



Round-Up



#SALSTRONG

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion

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American Legion grants ready to help storm, tornado victims

The American Legion
DEC 11, 2021



The tornadoes and severe storms that moved across several central states Friday evening resulted in loss of life and devastating destruction in communities. A few of the states most impacted include Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee. As the devastation caused by the severe weather and the needs of the communities affected come into focus, The American Legion stands ready to assist its members and military families.

National Emergency Fund. The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) is available to help American Legion members and posts, and Sons of The American Legion members, who have been impacted by natural disasters.

The NEF provides up to \$3,000 for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members with an active membership who have been displaced due to damages to their primary residence, and up to \$10,000 for posts that have been damaged by a natural disaster and whose programs and activities within the community are impacted.

Apply for an NEF grant by visiting www.legion.org/emergency/apply.

Since Jan. 1, 2021, the NEF has provided more than \$150,444 in grants to 71 American Legion and Sons members, and five American Legion posts. The program began in 1969 as a one-time effort in the wake of Hurricane Camille, which devastated the Gulf Coast – primarily Mississippi, and parts of

Louisiana and Alabama. NEF was resurrected in 1989 when Hurricane Hugo pummeled the Carolinas and Puerto Rico, and since then has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion and Sons members, and American Legion posts.

NEF relies on donations to help Legionnaires, posts and Sons recover from disaster. One hundred percent of donations to the NEF directly help veterans and their families recover from natural disasters. To donate to the NEF, click [here](#).

Temporary Financial Assistance. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) helps families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, clothing, and health expenses. For example, during a natural disaster where a family has lost a home or it's been severely damaged, TFA can help cover the cost of temporary housing.

TFA grants are available to minor children of active duty servicemembers or American Legion members. No child can be considered eligible until a complete investigation is conducted at the post or department level, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available assistance resources have been utilized or exhausted.

For TFA information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit www.legion.org/financialassistance.

TFA grants are made possible through The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. Donate [here](#).



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SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

Operation Comfort Warriors. Operation Comfort Warrior is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill veterans. OCW grants often purchase items that are not normally covered by the government.

To apply for a grant, email ocw@legion.org.

To make a donation, [visit here](#).

For many, Christmas reminds us of our childhood

MERRY CHRISTMAS

K F A M I L Y T R N K B J L H
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ELF	LIGHTS	SLEIGH	

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE



January 20, 2022



Can you help Santa find his way through the maze to deliver the presents?





REGIONAL UPDATES



JEFF VRABEL, SR.
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CENTRAL REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

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

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0.38%. That is what separates the Central Region from the Midwest Region. 0.38%. That's it. On this month's region conference call, I asked everyone to go out and get at least two members to renew. Now I am asking all members of the Central Region to do the same.

If everyone is successful in this task, we will double our current membership, and have just over 3,000 members left to get to reach quota. I am asking that we do whatever we can to go out and get renewals taken care of by the end of the year. If you are a member of a quota Squadron, congratulations! But the work does not stop there. We all

have friends at other Squadrons. Reach out and see what you can do to help.

District Commanders and First Vice-Commanders should reach out to Squadron Commanders and offer assistance. Teamwork will be vital if we are to accomplish this task.

If we all work together and take care of our membership program, our membership program will take care of us. December 31 I just twelve days away. Let's make sure that we don't start 2022 with delinquent members.

The Central Region can take over second place next week with a little work, but it will take work from everyone. Will you help? **Who's next?**

I want to congratulate the Detachments of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana for all reaching the 45% goal. Your hard work is paying off. **Thank you!**

On behalf of my wife, Mary, and sons Jeff, Jr., Kenneth, and Phillip, Merry Christmas! We hope you enjoy spending time with family as we celebrate the real reason of the season!

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 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.

		12/15/21
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Wisconsin	60.23%
2	Iowa	57.19%
3	Illinois	56.44%
4	Minnesota	50.44%
5	Missouri	45.63%
6	Ohio	45.56%
7	Indiana	41.97%
8	Michigan	32.96%

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					12/15/21	
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1	Southern 3, 4, 5	42,593	22,525	20,068	52.88%	633
2	Midwest 3, 4	28,508	14,018	14,490	49.17%	141
3	Central 4	124,977	60,976	64,001	48.79%	1,379
4	Western 4	24,414	11,342	13,072	46.46%	326
5	Eastern	136,233	62,164	74,069	45.63%	1,677
TOTALS		356,725	171,025	185,700	47.94%	4,156

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date N/A

	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	3,914	2,499	1,415	63.85%	82
2	Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,571	2,762	1,809	60.42%	95
3	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4	13,602	8,089	5,513	59.47%	320
4	Minnesota 1, 3	11,091	6,014	5,077	54.22%	155
5	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4	3,211	1,636	1,575	50.95%	2
6	Ohio 1, 4	29,946	14,708	15,238	49.12%	129
7	Indiana 1	36,657	16,501	20,156	45.01%	437
8	Michigan 1	21,985	8,767	13,218	39.88%	159
TOTALS		124,977	60,976	64,001	48.79%	1,379

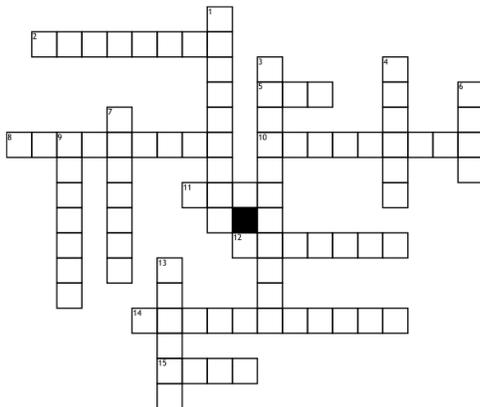
Q = Quota

- 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%

Name: _____ Date: _____

Christmas Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. Christmas Month
- 5. Rudolph the _____ nose reindeer
- 8. Santa Claus is from the _____
- 10. They hang from the fireplace
- 11. Tree Topper
- 12. Frosty the _____

