

**Regional and National Standings:** We are holding on at sixth in the nation and first in the central region, and Central Region has moved up a notch but only by one tenth of a percent, rally your team and get those members renewed and transmitted by the first of the year.

**Retention:** We are leading the Central Region in membership retention also; we are 4th in the nation based on our members renewed. We will be at 95 percent renewals once everyone gets their membership transmitted to HQ.  
DETACHMENT RENEWAL Percentages: WISCONSIN 56.47%, MINNESOTA 53.27%, ILLINOIS 44.68%, MISSOURI 43.44%, OHIO 42.73%, IOWA 42.59%, INDIANA 41.64%, MICHIGAN 37.75%

**CWF Per Capita Banner:** We need to get the word out to the squadrons to fill out the 100 percent per capita banner form, [www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/cwf/2011cwf\\_percapita\\_letter.pdf](http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/cwf/2011cwf_percapita_letter.pdf), to get the recognition they have earned. You also should encourage your nonprofit organizations to apply for grants from CWF, it would be great to see more of the grants presented in Wisconsin.

**A Lesson in History:** Wisconsin has been the winner of past [National History Book contests](#) on the squadron and detachment levels and we would like to see the trophy come home. Make sure your historians are familiar with the [rules](#) and deadlines. These history books tell of the great things the sons do and the fun we have doing them.  
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**Public Relations:** Is your Squadrons getting all the free press they can? Do you have a PR Chairman? He should be putting articles in the local and state papers, but not only that the things we do as Sons for our communities, our children and our Veterans should be national news and a well written article maybe picked up by the United Press Association. Remember to submit your news to the **National Update**, use photos to help convey your story; you can email Mike Pipher at [mpipher@indiana.edu](mailto:mpipher@indiana.edu), use the submission form, [www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/adminmanual/natlupdatesubmissionform.pdf](http://www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/adminmanual/natlupdatesubmissionform.pdf)  
The November/December edition of the National Update newsletter has been processed and mailed this week. The next mailing is scheduled for March 2011. Send your news to the Editor no later than January 15, 2011.

**Legion District Spring Conferences:** Check with your District Commander to see what role your squadron can take in the District Spring Conferences, at the very least you should have squadron representation in the audience. District Conferences are great opportunities to meet other squadrons, share ideas and form partnerships for activities and fundraisers.

- [6th District Spring Conference](#) April 9, 2011 Ripon, WI
- [9th District Spring Conference](#) April 10, 2011 Post 436 Wrightstown
- [3rd District Spring Meeting](#) April 30, 2011 Post 256 Monticello-
- [1st District Spring Meeting](#) May 1, 2011 Post 21 Kenosha-
- [2nd District Spring Conference](#) May 1, 2011 Landt-Thieh Post 470
- [5th District Spring Conference](#) May 17, 2011 Post 4215555 W. Good Hope Rd.
- [4th District Spring Conference](#) May 18, 2011 TBA

**Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion Scholarship:** The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin sponsors a \$1000.00 scholarship. Deadline April 1st 2011. The recipient must be a current member, in good standing of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, with no less than (3) consecutive years of membership. The applicant MUST be in his LAST year of HIGH SCHOOL when applying or within one year after graduation from high school. The applicant must have expressed an interest in and an intention to pursue a course in a (4) year degree-granting institution or (2) year program at a technical college. The applicant must submit a copy of his letter of acceptance to an accredited institution. The following factors will be used in selecting the recipient: Scholastic Record, Contributions to School and Community, Essay, Financial Need and **Squadron Involvement**. Visit our website or call Headquarters 608-745-1090 for a copy of the application and rules.