



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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Commemorative 100th Edition

The work continues



NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Jeff Vrabel, Sr,
National Vice-Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Central Region
2021 – 2022

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Now that we've reached our 100th edition of *Round-Up*, we can look back and be proud of our accomplishments and look forward to challenging ourselves to make this publication better.

I am looking forward to expanding our distribution to all Regions and hope to have input from all of our Detachments. Don't think that any article, picture, or announcement is too small to be published.

Thank you to Scott Thornton and Joseph Navarrete for providing updates to information that appeared last week. There were a couple errors that have been corrected, and we now have a more accurate publication. Thanks again!

I have no problem putting in the work to make *Round-Up* better, but I cannot do it alone. I will need help from everyone if we are to be successful.
Who's next?

Sons of The American Legion continues its work. We don't take a day off. Our work continues. We continue to recruit not only for the Sons but for the entire American Legion Family. We continue our fundraising. We continue our community service.

We continue, without hesitation, serving our Veterans, our communities, our states, and our Nation. What work will you be doing this week? Please let us know how it went so we can tell your story. **Who's next?**

The next National Target Date is October 14, which is less than three weeks away. We all know the problems the national organization is having with the membership database, but we cannot continue to use it as an excuse. Each Squadron transmits membership, whether online or to its Detachment Headquarters. Everyone should know who is paid and who is not within his own Squadron. Until the system gets all the bugs worked out, we need to maintain our records locally, and we will worry about reports, standings, etc. later on this year.

We need to approach the situation patiently and professionally, and we must be understanding that it is out of our control.

National Membership Chairman Skelley always quotes his late father, William Skelley, Sr., who used to say; *"Complaining is like sitting in a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it gets you nowhere."* Makes a lot of sense.

Let's all step it up a notch and see how far above the October target date we can get. Every Detachment should have a minimum of 25%. How many can be at 35%, or 45%, or higher? I know that the leaders in our Detachments want to be in first place nationally. Let's help them and get the job started. Complete your Buddy Checks and ask members to pay their dues now, and to continue to pay their dues at this time each year. It is amazing what we can accomplish if we simply ask questions. We will see great results!

And while we're at it, ask if there's anything that our members need from us, and what we can do to make their membership a more worthwhile experience.

As always, if there is anything you need, please send me an email and I will do whatever I can to help.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

National Vice-Commander Central Region

Sons of The American Legion

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<https://sites.google.com/vies/teamvrabel/home>



**MOTIVATE
INSPIRE
TEAMWORK**

National Target Date

October 14, 2021

25%



**LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION
NOT THROUGH POSITION**

SAME DAY AND TIME

NEW NUMBER

Central Region Conference Call

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/jeffvrabelsr>

↑PREFERRED LOG ON METHOD↑

video option available



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**



www.flyingflagsforheros.com

Fox Squad Chief of Staff Bob Brown stated that he will allow the Detachment with the most flags placed per capita in the Flying Flags For Heroes shave his head.

2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					08/30/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,775	41,528	1,247	97.08%	4
2 Central	132,706	122,672	10,034	92.44%	16
3 Midwest	30,377	27,905	2,472	91.86%	36
4 Eastern	146,287	133,278	13,009	91.11%	52
5 Western	26,405	23,905	2,500	90.53%	5
TOTALS	378,550	349,288	29,262	92.27%	113

Membership ahead/behind prior year date

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Iowa * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	4,376	4,450	(74)	101.69%	-
2 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	-
3 Ohio ~ ? ! # %	31,134	29,240	1,894	93.92%	4
4 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	13,427	1,120	92.30%	10
5 Minnesota ^ ~ ? !	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	-
6 Michigan	24,084	22,102	1,982	91.77%	1
7 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	-
8 Missouri	3,706	3,180	526	85.81%	1
TOTALS	132,706	122,672	10,034	92.44%	16

