

Veterans Administration Voluntary Services "VAVS"

Representatives and Deputies Needed: We want you to get involved, if you are able to drive to a VA Hospital for special events and quarterly meetings the opportunity awaits you.

Get Your Squadrons Involved: Your Squadron can get involved through **monetary donations**, sponsor newspaper and television subscriptions, or other special projects (large or small), and by **attending special events**, i.e. the Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, Ice Cream Socials, Former Prisoner of War Day Friday April 10th.

Contact your local VA Hospital, [Adjutant Michael Lawler](#), [VA&R Chairman Rodney Fall](#) or [Commander Kirk Hove](#) if you are interested in being VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives.

Have Your Opinion Heard Take The Sons of The American Legion Convention Survey

With this survey we hope to rate your experiences at the Sons of The American Legion Conventions, Detachment meetings, workshops and other activities. With the data we collect, our goal is to increase attendance and productivity. The survey was mailed with the SALute or can be taken online at www.wisal.org. There are only 16 questions and the survey will only take a few minutes to complete. Your opinion is valuable to us and your input will be extremely helpful as we grow and work towards another seventy-five years of Service to America. We are always looking at ways to improve, and better serve our members; if you have any other suggestions please email us at adjutant@wisal.org.

Leaders Wanted: Run For A Detachment Office

We encourage your Squadron to send its qualified candidates to run for Detachment Offices, at our Convention in Milwaukee this July. We will be holding elections for (1) Detachment Commander, (4) Vice Commanders, (1) Finance Officer, (1) Chaplain, and (2) Sgt-at-Arms to serve for one year. We will have appointed positions available for Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Committee and Commission Chairmen and members. We also elect Delegates to the National Convention at this time. If you or your fellow members would like to work at the Detachment level, come to the Spring Detachment Meeting April 25th in Portage.

Detachment Spring Meetings To Be Held In Portage April 25 2009

We will be holding our Spring DEC meetings in Portage April 25 2009, We will meet at SAL Headquarters 2930 American Legion Dr., Portage at 9:00 AM. Mandatory for Detachment Officers, Recommended to Squadron Officers.

Detachment Convention July 24-26 Milwaukee

Your Squadron Adjutant will receive a delegate certification at the end of June. Make sure to send your delegates to vote for your Squadron.

Josh Dog National Commander Tommie Cisna is a strong supporter of the Josh Dog program benefiting CMN and hospitalized kids across our nation. Commander Cisna has seen first hand the joy a little stuffed dog can bring to kids unfortunate enough to be in the hospital. Commander Cisna would like all members of the Sons of the American Legion to share in bringing pleasure to those less fortunate than ourselves.

During this membership year, he would like to see us purchase 2,500 Josh Dogs and have them delivered to the CMN or Children's Hospital near you! If each Detachment purchased and distributed 48 Josh Dogs, we would reach this goal and bring joy and comfort to children everywhere.

Have your Squadron, District, & Detachment purchase as many Josh Dogs as you wish, then have your photo taken giving a Josh Dog to a child in a pediatric ward of a hospital in your community. You can find purchasing information at www.joshandfriends.com.

E-mail your photos to us along with the amount of dogs purchased and we will track Josh's progress across the country. Each photo taken will be placed on the SONS web site for viewing by all and to spur some friendly competition.

The Squadron and Detachment giving away the most Josh Dogs will receive an award at the 2009 National Convention in Louisville Kentucky.

Enclosed in This Mailing:

Consolidated Reports: One simple report form of your Squadron Activities, due June 1st 2009.

Squadron Information Sheet: A new Squadron Information sheet is required annually, filled out completely.

Honor Grounds: Enter your local Military Heroes and raise money for your Squadron.

Legion District Spring Conferences: You are encouraged to attend, assist with the POWMIA Empty Chair.

Donation Report: All Squadrons should take an active role in the programs of the SAL, is yours on the list?

Membership Report: Is your Squadron at 100%?

Invitation to the Spring DEC: Yes, we want you and your Squadron members to come and get involved. RSVP