



# Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Nebraska News Letter

Member of N.A.L.P.A.  
Sons 2010 Membership = 5,352  
Goal for June is 5,700 = 100%  
Goal for July is 5,962 = 105%

Editor: Harold E. Thompson, Jr.  
Sons 2009 Membership = 5,700  
348 Short for June 26 goal  
610 Short for July 27 goal

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## **COMMANDER Frederickson NOTES**

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Greetings to all members of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Nebraska.

In my previous newsletters I have mentioned the importance of the "Consolidated Squadron Report." They were recently mailed out to all Squadron Adjutants and by now everyone should have received theirs. What exactly is the importance of this report? It is a compilation of the past years achievements of your Squadron, and all Squadrons across Nebraska. The Squadron reports are then compiled into a Detachment report which is submitted to our headquarters' in Nebraska and then sent to National headquarters'. Last year 44 Squadrons out of 118 here in Nebraska submitted a report. What did it tell us? That there were 5,607 members across the state. That there was reported volunteer hours totaling 42,897 from these 44 reports. Monies donated totaling \$95,325.00 from

these 44 reports. These are outstanding numbers, especially when you consider this represented only 37% of all Squadrons across Nebraska. So with this newsletter I am asking all Squadron Commanders and Adjutants to get together with your members and fill out this years Consolidated Squadron Report. It is a one page report that asks basic questions such as: your Squadron number, current membership, what District you are in, your town and zip code. If that's all you have, send it in. Going down the page, under Americanism it asks, did you send a young man to Boys State? Do you place flags on graves at Memorial Day, or serve with an Honor/Color Guard with your Post? Help sponsor a Legion baseball team? Hours donated to community service. If you go down the page a little further, do you help with Children & Youth? Special Olympics, purchase a Spinoza Bear or a Josh Dog? Under Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation it asks do you visit any Veterans Homes or donate to one? VA Medical Center visits, support for the troops, National Veterans Assistance

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## **SR. VICE COMMANDER REPORT BY DAVID KAMENSKE**

Hi fellow Sons members.

Spring has sprung, and the snow is melted. As we look forward to the summer, most of us have cabin fever.

Thanks to all the sons members that attended there district conventions. I saw a few more blue caps out there this year and it was great!

With summer comes the Detachment Conference in Columbus, NE this year. Please plan to attend this year as we are doing some new and exciting things. One of them is the Wall of Honor. Get your members to send in picture of their fathers or grandfather that made them eligible for the Sons of The American Legion, for this wall. We have a special wall were the picture will be displayed though the conference. Honor your Father or Grandfather and let's make this happen!

Some of the squadron still has not turned in membership cards. We all need to make a push to get those people to renew their memberships.

Remember the new web site, and stop by to see all the news and what is happening with your Nebraska Detachment. [www.nebraskasal.org](http://www.nebraskasal.org) We still want and need more of your events and posters/flyers to be put on the web site. Please send your events in and we will advertise for you free. You can send all web information to [sons@nebraskasal.org](mailto:sons@nebraskasal.org) and It will get put on the calendar.

We also now have a Facebook page for the Detachment. For those of you that are in to

Facebook you can find a link to the page in the left column of the NE Sons web site. I hope you all enjoy it and become a fan.

The Challenge coin has returned for 2010. Can we as Sons of The American Legion rise to the cause? Of course we can. We need your help! The coins are available for \$10.00 each. I would to see each squadron buy some. They are a good-looking coin, and would make a great reward for hard workers in your squadron. The money you collect for the coins needs to be turned in before May 31st in order for it to be credited for this year.

This is the last newsletter until after the new elections, so I would like to thank you all for the honor of serving you as the Sr. Vice Commander and webmaster for the past year. It has truly been a outstanding experience for me.

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  
Senior Vice Commander



## COMMANDER REPORT FREDERICKSON

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Day. And that is just about the whole report. Not every Squadron is going to be involved in all those items. But every Squadron typically has one or two things they do year in and year out. Holding a fundraiser, giving a scholarship, or doing something unique to help in their Post or community. That is what we need to know. I urge every Squadron to please take the time to fill this out, and then send it in.

