



# Round-Up

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion



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# Happy Veterans Day

This week, Veterans across America will be honored and thanked for their service to the United States military. There will be parades, ceremonies, and discounts at restaurants, stores, and other places, but we must not forget the true meaning of this day. The following information is from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

### History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE



November 10, 2021



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All articles must be submitted by noon Friday weekly.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



## The American Legion Family

by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.



# REGIONAL UPDATES



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This week, 1,860 members have renewed their membership in Central Region Detachments. Friday's report put's us in third place with 28.96%, which represents 36,199 paid members, the most in any region. Let's work hard to get as many cards transmitted as we can before next week's National Target Date of 35%. Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa have already reached this goal. Keep up your great work! **Who's next?**

We have not talked about the Central Region Membership Program and our incentives for a while, so I thought that I would remind everyone of how it works this year. There is still time to reach the goals of the program, and I hope that we get at least one winner.

There are similar programs in other regions, with the Western Region already having one Detachment reach the New Year's Eve incentive.



## 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

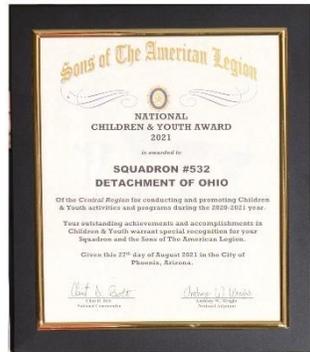
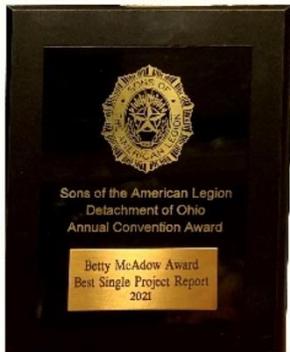
We will be crowning Membership Champions in the Red, White, and Blue Divisions, as well as an overall Central Region Membership Champion.

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

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

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.  
National Vice-Commander  
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On Tuesday, Don Gentile Squadron 532 presented awards to Boy Scout Troop 275 in recognition of their work on the Rededication of Historic Clime Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. The project to refurbish the cemetery took place in 2020, with Squadron 532 winning both state and national awards for its work with Children & Youth. I was honored to be asked to participate through the project and to speak at the awards ceremony.



Ohio Twelfth District Commander Rocky Searles, Jordan Alt, National Vice-Commander Central Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at the Squadron 532 Scout Awards presentation. Alt used his work on the project at Historic Clime Cemetery to help become an Eagle Scout.



Ohio Twelfth District Commander Rocky Searles, Riley Duncan, National Vice-Commander Central Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at the Squadron 532 Scout Awards presentation. Duncan used his work on the project at Historic Clime Cemetery to help become an Eagle Scout.



# Historic



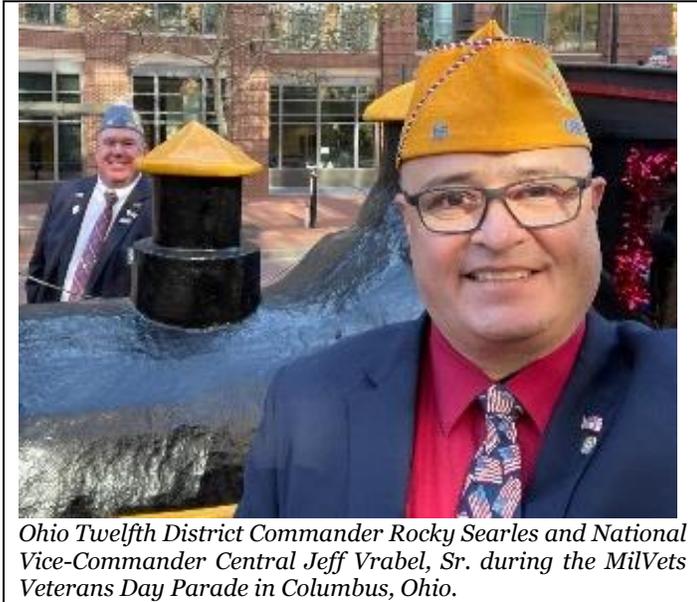
# Clime Cemetery



On Friday, I had the opportunity to participate in the MilVets Veterans' Day Parade in Columbus. Ohio Twelfth District Commander Rocky Searles and I thanked veterans for their service and had the opportunity to ride on the Twelfth District float.

## 2022 Central Region Renewal Report

The numbers below are taken from the membership and ranked in order by percentage. Once the full Renewal Report is published, additional information will be provided.



Ohio Twelfth District Commander Rocky Searles and National Vice-Commander Central Jeff Vrabel, Sr. during the MilVets Veterans Day Parade in Columbus, Ohio.

I found information for **Veterans Day 2021 Discounts** and knew it would be beneficial to our readers. As we are now a national publication, please take a look at the lists, and make sure to share them with our veterans. It may be helpful to print and display at your Post. Look for the list at the end of this edition.

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

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**We are #SALSTRONG!!!**



		11/04/21
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Wisconsin	47.65%
2	Illinois	45.24%
3	Iowa	38.33%
4	Missouri	34.76%
5	Ohio	29.22%
6	Minnesota	26.30%
7	Indiana	24.37%
8	Michigan	23.81%
<b>TOTALS</b>		



**NOVEMBER IS  
NATIONAL RENEWAL  
MONTH**

**HONOR THE VETERAN  
WHO MADE YOU ELIGIBLE  
RENEW TODAY!**



**PROUD POSSESSORS  
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

# 2022 Central Region Membership Report

## IL Sq. 71 recognized for membership efforts

Important Notice: In observance of Veterans Day, we have moved the 35% Membership Target Date to Friday, November 12. The report will be emailed on Monday, November 15.

