



# Round-Up

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## Learning from 2021...and growing in 2022!



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With the holiday season coming to a close, we are able to step back and be thankful for the good things that has happened in 2021, reflect on the challenges that we've had, and even look toward the new year with excitement of what is to come.

We are now at the halfway point of the membership year. A lot of good has been done, yet still a lot of work remains. How can we use what we have learned in 2021 to enhance, support, and grow our squadrons in 2022?

Sometimes the answer is in a simple conversation with the rest of your American Legion Family of "how can we help?" or "what do you have planned this year?"

Perhaps even, it's a conversation with your members asking, "how can we support you and your family?" or "what things are important to you as a member of the Sons of the American Legion?"

It's these conversations that continue to make our organization that much better and how we continue to be #SALSTRONG.

Happy New Year!



### The Member Who Never Came Back

It amuses me to think that your group spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I'm the person you asked to join. I paid my dues and was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.

I'm the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid attention to me. I tried to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and sit with.

I sat with different people several times, but they did not pay much attention to me. I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or do something, but no one did.

Finally, because of illness I missed a meeting. When I came again, no one asked me where I had been. I guess it did not matter much whether I came or not. Next time, I decided to stay home and watch a good TV show. When I came back, no one asked where I was the month before.

You might say I'm a good person, fun loving, and religious. You know what else I am? I'm the member who never came back.

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SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart to regretfully inform you of the passing of Sons of The American Legion Past National Commander Roland Matteson.

The family is planning a service in February 2022. Upon receipt of further information, it will be communicated.

Cards of condolence can be sent to:

Barbara Matteson  
1520 East Sunnylope Lane  
Phoenix, AZ 850020-2729



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

# TARGET DATE



January 20, 2022





Greetings,

Not long ago, we alerted you to the imminent termination of the Department of Defense's Troops to Teachers program, and called on your help to save it. You responded, and I am proud to share the results of your American Legion advocacy.

On December 27, President Biden signed the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act into law after months of negotiations on Capitol Hill. [Within the bill](#), Section 551 officially reauthorizes the Troops to Teachers program, and eliminates the Department of Defense's ability to unilaterally terminate the program in the future. While the section does include a sunset date for the program of 2025, Legion staff will continue to lobby Congress on this beyond 2025 as long as [American Legion Resolution No. 21: Support State and National Funding for Troops to Teachers Program](#) stands.

But today's victory belongs to you. Our voice in DC is only as strong as the Legionnaires who are willing to stand up for our national priorities, and by contributing your response, you helped apply the pressure needed to whip Congress into action.

Thank you for joining me on this campaign, and I ask that you keep your eye out for future "ALERT" messages from the Legion in the future. See you in our 2022 battles!

Respectfully,

*Lawrence Montreuil, Director  
National Legislative Division  
The American Legion National Headquarters*



## ***Help on the way for Legion Family impacted by Colorado fire***

The American Legion  
JAN 06, 2022

The fire that destroyed almost 1,000 homes and damaged hundreds more last week in Colorado impacted many members of the Legion Family. But other Legionnaires, Sons and Auxiliary members are mobilizing to help.

American Legion Post 119 in Estes Park, Colo., is raising money to help members of Post 111 in Louisville who were impacted by the fire.

"From personal experience, we know what it's like to fear for our homes but can't imagine what it was like to see them destroyed," Post 119 Commander Steve Irish [wrote for the Estes Park Trail Gazette](#).

In addition to collecting financial donations, Post 119 is planning a series of fundraising events "to provide ongoing support for those affected as they rebuild their lives in the long months ahead," Irish wrote.

Also, Past Department Commander Greg Jackson has set up a [Facebook fundraiser](#) to help veterans and their families displaced by the Boulder County fire. And the [Department of Colorado Auxiliary](#) is coordinating donation efforts as well.

The area impacted by the fire has been declared a major disaster area, opening up federal funding to those affected. It also opens eligibility for The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) and the [American Legion Auxiliary's Auxiliary Emergency Fund](#) (AEF).

The 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 AEF is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assis-

tance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

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](http://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](#).



## MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The National Call Schedule will continue to 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

*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

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### Conference Call Schedule 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:

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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=dERwNDJNcWwzNG9UYUJlMmpEMm53QT09>

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

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## Finance Commission

*William G. Hill (MD), Chairman*

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## FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

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have been placed  
to honor our veterans**

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## Internal Affairs Commission

*William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman*

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## Legislative Commission

*Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman*

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NFC Update – December 1 to December 30, 2021

Here is the monthly update from the National Finance Commission. The latest budget reconciliation for this fiscal year remains as of September 30, 2021. Expect to have 2021 year-end reconciliations around the middle of Feb 2022. To date we are on track for Income and under projections with regards to Expenditures. Note the expenditures still presents that we're well under budget for FY 2021, however this does not include the final expenses from the Fall NEC, recent National Travel and new expenditures incurred to support the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention and Century Committee (CENT-COM).

On Dec 1, we were advised of the new outline relevant to our National Finance Commission, which is outlined below, and we are working with the SAL Oversight Committee with regards to next steps. Expecting an increase in activities for the NFC to begin this month.

