

## SAL squadron rehabs Gold Star Family's house

The American Legion | April 19, 2024

The parents of an Army staff sergeant from Malden, Ill., who was killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom have a renovated home thanks to the efforts of a nearby Sons of The American Legion squadron.

For several years, Squadron 1977 in New Lenox, Ill., has hosted an annual rib cookoff each summer, with the proceeds going to help out veterans' causes.

"Last year, we raised over \$20,000 and we bought Christmas presents for the veterans in (the Veterans' Home at Manteno, Ill.)," said squadron historian Richard McGuire. "Plus, we do a grocery run with Caring Patriots. ... All that money generated from that event goes to those types of services."



But McGuire wanted to do more.

"I've always wanted to reach out to a Gold Star Family to see if we could help out," McGuire said.

McGuire contacted Denise Williams, president of the Illinois department of American Gold Star Mothers, who connected him with the parents of Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid.

Hollinsaid was killed April 7, 2003, when the crane he was driving was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. He was 27.

"We were able to get some volunteers together and go out there in the end of September, early October, and do the yardwork for them," McGuire said.

More work on the home was delayed over the winter, with Lincoln's parents, Dan and Nancy, gone to visit family.

"That actually was a blessing in disguise because it gave me time to figure out how I was going to get volunteers, materials, and services out there to pull this off," McGuire said.

"Right after Christmas, I thought it wasn't going to happen. But things always work out. We were able to pull it off and do what we said we were going to do."

With supplies from Home Depot and John Sales & Service Plumbing, McGuire and his group of volunteers were able to rebuild three decks, install ADA-compliant toilets and handicap assistance bars, repair a water line, trim trees, and clean up landscaping at the Hollinsaid's home.

McGuire said he and the squadron are already looking for another Gold Star Family to help.

"If we find somebody that needs some assistance, we'll gladly help them again," he said.

In the meantime, Squadron 1977 will be preparing for the seventh annual rib cook-off, coming up July 13 at Post 1977.

"Through all these experiences, I've realized how lucky we are that we have people like Sgt. Hollinsaid ... how important it is that we have a strong military and how important it is that we support people that are involved in the military. This is my way of giving back," McGuire said.

# Round-Up

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## Remembering the Greatest Generation

### Guy Palombaro



**BOARDMAN** — Guy "Duke" Palombaro, 99, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Hospice House.

Born in Youngstown, March 30, 1925, Guy led a remarkable life filled with love, dedication, and service.

Growing up on Davis Street in Girard, he graduated from Girard High School. Guy courageously served his country as a Navy SEAL during WWII and the Korean War. His commitment to duty and honor was evident throughout his life.

Following his military service, Guy dedicated 33 years of his professional career to Pepsi Cola as a dedicated salesman. Outside of work, Guy found joy in spending time with his family, savoring moments together and sharing a glass of wine any moment he could. He was cherished for his warm presence and infectious laughter.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #213, along with being involved in the Boulevard Tavern and Eagles Golf Leagues. Guy forged lasting friendships and made meaningful connections.

Guy was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Frances Pauline Palombaro; the love of his life, his beloved wife, Angeline “Angie” Vecchione Palombaro, whom he married July 1, 1950, and who passed away June 9, 2019; son-in-law, Doug Cramp; brother, Albert Palombaro; and sisters, Madeline DiNardo and Mary Pasquale.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Carolyn Cramp of Poland and Mary Frances (John) DiMuzio of Boardman; grandchildren, Andrew (Tanya Cobey) Cramp, Toni (Tom) Geraghty of Cranberry, Pa., Genna Cramp, Matthew and Dominic DiMuzio; great-grandchildren, McKenna, Seamus and Conor; brothers, David “Butch” (Millie) Palombaro of Youngstown, and Raymond (Margie) Palen of Niles; sister, Diane “Dolly” (David) Leskovec of Girard; along with numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends who will carry on his legacy.

Family and friends may call 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Friday, April 19, 2024, at St. Luke Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will follow at noon.

Professional arrangements are being handled by Higgins-Reardon Funeral Homes, Poland Chapel.

### **Benjamin Orman Shaver**



Benjamin Orman Shaver, born on November 8, 1924 in Moxahala, Perry County, Ohio, peacefully passed away at the age of 99 on March 27, 2024, in Waterville, Ohio. He was a dedicated educator deeply involved in the education of young people throughout his life.

Benjamin, known as Ben, served in the Army from 1943 to 1946, stationed at the 98th Station Hospital in Chakulia, India, and the 2nd Convalescent Hospital in Calcutta, India.

After his military service, Ben got a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950 from Muskingum College and a Master of Education degree from Ohio University in 1954.

He pursued a career in education, serving as a teacher and basketball coach in Adamsville and Republic, Ohio. He later became the Superintendent of Millcreek-West Unity School District, and was the first Superintendent of Hillsdale Local Schools, and Ashland County Schools. Ben also worked as a Member Service Representative at Firelands Electric.

Throughout his career, Ben received many awards and honors. He was humbled by each recognition. A few of these awards are:

- Muskingum County Coach of the Year-1953
- Seneca County Coach of the Year-1954
- President of Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents-1967
- President of Ohio County Superintendents Association-1978
- Muskingum University Distinguished Service Award-2017

Outside of his professional life, Ben enjoyed traveling with his late wife, Alyce, whom he met at Muskingum College. They were a remarkable team who supported each other’s careers. Their great past time was exploring every continent except Australia and traveling all oceans, including the Antarctic Ocean. They were members of Jeromesville United Methodist Church and Ashland Presbyterian Church.

Benjamin Shaver is survived by his daughters, Barbara Shaver Christensen(Phil) and Karen Shaver Swinehart(Bob). He has four grandchildren Ben Swinehart(Tally), Allyson Lee (Derek), Sarah Lewis(Josh),and Jennifer Christensen(Swapnil Chaudhari). He has 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alyce Marie Cowan Shaver, his parents Samual Benjamin Shaver and Muriel Amerine, two brothers, Maurice Jay and Philip Ross, and a sister, Leona Hildred Webb.

The family suggest memorial contributions be made to Ben and Alyce Shaver Scholarships:

- Southern Perry County Academic Endowment
- Muskingum University
- Ashland County Community Foundation
- Community Foundation for Perry County at Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

A memorial service to honor and celebrate Benjamin Orman Shaver's remarkable life will be held in the future. His passion for education, dedication to his family, and love for travel will always be remembered by those whose lives he touched.

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# From the Editor

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Thanks for your continued support!

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## Robert L. Bristo

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Central National Vice-Commander

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Second Wednesday Quarterly

September 13, 2023 | December 13, 2023

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*“Do Something! If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else!”* - President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Boy did we do something! The Central region gained another 1.64% leaving us only 6,363 members shy of our 100% goal! Way to go Central Region!

Two hundred and forty-eight years ago on April 19, 1776, the first major military campaign of the US Revolutionary War occurred resulting in an American Victory. From that time forward in an Independent America has grown into the world's leading power representing fairness, equality, and freedom to all. The things we now take for granted did not come without a cost.

President Franklin Roosevelt also said... *“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them.”*

The defense of and the championing for our freedoms by our forefathers that gave us our eligibility to be members of the Sons of The American Legion; established for us long ago the need to care for and support the veterans of this country. This is our Mission; This is our Purpose!

