

**Postcards from YOUR Squadron:**

Commander Cisna knows that it is you the blue cap member who gets the work done and is constantly saying what great things you do, but I know that you are thinking the National Commander does not even know where my town is, so in order to change this I am asking each and everyone of you to send a postcard from your Squadrons, Districts, Zones and Detachments to the National Commander so he can see that you are out there. I want this to be a fun activity so please take a moment from your busy schedules, to do this for me, any postcard would be fine but a photo post cards of your squadron, your activities, or even your members at a golf outing would be even better. Make sure to indicate your Squadron on the postcard as they all will go into the history book for this year. Please mail them to National Commander Tommie Cisna 813 Lincoln Ave, Mattoon, IL 61938-5438  
**National Historian Michael Lawler,**

**Have you entered the Detachment Email Address Contest.** To keep you informed the Public Relations Committee has put together an online newsletter service. The contest runs until the Midwinter Conference in Marshfield January 17<sup>th</sup> 2009. Simply go to our web site, [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org), click on Newsletters and subscribe to our email newsletters. There will be twenty winners, they will be notified by email only, so make sure your email address is valid and working.

**2010 National Convention Pin Contest:**

We have an opportunity to design the 2010 National Convention Pin, and have put together a contest, if your design is chosen you will win a \$500.00 savings bond. The form is in this mailing or visits our website [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org) for complete rules and entry form or contact your Detachment Officers.

A brief synopsis of the contest; The Pin size should be approximately 1 ½ ", must include Sons of The American Legion Emblem, indicate the year 2010, convey to the observer that it is about Wisconsin. All submissions will become the property of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin. Entries must be at HQ prior to January 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Squadron Information Sheet:** each year we need to have a new Squadron Information sheet, not sure if you sent one in yet, send it in again.

**Membership Report:** We seem to have a few squadrons who are in need of help, please contact your Vice Commander for assistance. (Officers Roster is included in this mailing)

**SAL Accomplishments:** This is just a small fraction of what we do, make sure to submit your Consolidated Report From this coming spring. (They will be mailed to the Adjutant on file using the Squadron Information Form)

**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](http://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.

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