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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

Have you been helping your squadron wherever you can? Are you a Son that Shines? Please email me (adjutant@wisal.org) for details on the National Recognition award for Sons who go the extra mile to make your squadron a success.

We are down to the wire for the membership goals and squadron reporting.

Squadrons are required to maintain 10 members to keep their charter; we are working to help these three squadrons get their membership in and could use everyone's help. If you are near these squadrons or know people who could help them please pass this on. If you are from these squadrons and paid your dues, contact your Squadron Adjutant, Commander and Advisor to see where you can help get the dues transmitted.

Squadron	2009	2010
326 Boyd	11	0
63 Clintonville	4	4
385 Verona	9	3

Posted on our web site www.wisal.org, is the [May 6 2010](#), membership report all the reports are listed under [Membership Reports](#).

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

The Importance of Prompt Transmittals

When your members pay their dues your squadron has an obligation to transmit those due ASAP, do not wait 30 or longer. Your squadron can be held liable if the member has signed up for insurance or other member benefits and are rejected because their dues were not transmitted to the Detachment and National.

Some examples to illustrate the importance of timely transmittals:

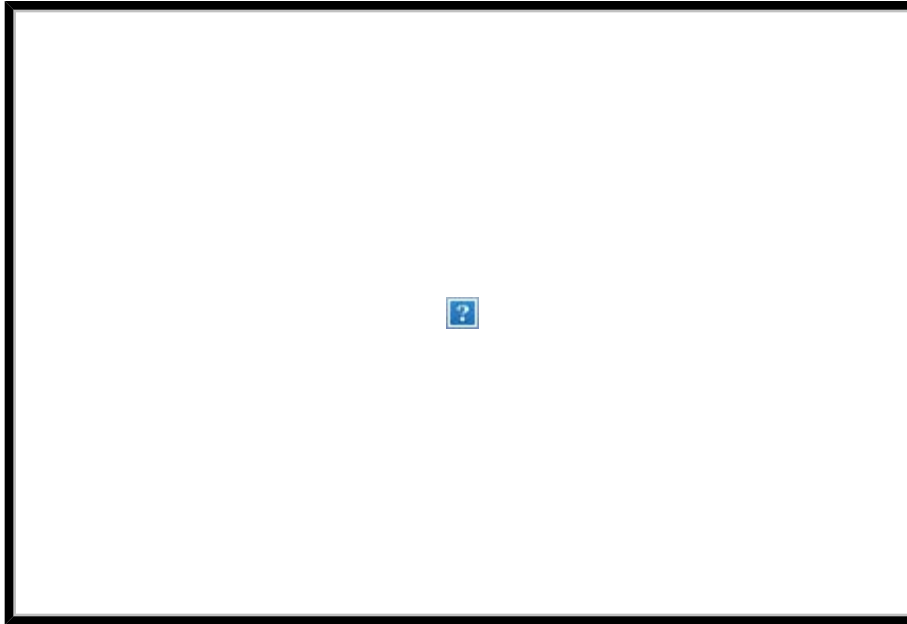
1. A Detachment officer has been suspended from his duties because his squadron has not transmitted his 2010 dues, even though he paid them in 2009. He will also lose his continual years of service.
2. A member signs up to bowl in the State Legion Bowling Tournament, if his squadron does not transmit his dues he forfeits his prize money and entry fees.
3. The Detachment Scholarship requires you to be a current member for three continuous years or longer. A member applies for the Detachment Scholarship, but his Squadron did not transmit his dues until after the cutoff date the previous year, the member starts over at 1 year and is rejected from the scholarship.

These are just a few of the issues that arise when dues are improperly handled.

Do not let this happen to your members. TRANSMIT WEEKLY!

Commander Powers Completes NMI 1

Commander Powers has taken his leadership role seriously and enrolled into the National Management Institute (NMI). At the National Executive Committee Meetings in Indianapolis Commander Powers completed the first segment of this three-year commitment. The NMI is a leadership-training program designed to help the detachment develop quality leaders to advance the mission of the Sons. National Commander Mark Arneson presented a citation to Commander Powers for his outstanding involvement and interest in the NMI 1, and encouraged him to continue his quest to bring leadership and professionalism to the organization.



(l-r Tom Knox, National Finance Committee, Michael Lawler, National Convention Committee Chairman, Kelly Powers, Detachment Commander, Mark Arneson, National Commander, Lawrence Rice, NECman, Patrick Gryskiewicz, Candidate

for National Vice Commander and Alternate NECman)

Detachment Elections

The Election of Detachment Officers is right around the corner, make sure your squadron delegates are [registered](#) and certified to vote at the Detachment Convention July 16-17-18 in Wausau

There have been some changes to our standing rules of convention, including:

- Nominations will take place on Friday after the start of convention.
- Candidates must have an [Official Candidate Resume Form](#) completed, signed and posted by the Election Judge, *Candidates who do not submit their resume, will be removed from the ballot.*
- We will have one paper ballot, *(all candidates will be on this one sheet)*, the election will be Saturday at 10:30 AM, and delegates must be in the room to cast their vote.
- Districts will caucus Friday after the recess of convention.

