



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Nebraska Newsletters

Member of N.A.L.P.A.
Sons 2010 Membership = 5,536
Goal for 100% is 5,678
Goal for July is 5,961 = 105%

Editor: Harold E. Thompson, Jr.
Sons 2009 Membership = 5,700
142 Short for 100%
425 Short for July 28 goal

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More Helping Hands

July & August 2010

COMMANDER KAMENSKE NOTES

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Hi fellow Sons members.

For those that don't know me, my name is David Kamenske and have been elected by you to be your Detachment Commander of the Sons of The

American Legion for the upcoming year. Many of you may have heard me called by my nick name "Bronson".

I qualify for membership from my father Ebeart Kamenske, who served in the Army Air Corp during the Second World War. I'm proud to continue his service to The American Legion and all our veterans.

I am a member of Squadron 84, and American Legion Riders chapter 84 of Columbus NE. I served as Adjutant for the Squadron 84 and Web master for both Post 84 family site and the Sons of The American Legion websites.

I don't want to loose site of the great achievements the Detachment has made

during the tenure of Past Commander Karl Frederickson. He did an outstanding job. My goals are to build on the Sons past achievements to make this Detachment even better as we continue in to the future.

My motto for the year is **"More Helping Hands."**

We need to be more involved in our Legion family in the coming year. We have over 5500 members in the Detachment. I hope that you get more involved with the Legion family events and activities. We are all (Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons) here to support each other and many hands make the work light. With lighter work comes more fun, and I think we are all in to having some fun.

I have picked Ronald McDonald House in Omaha as the Commander charity. They are in need of new furniture, as most of what they have is over 15 years old. The house in Omaha has 20 rooms and I hope we can raise enough money to make this happen. The

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EAST VICE COMMANDER REPORT BY TIM G. VOSS

Greetings fellow SAL members,

My name is Tim Voss and I am your new East Area Vice Commander. I was elected to this post at the American Legion family summer convention in Columbus this past June.

Let me begin by saying thank you to all of you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you and all members of the American Legion Family. I hope you will call on me to help you in any way I can, and I look forward to working with as many of you as possible..

Thank you also to Past Commander Karl Fredrickson, who has done a terrific job these past two years in leading the Nebraska SAL. His leadership has allowed the SAL in Nebraska to reach new heights in service to our Veterans and our Communities.

I have been a member of the SAL for eleven years and currently hold the position of Commander for Sq. 252 in Winside. This past year I served as Asst-Sgt-at Arms for the Detachment and also was a member of the Americanism committee. I live in Winside with my two daughters, Hope and Paige, who are both Junior Auxiliary members.

Hope will be heading off to Peru State College in the fall, and Paige will be a Junior at Winside High School. I work for DXP Enterprises in Columbus, where I am in sales.

I would like to take a moment to recognize my father, George W. Voss, through whom I am eligible for membership in the Sons. He served his country

in the U.S. Navy during WWII, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters aboard motor gunboat PGM-26. His service has been an inspiration to me and has led me to be of service to others by following his example. He lives in Winside with my mother, Beverly, and is a 66 year continuous member of Roy Reed Post 252 in Winside. Thank you Dad and all veterans, past and present, for your devotion to freedom and all the great things this nation stands for. Your courage, patriotism and devotion to this nation has helped to spread the ideals of justice, freedom and democracy, both here at home and to all the corners of the earth.

I look forward to working with all of you in this coming year. If I can help you in any way or if you have ideas that will improve YOUR Nebraska Sons of the American Legion, please feel free to contact me at 402-518-8085 or email me at tvoss@dxpe.com.

Finally, please join me in saying thank you to all SAL members. You are the lifeblood of this organization and we can only succeed with the help of you, our members.

Get involved, get excited and let's get to work!

PROUD SON OF A VETERAN,

Tim



COMMANDER REPORT KAMENSKE

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Ronald McDonald house will even get matching funds from Robert B. Daugherty Charitable Foundation for the monies we as Sons raise, so for every dollar we raise the house will get two dollars.

