



National Liaison NOTES

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This is the July edition of "News and Updates" bringing the latest" information and updates to all National Officers and Detachment leaders.

Fall National Executive Committee Meeting

FALL NEC – The fall National Executive Committee meeting will be held, October 10-11, 2009 at the downtown Sheraton Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. In conjunction with this NEC meeting, the Detachment Commanders and Detachment Adjutants Conference will be conducted jointly on Saturday, October 10, 2009. All Detachment Commanders and Adjutants attending are requested to attend the joint General Session with the NEC on Saturday for approximately an hour before adjourning. Detachment Commanders and Adjutants will convene for this session on the 21st floor of the Sheraton in the Panorama Room upon adjournment of the General Session. Agenda's will be emailed separately and will be posted to the SAL web page at www.sal.legion.org. Just a reminder – the Sheraton Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

NEC AGENDA – The agenda for this meeting of the National Executive Committee meeting is different. Please pay particular attention to the times, room assignments, and changes to the general meeting agenda. We will be starting earlier than in previous meetings on Saturday at 8:00 am and will reconvene later that day in the afternoon for some special presentations. We will also conduct the memorial service on Sunday in the General Session Ballroom (Meridian Center) starting on Sunday at 7 am. The NEC General Session on Sunday will begin promptly at 8:45 am. Again, check your final agenda inside your NEC packet.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMINAR – There will be a special presentation open to all on Friday, October 10 prior to the NEC meetings conducted by Past National Commander Joe Mayne (MN) a member of the professional speakers association. For those who arrive early, you are encouraged to attend this special seminar on Friday, 4 pm in the lower lobby, Meridian East room. Subjects to be covered are "eliminate your fear of presenting to groups; learn the techniques used by Professional speakers as they master the platform; make your message powerful and impactful; topic development, platform mechanics, audience style, room set up; and memorable message tips will be covered. Go beyond the intimidation and learn how to appreciate the privilege of platform power. Again, anyone arriving early is welcome to attend this special speaking seminar.

NEC REGISTRATION – Registration for the NEC meeting will be conducted on Friday starting at 2-5 pm and again on Saturday morning starting at 7:00 am. We need everyone attending any of the SAL meetings to register. Please check your information on the sign in sheets at the registration table. Read all your information carefully as we have many incorrect mailing addresses as well as email addresses. Our office area is located in the Board Room, street level of the Sheraton. If you have business or questions, please stop by. If not, kindly enjoy the amenities of the hotel and city as our office area is busy and congested. Definitely not an area to camp out. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

NEC UNIFORM & DRESS CODE (FALL NEC) – The uniform for the upcoming NEC will be business casual on Friday and Saturday. The wearing of the SAL blue pull over shirts is desirable if you have them. Sunday's uniform will be suit, coat and tie for all sessions. Just a reminder – the red name badges should be worn on suit or sports coat jackets only and only during official meetings. Professionalism at National meetings is consistent with offices held and responsibilities to the organization.

NATIONAL EMBLEM SALES – National Emblem Sales will be present at the Sheraton Hotel during the SAL meetings on Saturday morning, October 10th from 7 am to noon.

General Information

SUBSCRIPTION – THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE – All members of the SAL can subscribe to The American Legion Magazine for 12 issues for only \$6.00 per year. Readers can enjoy articles about foreign affairs, ordinary citizens accomplishing extraordinary things, military valor, veteran's health care, history, etc. Keep up to date with programs of The American Legion and items of general interest. Send a check or money order for \$6.00 along with your complete name, address, date of birth, phone, email and SAL ID number to: The American Legion, Data Services – N0808, Magazine Non-Member Subscriptions, PO Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

RENEWAL POSTCARD SCHEDULE AND MAILING (2010) – The mailing of the SAL renewal postcard will be processed and mailed this month (September). We expect this mailing to be dropped in the mail the week of September 21st to all SAL members whose record at National Headquarter shows unpaid for 2010. A follow up postcard mailing will be done in January and in April of 2010. Just a reminder, these mailings are made in conjunction and subsequent to membership target dates. Therefore, please follow these membership target dates closely. Above all, "transmit", as many Squadrons hold membership. This saves the organization considerable dollars in postage costs. All three mailings will be made usually within a couple of days following the target in that respective month of mailing. The membership target dates are posted on the SAL web page at {www.sal.legion.org}.

NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CONFERENCE – The annual National Children & Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 18-20, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Indianapolis. For more information on this scheduled conference, agenda, and registration click {www.legion.org} under programs.

NATIONAL AMERICANISM CONFERENCE – The National Americanism Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 25-27, 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Indianapolis. Included in this conference will be sessions for Boy State, Oratorical, Baseball, and Chaplains. For more information on this conference, agenda, and registration, click {www.legion.org} under programs.

SAL ‘HONORARY LIFE’ CODE – Honorary life is something that can be awarded by a Squadron/Post to an individual for a specific deed or act. He must be an existing SAL member and eligible for membership in accordance with the established eligibility criteria as outlined in the SAL National Constitution. Do not confuse this with any Detachment life programs. This information is listed in the 2009 edition of the Administrative Manual (page 32). This is only a Squadron/Post award, where authorized. To report this information, you can submit a member data form and mark the appropriate block “Honorary Life”. The record will be coded at National Headquarters. When the annual membership cards & registers are printed, a code “H” will appear on the membership register that denotes “Honorary Life”. Older versions of the member data form do not contain this block. In that case, just write on the form wherever space is permitting. Squadron/Post Adjutants should sign this form to confirm this status.

NATIONAL UPDATE NEWSLETTER - The fall edition of the National Update newsletter is scheduled for late November 2009. Those Chairman responsible for articles need to have your items sent to the Editor no later than October 1, 2009.

NATIONAL OFFICER VISITATIONS – Just a reminder that all National Officer Visitation request forms are due to National Headquarters signed no later than October 31, 2009 for the ensuing year. This is outlined in the SAL Administrative Manual on pages 12 and page 19. Those submitting late will be considered, however, will not have priority on any scheduling.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL 2010 – The new 2010 SAL Administrative Manual is being assembled and finalized. We expect to have this publication printed and shipped to all the SAL leadership in November or early December of 2010. A copy of this publication will be mailed to each Department Headquarters as well as being listed under publications on the SAL web page. .

DATES OF BIRTH INFORMATION - The capturing and collecting of date of birth information for the National records of our members has been a slow process. This program is outlined in the 2009 Administrative Manual, page 30. This information is contained on the membership register for every member of the Sons. Many Squadrons throughout the Country have not submitted this information accordingly. The information is needed for demographic needs as well as future actuarial studies used for insurance plans, etc. The information can be submitted accordingly by postcards, date of birth form (page 46 of the Admin Manual), member data forms, or online at www.sal.legion.org in the change of address area in the section marked on the web page. Detachments are encouraged to pass this information on to all Squadrons and members during scheduled Conferences and Sons meetings.

MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE – The next membership target date is October 14, 2009 – 25%.

Future Dates

Membership Target Date 10% 2010
SAL Postcard Renewal Mailing, 1st notice for 2010
National Children & Youth Conference
National Americanism Conference
Fall NEC Meeting & Detachment Cdr's Conference
Membership Target Date 25% 2010
Membership Target Date 35% 2010
Membership Target Date 45% 2010
Membership Target Date 60% 2010
SAL Postcard Renewal Mailing, 2d notice for 2010
Membership Target Date 75% 2010
Washington Conference 2010
Membership Target Date 80% 2010
Membership Target Date 90% 2010
SAL Postcard Renewal Mailing, 3d notice for 2010 (final for 2010)
Spring NEC Meeting & NMI 2010
Membership Target Date 100% 2010
Membership Target & Delegate Strength Date 105%
National Convention – Milwaukee, WI

September 14, 2009
September 21, 2009
September 18-20, 2009
September 25-27, 2009
October 10-11, 2009
October 14, 2009
November 17, 2009
December 9, 2009
January 13, 2010
January 18, 2010
February 10, 2010
Feb 28-Mar 3, 2010
March 10, 2010
April 14, 2010
April 20, 2010
May 1-2, 2010
May 12, 2010
July 28, 2010
August 27-29, 2010

