



Quarterly Dispatch

Greg Lemieux, Commander

Colin Royal, Adjutant

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Dear SAL Members

Well we have a new year ahead of us. We reached our 105% plus membership goal. Let's not forget those members we did not get last year. We can still get their membership. You all have done a great job. Keep it going. Let's pass on those great ideas on how we can accomplish our goals of helping our Veterans and our communities.

We will be getting a new National Commander and Executive Committee soon. I am sure we will have new goals given to us. Let's show them we mean business and fulfill them with pride.

I have picked out a beautiful rifle to raffle off. It should get everyone's attention. As soon as I have purchased it, I will take pictures and send to everyone. I really would like to make this one of our best fundraisers. We lost money on our last raffle so hopefully we won't do the same on this one.

Let's keep track of those doing great work so we can give special recognition to those people. Remember our next meeting will be in Pierre at Pierre Post 8 Cabin. We will be sending out tickets to sell for our raffle. I have filled out the list of positions for chairmen of the committees. If anyone has questions on your positions, please do not hesitate to contact Colin Royal or me. Share your thoughts and ideas. That's what makes all of us stronger. Keep up the good work.

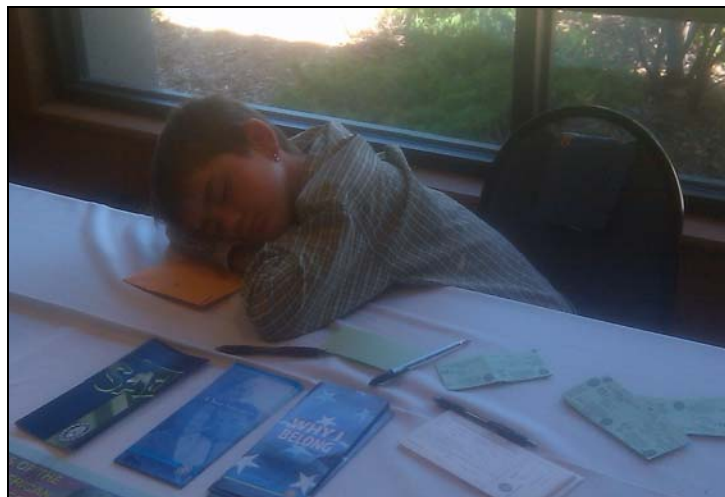
We as Squadrons deserve to brag about our projects and the detachment has a place for these bragging rights on our website at www.sdsal.org. Get your pictures and descriptions and information to Adjutant Royal and he'll get it place on the site. His email is adjutant@sdsal.org or you may mail it to him.

You may contact me at glemieux1963@yahoo.com, commander@sdsal.org, or 605-280-2448.

Keep up the good work everyone. Remember it is teamwork that makes things happen.

Sincerely,

Greg Lemieux, Detachment Commander
South Dakota Sons of The American Legion



It was a very busy day, and some of us just gave out.



A new membership year is upon us. The membership cards have been received and will be distributed in the near future with some changes. If a Squadron has not submitted the 2010 memberships, they will not receive their cards until they do submit them.

As for the 2010 membership year, we have reached the 105% target and have surpassed 500 members for the year. We also have surpassed the 100 new member mark again this year. Congratulations to all members for their hard work.

Also I would like to welcome Gettysburg Squadron 135 who has their Charter Application in and should be ready to present soon.

Also enclosed will be the new membership award schedule for 2011. The Son of the Year form has changed to center on the narrative of the individual and deleted other confusing information and will be considered at an earlier date beginning with the 2010 year. Remember, more is better.

The Detachment is now on facebook and can be found by doing a search for the Detachment of South Dakota. Check it out and send pictures to me for posting or post them yourself. This is the place to brag as other Detachments and National will see what we are doing.

Stop by the website www.sdsal.org and sign up for the mailing list so you can receive updates and information. Also all Squadron Commanders and Adjutants and the Detachment officers need to email me at adjutant@sdsal.org so I can list your email for the Detachment officers list.

In Your Service
Colin Royal, Adjutant

South Dakota State Fair

The South Dakota State Fair will run September 2-6, 2010. The 2nd is on a Thursday and is also Veterans Day at the Fair. This day all veterans are admitted to the fair at no charge as long as they show a veterans organization card. The fair ends on Monday, Labor Day. Last year Commander Gibson and I were at the Veterans Building manning the table on Veterans Day. Many veterans came through and visited with us.

