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Commanders Communication—May 2021

Mid-Winter...in May: Mid-Winter is almost here...finally! May 7th & 8th, Ho Chunk Casino & Conference Center, S3214 County BD, Baraboo. If you have not made your reservations, there is still time. The Legion has a great program planned so take this opportunity to extend your knowledge. Just a few of the trainings planned are: Funeral Honors, M-1 Garand training, Virtual Meeting Training, Grant Writing, and much more. Saturday night is the “Forward Together Celebration”, an evening of fun for all. Our SAL meetings are: Friday, Committee Meetings, 2:00-5:00; Saturday, SAL Training 1:00-3:00, DEC Meeting 3:15. Go to www.wilegion.org for registration forms and more information.

Appleton Flag Day Parade: The 70th Appleton Flag Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th, 2021, 2:00PM. Since 1950 hundreds of participants and 50,000+ spectators (and 100,000+ TV viewers) go to Appleton from throughout the state and beyond to honor “Old Glory”. This renowned event has been referred to as the oldest of its kind in the nation. In addition to honoring the American flag this year’s parade theme is “Home of the Brave” to highlight the frontline workers during the COVID pandemic. The SAL will be participating in this event as a marching unit. Members from all Squadrons are invited to attend and bring your flags. We need to know how many will be attending, so please send an email to wisalcmdrbob@att.net with the number that will be participating.

Consolidated Squadron Reports: It’s that time again! Time to report all the good things your squadron has done this past year. So why file? This simple report shows The American Legion and Congress what we have done and how it impacts our veterans, active-duty military and their families and our communities. You can fill out your report online or download the PDF and send it in. Every squadron needs to submit a report, not matter how much your squadron has done this past year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Your annual Consolidated Squadron Report is due June 1, 2021...NO EXCEPTIONS!!

The American Legion Race Car: The American Legion and Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) have created a multi-year sponsorship agreement for the No. 48 Honda in the NTT IndyCar Series. Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson will drive the street and road courses while 2013 Indianapolis 500 winner and Series Champion Tony Kanaan will handle the ovals.

The American Legion will be featured prominently on Johnson’s No. 48 Honda during every race in the 2021 and 2022 NTT IndyCar Series.

The American Legion will also be the primary paint scheme for two races in 2021 – the Indianapolis 500, “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing”, over Memorial Day Weekend, and the Texas Motor Speedway on May 2nd. Kanaan will be behind the wheel for those races.



Indy Car driver Tony Kanaan poses with The American Legion 48 Car at the Team Ganassi Garage in Indianapolis, IN

(Photo by Adam Pintar/The American Legion)

Detachment Convention: Mark your calendar!! Our Detachment Convention will be held at the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr, Middleton, July 16th to 18th. More information will be shared in the next newsletter.

Commander's Project-Homeless Veterans: Please continue to send your donations to the Commander's Special Project to Finance Chairman, Tom Petrie, 808 E Cady St, Watertown, WI 53094.

Membership: Unfortunately, the latest membership numbers are several weeks old due to the new website not being completely operational just yet. I am hoping many of you sent in memberships since this last report on March 31st. We still have time to contact our members and get the remaining memberships turned in. We have done good so far this year, so let's keep it going! Congratulations to 5th, 8th and 10th Districts, and the 53 Squadrons who are at or over 100%.

- District 1: #21 Kenosha 109.09%, #48 Beloit 100%, #91 Oconomowoc 103.70%, #183 Genoa City 102.94%, #196 Delafield 105%, #294 Hartland 109.52%, #375 Mukwonago 120.39%, #405 Dousman 103.23%, #544 Twin Lakes 100%
- District 2: #15 Juneau 107.14%, #36 West Bend 120%, #189 Watertown 100%, #305 Johnson Creek 105.56%, #522 Hubertus 128.13%
- District 3: #151 Madison 100%; #214 Darlington 102.90%, #245 Cross Plains 102.52%, #333 Sun Prairie 104.35%, #385 Verona 109.09%, #437 Mazomanie 109.38%, #481 Madison 101.21%. #491 Cazenovia 100%, #501 Madison 115%
- District 4: #120 West Allis 105.71%, #180 Milwaukee 102.38%, #192 Franklin 100%
- District 5: #406 Milwaukee 100%
- District 6: #33 Neenah 136.36%, #43 Ripon 136.36%, #364 Winneconne 100%, #366 Princeton 111.11%, #454 Mt Calvary 163.16%
- District 7: #65 Rome 109.52%, #73 Neillsville 130%, #115 Elroy 100%, #172 North Freedom 100%
- District 8: #54 Marshfield 102.33%, #63 Clintonville 102.86%, #117 Shawano 100%, #339 Almond 100%
- District 9: #11 Green Bay 105%, #60 Kimberly 100%, #106 Seymour 103.03%, #258 Little Chute 103.45%
- District 10: #80 New Richmond 100%, #98 Cumberland 370.00%, #158 Maiden Rock 100%, #168 Glenwood City 100%, #326 Boyd 100%
- District 11: #93 Tomahawk 100%, #480 Presque Isle
- District 12: #143 St. Croix Falls 100%, #487 Cable.

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Spring has finally made its way to Wisconsin, and with it has come Spring Conferences and meetings. It has been great to attend some of these meeting and see people that I haven't seen in a very long time. I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter...in May for our training and DEC Meeting. If you haven't met A.L.F. yet, he will be there! Remember, we always need funds to keep this program going.

Please share the information in this newsletter with all your members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I know it has been a very difficult year for everyone, so I want to say a special thank you for continuing to support our veterans and their families.

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