- 14. Famous Christmas Carol
- 15. Santa leaves _____ if you were bad

Down

- 1. Tree decorations
- 3. Santa's real name
- 4. Santa's ride to deliver toys
- 6. Mistletoe tradition

- 7. Santa comes down the _____

- 9. The most famous reindeer
- 13. The _____ who stole Christmas

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	2,499	1,415	63.85%	4.10%
Iowa	4,571	2,762	1,809	60.42%	4.53%
Missouri	3,211	1,636	1,575	50.95%	2.68%
TOTALS	11,696	6,897	4,799	58.97%	11.31%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	8,089	5,513	59.47%	13.27%
Minnesota	11,091	6,014	5,077	54.22%	9.86%
TOTALS	24,693	14,103	10,590	57.11%	23.13%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	14,708	15,238	49.12%	24.12%
Indiana	36,657	8,089	28,568	22.07%	13.27%
Michigan	21,985	8,767	13,218	39.88%	14.38%
TOTALS	88,588	31,564	57,024	35.63%	51.76%



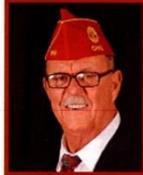
MOTIVATE
INSPIRE
TEAMWORK

**2022 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
January 13 - 22, 2022
MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN SCHEDULE**

JANUARY	Div#	Dist#	Post #	CITY	MEAL	
JANUARY 13	4	21	759	CHATHAM	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 14	3	16	44	PEKIN	BREAKFAST (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 14	3	15	45	GALVA	LUNCH (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 14	3	14	246	MOLINE	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 15	2	13	12	DIXON	BREAKFAST (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 15	2	12	395	PLANO	LUNCH (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 15	2	10	964	LAKE ZURICH	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 16	1	7	791	NORTHBROOK	BREAKFAST (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 16	1	2	939	CHICAGO	HORS D'OEUVRES (TBD)	
JANUARY 16	1	4	231	CHICAGO	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 17	2	11	1944	AURORA	LUNCH (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 17	4	17	568	GIBSON CITY	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 18	CARAVAN DAY OFF		★	CARAVAN DAY OFF	★	CARAVAN DAY OFF
JANUARY 19	3	20	648	GRAFTON	LUNCH (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 19	5	22	126	ALTON	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 20	5	25	178	VILLA RIDGE	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 21	5	24	14	FLORA	DINNER (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 22	5	23	120	EFFINGHAM	BREAKFAST (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 22	4	18	764	TOLEDO	LUNCH (TIME TBD)	
JANUARY 22	4	19	433	SIDNEY	DINNER (TIME TBD)	



National Vice Commander, Jerrold Wilson will be our special guest during the 2022 Illinois American Legion Family Caravan. Please make time to come to one of the caravan stops nearest you to visit with him. Also, if you plan on attending the meal you need to R.S.V.P. the host post.



Bring all membership cards with you to turn in...even if it's just ONE!

**COMMANDER'S
Homecoming
Detachment Commander
JEFF TROUT**



INVITES THE LEGION FAMILY TO JOIN HIM FOR DINNER.

Saturday, March 26, 2022

At American Legion Post 147
11720 Longstreet Rd., Marion, IL 62959

Social Hour: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Music & Karaoke to follow at 8:00
Business Casual Attire

Housing: Country Inn & Suites, 1306 Halfway Rd. Marion, IL 62959
Rooms must be reserved by February 24, 2022 to get the group rate.

For reservations, call: (618)997-2444 Group code is: Sons of The American Legion

Dinner Menu: Entrée selection of BBQ Chicken or Pork Steak, served with Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert. *SUBMIT ENTRÉE SELECTION WITH RESERVATION/PAYMENT*

- * Dinner: \$25 per person Make check payable to: Terri Trout
- * Dinner reservations should be sent to:
Terri Trout, 1016 US Highway 45, Enfield, IL 62835
- * Dinner reservation deadline: March 1, 2022
- * Questions? Call (618)384-7684

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone # _____
Division # _____ District # _____ SAC _____ LEGION _____ AUX _____



Michigan Sons initiated

Gladstone, Michigan – August Mattson Squadron #71 Sons of the American Legion held an initiation ceremony at the Gladstone Post on December 9th. There were 3 Sons who were accepted for membership into the Squadron with 15 total new members so far this year.

The Michigan S.A.L. is experiencing a resurgence in membership across the State and here in the Upper Peninsula (UP).

S.A.L. Membership includes males of all ages whose father or grandfathers served and were honorably discharged in the U.S. Military.

Although the Sons has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, S.A.L. is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in the S.A.L.

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Squadron 71 Sons Membership Chairman and 5th Zone Commander John Pickard reminds us as we celebrate the holiday season with our loved ones, please remember to say a prayer for those brave men and women who continue to fight to preserve our freedom that we hold dear. Lift up our veteran heroes with love and honor. Support our military families with words of encouragement and unity. And do something extra for your community and those who are suffering.



(L to R): Sergeant at Arms Don Couiliard, New Members Dan Martinucci, Joe Boudreau, Dave Bender, 5th Zone Commander John Pickard and Second Vice Commander Jeff Ware.



CEDAR LAKE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Monthly Fish Fry

(3rd Friday of Every Month)

American Legion Post 261
13050 Washington Street
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Carry outs available
219-374-9815

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MENU



- CHICKEN STRIPS DINNER.....\$6.00
- CRAB CAKES DINNER.....\$9.00
- CATFISH DINNER\$9.00
- SCALLOPS DINNER.....\$10.00
- WALLEYE DINNER.....\$11.00
- SHRIMP DINNER.....\$11.00
- LAKE PERCH DINNER.....\$13.00

KIDS MENU
MINI CORN DOGS \$4
TYSON CHICKEN NUGGETS \$4



AUXILIARY BAKE SALE
\$1.00 DONATION
PER DESSERT
HOMEMADE GOODIES!!