There were some BIG moves among the detachments of the Central region in the last week! The Detachment of Kentucky awoke from their slumber to post an increase of 10.05% Way to go my Bourbon Brothers! Four other detachments added more than a point with Michigan jumping up 2.40%, Illinois with 1.89%, Ohio with 1.30% and Indiana with 1.20%. The remaining three detachments also climbed up a bit with West Virginia added .89%, Wisconsin with .79% and Minnesota with .72%!

WE ARE SO CLOSE!!! We are only 2.72% behind the Southeast Region and just barely behind the Northeast by .47%. They need to look out because we increased our lead on the Western Region by 1.30% and the Midwest by 1.30%. All detachments in the region are still above where they were last year at this time!

Please continue to send in your IRA forms and if you have not yet received your pin from a previous submittal; let me know and I will get replacement pins out right away!

My fellow members, let us continue to move forward towards our goal! Albert Einstein once said... *“Everything that exists in your life, does so because of two things: something you did or something you didn't do.”*

We DO, we Did, we WILL reach our goal!!

***“I'm the ONE, You're the ONE, BE the ONE!”***

For the Commander, **“Believe and Succeed”**

*Butch Ray, Central Region Membership Chairman*



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## John R. Cook

Northeast National Vice-Commander

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September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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## James R. Fischer

Western National Vice-Commander

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REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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What's up Westside?

Thanks again for everything you do for this great organization.

For God and Country,

*Dan Ashley, Western Region Membership Chairman*

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## Terry A. Harris

Midwest National Vice-Commander

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Fourth Wednesday Quarterly

September 27, 2023 | December 27, 2023

March 27, 2024 | June 26, 2024

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## Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

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First Wednesday Quarterly

September 6, 2023 | December 6, 2023

March 6, 2024 | June 5, 2024

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## Americanism Commission

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Chris Casey, Chairman

Third Monday Bi-Monthly

October 16, 2023 | December 18, 2023

February 19, 2024 | April 15, 2024

June 17, 2024 | August 19, 2024

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## Century Committee

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Joe Gladden, Chairman  
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly  
October 10, 2023 | December 12, 2023  
March 13, 2024 | April 9, 2024  
June 11, 2024 | August 13, 2024

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## Child Welfare Foundation Committee

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Mark Nave, Chairman  
Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly  
September 21, 2023 | November 16, 2023  
January 18, 2024 | March 21, 2024  
May 16, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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## Children & Youth Committee

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Joseph Lohman, Chairman  
Second Monday Bi-Monthly  
September 11, 2023 | November 13, 2023  
January 8, 2024 | March 11, 2024  
~~May 13, 2024~~ | July 8, 2024

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## Finance Commission

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William G. Hill, Chairman  
Third Thursday as scheduled  
September 21, 2023 | February 15, 2024  
April 18, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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## Internal Affairs Commission

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Christopher Michel, Chairman  
Fourth Thursday Bi-Monthly  
October 26, 2023 | December 28, 2023  
February 22, 2024 | April 25, 2024  
June 27, 2024 | August 22, 2024

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## Legislative Commission

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Blair Miles, Chairman  
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October 12, 2023 | December 14, 2023  
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## Member Training & Development Committee

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Michael Cotton, Chairman

First Monday Bi-Monthly

September 4, 2023 | November 6, 2023

January 1, 2024 | March 4, 2024

May 6, 2024 | July 1, 2024

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## Membership & Squadron Activities Committee

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Daryl VerStreate Jr., Chairman

Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

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## National Convention Committee

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Christopher Byrd, Chairman

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September 12 2023 | November 14, 2023

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May 14, 2024 | July 19, 2024

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## Public & Media Communications Committee

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Kevin Chaplin, Chairman

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February 27, 2024 | April 23, 2024

June 25, 2024 | August 27, 2024

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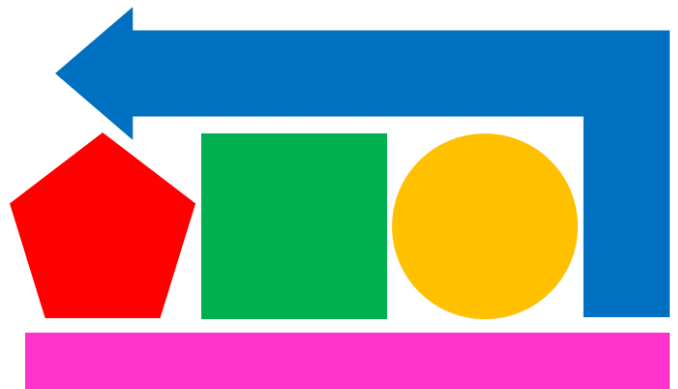
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Bruno Williamson, Chairman  
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February 12, 2024 | April 8, 2024

June 10, 2024 | August 12, 2024

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## Arizona Riders chapter donates \$40,000 to Fisher House

The American Legion | April 18, 2024

In 2017, Merrell-Mitchell American Legion Riders Chapter 39 in Gilbert, Ariz., teamed up with the CHAMP Foundation to fundraise for the Tucson Fisher House, which provides free accommodations to the families of servicemembers and veterans receiving care at military and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities throughout the world.

Each year, the fundraising effort results in between \$6,000 and \$9,000 for the Fisher House. But when Sons of The American Legion Squadron 39 member Steve Coffman was elected the Riders director two years ago, he wanted to raise more.

Coffman, a member of Squadron 39's Executive Committee, tasked Chapter 39 Ride Captain David "B" Bernheim with coming up with a new fundraising angle. Bernheim and his wife, Mary, did just that, and the results have made Coffman's wish come true.

Thanks to Bernheim's "In Their Boots" project, around \$70,000 has been raised over the past two years by Chapter 39 and members of the post's American Legion Family.

"In Their Boots" is a two-part event that starts with Chapter 39 visiting local nursing homes and assisted living facilities to visit with the veterans living there. Chapter members meet with the veterans in the morning, thanking them for their service. In the afternoon comes the walk, in which members of the chapter – many in combat boots – walk a mile around



downtown Gilbert, raising funds – and awareness for the Fisher House – along the way.

The result a year ago was \$30,000 raised, so Coffman set a goal for this year of at least matching the 2023 total. But when all was said and done, members of what Post 39 calls its Legion Family – the Riders, post, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Semper Fi Committee, and color guard – had raised between \$38,000 and \$39,000. That’s when Coffman said Past Post Commander Chris Ellis stepped up to say he’d donate the difference to make the donation total an even \$40,000.

“That blew my socks off, totally blew my socks off,” Coffman said. “I’m beyond honored. I’m so humbled to be a part of this.”

Coffman said the Riders chose Fisher House because they wanted their fundraising efforts to stay local; working with the CHAMP Foundation, a nonprofit organization created for the collection of donated monetary funds from the public to be used for an identified cause that supports veterans and their families.

“We’ve had many members who’ve had the opportunity to stay at the Fisher House. For us, it’s a local organization that needs support,” Coffman said. “We said, ‘If we’re going to raise money, we’re going to focus on those donations staying here in Arizona to benefit our active duty, our veterans, and their families. The Fisher House was an ideal combination for us, working with the CHAMP Foundation, so that we know exactly where that money is going and that it can be accounted for. Everything that we do for our veterans and our active-duty, and their families stays right here in Arizona.’”

