



Wisconsin Historians Association

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James “Mike” Rohan Wins Martha Marlow Award

Past Department Adjutant and Historian Mike Rohan was selected to receive the Martha Marlow Award for an Outstanding Historian during 2011 Midwinter. Mike's Department Narrative Book received 2nd place in the 2009 national competition.

During the move into the current headquarters building he assisted with setting up the displays in the museum. As Department Adjutant he set up additional historical displays in the headquarters building.

Mike shared copies of the Wisconsin American Legion History book with Joint Forces Commander staff and helped these leaders better understand the history and connection of the American Legion with the Wisconsin National Guard.

He spends a lot of time finding fun facts about The American Legion's history and sharing them during his classroom instruction and with whoever will listen.

WHA Meeting
Friday July 15, 2011
4:00—5:00
Ebony
Radisson Paper
Valley Hotel
Appleton, WI

History Book Contest Results

1st Place - Don Southworth

Alois Dreikosen Post 469 in Marathon

Honorable Mention:

Tim Baranzyk and Marv Seeger -
Post 416 Greendale

Tom Foseid - Post 245 Cross Plains

David Burrow - Post 35 Evansville

Martha Marlow Award

This award is presented annually to a historian who enhances the cause of the American Legion, has exceptional humanitarian qualities and makes known the patriotic nature of good citizenship.

Nominations for the 2012 award will be made at the Convention WHA meeting with the final selection at the Mid-Winter 2012 meeting.

Please plan to attend the meeting and nominate a worthy candidate for the 2012 award.

Message from Nellie DeBaker — Department Historian

This past year has been a very busy one: traveling to various functions where the State Commander was making appearances. I am working on a history book of his travels throughout Wisconsin for the past year.

Four yearbooks were submitted for competition and were judged June 11 in Portage. The results are the following: Yearbook state winner is Post 469 Marathon, Historian Donald Southworth of Marathon, Eighth District. The remaining three will receive Honorable Mention Certificates: Post 416 Greendale Post, Co-Historians Tim Baranzyk and Marv Seeger, both from Milwaukee, Fourth District; Post 245 Cross Plains, Historian Tom Foseid from Black Earth, Third District, and Post 35 Evansville, Historian David Burrow from Evansville, First District. Congratulations for submitting history books. You have made a valuable contribution to the American Legion and have left a legacy for future generations of veterans and your country. These history books will be on display at the State Convention in the American Legion Headquarters office from Thursday until noon Sunday.

Thanks to all who contacted me this past year who have sought assistance. This year included assisting with donations to the Museum at Portage and the possibility of trading items to compete sets.

My workshop at the Midwinter Conference was well-attended by historians very interested in compiling history books for the American Legion. The camaraderie was a plus among the attendees. I want to thank everyone for their hospitality this past year. I will look forward to seeing you at the State Convention in Appleton.

Message from Denise Rohan — WHA President

I can't believe how fast the last couple years have flew past. Thank you for the trust you placed in me as President of this great organization. Unfortunately, there are so many other events and trainings programs to attend during Conventions and Midwinter that our attendance at meetings hasn't been very good. If you will be at convention please plan to attend the meeting on Friday where we will be nominating and electing new officers.

If you haven't been to the Museum and Learning Center in Portage recently it's worth the trip. New custom built display shelves have been installed and several display cases are on loan from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Drive careful and see you soon, Denise Rohan, President

Agenda for Convention Meeting

Minutes from Midwinter 2011 Meeting
Reports and Updates on WHA & Museum
Election of Officers for 2011 - 2013
Martha Marlow 2012 Nominations
For the Good of the Organization