

FROM THE SONS

Greetings to all

October 16, 2009

NEC Joe Cooper and I attended the National Executive Committee Fall Conference this past week end in Indianapolis. I attended Commanders' Conference on Saturday following opening ceremonies. This year's Commanders' conference had its youngest graduate, a 14 year old Detachment Commander from Alaska. We brought back a lot of information that we'll cover at our next DEC.

Our National Commander, Mark Arneson talked about our national goals for 2009-2010. First of all is the triple nickel. The goals are to reach 105% membership by the July target date, charter five new squadrons and achieve 85% renewal rate of our members. This is part of "Operation Proud Son" the aim of which is to reach 350,000 members and raise \$500,000 for Children's Welfare Foundation nationally.

As you can see, we need to get going in order to pull our weight with all of the other detachments. Our next membership target is 35% by November 17 and we are currently under 15% and no donations have yet come through Detachment for CWF. I ask our District Commanders & Detachment Vice Commanders to contact your squadrons. Talk to them. Let's get them excited about this year's program.

Tardiff-Belabnger Post 39, Madison will host a Sock Hop on Friday, October 23rd from 8:00 pm to Midnight. There'll be a 50/50 drawing and prizes for the best dressed (remember, it's a sock hop). Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. FMI contact Chairman, Joe Cooper at 342-3098 or Brian Danforth at 314-0222. All proceeds to benefit Pine Tree Camp.

If your Squadron has an event and would like it in the SMILE, contact me by Wednesday at unclebru2@aol.com.

Yours in Service.

Bruce Pierce, Detachment Commander.