To deliver the donation, each year the Riders contingent from Chapter 39 makes the three-day ride to Tucson, making stops at American Legion posts along the way. This year, the approximately 60 Riders included a stop at Cochise Stronghold Post 141 in Pierce, where the Riders chapter donated \$1,000. Other stops included Swift-Murphy Post 32 in Safford and at Post 24 in Tombstone before wrapping up at Post 36 in Tucson on April 14. Post 36 provided a lunch and then an escort to the Fisher House. Post 36 also donated \$2,000 in gift cards to the Fisher House.

And while the Chapter 39 Riders were still at Post 36, Riders from Post 27 in Apache Junction donated \$1,000 to the cause.

Coffman expects the chapter’s effort to continue to grow – and hopes to see it expand outward.

“This thing, this event, this idea, is gathering momentum,” he said. “During the state Riders meeting a few weeks ago, I issued a challenge to all chapters in Arizona to adopt what we’re doing here at 39. Let’s not make this a 39 event. Let’s make this a state event.

“And I would hope that other chapters across the country, not just Arizona, take up this endeavor and support their local Fisher Houses. In today’s world, they need as much money as they can get.”



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VAV Fallen Heroes Memorial Dog Tag Flag on display 4 - 5 May at the Yeager - Benson Memorial American Legion Post 199 10700 Campbell Rd. Harrison, Ohio

VAV is proud to have an opportunity to display our GWOT (Global War on Terror) Fallen Heroes Memorial at the American Legion. The memorial is made of over 7000 dog tags with all the names of those who have fallen in the War on Terror. The memorial will arrive with a motorcycle escort by Fire and Iron around 10:30am on 4 May at Yeager - Benson American Legion Post 199.

“We hope to bring awareness of the heavy price paid for this flag and to keep our country free,” says James Howard, Founder and President of VAV. “Behind each one of the 7065 dog tags is a personal story of true heroism and selfless sacrifice. We hope our memorial provides an opportunity for visitors to honor, reflect, and heal. To remember all those who gave their lives defending this great country in the War on Terror.”

Veterans & Athletes United (VAV) is an all-volunteer veterans 501c3 non-profit organization. We provide many programs that support veterans with disabilities of all generations. The second part of our mission is to honor all the fallen heroes from the war on terror. We completed our VAV Fallen Heroes Memorial in 2018. The memorial takes the form of the American flag when draped on a fallen service members casket, standing 6 feet tall and 28 feet wide. It has fifty gold stars honoring gold star families nationwide. It has traveled to 100+ locations nationwide since 2018. We use all proceeds from its travel to support gold star family organizations and the GWOT Memorial Foundations mission to build a national memorial in DC. More details can be found at this link [www.vetsau.com/memorial](http://www.vetsau.com/memorial)

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## Eugene Doffin, Jr.



It is with a heavy heart that our beloved Eugene Doffin, Jr., age 66 passed Sunday, April 14, 2024 surrounded by family and loved ones in Crown Point. He is survived by his children: Eugene (Leann) Doffin, David Doffin, Steve (Rachelle) Doffin and Nick Doffin. His siblings: Mary Doffin-Syler, Denise (Grant) Petzinger and Suzanne (Richard) Knopf; and 4 grandchildren. Preceded in death by his loving parents: Eugene and Donna Doffin, and his brother Mark Doffin.

Eugene enjoyed fishing, music, hunting, and building cars; However, he enjoyed being with his family the most. He retired from USS. He was also a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 20, Crown Point. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends are invited to meet with the family on Monday, April 22, 2024 from 10:00- 1:00 p.m. at Calumet Park Funeral Chapel, 7535 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN, with funeral services following. Interment will be held at Calumet Park Cemetery. For information, call (219) 736-5840 or: [www.mycalumetpark.com](http://www.mycalumetpark.com).

## Albert John Diechler Jr.



It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Albert John Diechler Jr., a devoted husband, loving father, and loving son. Al was born on July

4, 1965, in [Bethpage, New York](#), and departed from this world on April 15, 2024 in Saint Louis, Missouri

Al is survived by his wife Maxine, son Jonathan and mother Frances. Al dedicated his life to caring for his family, helping anyone that needed help. Al was the Detachment (Sons) Commander of the American Legion for the State of New York 2006-2007. He loved helping Veterans and enjoyed traveling the

State of New York meeting and greeting all the Veterans during his tenure. He loved hunting and anything to do with the outdoors. In honoring Al's life, a memorial service will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024, at Greenlawn Funeral Home located at 708 State Highway 248, [Branson, MO](#) 65616 at 1:00 pm.

Friends and Family are invited to pay their respects and celebrate the life of Al who brought joy and warmth to those around him. Al will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He will be forever in our Hearts.

If you cannot attend or do not live close by the Memorial Service is being live streamed. The link is below:

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

If you would like to see Round-Up continue, please consider making a donation to offset expenses.

*Thank you!*

Jeff Vrabel Sr  
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There are afternoon and evening virtual classes scheduled, as well as opportunities for in-person training at Spring Meetings, National Convention, Fall Meetings and at other times. [Learn more and register for a session at this link.](#) The page will be regularly updated as more classes are scheduled.

This valuable, life-saving training takes less time than it does to watch a movie, take in a baseball game, or wait in line at the DMV.

It's just 90 minutes. An hour and a half that can save a life and change a life. Join me and sign up now.

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Department of Indiana Legion College Students took part in a Be the One training session developed by the Columbia Lighthouse Project on Thursday, April 4.

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## Sign up for suicide prevention training

April 17, 2024

Dear American Legion Family members  
and friends,

The American Legion saves lives and changes lives. You may have heard me say that during a visit to a post or department, during an interview with media or elsewhere.

Nothing — absolutely nothing — is more important to The American Legion, or me personally, than our mission to save veterans on the edge of suicide. [Be the One](#) has helped elevate this conversation to a national level. Now more people than ever before are receiving the mental health counseling they need.

It's working. But we can do more.

That is why The American Legion has partnered with Columbia University to host free training classes that provide the tools we need to safely intervene when a veteran is demonstrating troubling signs.



## American Legion animated stickers available on GIPHY

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The American Legion National Headquarters has published a set of animated stickers for the GIPHY app that are available on Apple Store and Google Play. The stickers are a collection of animated versions of brandmarks and wordmarks for The American Legion, Legion Riders, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Be the One that can be accessed and used in texts, social media posts,

and anyplace where you can access GIPHY stickers.

Stickers can be added to reels and stories on Facebook and Instagram. Once you've created a reel or story post and uploaded an image or video, tap the "Stickers" icon (a square with a peeled back corner and a smiley face). Tap the search bar and search "American Legion" to find the entire collection.

Stickers can also be used in Instagram and Facebook private messages and comments on posts. The stickers are also available directly from the website – [giphy.com](https://giphy.com) – and can be accessed for text and email via the GIPHY plug-in.

More stickers will become available later this summer to celebrate American Legion youth programs and the 105th National Convention in New Orleans.