As this 2009-2010 year winds down I want to remind everyone to continue to get their membership turned in. A recent National Report came out on the "Triple Nickel" challenge by National Sons Commander Mark Arneson (GA) and Nebraska as of mid April was still listed as one of only six Detachments on track for this award. The biggest challenge we have as a Detachment is attaining the 105% membership total. This can only be done with the efforts of all Squadrons turning in membership and working to exceed their previous year's total. This would be a great honor for the Detachment of Nebraska to receive, so please all Squadron Commanders and Adjutants continue to work to help us achieve this award.

Our annual convention will be held in Columbus the weekend of June 25, 26, 27, 2010. I urge all members across Nebraska to attend. One of the things we will be doing is a "Wall of Honor" service. This is a project I have been promoting all year as a way for us as members of The Sons of The American Legion to pay tribute to the family member who gave us the opportunity to belong to this great organization. So if you have a picture, or pictures of family members who have served our country, please bring them. We will have a table specifically designated for this and nothing else. We are also having our annual golf outing this year at the Quail Run Golf Course in Columbus on Saturday June 26, teeing off at 1:30PM. The proceeds for this year's outing are earmarked to be donated to the CWF. For more information or to sign up, go online to our Detachment website at

"[nebraskasal.org](http://nebraskasal.org)" or you can call me at 402-659-9260 to sign up. I would also like to mention that if there are any members across this great state who would like to serve as a Detachment officer we will be having our elections that weekend also. Speaking of our Detachment website, if you're Squadron is having a fundraiser or event, or you have a photo you would like to have online, please send it to us. This is our "face" that everyone nationally sees, so let's use this to show what great things are going on and being done in Nebraska.

Serving as the Detachment of Nebraska Commander these past two years has been a great honor and privilege for me. I have had the opportunity to make new friends and visit with members from all across Nebraska. There are many people I want to thank for their friendship, support, advice and guidance. To each of you, "THANK YOU." To the members who have served as Detachment Officers or on a Detachment Committee, "Thank You" for your service. But the most important thank you I have is for my late father Darrell E. Frederickson who served in the Navy during WW2. I wish he could have been here with me. THANK YOU DAD!

In closing please remember all the brave men and women who currently stand in harms way in defense of our country and freedom. Let us never forget their sacrifice, or the sacrifice made by all our Veterans. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers, or to say "Thank You" to them. I am proud to be an American!

For God and Country  
Karl Frederickson  
Commander  
Detachment of Nebraska

**PS: The National Midwest Vice Commander James M Gelwicks of Colorado will be attending our Detachment Convention let's have a good turn out for him and show our support for The Sons of The American Legion**

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

May 15, 2010 has just past us. Did you do some think for the National Veterans Assistance Day. It is our way to show respect to our Veterans. If your squadron has conflicts with the MAY 15TH Date. Substitute another Day The main thing is Help our Veterans. You can Down loaded the National Veterans Day Information and Certificate of Recognition that your Squadron can receive.

The National Veterans Assistance Day Information is no the next page.

Please Help Our Veterans!

Be Proud Be Loud.

David L. Rippe

## **THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY COOKBOOK for Sale**



Donna Hatfield, Cookbook Chairman

The American Legion Family Cookbook is at the printers and expected to be ready for delivery at the Department Convention held in Columbus, Nebraska on June 25-27, 2010. 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 at the Department Convention.

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## National Veterans Assistance Day Information

**GOAL:** Show respect for this grateful Nation's Veterans and the role they have had in securing the freedoms we enjoy

### Agenda:

1. Promote May 15, 2010 as National Veterans Assistance Day in local communities at city hall, county courthouses, and State Capitols, schools and veterans facilities.
2. Encourage participation within your Post, Unit and Squadron with special events designed to honor these brave men and women.
3. Obtain the National Veterans Assistance Day poster from National and hang in Post Home, Nursing Homes, other veteran's halls Publicize your events in the media, websites and newsletters.
4. Detachment Commander Project: Having a contest or submission of what a S.A.L. member did on the NVAD and present that member with the NVAD Certificate.

### Best Practices:

Seek out a veteran or veterans family needing help by getting a family member to an appointments, getting groceries, yard work, simple home or car repairs, take them prepared meals, honor them on this special day in some small way. Involve the squadron in repairs of clean up around the Post or hold a special dinner or breakfast for these veterans. Visit VA nursing homes and local nursing homes and sit and talk with them. Publish thank you letters for service in the newspapers, websites and newsletters.

