



Round-Up



A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion

#SALSTRONG

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2022 is now, honor them

bership program stronger, as we strive to renew and recruit as many members as possible. Please help with our program, and spread the word about who we are honoring. Thanks!

2022 IS NOW! Renew Today

If your membership card doesn't look like this ↑ then you need to RENEW TODAY!!!

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: December 21, 2021

| # | DETACHMENTS | 2022 Mbsp. Goal | 2022 Membership Needed for 60% Target | Total | % of Goal | 2022 Renewal % |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | HAWAII | 49 | -26 | 55 | 112.24% | 97.87 |
| 2 | PUERTO RICO | 88 | -26 | 79 | 89.77% | 90.59 |
| 3 | LOUISIANA | 1,808 | -196 | 1,281 | 70.85% | 65.63 |
| 4 | SOUTH DAKOTA | 1,052 | -93 | 724 | 68.82% | 58.94 |
| 5 | DIST OF COL | 92 | -8 | 63 | 68.48% | 56.18 |
| 6 | GEORGIA | 4,316 | -319 | 2,909 | 67.40% | 58.86 |
| 7 | WISCONSIN | 3,914 | -220 | 2,568 | 65.61% | 61.96 |
| 8 | RHODE ISLAND | 316 | -15 | 205 | 64.87% | 49.68 |
| 9 | OKLAHOMA | 1,380 | -29 | 857 | 62.10% | 55.46 |
| 10 | NEBRASKA | 6,959 | -117 | 4,292 | 61.68% | 59.50 |
| 11 | ALABAMA | 2,020 | -29 | 1,241 | 61.44% | 51.43 |
| 12 | DELAWARE | 2,229 | -31 | 1,368 | 61.37% | 54.03 |
| 13 | IOWA | 4,571 | -49 | 2,792 | 61.08% | 57.86 |
| 14 | ILLINOIS | 13,602 | -70 | 8,231 | 60.51% | 67.54 |
| 15 | SOUTH CAROLINA | 1,382 | 5 | 824 | 59.62% | 52.31 |
| 16 | CONNECTICUT | 1,820 | 8 | 1,084 | 59.56% | 52.73 |
| 17 | MONTANA | 1,160 | 6 | 690 | 59.48% | 56.51 |
| 18 | NORTH DAKOTA | 916 | 13 | 537 | 58.62% | 54.90 |
| 19 | MARYLAND | 15,533 | 270 | 9,050 | 58.26% | 53.55 |
| 20 | IDAHO | 606 | 13 | 351 | 57.92% | 50.51 |
| 21 | OREGON | 1,317 | 36 | 754 | 57.25% | 48.02 |
| 22 | FLORIDA | 20,745 | 582 | 11,865 | 57.19% | 49.33 |
| 23 | MASSACHUSETTS | 5,074 | 167 | 2,877 | 56.70% | 50.19 |
| 24 | MISSOURI | 3,211 | 137 | 1,790 | 55.75% | 49.98 |
| 25 | VERMONT | 3,576 | 161 | 1,985 | 55.51% | 49.61 |
| 26 | TENNESSEE | 1,681 | 82 | 927 | 55.15% | 41.47 |
| 27 | OHIO | 29,946 | 1,589 | 16,379 | 54.70% | 50.85 |
| 28 | MINNESOTA | 11,091 | 595 | 6,060 | 54.64% | 50.80 |
| 29 | UTAH | 492 | 31 | 264 | 53.66% | 45.60 |
| 30 | NORTH CAROLINA | 2,619 | 190 | 1,381 | 52.73% | 44.85 |
| 31 | NEVADA | 334 | 29 | 171 | 51.20% | 44.31 |
| 32 | WYOMING | 1,273 | 114 | 650 | 51.06% | 40.03 |
| 33 | CALIFORNIA | 10,338 | 953 | 5,250 | 50.78% | 44.06 |
| 34 | INDIANA | 36,657 | 3,685 | 18,309 | 49.95% | 46.72 |
| 35 | TEXAS | 5,425 | 575 | 2,680 | 49.40% | 41.89 |
| 36 | MICHIGAN | 21,985 | 2,507 | 10,684 | 48.60% | 41.09 |
| 37 | FRANCE | 233 | 27 | 113 | 48.50% | 48.00 |
| 38 | WASHINGTON | 2,086 | 251 | 1,001 | 47.99% | 39.49 |
| 39 | NEW JERSEY | 9,211 | 1,116 | 4,411 | 47.89% | 43.48 |
| 40 | MISSISSIPPI | 795 | 97 | 380 | 47.80% | 39.76 |
| 41 | NEW YORK | 29,246 | 3,582 | 13,966 | 47.75% | 43.59 |
| 42 | KANSAS | 6,424 | 817 | 3,037 | 47.28% | 44.07 |
| 43 | NEW HAMPSHIRE | 5,336 | 706 | 2,496 | 46.78% | 42.84 |
| 44 | MEXICO | 26 | 4 | 12 | 46.15% | 40.00 |
| 45 | PENNSYLVANIA | 58,902 | 8,190 | 27,151 | 46.10% | 42.71 |
| 46 | ARKANSAS | 468 | 69 | 212 | 45.30% | 39.22 |
| 47 | MAINE | 2,482 | 385 | 1,104 | 44.48% | 39.47 |
| 48 | ALASKA | 1,560 | 246 | 690 | 44.23% | 34.60 |
| 49 | ARIZONA | 7,566 | 1,212 | 3,328 | 43.99% | 36.63 |
| 50 | VIRGINIA | 4,023 | 668 | 1,746 | 43.40% | 38.03 |
| 51 | WEST VIRGINIA | 2,183 | 428 | 882 | 40.40% | 34.23 |
| 52 | KENTUCKY | 2,648 | 543 | 1,046 | 39.50% | 34.33 |
| 53 | COLORADO | 2,632 | 605 | 974 | 37.01% | 31.38 |
| 54 | PHILIPPINES | 66 | 18 | 22 | 33.33% | 30.77 |
| 55 | NEW MEXICO | 1,261 | 404 | 353 | 27.99% | 22.11 |
| Grand Totals: | | 356,725 | 29,884 | 184,151 | 51.62% | 46.68 |

