

Regional and National Membership Standings: We've fallen to eleventh in the nation and second in the central region. We are still a contender in the Central Region Challenge and need your help, recruit, renew and retain your members. Central Region has been fluctuating between the top four spots, and is currently in third place.

Retention: We are 13th in the nation based on our membership renewals of 79.94 percent. We need to beat 85 percent to win the Triple Nickel Award of \$555.00. As you can see the Central Region Detachments are all neck and neck with Ohio leading the pack. DETACHMENT RENEWAL Percentages: OHIO 82.81%, MINNESOTA 82.79%, ILLINOIS 81.42%, IOWA 81.02%, MICHIGAN 79.99%, WISCONSIN 79.94%, INDIANA 79.61%, MISSOURI 73.42%.

Child Welfare Foundation Gift Bag: In an effort to promote the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, the Children and Youth Committee has put together a CWF gift bag for Squadrons attending the Detachment convention in Appleton. This gift bag has all the tools you will need to launch your CWF fundraiser and is a ~\$55.00 value. Squadron delegates will learn the about CWF and how they can help children all over the USA. Your gift bag will include, a glass coffee mug, travel mug, piggybank, shirt and more, all in a CWF tote.

Remember the deadline is May 31, 2011 for donations to the National Emergency Fund and the Child Welfare Foundation for the 2010-2011 campaign. Send your donations to our finance officer or directly to NEF and CWF. We will credit your donations received after May 31 to the 2011-2012 campaign.

Donate \$1.00 per member to CWF and fill out the 100 percent per capita banner form, www.sal.legion.org/documents/sal/pdf/cwf/2011cwf_percapita_letter.pdf, Please encourage your nonprofit organizations to apply for grants from CWF, it would be great to see more of the grants presented in Wisconsin.

Detachment Officers Election and Appointments: Nominations for officers will be held Friday July 15, at the detachment convention. If you would like to be a candidate and have your name on the ballot, fill out the Official Candidate form. The election process and voting will start on Saturday at 10:30 AM.

On Sunday, at the Post Convention DEC meeting, the newly elected Detachment Commander will make his appointments. If you are interested in an appointment to the serve on our Committees, Commissions, as Historian, Judge Advocate or if you would like to serve as a District Chairman, fill out the Appointment Recommendation form and return it to Sons of The American Legion PO Box 388 Portage, WI 53901.

AWARDS: It is time to compile all the great things your squadron has done for the past year on your consolidated report. This report is used to generate many of our Detachment awards that are presented at our convention. There are awards for Veterans Service, Americanism, Children and Youth, and Community Service. Donations and volunteer hours all add up on the Consolidated Report, submit yours online at www.wisal.org.

NAME CORECTIONS, MAILING ADDRESS CORRECTIONS – We receive many, many requests for name corrections and changing of mailing addresses throughout the year. Often, we receive mail and telephone inquiries informing us of frustrations in trying to get these changes made. There are many ways to correct this data. First, each Squadron should obtain these changes and send in a member data form. Seems simple, but many frustrations continue to plague our membership. Other ways to make changes is through the SAL web page at www.sal.legion.org under contact us. Also, the American Legion web site contains similar information and contact information. Members can email us at "sal@legion.org" and through the web page above. We can even take information on questions, name changes, and address changes by writing to us at The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Minneapolis to Host the National Convention, August 26-27-28, 2011: Mark your calendar, in addition to the guest speakers, election, and awards, there will be a golf outing, dinners, comedy shows and more. The Public Relations Commission will have a PR Fair outside the convention room, and program overviews during the convention. National Emblem Sales will be set up in the exhibit hall to server all your Squadron needs. Delegates, alternates and guest need to register at the Detachment Convention.

Buy A Brick: Are you looking for a way to honor your parents, grandparents, or even your children, you can purchase an engraved brick to be placed at the flag pole monument. The cost of the brick is tax deductible and will help maintain our headquarters building.