

Midwinter Conference January 21-22-23, 2010 Ho Chunk Wisconsin Dells: There is something for everyone; this is when your Detachment committee/commissions and executive body meet. We also have educational opportunities, and social events.

Training Opportunities Abound: We will be hosting the 1st Annual S.A.L.101 educational training for Squadrons, new and old alike. The American Legion also invites the Sons to attend Training Sessions at Midwinter Saturday January 22, 2011. You will want to bring all of your squadron officers and members, as there is a training opportunity for everyone.

Family Fun at Midwinter: Bring the whole family. The Ho-Chunk hotel has a Pool and Hot Tub area, along with a Kids Quest area that offers supervised hourly childcare. The Kids Quest area has an indoor playground, infant and toddler area, video and arcade area, karaoke stage and more. Mt. Olympus Water Park will be offering day passes to their indoor water park with free shuttle rides compliments of Ho-Chunk Hotel & Conference Center.

GOOSE EGG SQUADRONS! We still have twenty eight squadrons reporting ZERO membership for 2011. National has sent out delinquent postcards to your members who do not show paid for 2011, reminding them to contact the squadron. Are you holding membership? Do you need help? Contact your vice commander or me at 608-795-4345 or adjutant@wisal.org, LEAVE A MESSAGE and PHONE Number, most of our officers have a day job in addition to the volunteer hours we put in for the SONS.

The History of Veteran's Day: Formerly Armistice Day, Veterans Day is a holiday observed annually in the United States in honor of all those, living and dead who served with the U.S. armed forces in wartime. Some states observe the holiday on November 11th and others on the fourth Monday of October. Armistice Day, the forerunner of Veterans Day, was proclaimed in 1919 to commemorate the termination (at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918) of World War I. On the first anniversary of the truce, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation eulogizing fallen Allied soldiers and referring to November 11 as Armistice Day. It became a holiday in the U.S., France, Great Britain and Canada. The holiday acquired its present name and broadened significance in the U.S. in 1954. In Canada it is known as Remembrance Day, and in Great Britain, as Remembrance Sunday.

The American Legion National Emergency Fund "NEF" The National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6,000,000 in direct financial assistance to Legion family members and posts. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family members to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.

National Emergency Fund donations can be made to NEF and mailed to the Detachment Finance Officer. Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051, this helps us record the squadrons who donate and helps you get credit for the donation.

Visit their web site for more information <http://legion.org/emergency>

Announce Your Candidacy at Midwinter: Hard to believe we are already starting the campaign for 2011-2012. Now is the time of the year for all Squadrons to send their qualified candidates to start their campaign for Detachment Offices. We encourage candidates to announce their intentions at the Midwinter Conference, for the following positions: Detachment Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

If you or your fellow members would like to work at the Detachment level, come to the Midwinter Conference.

District Report: Fourth District holds fast to the lead, with Third District in hot pursuit, are you in the race?

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| 1. Fourth District 96.18% | 4. Eleventh District 67.65% | 7. Seventh District 45.70% | 10. Tenth District 29.55% |
| 2. Third District 84.48% | 5. Twelfth District 56.34% | 8. First District 40.43% | 11. Second District 26.68% |
| 3. Fifth District 75.86% | 6. Sixth District 51.61% | 9. Eighth District 35.42% | 12. Ninth District 25.70% |