This is the last week for 2021 membership cards. Very soon, members everywhere will go to their canteens and be asked to show their 2022 membership cards. For many, they will not be able to do so and may be asked to either pay on the spot or leave.

As we continue to focus on honoring the veteran who made us eligible for membership by paying our dues, we are also going to focus on a new theme starting January 1.

According to TADSAW, "Every single day, 22 veterans take their own lives. That's 22 suicides a day, a suicide every 65 minutes. As shocking as that number is, the real number may actually be higher."



In 2022, this honor the 22 logo will be seen in every edition of Round-Up, not only as a reminder to get dues paid, but in honor of the 22 veterans we lose each day due to suicide.

We will continue to honor the veteran who made us eligible for membership in our great organization by paying our dues. This added honor will only make mem-



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All articles must be submitted by noon Friday weekly.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

REGIONAL UPDATES



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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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>

↑ PREFERRED LOG ON METHOD video option available ↑

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.



January 20, 2022



Santa came early, not only to the Central Region, but to the entire organization. The gift; 9,624 membership cards transmitted as of December 20, 2021, since the last report. This is a monumental achievement, and everyone is to be commended for the hard work.

In the Central Region, 4,201 new cards were transmitted. This was the largest increase nationally, and those cards propelled the Central into second place in the standings with 52.15% of quota. We are only 377 cards behind the Eastern Region in the total number of members paid.



There were errors discovered in the 12/20/21 report, and a new one came out on December 21, 2022. As of this new report, our numbers got even better. An additional 1,636 cards were reported in the Central Region. These numbers kept us in second place in the national standings based on percentage, but we returned to first place by the slimmest margin with 66,813 members paid. We hold that spot with only 58 paid members. Let's increase our lead as we head to first place overall!

I hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and happiness. The memories made will last a lifetime.

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!!!

The Central Region has built great momentum over the past few weeks. The Region and each Detachment needs that momentum to build even stronger, as we continue our pursuit of first place, increased renewals, and the ultimate goal of having all Detachments reach quota. Let's be the first Region to make the goal.



Let's all get out there and ask our delinquent members to honor the veteran who made him eligible and pay his dues today. **2022 is now! RENEW TODAY!**

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

Thank you to everyone for the hard work you have done this year. It is truly appreciated!

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.

Individual Recruitment Awards applications are available for the 2022 membership year.

