

“THE TIME IS NOW”
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN for 2010-2011

Our new program was announced at Nashville and started on June 1st. For one member, a sponsor will earn a Moose Legion red, white and purple lapel pin. For sponsoring and enrolling two members a FREE YEAR'S DUES will be earned in the Moose Legion. For life members who do not have a membership where a year's dues can be paid – We've Got You Covered with a windproof Umbrella.

Medal of Honor will remain in place for those achieving a lifetime record of at least 50 membership units. New qualifiers and those current holders who sponsor at least 5 members will be invited to the Moose 25 Club party in Anaheim.

Of course the Elite Moose Legionnaire Ring will continue to be awarded to those sponsors with an accumulative total of 100 or more membership units. There are several members well within reach of this plateau!

Please see the campaign poster on www.mooseintl.org website under the Moose Legion portal – Membership section. It can be downloaded and printed for your use and display. A printed 11 x 17 copy was mailed to each lodge of the Order along with the lodge membership campaign material.

Active Moose Legion Membership is the real key

Our sincere appreciation and congratulations are extended to each sponsor during the past 2 months. Thank you for fulfilling your pledge and helping to strengthen our active membership. Lets keep it up!

We need to work our “D” lists as well. Retaining those members we have is really important also. Personal contact of those on the list of non-paid dues is the key we need turned to really start things going upward. We as Moose Legionnaires should be assisting in both the lodge and Moose Legion to retain all possible members.

Nashville – Thanks for a great Conference / Convention

The registration numbers for our Nashville meetings were great. We experienced some of the best turnouts in years. Our sincere thanks to all the members for your support and to the city of Nashville for a great job hosting us!

The topical meeting attendance was good as expected and the 1500 person turnout for Moose Legion Fun Night with Rick K and the All Nighters was all we expected and much more! The Moose Legion Breakfast had great attendance of around 1,050 and many of our leaders were recognized for their individual and collective accomplishments!

Nashville Ritual Competition

The Ritual competition went smoothly. We had 30 staffs competing, which was an increase over last year. We thank all our staffs for conferring the Degree of Service on our new members all year long! Done properly – this aspect of our program can itself lend a great hand in retention of members as they come to understand the real philanthropic happenings of our organization.

Congratulations to **WENOCA MOOSE LEGION No. 78** from North Carolina – our new **International Ritual Championship team!!** Great job guys!

Daniel E. Totten from Maumee Valley Moose Legion No. 30 in Ohio was the top scoring ritualist with a terrific score of 99.16666, which helped his team reach the 2nd place spot. Congratulations to Maumee Valley.

Kanawha Valley, WV Moose Legion Legion came in a close 3rd, followed by Volunteer, TN No. 12 in 4th and 5th went to South Florida No. 46.

Thanks to all our ritual teams that competed. We also extend our appreciation to the judging staff for another great job. See everyone in Anaheim next year!

Moose Legionnaire of the Year

Has your Lodge Moose Legion Committee met and selected a nominee for this Honor? Has the form been filled out and a resume been written? If you have – thank you. If you have not – it is time to get on the move and do so! Those forms are due at International postmarked by July 15th!!

Has your jurisdiction scheduled a meeting of the Past Presidents and Past North Moose to review the lodge resumes and select the jurisdiction's winner to submit? The Jr Past President is Chairman of the committee. As soon as they are all turned in - this should be finalized and the winner submitted for further judging. These are to be in by Sept 1st.

This is an opportunity to say thank you to some individual – a member who has done something to help your lodge progress, especially in the past year. Please take the time to offer your appreciation to a member for supporting our causes through your unit of the Order. Every lodge and every Moose Legion jurisdiction should have a nominee submitted. Our congratulations to all our upcoming nominees!

The lodge nominations are due by July 15th. The jurisdiction meetings can take place and those winners can then be selected and submitted. Many lodge forms were in early and we thank you for your diligence!

Moose Legion Annual Project

This past year was another banner year for Moose Legion projects. Once again, we had 100% of our jurisdictions complete 100% of their obligations to our capital project, which was the Mooseheart vans this past year. In addition they all gave to the Endowment Fund, and to the Youth Awareness Scholarship Fund. Several jurisdictions contributed to the Mooseheart J J Davis home trip to Moosehaven and in the annual International President's projects. Our thanks to all that helped achieve those goals!

As is customarily the case, the Moose Legion has agreed to take on a capital project again this year for our beloved Order. This year we will be helping to Light the Way towards Mooseheart's Centennial as we raise funds to replace a number of cast cement light poles on the Mooseheart campus. All jurisdictions will be scheduling various activities and holding fundraising events to finance this safety & security project. Our sincere thanks in advance for these efforts.

Moose Legion Centennial

The Moose Legion shares a place in history with Mooseheart. It is the year 1913 that both these entities got their beginnings. It is in 2013 that both will celebrate our centennials. Plans are being formulated now to commemorate this occasion in our history. Our goal for the celebration is to reach 100,000 Mosoe Legion members. Aggressive yes – but doable – if we work at it with zest and determination. Watch for more details to follow.

Cordially & Fraternally, *Robert A. Neff*
Director of Moose Legion