### HISTORY:

The National Veterans Assistance Day (NVAD) program was started in 2008 by Past National Commander Raymond Giehll, and has continued till this day, supporting this program is simple, it doesn't take a lot of money or effort. All you need to do is find a way to assist or say Thank You to a Veteran, Active Duty, Guardsman or Reservists or their family. There are so many easy ways to do this: help out with yard work, give a ride to a doctor's appointment or the store. Have a lunch or dinner at your post. As Sons, assisting our veterans is our primary mission and it is what we do everyday.

## **American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 100% Per Capita Banner Program**

The Child Welfare Foundation has initiated a new incentive program for the award year 2009-2010. Each Post, Unit, & Squadron donating a least **one dollar** for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year will receive a beautiful banner/streamer. The banner/streamer is suitable for display in your meeting room or it may be attached to your organization colors. This is base off your membership as of June 1, 2009. The program year is June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. There will be a form to fill out when you sent your check in to received the award, it is on the Detachment website.

The Detachment Goal for 2009-2010 is set at \$5,500.00 dollars. We only have \$203.20. At the Spring NEC meeting on May 1, 2010, The Detachment turn in \$3,604.00 for this year, that bring us up to \$3,807.00. **We are still short by \$1,693.00 to reach goal.** We need those donation in by May 27, 2010 at Detachment Headquarters.

**Make the Check Payable to Child Welfare Foundation.**

### **ADJUTANT NOTES BY HAROLD E. THOMPSON, JR.**

You should have received Consolidate Squadron Reports forms make sure to use the 2009-2010 year form, if you have any old ones throw them away. There are changes each year to the form. Please read the instructions sheet that come with the form.

**The Date to be return is by June 9, 2010 to The Detachment Adjutant.**

**Sons of The American Legion**

**Detachment Adjutant**

**P.O. Box 22**

**Wayne, NE 68787**

## ***FUTURE DATES***

|           |              |   |
|-----------|--------------|---|
| May       | 31           | <b>Memorial Day</b>   |
| June      | 6            | Honor Veterans Fly the Flag!  |
|           | 14           | <b>Flag DAY</b>   |
|           | 20           | Father DAY  |
|           | <b>25-27</b> | <b>Detachment Convention at New World Inn, Columbus, NE.</b>              |
| July      | 4            | Independence DAY Fly the Flag!  |
|           | <b>26</b>    | <b>Target Dates for 105% to Detachment Headquarters</b>                   |
|           | 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   |
|           | <b>7</b>     | <b>First Target Date for 10% for 2011 Year to Detachment Headquarters</b> |
|           | 11           | Patriot Day   |
|           | 17           | POW/MIA Recognition Day   |

## ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

**July 8, 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.

Send your articles to:  
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Attn: HAROLD

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 2009 - 2010 YEAR

|                             |                         |  |                    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Commander                   | Karl Frederickson       | Americanism                                    | Randall W. Busch   |
| SR. Commander               | David Kamenske          | Children & Youth /<br>Community Affairs        | Donald L. Suchy    |
| East Area Vice<br>Commander | Scott E. Burke          | Membership                                     | Kevin Gilliam      |
| West Area Vice<br>Commander | Chris L. Jenkins        | Public Relations                               | Michael Hatfield   |
| Chaplain                    | Seth A. Rippe           | Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation               | William Bowman     |
| Adjutant                    | Harold E. Thompson, JR. | Constitution & Bylaws                          | Michael D. Helm    |
| Asst. Adjutant              | Danny J. Smith          | Legislative                                    | W. Joseph Seipel   |
| Historian                   | Adam W. Schmid          | Finance  | Lawrence J. Clancy |
| Finance Officer             | Richard J. Vasina       |  |                    |
| Judge Advocate              | Danny J. Smith          |  |                    |
| Sergeant at Arms            | Jacob A. Helm           | American Legion S.A.L.<br>Liaison Officer      | James R. Kearns    |
| Asst. Sergeant<br>at Arms   | Tim G. Voss             | American Legion Department<br>S. A. L. Advisor | Burdette Burkhart  |
| NECman                      | David L. Rippe          | Sons of The American Legion                    |                    |
| Alt NECman                  | Francis L. Vail         | Detachment of Nebraska                         |                    |
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