



The 43rd Detachment of Wisconsin Convention

July 15-16-17, 2011 is your Detachment Convention in Appleton. Your squadron should be electing their delegates to the convention. Your delegates will have lots to do at this year's convention, there are resolutions to debate, new officers to elect, workshops to attend and awards and rewards to collect. This is your opportunity to be involved in the process. The official call and delegate certification will be mailed in June. Registration and hotel rooms information is in the Badger Legionnaire, <http://wilegion.org/uploads/April%202011%20BL%20Pages%201-7.pdf>

Detachment Officers Election and Appointments:

Nominations for officers will be held Friday July 15, at the detachment convention. If you would like to be a candidate and have your name on the ballot, fill out the Official Candidate form. The election process and voting will start on Saturday at 10:30 AM.

On Sunday, at the Post Convention DEC meeting, the newly elected Detachment Commander will makes his appointments. If you are interested in an appointment to the serve on our Committees, Commissions, as Historian, Judge Advocate or if you would like to serve as a District Chairman, fill out the Appointment Recommendation form and return it to Sons of The American Legion PO Box 388 Portage, WI 53901.

Child Welfare Foundation Gift Bag:

In an effort to promote the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, the Children and Youth Committee has put together a CWF gift bag for Squadrons attending the Detachment convention in Appleton. This gift bag has all the tools you will need to launch your CWF fundraiser and is a ~\$55.00 value. Squadron delegates will learn the about CWF and how they can help children all over the USA. You gift bag will include, a glass coffee mug, travel mug, piggybank, shirt and more, all in a CWF tote.

CWF and NEF Donation Deadline

Remember the deadline is May 31, 2011 for donations to the National Emergency Fund and the Child Welfare Foundation for the 2010-2011 campaign. Send your donations to our directly to NEF and CWF, clearly indicating you are with the Sons of The American Legion.

Send your tax-deductible contributions to:

The American Legion
National Emergency Fund
P.O. Box 6141
Indianapolis, IN 46206

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Donations received after May 31 will be credited to the 2011-2012 campaign.

Donate \$1.00 per member to CWF and fill out the 100 percent per capita banner form, www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/cwf/2011cwf_percapita_letter.pdf,

Please encourage your nonprofit organizations to apply for grants from CWF, it would be great to see more of the grants presented in Wisconsin. Visit www.legion.org for details on these excellent programs.

FREE! Wisconsin COW Pins:

At the Spring Detachment Executive Committee meetings April 16, 2011, we received the National Convention pins back that we had out on consignment and now have a surplus of them. We voted to send five pins to each squadron as a token of our appreciation for all that our squadrons do and to encourage inactive squadrons to get involved. Please use these pins to raise funds for SAL programs like the Commander's Project and the Child Welfare Foundation. You may also use them to reward your members who have been doing an outstanding job with our programs. We also voted to let squadrons purchase additional cow pins for **only \$2.50 each**. Make your check payable to the Sons of The American Legion and mail to our Sons of The American Legion, COWS, PO Box 388 Portage, WI 53901.

Vice-Commanders and District chairmen were on hand to pick up many of the pins to distribute the pins to the squadrons they represent. If you have not received your free pins, please contact:

- First District, Robert Ames, 608-295-5564 ssgtrock@charter.net,
- Second District, Thomas Petrie 920-261-8161, tpjc@charter.net
- Third District, Sean Patchin 608-577-5188 sypatchin@gmail.com,
- Fourth District, Robert Bruetzmann 414-759-6985
- Fifth District, Mike Pook 414-774-1955 mp3wpok@yahoo.com
- Tenth District, Rodney Fall 715-263-3011 rfallguy@yahoo.com
- Eleventh District, Pat Gryskiewicz 715-539-9540
- Twelfth District, Mark Wood 715-263-2224

Pins for Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Districts were mailed directly to the Squadron Primary Contact on file.