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## THIRSTY THURSDAY

Back by popular demand, Thirsty Thursday will be going on at the Spring NEC meeting. For those of you who went last year, this was a great night for everyone to get together and just relax, sing a couple of songs, have a few beverages, and just have a real good time. The AMVETS facility is first class, and the service is top notch.

Below is the information on the AMVETS. Who wouldn't want to drive 9 or 10 hours, get up at 3:00 AM to get a flight or travel 1,000 miles to Indy and hang out with Cliff Smith for the evening. Well, I guess that is about the most stupid statement to make (just me being me).

Seriously, last year we had about fifty SAL members attend. If you have some new people coming out for the first time, this is a great way to introduce them to people from all over the country. For most of us, Thursday is the only night to let the hair down and cut a little loose, because starting Friday morning up to Sunday, there is a lot of serious business to take care of.

Hope to see many of you there.

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

Post opens at noon, DJ at 7:00 p.m.

AMVETS 99 Louie V Hider  
2840 Lafayette Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46222  
Phone: (317) 923-9403

Food will be available for purchase





The American Legion Band of the Tonawandas competes in the band contest at the 103rd National Convention in Milwaukee in 2022.

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## ‘Everyone loves a good competition, right?’

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The American Legion has featured, in some form, a National Concert Band Contest since the 3rd National Convention in 1921 and a National Color Guard Contest since the 11th National Convention in 1929. Applications are currently open for the contests at this year’s convention in New Orleans – deadlines are April 26 for concert bands and July 26 for color guards.

Post units who have never competed at the national convention are always welcome – information on rules and categories, as well as applications, is available at [legion.org/convention/contests](https://legion.org/convention/contests) – but some have been traveling to the contests for years or even decades. Among these are the American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, sponsored by Post 264 in Tonawanda, N.Y., and the Newport Harbor American Legion Post 291 Color Guard of Newport Beach, Calif. The band has been American Legion champion 22 times, most recently in 2019; the color guard is also a multiple-time champion, most recently in 2023, and will serve in New Orleans as the National Commander’s Color Guard, the prerogative of the champion. Representatives from both units spoke with The American Legion about how they do it year after year, and how units thinking of taking the plunge can set themselves up for success.

### **How long has your group been competing?**

**Dave Abrahamian, band president and Squadron 264 member:** The band was formed in 1929 by World War I veterans and Post 264 members. Currently 80 members at full strength, we draw our membership from a broad cross-section of western New Yorkers. The members have diverse

occupations and backgrounds. A large number are instrumental music educators, graduates, or students of university music programs. Membership is open to all based upon placement evaluation and section vacancies. None of the musicians are compensated.

We rehearse and perform year-round. Formal concerts are performed between the months of September and June in area schools and theaters, and concerts and parades during the remaining months of the year throughout western New York and Ontario. We have been New York State American Legion Senior Band champion almost continuously since 1947; American Legion Senior Band National Champion in 1972-1973, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2019; and Canadian National Exhibition International Band Champion on six occasions. We have and always will stand ready to aid in any worthwhile community function and uphold the great tradition of The American Legion.

**Brian Fleming Jr., honor/color guard commander and post first vice commander:** Our team has been competing in the national competitions since 2012. The first two years were commanded by my predecessor, Al Hoyo. In 2014 I assumed responsibility as commander of the team, and in 2015 our team brought home our very first first-place trophy.

### **What is the timeline, from decision to commitment to prep?**

**Abrahamian:** The band votes on the opportunity and thereby makes a commitment to attend. There are sign-up sheets, logistics and cost estimates. Many years ago, we were able to raise the funds required to attend this event – that is no longer true. The funding the band is able to raise now is capable of funding maybe half the transportation and housing costs. The band members must cover the remainder if they wish to attend.

When a trip becomes too expensive, we may not be able to attend because the burden on our members becomes too great and we would lose too many. The expense of attending this event has increased far more than our ability to keep up with rising transportation, housing, and logistics expenses. However, the National Concert Band Contest is a season highlight we look forward to participating in when we are able.

**Fleming:** In January, we begin our discussions about who will be returning to the competition team for the upcoming year. By the end of February, those who have committed to the team begin practicing and creating our new routine for the year. This timeline gives us four months to practice for preparation to participate at the department level, and six months to prepare for the national convention competition.

***How do you recruit? Is it just within your post family? What is the turnover rate?***

**Abrahamian:** We draw from quite a wide area. We recruit from high school and college bands for openings; after shadowing, they will audition if they feel ready for it. Turnover is not very high – they enjoy what the band does, what it represents.

**Fleming:** We recruit members for the competition team directly from our post honor guard/color guard teams. We require a full commitment to the team at the post first, and if a member presents an interest to the competition team, they are encouraged to join us in our practices and get put on a waiting list until a position is vacated and needs to be filled. All members of our team are Legionnaires. On average, we lose one team member a year due to various reasons.

***How much of a weekly commitment is it?***

**Abrahamian:** Selected pieces become part of concert repertoire (the summer season ends soon before the convention), so people are used to it. We announce our pieces when we reach the convention city; the rules are one march and two contrasting pieces.

**Fleming:** Our team practices once a week for two hours starting at the end of February.

***What are the costs, and how do you raise money for them?***

**Abrahamian:** Performers raise funds, and we have fundraising activities like a donation drive.

**Fleming:** The costs could get pretty extensive, depending on your teams' obligations year over year. The two main expenses that could get to be a concern are the airfare and travel costs, and the cost of hotel rooms. Our team is very fortunate that it is written into the annual budget to have funds set aside to ensure we can go compete.

***Why do you keep coming back?***

**Abrahamian:** The contest offers a platform for growth. We support the Legion, honor, and entertain, showcase our talents, get meaningful feedback from well-known judges, and leave our best performance on the stage.

**Fleming:** Everyone loves a good competition, right?

There are a handful of reasons we continue competing. The cohesiveness it builds within our own team back home; the comradery it provides by engaging with other teams across the nation; and the exposure we get to the overall American Legion, much further than just our own post. And never to overlook the pride that is displayed throughout our department, district, and post. (And, of course, all the pretty trophies we keep bringing back home.)

***Do you have any advice for new units looking to commit to their first competition?***

**Abrahamian:** Remember that there are two categories: competition and exhibition. Remember that you have to fund it. And remember that you can get feedback and support the Legion.

In order for an organization to form a concert band, the following instrumentation should be represented in the areas of woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Woodwind: flutes, piccolo, oboes, bassoons, clarinets (and clarinet family). Brass: trumpets, French horns, trombones, euphoniums, tubas. Percussion: snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, timpani, mallet instruments. You can see that it is not such a simple task to find accomplished personnel in all these areas.

**Fleming:** Come out and participate! Use YouTube videos of previous years' competitions to get familiar with how other teams perform. Get contact information for teams that have competed in the past and talk about previous experiences. And practice, practice, practice.

**Know the early signs of Parkinson's**

The American Legion | April 16, 2024

April is [Parkinson's Awareness Month](#), with a focus on education regarding the symptoms of Parkinson's and how to address them.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological disorder; 1 million Americans and 10 million worldwide are

living with the disease, which has no cure but can be managed through treatment and care. More than 110,000 veterans with Parkinson's receive treatment through the VA. Parkinson's is the second most common neurodegenerative disease behind Alzheimer's, with 90,000 new cases diagnosed in the U.S. each year.