PICK 3 PLATTER.....\$16

CHOOSE ANY 3 SEPARATE ITEMS FROM OUR
REGULAR MENU TO CREATE YOUR OWN FEAST!!

EXTRAS

- 2 CRAB CAKES.....\$5
- 1 CATFISH FILET...\$5
- 1 WALLEYE FILET...\$6
- 4 SHRIMPS.....\$6
- 4 PERCH FILETS.....\$6

(EXTRA PIECES CAN ONLY BE ADDED TO A DINNER.)



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8-MIDNITE!!

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE:

FRIES OR BAKED POTATO, COLE SLAW
BREAD & BUTTER.



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RICHARD HUNTLEY

NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
EASTERN REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (605) 313-4388

Access Code 346542

I have to say I am very excited about this membership report. The East is coming alive and showing the rest of the country we are not going to wait until the end this year to make our move.

I noticed the last report but waited till this one came out and yes YOU are still on top in total paid membership now and that's where it begins gentlemen.

I don't know when the last time I saw a membership report and all five regions were all in the same ten percentile. The work is not over so don't lay down and think that it will go on its own because this happens because you are promoting the lifeblood of the organization.

Let's have fun with this and what seems like work will be enjoyable and we can start poking our counterparts into bringing the whole organization forward.

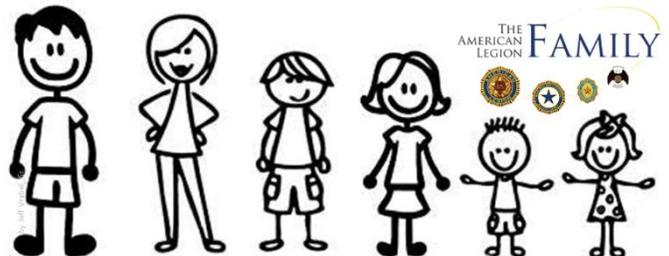
Please don't forget our renewal's or our buddy checks; this is the time of year everybody needs you.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	61	66.30%
RHODE ISLAND	316	202	63.92%
DELAWARE	2,229	1,269	56.93%
MARYLAND	15,533	8,724	56.16%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	2,648	52.19%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	922	50.66%
VERMONT	3,576	1,765	49.36%
FRANCE	233	113	48.50%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	4,389	47.65%
NEW YORK	29,246	13,603	46.51%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	2,232	41.83%
MAINE	2,482	984	39.65%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	22,790	38.69%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	785	35.96%
Totals:	136,233	60,487	44.40%

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ARE YOU PART OF THE FAMILY?





JUAN TORRES
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MIDWEST REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

First Tuesday of Each Month

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

9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-5379

Access Code 830520



JASON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
SOUTHERN REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (701) 802-5001

Access Code 4720682

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	712	67.68%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	820	59.42%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	518	56.55%
MONTANA	1,160	655	56.47%
NEBRASKA	6,959	3,855	55.40%
WYOMING	1,273	624	49.02%
KANSAS	6,424	3,005	46.78%
MEXICO	26	12	46.15%
TEXAS	5,425	2,395	44.15%
COLORADO	2,632	974	37.01%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	307	24.35%
Totals:	28,508	13,877	48.68%

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	79	89.77%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,229	67.98%
GEORGIA	4,316	2,801	64.90%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	744	53.84%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,071	53.02%
TENNESSEE	1,681	883	52.53%
FLORIDA	20,745	10,882	52.46%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	1,239	47.31%
MISSISSIPPI	795	374	47.04%
ARKANSAS	468	201	42.95%
VIRGINIA	4,023	1,477	36.71%
KENTUCKY	2,648	912	34.44%
Totals:	42,593	21,892	51.40%

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Veteran's collection of military uniforms strikes chords of remembrance

Bob Snow's collection of military uniforms and memorabilia started as a hobby when he was 12.

"I was interested in history. And around that time, I joined the Civil Air Patrol cadet program," Snow says. Plus, "My father was a Korean War veteran. My uncle was World War II, and my grandfather was World War I."

"I collected off and on through my time in the Navy," says Snow, who was a helmsman on the John F Kennedy aircraft carrier. Snow, who has a history degree from Northern Kentucky University, joined the reserves and, of course, continued collecting.



Bob Snow – His first uniform display was on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 1991. His collection includes citations of a Northern Kentuckian killed there on the USS Arizona.

People like seeing the military artifacts at libraries, and at local schools and churches. Besides the uniforms, Snow has profiles of the veterans who donated them. His oldest uniform, one he obtained on eBay, is from the Spanish-American War.

His history exhibits make people think of their own families. Then, "they tell stories, and they tell me about their family," Snow says. "So, I guess I just think it's nostalgia and remembering."

"In general, I provide uniforms, but I have documents and insignia and combat gear, things that you wouldn't normally see unless you were at a museum. A lot of people will take the time to sit down and read about some of the soldiers and sailors that are highlighted," the Independence resident says.

The biggest impact his collection provides is perspective. "It helps to highlight the service and sacrifice of our veterans passing ... I can't tell the whole story of the military, but I can tell snippets of history that normally they don't get, because schools don't teach it much anymore."

Reprinted from [NKYthrives](#)

EDITOR'S NOTE – Bob Snow is a thirty-year member of Independence Squadron 275 in Kentucky.

Thank you to PNC John Dietz for providing this information to Round-Up.