Below is our list of offices and the announced candidates, you may also make nominations from the convention floor.

Commander: (1)

- Kerry Severson (245)
- Mike Pook (449)

Vice Commanders: (4)

- Robert Ames (48)
- Rodney Fall (108)
- Russ Severson (313)

Finance Officer: (1)

- Dennis Stockfisch (406)

Chaplain: (1)

Sergeant At Arms: (2)

- Gary Lubich (121)
- Chris Hessel (021)
- Robert Breutzman (018)

National Executive Committeeman: (1) (2 year term)

- Kelly Powers (158)
- Lawrence Rice (449)

Alternate National Executive Committeeman: (1) (2 year term)

- Kirk Hove (158)

Detachment Scholarship Recipient Announced

Again, this year we had some great applicants to the Detachment Scholarship and the judges had a difficult time narrowing it down to one winner. Chairman Rice announced that Joseph Phillips of Squadron 75 Fond du Lac will receive the \$1000.00 Detachment Scholarship. Congratulation Joseph.

We wish to thank all of the applicants and wish them all success in their pursuit for greater knowledge.

Veterans Assistance Day May 15, 2010



What will your squadron be doing for **National Veterans Assistance Day** May 15, 2010?

[Get the 2010 National Veterans Assistance Day Flyer Here](#)

Goal: Show respect for this grateful Nation's veterans and the role they have had in securing the freedoms we enjoy.

Agenda:

- 1.** Promote May 15, 2010 as National Veterans Assistance Day in local communities at city hall, county court houses, and State Capitols, schools and veterans facilities.
- 2.** Encourage participation within your Post, Unit and Squadron with special events designed to honor these brave men and women.
- 3.** Obtain the National Veterans Assistance Day poster from National and hang in Post home, nursing homes, other veteran's halls. Publicize your events in the media, websites and newsletters.

Best Practices:

Seek out a veteran or veterans family needing help by getting a family member to an appointment,

getting groceries, yard work, simple home or car repairs, take them prepared meals, honor them on this special day in some small way. Involve the squadron in repairs, clean up around the Post, hold a special dinner or breakfast for these veterans. Visit VA nursing homes and local nursing homes, sit, and talk with them. Publish a thank you letters for service in the newspapers, websites and newsletters

[Information on the National Veterans Assistance Day 2010](#)

Coloring Contest Winners Announced

Americanism Chairman Mike Pook announces the coloring contest winners.

Congratulations!

AGE GROUP 0 TO 3

- 1ST) Brady Majkowski , age 3 (18)
- 2ND) Andrew A Buhr, age 2 (108)
- 3RD) Izzy Johnson age 2 (Wisconsin Dells)

AGE GROUP 4 TO 7

- 1ST) Erik Raatz, age 7 (62)
- 2ND) Joshua Savoie, age 6 (18)
- 3RD) Bianca Nelson, age 6 (116)

AGE GROUP 8 TO 12

- 1ST) Cal Majkowski , age 9 (18)
- 2ND) Joosiah Savoie, age 12 (18)
- 3RD) Jerry Pook, age 10 (449)
- 4TH) Jarod Rielly, age 11 (214)

AGE GROUP 13 TO 17

- 1ST) Jacob Rielly, age 13 (214)
- 2ND) Paul Hartlaub, age 16 (95)
- 3RD) Jake Golla, age 17 (18)

Our thanks to all of the contestants for the great coloring contest entries. Winners will receive First place \$25.00 Second place \$15.00, and Third place \$10.00. Due to the quality of work in the in the 8-12 age group, which made judging difficult the committee added a fourth place position of \$10.00.

CWF Coin Design Contest Announced

2010 - 2011 Child Welfare Foundation CWF Coin Design Contest



The Child Welfare Foundation will conduct a contest to design a new CWF coin. CWF coins are sold to raise money for the Foundation.

Contest rules:

1. The coin design must include the Child Welfare Foundation logo, name "Child Welfare Foundation, Inc." and either "Dedicated to the betterment of all children" or "For the betterment of all children."
2. Lettering may be "all upper case."
3. The coin design may incorporate color or colors.
4. The coin design may not exceed two (2) inches in diameter (at widest point).
5. The Foundation reserves the right to modify the winning design to maintain emblem/logo copyright protection.
6. The winning designer will grant use of the design, at no cost, to the Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. and The American Legion.
7. Designs must be postmarked not later than **June 30, 2010**.
8. Limit of one design per individual.
9. The decision of the judges is final.
10. Submit design to: Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., Attn. Coin Design, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Regional and National Report

It is crunch time and we need your help! We are dropping like a rock, 6th place out of 8 Detachments in the Region is not good.

We need all membership at HQ by Tuesday so Chris can get it off to National and we can reach our 100 Percent Detachment Goal. We are down by 200 members, even if you only have one member to send it, do it now, each one counts.

