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The 2011 Membership Report for [September 9](#), is on our web site www.wisal.org, under [Membership Reports](#).

We want you to take the challenge look for details in this newsletter,

[Michael Lawler](#), Detachment Adjutant

Governor Proclamations

Flags at Wisconsin National Guard armories, air bases and other facilities across the state will fly at half-staff Saturday (Sept. 11) in honor of U.S. Army Pvt. Adam Novak, who lost his life while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom. The Guard will render these honors in accordance with an executive order issued by Gov. Jim Doyle. The governor has also issued an executive order to fly the flags at half-staff on Sept. 11 in remembrance of Patriot Day.

All Wisconsin state government facilities are covered by the governor's order and a 2007 amendment to the U.S. Flag Code now requires all federal facilities in Wisconsin to comply. Other government agencies, businesses and private residences with flagpoles may also honor Pvt. Adam Novak by lowering their U.S. and Wisconsin state flags to half-staff during the daylight hours on Sept. 11

When the President of the United States or the Governor of Wisconsin orders flags to fly at half-staff, that order is now available online for viewing at <http://dma.wi.gov/dma/news/flag.asp>, subscribe and get an email notice of these proclamations.

Updates regarding Presidential Proclamations can be found at the White House website: http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing_room/proclamations/

Get out the Vote

With only a few days left before the primary elections Tuesday September 14, 2010, we remind you that it is your civic duty to be an active participant in the election process. Be an informed, educated voter; visit the web sites below for more information.

Election Dates

<http://gab.wi.gov/taxonomy/term/78>

Meet the Candidates at this link

<http://wisconsinvote.org/candidates.cfm>

Find out who your Representatives are at this link

<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>

Find your Assembly District

<http://wims.legis.state.wi.us/Assembly/viewer.htm>

Find your Senate District

<http://wims.legis.state.wi.us/Senate/viewer.htm>

Find your Congressional District

<http://wims.legis.state.wi.us/Congress/viewer.htm>

Government Accountability Board

<http://gab.wi.gov/>

More election countdown information

<http://www.electioncountdown.us/>

You are encouraged to get involved on your election board, voter registration and promoting the elections, however the Sons of The American Legion is a nonpartisan organization, do not use your office in the Sons to campaign for any candidate or party.

Patrick Gryskiewicz Elected National Vice Commander

Patrick Gryskiewicz



On August 29, 2010 at the 39th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Past Detachment Commander, **Patrick Gryskiewicz** is elected National Vice Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. Pat will cover the eight states of the central region, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin and will serve under newly elected **National Commander David Dew** who hails from Texas. Pat is an active member of Squadron #93 of Tomahawk and is looking forward to a successful year serving the Sons.

In addition; two Wisconsin members were appointed to serve on National Commissions; **Michael Lawler** of Squad 437 Mazomanie, to the Public Relations Commission and **Thomas Knox** of Squad 449 Brookfield to the Finance Commission. This is the start of another successful year.

Adjutants Update

Prepped and ready for mailing, the Adjutants Update will arrive to your Squadron Primary Contact person mailbox later this week, you can get sneak peak today using the links below. Highlights include a recap of the state and national convention

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Fall DEC Official Call October 23, 2010

<http://www.wisal.org/documents/Officialcallagenda/Official%20Call%20for%202010%20Fall%20DEC%20Mtgs.pdf>

Detachment Commander Kerry L Severson announces the official call of the Fall Detachment Executive Committee, on Saturday October 23, 2010, 8:45 AM at Sons of The American Legion Detachment Headquarters 2930 American Legion Dr, Portage, WI, 53901. 608-745-1090.

We encourage all squadrons to attend.

[Read Full Article](#)

Detachment Convention Survey

Did you and your squadron attend the Detachment Convention in Wausau? What did you enjoy? What did you dislike? This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, take the [Detachment Convention Survey](#): Even if you did not attend we need to know why and how we can increase squadron participation.

How can we improve this important event to serve the needs of our squadrons? [Detachment Convention Survey](#)

National Convention Pins Available

So you did not make it to the National Convention and was unable to roundup a National Convention Pin, well fret not, we have a limited quantity available. The COW pin is the talk of the town and a great source of pride for the sons. Print the sales order form,



<http://www.wisal.org/documents/convention/2010%20Cow%20Pin%20Advanced%20Sales%20Flyer.pdf> and mail it in soon.

NEF is Named as the Commanders Project

Commander Severson has announced that his commander's project will be the American Legion National Emergency Fund. Commander Severson is challenging each Squadron to donate \$1.00 per member to the NEF. The Commanders goal is \$3000.00 dollars donated to NEF by May 2011. Are you up for the challenge?

The National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6,000,000 in direct financial assistance to Legion family members and posts. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives. Find more about the NEF at <http://legion.org/emergency>.