While Parkinson's was not added to the list of presumptive conditions covered by the PACT Act, the legislation did expand the number of presumptive locations for exposure to Agent Orange. Parkinson's and [Parkinsonism](#) are considered presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure.

Parkinson's is also among the presumptive conditions for veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, covered by the Camp Lejeune Justice Act. And Parkinson's and Parkinsonism are recognized as secondary conditions to service-connected moderate or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The Parkinson's Foundation has a website dedicated to resources for veterans and their loved ones at [Parkinson.org/Veterans](#). The VA's dedicated Parkinson's website is [Parkinsons.VA.gov](#).

### Early signs and symptoms

The Parkinson's Foundation notes [10 early signs](#) that might indicate someone has Parkinson's:

- Tremors
- Small handwriting
- Loss of smell
- Trouble sleeping
- Trouble moving or walking
- Constipation
- Soft or low voice
- Facial masking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Stooping or hunching over

If you have more than one of these signs, you should consider talking to your doctor, the Parkinson's Foundation noted.

Primary movement symptoms of Parkinson's include bradykinesia, or slowness of movement; tremor; and rigidity. Non-movement symptoms can impact mental health, thinking changes, digestive and sensory issues.

## Sports



### Legion racing car goes 'Unfrosted'

The American Legion | April 17, 2024

The American Legion and Chip Ganassi Racing are promoting Netflix's upcoming comedy film "Unfrosted," directed by and starring Jerry Seinfeld.

Rookie Linus Lundqvist will drive the No. 8 American Legion Chip Ganassi Racing Honda during Sunday's Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. The car will sport a special "Unfrosted" paint scheme that is the texture of an unfrosted Pop-Tart along with images of Seinfeld and some cast members.

The partnership will help broaden the reach of [Be the One](#), The American Legion's primary mission, which aims to reduce the number of veterans lost to suicide.

"We are honored that Jerry Seinfeld, the 'Unfrosted' team, Chip Ganassi and others are supporting this mission," said Dean Kessel, chief marketing officer of The American Legion. "We've witnessed and heard stories of how Be the One has literally saved the lives of veterans and active-duty servicemembers who were in crisis. Our desire is to continue to reinforce the Be the One message and this unique collaboration has the ability to further amplify and extend our mission to additional audiences."

Chip Ganassi, owner of Chip Ganassi Racing, agreed. "It is great to have an opportunity to partner with a brand like Netflix through our relationship with The American Legion on a fun project like this," he said. "Jerry Seinfeld and his brand of comedy are known by everyone and his love for cars is legendary. It will be fun to put those two passions together on the racetrack with a car that promotes 'Unfrosted.'"

Seinfeld has been thinking about the Pop-Tart for a long time. With “Unfrosted,” he’s now sharing that vibe with the world. The movie is set in Michigan in 1963, the year before Pop-Tarts hit grocery store shelves as milk and cereal ruled breakfast.

“Making a movie about Pop-Tarts has led to so many wonderful, unexpected surprises, and as a car guy, I honestly cannot believe our film’s logo will be on an INDYCAR entry this weekend,” said Seinfeld who directs, co-writes, and stars in the new film. “I am grateful to Chip Ganassi Racing for making this happen, and honored to be affiliated with The American Legion and the work they do to support American veterans.”

The film will be released on Netflix on May 3.

## ALWS home field getting upgrades

Judy Gaultney | April 19, 2024

For two weeks in February and early March, the American Legion World Series home was crawling with trucks, graders, and specialized equipment, sometimes from early morning into the evening hours.

Workers at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C., literally skinned the dirt off the base paths, the pitcher’s mound and home plate and replaced it with a tailored combination of sand, silt, and clay.

The result is a safer and highly playable surface that requires less maintenance than the previous soil.

DuraEdge Products Inc., of Grove City, Pa., brought in 125 tons of materials to upgrade the infield.



Workers scrape excess dirt from the infield at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C.

Hal Hastings

Installer Nolan Thomas and Co. of Oxford, N.C., spent the first eight hours measuring and entering data into a computer-aided design (CAD) system. Then they removed excess dirt and laser-graded each area before adding the corky new playing surface. They gave special attention to home plate and the pitcher’s mound with additional products that prevent the formation of trenches where players dig in for their best stances.

DuraEdge Products evaluates each field for its soil content and factors in climate before recommending a tailored combination of infield mix and outlining a maintenance program to sustain it. The clay is from western Pennsylvania and proponents say it is more consistent in the way it handles moisture than clay from other locations. The maintenance program is driven by moisture management.

“This field could last 10-20 years with the proper upkeep,” said Luke Yoder, senior vice president of business development for DuraEdge and a former groundskeeper for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the San Diego Padres.

Since teams play at least 80 games a year on Veterans Field, Yoder recommends that it be laser graded once a year to maintain the quality.

“There are three authorized installers in your area, so maintaining positive surface drainage won’t be a problem,” Yoder said.

DuraEdge spent three hours teaching the maintenance guidelines to Shelby High School baseball officials, Cleveland County American Legion Baseball officials and members of the field crew for the American Legion World Series.

“Your teams are playing on a big-league surface,” Yoder said. “Eighty-six percent of MLB teams play on DuraEdge. Of the 120 minor league teams, 105 play on DuraEdge. There is a lot of science behind what we do. There is nobody else in our industry that provides specific engineered soils for ballfields.”

In January 2024, DuraEdge announced a partnership with Minor League Baseball that made DuraEdge the “official infield mix, mound clay, top-dressing and warning track materials of MiLB.”

The infield project at Keeter Stadium came in at approximately \$69,000 and qualified for the specifications listed in a 2023 grant from the N.C. Department of Commerce.



In other turf news, Leif Hamrick, owner of Foothills Sportsturf Inc., reported in March that the rye grass was growing in, and he had applied fertilizer with a pre-emergent herbicide for the weeds. He had scheduled a liquid fertilizer application for late April, in time for the April 30 Wake Forest-Appalachian State game on the field.

Even with the heavy use, Hamrick believes no major work will be needed on Veterans Field for at least three years.

“Providing a safe, first-class experience for the teams making their way to Keeter Stadium from across the nation to compete in the ALWS has been and always will be our No. 1 goal,” said Daniel Sherman, project coordinator for Cleveland County Schools and a dedicated member of the ALWS field crew. “The addition of the DuraEdge infield skin and clay products will not only raise the bar for safety and quality but also provide a more manageable surface for the field crew to maintain. I look forward to working with these products to provide the players with a professional experience when they earn the right to compete on Veterans Field.”