(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
INDIANA	36,074	34,595	95.900
MICHIGAN	20,408	19,545	95.771
MINNESOTA	10,632	10,145	95.419
ILLINOIS	14,957	14,185	94.839
MISSOURI	3,135	2,963	94.514
WISCONSIN	3,158	2,972	94.110
OHIO	30,428	27,955	91.873
IOWA	2,760	2,497	90.471
Totals	121,552	114,857	94.492

On the national report, we are at 20th out of 55 Detachments, putting us in the middle of the pack, and it does not look good on us.

Remember we also have a challenge with Michigan and Minnesota. Whichever Detachment is on the top of the regional list for the National Convention in Milwaukee wins a gift from the other Detachments.

Districts

District Standings

Great Job, 11th, 12th, 4th, 1st and 3rd Districts for being over the final goal! The Detachment goal is 105 percent of last years membership, we need your help to reach this goal, transmit your membership renewals to Head Quarters promptly

1. Eleventh District 200.00%
2. Twelfth District 120.34%
3. Fourth District 108.56%
4. First District 106.69%
5. Third District 105.25%
6. Fifth District 95.08%
7. Seventh District 91.56%
8. Tenth District 90.51%
9. Second District 89.38%
10. Ninth District 80.77%
11. Eighth District 76.11%
12. Sixth District 63.54%

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

Top of the Commanders List

Even if you are on the bottom of this list you are on the top of our list! Gentlemen, Commander Powers would like to tip his hat to you for your outstanding work in membership. It is obvious you have gone the extra mile and recruited new members along with your renewals.

Make sure you apply for the [National Recruiter Pin Award](#).

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
547 Lublin	19	45	237%
183 Genoa City	16	35	219%
24 Lake Geneva	33	67	203%
284 Holmen	19	30	158%
93 Tomahawk	14	21	150%
189 Watertown	30	44	147%
100 Sparta	32	43	134%
10 Wausau	13	17	131%
143 St. Croix Falls	23	29	126%
171 Union Grove	13	16	123%
115 Elroy	14	17	121%
481 Madison	81	96	119%
108 Clear Lake	36	42	117%
333 Sun Prairie	25	29	116%
168 Glenwood City	22	25	114%
220 Soldiers Grove	33	37	112%
48 Beloit	25	28	112%
151 Madison	19	21	111%
433 Barneveld	32	35	109%
534 McFarland	73	78	107%
313 Black Earth	15	16	107%
95 Delavan	16	17	106%
121 River Falls	54	57	106%
214 Darlington	57	60	105%
118 Thorp	43	45	105%

100 and Over, Aiming for the Final Goal

You are doing great, our final goal is 105 percent and we are counting on your continued help to get us there. Even though you have been at this for almost a year, Commander Powers is confident you can recruit or reinstate the 3 or 4

more members it will take to get you over the final goal. Thanks for your service to our organization.

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
245 Cross Plains	104	108	104%
288 Cedarburg	53	55	104%
294 Hartland	84	87	104%
375 Mukwonago	64	65	102%
15 Juneau	11	11	100%
71 Pewaukee	New	13	100%
84 Monroe	12	12	100%
172 North Freedom	24	24	100%
196 Delafield	60	60	100%
273 Grand Marsh	17	17	100%
305 Johnson Creek	19	19	100%
355 Grafton	42	42	100%
387 Franklin	18	18	100%
501 Madison	16	16	100%
522 Hubertus	19	19	100%
544 Twin Lakes	New	10	100%

Set Your Sights on the Goal

You are so close to the goal of 100 percent, do not stop now. What can our Detachment Vice Commanders and District Chairmen do to help you get those last few memberships collected and transmitted?

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
52 La Crosse	145	141	97%
116 Coon Valley	24	23	96%
129 Black River Falls	40	38	95%
1 Germantown	17	16	94%
38 Appleton	54	50	93%
53 Eau Claire	34	31	91%
62 Columbus	11	10	91%
366 Princeton	22	20	91%
405 Dousman	43	39	91%
538 Carlton	44	39	89%
150 Wausaukee	25	22	88%
67 Lake Mills	49	43	88%
437 Mazomanie	57	50	88%
209 Orfordville	93	81	87%
449 Brookfield	86	73	85%
73 Neilsville	19	16	84%
157 Horicon	31	26	84%
11 Green Bay	37	31	84%
158 Maiden Rock	37	30	81%

It Takes Personal Contact

It is time for another push to get your squadron back on track. Commander Powers is confident you can reach the goal if everyone takes a part and asks. Partner up with other Squadrons in your area and meet your members in person, so them why you are committed to the Sons and what the Sons can do for them.

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
155 Westby	22	17	77%
302 Oconto Falls	13	10	77%
21 Kenosha	37	28	76%
54 Marshfield	20	15	75%
417 French Island	32	23	72%
91 Oconomowoc	28	19	68%
339 Almond	33	22	67%
117 Shawano	43	28	65%
243 Plymouth	20	13	65%
336 Onalaska	69	44	64%
70 Oshkosh	24	15	63%
347 Lomira	35	21	60%
51 West Salem	57	32	56%
75 Fond du Lac	50	26	52%
271 Poynette	50	25	50%
44 Wabeno	35	16	46%

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