



## Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin

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# Adjutants Update September 2009

**NEW and Improved, Squadron Information Form:** To serve the needs of your squadron we have updated our [Squadron Information Form](#). We need one main contact person from your Squadron, this should eliminate any confusion on our mailings. Please also fill out the back of the form with our Squadron Officers and Chairmen include their email addresses (phone number if no email address). With this information, our Detachment Officers and Chairmen will be able to provide program information directly to your officers and chairmen

**Pass the Hat for Homeless Veterans:** This year Commander Powers has set **Pass the Hat for Homeless Veterans** as his Commanders Project. We ask each squadron to raise \$1.00 per member for homeless veterans. A simple gesture, with outstanding results, pass the hat at your meetings, pass the hat at your events. Hold a brat fry, car wash, bowling tournament, put a collection jar at your local business, the methods are endless and the assistance to our Veterans is greatly appreciated. These funds will then be directed to one of three organizations in Wisconsin that aid the homeless veterans, in Tomah, the Fisher House in Milwaukee and the veteran shelter in Chippewa Falls at the old Northern colony. Send your Commanders Project donations to the detachment finance officer, Dennis Stockfisch N56W18346 Evergreen Ln, Menomonee Falls WI 53051-5540

**2010 National Convention August 27-28-29:** Wisconsin will be hosting the National Convention in 2010 and the National Convention Chairman for the Sons of The American Legion is Michael Lawler, from Squadron 437 Mazomanie. We have the opportunity to setup a couple events and raise money for our programs, so we are looking to you to help.

We will be setting up a Golf Tournament for Thursday August 26 2010, details from this year's golf outing are on the internet, [Golf Scramble Sponsor Letter](#), [Golf Scramble Flyer](#). In addition to the many people who arrive at convention for the golf tournament, we will be promoting this for Wisconsin Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members to enter as well. If your squadron would like to help host the tournament contact, [Michael Lawler, at adjutant@wisal.org](mailto:Michael Lawler, at adjutant@wisal.org).

This year a Squadron in Louisville hosted a dinner dance, in the past there have been Luau's, dances, and dinners. We can plan an event for Friday and Saturday; email your suggestions and how your squadron will be able to put them together.

The Legion Convention Corp will be planning tours and site seeing events, and we will need to work within the parameters of meeting times and shuttle bus schedules.

Let's make Milwaukee 2010 the place to be.

**2009 National Convention Report:** At the 38th Annual National Convention in Louisville Kentucky, delegates from around the world voted [Mark Arneson](#) in as their National Commander, Mark is from Georgia and will be an excellent leader. Commander Arneson put forth a couple of programs including 10-n-10, and Triple Nickel.

**10-n-10:** In 2010 Commander Arneson would like each Detachment to identify 10 Post that are in need of a Sons of The American Legion Squadron. We have already started this process, and if you know of a Post that can use a Squadron, please contact, Commander Powers or Membership Chairman Kirk Hove. We will work closely with these Post to get the application complete and a charter presented to them.

**Triple Nickel:** is a simple three-part challenge, Retain 85 percent of your members, Reach 105 percent total membership, and Charter at least 5 of the Squadrons identified in the 10-n-10 program. Typically Wisconsin retains close to 90 percent of their members, but in these uncertain times you may need to work harder to keep your members. If you have members who have fallen on hard times, see what your Squadron can do to help them.

**Operation Proud Son and the Son that Shines** are other programs that Commander Arneson has in the works, details will be coming in future updates.