Q = Quota

* Met 09/10/20 goal of 10%

Met 02/10/21 goal of 75%

^ Met 10/15/20 goal of 25%

% Met 03/10/21 goal of 80%

~ Met 11/12/20 goal of 35%

\$ Met 05/12/21 goal of 90%

? Met 12/09/20 goal of 45%

Q Met 06/09/21 goal of 100%

! Met 01/21/21 goal of 60%

) Met 07/28/21 goal of 105%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,376	4,450	(74)	101.69%	3.63%
Wisconsin	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	3.10%
Missouri	3,706	3,180	526	85.81%	2.59%
TOTALS	11,827	11,433	394	96.66%	9.32%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	13,427	1,120	92.30%	10.95%
Minnesota	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	8.84%
TOTALS	26,296	24,266	2,030	92.28%	19.78%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	29,240	1,894	93.92%	23.84%
Michigan	24,084	22,102	1,982	91.77%	18.02%
Indiana	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	29.05%
TOTALS	94,583	86,973	7,610	91.98%	70.90%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



2022 SAL Membership Goals

#	DETACHMENT	2022 Mbsp. Needed for Goal
1	ALABAMA	2,020
2	ALASKA	1,560
3	ARIZONA	7,566
4	ARKANSAS	468
5	CALIFORNIA	10,338
6	COLORADO	2,632
7	CONNECTICUT	1,820
8	DELAWARE	2,229
9	DIST OF COL	92
10	FLORIDA	20,745
11	FRANCE	233
12	GEORGIA	4,316
13	HAWAII	49
14	IDAHO	606
15	ILLINOIS	13,602
16	INDIANA	36,657
17	IOWA	4,571
18	KANSAS	6,424
19	KENTUCKY	2,648
20	LOUISIANA	1,808
21	MAINE	2,482
22	MARYLAND	15,533
23	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074
24	MEXICO	26
25	MICHIGAN	21,985
26	MINNESOTA	11,091
27	MISSISSIPPI	795
28	MISSOURI	3,211
29	MONTANA	1,160
30	NEBRASKA	6,959
31	NEVADA	334
32	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336
33	NEW JERSEY	9,211
34	NEW MEXICO	1,261
35	NEW YORK	29,246
36	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619
37	NORTH DAKOTA	916
38	OHIO	29,946
39	OKLAHOMA	1,380
40	OREGON	1,317
41	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902
42	PHILIPPINES	66
43	PUERTO RICO	88
44	RHODE ISLAND	316
45	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382
46	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052
47	TENNESSEE	1,681
48	TEXAS	5,425
49	UTAH	492
50	VERMONT	3,576
51	VIRGINIA	4,023
52	WASHINGTON	2,086
53	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183
54	WISCONSIN	3,914
55	WYOMING	1,273
Grand Totals:		356,724



REGIONAL CONFERENCE CALLS

Eastern Region

Richard "Dickey" Huntley,
National Vice-Commander
Fourth Tuesday of each month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (605) 313-4388
Access Code 346542

Central Region

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
National Vice-Commander
Third Thursday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (425) 436-6280
Access Code 464549*

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/jeffvrabelsr>

Midwest Region

Juan Torres,
National Vice-Commander
First Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Mountain Time/10:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call in # (605) 313-5379
Access Code 830520

Southern Region

Jason Roberts,
National Vice-Commander
Second Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (515) 604-9837
Access Code 461579

Western Region

Jim Stewart,
National Vice-Commander
Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
6:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (681) 999-0176
Access Code 798037#

ATTENTION WEST REGION SONS!

Here is the flyer for the next Western Rendezvous in Las Vegas. Make sure you get your reservations made before it's too late. I have planned a day full of fun leadership training.

Here is another Membership Incentive for the Western Region...For the **first three (3)** Detachments that reach the 100% of their Detachment's 2022 goal by December 31, 2021, I will also personally donate an **additional \$100.00** to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) in those Detachment's name.

To make it even better, for the **very first** Detachment in the Western Region to reach 100% of their 2022 Membership goal before December 31 2021, I will personally donate **another \$100.00** to the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) in the Detachment's name.

There you go...The challenge is on!

Always in Service,

Jim Stewart

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MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The National Call Schedule will be updated as information becomes available.

