



# Up To Now!

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## ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE

Enclosed to all recipients of this *Up To Now* is a listing of the 2010 paid membership for all Posts as of the Convention Cutoff Date, June 4, 2010.

This listing also indicates the number of delegates and votes each Post is authorized at the Department Convention in Spearfish.

## AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

The 435 high school boys between their junior and senior years, who were delegates to the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota held their general election for state officers on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Election results were:

- Daniel Wanous of Sioux Falls – Governor
- Cassion Dennison of Elk Point – Lt Governor
- Brent Olinger of Emery – Boys Nation Delegate
- Alex Thurman of Sioux Falls – Boys Nation Delegate
- Connor Powell of Chamberlain – Boys Nation Alternate
- Sean McClusky of Hartford – Boys Nation Alternate
- Jared Koch of Sioux Falls – 2010 Samsung Scholarship
- William Mix of Arlington – Attorney General
- Abraham Schwartzrock of Wolsey – Secretary of State
- Levi Hattervig of Carthage – State Auditor
- Devesh Kaushik of Brookings – State Treasurer
- Thomas Zinter of Aberdeen – Commissioner of School and Public Lands
- Eldon Baker of Winner – PUC
- Logan Freidel of Mitchell – PUC
- Thomas Sullivan of Burbank – PUC
- Mark Nassen of Sioux Falls – Supreme Court Justice
- Bryan Cooley of Sturgis - Supreme Court Justice
- Adam Brubakken of Rapid City – Supreme Court Justice
- Alan Mark-Ivanov of Sioux Falls – Supreme Court Justice
- Mathew Hanson of Aberdeen – Supreme Court Justice
- Timmy Jones of Flandreau – Chief Justice of Supreme Court
- Austin Vanderwal of Volga – Speaker of the House
- Austin Lake of Gettysburg – Nationalist Party Chairman
- Brian Goetzinger of Rapid City – Nationalist Party Keynote Speaker
- Sean Turgeon of Sioux Falls – Federalist Party Chairman
- Mitchell Moe of Sioux Falls – Federalist Keynote Speaker
- Luke Carlson of Sioux Falls – Outstanding Speaker
- Mitchell Wagner of Milbank – Outstanding Boys State Citizen
- Levi Adema of Barnard – Chandler L. Beach Memorial Scholarship

Joe Boudreau of Yankton – Editor of the Sunshine Scribe

U. S. Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin spoke to the delegates and responded to their questions during their first general assembly on Monday, May 31 and they heard from U.S. Senator John Thune during an assembly on Tuesday, June 1. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley and Secretary of State Chris Nelson also addressed the delegates.

American Legion Boys State of South Dakota was held on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen, May 31-June 4, 2010.

## ANNUAL AMERICANISM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The SD American Legion Americanism Commission announced the following awards after judging the 2009-2010 Post Americanism Reports at its June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting during the 68<sup>th</sup> annual session of American Legion Boys State of South Dakota in Aberdeen.

National Americanism Awards were as follows:

- Certificate of Distinguished Service – Milbank Post 9
- Certificate of Meritorious Service – Hill City Post 160
- Individual Americanism Citation – Tara Healy of Milbank Post 9.

Post Americanism Awards (these Posts will receive the traveling Americanism Excellence – Golden Eagle Awards for goal-size groups:

- 15-45 goal-size group – Herreid Post 170
- 46-74 goal-size group – Hill City Post 160
- 75-124 goal-size group – Milbank Post 9
- 125-350 goal-size group – Wessington Post 110
- 351 and larger goal-size group – Pierre Post 8

## PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Pride of the Prairie traveling White Buffalo trophies will be awarded to the following Posts for having attained the largest increase in membership over the 2009 membership total on this date of the previous year. The winners are: within their respective goal-size groups:

- 15-74 goal-size group – Hecla Post 68 with 69.23% increase.
- 75-124 goal-size group – Hosmer Post 189 with 9.89% increase.
- 125-199 goal-size group – Spearfish Post 164 with 5.232% increase.
- 200-299 goal-size group – Piedmont Post 311 with 6.306% increase.
- 300 and larger goal-size group – No Winner

## PACKETS TO BE MAILED OUT TO NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Convention packets will be mailed out to all Delegates and Alternates for the 92nd Annual Convention of The American Legion which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, following the Department Convention in Spearfish. It is very important that those receiving these packets complete the forms and mail along with the required deposits and banquet ticket funds to State Headquarters, PO Box 67, Watertown, SD 57201 no later than July 12, 2010. Inside these packets will be forms for room reservations, number of tickets for the National Commander's Banquet, housing request, and National Convention Committee assignments. One nights lodging must be paid in advance which would be \$128.35 and banquet tickets would be \$45.00. If your down payments are not into State Headquarters by July 12, 2010, we cannot provide housing for that Delegate or Alternate.

