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**Service Officer**  
 Keith Glaser  
**Immediate Past Commander**  
 Bill Stiefvater  
**District Auxiliary President**  
 Dorothy Gruber

*Special events:*

March 2009

- 1 Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship
- 3 Eagle Scout of the Year
- 9 Membership Goal 90%
- 11 6<sup>th</sup> District DEC

April 2009

- 1 Deceased Membership List
- Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Edward J Ormsbay Law and Order Award
- Outstanding Firefighter Award
- Emergency Medical Technician Award
- 6 Membership Goal 95%
- 26 6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference

**The Fighting Sixth**



**Sixth District  
 Department of Wisconsin  
 The American Legion**

Manitowoc  
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**SPRING ISSUE**  
**February 28, 2009**

*Happy Spring from the Sixth District!*

We are approaching the Lenten and Easter Season a time of renewal and hope. Let us all take time to worship and pray, some of our lives are in turmoil as we face an uncertain future, a future that finds many of us, our family members our neighbors in fear of losing homes or what we earned or saved for, we must keep the resolve

that we are Americans, we live in the greatest nation ever conceived under God and we will emerge from this a stronger mightier nation.

Let us also at this time ask God to hold in his loving hands and protect those who serve in harms as they protect us. I wish you a blessed and hopeful Easter.

CDR Krause

*District Finances*

We are starting to communicate as much as possible with email. Thank you to all who have said we no longer need us to send hardcopies and you will print the information yourself.

Another way to defer the printing and mailing costs would be for us to start collecting used ink cartages from your computer printers. Don't throw them away. Save them and bring them to our

meetings. We can get a \$3.00 credit for each one. Office Max or Office Depot, will send us a gift card to be used at their store.

I will prepare a budget for approval which will reflect how we actually spent money over the last few years not just the same amounts being requested.

Thank you for doing your part in trying to save money.

*Americanism Award*

Nominations for Sixth District Legionnaire of the Year Award were collected and judged by the Department Vice Commanders at the Department of Wisconsin Midwinter Conference. Thank you to all the Posts who took the time to nominate someone.

The winners of the Americanism awards are as follows:

Legionnaire of the year  
 Rosemary Pitz

Certificates for recognition;  
 Ken Kersky-----Montello  
 Bill Isaacson-----Briggsville  
 William Sparks-----Campbellsport  
 Bill Drecktrah-----Berlin  
 Francis Gende-----Princeton

We also had several awards handed out:

National Square Knot award;  
 Barb Belmont-----Dist. Adj.

Post Life Time Achievement awards from their posts;  
 Ken Kersky-----Montello  
 Jannan Stevens-----Briggsville  
 Gary Stevens-----Briggsville  
 Paul Krubsack posthumously -Westfield

Thank you Roy Helms for an outstanding job in organizing the dinner.

I would also like to thank everyone for coming and showing support to your fellow legionnaires.

*Special events  
Continued:*

May 2009

- 1 Public Relations Appreciation Award for Outdoor Advertising
- Public Relations Appreciation Award for Cable Television
- Public Relations Appreciation Award for Radio
- Public Relations Appreciation Award for Press
- Public Relations Appreciation Award Television

5 Wisconsin Shooting Sports

13 Membership Goal 100%

June 2009

- 1 Post Officers and Meeting Report
- District County Commander of the Year
- Post Honor Guard
- Cooper Trophy
- McCoy Americanism Trophy
- O.W. Rolfe Americanism Trophy
- Pendill Trophy
- Harvey V. Higley Trophy
- Athletics & Sports for Spalding Victory Trophy
- Jessel S. Whyte Memorial Trophy
- Henry C. Oakey Trophy
- The James F. Burns Trophy
- National Americanism Award
- Consolidated Post Report
- District Joseph R. Meeks Gung-Ho Annual Americanism Award

