

# ADJUTANTS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2010

**Detachment Convention Wausau in Review:** At our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Wausau, your delegates elected **Kerry Severson** of Squadron 245 Cross Plains, to serve as your Detachment Commander. Commander Severson has served as Detachment Vice Commander, Sergeant at arms and Internal Affairs Commission Chairman. Please contact Commander Severson, at Box 209, Richland Center, WI 53581 608-647-4263, [kseverson99@yahoo.com](mailto:kseverson99@yahoo.com) to invite him your meetings, installations, conferences or events. He is eager to assist your squadron where possible.

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A complete list of officers and chairmen are included in this mailing.

**CWF Children's Action Team (CAT):** On Saturday July 17, 2010, National Child Welfare Foundation committee member John Mejia helped us double our fundraising efforts for CWF and instill a new enthusiasm in our team. Detachment Sergeant At Arms Gary Lubich will be our Children & Youth Chairman and will be contacting Squadrons to promote the Child Welfare Foundation cups, mugs, totes and shirts. These products are available for your squadron to use to raise money for your donations. Contact Gary at 651-248-6512, or [glubich@hotmail.com](mailto:glubich@hotmail.com) for more information.

**VA&R Workshop:** The VA&R Committee put together a great workshop and provided a sneak preview of a DVD that is available to promote volunteering at our Veterans Facilities. Watch for details from the VA&R Committee on how you can obtain your copy.

We will continue to offer educational opportunities for you at Midwinter and Convention; you need to take the next step and attend. Complete and return the **Convention Survey** included with this mailing.

**National Convention Milwaukee Recap:** We had a great time at the National Convention, lots of old friends and new faces. There were guest speakers, awards, tours, exhibits and more. Here are just a few highlights.

**Election and Appointments:** On August 29, 2010 at the 39th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Past Detachment Commander, **Patrick Gryskiewicz** is elected National Vice Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. Pat will cover the eight states of the central region, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin and will serve under newly elect **National Commander David Dew** who hails from Texas. Pat is an active member of Squadron #93 of Tomahawk and is looking forward to a successful year serving the Sons. Two of our members were appointed National Commissions; **Michael Lawler** of Squad 437 Mazomanie, to the Public Relations Commission and **Thomas Knox** of Squad 449 Brookfield to the Finance Commission.

**Wisconsin Takes National Membership Awards:** Commander Severson was proud to represent Wisconsin and receive the **Arthur D. Houghton Trophy** and the **National Renewal Plaque**, from National Vice Commander Dennis Theobald and National Membership Chairman Mike Moss. We received these awards thanks to your tireless work, recruiting new members, renewing and retaining former members. By presenting a positive image as Sons of The American Legion potential members will want to join, just ask them. The **Arthur D. Houghton Trophy** is awarded annually to that Detachment which on January 1st of each year has attained the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's total membership". **National Renewal Plaque:** is a plaque is presented to the Detachment who achieved the highest renewal percentage within each Region as of December 31st of each year.

Our goal for 2011 is to bring home the **Triple Nickel Award:** This award is an incentive for any detachment that excels and exceeds in membership. A gift certificate from National Emblem Sales for \$555.00 will be awarded to any Detachment that achieves all three items in membership by July 1st of the current membership year: 105% in membership by July 1; Five (5) new Squadron charters (new Squadron charters – not reactivated) w/membership transmitted; and 85% renewal rate by July 1 of each year.

**Dinner Dance:** The Harley themed Dinner Dance went over well; I do not think we could have packed any more people into the room and the food was always kept fresh. The donated items and door prizes assisted us to raise \$500.00 for CWF and \$500.00 for the National Emergency Fund, NEF. A big THANKS to Squads 120, 294, 406 and 449. We appreciate the efforts of everyone to pull this off.