JIM STEWART
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
WEST REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month

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

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	55	112.24%
IDAHO	606	338	55.78%
UTAH	492	260	52.85%
OREGON	1,317	693	52.62%
NEVADA	334	166	49.70%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	4,900	47.40%
WASHINGTON	2,086	907	43.48%
ALASKA	1,560	671	43.01%
ARIZONA	7,566	3,004	39.70%
PHILIPPINES	66	22	33.33%
Totals:	24,414	11,016	45.12%

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WESTERN Rendezvous
Number Eight!

Tuscany Suites & Casino
 Reservations 1-877-887-2261
 Room Rates to be Determined
 SAL Rendezvous Reservation Code: 012208

Social Gathering On Friday, January 28th, 2022
 Leadership Training On Saturday, January 29th, 2022
 Lunch Is Served During Lunch Break On Saturday
 - Let's have some fun in the sun -

Contact: Jim Stewart: (775) 848-6072 | controller@bordertowncasinorv.com
 Willy Williams: (541) 740-7145 | duliedriver1@aol.com

FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES
www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

As of Saturday, **177,100** flags have been placed to honor our veterans

MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES
 The National Call Schedule will be updated as information becomes available.

50th Convention Commemoration Committee
Joseph Gladden (MD), Chairman

Advisory Committee
Robert McBride (OH), Chairman

Americanism Commission

Joseph Navarrete (NM), Chairman

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 472-5332

Access Code: 808417

Online Meeting ID:

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

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Here is a math formula for you:

Hard work
+ **dedication**
SUCCESS

The official membership report for our 45% target date of December 15 has **44 Detachments and ALL 5 REGIONS** making goal!! Make no mistake, this is no small feat.

Each and every Detachment had to overcome some obstacles to get where we are. Some had issues with charters, some with transmittals, and others with reporting. The success achieved shows that nothing can stop the Sons of The American Legion when we put our hearts and minds into an endeavor.

On behalf of the Membership Committee, thank you for your patience as our staff members at headquarters work through the issues that we are facing, but most of all, thank you all for doing what you do every day to grow our membership and promote the ideals that we hold so dear.



NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP LEAGUE STANDINGS

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: December 14, 2021

Region	Round 2	Round 2 Bonus	Round 2 Totals	Overall Total
	11/10/21			
	12/08/21			
South Force	10	10	20	40
Midwest Monsters	10	5	15	30
Central Capitals	10	5	15	30
National Gold	10	5	15	20
East Beasts	0	5	5	10
West Commanders	0	5	5	10

as of 12/17/21

#	DETACHMENTS	2022 Mbsp. Goal	2022 Membership Needed for 45% Target	Total	% of Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-33	55	112.24%	97.87
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-39	79	89.77%	90.59
3	LOUISIANA	1,808	-415	1,229	67.98%	62.94
4	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-239	712	67.68%	58.74
5	DIST OF COL	92	-20	61	66.30%	56.18
6	GEORGIA	4,316	-859	2,801	64.90%	56.55
7	RHODE ISLAND	316	-60	202	63.92%	49.35
8	WISCONSIN	3,914	-656	2,417	61.75%	58.60
9	OKLAHOMA	1,380	-199	820	59.42%	53.08
10	IOWA	4,571	-610	2,667	58.35%	55.23
11	ILLINOIS	13,602	-1,648	7,769	57.12%	54.06
12	DELAWARE	2,229	-266	1,269	56.93%	50.14
13	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-106	518	56.55%	53.25
14	MONTANA	1,180	-133	655	56.47%	53.41
15	MARYLAND	15,533	-1,734	8,724	56.16%	51.56
16	IDAHO	606	-65	338	55.78%	48.40
17	NEBRASKA	6,959	-723	3,855	55.40%	53.43
18	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-122	744	53.84%	47.41
19	ALABAMA	2,020	-162	1,071	53.02%	44.71
20	UTAH	492	-39	260	52.85%	44.79
21	MINNESOTA	11,091	-868	5,859	52.83%	49.14
22	OREGON	1,317	-100	693	52.62%	43.68
23	TENNESSEE	1,681	-127	883	52.53%	39.09
24	FLORIDA	20,745	-1,547	10,892	52.48%	45.07
25	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-365	2,648	52.19%	46.09
26	MISSOURI	3,211	-189	1,634	50.89%	45.57
27	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-103	922	50.66%	45.20
28	NEVADA	334	-16	166	49.70%	42.86
29	VERMONT	3,576	-156	1,765	49.36%	44.03
30	WYOMING	1,273	-51	624	49.02%	38.30
31	OHIO	29,946	-1,103	14,579	48.68%	45.17
32	FRANCE	233	-8	113	48.50%	48.00
33	NEW JERSEY	9,211	-244	4,389	47.65%	43.46
34	CALIFORNIA	10,338	-248	4,900	47.40%	41.02
35	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-60	1,239	47.31%	40.05
36	MISSISSIPPI	795	-16	374	47.04%	39.02
37	KANSAS	6,424	-114	3,005	46.78%	43.64
38	NEW YORK	29,246	-442	13,603	46.51%	42.52
39	MEXICO	26	0	12	46.15%	40.00
40	TEXAS	5,425	46	2,395	44.15%	37.14
41	INDIANA	36,657	432	16,064	43.82%	40.84
42	WASHINGTON	2,086	32	907	43.48%	35.40
43	ALASKA	1,580	31	671	43.01%	34.36
44	ARKANSAS	468	10	201	42.95%	37.34
45	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	169	2,232	41.83%	38.24
46	ARIZONA	7,566	401	3,004	39.70%	32.54
47	MAINE	2,482	133	984	39.65%	34.99
48	MICHIGAN	21,985	1,285	8,608	39.15%	32.30
49	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	3,716	22,790	38.69%	35.46
50	COLORADO	2,632	210	974	37.01%	31.38
51	VIRGINIA	4,023	333	1,477	36.71%	31.94
52	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	197	785	35.96%	30.29
53	KENTUCKY	2,648	280	912	34.44%	29.88
54	PHILIPPINES	66	8	22	33.33%	30.77
55	NEW MEXICO	1,261	260	307	24.35%	18.67
Grand Totals:		356,725	-6,343	166,869	46.78%	42.12