To qualify, applicants must be a member of Sons of The American Legion, recruit **five** new members, complete the form, including SAL ID# assigned by National Headquarters, and submit the form to the Region Chairmen.

A PDF fillable version of the form will be available to our members shortly and will be found on our national website under the PUBLICATIONS tab and ADJUTANTS COMMUNICATION section.

A form is included in this publication. Please make sure members who deserve the award complete for form and submit it to the appropriate Membership Committee Regional representative.

Have you submitted your IRA form? **Who's next?**

| | | 12/21/21 |
|---|------------|-----------|
| | Detachment | Renewal % |
| 1 | Wisconsin | 61.96% |
| 2 | Iowa | 57.86% |
| 3 | Illinois | 57.40% |
| 4 | Ohio | 50.85% |
| 5 | Minnesota | 50.80% |
| 6 | Missouri | 49.98% |
| 7 | Indiana | 46.72% |
| 8 | Michigan | 41.09% |

2022 Central Region Membership Report

| 2022 MEMBERSHIP | | | | | 12/21/21 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Region | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase |
| 1 Southern 3, 4, 5 | 42,593 | 23,891 | 18,702 | 56.09% | 216 |
| 2 Central 4 | 124,977 | 66,813 | 58,164 | 53.46% | 1,636 |
| 3 Midwest 3, 4 | 28,508 | 14,806 | 13,702 | 51.94% | 178 |
| 4 Western 4 | 24,414 | 11,886 | 12,528 | 48.69% | 271 |
| 5 Eastern | 136,233 | 66,755 | 69,478 | 49.00% | 1,201 |
| TOTALS | 356,725 | 184,151 | 172,574 | 51.62% | 3,502 |

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date

N/A

| Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | National Rank |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | 3,914 | 2,568 | 1,346 | 65.61% | 29 | 7 |
| 2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | 4,571 | 2,792 | 1,779 | 61.08% | - | 13 |
| 3 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4 | 13,602 | 8,231 | 5,371 | 60.51% | 135 | 14 |
| 4 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4 | 3,211 | 1,790 | 1,421 | 55.75% | 51 | 24 |
| 5 Ohio 1, 4 | 29,946 | 16,379 | 13,567 | 54.70% | 406 | 27 |
| 6 Minnesota 1, 3 | 11,091 | 6,060 | 5,031 | 54.64% | 10 | 28 |
| 7 Indiana 1 | 36,657 | 18,309 | 18,348 | 49.95% | 446 | 34 |
| 8 Michigan 1 | 21,985 | 10,684 | 11,301 | 48.60% | 559 | 36 |
| TOTALS | 124,977 | 66,813 | 58,164 | 53.46% | 1,636 | |

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%

| Red Division | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Percent of Region |
| Wisconsin | 3,914 | 2,568 | 1,346 | 65.61% | 3.84% |
| Iowa | 4,571 | 2,792 | 1,779 | 61.08% | 4.18% |
| Missouri | 3,211 | 1,790 | 1,421 | 55.75% | 2.68% |
| TOTALS | 11,696 | 7,150 | 4,546 | 61.13% | 10.70% |

| White Division | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Percent of Region |
| Illinois | 13,602 | 8,231 | 5,371 | 60.51% | 12.32% |
| Minnesota | 11,091 | 6,060 | 5,031 | 54.64% | 9.07% |
| TOTALS | 24,693 | 14,291 | 10,402 | 57.87% | 21.39% |

| Blue Division | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Percent of Region |
| Ohio | 29,946 | 16,379 | 13,567 | 54.70% | 24.51% |
| Indiana | 36,657 | 18,309 | 18,348 | 49.95% | 27.40% |
| Michigan | 21,985 | 10,684 | 11,301 | 48.60% | 15.99% |
| TOTALS | 88,588 | 45,372 | 43,216 | 51.22% | 67.91% |



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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 _____





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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FRIENDS



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.)



LIVE MUSIC
IN THE BAR
8-MIDNITE!!

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE:

FRIES OR BAKED POTATO, COLE SLAW
BREAD & BUTTER.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
SQUADRON#261!!!!