Second Friday

Post Yearbook Competition

Post Narrative Competition

District Yearbook Competition

District Narrative Competition

15 Martha Marowe Post Chaplin Award

Veterans Affairs &

Rehabilitation Fund Report

Membership Audit Report

15 National Children and Youth Report

September 2009

?? Membership Goal 50%

September 2009

?? Membership Goal 55%

November 2009

2-6 A&G Test week

11 Veterans Day

?? Membership Goal 65%

?? Department Commanders Testimonial

*Spring DEC Meeting March 11, 2009*

Just a reminder to all officers, Committee Members, and County Commanders and Adjutants our Spring DEC Meeting is coming up. It will start at 7 pm at the Fond du Lac post. We need to urge all DEC members to attend the next meeting as we must

make decisions that will affect the District in the future, both financially and rule changes of standard business, i.e. the Oratorical Competition. We can also say reports will be kept to only as necessary status.

*6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference April 26, 2009*

I would like to thank Post 75 Fond du Lac for placing a bid to host the conference. The Conference will be at the Fond du Lac Post.

We need to urge as many members as possible to attend because of the elections for a new Commanders and Vice Commanders. We will also discuss the actions of the DEC.

Begin thinking if you would like to host the Fall Conference. The rotation puts us at a Post in the West. This bid will need to be placed and voted on at the Spring Conference. There are nine Posts in the area.

The Department Convention is also coming up with an election of a new State Commander as well as the 4 Vice Commanders. District delegates for the Department Committee breakout sessions will need to be decided. Our next District meeting will be after the Convention.

HOT TOPIC at Conference will be Elections:

*6<sup>th</sup> District Membership Status*

Membership update: Currently the District is in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Department. We are at 90.48% which is above the February goal of 85%. We have 24 out of 34 posts that have met the goal. Our March goal is 90%. I would like to thank all the Vice Commanders for their support in membership and all three Vice Commanders have their Counties above 85%. Vice Commander East and Central both have three Posts at or

above 100%.

Membership Report as of 2/25/2009

	Target	Total	%
East	1352	1256	92.90%
Central	2408	2179	90.49%
West	885	768	86.78%

Membership Reception at Midwinter was great with the following Posts being honored Post 124 New Holstein, Post 265 Darboy, Post 477 Saint Nazianz, and Post 234 Omro.

*Following Proper Procedures*

We have to state we need the proper procedures to be followed by post officers, the biggest violation is making a motion seconding and approving that motion by the membership and then the Post Commander or Adjutant changes it to what they want, this is a violation of Roberts Rules of order, any change has to come from an official meeting, a letter to the membership to reopen

the motion or reword it with all records kept on file so no legal action can be taken against any post officers involved, whether we like it or not we are subject to litigation when we are in official offices. We are in the public eye, we must project a positive image in the communities we serve, infighting and bickering do not serve the American Legion and your post well, we will work on a code of conduct for posts to follow and as a tool to refer to.

*On A Personal Note*

As many of you know I am running for State Vice Commander. I hope I can count on your vote in July. My wish is to continue to serve you and the American Legion in the future.

I would take this opportunity to thank all the members of the 6th.District for affording me the privilege and honor of serving you as your Commander for the past 2 years, I hope I've earned your respect and trust. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with and for you.

A special thanks to Post #351 for their generous contribution I hope I can justify your generosity and confidence in me, thank you again.

Yours in service ROBERT R.KRAUSE Cmdr.6th.District



## Special events Continued:

December 2009

?? Membership Goal 75%  
15 Nomination for  
Employment Service Award for  
Local ES Office  
Employment Service Award for  
Local Veterans  
Employment Representative  
Employment Service Award for  
Disabled Veterans Outreach  
Program Specialist  
Employer of Veterans  
Small Business  
Medium Business  
Large Business  
Winners from the Americanism  
& Government Testing  
16 Nomination for  
Employer of Disabled  
Employer of Older Workers