Minneapolis to Host the National Convention, August 26-27-28, 2011:

Mark your calendar, in addition to the guest speakers, election, and awards, there will be a golf outing, dinners, comedy shows and more. The Public Relations Commission will have a PR Fair outside the convention room, and program overviews during the convention. National Emblem Sales will be set up in the exhibit hall to server all your Squadron needs. Delegates, alternates and guest need to register at the Detachment Convention.

<http://www.sal.legion.org/commissions/convention.html>

District Standings

A great race has been taking place between the districts, can anyone beat Twelfth District?

1. Twelfth District 154.93%
 2. Ninth District 110.06%
 3. Sixth District 109.68%
 4. Fourth District 106.94%
 5. Third District 105.82%
 6. Eleventh District 98.53%
 7. Fifth District 96.55%
 8. Second District 95.26%
 9. First District 92.50%
 10. Seventh District 91.59%
 11. Eighth District 87.50%
 12. Tenth District 86.93%
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Member Retention

We are 12th in the nation based on our membership renewals of 83.16 percent. We need to beat 85 percent to win the Triple Nickel Award of \$555.00. As you can see the Central Region Detachments are all neck and neck with Minnesota leading the pack. DETACHMENT RENEWAL Percentages:

- Minnesota 83.88%
- Wisconsin 83.16%
- Ohio 82.16&%
- Illinois 82.38%
- Michigan 81.60%
- Iowa 80.02%

- Indiana 80.49%
- Missouri 74.82%

Eighty-five percent retention still leaves us with a loss of 480 members, lets make this personal, contact your members and get them back on board. Show them the value of the Sons.

Regional and National Membership Standings

We've fallen to 13th in the nation and yet remain second in the central region. Lets keep National Vice Commander Gyskiewicz out of pit row and on track for a victory lap at the National Convention. Wisconsin is still a contender in the Central Region Challenge and we need your help, recruit, renew and retain your members.

(Central Region) Patrick N. Gyskiewicz (WI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
IOWA	2,740	2,783	101.569
WISCONSIN	3,200	3,065	95.781
MINNESOTA	10,835	10,178	93.936
INDIANA	36,991	34,692	93.785
MICHIGAN	20,926	19,258	92.029
ILLINOIS	15,143	13,930	91.990
OHIO	30,438	27,787	91.290
MISSOURI	3,277	2,905	88.648

Central Region has been fluctuating between the top four spots, and is currently in third place. This has made this a fun and exciting race.

NAME CORECTIONS, MAILING ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

We receive many, many requests for name corrections and changing of mailing addresses throughout the year. Often, we receive mail and telephone inquiries informing us of frustrations in trying to get these changes made. There are many ways to correct this data. First, each Squadron should obtain these changes and send in a member data form. Seems simple, but many frustrations continue to plague our membership. Other ways to make changes is through the SAL web page at www.sal.legion.org under contact us. Also, the American Legion web site contains similar information and contact information. Members can email us at "sal@legion.org" and through the web page above. We can even take information on questions, name changes, and address changes by writing to us at The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

110 percent and beyond

GREAT work, 16 Squadrons are over 110 percent.

Squadron	2010	2011	Percentage
544 Twin Lakes	10	33	330%
434 Oak Creek	21	35	167%

116 Coon Valley	23	32	139%
243 Plymouth	13	18	138%
1 Germantown	16	21	131%
70 Oshkosh	16	21	131%
339 Almond	22	28	127%
11 Green Bay	37	46	124%
93 Tomahawk	21	26	124%
71 Pewaukee	13	16	123%
111 Somerset	16	19	119%
38 Appleton	55	65	118%
284 Holmen	30	34	113%
537 Harold Todd	52	58	112%
121 River Falls	57	63	111%
366 Princeton	20	22	110%

Your squadrons will be rewarded at the Detachment Convention.