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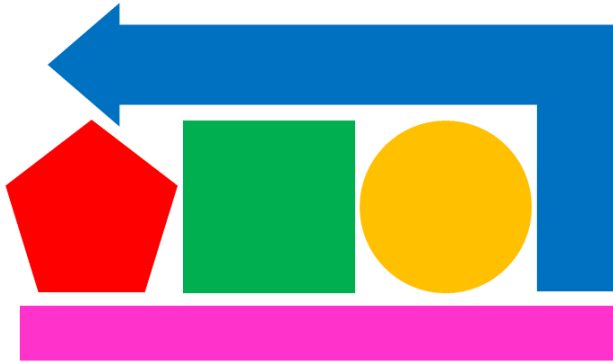
RICHARD HUNTLEY

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



| Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME) | | | |
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NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
MIDWEST REGION 2021-2022

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JASON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
SOUTHERN REGION 2021-2022

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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

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) | | | |
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| Totals: | 42,593 | 23,891 | 56.09% |

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PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE

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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

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

Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887

Passcode: 795541

Find your local number:

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

WESTERN Rendezvous
Number Eight!

Tuscany Suites & Casino
 Reservations 1-877-887-2261
 Room Rates to be Determined
 SAL Rendezvous Reservation Code: 0122sons

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, **178,347** 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

| Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Total | Percent |
| HAWAII | 49 | 55 | 112.24% |
| IDAHO | 606 | 351 | 57.92% |
| OREGON | 1,317 | 754 | 57.25% |
| UTAH | 492 | 264 | 53.66% |
| NEVADA | 334 | 171 | 51.20% |
| CALIFORNIA | 10,338 | 5,250 | 50.78% |
| WASHINGTON | 2,086 | 1,001 | 47.99% |
| ALASKA | 1,560 | 690 | 44.23% |
| ARIZONA | 7,566 | 3,328 | 43.99% |
| PHILIPPINES | 66 | 22 | 33.33% |
| Totals: | 24,414 | 11,886 | 48.69% |

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Americanism Commission

Joseph Navarrete (NM), Chairman

Fourth Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern

6:30 p.m. Central

5:30 p.m. Mountain

4:30 p.m. Pacific

Call in # (508) 924-3315

Access Code: NONE

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/x19ct26>

**Conference Call Calendar
for the end of the 2022 membership year:**

January 27, 2022

February 24, 2022

March 24, 2022

April 28, 2022

May 27, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 28, 2022

August 25, 2022

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82612571196?pwd=dERwNDJNcWwzNG9UYUJlMmpEMm53QT09>

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Meeting ID: 826 1257 1196

Passcode: bJDV9V

Committee on Committees

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Member Training and Development Committee

Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

Call in # (605) 468-8772

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Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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If you do encounter the same problem, please send a DETAILED email with screenshots of which reports you are pulling, where the discrepancies are and when they were pulled. This will allow National to home in on the issue by seeing exactly what and where the problem(s) are. If you have any questions, please reach out for assistance.

National Convention Committee

Allen Watry (WI), Chairman

Here the next monthly update for the National Convention Committee:

- Did not have a Convention Committee Meeting in Dec, next one will be in January after the Detachment of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Conference
- Friday Night Social
 - Participated in two meetings with a Squadron within 15 miles of the Convention Center to host the Friday Night Social
 - They are continuing to develop their plans/proposal for the event and will present the plans to the Detachment at Mid-Winter
 - Belief is I will be able to share much more about the event in late January, desire is to be able to start to sell tickets to the event at Spring N.E.C.
- Children and Youth Academy
 - Continue to work with the Committee to develop the detailed plans for the Academy.
 - Will let the Committee share more about the event and the options being considered.
 - I believe everything is on track
- 50th Commemorative Committee
 - Continue to work with the Committee on their plans
 - Again, will let them share more of the details of everything planned.
 - I believe they are also off to a great start and things are on track.
- Convention Pin
 - Will continue to work with the 50th Commemorative Committee on finalizing the Pin Design as well as sales of these pins.
- Welcome to Wisconsin communications
 - Have sent out general communications to help people prepare for the Convention
 - Will be sending out a 3rd before the end of the year, may focus on some of the discussions/planning which was a part of the pre-Convention Walk Thru which occurred on Dec 1st.

Public and Media Communications Commission

Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

Passcode: 243945

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Chuck Treat (AZ), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

Call In # (508) 924-3315

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/x19ct26>



MICHAEL FOX
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2021-2022



Fox Homecoming

March 17-20, 2022

Thursday
St. Patricks Day Karaoke Night

Friday

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

Saturday

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

I am interested!