GLADSTONE, IL – The Gladstone August Mattson Sons of the American Legion Squadron #71 was recently honored with a Plaque Commemorating the Achievement of 100% in membership. Every Squadron that achieves 100% by Detachment Convention will receive the award which will be displayed in the Post. There is also a certificate which August Mattson Squadron 71 can keep in its file for the history of the Squadron.

2022 MEMBERSHIP					11/04/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern 3	42,593	15,164	27,429	35.60%	209
2 Midwest	28,508	9,048	19,460	31.74%	160
3 Central	124,977	36,199	88,778	28.96%	501
4 Western	24,414	6,626	17,788	27.14%	126
5 Eastern	136,233	32,897	103,336	24.15%	1,837
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>356,725</b>	<b>99,934</b>	<b>256,791</b>	<b>28.01%</b>	<b>2,833</b>

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date N/A

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4	3,914	1,819	2,095	46.47%	7
2 Illinois 1, 2, 3	13,602	6,067	7,535	44.60%	195
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3	4,571	1,712	2,859	37.45%	5
4 Missouri 1, 2	3,211	1,116	2,095	34.76%	3
5 Ohio 1	29,946	8,585	21,361	28.67%	108
6 Minnesota 1	11,091	2,890	8,201	26.06%	18
7 Michigan 1	21,985	5,327	16,658	24.23%	74
8 Indiana 1	36,657	8,683	27,974	23.69%	91
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>124,977</b>	<b>36,199</b>	<b>88,778</b>	<b>28.96%</b>	<b>501</b>

Q = Quota

- 1 Met 09/22/21 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%



Gladstone August Mattson Squad #71 Commander Randy Bruntjens receiving Membership award from 5<sup>th</sup> Zone Commander of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Sons of the American Legion.

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	1,819	2,095	46.47%	5.03%
Iowa	4,571	1,712	2,859	37.45%	4.73%
Missouri	3,211	1,116	2,095	34.76%	3.08%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,696</b>	<b>4,647</b>	<b>7,049</b>	<b>39.73%</b>	<b>12.84%</b>

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	6,067	7,535	44.60%	16.76%
Minnesota	11,091	2,890	8,201	26.06%	7.98%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,693</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>15,736</b>	<b>36.27%</b>	<b>24.74%</b>

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	8,585	21,361	28.67%	23.72%
Michigan	21,985	5,327	16,658	24.23%	14.72%
Indiana	36,657	8,683	27,974	23.69%	23.99%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>88,588</b>	<b>22,595</b>	<b>65,993</b>	<b>25.51%</b>	<b>62.42%</b>

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The SAL is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military, and all are eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

New Officers of the Gladstone Squadron have been elected for the upcoming year and they continue to be active in the Post and Community helping with the Taco Tuesdays, once a month all you can eat breakfast and steak dinners, plus the annual dates for the SAL Croatian Chicken dinners.



**LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION  
NOT THROUGH POSITION**

The Gladstone Sons give to the Gladstone St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry every year with money coming from the chicken dinners and through membership dues.



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Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
RHODE ISLAND	316	163	51.58%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	682	37.47%
DIST OF COL	92	34	36.96%
MARYLAND	15,533	5,707	36.74%
VERMONT	3,576	1,195	33.42%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	1,633	32.18%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	2,919	31.69%
FRANCE	233	60	25.75%
DELAWARE	2,229	568	25.48%
NEW YORK	29,246	7,290	24.93%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	1,219	22.84%
MAINE	2,482	488	19.66%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	10,607	18.01%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	332	15.21%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>136,233</b>	<b>32,897</b>	<b>24.15%</b>

*as of November 4, 2021*

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	560	53.23%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	622	45.07%
MONTANA	1,160	505	43.53%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	382	41.70%
TEXAS	5,425	1,837	33.86%
NEBRASKA	6,959	2,211	31.77%
WYOMING	1,273	382	30.01%
COLORADO	2,632	755	28.69%
KANSAS	6,424	1,547	24.08%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	244	19.35%
MEXICO	26	3	11.54%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,508</b>	<b>9,048</b>	<b>31.74%</b>

*as of November 4, 2021*





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Fourth Wednesday of Each Month  
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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	58	65.91%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,082	59.85%
GEORGIA	4,316	2,382	55.19%
ALABAMA	2,020	765	37.87%
TENNESSEE	1,681	619	36.82%
ARKANSAS	468	160	34.19%
FLORIDA	20,745	6,929	33.40%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	460	33.29%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	850	32.46%
MISSISSIPPI	795	238	29.94%
VIRGINIA	4,023	1,038	25.80%
KENTUCKY	2,648	583	22.02%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>42,593</b>	<b>15,164</b>	<b>35.60%</b>

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Western Region - Leslie "Jim" Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	54	110.20%
UTAH	492	235	47.76%
IDAHO	606	246	40.59%
OREGON	1,317	432	32.80%
NEVADA	334	107	32.04%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	3,073	29.73%
ALASKA	1,560	408	26.15%
WASHINGTON	2,086	472	22.63%
ARIZONA	7,566	1,589	21.00%
PHILIPPINES	66	10	15.15%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>27.14%</b>

as of November 4, 2021

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An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the [first "Veterans Day Proclamation"](#) which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent [a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs \(VA\)](#), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage

**VETERANS DAY** continued from page 1  
The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.



President Eisenhower signing HR 7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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## MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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

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

### Advisory Committee *Robert McBride (OH), Chairman*

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

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

### Child Welfare Foundation Committee

**Mark Nave (PA), Chairman**

Third Wednesday of each month

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### *Special Message from Stacy Cope*

I have just a few items to mention.



