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Adjutant's Update

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

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75th Anniversary of the Sons of The American Legion

2007 marks the 75th year the Sons has been an official member of The American Legion Family. The Sons of The American Legion was born during the 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression. The establishment of The Sons of The American Legion as a non-profit, non-sectarian civilian organization, was authorized by action of The American Legion's 14th National Convention in Portland Oregon; September 12-15, 1932. The 1933 National Convention officially changed the name of the Organization to "The Sons of The American Legion", authorized use of the abbreviation "S.A.L" (pronounced S. A. L., not sal), and levied an annual membership dues of 25 cents.

There are new items for the 75th Anniversary at Emblem Sales, www.emblem.legion.org, more info to follow.

Commander Kirk Hove Sets Goals

Your newly elected State Commander of the Sons of The American Legion has set his goals to be:

- **Membership:** Each Squadron to be at 100 percent by Veterans Day November 11th 2006, with their 2007 membership. We have set up an incentive program to help reach this goal, for each Squadron that meets the goal; the Detachment will make a donation to the National Emergency Fund (NEF), in your Squadrons name. **The National Emergency Fund** helps members of the American Legion Family when a natural disaster strikes, for more information on NEF, visit the National American Legion web site at www.legion.org, <https://join.legion.org/NEF/donate/> you and your squadron are encouraged to donate to the fund.
- **Help a Wounded Soldier:** For a \$20.00 donation you can provide a T-Shirt, Pajama bottoms and flip-flops, and many other items, to a wounded soldier in Iraq, Afghanistan and stateside. Commander Hove has challenged American Legion Commander Cooney that the Sons will come though with donations exceeding those of The American Legion. Let's make this goal a reality, Commander Hove is asking each Squadron to sponsor 5 Soldiers or more. A flyer will be included in this mailing, make sure to check the SAL box.
- **Child Welfare Foundation:** Sons of The American Legion has been the largest contributor to CWF and we would encourage you to continue. The National Goal is \$2.00 per Squadron member. For more information on the CWF program, visit their web site at www.cwf-inc.org/. Make Checks payable to CWF and mail your donations to the Detachment Finance Officer Dennis Stockfish N56W18346 Evergreen Ln. Menomonee Falls WI 53051-5540, so we can tally the Detachment totals.

Fall DEC October 21 2006 at Squadron #449 Brookfield

Squadron #449 will be the host of the Fall Detachment Executive Committee meetings. Official Call was mailed in September

Deadline for SALute news articles November 15th 2007, email them to the Adjutant.

Internet Web Sites: Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion, www.wisal.org;

National Sons of The American Legion, www.sal.legion.org Wisconsin American Legion www.wilegion.org

Please note our new email address is info@wisal.org