The veterans building in Huron is owned by the South Dakota Veterans Council. The council is made up of The American Legion, VFW, DAV, and the Marine Corps League. The American Legion had a table at the State Fair for many years but in the last few years our presence has been missing. We are the largest veterans organization in South Dakota and our presence is needed at the fair. My hope is that members of the SAL and Legion Riders would assist in manning the table. Many visitors may not be eligible for the Legion but may be eligible for the Sons. The Legion Riders are springing up all over the state. National reiterates it's the best membership tool The American Legion has.

This letter is written to see if anyone could help man the table for a morning, afternoon, or day. I'm leaving for the National Convention in Milwaukee on the 24th of August and won't be home till the 3rd of September. I know Commander Gibson and I will be at the fair when we can. If you could help on a particular day, please let me know and I'll make up a schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

Denny Brenden, State Adjutant
The American Legion
Department Of South Dakota

2010 Detachment Convention Minutes – Spearfish, SD – June 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commander Greg Lemieux at 10:00 AM.

Colors were saluted as the were in place.

Roll Call was taken with Iroquois – 2, and Pierre – 2, Lemmon – 6, Herreid - 3, Sioux Falls 1, Piedmont Valley – 1, Rapid City 22 – 2 Martin 1, Watertown. Quorum was met. Commander Lemieux, Sergeant-at-Arms AJ Royal, NEC Dewell, ALT NEC Mattern, Historian Vander Vorst were present. Not present

was Vice Commander Ron Frenz and Chaplain Todd Kuck. Acting Chaplain Robert Shadwell led the prayer.



Department Commander Rod Martens, 2009 Detachment Son of the Year Robert Shadwell of Herried Squadron 170, Detachment Commander Greg Lemieux

Heard the finance report from Mike Goetzinger, he reported a balance of \$4456.79 with all expenses paid. Motion by JD Mattern to accept the finance report, Seconded by AJ Royal, Motion carried.

Colin Royal presented the membership report and stated that membership is slightly down and that a few Squadrons have sent little or no memberships in. He also gave a report on the membership awards of 100 percent and that we have 85 new members for 2010.

Colin Royal presented the Americanism report with information from Herreid and Lemmon and that no other Squadrons had submitted reports.

Mike Goetzinger presented the VA&R report for Steve Hicks, and presented a check for \$100 for the CWF from Martin Squadron 240.

John Dewell presented the Legislative report.

Colin Royal gave a brief report for the children and youth.

Greg Lemieux gave a brief report on public Relations and that the Squadrons needed to get out and be seen and to get in the news media.

Department of South Dakota American Legion Commander Martens addressed the convention and thanked the Detachment for all its help and hard work.

The Detachment Son of the Year Robert Shadwell of Herried Squadron 170 was announced and presented by Commander Lemieux and Commander Martens

A recess was called for 15 minutes.

The Convention was reconvened and proceeded with the elections.

Status of the raffle was discussed and that the drawing will be at the Go-Getters.

Resolution 2010-1 Detachment Commander(s) was read. Motion by John Dewell be passed and 2nd by AJ Royal. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2010-2 Detachment Commander(s) was read. Motion by John Dewell be passed and 2nd by Mike Goetzinger. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2010-3 Detachment Commander(s) was read. Motion by John Dewell be passed and 2nd by AJ Royal. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2010-4 Dues Increase was read. Motion by Joel Mattern be passed and 2nd by Robert Block. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lance Vander Vorst that the dues increase be started on October 20, 2010. 2nd by Joel Mattern, motioned carried.

The new fall raffle was discussed a motion by Lance Vander Vorst to raffle a gun with the tickets being 5\$ or 3 for \$10 with the drawing to be held at the

2011 Convention. Motion was 2nd by Joel Mattern and carried.

Todd Kuck and Colin Royal were appointed as VAVS representatives for the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Commander Lemieux set forth an invitation to host the next Executive Committee meeting for the Detachment. Pierre Squadron volunteered to host the Fall 2010 meeting at 1:00 , on October 2, 2010.