All CWF piggy banks have been disbursed. Piggy banks will be reordered after the first of the year.

CWF donation cannisters are available if you are looking for ways to fundraise for CWF.

The "Sons for Kids" aprons are sold out. At this time, there are no plans to reorder them.

The 100% Per Capita Banner program is ongoing. I have attached a link to the [100% Per Capita Banner form](#) here for your convenience.

CWF coins are available through the CWF office. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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## Children & Youth Committee

**James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman**

Second Monday of each month  
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82612571196?pwd=dERwNDJNcWwzNG9UYUJlMmpEMm53QTO9>

Meeting ID: 826 1257 1196  
Passcode: bJDV9V

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## Convention Committee

**Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman**

Meetings held as necessary  
Call in # (857) 2320159  
Access Code: 962347

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## Finance Commission

**William G. Hill (MD), Chairman**

The latest budget reconciliation for this fiscal year remains as was presented at the Fall NEC, as no new reconciliations have been submitted to our commission to-date. To date we are on track for both Income, with minor reductions in Expenditures. Note the expenditures still presents that we're well under budget for FY 2021, however this does not include the expenses from the National Convention, Fall NEC, and recent National Travel.

Please note the specific details of any expenditure for our organization are subject to adjustments by The American Legion as appropriate and within the best interest of our overall program and those of The American Legion. As always, we are working with The American Legion to fine tune our finances, and will continue to provide awareness to this body, when substantial changes are implemented.

The status of the Goals for this Administrative year are outlined below.

National Finance Commission – Goals for Administrative year 2021 – 2022:

1. Provide a budget with actual past and present expenditures along with future predications for each line item.
  - a. Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 have been submitted and approved by the NEC.
  - b. FY 2023 development approach being revised to align with TAL process. The NFC is on-hold at this time, until direction is provided by TAL Treasure and their Finance Comm with regards to how we'll integrate into the new process.
2. Streamline the voucher process for travel and per diem to all meetings.
  - a. Revision to the SAL the voucher and travel reimbursement process are forthcoming from TAL, based on their guidelines and procedures. Expecting to receive guidance by December 31, 2021. After which we will develop our procedures to ensure we properly align and support the required process.
3. Develop financial guidelines
  - a. Requesting a copy of the guidelines used by the American Legion to assist in building our base guidelines. Ensuring our approach is aligned as a program of the American Legion and not in direct conflict, as we do not collect or distribute any monetary funds.
    - i. Initial request was made on October 6, 2021.
      1. Pending outcome of discussions relevant to the new operational process for the SAL finance process/procedures.

If there are any questions, please reach out to any member of the National Finance Commission, and we're looking forward to working with you during this administrative year.

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## Internal Affairs Commission

**William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman**

The Internal Affairs Commission is blessed to have three highly competent and motivated chairman for

MTD, Membership, and Convention. All of the great output from those committees has been to their sole credit - there has been no need for prompting from the IAC.

I have however been in touch with each of those committee chairmen to offer support if needed and to review/give feedback on some ideas/initiatives that those committees are working on.

No resolutions have presented themselves for review since fall NEC. I expect that will change as we get closer to our spring meeting but as resolutions do present themselves before spring NEC they will be reviewed promptly.

Towards our goal of a review of the SAL constitution, we have reached out to the American Legion's (newly appointed) Judge Advocate, Mark Seavey. A meeting or conference call with him is in the process of being scheduled. I hope to have a meatier report in this regard at the end of this month.

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## Legislative Commission

**Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman**

First Thursday Bi-Monthly

December, February, April, June, & August

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (267) 807-9601

Access Code: 988 284 103#

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## Member Training and Development Committee

**Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman**

First Monday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

Call in # (605) 468-8772

Access Code: 625764#

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## 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



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## Public and Media Communications Commission

**Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman**

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## Sub-Committee on Resolutions

**Christopher Cook (OK), Chairman**

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## 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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

Passcode: 243945

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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 # (605) 468-8774

Access Code 5662904

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

Our Mission is "To assist The American Legion in ensuring that America's Veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families."

I would like to make a quick introduction of your commission members:

- Vice-Chair, James Coats (NY)
- William Sheehan (MA)
- Nick Arceo (CO)
- Fred Vaccarella (VA)
- Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer (IN)

National VE&E Commission Goals for Administrative year 2021 – 2022:

1. Increase Detachment VE&E participation by 10%
2. Encourage local job fairs and employment opportunities
3. Provide resources to end Veterans Homelessness

Since our last meeting at the fall NEC the commission has started to work on each of these goals.

1. We have created a baseline of all the current detachments that we know of right now, to be able to track the progress in regions and throughout the nation. We will be looking to capture detachment's VE&E points of contact.
2. Each commission member has been assigned a region where they will be providing local job fair

information that is in or near your local region on your calls.

3. Each commission member is also responsible for providing the weekly VE&E report provided by The American Legion highlighting Veterans Homelessness as well as other key sections.

As leaders in your detachments, we encourage you to ensure you have a Veterans Employment and Education Committee within your detachment and if you need help starting one up, we are here to help.

If there are any questions, please reach out to any member of the National VE&E Commission, and we're looking forward to working with you during this administrative year.

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## ***ALB alum leads Braves to 1st title since 1995***

The American Legion  
NOV 03, 2021



One way or another, an American Legion Baseball alumnus was going to be the winning manager in the 2021 World Series.