**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS
 FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT
 SUBJECT: 45% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

" CONGRATULATIONS "

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 45% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (12-15-2021) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: **356,725**
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: **171,025**
 PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: **47.94%**
 DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: **44**

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| CONNECTICUT | ILLINOIS | MINNESOTA | NEW YORK | SOUTH CAROLINA | WYOMING |
| DELAWARE | INDIANA | MISSISSIPPI | NORTH CAROLINA | SOUTH DAKOTA | |
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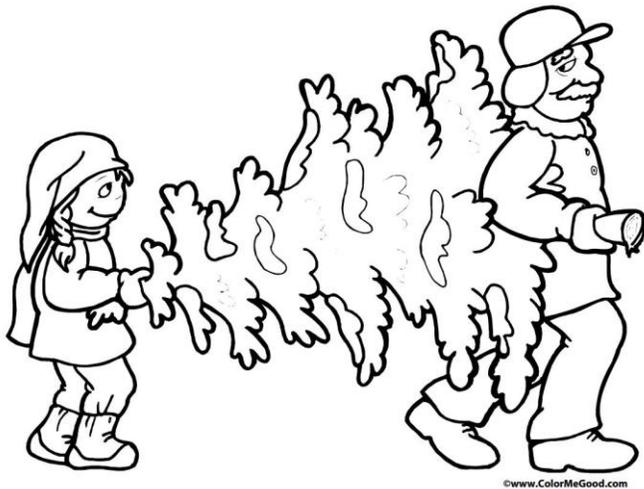
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THE REMAINING DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: **JANUARY 28, 2022** (2ND OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **JANUARY 20, 2022** (60%)

RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS
MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



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Fourth Monday of each month
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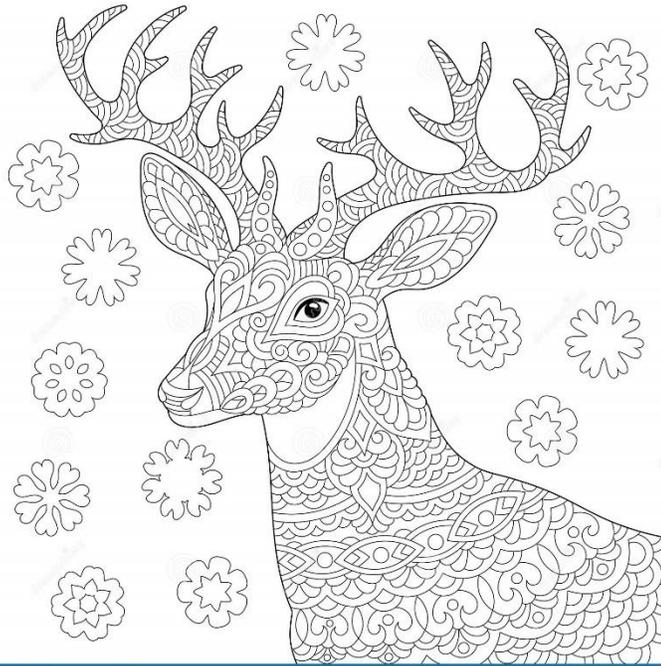
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AMERICAN LEGION

Legion Family mustering to help tornado victims

The American Legion
DEC 15, 2021

In the aftermath of last weekend's deadly tornado outbreak that destroyed the town of Mayfield, KY., including American Legion Post 26, Legion Family across the country are collecting donations to help.



They're also helping closer by. Post 82 in Campbellsville, Ky., donated \$1,250 to the Department of Kentucky's relief fund aimed at helping those impacted by the tornado. Department Adjutant Pat Keefe said donations are being collected from anyone who wishes to provide assistance. Checks can be sent to the Kentucky American Legion Tornado Relief Fund, P.O. Box 2123, Louisville, KY 40201, and donors can indicate on the memo line the specific community they want their donation to be directed to.

The tornado stayed on the ground for at least 128 miles, while other tornadoes touched down in Illinois, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. The storms killed an estimated 74 people in Kentucky; six in Illinois, including two veterans who died in the collapse of an Amazon warehouse; four in Tennessee; two in Arkansas; and two in Missouri.

Here are some of the Legion Family's relief efforts across the country:

Alabama. In Winston County, Whitehead Post 33 is helping collect donations of relief items including tarps, pre-mixed chainsaw fuel, diapers, canned foods, personal hygiene products, pet food, sleeping bags, towels, washcloths, can openers, batteries, flashlights and more. A 35-foot box trailer containing the donations is scheduled to leave Haleyville, Ala., on Dec. 19 for Mayfield. Donations can be

made at the trailer at Haleyville City Hall, 911 21st St., from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Millbrook, Post 133, 4980 Main St., is collecting donations including coats, hats, scarves, blankets, and gloves.

Rhode Island. In Burrillville, members of Berard Desjarlais American Legion Post 88, 111 Chapel St., began collecting donations on Tuesday. [In an interview with WJAR-TV](#), Post Commander Ray Trinqué urged the local community to "Donate, donate, donate. We will take practically anything."

Trinqué also told WJAR that they plan to take an American flag to replace one that Mayfield Mayor Kathy Stewart O'Nan was shown pulling from the rubble.

"And we're taking a Rhode Island state flag and everyone who donates were encouraging them to sign the state flag and then we're going to present it when we get there," Trinqué told the TV station.

