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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin



Detachment Officers

Detachment Information

Squadron Information

Our 42nd Annual Detachment Convention is right around the corner, July 16-17-18, in Wausau. I am excited about the positive changes that have been taking place and hope to see each squadron represented.

I had a member ask, "Why should I attend the Convention?", and for me the answer was easy. This is your convention; you should be here to meet and elect the officers and delegates that you entrust to make sound decisions while promoting the Sons for the coming year, approve changes to the policies that guide us, and get involved in the core programs of the Sons, like Americanism, Children & Youth and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. The convention is so much more than just business; it is recognition; receive awards for the outstanding work you and your squadrons do in front of your peers. Convention is education; in response to requests from our members, we have added guest speakers, workshops and training to each day of convention. It is camaraderie and socializing; attend the social activities, meet up with old friends and make new ones. Why should you come to the convention? Come because we invited you!

While we continue to collect 2010 dues through December 31, it is already time to start planning your 2011 membership recruitment and retention strategy. The 2011 membership cards should be arriving at HQ in the next few weeks, we will mail them to the Squadron Primary Contact person listed on your [Squadron Information Form](#). Make sure your cards go to the correct person.

Posted on our web site www.wisal.org, is the [June 7 2010](#), membership report all the reports are listed under [Membership Reports](#).

Thanks for everything you do for the Sons and The American Legion Family.

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Delegate Certification

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Has your squadron sent in their Squadron Convention Delegate Certification form? We have received a few emails and calls from squadrons who need an updated or have misplace their squadron delegate certification form.

Convention is an important event of the Sons of The American Legion, and these forms are an important tool for your delegates to get credential to attend and vote at convention. To show the importance of these certifications we have added a PDF file of each to our web site at www.wisal.org, http://www.wisal.org/squadron/squadron_delegate_certification_forms.php please print , complete and return the forms promptly along with your [Delegate Registration forms](#) and fees.

CATs at Convention

Children's Action Team (CAT)

On Saturday July 17th 2010, National Child Welfare Foundation committee member John Mejia

from California will have a great program for our convention delegates, alternates and guests on the history, present and future of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. John has been traveling across the USA promoting the CWF and helping squadrons understand the important role the CWF plays in the lives of children everywhere.

After the presentation, John will offer the Children Action Team Certification examination. For a donation of \$25.00, you will be able to complete your certification and receive your exclusive CAT pin and membership card. The donation will count for your Squadron CWF donation for 2011. Bring this completed form, <http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/cwf/catapp.pdf>, to the workshop.

Is your squadron looking for a fantastic idea to increase your CWF donations? When your squadron purchases the CWF, shirts, cups, and totes for sale in the lobby during the convention the amount of the purchase counts towards your CWF donations. An example of this is, when your squadron writes a check to purchase 5 coffee cups for \$5.00 each, the \$25.00 is credited as a donation to CWF. Pick up a case of them and hold a fundraiser back at your own squadron.

Do you know of a nonprofit organization that could use a grant from the CWF? Visit the CWF web site, <http://www.cwf-inc.org/grantseekers/overview>. For general tips on grantseeking, [click here](#). For a grant application, [click here](#).

Hometown Heroes, The Statewide Fundraiser

Hometown Heroes Enters Third Weekend
June 11, 2010

"Hometown Heroes", the statewide fundraiser for the Wisconsin American Legion continues at convenience stores across the state. Sponsored by the WI Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, "Hometown Heroes" offers the general public an opportunity to support the many programs of The American Legion.

Use the link to find a convenience store near you!

<http://wpmca.org/pages/downloads/Hometown%20Hero%20Locations.pdf>

More Information in the Badger Legionnaire, <http://wilegion.org/badgerlegionnaire/?id=356>

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King Day, June 20 2010

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THE 8TH DISTRICT
55TH ANNUAL KING PILGRIMAGE
AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010 – FATHER'S DAY!

Adults - \$8.00

Children 12 & under - \$4.00

(Serving will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and continue until sold out.)

10:30 a.m. A charcoal broiled chicken lunch may be purchased from King Post #161 and Auxiliary.

