

Highlights from the 2009 Department of Indiana Convention:

Unit awards were presented by Department Junior Vice President Sharon Dill. The Michiana Hoosiers Unit won the awards for Americanism, child welfare, civics, and rehabilitation. Lafayette Unit won the VAVS award. Whitewater Valley Unit won the award for the biggest increase in membership. Two Whitewater Valley Unit members tied for Recruiter of the Year: Dorothy McMillan and Betty Lou Steele.

Nominations and elections were held for 2009-2010 Department of Indiana Auxiliary officers. The following state officers were elected: President – Patricia Smith, Senior Vice President – Rose Shimek, Junior Vice President – Kim Parker, Judge Advocate – Sharon Dill, Treasurer – Virginia Hanson. The following state officers were appointed: Secretary – Paula Landers, Chaplain – Margaret Fultz, Captain of the Guard – Nina Rose, Outer Guard – Dani Cook, Auditors – Carole, Tenbarger, Martha Albright, and Sharon Grigsby, Crumbo State Scholarship Committee – Patsy Storck and Kay South.

Installation of officers was held at the Convention Banquet with the Installing Officer Central Division Vice President, Rogene Hackbarth, Chaplain, Margaret Fultz, and Captain of the Guard, Nina Rose. At the banquet, the Whitewater Valley Unit presented a \$100 check for the Crumbo Scholarship fund. Pat Moriarty, Chairman of the Crumbo Scholarship, reported that the ten 2009 applicants were each awarded \$250. One of the scholarship winners is Michael Hunsinger, son of Keith and Ann Hunsinger who are both Marine members of the Whitewater Valley Detachment.

The following are the 2009-2010 Marine Officers and Committee Chairs: ELECTED OFFICERS: Commandant – Russ Eaglin, Sr. Vice Commandant – George Merchant, Jr. Vice Commandant – Dave Englert, Paymaster – Richard Renbarger, Judge Advocate – Ann Hunsinger, Chaplain – John Wagner, Jr. Past Commandant – Mike Lieber. APPOINTED OFFICERS: Adjutant – Mike Wukitsch, Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim Looney, Public Relations – Lloyd Louks, Veteran Service Officer – Louis Stanko. APPOINTED - DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES: Americanism/BSA – Fred Axthelm, Awards – Jim Atkinson, Historian – Pat Deal, Legislative – Thom Jester, M4L/Injured Marine Program – Bud Albright, MC Coordinating Council – Russ Eaglin, Online Newsletter – Russ Eaglin, Quartermaster – Buzz Smith, Crumbo Scholarship Fund – Pat Moriarty, Training Officer – Phil Grabman, Toys For Tots – Ernest Dillard, V.A.V.S. – Jesus Quintana, Young Marines – Jim Wade, Youth Physical Fitness – Todd Mansfield.

The Whitewater Valley Marine Corps League Detachment and Auxiliary Unit will host the Fall Conference in Richmond on October 9, 10, and 11. Hopefully, ALL Whitewater Valley Marine Corps League Auxiliary members will be available to attend!