Texas. Department of Texas Commander Bret Watson reached out [via Facebook](#) to encourage Legion Family in his state to donate supplies.

"They are needing water, food, coats, clothes, personal hygiene products and toys, Christmas items. They have lost everything they had," Watson wrote. Donations will be collected after 4:30 p.m. Friday at Post 163, 200 Cartwright Park Road, Weatherford, Texas, Watson wrote.

"The American Legion Department of Texas will be hauling all items to Kentucky next week. Let's help those in need at this time," he added.

If your post or department is collecting donations for tornado relief, please let us know so we can share the Legion Family's charitable efforts.

Send an email wproffet@legion.org or to hhoward@legion.org with details.

National Emergency Fund. The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) is available to help American Legion members and posts, and Sons of The American Legion members, who have been impacted by natural disasters.

The NEF provides up to \$3,000 for American Legion and Sons of The American Legion members with an active membership who have been displaced due to damages to their primary residence,

and up to \$10,000 for posts that have been damaged by a natural disaster and whose programs and activities within the community are impacted.

Apply for an NEF grant by visiting [legion.org/emergency/apply](https://www.legion.org/emergency/apply).

Since Jan. 1, 2021, the NEF has provided more than \$150,444 in grants to 71 American Legion and Sons members, and five American Legion posts. The program began in 1969 as a one-time effort in the wake of Hurricane Camille, which devastated the Gulf Coast – primarily Mississippi, and parts of Louisiana and Alabama. NEF was resurrected in 1989 when Hurricane Hugo pummeled the Carolinas and Puerto Rico, and since then has provided more than \$9 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion and Sons members, and American Legion posts.

NEF relies on donations to help Legionnaires, posts and Sons recover from disaster. One hundred percent of donations to the NEF directly help veterans and their families recover from natural disasters.

To donate to the NEF, click [here](#).

Temporary Financial Assistance. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) helps families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities, clothing, and health expenses. For example, during a natural disaster where a family has lost a home or it's been severely damaged, TFA can help cover the cost of temporary housing.

TFA grants are available to minor children of active duty servicemembers or American Legion members. No child can be considered eligible until a complete investigation is conducted at the post or department level, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available assistance resources have been utilized or exhausted.

For TFA information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit [legion.org/financialassistance](https://www.legion.org/financialassistance).

TFA grants are made possible through The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. Donate [here](#).

Operation Comfort Warriors. Operation Comfort Warrior is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill veterans. OCW grants often purchase items that are not normally covered by the government.

To apply for a grant, email ocw@legion.org.

To make a donation, [visit here](#).



National Emergency Fund. When natural disasters like tornadoes, floods or wildfires strike, The American Legion's National Emergency Fund

swiftly delivers needed money to veterans in their communities.

The American Legion to render assistance to tornado areas

The American Legion
DEC 14, 2021

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard issued the following statement concerning last week's outbreak of tornadoes that impacted eight states:

“Christmas is normally a season of joy for millions of Americans. This year, however, it is a time of heartbreak and tragedy for towns across the Midwest that have been devastated by these horrific tornadoes. American Legion posts and departments from around the world are already rendering assistance to impacted areas. It is times like these that we truly appreciate the efforts of our first responders, who continue rescue and recovery operations. Post 26 in Mayfield, Ky., is working on cleanup efforts and food distribution. In addition to our heartfelt prayers, The American Legion has national programs that can also help.



Residents and firefighters surveying the damage in Mayfield, Ky., on Dec. 12.

Please visit www.legion.org to see how The American Legion can assist. We are also accepting donations that can be used for American Legion Family members affected in declared disaster areas.”

Kansas Legion Riders honor 'a hero to our veterans'

The American Legion
DEC 16, 2021

After he died on Dec. 5 and arrangements were made to honor him in his home state, members of the Kansas American Legion Riders were asked to provide eight U.S. flags in the small Kansas town of Russell to honor former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, a World War II veteran and 71-year member of Post 99 in Russell.

But the Riders wanted to do more. Much more. And they did.

Dole returned to Kansas on Dec. 10. Waiting for him in Salina and then providing honors along the way to Russell and then Topeka the next day were American Legion Riders from more than a dozen Kansas chapters, manning flag lines and rendering salutes as Dole's casket and family passed.

"It was amazing what we did," Kansas American Legion Riders Committee Chairman Roger Beckley said. "We did four missions, basically, and put them together in 24 hours in three different locations in the state. We'd all kind of been on standby for a long time, knowing (Dole) was going to pass. But this kind of hit us really fast.

"I just kind of talked to people and ID'd people that could make this happen, and then we just started flooding Facebook and email, telling people, and boom. And this whole thing happened because of teamwork with a capital T. It wasn't one guy or four of us doing this and this and this. It was everybody all together doing their piece. That's what makes me proud ... the amount of teamwork and camaraderie that was shown."

After Dole passed on Dec. 5, Beckley said he got a call two days later from Ray Palmer, the director of ALR Chapter 173 in Hays, who had been contacted by the funeral home in Russell to see if the Riders could provide a small flag line outside of St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Palmer immediately said yes, but in their ensuing conversation Beckley suggested doing more. Palmer agreed, and planning began.

Beckley went to see the funeral director and said the Riders could provide a flag line along Highway

40 "as far out of town as we can get them. And he just looked at me with a big smile."

On his drive home, Beckley said he started thinking about Dole's arrival in Salina on Dec. 10, which led him to reaching out to the airport about placing a flag line outside of the airport. He reached out to Kansas ALR Area Director Stan Britt, who was able to coordinate setting up a flag line to greet the arrival.

In the meantime, Legion Riders in Topeka – where Dole's body would lie in repose in the State Capitol the afternoon of Dec. 11 – reached out to Beckley to see what they could provide there.