31 Nomination for  
Outstanding Enlisted National  
Guard/Reservist Award

January 2010

5 6<sup>th</sup> District Legionnaire of  
the Year Award  
Square Knot Award  
14 Membership Goal 80%  
?? 6<sup>th</sup> District Oratorical  
Contest  
29-1 Feb Midwinter Convention

February 2010

11 Membership Goal 85%  
?? Department Oratorical  
Contest  
?? 6<sup>th</sup> District Americanism  
Banquet

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## Schneider-Emanuel American Legion Scholarship

It is the intent of The Wisconsin American Legion that this award shall enable a student, with a good measure of self-help, to secure a baccalaureate degree. If an applicant is already in college, he/she must have a transcript of high school and the last complete semester of college. Awards will be given to an applicant that has maintained an academic average of "B" or better for a period of seven high school semesters, based upon the standard of the institution granting the diploma. The applicant also must:

- Be able to meet the specific entrance requirements of the chosen learning institution
- Complete and submit supporting documents such as: transcript of grades, four recommendation forms, and your ACT score. Documents should be sent by March 1st prior to school opening the following September
- Be willing to sign, along with the parent or guardian, the "Agreement" portion of the application.

**\*\* Note: Previous award winners are not eligible for consideration for a second scholarship.**

## Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides annually for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected the "American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year." The winner is eligible to receive a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded over a four-year period. Three additional scholarships of \$2,500 each are also awarded. Eligibility requirements specify that a nominee must be registered, active member of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew chartered to an American Legion Post,

American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron, OR be registered, active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member; have received the Eagle Scout Award; be an active member of his religious institution and have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem; have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community; have reached his 15th birthday; and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

## Outstanding Fire Fighter Award Program

To determine the winner as the outstanding Fire Fighter: Each Post within the Department of Wisconsin shall receive an entry blank on which the Post's recommendation for the award winner may be listed. It will be the duty of each Post Commander to appoint a committee of five (5) Legion members of his Post, including the Public Safety Chairman, whose duty it will be to select an entry for his

award. This selection may then be endorsed by the Post membership. The Post application shall then be forwarded to the County Public Safety Chairman for further consideration in the County, and the County winner will be submitted to the District. **All posts must have their applications submitted to the District by March 15.**

## Edward J. Ormsby Law And Order Award

Pursuant to action taken by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee, there was established The Wisconsin American Legion Edward J. Ormsby Law and Order Award Program. A yearly award established to be given at succeeding Conventions to the "Outstanding Police Officer of Wisconsin". The committee will select the Outstanding Officer, who in the opinion of Legionnaires of Wisconsin, best exemplifies the traits and characteristics of a good Police Officer;

one who goes about his daily duties in the protection of life and property of his fellow man. We must all know, in making our recommendations, that only one person will be the eventual winner and his or her selection will be made by the Department Public Safety Committee. Thus, applications should be as thorough as possible in the necessary information on their candidate before submitting it to the District. **All posts must have their applications submitted to the District by March 15.**

## Outstanding Legislator Of The Year

The following rules shall be observed in determining who shall receive the "LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR" Award, presented on an annual basis to a U.S. or State Senator and to a U. S. Representative or a member of the State Assembly by The Wisconsin American Legion. The Post winner's application shall then be forwarded to the District Commander. **All Post winners must be submitted to the District by April 1st of each year.** In making a recommendation, Posts should bear in mind that

the legislators recommended need not be judged on only one year's performance, but can be judged on performance over a longer period of time. The selection of the **District winners shall be completed and certified to Department Headquarters by May 1st of each year.** Only one (1) winner from the U.S. or State Senate and one (1) winner from the U.S. House of Representatives or the State Assembly will be recognized from each District by the Department Legislative Committee.