Americanism Commission

Charles E. Treat, II (AZ), Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 472-5332

Access Code: 808417

Online Meeting ID:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/coolcameo>

Gentlemen,

Since National Convention, a Child Welfare Foundation report has not been released. This is due to the current issues with updated membership numbers. I have been in contact with National, and currently is seeking a work around in order for a report to be issued. I hope to get you a report as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please continue to do the great work that you do in donating to CWF! As Squadrons reach a dollar per member, please fill out the 100% Banner form, and submit to National so you can be recognized for your works! A copy of the form is included in this edition.

As of the last report, we were approximately \$150,000 from reaching the \$9 million dollar mark! At least \$40,000 has been achieved based on donations received at the National Convention. We will be fine when we reach 9!

A lot of work has been done by this committee as we have reviewed 68 grant proposals and have made our recommendations to the foundation. The awards will be decided at an award selection meeting at the National Executive Committee meetings next month.

Continue doing the great work!

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (605) 472-5756

Access Code 7717294

During the National Membership Committee's monthly conference call on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, Chairman Thom Skelley updated everyone with the following information:

- The September national target date was moved to September 22, 2021
- Detachment goals were scheduled to be sent out on September 22, 2021
 - Take last year's membership total and add 3% to reach this year's goal
- Reminded everyone that November is National Renewal Month, and that we should all honor the veteran through whom we are eligible by paying our dues, if they have not been paid already.
- **"Just Ask"** program to talk to members who are not paid and ask them to pay in November. We need to change the mindset and get our members to pay during renewal month.
- Asked members to continue with Buddy Checks, as this will help with membership renewals.
- All Charters that have been previously applied for should be processed in the next three weeks and send out to the new Squadrons.
- The National Membership Committee is creating a Commander of the Year Award for a member who holds the position of Squadron Commander ONLY.
 - There will be one (1) nomination per Detachment due prior to the Spring National Executive Committee.
 - Judging will be done by the National Membership Committee.
 - Squadron must be 100% membership by The American Legion Birthday on March 15.
- Chairman Skelley stated that if we reach 100% nationally in membership by the close of the

2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, he will have his head shaved on stage.

- National Commander Michael Fox stated that if we reach 105% in membership on the last membership report leading into the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, he will also have his head shaved on stage.
- Individual Recruitment Award applications are available on the national website.
 - Make sure the new number assigned by national headquarters is included on the form.
- Blue Brigade Award applications are available on the national website.
 - Make sure the new number assigned by national headquarters is included on the form

Public and Media Communications Commission

Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Joseph R. Navarrete (NM), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Mountain Time/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (727) 731-3931

Access Code 5662904

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/natsalvee>

SAL National Commander Fox:

**‘We need to be
a united brotherhood’**

The American Legion
AUG 31, 2021



The next national commander of the Sons of The American Legion emphasized teamwork as key to the program’s 2021-22 in his speech to the SAL National Convention on Aug. 29.

Michael Fox of the Detachment of California was elected national commander at the 49th SAL National Convention in Phoenix.

“Now more than ever, we need to be a united brotherhood to be champions within our communities,” Fox said.

Fox’s motto for his term as commander is “leadership through action, not through position,” a reminder that every SAL member can make a difference.

That is reflected in his project as national commander, [Flying Flags for Heroes](#). The goal is to place 1 million flags to honor veterans in local cemeteries. Fox praised Preston Sharp, a teen SAL member from Redding, Calif., for helping create the project and serving as Flying Flags for Heroes’ spokesman.

Fox has been a member of Haggin Grant Squadron 521 in Rio Linda, Calif., since the day he was born. He held his first elected position at Squadron 521 as sergeant-at-arms at the age of six.



SAL National Commander Michael Fox, left, is sworn in by PNC Jake Comer at the SAL National Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 29, 2021. Photo by Matt Parsons

Fox has also served as the Detachment of California sergeant-at-arms. And in 2014, he served as the Detachment of California commander; his father, Ned Fox, held the same position in 1976, making them the first father-son duo to hold the position.

Fox has four daughters — Hailey, 21; twins Kaci and Kali, 16; and Skye, 12 — and is engaged to Crystal Reagan, who has three children of her own.