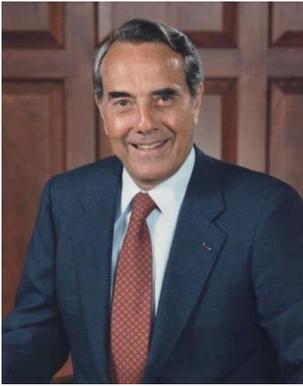
(Facebook photos)

"I hadn't even thought about that part of the mission," Beckley said. "So, I called my other committeeman who lives on that side of the state, Don Harden, and I said, 'can you take care of this Topeka piece?' Don and another director in that part of the state got that piece handled."

The final result was honors for Dole and his family via the Legion Riders from his arrival in Salina to his final service in Topeka.

"I was really pleased with the turnout, because it was so last minute," Beckley said. "It was right in the middle of the holiday season. We didn't really know who we could get. And we had some really harsh, colder weather move in over the weekend. But we had people flocking from posts all over."

Beckley said around 24 chapters took part in the entire effort, some riding as far as south of Wichita. "With the (wind chill) at 10 degrees ... those guys had some courage to do what they did," he said. "But that's what we do."



Beckley said Dole – the 1997 recipient of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal – earned that type of effort. “To us, he was a real-life Kansas hero to our veteran community,” he said. “He had such a strong bond with all the veterans and did so many things. The Honor Flight that

flies out of Omaha to D.C., before he got really ill, he was there to greet them when they got there almost every single time. And the (Russell County Veterans Memorial), when they were putting that together ... nobody reached out to him or anything. He just sent them a check and paid for the whole thing.

“He was a hero to veterans, and he was just a good old-fashioned country boy. He never forgot where he came from.”

Legion membership is family, camaraderie, continuing service

The American Legion
DEC 15, 2021

Your why – it’s what keeps you as a member in The American Legion, it’s “what keeps us coming back to The American Legion,” said David Rehbein, Legion College chancellor and past national commander of The American Legion, to the 2021 National Legion College class on Tuesday at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. “Something brought us here in the first place. I’m willing to bet you that is not what keeps you coming back. What keeps you coming back is your why?”

The students were asked to share their why. As many shared, there were tears, applause, and all-around encouragement.

A few shared about barriers they’ve had to overcome such as their race, but their why stands strong because “of my commitment to service,” said Willie Branch of American Legion Post 187 in Deland, Fla.; and for Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen of Post 2 in Washington, D.C., it’s because of her passion for the homeless and children and wanting her district “to care how she cares.”

Dale Hutchcraft of Post 159 in College Station, Texas, didn’t know women veterans could join The American Legion. When she walked into the post

with her veteran husband, “there was a wonderful female veteran there who is also a Marine. She took me under her wings; that woman became my sister,” said Hutchcraft, commander of Post 159. “It has become a wonderful family to me. And I continue my service too. Those are the emotional things that bind me to my post, and I just love my post.”

Dressed in uniform, Douglas Reighard returned home from service in Desert Storm and waiting for him at the airport were Legionnaires and other veteran service organization members. They carried his bags and when Reighard told them they didn’t have to he said they replied, “No one is going to be treated the way we were treated when we came home.” Now, as a member of Post 551 in St. Michael, Pa., Reighard’s why is, “You’re a veteran, let me take care of you the way I was taken care of. It’s the camaraderie. It’s paying it back. I’m going to stay here and keep doing those things that those guys didn’t have to do for me.”



Photo by Holly K. Soria/The American Legion

Once Nancy Laffin became involved with veterans and their families at the VA medical center in Portland, Maine, and heard their stories, she thought, “I got to help these people.” In search of the “best tool” to help veterans and their families, she joined Post 202. Through two mentors at the post, one being Legion College facilitator Matt Jabaut, “I learned a lot about the Legion programs and how to use them as a tool. I found the organization that I needed to use to help people.

“But then I realized it was a family,” said Laffin, filling with emotion. “And I think now I need them more than they need me.”

Feeling welcomed when walking into an American Legion post isn’t the same experience for everyone as was shared among the Legion College class. For Thomas Moore of Connecticut, it’s his goal to make

everyone who walks through the doors of Post 13 feel welcomed the way he was.

“When I walked into the post, every single one of (the 16 members at the post) came up to me, introduced themselves and said welcome to the post. I found my why – I can pass on what those members did for me, which was to make me feel welcomed, and to introduce me to what the Legion does. And that’s what I do today.

“When anybody calls or comes into the post, I make sure I walk right up to them and make them feel as welcomed because some day that might be their why.”

Jennifer Monserud, a member of Post 37 in Ames, Iowa, was presented a membership card 25 years ago. But it wasn’t until she went through a difficult time following her transition out of military service that she began to develop her why for staying in The American Legion. While she can’t pinpoint her why on one thing, she just knew “I needed to continue my service to be a part of something bigger than myself and this is where I found it.”

In response to those that shared their why for joining and staying in The American Legion, Jeff Daly said, “My why is rooted in a lot of these stories.”

When Daly, a co-host of The American Legion’s Tango Alpha Lima podcast, walked into his now post home of Hollywood Post 43 he was greeted with a warm welcome. “I felt this big, huge welcome that some of these people aren’t feeling. I want everyone in The American Legion everywhere to have that same feeling that I had. I don’t want someone telling you that you can’t be the post commander (because of race or gender). My why is hearing all of these things because that’s all I want to do is communicate the bastion of greatness of The American Legion. I want to change the perception of the Legion; I want to start conversations that they don’t think we can have because there hasn’t been the right venue. I don’t think that (mission) will ever expire. It started pretty much when I walked in (to Post 43) and Jennifer Brofer, United States Marine, said ‘welcome to the post.’”

Merry Christmas from



THE FOX SQUAD
2021 - 2022



Is your name Jeff?

