



Dispatch

Greg Lemieux, Commander Colin Royal, Adjutant October 2013



Greetings from Huron. Membership is has been slow coming in thus far for 2014. Lemmon is leading the way. Rapid City 22 is already past 100% and Sioux Falls 15 is leading with 8 new members.

Remember send your membership in as you get them, please don't hoard them. We now have 89 members in with 2 being returned due to a question about the names being feminine, This will be resolved ASAP.

Congratulations to Hot Springs, Herreid, and Martin for achieving an all time high for 2013. Plaques will be presented at the Mid Winter Conference.

Recently there has been an issue with the USPS losing mail. They have lost 4 items since April. It has been determined that anything important will be signature required. As of this writing the USPS has lost another letter with checks in it. For security purposes, please email me when you send memberships to me so I know when to expect them.

The mailing list is an important mode of communication these days and with the cost of the postage fees going up it is highly encouraged to sign up for it at the website: www.sdsal.org. When you signup, you will receive an email confirming you registration and just follow the link and you are done, it's that easy.



National Commander

Joseph Gladden is the newly elected National Commander for 2013-2014 Membership year. Joe is a proud 22 year member of the Detachment of Maryland and a Honorary lifetime member of Overlea-Perry Hall Squadron #130.

Joe's eligibility is through his father George V. Gladden an Army Veteran of WWII. Joe has held almost every position in the S.A.L. Squadron, District, Detachment and Nationally.

Joe's Wife and three sons are all active in the Legion Family. Joe is a graduate of the University of Baltimore. Joe is an accountant and owns a tax and accounting firm.

Joe's theme "Working Together, We Can Make A Difference." As Commander Joe would like to see each Detachment find a project involving one of the Four Pillars of the American Legion that they can contribute to. Joe's top priority this year will be the Legacy Scholarship Fund with a goal of \$250,000. Joe's

Motto "Shooting For The Moon" is appropriate as his membership goal is 375,000 members, a 6.3% increase over last year.

2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013	10%
OCTOBER 9, 2013	25%
NOVEMBER 14, 2013	35%
DECEMBER 11, 2013	45%
JANUARY 15, 2014	60%
FEBRUARY 12, 2014	75%
MARCH 12, 2014	80%
APRIL 9, 2014	90%
MAY 14, 2014	100%
*JULY 23, 2014	105%

*Delegate Strength Target Date

A request for either the National Commander or The Vice National Commander has been sent in. The membership is requested to make a good showing for both the Mid Winter Conference and the Convention.

The Mid Winter will be held at Huron Crossroads Convention Center On January 25, 2014. Motels are listed below:

- Crossroads, 100 4th St SW, 605-352-3204
- Comfort Inn, 100 21st St SW , 605-352-6655
- Best Western, 2000 Dakota Ave S, 605-352-2000
- Dakota Inn, 924 4th St NE, 800-933-6626
- Super 8, Hwy 37 S, 605-352-0740

2013 Fall ECM Minutes Lemmon, SD – September 28, 2013

The Meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 1:35 PM.

Colors were saluted as they were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, Pierre – 1, Lemmon – 7. Quorum was met. Sergeant at Arms AJ Royal and Commander Greg Lemieux were present.

Acting Chaplain Greg Lemieux led the prayer.

The 2013-2014 budget was discussed with input from the membership. AJ Royal motioned that the budget be approved. John Mattern 2nd, Motion carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership was very good for the 2013 year and that the 2014 year was off to a slow start with 64 memberships turned in thus far. Lemmon turned in five members. Adjutant Royal announced that Herreid, Martin and Hot Springs had achieved all-time high for 2013. Awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference. Commander Lemieux again stressed the importance of getting the membership in a timely manner.

The PUFL proposal was discussed and tabled due to the high cost and low returns of maintaining the program.

Officer certification was discussed and stressed that the officers need to be sent in so the Adjutant knows who to send things to.

The mailing list was discussed and stressed that due to the rising cost of postage we need to use the mailing list more often. Also was discussed on the content of the mailing list and anything SAL related would be forwarded from this point on.

Postal usage was discussed and that with the rise of the postage our expenses would be higher. There have been some problems with the USPS losing some items recently. Effective immediately anything important, i.e. membership cards, would be sent with a signature required. Again this will increase our postage expenses.

The raffle was discussed and was tabled with no raffle for this year. This is due to conflicts with Squadron raffles.

The son of the year program was discussed and the Commander Lemieux asked that all Squadrons submit a candidate each year. The paperwork is available on the website www.sdsal.org.

Lemmon Squadron 66 challenged the Squadrons of the Detachment to a \$100 donation to the Detachment instead of a raffle. Details will be forthcoming.

The Mid Winter Conference will be at Huron on January 25, 2014.

The Detachment Convention will be in Pierre on June 21, 2014.

Pierre will host the Spring Executive Committee Meeting on April 26, 2014 at 1:00PM.

Acting Chaplain Lemieux led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 3:00PM.

Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant

Additional Note: Thank you to Lemmon Squadron 66 for the wonderful meal.

MYSAL.ORG

National has announced that the site www.mysal.org is now available for the Squadrons to:

- View and Edit squadron membership
- Generate reports
- Reports available in CSV file format allowing users to work with the data in other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access
- Squadron Inquiry

The method of paying the dues has not changed nor is it available on line.

MIDWINTER BANQUET TICKETS

(From Up To Now Dated 10/23/13)

Tickets for the MidWinter Conference Joint Banquet will be by advance sale only. No tickets will be available at the event. The Joint Banquet will be held Friday, January 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The event will be preceded by a no-host cocktail hour commencing at 6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of one of two entrees: Option 1, roast beef and Option 2, jumbo breaded shrimp. Along with either entrée, the meal will consist of baked potato with butter & sour cream, almandine green beans, tossed salad, dinner roll, jello cheese cake (desert), and coffee and ice water.

Tickets are \$30.00 each and can be obtained by sending \$30.00 per ticket requested to Jerry Mencke, 1829 Dexter Court, Huron, South Dakota 57350.