With Atlanta's 7-0 win in Game 6 on Tuesday night, it was the Braves' Brian Snitker getting the nod over Houston's Dusty Baker. Snitker played American Legion Baseball [for Post 105 in Decatur, Ill.](#), while Baker played for Post 412 in Fair Oaks, Calif.

The championship is Atlanta's first since 1995 and came at the end of a season in which the Braves had a losing record at the end of July. Atlanta's 88-73 regular season record was the worst of the 10 post-season qualifiers in Major League Baseball.

But the Braves shutout the Astros twice to become the eighth team in history to win the World Series in a non-shortened season with fewer than 90 wins in the regular season.

Snitker's Atlanta coaching staff also includes ALB alumni in hitting coach Kevin Seitzer (Lincoln, Ill.) and hitting consultant Chipper Jones (Deland, Fla., Post 6).

Snitker — at 66 the second oldest manager to win his first World Series title behind Jack McKeon,

who was 72 when he managed the 2003 Marlins to the title — said he was “numb” in the immediate aftermath of the championship win.

“This is the greatest thing in the world,” Snitker [said](#) before thanking all the Braves fans in the stands at Houston. “These guys never gave up on themselves.”

Snitker is the 16th American Legion Baseball alumnus to win a World Series as a manager, joining A.J. Hinch, Joe Maddon, Tony La Russa, Joe Girardi, Charlie Manuel, Terry Francona, Joe Torre, Jim Leyland, Bobby Cox, Sparky Anderson, Whitey Herzog, Bob Lemon, Dick Williams, Earl Weaver, and Lou Boudreau.

Also, during the World Series, the color guard from Steve Youngdeer Post 143 in Cherokee, N.C., presented the nation's colors as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' colors at Game 3 in Atlanta. The following night, the 2021 American Legion World Series champions from Idaho Falls, Idaho, [were in attendance for Game 4.](#)



### **American Legion Baseball**

American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues.

Today, the program registers more than 5,400 teams in all 50 states, including Canada and Puerto Rico.



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

# 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)**

## Submit your design for the SAL 50th convention challenge coin

The Sons of The American Legion's 50th Commemorative Convention Committee is seeking designs for a commemorative challenge coin to celebrate the convention, scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wis.

The winning designer will receive \$500 and two complementary tickets to the milestone convention's banquet on Aug. 27. The deadline to submit entries is Nov. 15; the entry form can be [downloaded here](#).

The design must prominently include "50th National Convention," "Milwaukee," and "2022," and the SAL logo must be integrated into the design within Emblem Use Guideline parameters, which are [available here](#).

There is a maximum of three entries per person. The winning design becomes property of The American Legion at the time of selection. Complete rules are available on the entry form; entries are to be submitted by email to [sal50thconvention@gmail.com](mailto:sal50thconvention@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto:sal50thconvention@gmail.com)  
 Please contact us with your inquiries at the e-mail address above

**Front of Coin** **Back of Coin**

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

**Front of Coin**

**Back of Coin**

## Meet your National Officers

# JUAN TORRES

## NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

### MIDWEST REGION



Juan R. Torres Juan R. Torres earned his eligibility for membership in the Sons of The American Legion through his father, Juan Torres Jr., who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964-1968 during the Vietnam War era.

Torres is a member Sons Squadron 472 in Houston. He comes from a family of American Legion Family members such as his mother, Bertha, his two sisters, a niece, and nephews. Both of his children, Brianna Alexis, and Juan Fidel have been members of the Auxiliary and Sons since birth.

As a proud member of Squadron 472 for the past 20 years, Torres serves as its current commander and has held the position of adjutant and finance officer. At the district level, Torres is the current vice-commander and has previously served as commander. At the division level, Torres has served as commander, vice-commander, adjutant, and sergeant-at-arms. And for the Detachment of Texas, Torres has served as commander, vice commander, alternate National Executive Committeeman, sergeant-at-arms, and assistant sergeant-at-arms; he too has served as Membership chairman, Boys State chairman, and Convention City chairman. At the national level, Torres has served as Membership Committeeman and Convention City.

In 2001, American Legion Post 472 reopened open its doors after the building had been destroyed in a fire. Before the fire, pictures showed that Squadron 472 was active. In July 2001, Torres was first introduced to the Sons of The American Legion as efforts begun to reactivate Squadron 472, which Torres was elected as adjutant. Six months later he was elected squadron commander. Three years later, Torres started to attend detachment meetings to learn more about the organization and its principles.

With the help of its membership, Squadron 472 started the program "Angel Share Your Christmas," which invites 100 elementary school kids to Post 472 and provides them with Christmas gifts. Since starting the program, the squadron provided 4,800 gifts to about 1,500 children, with an estimated cost of over \$30,000.

Torres is proud to say that he is a member of the Sons of The American Legion, a member of Squadron 472, and that he is a son of a veteran.