### *6<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference*

**Date:** April 26, 2009

**Location:** Fond du Lac

**Sunday, April 26, 2009**

8:00 am - 8:55 am Registration

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Call to Order  
Salute the Colors  
Opening Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance  
POW/MIA Ceremony  
Preamble  
Welcome Speeches  
Business Meeting  
Roll Call  
Minutes  
Finance Reports  
District Officer Reports  
County Commander Reports  
Committee Reports

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Dinner Intermission

12:45 pm - ?? pm

Unfinished Old Business  
New Business  
Correspondence  
Site of Fall Conference  
For the Good of the Legion  
Memorial Service  
Military Salute and Taps  
Closing Ceremony  
Closing Prayer  
Retirement of POW/MIA Flag  
Commander's Close  
Retirement of Colors  
Close Conference

### *Emergency Medical Technician (Emt) Award*

Pursuant to action taken by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee, there was established The Wisconsin American Legion Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Award Program. A yearly award established to be given at succeeding Conventions to the "Emergency Medical Technician of Wisconsin". It will be the duty of each Post Commander to appoint a committee of five (5) Legion members of his Post, including the Public Safety Chairman, whose duty it will be to select an entry for his award. This selection may then be endorsed by the Post membership. The Post application shall then be forwarded to the County Public Safety Chairman for further consideration in the County, and the County winner will be submitted to the District. Each County

or Post winner shall be determined and the application forwarded to their respective District by APRIL 1. It is suggested that an appropriate program be held and a citation be awarded to the respective Post winners. In making a recommendation, Posts should bear in mind that the EMT recommended need not have performed an outstanding feat during the year in order to be eligible. The award should go to that EMT who, for a number of years, has turned in an outstanding performance of his or her duties. This does not rule out the possibility that this same EMT might, during the course of the current Legion year, have performed some feat which adds to his or her already impressive record.

### *Shooting Sports Award*

The top scorer from Wisconsin competing in the State/Regional Championship and declared Wisconsin State Champion will be considered for the \$1000.00 scholarship. The \$500.00 scholarship will go to the top scorer of the opposite category. (Sporter or Precision) No two scholarships will go to the same person. It will be awarded to qualified student graduates from State of Wisconsin high schools. The recipient of the award is to be selected by an Awards Committee made up of The Shooting Sports Program Chairman and two

members of the Wisconsin American Legion. The recipients must make known his/her intentions to attend an accredited college or vocational school and make application for this scholarship by a date set by the Shooting Sports Program Chairman. The student recipient must show proof of completion of the first semester before payment of scholarship. The recipient's background, experience and aptitude are applicable and compatible with the type of education the applicant is seeking.

### *Public Relations Appreciation Award*

The Department Public Relations Committee may annually recommend five (5) recipients for an American Legion "PUBLIC RELATIONS APPRECIATION AWARD" that the committee feels merits special recognition in the news media field and "Certificates of Appreciation" to other deserving media. The awards shall be confined to one (1) award each annually for the following: OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, RADIO, TELEVISION, CABLE TELEVISION, and PRESS. The Press, Radio, Television, Cable Television, and Outdoor Advertising merit special recognition for informing the general public on the ideals and deeds of The American Legion, therefore, an American Legion "PUBLIC RELATIONS APPRECIATION AWARD" will be presented for publicizing Wisconsin American Legion programs and activities on any one or all levels of the Department (Post, County, District, and Department). "Certificates of Appreciation" shall be awarded to additional media that have participated in

support of The American Legion programs throughout the year. Nominations for recipients of the awards are to be sent to the Department Adjutant and/or the Department Public Relations Chairman at the Department Headquarters Office of the Wisconsin American Legion, and can be made by any Wisconsin Legion Public Relations Officer, Post Commander, County Commander, or District Commander. All nominations, fully clarified, shall be available for perusal by the Public Relations Committee no later than MAY 1 for judging. The program will be based on the prior year. Judging will be done by the Badger Legionnaire-Public Relations Committee at its Spring Meeting. Awards shall be presented at the time of the annual Department Convention of the Wisconsin American Legion and the recipients thereof, or a representative of the media selected for an award shall be invited to be present at that time. Travel, lodging, and other costs will be incurred at the recipient's expense.