Elected National Vice-Commanders under Fox are Richard L. “Dickie” Huntley of the Detachment of Maine, Eastern Region; Jason S. Roberts of the Detachment of Georgia, Southern Region; Jeff Vrabel, Sr. of the Detachment of Ohio, Central Region; Juan R. Torres of the Detachment of Texas, Midwest

Region; and Leslie J. "Jim" Stewart of the Detachment of Nevada, Western Region.

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3rd ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd, 2021 FROM 1-4PM

401 N. GROESBECK HWY, MT CLEMENS, MI 48043

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUEST

- *SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR THE KIDS
- *PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME BOYS & GIRLS
- *GAMES
- *DECORATING CAR, TRUCK, OR MOTORCYCLE

22nd Annual

Sons of The American Legion, Sqd 8, Wellington Ohio

2021 "Super Gun Raffle"

Saturday October 2nd, 2021 9:00am-5:00pm

50 New Rifles, Shotguns, Handguns, and Crossbows

9:00 Ruger Wrangler 22LR	1:10 Stinger Condor O/U 410 ga
9:10 Savage 308 17 HMR w/scope	1:20 Ruger LCP II 22LR
9:20 Tipton Defence Bronze 12ga	1:30 Savage Axis II XP 22-250 Rem w/scope
9:30 Taurus G3C 9mm	1:40 S&W M&P 9mm
9:40 Savage Axis II XP 308 Mossy Oak w/scope	1:50 Thompson Center Venture II 6.5 Creed
9:50 CVA Hunter 44 Mag	2:00 Winchester Super X4 Waterfowl Mossy Oak 20ga
10:00 Beru Thunder 380 ACP Matte	2:10 Ruger LCP II 380 acp
10:10 Tipton m4-22 Elite Tactical 22LR	2:20 Sig Sauer P365 9mm w/ Tactical Package
10:20 Browning Maxum II Mossy Oak Bottomland 12ga	2:25 Wicked Ridge M-320 Crossbow Package
10:30 Savage Axis II XP 223 Rem Heavy Barrel w/scope	2:30 Winchester Super X Waterfowl Bottomland 12ga
10:40 Ruger 10/22 22LR w/Flag Camo	2:40 S&W M&P Shield EZ 380 acp
10:50 Mossberg Maverick 88 Cruiser 12ga	2:50 Legacy Citadel Bow 12 ga w/Flag Camo
11:00 Kimber Custom II 7 Tone 45 acp	3:00 S&W M&P 38 Special
11:10 Henry H001 Classic Lever 22LR	3:10 Ruger Security9 Pro 9mm
11:20 Stevens 301 Turkey Obsession 410 ga	3:15 S&W SD40VE 40 &w Standard Capacity
11:30 Springfield Hellcat FDE 9mm	3:20 Savage Axis II 300 Blackout Camo/Hvy Barrel/scope
11:40 Barnett TS180 Crossbow Package	3:30 Kimber Micro 9 9mm Stainless/Rosewood grip
11:50 Remington 870 Express Turkey Camo 12ga	3:40 Browning Citori CX O.U.T. 12ga
12:00 CVA Hunter 444 Marlin	3:50 S&W M&P 2.0 FDE 9mm w/Red Dot
12:10 Mossberg Patriot 439 Bushmaster	4:00 S&W M&P Shield EZ 9mm
12:20 Heritage Rough Rider 22LR Flag grip	4:10 Traditions Outfitter G2 45-70
12:30 Savage Axis II XP 6.5 Creed Heavy Barrel w/scope	4:15 Taurus M66 357 Magnum 6" Barrel
12:40 Ruger EC9 9mm	4:20 Glock G48 9mm
12:50 Ruger American Ranch 150 Legend FDE	4:35 Beretta A300 Outlander Camo Max 5 12ga
1:00 Ruger AR556 5.56 Nato	4:45 Henry Steel Lever Action 45-70

Grand Prizes

\$5,000 (cash or check) (To be drawn at 5:00pm)

Guns/Merchandise provided by Fin Feather & Fur of Ashland, Ohio

Many other raffles!!! - Steaks, Hams, Bacon & Hunting Equipment

For ticket information call/visit American Legion Post 8, 518 S. Main St., Wellington OH 44090. Phone (440) 647-6334. Or call Cary "Dewey" Kuhl, (440) 935-2487 and leave message if necessary. I will get back to you. Or cary.kuhl@gmail.com Tickets \$20 or 6 for \$100

1 Ticket required for each person attending. Hot Dogs, Ham & Bean Soup, Chili & Beverages provided. All Door Prizes paid in cash. Every winning ticket is returned to the drum and can win multiple times. Winner need not be present.