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

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

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

Thursday Friday-Daytime Friday Evening Saturday-Daytime

Homecoming Gala Event-Black Tie (Optional)
You may pay with a Credit/Debit Card

Name: _____ Card No.: _____

EXP: _____ CVC: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Please check this box if transportation is needed to events



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Monrovia, CA 91016

Booking Link

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

Tickets

Hollywood-Friday
\$50 per person

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

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

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American Legion Baseball registration to open Jan. 1

The American Legion
DEC 17, 2021



Registration for the 2022 American Legion Baseball season will open Jan. 1 at baseball.legion.org.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 may be subject to a department \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1.

Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

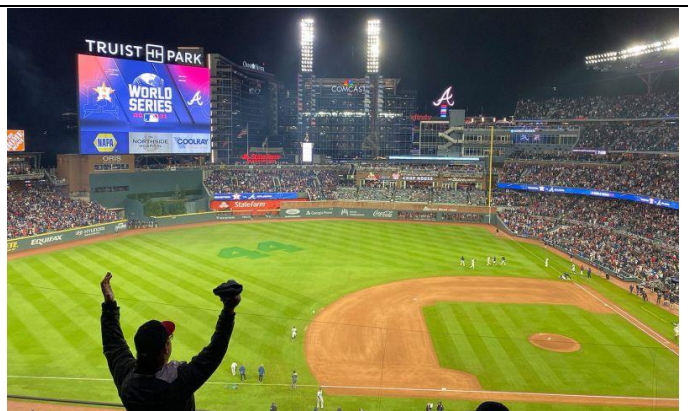
Registration fees for senior teams are \$50 for national registration and \$35 for administrative fees;

for junior teams, fees are \$25 for national registration and \$35 for administrative fees. Insurance premiums will be announced later.

State fees, if applicable, will vary by state.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, [contact your department chairmen](#).

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.



The American Legion World Series champions from Idaho Falls at Truist Park in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, October 30. Photo by Ben Mikesell/The American Legion

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers, and volunteer staff members must complete the Abuse Awareness course either through Protect Youth Sports or USA Baseball. All coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must also have a completed and passed background check. Click [here](#) to download the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook.

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. [Learn more](#)

RENEW!

Illinois post continues to bring Wreaths Across America to small village

By [Steven B. Brooks](#)
DEC 20, 2021

In terms of size, there isn't a lot to Cissna Park, Ill. The village located in the central part of the state just over 20 miles from the Indiana state line has a population of around 850 people. Locally owned businesses line the main drag of 2nd Street, which turns into Ill. 49 as one leaves town.

But in terms of patriotism and displaying honor to those who have served in the U.S. military, there is a lot going on. And that was on full display Dec. 18 when American Legion Post 527's Legion Family conducted a Wreaths Across America (WAA) event that brought out members of a community that have supported the program since the post started it a few years ago.

Following a ceremony in the public park across from the post, Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion, and the families of deceased veterans headed out to seven area cemeteries, where they placed more than 900 wreaths on the graves of those veterans.

Post 527 and Squadron 527 conduct fundraisers to purchase the wreaths – utilizing WAA's "3 for 2 Program" that provides a third wreath for every two sponsored by an organization – and receive sponsorship from community members.

"This is our fifth year," said Sons of The American Legion Squadron 527 Adjutant Ron Lynch, who coordinates WAA for Post 527 as a Sons program. "The first year we did about 405 wreaths, which covered just our area. This year we've doubled that number. It's growing every year."

Lynch said that seven years ago members of Post 527's American Legion Family attended a Wreaths Across America event at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The following year, while members of Post 527 went back to Elwood, Lynch took some of his Future Farmers of America (FFA) students to Danville National Cemetery in Illinois for a similar event.

"We got back to town, and I talked to a few of the Legion members," Lynch said. "I said, 'It's great to cover the national cemeteries, but we have vets here in town. And that started to blossom. And that year we covered all our vets.'"

Post 527 Honor Guard Sergeant Fred Bauer was among the Post 527 members who went to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood for the WAA event. He's happy with the way the event has grown at Post 527.