When your squadron donates to the NEF they will receive a ribbon and citation from the National Commander of the American Legion. Additionally the squadron with the greatest per donation over \$1.00 per member will be awarded the Chrystal Commanders Plaque of Excellence. Individual SAL members who donate will be eligible to enter a drawing for emblem sales gift certificate and more. As an added incentive, Commander Severson will donate to the NEF in the name of each Squadron who reaches 100 percent membership by Veterans Day.

What can you do? Hold a brat fry or spaghetti dinner, take donations at your meetings, ask local businesses to donate. Make this a fun challenge and help your Legion Family over come hardship and loss.

Make donations payable to the National Emergency Fund and mail to Detachment Finance Officer Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051, if you send your donations directly to NEF make sure you clearly state SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON#___.

Regional and National Report

We have the Central Region Challenge again, this year Iowa, Illinois and Missouri have joined Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. This challenge is a fun rivalry between the Central Region Detachments with the winner receiving gifts from the losing detachments, based on the last membership report prior to the National Convention. Currently we are in the lead, let's keep it that way. We are holding steady at eighth in the nation. Make Commander Severson and National Vice Commander Gryskiewicz proud, by getting your membership in early, increase your donations to CWF and NEF, do more for our veterans.

(Central Region) NVC Patrick N. Gryskiewicz (WI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
WISCONSIN	3,178	641	20.170
MINNESOTA	10,707	1,635	15.270
INDIANA	36,936	5,611	15.191
IOWA	2,683	393	14.648
ILLINOIS	15,032	2,154	14.329
OHIO	30,163	3,325	11.023
MISSOURI	3,251	346	10.643

MICHIGAN	20,811	1,815	8.721
Totals	122,761	15,920	12.968

Provide Job Fairs for Our Veterans

Pepsi is providing grants for many civic and humanitarian efforts; your vote will help us secure a grant to provide job fairs and job training for our veterans. You can vote every day from these links or our facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=45145621491&ref=ts>.

[Provide job fairs and job training for veterans | Pepsi Refresh Every thing](#)

<http://www.refresheverything.com/vetsjobfairs>

Districts Report In

Are you on target to reach our next goal, 50% by October 1, 2010?

Commander Severson is working with the Membership team to help you, contact your Vice Commanders with any questions and suggestions.

1. Fifth District 65.52%
2. Twelfth District 50.70%
3. Fourth District 39.93%
4. Third District 38.27% %
5. Sixth District 33.87%
6. Eleventh District 30.88%
7. First District 19.60%
8. Seventh District 13.16%
9. Tenth District 17.05%
10. Ninth District 7.82%
11. Eighth District 4.17%
12. Second District 2.24%

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

Seventeen Squadrons over the October Goal of 50%. Great Work!

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
220 Soldiers Grove	37	38	103%
172 North Freedom	24	24	100%
59 Stoughton	New	31	100%
84 Monroe	12	12	100%
313 Black Earth	16	16	100%
214 Darlington	60	54	90%
108 Clear Lake	42	36	86%
15 Juneau	11	9	82%
434 Oak Creek	21	17	81%
406 General King	20	15	75%
18 Milwaukee	69	50	72%
366 Princeton	20	14	70%
375 Mukwonago	65	40	62%
23 Cudworth	38	23	61%
121 River Falls	57	30	53%

On the Team and Ready to Play

These 14 squadrons are on the verge of cracking the 50 percent mark, transmit your membership early and often.

Squadron	2009	2010	Percent
547 Lublin	47	21	45%
70 Oshkosh	16	7	44%
405 Dousman	46	16	35%
183 Genoa City	35	11	31%
11 Green Bay	37	11	30%
209 Orfordville	83	23	28%
52 La Crosse	145	37	26%
437 Mazomanie	50	12	24%
449 Brookfield	89	21	24%
100 Sparta	48	11	23%
21 Kenosha	28	6	21%
294 Hartland	87	11	13%
38 Appleton	55	3	5%
10 Wausau	21	1	5%

Goose Eggs

Here we are September 12 and we have 55 goose eggs (squadrons with zero membership transmitted). We need to work with these squadrons to get them on track for the membership race.

1 Germantown	16	0%
24 Lake Geneva	67	0%
27 South Milwaukee	10	0%
44 Wabeno	16	0%
48 Beloit	28	0%
51 West Salem	51	0%
53 Eau Claire	31	0%
54 Marshfield	17	0%
62 Columbus	10	0%
67 Lake Mills	43	0%
75 Fond du Lac	26	0%
91 Oconomowoc	19	0%
93 Tomahawk	21	0%
95 Delavan	17	0%
071 Pewaukee	13	0%
073 Neilsville	19	0%
111 Somerset	16	0%
115 Elroy	17	0%
116 Coon Valley	23	0%
117 Shawano	32	0%
118 Thorp	46	0%
120 Tanner-Paull	24	0%
129 Black River Falls	38	0%
143 St. Croix Falls	29	0%
150 Wausaukee	22	0%
151 Madison	21	0%
155 Westby	17	0%
157 Horicon	28	0%
158 Maiden Rock	38	0%
168 Glenwood City	25	0%

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