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### Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant)

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



## 2024 SAL 90% Target Date Membership Report: April 10, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 90% TARGET 4/10/2024	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	LATIN AMERICA	33	-7	37	112.12%	62.50
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-324	1,774	110.12%	90.23
3	HAWAII	120	-24	132	110.00%	89.92
4	PUERTO RICO	156	-30	170	108.97%	98.04
5	FLORIDA	23,066	-2,499	23,258	100.83%	82.16
6	WISCONSIN	4,398	-476	4,434	100.82%	87.78
7	RHODE ISLAND	348	-36	349	100.29%	84.90
8	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-160	1,573	100.19%	82.33
9	IDAHO	659	-63	656	99.54%	72.52
10	NEW MEXICO	1,582	-145	1,569	99.18%	75.70
11	DIST OF COL	91	-8	90	98.90%	87.50
12	FRANCE	168	-14	165	98.21%	85.54
13	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-132	1,810	97.05%	83.46
14	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-75	1,042	96.93%	86.06
15	ARIZONA	8,595	-580	8,315	96.74%	78.17
16	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-359	5,783	95.95%	83.37
17	MARYLAND	16,803	-978	16,101	95.82%	85.62
18	OREGON	1,534	-85	1,466	95.57%	77.81
19	MICHIGAN	26,236	-1,239	24,851	94.72%	83.54
20	IOWA	4,914	-230	4,653	94.69%	85.37
21	NEW YORK	30,663	-1,391	28,988	94.54%	85.36
22	ILLINOIS	13,716	-605	12,949	94.41%	86.01
23	OHIO	31,690	-1,361	29,882	94.29%	85.57
24	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-117	2,610	94.22%	75.94
25	NEW JERSEY	9,662	-369	9,065	93.82%	82.78
26	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	-2,123	58,594	93.38%	85.68
27	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	-76	2,410	92.94%	79.54
28	MINNESOTA	11,435	-331	10,622	92.89%	85.05
29	MISSISSIPPI	736	-21	683	92.80%	78.83
30	VIRGINIA	4,367	-103	4,033	92.35%	78.13
31	WASHINGTON	2,682	-62	2,476	92.32%	71.53
32	DELAWARE	2,596	-60	2,396	92.30%	81.01
33	TEXAS	5,783	-121	5,326	92.10%	77.10
34	INDIANA	37,244	-763	34,283	92.05%	83.76
35	WYOMING	1,248	-25	1,148	91.99%	80.19
36	KANSAS	6,055	-107	5,556	91.76%	83.46
37	VERMONT	3,920	-64	3,592	91.63%	84.24
38	NEBRASKA	6,992	-104	6,397	91.49%	86.31
39	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	-70	4,959	91.29%	80.66
40	TENNESSEE	1,792	-21	1,634	91.18%	74.42
41	ALABAMA	2,100	-23	1,913	91.10%	77.82
42	COLORADO	2,952	-31	2,688	91.06%	76.55
43	MAINE	2,757	-26	2,507	90.93%	79.76
44	LOUISIANA	1,821	-7	1,646	90.39%	82.48
45	UTAH	460	2	412	89.57%	74.55
46	ALASKA	1,740	11	1,555	89.37%	73.04
47	CALIFORNIA	11,292	127	10,036	88.88%	75.10
48	GEORGIA	4,887	72	4,326	88.52%	75.94
49	MISSOURI	3,337	115	2,888	86.54%	76.52
50	ARKANSAS	406	16	349	85.96%	68.63
51	MONTANA	1,091	64	918	84.14%	78.62
52	OKLAHOMA	1,430	103	1,184	82.80%	64.36
53	KENTUCKY	2,399	369	1,790	74.61%	63.05
54	NEVADA	387	65	283	73.13%	61.71
55	PHILIPPINES	79	26	45	56.96%	54.43
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>382,111</b>	<b>-14,471</b>	<b>358,371</b>	<b>93.79%</b>	<b>83.02</b>



## 2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LATIN AMERICA	33	37	112.12%
HAWAII	120	132	110.00%
IDAHO	659	656	99.54%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	1,569	99.18%
ARIZONA	8,595	8,315	96.74%
OREGON	1,534	1,466	95.57%
WASHINGTON	2,682	2,476	92.32%
WYOMING	1,248	1,148	91.99%
COLORADO	2,952	2,688	91.06%
UTAH	460	412	89.57%
ALASKA	1,740	1,555	89.37%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	10,036	88.88%
MONTANA	1,091	918	84.14%
NEVADA	387	283	73.13%
PHILIPPINES	79	45	56.96%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>34,454</b>	<b>31,736</b>	<b>92.11%</b>

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,774	110.12%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	1,042	96.93%
IOWA	4,914	4,653	94.69%
KANSAS	6,055	5,556	91.76%
NEBRASKA	6,992	6,397	91.49%
MISSOURI	3,337	2,888	86.54%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	1,184	82.80%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>23,494</b>	<b>92.45%</b>

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
RHODE ISLAND	348	349	100.29%
DIST OF COL	91	90	98.90%
FRANCE	168	165	98.21%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	1,810	97.05%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	5,783	95.95%
MARYLAND	16,803	16,101	95.82%
NEW YORK	30,663	28,988	94.54%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	9,065	93.82%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	58,594	93.38%
DELAWARE	2,596	2,396	92.30%
VERMONT	3,920	3,592	91.63%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	4,959	91.29%
MAINE	2,757	2,507	90.93%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>134,399</b>	<b>93.93%</b>

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	156	170	108.97%
FLORIDA	23,066	23,258	100.83%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,573	100.19%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	2,610	94.22%
MISSISSIPPI	736	683	92.80%
VIRGINIA	4,367	4,033	92.35%
TEXAS	5,783	5,326	92.10%
TENNESSEE	1,792	1,634	91.18%
ALABAMA	2,100	1,913	91.10%
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,646	90.39%
GEORGIA	4,887	4,326	88.52%
ARKANSAS	406	349	85.96%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>47,521</b>	<b>96.09%</b>

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	4,434	100.82%
MICHIGAN	26,236	24,851	94.72%
ILLINOIS	13,716	12,949	94.41%
OHIO	31,690	29,882	94.29%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	2,410	92.94%
MINNESOTA	11,435	10,622	92.89%
INDIANA	37,244	34,283	92.05%
KENTUCKY	2,399	1,790	74.61%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>129,711</b>	<b>121,221</b>	<b>93.45%</b>

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04/18/24		NATIONAL   Donald "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)   National Commander						
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Southeast 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	49,454	48,372	(1,082)	97.81%	271			
2 Northeast 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	143,078	136,729	(6,349)	95.56%	606			
3 Central 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	129,711	123,348	(6,363)	95.09%	809			
4 Western 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	34,454	32,613	(1,841)	94.66%	290			
5 Midwest 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	25,414	23,836	(1,578)	93.79%	68			
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>364,898</b>	<b>(17,213)</b>	<b>95.50%</b>	<b>2,044</b>			

04/18/24		CENTRAL REGION   Robert L. Bristo (MN)   National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	4,398	4,469	71	101.61%	21	6	88.24%	04/10/24	
2 Michigan 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	26,236	25,480	(756)	97.12%	287	19	85.46%		
3 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	13,716	13,208	(508)	96.30%	98	21	87.48%		
4 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	31,690	30,292	(1,398)	95.59%	239	23	86.51%		
5 West Virginia 1, 5, 6, 7	2,593	2,433	(160)	93.83%	1	31	80.01%		
6 Minnesota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	11,435	10,704	(731)	93.61%	15	33	85.62%		
7 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	37,244	34,731	(2,513)	93.25%	146	35	84.68%		
8 Kentucky 1, 4	2,399	2,031	(368)	84.66%	2	52	70.95%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>129,711</b>	<b>123,348</b>	<b>(6,363)</b>	<b>95.09%</b>	<b>809</b>				