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Detachment of Ohio

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(740) 319-1255

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CWF - DONATIONS REPORT**

DETACHMENT	2021 Donations (final)	2021 Membership (current)	2022 CWF Goal	2022 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
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AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 13,998.00	8,227	\$ 8,227.00	\$ 6,600.00	80.2%	\$ 0.80
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 623.00	527	\$ 527.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 916.00	12,835	\$ 12,835.00	\$ 251.48	2.0%	\$ 0.02
CO - COLORADO	\$ 25,897.00	2,779	\$ 2,779.00	\$ 1,200.00	43.2%	\$ 0.43
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 2,000.00	1,938	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 1,500.00	77.4%	\$ 0.77
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 150.00	2,481	\$ 2,481.00	\$ 500.00	20.2%	\$ 0.20
DC - DIST OF COL		88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 61,550.00	23,152	\$ 23,152.00	\$ 5,930.00	25.6%	\$ 0.26
FR - FRANCE	\$ 300.00	229	\$ 229.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 3,733.04	4,665	\$ 4,665.00	\$ 4,950.00	106.1%	\$ 1.06
HI - HAWAII	\$ 360.00	53	\$ 53.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 61.00	905	\$ 905.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 33,953.53	14,142	\$ 14,142.00	\$ 1,330.00	9.4%	\$ 0.09
IN - INDIANA	\$ 27,291.00	36,820	\$ 36,820.00	\$ 455.00	1.2%	\$ 0.01
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,145.00	4,606	\$ 4,606.00	\$ 350.00	7.6%	\$ 0.08
KS - KANSAS	\$ 7,861.05	6,374	\$ 6,374.00	\$ 320.00	5.0%	\$ 0.05
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 520.00	2,652	\$ 2,652.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 850.00	1,837	\$ 1,837.00	\$ 1,457.20	79.3%	\$ 0.79
ME - MAINE		2,857	\$ 2,857.00	\$ 2,610.00	91.4%	\$ 0.91
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 4,200.00	15,570	\$ 15,570.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,445.00	5,666	\$ 5,666.00	\$ 299.00	5.3%	\$ 0.05
MX - MEXICO		27	\$ 27.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 5,992.00	22,869	\$ 22,869.00	\$ 4,875.33	21.3%	\$ 0.21
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 4,220.00	11,440	\$ 11,440.00	\$ 3,772.57	33.0%	\$ 0.33
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,950.00	846	\$ 846.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,013.00	3,411	\$ 3,411.00	\$ 332.00	9.7%	\$ 0.10
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,422	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 50.00	3.5%	\$ 0.04
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,912.00	7,006	\$ 7,006.00	\$ 1,050.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
NV - NEVADA	\$ 500.00	402	\$ 402.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 3,764.00	5,444	\$ 5,444.00	\$ 5,358.00	98.4%	\$ 0.98
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 6,717.00	9,229	\$ 9,229.00	\$ 2,236.00	24.2%	\$ 0.24
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 100.00	1,478	\$ 1,478.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 400.00	29,221	\$ 29,221.00	\$ 4,620.00	15.8%	\$ 0.16
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,400.00	4,195	\$ 4,195.00	\$ 1,400.00	33.4%	\$ 0.33
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,000.00	966	\$ 966.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 21,618.74	30,254	\$ 30,254.00	\$ 1,360.25	4.5%	\$ 0.04
OK - OKLAHOMA		2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 7,967.00	1,521	\$ 1,521.00	\$ 2,559.00	168.2%	\$ 1.68
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 22,534.70	58,403	\$ 58,403.00	\$ 2,401.91	4.1%	\$ 0.04
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 300.00	65	\$ 65.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 191.00	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	315	\$ 315.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,110.00	1,726	\$ 1,726.00	\$ 876.00	50.8%	\$ 0.51
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,001.00	1,120	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 904.76	80.8%	\$ 0.81
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 200.00	2,106	\$ 2,106.00	\$ 2,460.00	116.8%	\$ 1.17
TX - TEXAS	\$ 7,947.83	6,184	\$ 6,184.00	\$ 10,159.00	164.3%	\$ 1.64
UT - UTAH	\$ 505.00	994	\$ 994.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 5,702.00	3,776	\$ 3,776.00	\$ 2,250.00	59.6%	\$ 0.60
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 4,950.00	4,189	\$ 4,189.00	\$ 500.00	11.9%	\$ 0.12
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 50.00	3,237	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 200.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 1,164.00	2,236	\$ 2,236.00	\$ 3,800.00	169.9%	\$ 1.70
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 170.00	4,076	\$ 4,076.00	\$ 200.00	4.9%	\$ 0.05
WY - WYOMING	\$ 5,600.00	1,396	\$ 1,396.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ			\$ -	\$ 1,895.00		
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 317,190.89</b>	<b>374,659</b>	<b>\$ 374,659.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,198.50</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>\$ 0.22</b>



Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

There is no better time than right now to encourage your members of Congress to approve The American Legion-supported bipartisan legislation for a Buddy Check National Week of Calling. [Here's how you can contact your representative.](#)

As you know, The American Legion pioneered the [Buddy Check](#) concept under Past National Commander Brett Reistad. When we began these wellness checks the intent was for American Legion posts to conduct them twice a year – around American Legion Birthday and Veterans Day.

The initiative demonstrated immediate success. Soon the Buddy Check program transitioned to year-round, allowing posts to conduct these whenever it made the most sense on the local level.

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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 52,726.70</b>	<b>137,453</b>	<b>\$137,453.00</b>	<b>\$25,574.91</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>
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<b>Western Region</b>						
ALASKA	\$ -	1,605	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 3,050.00	190.0%	\$ 1.90
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 24,657.00</b>	<b>29,844</b>	<b>\$ 29,844.00</b>	<b>\$12,660.48</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>\$ 0.42</b>

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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 85,585.04</b>	<b>48,426</b>	<b>\$ 48,426.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,709.20</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>\$ 0.37</b>
<b>Midwest Region</b>						
COLORADO	\$ 25,897.00	2,779	\$ 2,779.00	\$ 1,200.00	43.2%	\$ 0.43
KANSAS	\$ 7,861.05	6,374	\$ 6,374.00	\$ 320.00	5.0%	\$ 0.05
MEXICO	\$ -	27	\$ 27.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,422	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 50.00	3.5%	\$ 0.04
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,912.00	7,006	\$ 7,006.00	\$ 1,050.00	15.0%	\$ 0.15
NEW MEXICO	\$ 100.00	1,478	\$ 1,478.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,000.00	966	\$ 966.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	2,566	\$ 2,566.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,001.00	1,120	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 904.76	80.8%	\$ 0.81
TEXAS	\$ 7,947.83	6,184	\$ 6,184.00	\$ 10,159.00	164.3%	\$ 1.64
WYOMING	\$ 5,600.00	1,396	\$ 1,396.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 56,818.88</b>	<b>31,318</b>	<b>\$ 31,318.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,683.76</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>\$ 0.44</b>

