



Round-Up

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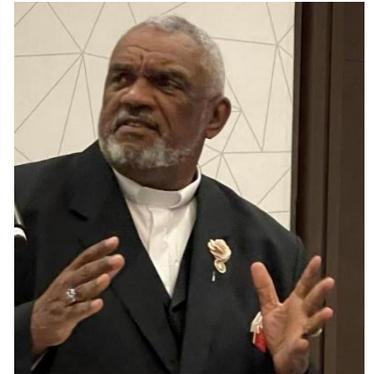
Are you inspired?



NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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

Alabama, Chaplain Gibson knows how to take command of a room. He is a large man with an even larger way of inspiring people.



Jeff likes to tell a story before he offers prayer. His delivery is amazing, and his words make you want to run through a wall. He told us about his love of boxing and what it meant to him, he read us scripture, and he not only prayed for us, he prayed with us.

If you have never witnessed Chaplain Jeff's sermons, prayers, and speeches, you are missing out. Not only do we have an inspirational leader, we have a man of God who will tell you, "I love you, and there's nothing you can do about it."

While you are going about your business and living life, take a minute to think about who you love, what you love, and if you can do anything better. I know that I can, and it's thanks to Jeff Gibson, Sr.'s words that made me realize it. Let's all try to be like him.

Who's next?

To see Chaplain Jeff's inspirational talk during the Fall NEC meeting, please click [HERE](#).

This week's national membership report shows the Central Region still in third place based on percentage with 20.77%, but still holding on to first place in members paid with 25,954.

Our National Target Date is October 14, so please transmit as many cards as possible so we can continue to advance in the national membership standings and improve our position in the National

There is nothing like coming home from a meeting, whether at the District, State, or National level, and being inspired and rejuvenated. The information we obtain at these meetings is valuable to the success of our program for the year, and we need to make sure that the information that we receive is disseminated to as many Sons as possible. This is our line of communication, and we must make sure that we use it as often as we can.

At last week's National Executive Committee and Fall meetings, those in attendance were inspired in a number of ways. Some were inspired by the change in our format, and the new schedule of our meetings.

Others were inspired by the positive energy brought by National Commander Fox. Others by the trip to Lincoln Memorial Gardens for the Flying Flags for Heroes program.

CORRECTION



In last week's edition, Americanism Commission Chairman **CHARLES TREAT** was misidentified.

For me, and for many, the most inspiring times were when National Chaplain Jeffrey L. Gibson, Sr. spoke. A member of the Detachment of

Membership League. The first round of matchups are as follows:

October 14, 2021 – 25%
 November 10, 2021 – 35%
East Beasts vs. Central Capitals
South Force vs. National Gold
Midwest Monsters vs. West Commanders

Let's all get behind our membership program, talk to our members and collect their dues. We need to transmit in an expeditious manner and continue toward our ultimate goal of 105% as a national organization. **Who's next?**

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,

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
TARGET DATE



October 14, 2021

2022 Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					10/07/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,593	11,476	31,117	26.94%	11,476
2 Midwest	28,508	6,754	21,754	23.69%	6,754
3 Central	124,977	25,954	99,023	20.77%	25,954
4 Western	24,414	4,779	19,635	19.57%	4,779
5 Eastern	136,233	21,452	114,781	15.75%	21,452
TOTALS	356,725	70,415	286,310	19.74%	70,415

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date **N/A**

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Illinois 1, 2	13,602	5,101	8,501	37.50%	5,101
2 Wisconsin 1, 2	3,914	1,148	2,766	29.33%	1,148
3 Missouri 1, 2	3,211	892	2,319	27.78%	892
4 Iowa 1, 2	4,571	1,204	3,367	26.34%	1,204
5 Minnesota 1	11,091	2,347	8,744	21.16%	2,347
6 Ohio 1	29,946	6,243	23,703	20.85%	6,243
7 Michigan 1	21,985	3,423	18,562	15.57%	3,423
8 Indiana 1	36,657	5,596	31,061	15.27%	5,596
TOTALS	124,977	25,954	99,023	20.77%	25,954

Q = Quota

- 1 Met 09/09/21 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/14/21 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/10/21 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/08/21 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/21/22 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/09/22 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/09/22 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/13/22 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/11/22 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/28/22 goal of 105%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	1,148	2,766	29.33%	4.42%
Missouri	3,211	892	2,319	27.78%	3.44%
Iowa	4,571	1,204	3,367	26.34%	4.64%
TOTALS	11,696	3,244	8,452	27.74%	12.50%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	5,101	8,501	37.50%	19.65%
Minnesota	11,091	2,347	8,744	21.16%	9.04%
TOTALS	24,693	7,448	17,245	30.16%	28.70%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	6,243	23,703	20.85%	24.05%
Michigan	21,985	3,423	18,562	15.57%	13.19%
Indiana	36,657	5,596	31,061	15.27%	21.56%
TOTALS	88,588	15,262	73,326	17.23%	58.80%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)





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>

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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
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Access Code 798037#



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I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!

Challenge coin design contest announced at SAL NEC fall meeting

The American Legion
OCT 06, 2021

A contest to design a challenge coin to commemorate the 50th Sons of The American Legion National Convention is now open, with the winning designer receiving \$500 and two tickets to the convention banquet.

The 50th SAL National Convention is scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 2022, in Milwaukee. The contest to design the commemorative challenge coin was announced during the SAL National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting last weekend in Indianapolis. SAL PNC Joe Gladden, chairman of the 50th Convention Commemoration Committee, said the deadline to submit a design is Nov. 15. Designs can be submitted to sal50thconvention@gmail.com.

The challenge coins will be included in the ticket for those attending the convention banquet, tentatively set for the afternoon of Aug. 27, 2022. While plans for the banquet are still in the works, Gladden told the NEC the committee hopes to have 500 attendees and keep the cost at \$50 per ticket.

Additional challenge coins would be available for sale after the banquet, Gladden said.

The convention committee is also planning a commemorative wall, which would be available to detachments after the national convention to display at detachment conventions and mid-winter conferences, and a commemorative book.

And the committee is looking to SAL members to help.

“We need pictures from each of the conventions. It doesn’t matter who it is, it doesn’t have to be pictures of the commanders, can be pictures of you attending with your family,” Gladden told the NEC.

A website, SAL50thconvention.org, should be online within the next few weeks to allow SAL members to submit photos for the commemorative wall and book.

“For all this to work, we need your help,” Gladden said.

The SAL NEC approved six resolutions at the Oct. 2-3 fall meetings, including two related to next year’s 50th SAL National Convention.

Resolution 5 reallocates \$75,000 in the 2022 budget to fund the commemorative wall, commemorative book, commemorative challenge coin, and the convention banquet. Resolution 9 amends the convention commemoration committee to 11 members; Resolution 2 approved at the spring 2021 NEC meeting had set the committee at five to nine members.

Other resolutions approved include Resolution 1, the awarding of a custom SAL cap to the annual recipient of the Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award; Resolution 2, which creates the annual Squadron Commander of the Year Award; Resolution 6, which establishes the current ad-hoc century committee as a standing committee of the SAL NEC for a five-year period; Resolution 7, the donation of \$500,000 from the SAL reserve fund to the Veterans & Children Foundation; and Resolution 8, the donation of \$130,000 from the SAL reserve fund to American Legion Baseball.



SAL National Commander Michael Fox addresses the SAL National Executive Committee during its Fall Meetings in Indianapolis, Oct. 2, 2021.





Sons of The American Legion 50th Commemorative Convention Coin Design Challenge

The SAL National "50th Commemorative Convention Committee" is asking for your design ideas for the Commemorative Coin celebrating our 50th National Convention next August 26-28, 2022. The "Design Challenge" has benefits for the designer of the winning design; The designer of the coin will receive \$500.00 and two tickets to the Commemorative Event being held on Saturday.

Will your design win??

Enter the competition and submit your ideas by the deadline: November 15th, 2021

— The Rules —

- Maximum of three (3) entries per person.
- Submittal must be received by the close of business, Monday, November 15th, 2021.
- All Design Minimums must be included in your design in order to be considered.
- Commemorative Committee's vote is the final decision in selection of design for production.
- Supplemental artwork must accompany this form at the time of submittal.
- The winning design becomes property of The American Legion at the time of selection.
- Competition is open to everyone.

— Design Minimums and Mechanicals —

- "50th National Convention" must be prominent in the design.
- "Milwaukee" must be prominent in the design.
- "2022" must be prominent in the design.
- The SAL Logo must be integrated into the design within "Emblem Use Guidelines" parameters. (see link in following).
- "Emblem Style and Use Guide" is available at: <https://archive.legion.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.12203/5445/aa002107.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- **The remainder is up to You!!!**

Your Full Name Your Membership Number State
 Email Address Cell Phone Number

Completed design submittal is sent to: sal50thConvention@gmail.com
 Please contact us with your inquiries at the e-mail address above

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This form is also available for download from the SAL national website: <https://www.legion.org/sons>



VETERANS

STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Historical marker honors American Legion's first national HQ

By [Jeff Stoffer](#)
 OCT 06, 2021



National Commander Paul Dillard unveils the historical marker at the at the Indiana Veterans' Center, the original permanent headquarters of The American Legion in Indianapolis, on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Photo by Ben Mikesell/The American Legion

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Director Dennis Wimer wasn't sure who said it at the dedication ceremony in 1925. Perhaps it was then-American Legion National Commander James A. Drain. But one of the speakers on June 17 that year predicted that the new building at 777 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, first of the Indiana War Memorials Commission Plaza, was destined to be "a center of service for veterans" for decades to come. On Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, that prophecy was both remembered and renewed.

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard unveiled a new Indiana Historical Marker Bureau sign in front of the rebuilt original permanent national headquarters of The American Legion, which has been transformed into a high-tech "one-stop shop" to provide multiple services for Hoosier veterans and their families. Wednesday's ceremony to unveil the new marker was both a celebration of the Legion's legacy as original tenants and a forecast for the future of the Indiana Veterans' Center.

Installation of the marker honoring The American Legion's early accomplishments ensures that future

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veterans will understand that the building has been a hub of honor and service for former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Dillard suggested.

“History was made inside these walls,” Dillard told a crowd of about 200 at the unveiling ceremony, including members of the American Legion National Executive Committee in Indianapolis for their annual fall meetings. “Here, the founding generation of Legionnaires wired together more than 15,000 community posts across the land. Serving community, state and nation, those posts would establish an identity now described as ‘Veterans Strengthening America.’ Here, the first in tens of millions of dollars in American Legion youth scholarships were processed. Here, Legionnaires assembled and distributed more than 30 million guides for schools, cities, and states ... this later became U.S. Flag Code. From 777 North Meridian, The American Legion demanded that the federal government fix a corrupt and dysfunctional mix of agencies that was supposed to provide services for suffering wartime veterans. In 1930, that demand became the U.S. Veterans Administration.”

A century’s worth of American Legion accomplishments had to be boiled down to two 50-word paragraphs for the sign. “There is so much research and documentation that goes into supporting these markers,” explained Casey Pfeiffer, Historical Marker Program director for the State of Indiana, who thanked American Legion National Headquarters staff for meeting strict documentation requirements.

Dillard explained that such American Legion institutions as Boys State, American Legion Baseball and the National Oratorical Contest were conceived in the original permanent headquarters. “And the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 – the GI Bill of Rights that transformed America after World War II – was strategized and steered to passage from decisions made here.”

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. (ret.) J. Stewart Goodwin, executive director of the Indiana War Memorials Commission, tracked the history of the building since a state budget allocation of \$2.2 million “at a time when a gallon of milk cost five cents” made it a reality in 1925. “Since then, this building has continually been used in assisting veterans.”

After national American Legion operations moved into its bigger building on the plaza at 700 North Pennsylvania Street in 1950, the American Legion’s Department of Indiana and American Legion

Auxiliary National Headquarters were based there. The structure was placed on the National Historic Landmarks Registry in 1994 and continued to serve as home to the Indiana American Legion’s state office until 2014.

That was when Gen. Goodwin and retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Brown, then head of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, began formulating a new kind of resource center for veterans – one that would provide local, state, federal and veterans service organization programs under one roof. “The Indiana Veterans’ Center is the first of its kind,” Goodwin told the crowd. “777 was the ideal location.”

However, it would need a lot of work.

“The nearly 100-year-old building needed significant updates, to include asbestos and mold remediation,” Goodwin explained. New restrooms, elevators, ramps, and internet infrastructure were needed, as was a new entry to the building. To bring the entire structure into Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, modernize its utilities, and maintain respect for the historic marble floors, the original National Executive Committee room on the fourth floor and other features, it would take \$7.5 million. Funded from a variety of different state budgets, the center opened in 2020 and has done as planned, with state, federal, local and veterans service organization providers helping Indiana veterans and their families from all 94 of the state’s counties.

“To the best of our knowledge, there is no other place in the United States that provides all these services in one location for veterans,” Goodwin said. “We are extremely proud to be on the forefront.”

“May the spirit of our founders guide the Indiana Veterans’ Center through a future most certain to make more history from this cherished place,” Dillard said before he uncovered the marker in a light rainfall. “It has been an honor since 1925 for The American Legion to call such a place our first real home, and we are delighted that this new Indiana Historical Bureau marker will remind visitors in perpetuity of all the history that was made right here.”

Following the ceremony, members of the current NEC toured the center, where they saw the familiar desks occupied by their ancestors in the organization, along with other historic features preserved in the new center.

10 reasons why job seekers should focus on networking

AUG 02, 2017

From Military.com – by Lida Citroën

You've heard it before: It's not what you know, but who you know, that matters. The ability to successfully reintegrate into the civilian sector and find a meaningful career certainly necessitates that you have the skills, experience, and talents to do the work, but your network of contacts is also a powerful ingredient!

Multiple studies point to networking as being the significant part of getting a job, keeping a job, and finding a better job. Let's look at some of the many ways networking and networking contacts can serve you as you transition from a military to civilian career:

1. People do business with people they like (and know). If you have a small network of contacts, you have a limited number of people who can help you, refer you and endorse you when asked. A larger number of people who feel positively towards you ensures your name is brought up in critical conversations when opportunities are discussed.
2. Other people can short-cut your learning curve. Surrounding yourself with people who are knowledgeable, insightful, and resourceful means you can lean on them to help supplement your understanding of aspects of your career growth.
3. The civilian world is relational. How people feel about you influences their willingness to help you. Your network of contacts can keep you grounded by encouraging you to focus on the mission (grow your career) and building relationships along the way.
4. Your network knows people. When your contacts believe in you, understand you, and appreciate your skills and talents they can introduce and directly refer you to opportunities you might otherwise not be able to access.
5. You can't be everywhere. Your network can serve as another set of "eyes and ears" to help identify opportunities for you as you transition to your civilian career. As they scope out new offers and places you can grow your visibility, your network will keep you informed.
6. It's not enough to be good at your job; you must understand the human side of doing business. Technical competence, skills and certifications don't mean you get along with others. Your

network will share insights into the human aspects of moving through your career, building credibility, and advancing your personal brand at your work.

7. People will sell for you when you're not in the room. Your network can advocate for you and endorse you for your skills, talents and goals to key influencers who are looking for someone with your abilities and character traits.
8. Recruiters use online networking and word of mouth to find candidates. Having a strong and viable network online shows employers that you are well connected, liked, and respected. When your network publicly endorses you (through recommendations and testimonials posted online,) they share their credibility with you. This makes recruiters believe you are what they read and see online.
9. Networking empowers you to serve. After you leave the military, many of you will still want to serve. Your network of contacts can guide you towards service that is personally and professionally meaningful helping you see, for instance, which are the most visible nonprofit organizations? Which community groups will give you the greatest personal impact? Where can you meet other like-minded individuals?
10. It's fun! Walking into a room of strangers can be intimidating and overwhelming. Walking into a meeting, gathering or event where you see familiar faces is less daunting. As you build a network of key contacts, you will turn some of those relationships into friendships, and keep others professional. Regardless of where the contact ends up in your life, it's fun to know people in different jobs, industries, and parts of the world.

The concept of networking after a military career can feel unfamiliar. But when you look at the benefits of intentional networking, the costs are a small price to pay for the support, knowledge, access, and insight you gain.

Growing your business while mitigating risk

FEB 07, 2017

From Military.com -by Amber Colley

For the most part, starting a business is easy – growing a business can be hard because scaling up requires you to take risks. As a general rule, the bigger you want to grow, the greater the risk involved.

Traversing the landscape of partnerships, joint-ventures, mergers, and acquisitions could be compared to walking a tightrope: make the wrong decision and

you can lose money, your business or in the worst-case-scenario, your house, and assets.

We all know the key to good mission planning is doing some homework. Forecasting and mitigating risks require the same preparation, research, and intelligence-gathering skills that many veterans have learned running ops down range. So here are a few things to keep in mind while planning for growth.

1) Keep Your Business Credit File Up-To-Date and On Track

For many veteran business owners, the opportunity for growth may come in the form of landing a contract with a large corporation or with the government. When these organizations are deciding which company to award the contract to, they may take into consideration an applicant's business credit report. This may be in addition to checking to make sure the company is indeed veteran-owned and reviewing any other required documentation. Checking business credit scores and ratings may help those making contracting decisions act with confidence about the potential supplier's stability and discipline to fulfill the contract. It's wise to build and monitor your business credit file so you're aware of any changes to your scores and ratings that may affect your relationships with vendors or your ability to win future contracts.

Another step toward growth may be securing outside funding. Some use an influx of cash to fulfill existing orders, cover capital expenditures, or address a range of other needs that may contribute to growth. Many traditional lenders may access an applicant's business credit report as part of the approval process. A strong business credit file may also help a business negotiate better terms and conditions, not only with lenders, but also with other vendors or landlords when looking to expand or get in a new physical space. Building your business credit file before applying for a loan may help you get approved with better interest rates and repayment terms.

2) Choose Your Partners Wisely (With the Help of Information)

Frequently, the more a company grows, the more it may interact with and rely on other partners and organizations. Two examples of these types of relationships include company's suppliers and clients. As a veteran business owner, you'll want to work with the most reliable vendors and customers.

When you rely on other companies to deliver a product or service, you should choose these partners wisely, and checking potential vendors' business

credit files can help you do this. Beyond making sure they have the goods you need and are a company that's easy to do business with, you might also want to consider their financial stability. If a potential or existing supplier has poor business credit scores and ratings, they might be at risk for closure or non-delivery.

When partnering with new clients, it can be important to know about their payment history and check their business credit report to help assess their financial health. There are different strategic considerations to keep in mind if you are waiting 90 days for a payment as opposed to 30 days.

3) Get Informed About the People and Organizations you are Approaching

When forming a new business relationship, it can be beneficial to do some research on the company. Getting the basic information, like strategic goals and company history, to the more nuanced, like the professional backgrounds of key individuals, may help you plan for the type of meeting you want to have, as well as help ensure that you are prepared for a range of conversations. There are tools and services that can help you view key information on businesses and the people who work for them. You can use these tools before meeting with a supply chain leader to see specific ways your business may be able to help more than others. You only get one shot at a first impression and research may be one of the best ways to make the most of that opportunity.

Running and growing a business will never be free of risk, but with the right data, you can be prepared for and help predict some of the most costly risks to your business. By building your business credit, you can help your company appear credible and reliable to lenders and potential business partners. By monitoring other companies' credit files, you can help foresee the possibility of future late payments, closures, or bankruptcies. With the right tools, you can get the key business and employee information you need to prepare for meetings with prospects and supply chain leaders. Take advantage of the opportunities you have to grow, but don't forget to take advantage of the tools available to help you minimize risk and grow safely.





Sons of The American Legion Central Region 2022 Membership Program



For the 2022 administrative year, Detachments in the Central Region will be divided into three divisions based on membership totals for the end of the 2021 administrative year. These Divisions were established to create competition within the Central Region, and to give bragging rights to Detachments who lead their Divisions.

New Year’s Eve Child Welfare Foundation Incentive

I will make a personal donation of \$100.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation for each Detachment that reaches 100% of its goal no later than December 31, 2021. This is a very attainable goal, and one that we should be achieving each year.

Target Date Prizes

Any Detachment reaching 105% in membership by the April 13, 2022, National Target Date will receive an award, and the Detachment Commander will win a \$25.00 Emblem Sales Gift Card.

Any Detachment reaching 95% in renewals by the April 13, 2022, National Target Date will receive an award, and the Detachment Commander will win a \$25.00 Emblem Sales Gift Card.

Now is the time to change our membership culture and how we operate. There is a paradigm shift happening that will be beneficial to all members of the Sons of The American Legion including our Detachments, Districts, and Squadrons. Membership is a big key to that shift.

Division Champions

We will be crowning Membership Champions in the Red, White, and Blue Divisions, as well as an overall Central Region Membership Champion.

Champions will be determined using the last membership report prior to the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Red Division	White Division	Blue Division
under 10,000 members)	10,001 – 20,000 members	20,001 members and up
Iowa	Illinois	Indiana
Missouri	Minnesota	Michigan
Wisconsin		Ohio

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MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

50th Convention Commemoration Committee

Joseph Gladden (MD), Chairman

Americanism Commission

Charles E. Treat, II (AZ), Chairman

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

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14 nonprofits receive over \$639,000 in American Legion CWF grants

The American Legion

OCT 07, 2021

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



In its 67th year, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation awarded 17 grants totaling \$639,328 to 14 nonprofits. The recipients were selected during the annual meeting of the CWF board of directors that was held virtually on Sunday, Oct. 3. These grants have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The following is a brief summary of the grants awarded for 2022.

[Adoption Exchange Association](#) of Linthicum, Md., was awarded \$22,780 for its project, “Every

Child Deserves a Family.” This grant will provide a website to share useful information with other agencies to facilitate adoptions.

[American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters](#) of Indianapolis was awarded \$45,500 for its project, “American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships in the following areas: American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation, the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship, the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President Scholarship, and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

[American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters](#) of Indianapolis was awarded \$3,390 for its project, “American Legion Children and Youth Project.” The grant seeks to instill American Legion Family values in youth while teaching them about the poppy and safety. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

[Childhood Leukemia Foundation](#) of Brick, N.J., was awarded \$29,700 for its project, “Hope Binders.” This project will offer 12 sections of templates and resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

[Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation](#) of Pittsburgh was awarded \$30,000 for its project, “Teach Higher for the Starz(I): Next Gen Online Resources for Child Liver Transplant Patients and their Families.” This grant seeks to create more patient and family tool kits, transplant care guides and educational videos for pediatric transplant patients that will help guide and support the patient and their family through their transplant journey. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

[Cornelia de Lange Syndrome](#) of Avon, Conn., was awarded \$26,500 for its project, “Reaching out: Resources for Parents with Children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.” This project seeks to print and distribute valuable resources and information that is relevant to parents and caregivers who have children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.

[Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance](#) of Chicago was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Mood Crew-Clinician Outreach.” This project seeks to create and distribute materials that will help parents,

caregivers and health-care professionals recognize the signs when their loved one is experiencing mental health issues.

First Candle of New Canaan, Conn., was awarded \$34,965 for its project, “Education Campaign to Increase Safe Infant Sleep Practices.” This project seeks to create an educational campaign with downloadable resources that teach parents and caregivers the dangers of infants sleeping in adult beds.

Kids in Danger of Chicago was awarded \$5,000 for its project, “Safe from the Start.” This project seeks to create printed materials with information and resources for parents and caregivers about items that are potential dangers in a home.

National Braille Press of Boston was awarded \$19,000 for its project, “ReadBooks! Because Braille Matters.” This grant will fund the creation of a U.S. tactile map so that visually impaired children can learn about geography and the United States. And it will fund a braille book for a visually impaired child. The Eight and Forty support this grant.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky of Lexington, Ky., was awarded \$3,193 for its project, “Project Outreach: Supporting Military Families.” This project will fund the printing and distribution of materials regarding child sexual abuse prevention.

Songs of Love Foundation of Forest Hills, N.Y., was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Songs of Love Outreach.” This grant will fund the printing and distribution of profile forms and song request forms that will help create personalized songs for seriously ill children up to the age of 21 with no charge to them. This grant will also update and maintain the website which provides detailed information on how to request a song.

The National Children’s Cancer Society of Saint Louis was awarded \$25,000 for its project, “Transportation Assistance Fund.” This project will update and disseminate promotional materials promoting the Transportation Assistance Fund, ensuring children with cancer have access to life-saving treatment. The Sons of The American Legion supports this grant.

Tourette Association of America of Bayside, N.Y., was awarded \$11,300 for its project, “Newly Diagnosed Backpack Program.” This grant will provide newly diagnosed children with Tourette Syndrome a backpack containing vital information and

resources guide for children and parents so they can better understand their diagnosis.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$54,500 for its project, “2022 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs of The American Legion: Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year. The Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$203,500 for its program, “The American Legion National Oratorical Contest for 2022.” This grant will provide scholarships for youth competing in the 2022 American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$75,000 for its program, “The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2022.” This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to the minor child(ren) in the home of an eligible veteran or military servicemember maintain shelter, food, utilities, and clothing. The American Legion Auxiliary support this grant.

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in #

Access Code:

Convention Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Finance Commission

Allen J. Waltry (WI), Chairman

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

First Thursday Bi-Monthly

December, February, April, June, & August

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (712) 775-7031

Access Code: 988 284 103#

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Member Training and Development Committee

Michael Monserud (IA), 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

Public and Media Communications Commission

Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman

The Commission needs your help in collecting data related to Detachment newsletters. Here's how you can help:

Each Detachment newsletter editor AND Adjutant is asked to provide the static URL address to their detachment newsletter webpage to me at jef-fvrabelsr@gmail.com and to Commission member Gene Theroux at commander@salmass.org. The purpose is to capture those links to a page that contain the links to Detachment newsletters. This information will be used on the Detachment of Massachusetts website, with future use planned on the SAL national website. This information will also be included in *Round-Up*.

The Commission would also like to inform members on how to subscribe/unsubscribe to National e-newsletters. Many members have already signed-up for this email, but do not realize that the information comes from The American Legion.

The link to the how to subscribe/unsubscribe guide follows: [http://salmass.org/files/How to Subscribe E-Newsletter.pdf](http://salmass.org/files/How_to_Subscribe_E-Newsletter.pdf)

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Christopher Cook (OK), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

7:00 p.m. Central Time/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In #

Access Code:

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>

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

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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

<i>Name</i> _____	<i>Post</i> _____
<i>Number Attending</i> _____	<i>Amount Enclosed</i> _____
<i>BBQ Chicken</i> _____	<i>Pork Loin</i> _____
<i>Phone #</i> _____	

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.



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) MLKirschner@Comcast.net 3725 Hollybrook Ln. Pueblo, CO 81005-3256
West - Jack Youngs (ID) xnukewelder@aol.com 3223 Salem St. Caldwell, ID 83605

**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

'We want to make sure that our veterans are never forgotten'

The American Legion
OCT 04, 2021



Sons of The American Legion member Kevin Chaplin of Virginia Squadron 284 places a flag on a veteran's grave during a flag ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown, Indiana, on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Photo by Ben Mikesell/The American Legion

A rainy Saturday in the Indianapolis area let up just long enough for SAL National Commander Michael Fox, American Legion Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel, the SAL National Executive Committee (NEC) and others to place dozens of flags on veterans' graves at Lincoln Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown, Ind.

"It was raining, but the good Lord has blessed us and kind of (cleared) the skies for a few minutes," Fox said to those in attendance.

The event took place during the SAL NEC fall meeting and is part of Fox's service project, Flying Flags for Heroes. The goal of the project is to place 1 million flags on veterans' graves in local cemeteries nationwide during Fox's year as national commander. While many veterans are buried in national cemeteries, many others are in local cemeteries, Fox pointed out.

"No matter where you go, you're going to find a veteran. And what we do throughout the year, as we place flags to honor our veterans, is to pay respect to all of those," Fox said.

Among those participating in the event on Oct. 2 was SAL Past National Commander David Stephens.

"I think everybody is going to have some kind of emotion because they're thinking about, not only are they placing a flag for the person who made them eligible for the Sons of The American Legion, but also

for a veteran that's maybe been forgotten," Stephens said before the event. "And we want to make sure that our veterans are never forgotten."



For more information on how to participate in Flying Flags for Heroes, visit flyingflagsforheroes.com.



American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"
100% Per Capita Banner Program
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



Fox Homecoming

March 17-20, 2022

Thursday
St. Patricks Day Karaoke Night

Friday

Daytime- Tour of Hollywood Post 43-Light Morning Breakfast
Evening- Legion Family Casino Night with Dinner

Saturday

Daytime- Flying Flags for Heroes Event at Local Cemetery
Evening- Homecoming Gala held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
**Please note ticket price includes a 2 hour tour of Library

I am Interested!

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Email: _____

Please check box of events you are interested in attending and enclose check. Mail check to

Fox Homecoming c/o DATATrue
115 W. California Blvd #248
Pasadena, CA 91105

Thursday Friday-Daytime Friday Evening Saturday-Daytime
 Homecoming Gala Event-Black Tie (Optional)
You may pay with a Credit/Debit Card

Name: _____ Card No.: _____

EXP: _____ CVC: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Please check this box if transportation is needed to events



The American Legion Family

APPOINTMENTS BEING ACCEPTED



SAL

Barber Shop

Milwaukee

There are still spots available at the SAL Barber Shop to get your head shaved or beard cut off. We will be taking appointments all the way up to the National Convention in Milwaukee.

Here are the appointments on the books so far:

- **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.
- **Who's next?**



Hotel

Doubletree by Hilton Hotels-Monrovia-Pasadena
924 W Huntington Dr
Monrovia, CA 91016
Booking Link

www.my-event.hilton.com/salmichaelfoxhomecoming/

Tickets

Transportation available to and from hotel

Hollywood-Friday
\$50 per person

Legion Family Casino
Night w. Dinner
Friday Evening
\$50 per person

Homecoming @ Ronald
Reagan Presidential
Library- Saturday
\$75 per person

HAPPY FALL!!!!

please share with our younger members. These would look great hanging around our Posts this Fall.

