



Consent Agenda Reports

Department
Executive
Committee

SAL Committee Chairman's Report 10/16/24

Iowa is Currently sitting 13th in the standing at 35.07% and 2nd in the Midwest Region and currently 33.48% renewal rate. The current target of 25% by 10/16/24 has already been passed. The State of Iowa currently has 57 squadrons who have reached that goal. Iowa has 65 squadrons who have yet to turn any memberships in.

Respectfully submitted

SAL Committee Chairman

Gary J Quinlan



Baseball Committee Report

October 28, 2024

Swisher Post 671 from the 1st District won the State Tournament by beating Dubuque County by a score of 6 to 5. Swisher Post #671 had a very successful run at the Central Plains Regional Tournament in Fargo, North Dakota. It ended just one game short of back-to-back trips to the American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina. They competed very well.

Michael Day of Swisher was awarded the Earl H. Proctor & Esther J. Proctor Most Valuable Player of the State tournament.

Swisher went on to Central Plains Regional Tournament in West Fargo, North Dakota where they won their first three games and lost the next two to Fargo, ND. Maddux Frese was awarded the Most Valuable player of the tournament. Players making the Regional All-Tournament team from Swisher were Kameron Volz, Michael Day, Trevor Scott, Jace Scott.

There were 17 senior teams registered in the Baseball program in 2024 they were from the following;

1st District had 2 teams Swisher Post 671 & Solon Stinnocher Post 460

2nd District had 6 teams. Dubuque County, Bettendorf, Hiawatha Post 735, Linn Drive Purple, Marion Post 298 Linn-Mar, Davenport Post 26 Central

3rd District had 0 teams,

4th District had 0 teams

5th District had 1 team OB Nelson Post #3 Ottumwa

6th District had 0 teams

7th District had 1 team Council Bluffs Rainbow Post 2

8th District had 1 team Carroll Merchants

9th District had 6 team Moville Post 303 Futures, Le Marrs Wasmer Post 241, Kingsley Post 140 Panthers, Milford MUSKellunges Post 384, Iowa Great Lakes Okbojis Milford Post 384, Akron Westfield Post 186

Area tournaments were hosted in Council Bluffs, Carroll, Ottumwa and Dyersville. A big thank you to all the volunteers and Legion Families that helped out.

The National Legion Baseball Program will be celebrating their 100th year anniversary. The Department Baseball Committee is looking for Post's to host the 2025 Area & State tournaments. The site and dates for the 2025 State Tournament are to be determined. If any Post in the 2nd District wants to Host the State tournament or sponsor a team please visit the Iowa Legion website <https://www.ialegion.org/baseball/> or contact me.

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**National Affairs Committee Report for the State of Iowa DEC Meeting
November 2, 2024 at the State Headquarters in Des Moines, IA.**

The National Affairs Committee is responsible for selecting the Fire Fighter and the Law Enforcement Officers of the year. This year the applications for both were due by Nov 30th to the State Legion Office.

This year we had 4 Firefighters and 7 Law Enforcement Officer to choose from.

This year's Firefighter of the year is Jeff Moore from Camanche, Ia. 2nd District. The post submitting him was June Van Meter Post 190, Clinton, IA

This year's Law Enforcement Officer is Luke Fleener from Dumcombe, IA. 8th District. The post submitting him was Post 1856 of Fort Dodge, IA.

This concludes my report, but I would like to thank each and every one of you for your assistance in bringing up our applications numbers.

Also, Please continue to help get more applications in to us.

Thank You,

Fidell Wadsworth
National Affairs Chairman.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Benefits Committee

I recently attended the 2024 Fall School of the Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, held in Altoona.

Service Officers were presented with information about the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Iowa Trust Fund and guidelines for Allocation Funding. IDVA maintains databases for DD 214's, Graves Registration and Nursing Homes. This information helps veterans and families get benefits. Dr. Kelly Cook discussed C&P hearing exams and how to prepare your veteran for an accurate evaluation. Caption Call provided information on no-cost captioning phone service, for home or cell phones. Central Iowa VA Healthcare discussed eligibility updates and Post 9/11 Transition and Case Management.

County Offices are still very busy with PACT related claims. Record levels of compensation are being awarded. This keeps our Service Office and VA Benefits Administration very busy, too.

The Committee will be accepting applications for the Val Likens Service Award through Mid Winter Conference. If you have an outstanding service officer, please nominate them.

Our recommendation for filing compensation and pension claims is to use County Veterans Service Officers to organize and file the claim. Gather evidence on the local level, and then forward the claim to Shane and his staff at the American Legion Service Office in the Federal Building. We feel this makes the best use of available services.

Jerry Hansen

Chairman

VA&R Commission, Benefits Committee

Candidates for Department offices are listed below:
(Updated 10/24/2024)

1st District No Candidate

2nd District No Candidate

3rd District No Candidate

4th District No Candidate

5th District Darrin Alderson, Candidate for Dept. Commander 2025-2026
Randy Johnson, Candidate for ANEC 2025-2027
Gary Quinlan, Candidate for Dept Vice Commander 2025-2026

6th District Don De Kock, Candidate for Dept Vice Commander 2025-2026

7th District Brian Ring, Sr, Candidate for ANEC 2025-2027

8th District Kenneth Fields, Candidate for Dept Vice Commander 2025-2026

9th District No Candidate