04/18/24		WESTERN REGION   James A. Fischer Sr. (CA)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Latin America 4, 6, 10	33	37	4	112.12%	-	1	62.50%	03/27/24	03/27/24	
2 Hawai'i 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	120	132	12	110.00%	-	4	89.92%	02/05/24	03/07/24	
3 Arizona 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	8,595	8,695	100	101.16%	124	8	81.35%	04/18/24		
4 New Mexico 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,582	1,598	16	101.01%	24	10	77.03%	04/18/24		
5 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	659	660	1	100.15%	4	11	72.97%	04/18/24		
6 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,534	1,510	(24)	98.44%	11	14	79.88%			
7 Wyoming 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,248	1,185	(63)	94.95%	26	27	82.27%			
8 Washington 4, 5, 7, 8	2,682	2,492	(190)	92.92%	1	39	71.83%			
9 Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,952	2,701	(251)	91.50%	5	44	76.92%			
10 California 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,292	10,324	(968)	91.43%	65	45	76.73%			
11 Alaska 3, 7	1,740	1,587	(153)	91.21%	13	46	74.24%			
12 Utah 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	460	419	(41)	91.09%	6	47	75.00%			
13 Montana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,091	934	(157)	85.61%	10	51	79.37%			
14 Nevada 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	387	294	(93)	75.97%	1	54	64.48%			
15 Philippines	79	45	(34)	56.96%	-	45	54.43%			
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>34,454</b>	<b>32,613</b>	<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>94.66%</b>	<b>290</b>					

04/18/24		SOUTHEAST REGION   Linwood A. Moore (VA)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	156	173	17	110.90%	3	2	98.04%	03/04/24	03/21/24	
2 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	23,066	23,683	617	102.67%	425	5	83.40%			
3 South Carolina 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,570	1,591	21	101.34%	18	7	83.17%			
4 Texas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,783	5,513	(270)	95.33%	187	24	79.55%			
5 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,770	2,632	(138)	95.02%	22	26	76.33%			
6 Mississippi 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	736	691	(45)	93.89%	8	30	79.37%			
7 Virginia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,367	4,068	(299)	93.15%	35	36	78.74%			
8 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,100	1,955	(145)	93.10%	42	37	79.50%			
9 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,821	1,683	(138)	92.42%	37	42	84.43%			
10 Tennessee 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,792	1,648	(144)	91.96%	14	43	74.99%			
11 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,887	4,381	(506)	89.65%	55	48	76.80%			
12 Arkansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	406	354	(52)	87.19%	5	50	69.61%			
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>48,372</b>	<b>(1,082)</b>	<b>97.81%</b>	<b>111</b>					

04/18/24		MIDWEST REGION   Terry A. Harris (KS)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,611	1,775	1,777	110.18%	-	3	90.23%	02/22/24	03/18/24	
2 North Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,075	1,052	(23)	97.86%	-	16	86.37%			
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,914	4,744	(170)	96.54%	14	20	86.86%			
4 Kansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6,055	5,605	(450)	92.57%	19	40	84.07%			
5 Nebraska 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6,992	6,468	(524)	92.51%	29	41	87.07%			
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,337	2,984	(353)	89.42%	2	49	79.13%			
7 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,430	1,206	(224)	84.34%	2	53	65.08%			
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>23,834</b>	<b>(1,580)</b>	<b>93.78%</b>	<b>66</b>					

04/18/24		NORTHEAST REGION   John R. Cook (NH)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Rhode Island 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	348	352	4	101.15%	1	9		04/04/24		
2 Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,865	1,845	(20)	98.93%	23	12	84.95%			
3 Dist. of Columbia 4, 7, 8	91	90	(1)	98.90%	-	13	87.50%			
4 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	168	165	(3)	98.21%	-	15	85.54%			
5 Maryland 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	16,803	16,351	(452)	97.31%	67	17	86.74%			
6 New Hampshire 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6,027	5,861	(166)	97.25%	27	18	84.19%			
7 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,663	29,444	(1,219)	96.02%	64	22	86.57%			
8 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	62,746	59,737	(3,009)	95.20%	235	25	87.12%			
9 New Jersey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	9,662	9,135	(527)	94.55%	15	28	83.30%			
10 Delaware 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,596	2,438	(158)	93.91%	23	29	82.23%			
11 Maine 5, 6, 7, 8	2,757	2,584	(173)	93.73%	7	32	81.82%			
12 Massachusetts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,432	5,084	(348)	93.59%	107	34	82.62%			
13 Vermont 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,920	3,643	(277)	92.93%	37	38	85.38%			
<b>TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>136,729</b>	<b>(6,349)</b>	<b>95.56%</b>	<b>582</b>					

04/18/24		2024 SUPER SIX STANDINGS								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	23,066	23,683	617	102.67%	176	5	83.40%			
2 Michigan 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	26,236	25,480	(756)	97.12%	287	19	85.46%			
3 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,663	29,444	(1,219)	96.02%	64	22	86.57%			
4 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	31,690	30,292	(1,398)	95.59%	239	23	86.51%			
5 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	62,746	59,737	(3,009)	95.20%	235	25	87.12%			
6 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	37,244	34,731	(2,513)	93.25%	146	35	84.68%			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>211,645</b>	<b>203,367</b>	<b>(8,278)</b>	<b>96.09%</b>	<b>1,147</b>					

<b>National Totals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>364,898</b>	<b>(17,213)</b>	<b>95.50%</b>	<b>2,044</b>		<b>84.31%</b>		
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04/18/24		2024 LEADERSHIP STANDINGS								
Detachment	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Leading Candidate Navaratte	New Mexico	1,582	1,598	16	101.01%	10	77.03%	04/18/24		
2 Commander Hall	Maryland	16,351	16,284	(67)	99.59%	17	86.74%			
3 Vice-Commander Cook	New Hampshire	6,027	5,861	(166)	97.25%	18	84.19%			
4 Trailing Candidate Clancy	New York	30,663	29,444	(1,219)	96.02%	22	86.57%			
5 Vice-Commander Bristo	Minnesota	11,435	10,704	(731)	93.61%	33	85.62%			
6 Vice-Commander Moore	Virginia	4,367	4,068	(299)	93.15%	36	78.74%			
7 Vice-Commander Harris	Kansas	6,055	5,605	(450)	92.57%	40	84.07%			
8 Vice-Commander Fischer	California	11,292	10,324	(968)	91.43%	45	76.73%			



2024 National Membership Target Dates			
1 September 13, 2023	10%	6 ♥ February 14, 2024 ♥	75%
2 October 18, 2023	25%	7 March 13, 2024	80%
3 November 15, 2023	35%	8 April 10, 2024	90%
4 December 13, 2023	45%	9 May 15, 2024	100%
5 January 18, 2024	60%	10 July 24, 2024 (DSTG)	105%