American Legion Post 527's annual Wreaths Across America ceremony in Cissna Park, Ill. Photo by Ben Mikesell/The American Legion

"It was very impressive, and we decided we needed to do that here to honor all our veterans," said Bauer, a member of Post 527 since the mid-1960s. "It's fantastic to see (the local wreaths). This town has been very, very supportive of The American Legion."

Attended by dozens of those community members despite a light drizzle and wind chills in the high 20s, the WAA ceremony included its honor guard, a flag line comprised of members of Cissna Park's FFA and the flags of every branch of the military and the POW-MIA flag. A wreath honored each branch, while Post 527 Adjutant Richard Swing placed a wreath on a stone cross near the park's entrance with the words "Dedicated to those missing in action" etched on it.

"We are all proud ... to live in a free society made up of many people, many races, many walks of life," Swing said during the ceremony. "The freedoms we enjoy today have come, but not without a price. Lying in the cemeteries throughout the nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we could have the freedoms that we have today. We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children as we believe. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other. We are free to vote for whomever we feel should be in government office. We have the right to succeed, and we have the right to fail at whatever endeavor we pursue.

"We thank all those who gave their lives to keep us free, and we shall not forget them. Today we show ... national unity all across the United States of

America as we remember the fallen, honor those who served and teach our children the value of freedom."

Following the ceremony, wreaths were taken to Cissna Park Cemetery and six other cemeteries "that cover our Legion area," Lynch said. The remainder the wreaths were provided to other community cemeteries, including in nearby Milford, which Lynch said is trying to start up its own WAA event.

"Our goal eventually is to cover Iroquois County," Lynch said, noting that the community is instrumental in the program's success. "Cissna Park is a community of 850 people. This year we had 947 wreaths that we ordered. So, the support from the community is amazing."

Squadron 527 member Jay Kaufman showed up at Cissna Park Cemetery with his mother Phyllis to lay a wreath at the grave of his father, Korean War Army veteran Archie Kaufman, who passed away in 2014. It was a special moment for Jay, as have been previous Wreaths Across America events.

"It's special. It's really special," Jay said. "(Post 527) started doing this a few years ago, and I'm really happy that they did. It means something to me."

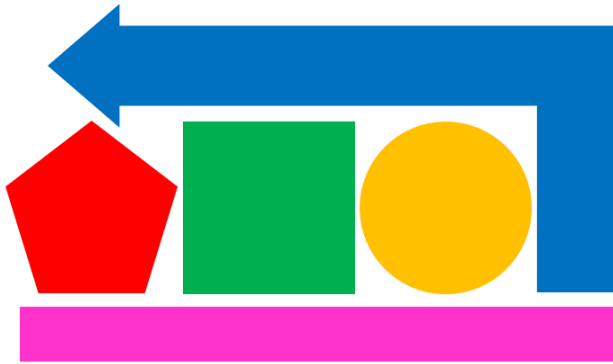
Department of Illinois Commander Wayne L. Fischer came to Cissna Park to attend his first Wreaths Across America event. The whole idea behind WAA "is pretty special to me," he said. "I was a Vietnam (War) Marine helicopter pilot. The last mission of every day, when we had KIAs, our job was to bring them on the first leg coming home. That was very special, and that's why it's an honor for me to be here today, to be part of this very, very special program."

Despite being in a remote area, Post 527 has a membership of 220-plus members, as well as more than 130 SAL members. That it's been able to turn its Wreaths Across America program into such a success impressed Fischer.

"We've got a little over 700 posts in the state of Illinois," he said. "A lot of posts find something ... that fits their local area, and they take care of it. I'm honored to be here for this, and I think it's something special. It just takes a few to make it happen." For Lynch, the reward is seeing hundreds of veterans' graves – a bronze American Legion grave marker on each of them – decorated with a wreath.

“It’s amazing, the feeling you get,” he said. “We’re standing here today doing this type of work for our vets. Like the sign says – some gave some, some gave it all. These guys gave it all.

“I’ve lived in this community for 40 years now. A lot of these guys were good friends of mine, and we’re putting wreaths out on their graves.”



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
 (First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (ZIP) (Phone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

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

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

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

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____



DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____

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

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2022 Individual Recruitment Award

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

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

Transfers or renewals do not count as new members.

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

This award form must be received by July 31st.

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

Recruiter Information

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Full Squadron Name/Number _____ Detachment _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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

New Member Information

#1 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#2 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#3 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#4 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#5 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

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