Proceeds to benefit

American Legion Charities

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Ohio

Commander's Homecoming

Celebration for:

Doug Hancock

Saturday, November 13, 2021 5:00 – 11:00 pm

Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post No. 479

200 S. Hallett Ave., Swanton, OH 43558

5:00 pm – Snacks and Drinks 6:00 pm – Dinner

Choice of BBQ Chicken or Pork Loin, baked potato, salad, and desert; 2 drink tickets with dinner and cash bar; \$35.00 per person

Entertainment: Music / Karaoke OPDCC Bottle Raffle

Dress: Legion Casual (polo shirt, slacks, uniform cover)

Accommodations (discounted: 7 minutes away)

Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham Swanton/Toledo Airport

10753 Airport Hwy. (OH-2), Swanton, OH 43558 – (419) 491-3369

Block of 25 rooms – Rate code: "Doug Hancock Homecoming"

Additional Hotels (no discount: 17 minutes away)

Courtyard by Marriott, 1435 E. Mall Dr., Holland, OH 43528 (419) 866-1001

Quality Inn, 1401 E. Mall Dr., Holland, OH 43528 – (419) 867-1144

Deadline for Reservations: October 25, 2021

For questions call (419) 350-4054

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Post _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

BBQ Chicken _____ Pork Loin _____ Phone # _____

Make checks payable to "Doug Hancock" 2001 McIntosh Dr., Holland, OH 43528



Sons Of The American Legion New Member "BLUE BRIGADE" Recruiter Award 2022 Certification Form

Mail: The American Legion
Attn: S.A.L.
P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206

Email: sal@legion.org

Fax: (317) 630-1413

Questions or concerns regarding this form please call Phone #: (317) 630-1205

The following S.A.L. member in the Detachment of _____ has enrolled 30 or more **NEW MEMBERS** into the Sons of The American Legion by **July 31st**.

(A new member is defined as any eligible S.A.L. joining for the 2022 membership year who **was not** a member of the S.A.L. during the 2021 membership year. Transfers or reactivations do not count as new members.)

Please forward the names of new Legion or Auxiliary members to your Post or Unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

This S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" award will be my:

- ☐ A. First S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" Award
☐ B. Other (i.e. Consecutive years in a row) _____

*Consecutive year awardee receives a SAL "Blue Brigade" Certificate and Chevron

(PLEASE ENSURE PRINTED FORMS ARE LEGIBLE...)

(Please Select Jacket Size)

Size: (☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐ 5XL)

Name _____ Squadron No. _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Member ID# _____

PHONE: (____) _____ Number of **NEW MEMBERS** enrolled (minimum 30) _____

Deliver to Recruiter ☐ Deliver to Squadron ☐

USE ATTACHED NEW MEMBER LISTING FORM

***Please make sure that all new members listed have been processed and have been assigned a S.A.L. ID# in the national membership database before submission. Any new member not listed at the time of submission, will delay the approval process.**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CERTIFICATION FORM NEW MEMBER LISTING

#	9-Digit Member ID#	First & Last Name	Detachment	Squadron Number
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Department Adjutant (signature) _____

Detachment Adjutant (signature) _____

Date _____

Date _____

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY



2022 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers an award for those S.A.L. members recruiting five (5) new members into the Sons of The American Legion within a membership year. This pin is suitable to wear upon your cover or lapel.

(A new member is defined as any eligible Son joining for the 2022 membership year who was not a member of the Sons of The American Legion during the 2021 membership year).
Transfers or renewals do not count as new members.

Please make sure that all new members listed have been processed and been assigned a S.A.L. ID# in the national membership database before submission to avoid delays in approval. Pins will not be mailed until they are verified in the national membership database.

This award form must be received by July 31st.