Please take a look at Sons of the American Legion Detachment web site, and to see all the news and what is happening with your Nebraska Detachment. www.nebraskasal.org. Send all web information to sons@nebraskasal.org and it will be added to the site. Advertise your Squadron event for free.

We also now have a Facebook page for the Detachment. For those of you that are into Facebook you can find a link to the page in the left column of the Sons web site. I hope you all enjoy it and become a fan.

On Friday July 2nd I went to the steak fry in Grand Island. Squadron 53 members put on a great event that coincided with the traveling Vietnam Wall being on display. To Commander Ponte and all the squadron members "Outstanding job and well done!"

The 39th National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI. If you have not attended on this is a great chance to find more about the Sons. It is with in a days drive this year so if you need a mini vacation you may want to attend. The dates are Friday Aug 27th – Sunday Aug 29th. I will be there and hope to see some of you also.

If I can be of any help to your Squadron, or District please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm here to work for you – for with out you – the Sons would not be what it is today.

For the betterment of the Sons
David (Bronson) Kamenske
Detachment Commander

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN Report **By DAVID L. RIPPE**

Commitment = To pledge to some particular course or assignment.

Twenty Five years ago, Squadron 193 was chartered. This my squadron at Ohiowa, Nebraska. We have 35 members who signed the charter and committed to support the Veterans. Through the 25 years we have learned a lot about The American Legion. We continue to learn and expand. It is Because of the Commitment and dedication of the membership that makes us a growing organization.

National Commander Mark Arneson called us "Proud Sons" He said members of the Sons of The American Legion need to be recognized, to be a "Son who shines." I hope you are doing this in your squadron. Be visible, attend meetings, volunteer to be an officer. Don't be a silent squadron member.

Through hard work and commitment the Detachment of Nebraska stands proud and shines next to The American Legion and Auxiliary. Please renew your membership in an organization who supports the Veteran. Be Proud! Be Loud! NECman David Rippe

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY COOKBOOK for Sale



Donna Hatfield, Cookbook Chairman

The American Legion Family Cookbook is done and ready for you to get just contact Donna Hatfield. This book has over 2000 recipes that have been tried by the Nebraska American Legion Family. The recipes are in a padded 3-ring binder with tabbed dividers.

The Cost of the cookbook is only \$20.00. Shipping and handling is extra if the cookbook is not hand delivered to you.

If you would like to reserved a cookbook contact Donna and your payment will be due when books are picked up.

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Squadron Commander, Adjutant & Members

I would like to **Thank** all the 42 Squadron which made 100% by The American Legion Birthday in March and also the one which have work hard to be 100% by the first of June. There are some that reach over the 105% by the Detachment convention. They were 47 Squadron that was 100% or over. **Special Thank** to Geneva Sq 68 with 166.67%, Ceresco Sq 244 with 123.53%, Ainsworth Sq 79 with 118.75% Gibbon Sq 310 with 114.29%, Dewitt Sq 212 with 113.16%, Cordova Sq 359 with 113.04% and Hayes Center Sq 287 with 112.50%. If these squadron can make the goal how did your squadron do?

We need all your membership sent in now!! The Detachment of Nebraska is next to last place in our Midwest region. We only need 142 members to Make the 100%. I know there is membership setting on your desk by looking at the reports from Detachment. History has proven that memberships get misplaced. If this is the case we must make every effort to correct the problem. Please check with the one that take care of your membership. We would like to have the Detachment of Nebraska 100% by the end of July.

Check the Detachment website "www.nebraskasal.org" for the latest membership report and you will see how many member are in your Squadron. This list is updated twice a month from Department Headquarter. This is done before each Membership Target Date and at the end of each month. You should make sure that you sent membership in before those dates. With this newsletter is a **Membership Target Dates for the Detachment of Nebraska for 2011 year.** Please make sure that your membership Chairman and the one who take care of sending them in gets a copy.