1:00 p.m. Parade, All Drum & Bugle Corps, Voiture Locomotives, Bands, Color Guards, Honor Guards, Drill Teams, Post & District Colors are invited. All participating units will be awarded a colorful pennant

for their colors. The parade Marshals will be Jerry Krofta assisted by Vern Pitt.

2:00 p.m. Program on Bandstand begins.

CHAPEL SERVICES:

Lutheran Services - AH Chapel 10:15 a.m. Catholic Services - OH Chapel 10:00 a.m.

Protestant Services - SH Chapel 10:30 a.m. Catholic Services - MH Chapel 11:00 a.m.

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Regional and National Report

We slipped down to 5th barely ahead of Illinois, we also dropped two spots to 21st in the nation. This is crunch time and we really want a great showing for the Convention report. Thanks for the extra effort everyone has been putting, just a little more..

(Central Region) Dennis L. Theobald (IA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
MISSOURI	3,135	3,142	100.223
INDIANA	36,074	35,988	99.762
MICHIGAN	20,408	20,140	98.687
MINNESOTA	10,632	10,418	97.987
WISCONSIN	3,158	3,082	97.593
ILLINOIS	14,957	14,594	97.573
OHIO	30,428	28,907	95.001
IOWA	2,760	2,552	92.464
Totals	121,552	118,823	97.755

Discover Wisconsin Premieres June 19

<http://wilegion.org/newsroom/?Id=465>

[The](#) Wisconsin American Legion will be taking center stage in a special episode of Discover Wisconsin Television.

The program, titled "The Wisconsin American Legion For God and Country," is scheduled for broadcast throughout eight Midwest states June 19 and 20. The video takes a look at the Legions foundational four pillars: Veterans, Americanism, Youth, and Defense.

The American Legion Department of Wisconsin was chartered in 1920. There are currently over 500 American Legion Posts located throughout the state, comprised of over 73,000 members.

Highlights of the video include Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk, Badger Boys State and Badger Girls State, American Legions oratorical contest, Boy Scout troop sponsorship, flag disposal ceremonies, American Legion baseball, shooting sports clubs sponsorships, college scholarships, the Wisconsin American Legion Riders, the American Legion Childrens Legacy Scholarship Fund, Veterans benefits and advocacy, lobbying the legislature on veterans issues, Troop homecomings and send-offs, and soldier family support.

Leo A. Endres, State Commander for the Wisconsin American Legion, is pleased with the television show. "We are excited about this program and to get the word out on all of the things the Wisconsin American Legion does. I think people will be surprised when they learn the depth of what our organization accomplishes."

The Sons of The American Detachment of Wisconsin has made their donations to insure the success of this program, please promote this to your friends and co-workers.

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District Ranking

Your district ranking thirty days prior to the Detachment Convention decides where your squadron sits at Detachment Convention in Wausau. There is only one more membership report before we make the seating chart up, make your move to the head of the class today, get those new and renewed members transmitted.

1. Eleventh District 203.03%
2. Twelfth District 120.34%
3. Fourth District 111.28%
4. First District 109.53%
5. Third District 106.00%
6. Tenth District 100.00%
7. Second District 98.02%
8. Fifth District 95.08%
9. Seventh District 94.61%
10. Ninth District 85.58%
11. Eighth District 83.19%
12. Sixth District 64.58%

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

Retention, Where Do We Stand

Congratulations, we have achieved one of the [Triple Nickel](#) milestones, 85 Percent Membership Retention.

Renewals are critical to the survival of the Sons; currently we are 16th in the nation, and 6th in the Region. We are counting on you to help us reach 95 percent retention, this is a goal that in the past we were able to maintain. We are confident that if each squadron personally called on the members who have not renewed their 2010 membership, we will be back on top of this report.

Detachment	2009	2010	Percentage
ILLINOIS	14,957	13,107	87.63%
MINNESOTA	10,632	9,268	87.17%
MICHIGAN	20,408	17,558	86.03%
INDIANA	36,074	30,946	85.78%
OHIO	30,428	26,001	85.45%
WISCONSIN	3,158	2,690	85.18%
MISSOURI	3,135	2,582	82.36%
IOWA	2,760	2,197	79.60%

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