Please forward the names of new Legion or Auxiliary members to your Post or Unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Recruiter Information

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Full Squadron Name/Number _____ Detachment _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Unless specified different, the pin will be sent to the above address

New Member Information

#1 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#2 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#3 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#4 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#5 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

East - Ernest Laberge (MA) ELaberge@OctoberCompany.com 61 Glendale Rd. Florence, MA 01062-9710
South - Ronald Roberts (MS) RonRob31@AOL.com 120 Circular Dr. Mendenhall, MS 39114-4854
Central - David Mennel (MI) DavidMennel@yahoo.com 6040 Dryden Rd. Dryden, MI 48428-9764
Midwest - Michael Kirschner (CO) MI.Kirschner@Comcast.net 3725 Hollybrook Ln. Pueblo, CO 81005-3256
West - Jack Youngs (ID) xnukewelder@aol.com 3223 Salem St. Caldwell, ID 83605



The American Legion Family

Missing ION update



Thanks to the Detachment of Iowa Commander Mike Monserud, we now know about the missing ION.

Chris Casey, Detachment Commander in Nebraska originally had the patch. It has been returned to Emblem Sales.

Case solved.

APPOINTMENTS BEING ACCEPTED



SAL
Barber Shop
Milwaukee

The following appointments have been made to shave heads at the SAL Barber Shop Milwaukee:

- **National Commander Michael Fox** if we reach 105% in membership on the last national membership report prior to the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, he will have his head shaved on stage.
- **National Membership Committee Chairman Thom Skelley** if we reach 100% in membership nationally by the close of the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, he will have his head shaved on stage.
- **Fox Squad Chief of Staff Bob Brown** will allow the Detachment with the most flags placed per capita in the Flying Flags For Heroes program to shave his head.

Additional slots are still available, and we hope to make a few more appointments prior to the 2022 National Convention.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



October 14, 2021



VETERANS

STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Commander Dillard's membership engagement initiative

The American Legion
SEP 22, 2021



Membership engagement is a priority for American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard.

Whether it's current, expired, or potential members, it's important to engage with these individuals and show them the value of membership in The American Legion.

Dillard has announced a new membership engagement initiative with members who last paid in 2020 and did not renew their membership in 2021.

Legionnaires are encouraged to reach out to 2020 members and offer them the ability to continue their continuous years of membership – despite not renewing in 2021 – if they renew for the 2022 membership year. For example, if an expired 2020 member had five continuous years prior to letting their membership lapse, and they were to pay for the 2022 membership year, their continuous years would be six years.

If the veteran would like to pay for 2021 as well so it's on their membership record, they can. If they only want to pay for 2022, then the adjustment on the continuous years has to be made at the post by filling out a Member Data Form (MDF) to correct the years and processed at National Headquarters, or the department can correct it within the members record in Personify.

When transmitting dues, if the veteran is only paying for the 2022 membership year than select 2022 – do not select 2021 or payment will come out for that portion of the per capita and it will be deducted as part of the eCheck payment processing.

If the member wants both 2021 and 2022 membership years to be added to their continuous years, then accept payment from them for 2021 and 2022,

then the department will process those two years through Personify.

OCW changes lives at major regatta in Cleveland

By [Henry Howard](#)
SEP 21, 2021

Carolyn Chunyo started rowing four years ago even though she wasn't interested in the sport.

"I had transitioned. I wasn't feeling it. I was struggling," said Chunyo, who returned home to Cleveland after serving in the Army Reserves. "How do I fit? I grew up here, but I couldn't adjust. I realized that I see the world through a veteran's eyes. It's different than for my friends who lived here their whole lives. I felt isolated."

Thanks to encouragement from her sister, Chunyo participated in activities outside her home, including a learn-to-row program. Still, she was worried about injuries and surgeries that have compromised her balance and hearing.

"You're going to put me in a tippy boat?" Chunyo wondered at the time. "But I got in the boat, and I loved it. Transition and fitting into a civilian world can be tough. Rowing is why I get out of bed. I have a team depending on me. It's back to how I felt in the military. Rowing is the reason I am still walking the face of the earth."