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Detachment	2023 Donations (revised-final)	2023 Membership (final)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,077	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 253.00	12.2%	\$ 0.12
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,767	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 103.00	5.8%	\$ 0.06
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,625	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 59,791.00	693.2%	\$ 6.93
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	405	\$ 405.00	\$ 600.00	148.1%	\$ 1.48
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,362	\$ 11,362.00	\$ 2,583.00	22.7%	\$ 0.23
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,985	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 16,892.49	565.9%	\$ 5.66
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 2,100.00	81.8%	\$ 0.82
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,326	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 19,031.00	81.6%	\$ 0.82
FR - FRANCE	\$ 400.00	166	\$ 166.00	\$ 250.00	150.6%	\$ 1.51
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,860	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 730.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	661	\$ 661.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,561	\$ 13,561.00	\$ 4,184.00	30.9%	\$ 0.31
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,477	\$ 36,477.00	\$ 1,900.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,900	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 955.38	19.5%	\$ 0.19
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,957	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 852.00	14.3%	\$ 0.14
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,378	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 500.00	21.0%	\$ 0.21
LT - LATIN AMERICA	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 1,973.00	110.0%	\$ 1.10
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,757	\$ 2,757.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,708	\$ 16,708.00	\$ 2,934.00	17.6%	\$ 0.18
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,372	\$ 5,372.00	\$ 5,876.29	109.4%	\$ 1.09
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,275	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 8,319.00	31.7%	\$ 0.32
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,311	\$ 11,311.00	\$ 7,855.50	69.5%	\$ 0.69
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	730	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,291.26	176.9%	\$ 1.77
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,368	\$ 3,368.00	\$ 250.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,071	\$ 1,071.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,926	\$ 6,926.00	\$ 5,565.00	80.3%	\$ 0.80
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,837.00	971.4%	\$ 9.71
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,154	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 3,445.82	56.0%	\$ 0.56
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,885	\$ 9,885.00	\$ 6,838.00	69.2%	\$ 0.69
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 4,930.00	1,642	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 1,100.00	67.0%	\$ 0.67
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,695	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 4,936.00	16.1%	\$ 0.16
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,720	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 3,515.50	129.2%	\$ 1.29
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,419	\$ 31,419.00	\$ 19,659.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,541	\$ 1,541.00	\$ 2,257.00	146.5%	\$ 1.46
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,403	\$ 62,403.00	\$ 25,894.77	41.5%	\$ 0.41
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	348	\$ 348.00	\$ 650.00	186.8%	\$ 1.87
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,578	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,407.00	152.5%	\$ 1.53
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 100.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,769	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 4,811.60	272.0%	\$ 2.72
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,669.14	5,769	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 9,640.00	167.1%	\$ 1.67
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,874	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 1,575.00	40.7%	\$ 0.41
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,384	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 14,284.46	325.8%	\$ 3.26
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,702	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 60.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,603	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 5,325.00	204.6%	\$ 2.05
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,358	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 907.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,236	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 875.00	70.8%	\$ 0.71
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 425,060.55</b>	<b>380,743</b>	<b>\$ 380,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 258,760.07</b>	<b>68.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>



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Detachment	2023 Donations (revised-final)	2023 Membership (final)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>						
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,867	\$ 1,867.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ 2,100.00	81.8%	\$ 0.82
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 400.00	166	\$ 166.00	\$ 250.00	150.6%	\$ 1.51
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,757	\$ 2,757.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,708	\$ 16,708.00	\$ 2,934.00	17.6%	\$ 0.18
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,372	\$ 5,372.00	\$ 5,876.29	109.4%	\$ 1.09
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,154	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 3,445.82	56.0%	\$ 0.56
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,885	\$ 9,885.00	\$ 6,898.00	69.2%	\$ 0.69
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,695	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 4,936.00	16.1%	\$ 0.16
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,403	\$ 62,403.00	\$ 25,894.77	41.5%	\$ 0.41
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	348	\$ 348.00	\$ 650.00	186.8%	\$ 1.87
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,874	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 1,575.00	40.7%	\$ 0.41
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 88,498.50</b>	<b>142,883</b>	<b>\$ 142,883.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,499.88</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>\$ 0.38</b>

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<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>						
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,561	\$ 13,561.00	\$ 4,184.00	30.9%	\$ 0.31
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,477	\$ 36,477.00	\$ 1,900.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,378	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 500.00	21.0%	\$ 0.21
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,275	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 8,319.00	31.7%	\$ 0.32
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,311	\$ 11,311.00	\$ 7,855.50	69.5%	\$ 0.69
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,419	\$ 31,419.00	\$ 19,659.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,603	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 5,325.00	204.6%	\$ 2.05
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,358	\$ 4,358.00	\$ 907.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 101,087.99</b>	<b>128,382</b>	<b>\$ 128,382.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,649.50</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>\$ 0.38</b>

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<b>WESTERN REGION</b>						
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,767	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 103.00	5.8%	\$ 0.06
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,625	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 59,791.00	693.2%	\$ 6.93
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,362	\$ 11,362.00	\$ 2,583.00	22.7%	\$ 0.23
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,985	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 16,892.49	565.9%	\$ 5.66
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	661	\$ 661.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LT - LATIN AMERICA (MX)	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,071	\$ 1,071.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,837.00	971.4%	\$ 9.71
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 4,930.00	1,642	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 1,100.00	67.0%	\$ 0.67
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,541	\$ 1,541.00	\$ 2,257.00	146.5%	\$ 1.46
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,702	\$ 2,702.00	\$ 60.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,236	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 875.00	70.8%	\$ 0.71
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 110,731.76</b>	<b>34,673</b>	<b>\$ 34,673.00</b>	<b>\$ 87,831.49</b>	<b>253.3%</b>	<b>\$ 2.53</b>

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<b>SOUTHEAST REGION</b>						
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,077	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 253.00	12.2%	\$ 0.12
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	405	\$ 405.00	\$ 600.00	148.1%	\$ 1.48
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,326	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 19,031.00	81.6%	\$ 0.82
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,860	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 730.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 1,973.00	110.0%	\$ 1.10
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	730	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,291.26	176.9%	\$ 1.77
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,720	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 3,515.50	129.2%	\$ 1.29
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,578	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,407.00	152.5%	\$ 1.53
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,769	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 4,811.60	272.0%	\$ 2.72
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,669.14	5,769	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 9,640.00	167.1%	\$ 1.67
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,384	\$ 4,384.00	\$ 14,284.46	325.8%	\$ 3.26
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 102,120.73</b>	<b>49,564</b>	<b>\$ 49,564.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,536.82</b>	<b>118.1%</b>	<b>\$ 1.18</b>

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<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>						
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,900	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 955.38	19.5%	\$ 0.19
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,957	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 852.00	14.3%	\$ 0.14
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,368	\$ 3,368.00	\$ 250.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,926	\$ 6,926.00	\$ 5,565.00	80.3%	\$ 0.80
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,058	\$ 1,058.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,421	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 22.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 100.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 17,946.66</b>	<b>25,241</b>	<b>\$ 25,241.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,744.38</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>\$ 0.31</b>

<b>NATIONAL HQ:</b>	<b>\$ 4,674.91</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,498.00</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 425,060.55</b>	<b>380,743</b>	<b>\$ 380,743.00</b>	<b>\$ 258,760.07</b>	<b>68.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: **APRIL 12, 2024**

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Are you a member of the American Legion: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Member number

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<input type="checkbox"/> Today with a single payment <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next year, beginning on (date): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next _____ years, beginning on (date): _____ Please bill me <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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Donor Signature	Date
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