If your name is Jeff, something big is in store, and I need your help.

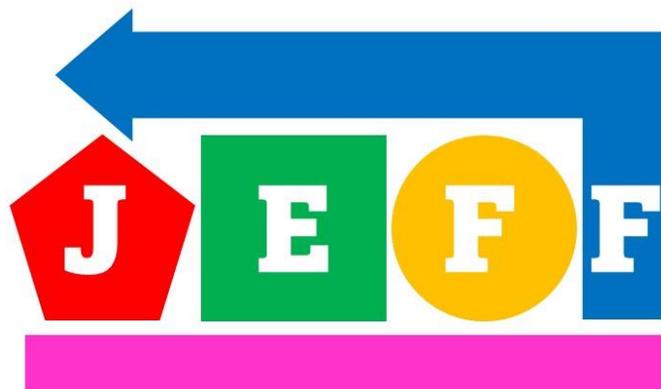
Please send me the names of members with the name Jeff, along with email, Squadron and number, and Detachment.

In the next few months, a big announcement will be made to all the Jeff’s who want to participate. At that time details will be provided.

There will be no obligation to participate once the Jeff’s hear the news, but I think they will all be eager to get started.

Thanks to everyone for the help, and please get this message to all the Sons with the name Jeff that you can.

NVC Jeff



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1 POINT

- _____ Santa and Reindeer
- _____ Life Size Nativity Scene
- _____ Animated Flashing Lights
- _____ All White Lights
- _____ Festive Wreath



2 POINTS

- _____ Tree with Red Ribbons
- _____ Columns Wrapped In Garland
- _____ Wooden Nativity Scene
- _____ JOY Decorations
- _____ NOEL Decorations
- _____ Gift Wrapped Front Door



3 POINTS

- _____ Snow (Real or Fake)
- _____ Angels
- _____ Santa's Sleigh
- _____ Reindeer on Rooftop
- _____ Snowman Silhouette
- _____ Should with Candles in Windows



6 POINTS

- _____ Movie Related Decorations
- _____ Decorations Made From A Pallet
- _____ Inflatable Snow Globe
- _____ Gingerbread House
- _____ Fence Posts with Red Ribbon
- _____ Christmas Tree Through a Window

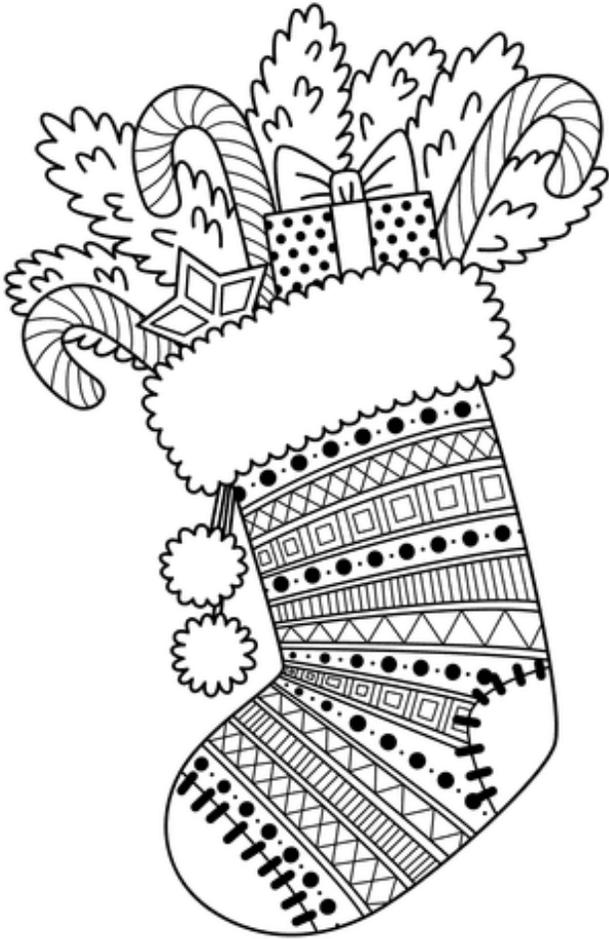
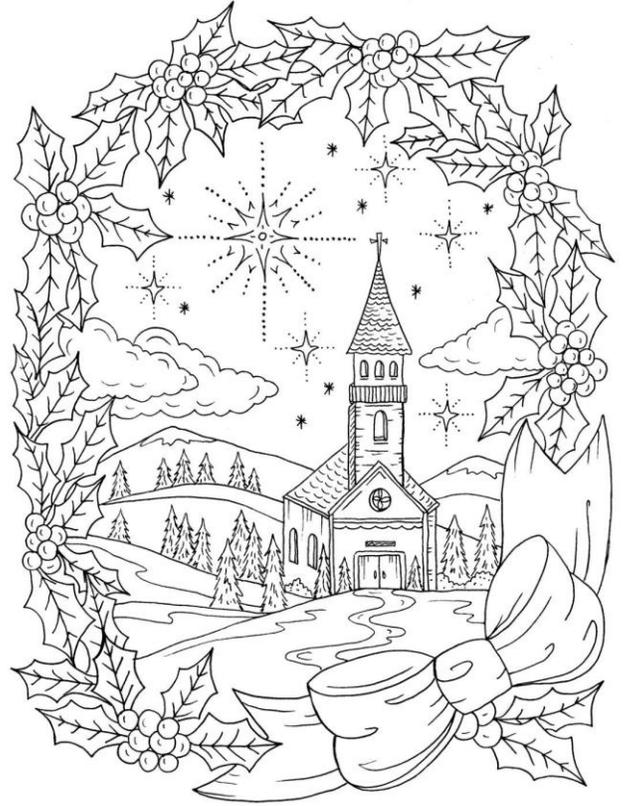


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