Commander Lemieux ask for nominations from the floor for delegates to the National Convention in Milwaukee WI. Mike Goetzinger Nominated Commander Lemieux and 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried. Colin Royal was nominated by JD Mattern 2nd by John Dewell and carried. Russ Eagleman was nominated by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by AJ Royal and carried. John Dewell was nominated by Joel Mattern and 2nd by Colin Royal and carried. Alternate Delegates: AJ Royal nominated by Mike Goetzinger, 2nd by Colin Royal, and carried. John Mattern nominated by John Dewell , 2nd by JD Mattern. David Clyde nominated by Colin Royal, 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried. Joel Mattern was nominated by John Dewell and 2nd by David Clyde and carried.

Commander Lemieux called for the election of officers and turned the meeting over to Adjutant Royal who then chaired the election.

Greg Lemieux was nominated for Detachment Commander, 2nd Mike Goetzinger. AJ Royal nominated Colin Royal, 2nd by David Clyde. Roll Call vote was taken with Greg Lemieux declared as winner. .

Lance Vander Vorst was nominated by Greg Lemieux and 2nd by Mike Goetzinger for Detachment Vice Commander. John Dewell motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Mike Goetzinger, and carried.

John Dewell was nominated as National Executive Committeeman by Lance Vander Vorst, 2nd by AJ Royal. Joel Mattern motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Wade Peterson, and carried.

Wade Peterson was nominated as Alternate National Executive Committeeman by Joel Mattern, 2nd by AJ Royal. Robert Block motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by Greg Lemieux, and carried.

Mike Goetzinger nominated Robert Shadwell as Detachment Chaplain, 2nd AJ Royal. Greg Lemieux motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by David Clyde, and carried.

Lance Vander Vorst nominated Cody Renner as Detachment Historian, 2nd JD Mattern. John Dewell motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by AJ Royal, and carried.

Greg Lemieux nominated Arthur "AJ" Royal as Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, 2nd Mike Goetzinger. Robert Block motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast, 2nd by John Dewell, and carried.

Past Detachment Commander NEC John Dewell swore in the newly elected officers.

With the elections completed, Adjutant Royal returned control of the meeting to Commander Lemieux.

Commander Lemieux appointed Colin Royal as Detachment Adjutant with no objections from the Convention.

Commander Lemieux appointed Mike Goetzinger as Detachment Finance Officer with no objections from the Convention. Joel Mattern motioned that the Spring Executive Committee Meeting be combined with the Mid-Winter Meeting prior to the Mid Winter Conference to save on expenses and the Son of the year be selected at that time. 2nd by Mike Goetzinger and motion carried.

Chaplain Robert Shadwell led in the closing prayer.

Commander Lemieux closed the meeting with the appropriate ceremony at 11:50AM.
Colin Royal
Detachment Adjutant

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**2010-2011
MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

These are the target dates set forth by the National membership committee. Please try to meet these dates as this will greatly help the Detachment reach the same goals.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2010	10%
OCTOBER 20, 2010	25%
NOVEMBER 17, 2010	35%
DECEMBER 8, 2010	45%
JANUARY 20, 2011	60%
FEBRUARY 9, 2011	75%
MARCH 9, 2011	80%
APRIL 13, 2011	90%
MAY 11, 2011	100%
*JULY 27, 2011	105%

*Delegate Strength Target Date



Commander Lemieux addressing the Department Convention

**Detachment of South Dakota
2011 Squadron Membership Goals**

These goals are calculated by the formula that was adopted for membership. The average of the last three years paid membership plus one.

Pierre 8	34
Wagner 11	10
Sioux Falls 15	37
Watertown 17	42
Mitchell 18	20
Rapid City 22	10
Lemmon 66	43
Hot Springs 71	30
White 88	19
Redfield 92	10
Faith 106	26
Gettysburg 135	10
Herreid 170	45
Lennox 174	28
Martin 240	50
Iroquois 280	41
Piedmont 311	24



Left to Right: Sergeant at Arms AJ Royal, Alternate NEC Wade Peterson, Chaplain Robert Shadwell, Vice Commander Lance Vander Vorst, Commander Greg Lemieux and NEC John Dewell.



The Rifle the Detachment is raffling off. A Ruger 77 Hawkeye. 270 caliber

The Detachment is raffling off a Ruger 77 Hawkeye .270 Caliber Rifle for the 2010-2011 year. The rifle will be raffled at the 2011 Detachment Convention. Tickets will be available October 1, 2010. Let the Adjutant know how many your Squadron wants to sell as we'll not raffle it off until the gun itself is paid for.

The tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and will be in books of 12 again this year.

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