The schedule for the National Convention will be similar to that used for the past several years: (*This list does not include Auxiliary or SAL functions or meetings.*)

- Fri, Aug 27 - Resolutions Screening Committees
- Sat, Aug 28 - Standing Committees and Commissions
- Sun, Aug 29 - Convention Committees

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	National Chaplain's Breakfast
	Patriotic Memorial Service
	National Convention Parade
Mon, Aug 30 -	Department Caucus
Tue, Aug 31 -	National Convention General Assembly
	National Commander's Banquet
Wed, Sept 1 -	National Convention General Assembly
Thur, Sept 2 -	General Assembly continues
	National Commander elected
	Post - Convention NEC meeting

The South Dakota American Legion National Convention Delegation will be housed at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Convention is about one week away. The Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Spearfish. The schedule of events will be similar to past Conventions.

Thursday, June 17 -	10:00 a.m. Administrative Committee
	1:00 p.m. Executive Committee
Friday, June 18 -	10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee
	1:30 p.m. Convention Committees
	4:30 p.m. Joint Memorial Services
	7:00 p.m. Joint Banquet
Saturday, June 19 -	9:00 a.m. General Assembly Session
	4:00 p.m. Social (No Parade)
	6:00 p.m. Go-Getters Reception/ Smorgasbord
Sunday, June 20 -	9:00 a.m. General Assembly Continues
	12:00 noon or earlier Elections
	Installation of new officers
	Following Convention Adjournment -Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting

Hotels' phone numbers for additional hotels in Spearfish are:

Fairfield Inn by Marriott of Spearfish, 2720 1st Ave. E.,  
605-642-3500  
Howard Johnson Express Inn of Spearfish, I-90 & Exit 14,  
605-642-8105  
Quality Inn of Spearfish, 2725 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., 605-642-2337  
Roadway Inn & Suites of Spearfish, I-90 & Exit 14,  
605-642-2350

## BIDS TO HOST STATE CONVENTIONS/MIDWINTERS

Invitations are being accepted from Posts wishing to host the 2013, 2014, and 2015 South Dakota American Legion State Conventions and the 2014 and 2015 South Dakota American Legion Mid-Winter Conferences.

The offers must be submitted in writing by the prospective host Post, signed by the Post Commander and attested to by the Post Adjutant. Invitations must reach State Headquarters in Watertown by Monday June 14, 2010.

Invitations must consider all available facilities and accommodations. The Convention Next Meeting Place Committee will consider all bids for the American Legion State Conventions/MidWinter Conferences.

## 2010 NATIONAL LEGION COLLEGE

Department Headquarters is accepting applications for the National American Legion College. The College will be held in Indianapolis, IN, October 24-29, 2010. Applications should be submitted and received by State Headquarters in Watertown, by June 15, 2010. Candidates must have military service since 1982 or later and must have completed The American Legion Extension Institute correspondence course prior to submitting their application.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Past Department Commanders at the State Convention in Spearfish. The application chosen by the PDCs will be forwarded to National Headquarters to be screened by a panel of Past National Commanders during the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and their selections will be announced by National Headquarters shortly after the conclusion of the National Convention.

Application forms can be obtained from State Headquarters in Watertown or from The American Legion National Website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

## CERTIFICATION OF 2011 POST OFFICERS

Post Adjutants are reminded that they have a responsibility to certify the Post's 2011 officers to Department Headquarters in Watertown. The form for certifying your 2011 Post Officers can be found in the *2009-2010 SD American Legion Adjutants' Administrative and Awards Manual*. Immediately behind page 12, in that manual there is a white sheet that explains the certification process and the very next page is the green-colored Post Officers Certification Form.

Newly elected Post Officers will not be placed on mailing lists by State or National Headquarters nor will they be recognized as Post Officers by either headquarters until they have been certified. Additionally, Posts will not receive their 2011 membership cards until this certification process is completed.

**95 American Legion Posts still have not certified their 2011 officers.**

## SDALPA LUNCHEON SCHEDULED

The South Dakota American Legion Press Association will host its annual luncheon/meeting during the State Convention, in Spearfish, at 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 18, 2010, in the Willow Room. Tickets will be available at the registration desk

## CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Department Commander Rod Martens is urging more Posts to submit the Consolidated Post Reports this year. This report is utilized by National Headquarters to compile the annual report that is provided to congress to report on the activities of The American Legion.

**The Consolidated Post Report is one of the most important documents that your Post can complete and submit.** The form may appear complicated and looks like it takes a lot of time and effort to complete - but if your Post has kept fairly good records during the course of the past year you will find that it is quite easy to compile the information required. Your Post is not expected to have something to report in each and every category or on every other line of the report.

The Consolidated Post Report is on the SD Legion website [sdlegion.org](http://sdlegion.org).

## CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS

Tickets for the Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet at the State Convention will be available through advanced sales only. No tickets will be available at the door.

The banquet will feature a choice of Sliced Roast Beef in a mushroom and caramelized onion demi or Oven Roasted Airline Chicken dinners. The cost for tickets is \$25.00 per ticket. Send requests for tickets to Jerry Lolley, PO Box 181, Sturgis, SD 57785. Deadline for tickets is June 11, 2010.

In your request you must indicate how many Sliced Roast Beef in a mushroom and caramelized onion demi dinners and/or how many Oven Roasted Airline Chicken dinners you are ordering. Send \$25.00 for each dinner ticket.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership stands at 22,726 or 92.72% of the 2010 department membership goal.