



Dispatch

Greg Lemieux, Commander

Colin Royal, Adjutant

April 2013



Greetings from Huron.

Membership is has been great making the national goal. We will make the goal for April 10th with a strong showing of nearly 95%, ahead of that goal of 90%. Great work by all, Thank you.

The National Executive Committee for The American Legion has approved and put forward a program of background checks for people who are selected as youth and children program volunteers. The Sons of The American Legion NEC passed **SAL Resolution NEC 1-F12** which directs National Youth & Children programs to conduct the checks beginning in the 2013 year and every year after. It also strongly suggests and urges that the Detachments to also perform these checks to protect our youth. The information may be found on the National SAL website and will be posted on the Detachment website shortly.

Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR) are here and will be mailed shortly. Please fill them out and return them to me prior to June 1, 2013 so I can tally the info to present at the Detachment Convention June 8, 2013

The Spring meeting will be held at Hot Springs on April 27, 2013 at 1:00pm. The Son of the Year will be selected as there is still time to submit your best Son for consideration. The date to have postmarked is April 15, 2013. You can find the form on the website www.sdsal.org in the documents and publications. Disregard the January cutoff date if you have already downloaded the form.

The Detachment Convention will be held in Rapid City on June 8, 2013 at 10:30am. It will be held at the Best Western Ramkota, 2111 North LaCrosse St, Rapid City, 57701. To book rooms reservations call 605-343-8550.

Hot Springs Sqn. 71 invites you to the spring SAL meeting the weekend of April 27th. We have planned tours of both the SD State Veterans Home and the VA Med Center. Meeting and meal will be on Sat. The meal will be a chicken fried steak dinner and cost is \$8.00 per person. Having many hotels in HS, Rooms are not much of an issue. But Motel 6 has a great rate for us. Call them at 605-745-6666. And mention you are with the Sons. Also, there may be a chance that the ground breaking for the new State Veterans Home may be that weekend. And it would be great to have plenty of South Dakota's SAL members there for it. Doing what we SAL's do. For more info. or to RSVP for the dinner or tours (we do need to have this). email me bobmiller54@msn.com

2013 Mid-Winter Conference Minutes Oacoma, SD – February 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:50 AM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Chaplain Shadwell led the opening prayer.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, and Pierre – 1, Watertown – 1, Hot Springs – 2, and Herreid - 4. Quorum was met.

Colin Royal read the finance report submitted by Mike Goetzinger, motion to accept the finance report by Lance Vander Vorst and 2nd by AJ Royal and carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was slightly down and that

several Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. Five Squadrons have surpassed the 100% goal and 72 memberships were turned in. Commander Lemieux called on Squadron Adjutants to get the memberships turned in in a timely manner and not to hold them because people were getting past due notices even after they paid their dues and were getting upset about it.

The 2012-2013 Budget was read through and Robert Weisbeck motioned for acceptance, Robert Shadwell 2nd the motion. Carried

Membership for the 90% early bird awards were announced for Rapid City 22, Iroquois 280, Herreid 170, Redfield 92, and Martin 240. Also it was noted that most of these Squadrons were also at 100% or better. Adjutant Royal will get the certificates printed for presentation at the Convention as they were not ready due to printer failure.

The Child Welfare Foundation was briefed and Lance Vander Vorst motioned to submit \$1.25 per member to the CWF for the 2013 year. This would amount to \$613.75 for 491 members. 2nd by AJ Royal and motion carried.

Hot Springs was chosen for the Spring Executive Meeting to be held on April 27, 2013. If possible there will be the tour of the VA Hospital and Veterans Home.

Nancy Lemieux of Pierre Post 8 briefed on the 2014 convention to be held in Pierre. She would like to get the Detachment Squadrons more involved and to help out at the Convention. More information to follow.

Bob Miller of Hot Springs Squadron 71 briefed on the upcoming visit of the portable Vietnam Wall to Hot Springs and said that any and all assistance from the Detachment would greatly be appreciated as there is a very large crowd expected.

The Detachment Convention will be at Rapid City on June 8, 2013.

Detachment Son of the year was discussed with the selection to be held at the Spring Detachment Executive Committee meeting.

Chaplain Shadwell led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 12:50PM.

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant