



# Round-Up



A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion

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## Publicity is ‘cheapest way for recruitment’

The American Legion  
October 11, 2021

Daniel R. Olsen Eagan American Legion Post 594 in Eagan, Minn., was about to close its doors in 2016 due to a decline in membership and active participation. But together, past Post 594 Commander John Flynn and current Commander Wayne Beierman helped save the post by turning around membership – from 77 members to now 410.

“It’s about active recruiting, being relevant in the community and letting people know (that we are relevant) by publicizing what we do,” Beierman said. “Every community can’t do what we have done, but every community can do the publicity. If you do something put it in the paper so people can see it. No matter how big or small it is, if you can get it in the paper with a headline, it helps with recruiting.”

Post 594 does not have a post home; members meet in a banquet room at a local bowling alley. But they publicize in the local newspaper all that they do for their community. Examples include:

- Holding two flag retirement ceremonies a year with Boy Scouts.
- Reading the book “F is for Flag” to first graders and donating copies of the book to classrooms.
- Donating flags to the City of Eagan.
- Recognizing veterans on their birthdays and for their military service.
- Conducting a 9/11 ceremony.
- Recognizing graduating high school seniors who sign up for the military.
- Paying membership dues for veterans at a veterans home in Hastings, along with hosting cookouts there, decorating for the holidays and playing games with the veterans.
- Hosting a blood drive the Friday before Memorial Day where the post achieves about 150 percent of its goal.

- Feeding breakfast to families once a month at a nearby Fisher House.
- Providing certificates of appreciation to local businesses and community leaders such as first responders and teachers.
- Providing an unserviceable flag drop off box to Sam’s Club.

“If you use the four pillars as your reason for being in the community, it’s easy to talk about The American Legion,” Beierman said. “We get our name out there in the newspaper – the cheapest way for recruitment. People see us in the paper and know we’re relevant in the community. It’s also helped us in fundraising because they see what they do.

“We publicize virtually everything we do.”

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## TARGET DATE



November 10, 2021



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SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



**LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION  
NOT THROUGH POSITION**



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# REGIONAL UPDATES



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This week, we start to see changes in the content of *Round-Up*. There is more information from other regions within the organization, and we now see more national membership information.

Although the National Membership Report is published to the Sons of The American Legion website, this may make it a little easier to look at and to understand, as there will be reports from National

Vice-Commanders, the National Membership Committee, and others who have made submissions.

The new format also allows Squadrons, Counties, Districts, and Detachments to post information that it would like to have seen by a larger audience. The best part, IT'S FREE! Members are asked to submit information related to events, fundraisers, meetings, etc. that would be beneficial to the organization as a whole.

When making your submissions, please identify everyone in your pictures, and give a brief description of what is going on in the picture. Articles and stories should be sent in Word format, as it makes it much easier for editing. This forum is provided for our members to use, and I hope that we begin to get submissions from across the country. **Who's next?**

The National Target Date 25% Membership Report is out, and it shows us just how hard everyone has worked so far. We know that we still are having issues with electronic transmissions, but I can tell you that I sat in on a Zoom meeting Friday related to these ongoing issues, and they are being addressed. Keep doing what you are doing to get your paid membership dues submitted on in a timely fashion, and I can promise you that improvements to MyLegion are on their way!

The National Membership League is underway, with Round 1 having been completed Thursday. Help your Detachment and our Region by getting your membership cards transmitted right away.

Do your part! Get your dues paid. Help Squadrons get off zero members paid, and make sure dues are submitted. Let's show the world the strength of the Central Region! **Who's next?**

Don't forget that your hard work shows in the Central Region 2022 Membership Program and our incentives and contests. Rivalries are developed to create competition, with Detachments battling each week to not only lead the region but to see who will get to quota the fastest. Take a look and see where your Detachment is ranked on the next page.

As we continue our membership program, please reach out to your unpaid members, and see what you can do for them and ask if they can pay their dues today. We want to get to quota as fast as we can. There are many Squadrons across the country

that have reached that goal, we need to have more do the same.

District Commanders and First Vice-Commanders are asked to contact their Squadron Commanders and First Vice-Commanders to see where they can help. If any District is planning a membership round-up, please make sure the Squadrons in the District know when it is and where the stops will be. This is a great way to not only collect membership, but to renew old friendships, make new friends, and to see some of the great Posts our organization has to offer. Don't be afraid to invite Detachment Officers to join you on your membership round-up too. They can be a great help and a great resource.

**Who's next?**



### 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.

<b>Red Division</b> under 10,000 members) Iowa Missouri Wisconsin	<b>White Division</b> 10,001 – 20,000 members Illinois Minnesota	<b>Blue Division</b> 20,001 members and up Indiana Michigan Ohio
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Jeff Vrabel, Sr.  
National Vice-Commander  
Central Region 2021 – 2022  
Sons of The American Legion

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!!!**



# 2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					10/14/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,593	12,233	30,360	28.72%	486
2 Midwest	28,508	7,308	21,200	25.63%	382
3 Central	124,977	28,669	96,308	22.94%	2,033
4 Western	24,414	5,064	19,350	20.74%	194
5 Eastern	136,233	23,828	112,405	17.49%	1,553
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>356,725</b>	<b>77,102</b>	<b>279,623</b>	<b>21.61%</b>	<b>4,648</b>

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

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Illinois 1, 2	13,602	5,160	8,442	37.94%	6
2 Wisconsin 1, 2	3,914	1,391	2,523	35.54%	214
3 Missouri 1, 2	3,211	942	2,269	29.34%	38
4 Iowa 1, 2	4,571	1,415	3,156	30.96%	180
5 Minnesota 1	11,091	2,455	8,636	22.14%	12
6 Ohio 1	29,946	6,634	23,312	22.15%	245
7 Indiana 1	36,657	6,762	29,895	18.45%	910
8 Michigan 1	21,985	3,910	18,075	17.78%	428
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>124,977</b>	<b>28,669</b>	<b>96,308</b>	<b>22.94%</b>	<b>2,033</b>

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	1,391	2,523	35.54%	4.85%
Iowa	4,571	1,415	3,156	30.96%	4.94%
Missouri	3,211	942	2,269	29.34%	3.29%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,696</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>7,948</b>	<b>32.05%</b>	<b>13.07%</b>

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	5,160	8,442	37.94%	18.00%
Minnesota	11,091	2,455	8,636	22.14%	8.56%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,693</b>	<b>7,615</b>	<b>17,078</b>	<b>30.84%</b>	<b>26.56%</b>

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	6,634	23,312	22.15%	23.14%
Michigan	21,985	3,910	18,075	17.78%	13.64%
Indiana	36,657	6,762	29,895	18.45%	23.59%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>88,588</b>	<b>17,306</b>	<b>71,282</b>	<b>19.54%</b>	<b>60.36%</b>

**NEVER  
FORGET  
WHY YOU  
STARTED**



Thanks to all the Sons of the American Legion of Michigan who donated I am happy to share pictures of the Lights at the Upper Peninsula War Memorial!

*John Pickard,  
Detachment of Michigan*

**Chase Down A Great Meal!  
Post 253 SAL Annual Turkey Fry  
Sunday October 24th. — 2pm Till It's Gone**



**Deep Fried Turkey With All The Fixins  
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**Lions vs LA Rams 4:05**



**American Legion Post 253  
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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

Fourth Tuesday of each month  
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

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

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
RHODE ISLAND	316	123	38.92%
MARYLAND	15,533	4,778	30.76%
DIST OF COL	92	27	29.35%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	532	29.23%
FRANCE	233	63	27.04%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	1,277	25.17%
VERMONT	3,576	875	24.47%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	1,993	21.64%
DELAWARE	2,229	455	20.41%
NEW YORK	29,246	5,138	17.57%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	888	16.64%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	7,278	12.36%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	268	12.28%
MAINE	2,482	133	5.36%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>136,233</b>	<b>23,828</b>	<b>17.49%</b>

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	426	40.49%
MONTANA	1,160	451	38.88%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	509	36.88%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	284	31.00%
TEXAS	5,425	1,509	27.82%
NEBRASKA	6,959	1,668	23.97%
WYOMING	1,273	301	23.64%
KANSAS	6,424	1,462	22.76%
COLORADO	2,632	537	20.40%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	159	12.61%
MEXICO	26	2	7.69%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,508</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>25.63%</b>

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## Nebraska SAL donates to Medal of Honor Highway project

The American Legion  
OCT 13, 2021



The SAL Detachment of Nebraska presented a \$4,000 check to Tom Hansen of the Nebraska Medal of Honor Foundation on Oct. 10 in Omaha, to help fund signs along the Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway. Photo provided.

A donation from the SAL Detachment of Nebraska will help place two signs along the Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway.

Detachment Commander Chris Casey and others presented a \$4,000 check to Tom Hansen, treasurer of the Nebraska Medal of Honor Foundation, at an event in Omaha, Neb., on Oct. 10.

Tom Hansen is the great-nephew of Medal of Honor recipient Dale Hansen. A native of Wisner, Neb., Dale Hansen earned the Medal of Honor for his actions against Japanese troops on Okinawa on May 7, 1945, dying four days later.

On Jan. 31, 2020, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts signed paperwork renaming the 432-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 20 running through his state the “Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway.” The renaming is the continuation of an effort that began in Oregon in 2018 and has since moved into Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Similar efforts have begun in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts, with the hope the designation eventually extends all the way to the end of Highway 20 in Boston.

“For us Sons that may not have served, I mean it’s everything for us to be able to give back to our communities so to know we’re part of something bigger than ourselves, it’s huge, it’s a huge feeling, a big sense of accomplishment and honor to do things,” Casey [told WOWT-TV](#).



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### MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (701) 802-5001

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,021	56.47%
GEORGIA	4,316	2,145	49.70%
PUERTO RICO	88	36	40.91%
TENNESSEE	1,681	538	32.00%
ALABAMA	2,020	613	30.35%
MISSISSIPPI	795	212	26.67%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	685	26.16%
FLORIDA	20,745	5,372	25.90%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	314	22.72%
VIRGINIA	4,023	856	21.28%
ARKANSAS	468	86	18.38%
KENTUCKY	2,648	355	13.41%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>42,593</b>	<b>12,233</b>	<b>28.72%</b>



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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

<https://zoom.us/j/96562303887?pwd=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09>

Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887

Passcode: 795541

Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/j/96562303887?pwd=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09>

Western Region - Leslie "Jim" Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	52	106.12%
IDAHO	606	224	36.96%
UTAH	492	180	36.59%
NEVADA	334	99	29.64%
OREGON	1,317	324	24.60%
ALASKA	1,560	362	23.21%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	2,347	22.70%
WASHINGTON	2,086	333	15.96%
ARIZONA	7,566	1,143	15.11%
PHILIPPINES	66	0	0.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>20.74%</b>

**WESTERN Rendezvous Number Eight!**

**Tuscany Suites & Casino**  
 Reservations 1-877-887-2261  
 Room Rates to be Determined

SAL Rendezvous Reservation Code: 012250NS

Social Gathering On Friday, January 28th, 2022  
 Leadership Training On Saturday, January 29th, 2022  
 Lunch Is Served During Lunch Break On Saturday  
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**MEETINGS AND REPORTS**  
**OF NATIONAL**  
**COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

**50<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
**Commemoration Committee**  
*Joseph Gladden (MD), Chairman*

**Americanism Commission**  
*Charles E. Treat, II (AZ), Chairman*

**Century Committee**  
**(CENTCOM)**  
*Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman*





NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

OCTOBER 15, 2021

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS  
FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT  
SUBJECT: 25% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

**"CONGRATULATIONS"**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 25% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (10-14-2021) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 356,725  
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 77,102  
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: 21.61%  
DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: 27

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	LOUISIANA	MONTANA	PUERTO RICO	UTAH
CONNECTICUT	HAWAII	MARYLAND	NEVADA	RHODE ISLAND	WISCONSIN
DIST. OF COL.	IDAHO	MASSACHUSETTS	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH DAKOTA	
FLORIDA	ILLINOIS	MISSISSIPPI	NORTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	
FRANCE	IOWA	MISSOURI	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	

**GREAT JOB!!**

**MANY DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!**

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: **OCTOBER 1, 2021 (DELAYED)** (1<sup>ST</sup> OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **NOVEMBER 10, 2021** (35%)



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**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:

It is increasingly critical that the Sons of The American Legion maintain an active presence in every VA Medical Center and Hospital across the Country. We accomplish this by having each Detachment appoint members to serve as VAVS Representatives, Deputies, and Associates to every VA Facility. Their duty is to learn what needs the Veterans in that facility have, how we as Sons can help them through either volunteer time and/or donations, and to communicate that information to Sons in their local Squadrons, Counties, and Districts in their locality.

While there have been ups and downs in our representation at VA facilities due to the Pandemic and other issues, we are now at an all-time low in the number of VA Facilities we serve. We need your help to change that now!

This is an urgent matter, and we hope that you will take action on this ASAP! Let us be a leader with the American Legion Family, and with other Organizations across the Country that serve Veterans in the VA.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Thank You,

*Gabe Cinquegrana,*  
National VAVS Representative  
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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission  
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**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](mailto:jef-fvrabelsr@gmail.com) and to Commission member Gene Theroux at [commander@salmass.org](mailto: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 fol-

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## 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>

### Sons of The American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission SOP for Detachments

The creation of a Veterans Employment and Education Committee (or Sub-committee) within a Detachment can greatly benefit the Sons of The American Legion. While VE&E and VA&R are closely tied and often associated together, they cover completely different issues America's veterans are facing.

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program** Outline I. Volunteer Services II. Support Military Troops A. USO B. Squadron/Individual Support (Phone cards, Care Packages) C. POW/MIA Issues D. AL Operation Comfort Warrior E. My Healthy Vet III. Collaborative Program Efforts A. National Veterans Assistance Day B. Fisher House C. Veterans Suicide Prevention as well as other programs.

**Veterans Employment and Education** deals with programs involving veteran's education, small business, employment, veteran's preference, VA home loans, homeless veterans, training, licensing and certification, transition, USERRA, and other issues related to economics.

As you can see, there is too much ground to cover by only one committee/commission.

Suggested responsibilities for a Detachment VE&E Committee would include (not limited to):

- Coordinate with the national VE&E Commission (attend meetings and conference calls),
- Coordinate with your respective Department VE&E Commission to assist in job/career fairs, homeless stand-downs, or other events,
- Disseminate the information provided by the VE&E Commissions on the state and national level to the District/County and Squadron levels,
- Identify the active community-based Veteran Service Providers in your areas **and understand what their needs are.**

- Educate yourselves and your members on veteran homelessness so you may educate others,
- Promote local businesses that hire veterans,
- Hold a fundraiser/make a donation to a veteran's outreach program,
- Contact local officials to see what is being done to end veteran homelessness-become an advocate.
- In short, there are numerous ways that your Detachment can advocate for, assist, and promote Veterans Employment and Education.

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

# #SALSTRONG



**MICHAEL FOX**  
**NATIONAL COMMANDER**  
**2021-2022**





# 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/ae002107.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](mailto: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

## Buddy Checks for Veterans Day

By Paul E. Dillard, National Commander  
OCT 11, 2021



Buddy Checks are particularly timely since Veterans Day is next month. It's a perfect time to conduct Buddy Checks on post members and veterans in the community so I am encouraging departments and posts to make calls

during the week of Nov. 11.

American Legion Family members are making Buddy Check calls on regular schedules to let veterans and their families know they are not alone and that the American Legion Family stands ready to assist them in any way it can. If a Legionnaire calls you for a Buddy Check, don't take that as an implication that you are struggling. Buddy Checks are for all veterans, but suicide prevention is perhaps the greatest benefit that can come from a Buddy Check.

Last month, in its annual report on National Veteran Suicide Prevention, VA updated its data to show a 7.2 percent decrease in veteran suicide in 2019 from the year before. The figure used is that 17.2 veterans per day took their own lives in 2019. The American Legion will not be satisfied until that figure is ZERO. More recently, however, USA Today reported a 15 percent increase of suicide among active-duty troops in 2020.

We have a lot of work to do. And by "we" I don't mean just The American Legion but America as a whole. Buddy Checks are only one tool. We must remove all stigmas associated with asking for help or being diagnosed with PTSD, depression or any other condition that could lead one to take his or her own life.

We must reach out to our Afghanistan veterans who are experiencing a whole range of emotions due to recent events. We need to ensure that they are not

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isolated and that they know that they have a home and friends in our American Legion Family.

If you need help with starting a Buddy Check team, making phone calls, or knowing what to say, a toolkit with this information and other valuable resources is available at [www.legion.org/buddycheck](http://www.legion.org/buddycheck).

Whether it's through Buddy Checks or any of our programs for veterans and their families, we prove time and again that we are Veterans Strengthening America who believe in No Veteran Left Behind.



### How to reset password for MyLegion.org account

The American Legion  
OCT 12, 2021

If you have a [MyLegion.org](http://MyLegion.org) account and can't remember your password to log in, it can be retrieved.

When you access the login page at MyLegion.org, you will see a link to "forgot password." Select this option and a reset link will be sent to the registered email on file at National Headquarters. To update your password, your username is required. If you forgot this, click "forgot username" to retrieve it.

Requesting a one-time password sends you an email with a one-time password to log in to your account.

While logged in to MyLegion.org, you can update your account login credentials by clicking on Username/Password on the left-hand menu. This link opens a self-service window that shows your current username and main email associated with your account.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 4

3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 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

**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

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*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

# St Marys American Legion

## SAL Gun Raffle

- 1) **SIG Sauer P365  
Handgun**
- 2) **Smith n Wesson-  
M&P Shield 2.0-380 Auto EZ**
- 3) **Savage Mark 11  
22lr With Scope**
- 4) **Savage 110 350 Legend  
Hog Hunter Rifle**

**\$20 per Ticket**  
**Drawing December 8**  
**6 pm at the Post**  
**(contingent on sales)**

**Tickets may be Purchased at Post**  
**Or from SAL Members**  
**More details call**  
**(419) 644-6257**  
**(Proceeds for American Legion Programs)**



### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
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#4 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
#5 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

#### RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

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



### 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](mailto: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

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY



# 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
- National Membership Committee Chairman Thom Skelley
- Fox Squad Chief of Staff Bob Brown
- **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/](http://www.my-event.hilton.com/salmichaelfoxhomecoming/)

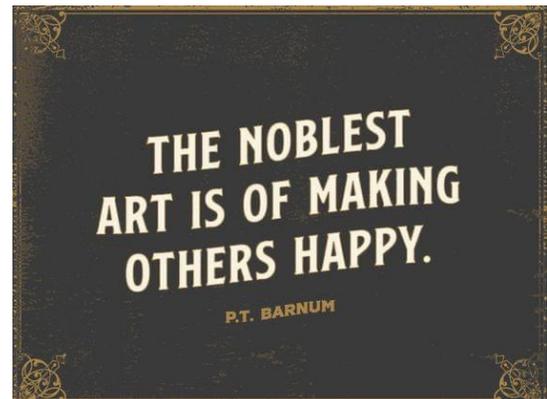
### Tickets

\*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



# Why We Don't Walk Between The Colors: This Is Hallowed Ground

Between these flags that proudly fly  
Let no man dare to stand  
For here our fallen comrades lie, this is  
hallowed land.



A symbol, yes, but  
mark it well;  
Here let us ever hum-  
bly pause  
In memory of the lads  
who fell  
In fighting for our sa-  
cred cause.



On sea or land these buddies died,  
Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
In spots unknown to all but God.  
And so, this place is hallowed ground.  
And it shall be forever blest  
As though it were a grassy mound  
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaires,  
Of these flags which signify  
That we should guard this spot with care  
Where our departed comrades lie.  
And, if a man should dare to tread  
This spot where lie our gallant Brave,  
He desecrated those noble dead  
As though he walked upon their grave.



Sons of The American Legion Membership Application	
Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____	Birth Date _____ Date _____
Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)	Recruited by _____ (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)	00-001 (2013)

**RECEIPT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received of \_\_\_\_\_

**For God and Country**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Flying Flags For Heroes

Jim Stewart, National Vice-Commander West

National Commander Michael Fox has as his special project for his year Flying Flags for Heroes. For those that were at the National Convention in Phoenix, you may have seen the Flying Flags for Heroes video. What an awesome presentation! If not, I have attached the Flying Flags for Heroes pamphlet for your review. Additionally, you may go to the website [www.FlyingFlagsforHeroes.com](http://www.FlyingFlagsforHeroes.com) to review the project.

The project is simple. Let's Honor our fallen Veterans located in local private cemeteries that are often overlooked. Place a flag at their gravesite wearing your SAL cover or SAL apparel. Have photographs taken and then go to the website to record the number of Veterans honored and upload any pictures.

The National Commander is asking that each Squadron and Detachment to place at least two (2) flags per capita. The ceremony does not have to be on Memorial Day or on Veteran's Day. It can be any event you desire as long as the Veterans are properly honored. If you need flags, you may use the vendor highlighted on the website or any other source you may choose. The National Commander would like to place 1 million flags this year. If everyone participates, we can easily reach that goal.

Let's get out there for Flying Flags for Heroes!



## Commander's Special Project

# Flying Flags for Heroes



## Do you support our Veterans?

Join in our mission, in honoring our nations heroes, by placing our symbol of freedom for them.

We aim to place 1 Million flags on the graves of our Veterans.

Visit your local cemetery to place an American Flag at the graves of our Veterans. We challenge every member to place a minimum of two flags next year; place one for a veteran you know and another one for a veteran you wish to honor.

**Together we can make this happen.**

**Honor Veterans every day, not just on a holiday.**



## Meet National Spokesman

# Preston Sharp

I am honored to have this opportunity to help lead the Sons of The American Legion in *Flying Flags for Heroes*. I am a member of the Sons of The American Legion and honoring veterans is near and dear to my heart.

On Veterans Day in 2015 at the age of 10, while honoring my grandfather in our local cemetery, I realized that our Nations Heroes were not getting the respect that they deserve. As I placed a flag on my grandfather's grave I looked around and noticed that none of the Veterans around him had flags or flowers. This bothered me and I started to complain.

It was in that very moment that my mother taught me a valuable life lesson. She looked at me and said "If you see something wrong you can't complain about it, unless you're willing to do something."

That very night I got to work doing chores to raise money for flags so I could honor our veterans. Little did I know that just doing some chores around the house would lead to what it has become today.

Since that Veterans Day in 2015, I have started a nonprofit organization called *Veterans Flags and Flower* and have been able to place over 270,000 flags on the graves of our veterans and have been privileged to travel to over 37 states, meeting many great Veterans along the way.

People have taken notice of my efforts and my story has been aired on all major networks as well as being documented on The History Channel.

Best of all I was honored by former President Trump at the State of The Union Address and was able to visit the oval office.

I look forward to seeing what the future has in store in this continued endeavor to honor our Nation's Heroes and pay ohmage to those who have served. Partnering with *Flying Flags for Heroes* hoping you will want to take part as well.

## Get Involved

Do you want to get your squadron, post, unit or chapter involved?

How about your Boy Scout Troop, Jr. Auxiliary, Girl Scout, or local youth group? Don't forget to ask companies in your community to get involved.

### Not sure how to help?

- visit [FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com](http://FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com)

we have a step-by-step guide to help you.

There we will direct you to all you need in setting up an event.

- Choose local cemetery.
- Find a group or friends that want to help get involved.
- Re-visit [FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com](http://FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com).
- Register your event.
- Request for the S.A.L. National Commander and/or National spokesman to attend.
- Upload and share your pictures of your flag placement event.

Visit [FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com](http://FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com) to answer all your questions.

Contact Us

Email: [flyingflagsforheroes@yahoo.com](mailto:flyingflagsforheroes@yahoo.com)

Web: [flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://flyingflagsforheroes.com)



## *Keeping it in the family*

Special to Round-Up

The John K. Roberts family joined the American Legion Family 23 years ago. Along with Ken (Legion) and Pat (Auxiliary) were their sons, and then grandsons, in the Sons of The American Legion. The Post 45 Family was greatly strengthened by this family. Pat became the Unit 45 President, and son Jason, who was a young father, became the SAL Commander.

Pat worked with the Legion officers to come up with funds to take a bus load of WWII veterans to see the WWII Memorial Dedication. She and Lynne Rollins were the only two in the group to participate in the Cherry Blossom walk around the Jefferson Memorial that weekend. Pat invited their grandson, Brandon to go on this trip. He was the only child with this group but was a well-mannered young man.



*Ken Roberts, Brandon Roberts, and Jason Roberts after Brandon's installation as Detachment of Georgia Commander.*

Later, the family changed Posts. Friendships were maintained, and following the untimely death of Pat, Ken transferred back to Post 45. His first office was Historian, and then he was elected to Jr. Vice-Commander. When the Squadron needed a new SAL Commander, he was asked to take this position by the Post Commander Raymond Rollins, and Ken agreed to the plan, with goals to get this Squadron as

active as it had been previously with son Jason at the helm.



*Jason Roberts and Brandon Roberts at the 2021 Sons of The American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.*

The Post 45 Installation was July 29, and Ken invited his grandson Brandon to install the SAL officers. This was so special to those who were members when this family started. It is also hard to think of little Brandon as a school teacher and Detachment Commander of the State of Georgia Sons of The American Legion.

It was exciting to be with the family to see Jason installed as the Southern Region Vice-Commander of the SAL. Pictures were quickly texted to Ken who did not travel to Phoenix, but it was later learned he was watching the installation from home in Georgia.

This is a close-knit family, all with hearts of gold, and Thomas M. Brady Post 45 is happy to have Ken and Silas back as members, and hope the others transfer back to their first home post as well.

With little notice to servicemembers, the Department of Defense (DOD) terminated the Troops to Teachers program (TTT) this October – and we need your help in calling on Congress to reauthorize the program. [Take action by contacting your Congressman through our Legislative Action Center.](#)

Established in 1993, Troops to Teachers was designed to assist transitioning servicemembers and veterans to begin careers as educators in K-12 public, charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. The Department of Defense reported that the program placed over 21,000 veteran teachers in classrooms since its inception. Additionally, the program provides counseling and referral services to help participants meet education and licensing requirements, as well as helps them secure a teaching position. Since 1993, more than 100,000 veterans have successfully transitioned to a career in education.

In the wake of record teacher shortages across the country, the value of Troops to Teachers cannot be understated. It provides employment assistance to transitioning veterans, which aids in lowering veteran unemployment; it alleviates nationwide teaching shortages, which improves education quality; and it increases access and representation among traditionally less-represented groups to teaching careers. DOD reported that the program placed over 21,000 veteran teachers in classrooms since its inception.

Now is not the time to cut transition pathways for our servicemembers. Studies have proven that veteran educators fill thousands of vacancies in high-needs schools and subject areas; are more likely to not relocate after they are employed as teachers; are considered effective instructors; have high job and life satisfaction; and even have a positive effect on increasing student likelihood to serve.

Senate Section 573 in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would reauthorize the Troops-To-Teachers program and produce an assessment illustrating the cost and benefits of the program to members of the armed forces, veterans, and local educational agencies.

The American Legion proudly supports this amendment and asks that you contact your Repre-

sentatives and tell them to keep Senate Section 573 in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).



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## ***New Veterans Benefits Guide now available***

VA partnered with Stars and Stripes to create a special edition insert for the publication called “The Veterans Benefits Guide.” The print and digital publication, which highlights VA benefits and services available for transitioning service members and their families, is available now. [LEARN MORE.](#)

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## ***Sons of The American Legion 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention History Project***

I am working on a 50<sup>th</sup> National Sons of The American Legion Convention Booklet, which is being developed for the 2022 Convention to be held in Milwaukee.

For this to be a success, I need to collect, file, and preserve Sons of The American Legion historical information.

Convention Pins, Newsletters, Certificates, Convention Ribbons, Convention Books, Officer Rosters, Scrapbooks, SAL Drum Corps, and Color Guard items, and/or Pictures of such activities are needed.

If you cannot donate an item, just take a picture of it, and email it to National Historian Bill Towns at [docbill@neo.rr.com](mailto:docbill@neo.rr.com) or for more information.



## Sons of American Legion Detachment of Ohio

**Go Pro 8 drawer tool chest  
On wheels**

**Tickets  
\$5.00 each**

To be raffled off at  
Midwinter Conference  
2022

Extra items  
will be added for a  
bonus prize



Make all checks out to  
David L. Dilts  
In the memo line put  
gifts for yanks donation

**100% of the proceeds are going  
towards Gifts for Yanks  
program**

For tickets, please contact  
Dave Dilts, Second Vice-Commander  
Detachment of Ohio

[SAL2ndvice@ohiolegion.com](mailto:SAL2ndvice@ohiolegion.com)

[davidleedilts@hotmail.com](mailto:davidleedilts@hotmail.com)

(740) 319-1255

## New Post and New Squadron Charter Process Moving Forward

We wanted to let you know of a new process as it relates to all new **American Legion Posts** and new **Sons of The American Legion Squadrons** with the new National Personify database.

Please be advised moving forward for any *new Post temporary charter application* or *SAL squadron charter application* we must now have a completed “**Annual Post Data Report**” and for squadrons an “**Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR)**” and attached the (*fillable PDF's*) for your reference. Unfortunately, at this time, if we do not receive these specific forms the database will not show the post/squadron as being active and membership processing cannot be done until the data is uploaded in the system.

**REMINDER:** This Post Data Report & Squadron Data Report attached *only* applies to new posts / squadrons. You will continue to send in your annual Post / Squadron data reports annually by your previous methods of submission.

Our sincerest of apologies for this untimely delay throughout this new system migration charter process and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we transition to this new way of processing charter requests moving forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You,

**BRIAN COMPTON**

ADMIN. ASST. | CHARTERS CLERK

INTERNAL AFFAIRS / SAL & MEMBERSHIP DIV.

700 N. PENNSYLVANIA ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

E: [bcompton@legion.org](mailto:bcompton@legion.org) | W: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

O: 317.630.1205 | F: 317.630.1413

[www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join)

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[www.legion.org/donate](http://www.legion.org/donate) (DONATE)

[www.legion.org/sons/join](http://www.legion.org/sons/join)

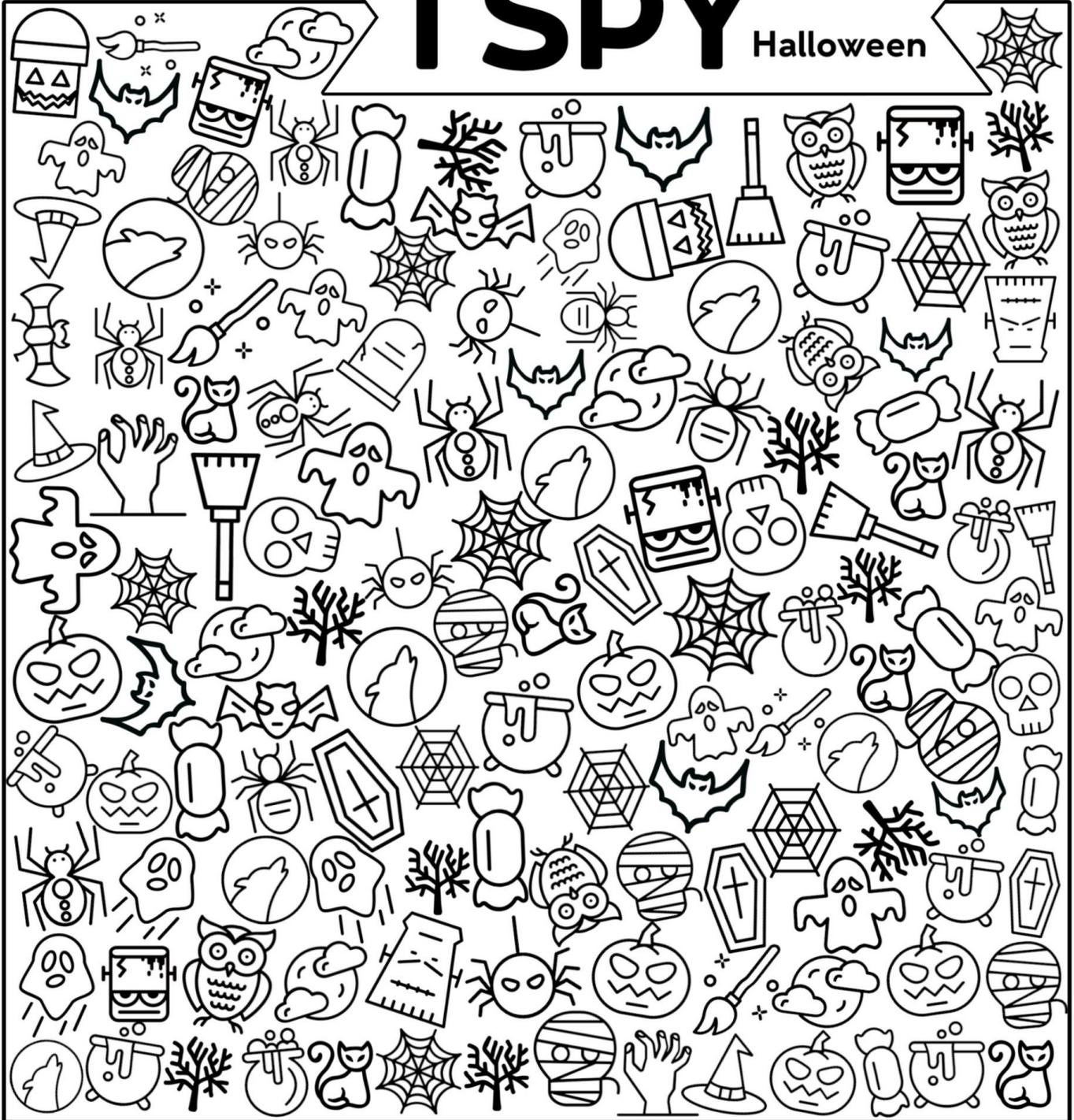
(JOIN SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION)

[www.legion.org/basictraining](http://www.legion.org/basictraining) (BASIC TRAINING)



# I SPY

Halloween



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| 3  | 2  | 4  | 6  | 2  | 7  | 3  | 9  | 6  | 3  |

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