



Detachment of Nebraska

Sons of The American Legion

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NEWS LETTER

Member of N.A.L.P.A.
Sons 2010 Membership = 5,678
Goal for April is 5,110 = 90%
Goal for May is 5,678 = 100%

Editor: Harold E. Thompson, Jr.
Sons 2011 Membership = 4,979
131 Short for April goal
699 Short for May goal

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More Helping Hands

APRIL & MAY 2011



COMMANDER KAMENSKE NOTES

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Hi fellow Sons members.

D i s t r i c t Conventions are about at an end and we now look forward to our continuing success.

at all times? If you do, let me take you to the next step and ask, do you have an application for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders? Yes, we should have them all with us. I do! "Membership is everyone responsibility." and when we talk to others, why not sign up the whole family. Lets help each other and we all win!

As of March 4th the Sons are at 79% membership. I'm sorry to say we missed membership goal set by National by only a few members. National goal was 80%. We still have **zero (0) membership** from some of the Squadrons. Please, if your squadron is one, check with your Squadron Adjutants and see if you have the problem. We need to work on getting those renewals and some new members also. Question for all of you: Do you have application for the Sons organization in your pocket

Now the good news: I'm proud to say we are making the Sons bigger and better. This year we have chartered 3 new squadrons already. At the District 7 Convention, we presented Howells 155 with their new Charter and put in place a S.A.L. District 7 organization. I'm so proud of this Detachment and the fine people that are stepping up and standing with our core

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN Report

By DAVID L. RIPPE

Here are a few notes from National Headquarters.

Consolidated Squadron reports

The new S.A.L. consolidate squadron report forms 2010-2011 have been printed and mailed. Last year many reports were received and exceeded that of 2009. Please alert your squadron's leadership on the importance of this annual report. Detailed instructions are contained on the cover of the report. Complete and mail in after the squadron elections have taken place.

Our National Commander David Dew, has set a goal of receiving 50% of consolidated reports.

If you have received your form you will notice a change on line #56 and #52 (TBD) has been inserted 10 place of where the Spinoza Bear program was. We are no longer supporting the Spinoza Bear program.

National Management Institute: Each spring a new NMI class is started. This program is a 3 stage session and is for new S.A.L. member who wishes to learn more about leadership. I encourage my S.A.L. member to contact our Detachment Commander or Adjutant for information into getting into the NMI classes.

National Convention

The 40th National Convention of The Sons of The American Legion will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 26-28, 2011. Going to a National Convention is a great learning experience so is the Detachment convention. This year's convention is in North Platte, Nebraska. Please make an effort to attend.

Membership

April 13, 2011 is the target date to have 90% of your membership turned in and May 11, 2011 is the target date to be 100%. Let's all work hard to reach our goals.

In Closing, the last World War I veteran, Frank Buckles has passed away at the age of 110 year. Our prayers and thanks goes out to a very special veteran.

Be Proud, Be Loud
David Rippe
NECman Nebraska



COMMANDER REPORT KAMENSKE continuities

people, to take us into the future.

Special thanks to Danny Smith the Sons Detachment Judge Advocate for his continuing works in the Sons. Without him the District 7 Organization would not have been as smooth. Outstand Job Danny!

Let me not forget the work of Marvin Morrow of 129 Ashland either. He showed his leadership abilities. I'm honored to announce that he will be the District 7 Commander, and I have no doubt that he will continue to be a great leader.

The other officers for the coming year are; Stephen Ruskamp 122 Dodge - Vice Commander, Scot Lerch 155 Howells (our newest Squadron) - Adjutant, Jack Watson 129 Ashland - Sergeant of Arms, Paul Hoffschneider 110 Dwight - Chaplain, Ryan Bluhm 129 Ashland - Judge Advocate. Way to go guys!

DETACHMENT OFFICES

Any one that want to run for a Office in the Detachment of Nebraska for next year please sent information to the Adjutant and will included in the next newsletter. The office up for Election are Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, East Vice Commander, West Vice Commander, and Alt. NECman. If you would also like to serve on a Committee please let the Detachment Commander or The Detachment Adjutant know. There are several opening for the next year. The Committees are Americanism, Children & Youth/Community Affairs, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, and Legislative. There are also several appointed officers that he will be making also.

Send web information from your squadrons to sons@nebraskasal.org and it will be added to the site. Let us advertise your next event and brag about you squadron. Sons of The American Legion Detachment web site: www.nebraskasal.org.

If I can be of any help to your Squadron, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

ADJUTANT CORNER

Consolidated Reports:

The Squadron Adjutant have Received the Consolidated Squadron Report Please send then back to the Detachment Adjutant at P.O. Box 22 Wayne, NE 68787 We would like a 100% return on the forms.

Child Welfare Foundation

Remember April is Children & Youth month please send in your donation for the Child Welfare Foundation. If you send in one dollar for each member you had at June 30, 2010 you can received a ribbon for your banner. The form is included with this newsletter. The donation need to in by May 27, 2011. Let's make our goal this year of \$5,000.00.

Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House is Detachment Commander project this year. Please send in a donation to Detachment Headquarter. The monies we raise will be matched by Robert B. Daugherty Charitable Foundation. The money is to replace the furniture in 20 rooms. This Ronald McDonald House is in Omaha. He will be making the presentations to Ronald McDonald House at Detachment Convention. Make Check out to S.A.L. Detachment of Nebraska and mark for Commander project.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

May 12 2011

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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FUTURE DATES

April	3-9	American legion Child Welfare week
	9	District 10 Convention Wilcox, NE Post Home
	11	Eight Target Date For 90% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarter
	15-17	74th Annual National Oratorical Contest
	17	Palm Sunday
	24	Easter
	29-30	Spring NEC Meeting
May	1	Spring NEC Meeting
	8	Mother's Day
	9	Nine Target Date For 100% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarter
	11	DETACHMENT DELEGATE STRENGTH FOR CONVENTION
June	5-11	Cornhusker Boy's State
	11	Consolidated Squadron Report Due to Detachment Adjutant
	24-26	Detachment Convention– North Platte at Quality Inn & Suites Convention Center
July	25	Last Target Date For 105% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarter

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.

DETACHMENT OF NEBRASKA OFFICERS FOR 2010 - 2011 YEAR

Commander	David Kamenske	Americanism	Randall W. Busch
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