102-109 Percent

Squadron	2010	2011	Percentage
355 Grafton	46	50	109%
84 Monroe	12	13	108%
375 Mukwonago	65	70	108%
538 Carlton	39	42	108%
245 Cross Plains	108	116	107%
189 Watertown	46	49	107%
171 Union Grove	16	17	106%
155 Westby	17	18	106%
18 Milwaukee	69	73	106%
387 Franklin	18	19	106%
129 Black River Falls	38	40	105%
151 Madison	21	22	105%
172 North Freedom	24	25	104%
220 Soldiers Grove	37	38	103%
52 La Crosse	145	148	102%
196 Delafield	60	61	102%

Sixteen more Squadrons are over 101 percent and almost at the final goal of 110 percent.

100 Percent

Nineteen Squadrons are sitting right on the one hundred percent mark, just a few more members to reach 105 or even 110 percent before convention.

Squadron	2010	2011	Percentage
15 Juneau	11	11	100%
23 Cudworth	38	38	100%
59 Stoughton	New	44	100%

62 Columbus	10	10	100%
108 Clear Lake	42	42	100%
138 Viroqua	New	10	100%
150 Wausaukee	22	22	100%
180 Bay View	48	48	100%
185 Grantsburg	NEW	41	100%
214 Darlington	60	60	100%
302 Oconto Falls	10	10	100%
305 Johnson Creek	19	19	100%
313 Black Earth	16	16	100%
333 Sun Prairie	29	29	100%
385 Verona	4	13	100%
416 Greendale	22	22	100%
444 F. D. Roosevelt	12	12	100%
522 Hubertus	19	19	100%
63 Clintonville	4	16	100%

Fifty-one squadrons over 100 percent, I am confident can we get 100 percent at 100 percent. As our vice commanders and district chairmen implement Squadron Contact Check list, they will be able to focus on the Squadrons in need, and reap the rewards of a grateful Detachment Commander.

80-98 Percent

Squadron	2010	2011	Percentage
67 Lake Mills	43	42	98%
209 Orfordville	83	80	96%
75 Fond du Lac	26	25	96%
168 Glenwood City	25	24	96%
120 Tanner-Paull	24	23	96%
347 Lomira	21	20	95%
203 Federal	30	28	93%
143 St. Croix Falls	29	27	93%
534 McFarland	80	74	93%
449 Brookfield	89	82	92%
433 Barneveld	35	32	91%
27 South Milwaukee	10	9	90%
406 General King	20	18	90%
91 Oconomowoc	19	17	89%
481 Madison	99	88	89%
501 Madison	16	14	88%
547 Lublin	47	41	87%
157 Horicon	28	24	86%
294 Hartland	87	74	85%
118 Thorp	46	38	83%
405 Dousman	46	38	83%
273 Grand Marsh	17	14	82%
437 Mazomanie	50	41	82%
158 Maiden Rock	38	31	82%
24 Lake Geneva	67	54	81%
288 Cedarburg	61	49	80%

The value of one member really shows when you are only one member away from 100 percent. We expect that these squadrons are going to be transmitting a few more this month.

35  78 Percent

We have reports that these squadrons are working hard to get those last few members renewed and transmitted and just need a little help. District Chairmen and Detachment Vice Commanders, this is your opportunity to make the difference for the Squadrons you represent. Make that phone call, send that email or arrange a personal visit, find out what you can do to help these squadrons. Make sure they know that you were elected to serve them and provide any assistance you can or refer them to the correct person or committee.

Squadron	2010	2011	Percentage
51 West Salem	51	40	78%
115 Elroy	17	13	76%
44 Wabeno	16	12	75%
21 Kenosha	28	20	71%
48 Beloit	28	20	71%
54 Marshfield	17	12	71%
336 Onalaska	49	34	69%
73 Neilsville	19	13	68%
417 French Island	23	15	65%
271 Poynette	50	31	62%
10 Wausau	21	12	57%
100 Sparta	48	27	56%
53 Eau Claire	31	16	52%
117 Shawano	32	16	50%
183 Genoa City	35	16	46%
95 Delavan	17	6	35%
326 Boyd	9	0	**

10th District Chairman Gary Lubich reported that he has been in contact with squadron 326 Boyd and they are working on their transmittal. Good Job!

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin