Clintonville | 4 | 0 | 0% |

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