Now, Chunyo is the captain of the Cleveland Freedom Rows rowing team. On Sept. 18, The American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program unveiled the team's new boat at one of the largest regattas in the country, the Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta in Cleveland. The Cleveland Rowing Foundation hosts the regatta every year. The foundation has been working with the Western Reserve Rowing Association to grow its veteran league rowing program.

The \$32,000 OCW sponsorship covers the eight-person shell, which is 62 feet long and weighs 400 pounds, the oars and rack. It also includes a trophy that will be presented each year indefinitely to the winning team in the eight-person veterans race.

In a riverside ceremony, American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard christened the U.S.-made boat, which will be used only by teams of veterans.

"Operation Comfort Warriors lets us bring The American Legion to the individual veterans and

fulfill their needs," Dillard said. "At the same time, Operation Comfort Warriors lets us do the things we want to do to support veterans in need."

The daylong event, now in its 25th year, featured two veterans races among the approximately 60 that were held in the Cuyahoga River. One crew was made up entirely of blind athletes. Overall, there were 400 entries, thousands of athletes, and thousands more fans cheering them on.

"For veterans with disabilities, they might not be able to get out," Dillard said. "That's what this is about. We're getting them back into society. I'm from Texas and I'm used to rodeos, not rowing. But this is fabulous. It's a big step for and commitment from The American Legion."

Chunyo appreciates the Legion's support.

"Applying for the grant and learning about it have made my husband and I more aware of The American Legion," said Chunyo, who along with her husband, Geoffrey, became members over the weekend. "These are people I belong with. That was something new for me. This is a good feeling."

While a recent surgery sidelined Carolyn from rowing, her team gave The American Legion boat a successful debut, winning by less than two seconds. The long-lasting impact of the victory will not just be the team name etched on the trophy.

"The Legion's support means that as an entity, Freedom Rows will have the ability to bring more people in quicker, we will have more people in the water being seen," Chunyo said. "As vets, it means we have more people supporting us in what we are doing. It makes a big difference."

That's what drove Past National Commander James Koutz to establish OCW as his fundraising program during his year in office. Originally established as a \$500,000 goal, more than \$1.1 million was donated for OCW under Koutz.

"Operation Comfort Warriors is a great program of The American Legion," he said. "It's amazing what they do here with all these boats. Operation Comfort Warriors is proud to be a part of it. It's great talking with these guys and gals who are supportive of The American Legion, especially Operation Comfort Warriors. They are talking about starting an American Legion rowing post. That would be great and help make OCW even better."

Throughout its history, OCW has provided a variety of items to help wounded warriors in their recovery.

Items have ranged from loose-fitting sweatsuits for burn victims to electronic devices to assist those with tinnitus to fitness equipment for others rehabbing injuries.

A full 100 percent of donations goes to cover items that OCW provides to veterans and servicemembers to help their recoveries. To learn more or to make a donation, [please visit this link](#).

“The reason we get to do things like this boat sponsorship is because of the donations that come in from across the country,” Koutz said.

Dillard noted that OCW grant recipients have included veterans who are dealing post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic injuries in addition to physical injuries.

“There’s no better way to donate money than to donate to individuals who have raised their hands and pledged to give everything, including their lives, in defense of our country,” he said. “There’s no better way to give back to a true American, a true hero, especially those who have had a difficult time going through things.”

American Legion Department of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson made her first trip to the regatta.

“It’s a great honor and privilege to be here,” said, Wilson, a member of Post 199 in Harrison. “It’s a wonderful way for us to get our name out there and for people to understand what our mission is. We’re putting veterans first and providing what they need and what they want to have. It’s a great opportunity for us to pay back our most precious jewel in the universe, our veterans.”

The department had a booth in a high visibility area where members interacted throughout the day with veterans and non-veterans. Among them was a father of a former American Legion Buckeye Boys State participant who stopped by to share his son’s experience, Wilson noted.

“People have been very impressed that The American Legion is here and that we sponsored a boat,” she said. “And they are also impressed with the range of things that The American Legion does, for our veterans and for our children and youth.”

Operation Comfort Warriors.



This program provides comfort items for wounded, injured or ill military personnel. All donations to this fund go directly towards the purchase of these comfort items.

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DID YOU KNOW?