National HQ	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,895.00		
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 317,190.89</b>	<b>374,659</b>	<b>\$ 374,659.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,198.50</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>\$ 0.22</b>

Donations listed above are as of: **October 28, 2021**  
Membership numbers listed are as of: **October 28, 2021**

And throughout the pandemic, we have seen how important it is to check on our veterans. Posts have used Buddy Checks to help get prescription refills to veterans stuck at home. Others have connected with isolated veterans missing their comrades. In other cases, posts have delivered food, personal protective equipment, and other resources to veterans after learning about their needs during a wellness check-in.

Join our action campaign: Write your representative

The U.S. Senate has approved legislation that would make this a national program. Now, let's prod the U.S. House to follow suit. If our representatives don't act before Congress recesses next month, it could be at least three months before they consider this legislation again. Or it could be dropped altogether.

We cannot let this legislation linger in Congress. [Follow this link to join me](#) in reaching out to congressional representatives to voice our support for this legislation. With a week dedicated to Buddy Checks across America, we will be able to reach even more veterans and save even more lives.

For God and Country,



Paul E. Dillard, National Commander  
The American Legion



## Veterans Day 2021 Discounts

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[Veterans Day 2021](#) is on Thursday, November 11. This Veterans Day discounts list will continue to be updated as we learn of more nationally available

Veterans Day discounts, meals or other ways businesses and organizations want to give back to Veterans. These Veterans Day discounts, free meals and other programs are being shared so that Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors are aware of all resources available to them.

Due to COVID-19, some organizations are now offering discounts to Veterans all the time instead of their regular Veterans Day discounts. These adjustments help Veterans take advantage of the discounts offered while avoiding the usual Veterans Day crowds. A new section at the bottom of this story will list all the year-round Veterans discounts.

*\*The sharing of any non-VA information does not constitute an endorsement of products and services on the part of VA. Verify information with the offering organization.*

[Have a Veterans Day discount to add? Post it on RallyPoint.](#)

[Veterans Day discounts and meals at restaurants](#)

### **[Bob Evans](#)**

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military receive a special menu of seven (7) homestyle favorites for FREE at local restaurants. Dine-in only. Visit the Bob Evans website for more details.

### **[The Chop House](#)**

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active military receive a 50% discount off any entrée with a valid military ID on November 11. Dine-in only. Please call ahead to your local Chop House if you have any questions about your Veterans Day Discount or visit the Chop House website for additional details.

### **[Cotton Patch Café](#)**

November 11, 2021

All Veterans and active military members are being offered a Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Fried Chicken FREE on November 11. Please call ahead to your local Cotton Patch Café if you have any questions about your Veterans Day Discount.

### **[IHOP](#)**

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military are being offered FREE red, white, and blue pancakes on November 11.

### [Lucille's BBQ](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military receive a FREE Lucille's Original Pulled Pork Sandwich and one side item on November 11. Must show proof of service. During the month of November, dine at any Lucille's location to round up your bill to the nearest dollar where your generous donations will support Operation Homefront's Holiday Meals for Military.

### [McCormick & Schmicks](#)

November 7, 2021

Veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses can enjoy a half-priced entrée from a special menu on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants. Please contact your nearest location for details.

### [Red Robin](#)

November 1 – November 14, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military who are Red Robin Royalty members are being offered a free Tavern Double Burger and Bottomless Steak Fries anytime between Nov. 1-14 for dine-in or to-go. Visit the Red Robin website for details.

### [Yard House](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary appetizer on November 11. Please visit the Yard House website or contact your nearest location for details.

### [California Pizza Kitchen](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active military get a complimentary entrée and beverage when they dine in and show proof of service on November 11. In addition, all veterans who dine with California Pizza Kitchen will receive a BOGO, redeemable from November 12 through 20.

### [Chili's](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty service members get a free meal from a select menu on November 11. Available for in-restaurant only.

### [Denny's](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active military personnel get a free Build Your Own Grand Slam on November 11, from 5:00 a.m. to noon. Dine-in only.

### [Golden Corral](#)

November 11, 2021

Golden Corral is hosting their Military Appreciation Night on November 11 from 5 pm to close. This includes a free "thank you" meal when dining in.

### [Mission BBQ](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military get a free sandwich on November 11.

### [Shoney's](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty service members get a free All You Care To Eat, Freshly Prepared Breakfast Bar on November 11 until 11 am. Dine-in only.

### [Texas Roadhouse](#)

November 11, 2021

Texas Roadhouse will hand out dinner vouchers at the stores' parking lots on November 11, from 11 am to 2 pm. Veterans and active-duty military can redeem their dinner vouchers when the restaurant opens for dinner, through May 30, 2022.

### [Logan's Roadhouse](#)

November 11, 2021

Logan's Roadhouse will be offering all Veterans a free American Roadhouse Meal From 3 pm to 6 pm on Thursday November 11.

### [BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#)

November 11, 2021

BJ's is serving those who have served their country by once again teaming up with Dr Pepper®, offering a complimentary meal from a select menu and a Dr Pepper® beverage to all current military personnel and Veterans with proof of service.

### [Red Lobster](#)

November 11, 2021

Free Appetizer or Dessert for Veterans Day: In honor of Veterans Day, and to thank veterans, active-duty military, and reservists for their service, Red Lobster is offering a free appetizer or dessert on Thursday, November 11.

### [Olive Garden](#)

November 11, 2021

Free entrée from a special menu for each Veteran and current member of the military. Simply show proof of military service. Dine-in only. All entrées include freshly baked garlic breadsticks, and your choice of homemade soup or famous house salad.

### **Veterans Canteen Service**

November 10, 2021

Veterans Canteen Service locations are honoring Veterans with a free coffee or fountain beverage.

Download the new [Veteran Home Loan Guaranty Buyer's Guide](#)

### **Veterans Day Discounts on Haircuts**

#### **Great Clips**

November 11, 2021

Veterans and active-duty military can visit a U.S. Great Clips salon on November 11 to receive either a free haircut that day or a free haircut card to use at a later date. Visit the Great Clips website for details.

#### **Sports Clips**

November 11, 2021

Some locations will be offering free haircuts to Veterans and active-duty service members on November 11. Visit the Sports Clips website for details and participating locations.

#### **Smart Style Hair Salons**

Every Day

Veterans and active-duty military are being offered a 10% discount off any services and professional products. Please show proof of service to receive this discount at participating salons. Walk-ins welcome. No double discounts. Discount may vary per location. Visit the SmartStyle website for details.

### **Veterans Day Discounts in Retail & Services**

#### **B & B's for Vets**

November 10-11, 2021

B&Bs for Vets are offering one free room night on November 10 and 11. Preference will be given to "first timer" Veterans and active-duty personnel; those who have not participated in the program in the past will be given preference. Offer is valid in all 50 U.S. states. Visit the B&Bs for Vets website for additional details and locations.

#### **Bed Bath & Beyond**

November 11, 2021

For active-duty U.S. military, Vets and Spouses, Bed Bath and Beyond is offering 25% off any in-store purchase on November 11, 2021. Call or visit your nearest location for details.

### **Brown Bear Car Wash**

November 11, 2021

Free Beary Clean car wash for all current or former members of the military on Veterans Day, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. local time, at participating locations. Please contact your nearest location for details.

#### **Hyvee** (Midwest)

November 11, 2021

Free curbside breakfast for Veterans and active-duty military members. Many stores will also offer planned programs, displays, entertainment or other activities in addition to breakfast. Please contact your nearest location for details.

#### **Rack Room Shoes**

November 11, 2021

20% off all purchases for Veterans and military on Veterans Day, 10% off purchases year-round. Visit the Rack Room Shoes website for details.

#### **Sun Viking Lodge**

Daytona Beach, FL

No dates given

Use promo code "hero" to receive 30% off your next booking with your military ID. Please visit their website for details.

#### **Target**

November 11, 2021

Target is offering all U.S. active-duty military personnel, Veterans, and their families a 10% discount off the guest's full basket. To receive the offer, guests must first demonstrate eligibility by registering at [www.target.com/circle/military](http://www.target.com/circle/military). After eligibility has been verified, an exclusive, one-time use 10% Target Circle offer will be available for the guest to use in-store or online.

#### **TOPS Market**

November 11, 2021

All Veterans and active-duty military personnel may receive an 11% off discount on any total order on Veterans Day.

#### **Walgreens**

November 11-14, 2021

Military, Veterans, and their families receive 20% off eligible, regular-price purchases when using myWalgreens membership.

## [Veterans Day Discounts on Activities](#)

### [AmericanForcesTravel.com](#)

Every day

Exclusively serves Active Duty, Reserve, Veterans, and DoD civilians with discounted airfare, hotels, car rentals, cruises, and event tickets.

### [National Parks](#)

November 11, 2021

All National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission on Veterans Day.

### [Akron Zoo](#)

Akron, OH

November 11-14, 2021

From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 11-14, all Veterans receive free admission with valid military I.D. and immediate family members receive 50% off admission. Please visit its website for details.

### [Alabama State Parks](#)

November 11, 2021

Free admission for Veterans and active-duty service members to the parks that charge an entrance fee or day-use fee. Please visit the Alabama State Parks website for details.

### [Aquarium of the Pacific](#)

Long Beach, CA

November 11, 2021

FREE for Veterans and military personnel with service ID. Advance reservations required. Please visit its website for details.

### [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

November 11, 2021

Active-duty and Veterans are admitted free to Colorado state parks on Veteran's Day. The military member or Veteran must show proof of military service (photo ID, DD-214). All other park fees (camping, etc.) are still charged. Please visit its website for details.

### [Columbus Zoo](#)

Columbus, OH

All active-duty members, Veterans, and their immediate family members receive free admission to the zoo on Veterans Day. Offer valid from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Veterans Day. Please show valid ID. Please visit its website for details.

### [Grace for Vets](#)

November 11, 2021

Veterans and service personnel are being offered a [free car wash](#) on November 11, 2021. Grace for Vets is a non-profit organization that has gathered over [1,500 independent car washes](#) in four countries to offer this service. Visit the Grace for Vets website for details.

### [Hagley Museum](#)

Wilmington, DE

November 11, 2021

Free admission for current military members, Veterans, and their families. Please visit their website for details.

### [Hardman Farm Historic Site](#)

Sautee Nacoochee, GA

November 11, 2021

All Veterans, military members and their families get free admission from 10-4 on Thursday, November 11. Show your valid ID and receive a free tour of Hardman Farm. Please visit its website for details.

### [Maryland Science Center](#)

Baltimore, MD

November 11, 2021

Free admission to all current and former military members and a \$2 discount to their guests. Proof of service is required. Offer valid from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Veterans Day. Please visit its website for details.

