



Greetings fellow members! Here is some news that may be of interest to you.

### Message from Detachment Commander Kollmansberger

Let me start with a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all your hard work with your memberships. You should be Wisconsin proud! We are 1# in the central region, 7th in the nation on membership and 5th in the nation on renewals. Great work people.

We can't give up just yet. There's still a few more out there we can get renewed. Membership is the life line in any organization. So the question is how many new members have you gotten lately?

Did you know you can get awards and membership pins for either 1 or 5 new members? I have earned my 5 membership pin. Have you earned yours? Fill out the [2015-2016 Individual Recruiter Form](#) and get yours today.

At Mid-Winter our S.A.L training class was another great success for Wisconsin. I'm looking forward to doing this again and helping more squadrons get the training you may need to make your squadron a successful one. We are here to help in anyway we can.

Stay Positive and Focus on the mission that we hold so dear to our hearts. One person can make a difference.

Are you that one?

Thank you.

Mike Kollmansberger, Detachment Commander

### Americanism and Government Testing Scholarships

The American Legion Department of Wisconsin Americanism and Government scholarship program fosters interest in all levels of government, citizenship and provides students the opportunity to receive recognition and scholarships. Students are tested on their knowledge of U.S. Government, Wisconsin Government, County Government, the U.S. Constitution and flag etiquette. 45 students will be awarded scholarships this year.

For more information, see [2016 Americanism and Government Scholarships](#).

### Squadron Planning

Here are some items from our programs that you can be thinking about:

#### April

- April is Children & Youth Month - promote The American Legion Child Welfare

### Foundation

- Make a donation to our GI Josh Dog program
- Make plans for VA Hospital Visits in May and for Memorial Day

### May

- Dates to remember:
  - National Peace Officers Memorial Day - May 15th
  - Armed Forces Day - May 21st
  - Memorial Day - May 30th

For Squadrons considering donations, please use our [donation form](#).

## Membership and Target Dates

As of 03/11/2016 we are at 94.37% with 3,400 members turned in for 2016. [Here is the latest full membership report](#).

### Target Dates:

- April 1 (No fooling!) - 110%

## Washington Conference

In February your Detachment Legislative Chairman Chad Lawler, Detachment Adjutant David Faust, and National Chaplain Michael Lawler attended the Washington Conference in Washington, DC. We heard from speakers on a variety of topics affecting veterans and their benefits, as well as briefers from the Pentagon on National Security.

Your fellow Sons members met with members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation. Although we ourselves are not veterans and do not receive any direct benefits, we made sure our Senators and Representatives knew that our veterans are very important to us.

We also witnessed the National Commander of The American Legion testify to Congress. The hearing was in the largest hearing room in the Senate and was standing room only, including in an ante room. It was one of the most attended hearings of all time. Your American Legion Family was heard!

### 'Til Next Time

Expect more news next month. As always, thank you for your continued membership and dedication to The Wisconsin American Legion Family.

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