



Every Piece of the Puzzle Is Important



During our Detachment State Convention, National Commander Michael Fox talked about jigsaw puzzles. He started by noting no two pieces of a puzzle are the same and all are needed to complete the puzzle. Commander Fox then talked about the feeling of accomplishment when a puzzle is completed. And the larger the puzzle the greater the accomplishment is. But there is always sadness, regardless of the size of the puzzle, if it can not be completed because a piece or multiple pieces are missing.

He then went on to relate this to The Legion Family...



- Each Squadron is a small puzzle, each member is a piece of a Squadron's Puzzle. It takes every member to complete our Squadron puzzle, each of us have a unique role within the squadron. So what is being done, as a squadron, to engage/inform every member?
- Then think about the Legion Family Puzzle at the Post/Community Level. Each local Legion Family (Post/Squadron/Unit) is part of a single bigger/grander puzzle. So how is the squadron working together with the Legion/Auxiliary/Riders to be part of that larger puzzle?
- Finally think about the local community. Each community is made of many people and many organizations. So how is the Legion Family engaging and supporting the local Community to be a part of that Community Puzzle?

A great perspective to reflect upon as each Post/Squadron/Unit starts to plan for a great and successful 2023.....

Mid-Winter Conference—everyone is welcome

Everyone is encouraged to join us for the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin on Jan 12-15th at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center (by Austin Strabel International Airport). This year the conference activities will include:

- Legion Committee Meetings (Thurs/Fri AM) - open to all
- S.A.L. Pre-DEC Committee Meetings (Fri PM)
- Detachment Executive Committee Meeting (Sat PM)
- Multiple training sessions (Fri/Sat) including SAL specific training Sat afternoon
- Sat evening Banquet and Entertainment
- Multiple Hospitality Rooms

Watch www.wilegion.org or www.wisal.org for more details and to register for this great event!!

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2022 State & National Conventions



Many great efforts and activities were recognized at the Detachment (Green Bay) and National (Milwaukee) Conventions this Summer.

- ◆ The Detachment Convention highlighted and celebrated all the great work and activities which Wisconsin Squadrons are a part of. The Detachment of Wisconsin Officers would like to say THANK YOU for all you are doing to support the 4 Pillars of the American Legion Family.
- ◆ During National Convention the Sons of The American Legion celebrated being chartered for 90 Years and for holding the 50th National Convention. (As a program of the legion we did not hold our own convention for the first 40 years).

Planning is already underway for both 2023 Conventions to celebrate all the accomplishments which will be completed in the next 10 months!!! Hope your squadron can participate in the 2023 State Convention mid-July in Wausau, Wi



Operation A.L.F. update

It has been a busy summer for the A.L.F. Program. There have been multiple deployments over the summer. This included a 2 day event on August 27th and 28th with over 200 dogs handed out. There are also other potential deployments occurring this fall and winter.

Please consider donating, or running a fund raiser, for the A.L.F. program which aims to help comfort the children of deploying service personnel.

See "www.wisal.org/alf" for more about the program and opportunities to become involved.

Commander's & Adjutant's Corner

- The 2023 Membership Cards have been mailed to all **Post Addresses**. Please check with your Post Leadership if you have not yet received the Cards/Roster Packet
- It never too early to start to record all the great activities your Squadron/Members are doing which can be added to the Squadron Consolidate Report in May.
- Do not forget to submit/update a Squadron Information Form, to update any change in leaders, meeting times, dues, etc.
- Make sure your Squadron Commander and/or Adjutant is registered and are using myLegion.org for processing membership and Member Information.



Squadron Training Opportunities

Detachment Officers are willing/ready to help squadrons with any training needs. Do you need help with On-line Memberships? Are there questions about how to coordinate activities/finances with the Sponsoring Post? Is your squadron looking to take on another activity and looking for ideas? We can help with these and many more questions. Just contact your District Commander and/or a Detachment Vice Commander to get started!!



Upcoming Events

- 2022 Wreaths Across America—Dec 17th, multiple Veteran Cemeteries
- 2023 Mid-Winter DEC and Training—Jan 12-15th, Green Bay, Wi
- 2023 Spring Detachment DEC – Tentative April 22nd, Portage, Wi
- 2023 Poppy Day—May 20th, State wide
- 2023 State Convention— July 21-23th, Wausau, Wi
- 2022 National Convention—Aug 25th—27th Charlotte, North Carolina



Helpful Web Sites

- National Sons of The American Legion Web Site— www.legion.org/sons
- Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion Web Site—www.wisal.org
- Members Data and Membership Processing— www.mylegion.org
- National Legion Web Site—www.legion.org
- State Legion Web Site—www.wilegion.org
- Emblem Sales—www.emblem.legion.org



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