### [Mines & Meadows ATV/RV Resort](#)

Wampum, PA

November 11-14, 2021

Veterans ride free. Please visit the Mines & Meadows website for details.

### [Montgomery Zoo](#)

Montgomery, AL

November 7-13, 2021

During Veterans Appreciation Week, all Veterans, active-duty military personnel and their dependent family members receive a 50% DISCOUNT on REGULAR DAYTIME admission to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Please visit its website for details.

### [Mount Vernon](#)

Mount Vernon, VA

November 11, 2021

Free admission for all active-duty, former or retired military personnel. Please visit the Mount Vernon website for details.

**New Zoo**

Green Bay, WI

November 11, 2021

Free admission for Veterans, active-duty service members and their families. Please visit the New Zoo website for details.

**Old Town Trolley Tours**

St. Augustine, Key West, FL

November 11, 2021

Free admission for Veterans and active-duty military personnel to Old Town Trolley Tours, Old Jail, Oldest Store Museum Experience, and St. Augustine History Museum. Veterans must show a current ID card for active-duty or retired or a DD214 (proof of release from the military) at any of the Old Town Trolley booths. Please visit its website for details.

**Sedgwick County Zoo**

Wichita, KS

November 11, 2021

Complimentary zoo admission to all military personnel and their immediate families. To receive free admission, visitors must show a military or Veteran ID, discharge papers or other official identification. Families of deployed military personnel must show an active-duty ID. Please visit its website for details.

**Strategic Air Command  
& Aerospace Museum**

Ashland, NE

November 11, 2021

Free admission for active, retired, and Veteran service members. Please visit their website for details.

**Washington State Parks**

Multiple locations WA

November 11, 2021

Veterans Day is a Pass Free day for Washington State Parks, where a Discover Pass is not required to visit a state park. Please visit the Washington State Parks website.

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#	DETACHMENTS	2022 Mbsp. Goal	2022 Membership Needed for 35% Target	Total	% of Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-37	54	110.20%	114.89
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-27	58	65.91%	68.24
3	LOUISIANA	1,808	-449	1,082	59.85%	61.28
4	GEORGIA	4,316	-871	2,382	55.19%	56.57
5	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-192	560	53.23%	53.50
6	RHODE ISLAND	316	-52	163	51.58%	52.58
7	UTAH	492	-63	235	47.76%	48.06
8	WISCONSIN	3,914	-449	1,819	46.47%	47.65
9	OKLAHOMA	1,380	-139	622	45.07%	45.95
10	ILLINOIS	13,602	-1,306	6,067	44.60%	45.24
11	MONTANA	1,160	-99	505	43.53%	44.73
12	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-61	382	41.70%	43.81
13	IDAHO	606	-34	246	40.59%	41.53
14	ALABAMA	2,020	-58	765	37.87%	38.42
15	IOWA	4,571	-112	1,712	37.45%	38.33
16	DIST OF COL	92	-2	34	36.96%	38.20
17	TENNESSEE	1,681	-31	619	36.82%	37.69
18	MARYLAND	15,533	-270	5,707	36.74%	37.19
19	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-45	682	37.47%	35.88
20	ARKANSAS	468	4	160	34.19%	34.93
21	MISSOURI	3,211	8	1,116	34.76%	34.68
22	VERMONT	3,576	57	1,195	33.42%	33.51
23	OREGON	1,317	29	432	32.80%	32.90
24	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	67	850	32.46%	32.89
25	TEXAS	5,425	62	1,837	33.86%	32.71
26	NEBRASKA	6,959	225	2,211	31.77%	32.39
27	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	143	1,633	32.18%	32.37
28	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	24	460	33.29%	32.32
29	FLORIDA	20,745	332	6,929	33.40%	32.24
30	NEW JERSEY	9,211	305	2,919	31.69%	31.97
31	NEVADA	334	10	107	32.04%	30.90
32	WYOMING	1,273	64	382	30.01%	30.34
33	CALIFORNIA	10,338	545	3,073	29.73%	29.73
34	OHIO	29,946	1,896	8,585	28.67%	29.22
35	MISSISSIPPI	795	40	238	29.94%	29.02
36	COLORADO	2,632	166	755	28.69%	27.98
37	FRANCE	233	22	60	25.75%	26.67
38	MINNESOTA	11,091	992	2,890	26.06%	26.30
39	ALASKA	1,560	138	408	26.15%	26.26
40	VIRGINIA	4,023	370	1,038	25.80%	25.81
41	DELAWARE	2,229	212	568	25.48%	25.80
42	NEW YORK	29,246	2,946	7,290	24.93%	25.13
43	KANSAS	6,424	701	1,547	24.08%	24.76
44	INDIANA	36,657	4,147	8,683	23.69%	24.37
45	MICHIGAN	21,985	2,368	5,327	24.23%	23.81
46	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	649	1,219	22.84%	22.81
47	WASHINGTON	2,086	258	472	22.63%	22.48
48	KENTUCKY	2,648	344	583	22.02%	22.41
49	ARIZONA	7,566	1,059	1,589	21.00%	20.93
50	MAINE	2,482	381	488	19.66%	19.91
51	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	10,009	10,607	18.01%	18.26
52	NEW MEXICO	1,261	197	244	19.35%	18.12
53	PHILIPPINES	66	13	10	15.15%	15.63
54	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	432	332	15.21%	15.25
55	MEXICO	26	6	3	11.54%	12.50
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>356,725</b>	<b>24,920</b>	<b>99,934</b>	<b>28.01%</b>	<b>28.20</b>



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