At this time of year with the bad weather around the state any member that does not have his membership sent in to Detachment, will not get any help from The American Legion National Emergency Fund and that would be a shame because your squadron did not do it duty by sending in his membership.

Lets finish up this year on a good note, make the phone call or special contact with the members that have not paid and get their renewal done.

New Membership year start the first of August. You should have pick up your membership card at Detachment convention or you will be received your membership card from Detachment Headquarters in the mail.

The First target date is September 7, 2010 for 10% for the 2011 membership year.
The Second target date is October 18, 2010 for 25% for the 2011 membership year.

Lets all work hard to reach these Goals this year.

ADJUTANT NOTES BY HAROLD E. THOMPSON, JR.

OFFICERS FORM FOR 2010-2011 With your memberships cards this year you received your **new officers Form** please fill it out with your officer for the 2010-2011 year even if they are the same as last year. Please put down the Commander and Adjutant e-mail addresses. Your e-mail will not be sold or given to third party. We want to start using this to cut down on mailing cost of the Detachment. Thing that will come to you would be like the Newsletters, reminder for Target Dates, Legislative items that need your help right away for letters. If you do not have e-mail let us know and a hard copy can be sent. Please do this right away for we can get started with this endeavor.

This will come more important in the coming year with have the right address for your officer as National will be changing how the membership renewal post card will be done. In the future they will be putting a mailing address were you want your membership sent. Let get a head start on this they are trying two Detachment for this next year.

RENEWALPOSTCARD SCHEDULE AND MAILING (2011) - The schedule for the mailing of the Annual Sons of The American Legion renewal postcard mailing well be made in September, followed by the second mailing in January, then the final renewal mailing in April. All three mailings will be made usually within a couple of days following the target date in that respective month. Lets not have member getting a dues notices from National when they have paid their dues. So make sure your "transmit" by the target date which will be in the Newsletter and the flyer that come with the Newsletter.

PLEASE SHARE THE NEWSLETTERS - This Newsletter is for all Squadron members Officer please bring it to your meeting and let them read it and also bring up some of the Information that is in the letter. Let them know that if they have internet they can go online at "**www.nebraskasal.org**" and find it on the WebPages down on the left side. If they sign up you will be sent a e-mail letting you know when the new one come on line.

DATES OF BIRTH INFORMATION - The capturing and collection of date of birth information for the National records of our members has been a slow process. This information is contained on the membership register for every member of the Sons. Many squadrons throughout the Country have not submitted this information accordingly. Please lets see if Nebraska can get the members Birthday date and then send it in to the Detachment Adjutant and I will make sure it get to the National Headquarters.

FUTURE DATES

July	23	Target Dates for 105% to Detachment Headquarters
	27	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
August	27-29	National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September	1	VJ Day Fly the Flag!
	6	Labor Day
	7	First Target Date for 10% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarters
	11	Patriot Day
	17	POW/MIA Recognition Day
October	8-10	Fall NEC Meeting & Detachment Commanders Conference
	18	Second Target Date for 25% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarters
	31	Halloween
November	11	Veterans Day Fly your Flag.
	15	Third Target Date for 35% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarters
January	14-16	Mid-Year Workshop Grand Island Mid Town Holiday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

September 10, 2010

I would like articles from the Detachment Commander, Sr. Vice Commander and Area Commander. National Executive Committeeman, Alt. NECman and the Committee Chairman's. If you send email please put in the subject line SAL. If any of the Squadron have up coming event they would like other squadron to know about send them to Adjutant Thompson by the deadline dates. If you have pictures. I will try to scan them into the newsletter.

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The articles are from all the Squadrons from across the state of Nebraska . Also included are National, and State American Legion Articles. The objective of this news paper is to keep all the Squadrons informed about Past, Current and up-coming events at the Squadron level, State Level and National level. This news paper belongs to all the members of the Detachment of Nebraska Sons of The American Legion.

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