



Round-Up

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Membership Update

Gentlemen,

As you know, November is Sons of The American Legion National Renewal Month. Let's get out there and work hard to get as many renewals in by November 30 as we can!

As you will see by the standings, we are in fourth place percentagewise, but have the most paid members nationally. Leading in paid members is a great accomplishment, but unfortunately the membership standings are ranked based on percentage of members paid.

The Central Region is large, the second largest in the organization behind the Eastern Region. Both regions are at a disadvantage because we both need to have many more members paid to get our percentage up. It is a daunting task, but I know we are up to it, and I know everyone's hard work will pay off and we will climb in the rankings.

We all know Commander Bolt's theme this year, "**Serving Those Who Served...Full Steam Ahead.**" This Naval theme gives each region a naval name, and the USS Central is cruising along but has slowed a bit. I know Vice-Commander Pfeiffer wants the USS Central to move ahead in the standings, and with everyone's help and hard work, we will!

Detachment Standings AS OF NOVEMBER 7

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
WI	3,935	1,914	48.640%
IL	14,398	6,653	46.208%
IA	4,450	1,942	43.640%
MN	11,548	4,076	35.296%
IN	38,854	11,223	28.885%
OH	30,408	8,730	28.710%
MI	24,104	5,421	22.490%
MO	3,409	704	20.651%
TOTALS	131,106	40,663	31.015%

National Standings AS OF NOVEMBER 7

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern	42,724	16,569	38.781%
Midwest	29,703	10,536	35.439%
Western	29,730	8,351	31.606%
Central	131,106	40,663	31.015%
Eastern	144,160	29,589	20.525%
TOTALS	374,142	105,708	28.253

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I went online and looked up the ships named after our states and thought I would share them with everyone. They are listed here based on our current membership rankings.



USS Wisconsin



USS Illinois



USS Iowa



USS Minnesota



USS Indiana



USS Ohio



USS Michigan



USS Missouri

Let's also remember our [National Membership Target Dates](#). We need to make sure that our District Commanders and First Vice-Commanders keep up on these dates. We also need to make sure that our Squadron Commanders and First Vice-Commanders are also on the same page. It will only make our organization stronger, our membership grow, and our message will get out to more people.



I know that everyone recruits new members. It's one of things that every member does in one way or another. Let's make sure that those members

get recognized by submitting a [2019-2020 Individual Recruitment Award form](#). This form allows members to be recognized by the National organization with a beautiful lapel pin.

NATIONAL TARGET DATE

December 11, 2019

45%



Another great way to recognize our recruiters is with the [Blue Brigade Award](#). Members who recruit thirty or more new members are eligible for this award; a beautiful jacket presented by the National Organization. There is also a [Blue Brigade Fifth Consecutive Year Award](#) for members who qualify.

Don't forget the option of using [MYSAL](#) to submit membership. If you have not signed up to take advantage of this membership reporting tool, please consider doing so.

Remember, if there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know. It does not need to be membership related. Send me an email and I will help however I can.

If you would like to have something included in this newsletter, please feel free to email me with the information. I would like to expand it and get Detachment membership information added, including any membership round-ups or functions you may be having. Pictures are welcome too.

Thanks!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Vrabel, Sr."

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