On September 21, 1937, The American Legion National Convention Parade in New York City drew national media coverage and lasted nearly 18 hours. 250,000 marchers and spectators lined up for the event.

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Request Form
2021 – 2022

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2021-2022 year a post, unit, squadron, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2021. The post, unit, squadron, or salon has from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, or salon name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2021: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Banner Request Form
Send completed form to:
American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2022

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____

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

Address _____ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail 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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RECEIPT

Date _____

Received of _____

For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____



National Membership League season Underway



The 2022 Membership season is well underway, and National Membership Chairman and National Membership League Commissioner Thom Skelley has released the schedule. There will be six games, with each team vying for enough points to win the season. Each

of the five regions will compete against each other, as well as the national average, in their quest to win the coveted National Membership Championship and the Chairman's Cup.

The regions for the Sons of The American Legion have been assigned a number based on membership size as follows:

- 1) EAST
- 2) CENTRAL
- 3) SOUTH
- 4) MIDWEST
- 5) WEST
- 6) NATIONAL Avg.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Each region will match-up against a different region for two consecutive target dates, culminating with the final delegate strength target date of 105%.
 - 2) The winner will be the region with the highest percentage of membership to goal for that particular target date. Since we have five regions, the national total will be "team" 6.
 - 3) In the event that both regions exceeded their goal, the winner will be the region with the highest overall percentage.
 - 4) The percentages will be taken from the official national membership report run closest to, and prior to, the target date.
 - 5) 10 points will be awarded to the winning region in each matchup, with a possible 5 bonus points awarded to any region that meets or exceeds its target date percentage.
 - 6) All five regions will compete against each other for the 105% delegate strength goal
- 07/28/2022

2022 National Membership League Schedule

October 14, 2021 – 25%

East Beasts vs. **Central Capitals**
South Force vs. **National Gold**
Midwest Monsters vs. **West Commanders**

December 8, 2021 – 45%

South Force vs. **Midwest Monsters**
East Beasts vs. **National Gold**
Central Capitals vs. **West Commanders**

February 9, 2022 – 75%

Midwest Monsters vs. **National Gold**
Central Capitals vs. **South Force**
East Beasts vs. **West Commanders**

April 13, 2022 – 90%

East Beasts vs. **Midwest Monsters**
West Commanders vs. **South Force**
Central Capitals vs. **National Gold**

May 11, 2022 – 100%

West Commanders vs. **National Gold**
East Beasts vs. **South Force**
Central Capitals vs. **Midwest Monsters**

About the teams

East Beasts. The East largest Region in the organization, often referred to as the "Beasts in the East."

Central Capitals. National Headquarters is in Indianapolis, Indiana, which is the capital of The American Legion.

South Force. For the past two years the South Region has shown their power as the leader in membership and a force to be reckoned with.

National Gold. This team is named after the color of the caps of our National Officers.

Midwest Monsters. Ready to attack membership and SAL programs, also known as "the Monsters of the Midwest,"

West Commanders. The home of 2022 National Commander Michael Fox is in California, the West will command attention this year.



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Membership ID# former member

Post #

Phone #

Email

Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- ☐ Global War on Terror
- ☐ Gulf War
- ☐ Panama
- ☐ Lebanon/Grenada
- ☐ Vietnam
- ☐ Korea
- ☐ WWII
- ☐ Other Conflicts

- ☐ U.S. Army
- ☐ U.S. Navy
- ☐ U.S. Air Force
- ☐ U.S. Marines
- ☐ U.S. Space Force
- ☐ U.S. Coast Guard
- ☐ Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

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Date

Received from

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name

Recruiter's signature

Recruiter's phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Recruited by _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date

Received from

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No.

Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and older ☐

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.
Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

☐ Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

☐ Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

☐ Global War on Terror

☐ Lebanon/Grenada

☐ WWII

☐ Gulf War

☐ Vietnam

☐ Other Conflicts

☐ Panama

☐ Korea

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

☐ Female Spouse

☐ Male Spouse

☐ Mother

☐ Grandmother

☐ Sister

☐ Self

☐ Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter)

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____



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Date

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Recruiter's name

Recruiter's signature

Recruiter's phone #