At this time, we are awaiting information from the SAL Oversight Committee and TAL with regards to our integration into their overall approach for budgeting and financial approach. Please note that our expectations are to begin to hold meetings to discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 budget during the first quarter of the new year. Notification will be provided to the appropriate Commissions of the exact dates, and request they prepare and provided pro-

jected expenditures in advance of any meetings. More information will be provided to the Commission Chairman in the upcoming months. This will allow us at a minimum be prepared with our general awareness of what we would expect to be some of our requested expenditures.

Outline provided to the NFC:

The Finance Commission is appointed by the SAL Oversight Committee. The Committee consists of up to 6 members and a Chairman, all of whom are SAL members. The SAL Finance Commission will work closely with The American Legion's Finance Division, who creates the initial budget for the Sons of The American. Prior to the presentation of the final budget to The American Legion Finance Commission, the SAL Oversight Committee will have the opportunity to review and make recommendations if, and as, needed. Once that is achieved, the final SAL annual budget will be presented with The American Legion's annual budget request to The American Legion Finance Commission and, in turn, to The American Legion NEC for approval. Budgets are created on a calendar basis and are finalized at the Fall meetings of TAL NEC.

### SAL Finance Commission

- Bill Hill (MD) – Chairman
- Jeff VanHorn (IL) – Member
- Gregory Price (MI) – Member
- Steven Honigfort (OH) – Member
- Robert Thompson (SC) – Member
- Gary Nelson (NJ) – Member
- John Chang (NY) – Member

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.**

## 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

The first membership report of the 2022 calendar year has 27 Detachments at or over the 60% target date goal of January 20!! With just over two weeks left, we are less than 2% away from hitting the mark.

The 60% and 75% target dates have traditionally been the most difficult to achieve, but we are well on our way. Keep the faith, keep the momentum, and keep the membership rolling in!!

**2022 IS NOW! Renew Today**

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



**I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!**



- a. No change in status currently. Awaiting comments and updates from TAL.
  - b. Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021: 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. No change in status currently. Awaiting comments and updates from TAL.
  - b. Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021: 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.

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. 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.

## 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#

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: January 4, 2022

#	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	-27	80	90.91%	90.70
3	DIST OF COL	92	-16	71	77.17%	65.17
4	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-154	704	76.86%	72.72
5	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-171	802	76.24%	61.81
6	ALABAMA	2,020	-291	1,503	74.41%	62.67
7	LOUISIANA	1,808	-215	1,300	71.90%	66.40
8	DELAWARE	2,229	-238	1,575	70.66%	62.61
9	RHODE ISLAND	316	-32	222	70.25%	54.52
10	GEORGIA	4,316	-387	2,977	68.98%	60.19
11	WISCONSIN	3,914	-317	2,665	68.09%	64.29
12	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-138	1,230	67.58%	59.88
13	IOWA	4,571	-288	3,031	66.31%	62.44
14	MARYLAND	15,533	-949	10,269	66.11%	61.10
15	NEBRASKA	6,959	-421	4,596	66.04%	63.79
16	VERMONT	3,576	-186	2,332	65.21%	58.51
17	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-71	900	65.12%	57.48
18	MISSOURI	3,211	-162	2,089	65.06%	58.59
19	IDAHO	606	-30	394	65.02%	56.86
20	FLORIDA	20,745	-995	13,442	64.80%	56.21
21	OKLAHOMA	1,380	-61	889	64.42%	57.38
22	ILLINOIS	13,602	-528	8,689	63.88%	60.83
23	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-181	3,225	63.56%	56.50
24	OREGON	1,317	-29	819	62.19%	52.42
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-14	1,585	60.52%	51.56
26	MONTANA	1,160	-1	697	60.09%	56.99
27	NEVADA	334	0	200	59.88%	52.62
28	UTAH	492	5	290	58.94%	50.92
29	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	30	1,280	58.63%	50.11
30	OHIO	29,946	460	17,508	58.47%	54.33
31	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	1,124	34,217	58.09%	54.15
32	MINNESOTA	11,091	319	6,336	57.13%	53.00
33	TENNESSEE	1,681	57	952	56.63%	42.81
34	MAINE	2,482	100	1,389	55.96%	50.39
35	WYOMING	1,273	60	704	55.30%	43.65
36	INDIANA	36,657	1,836	20,158	54.99%	51.47
37	TEXAS	5,425	275	2,980	54.93%	46.75
38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	295	2,907	54.48%	49.55
39	COLORADO	2,632	150	1,429	54.29%	48.42
40	FRANCE	233	14	126	54.08%	53.78
41	MICHIGAN	21,985	1,311	11,880	54.04%	45.84
42	ARKANSAS	468	29	252	53.85%	46.84
43	CALIFORNIA	10,338	710	5,493	53.13%	46.16
44	NEW YORK	29,246	2,041	15,507	53.02%	48.71
45	ARIZONA	7,566	623	3,917	51.77%	44.01
46	WASHINGTON	2,086	176	1,076	51.58%	42.15
47	VIRGINIA	4,023	358	2,056	51.11%	45.54
48	MISSISSIPPI	795	75	402	50.57%	42.20
49	MEXICO	26	3	13	50.00%	44.00
50	NEW JERSEY	9,211	1,090	4,437	48.17%	43.74
51	KANSAS	6,424	772	3,082	47.98%	44.70
52	ALASKA	1,560	231	705	45.19%	35.46
53	KENTUCKY	2,648	499	1,090	41.16%	35.58
54	NEW MEXICO	1,261	303	454	36.00%	29.51
55	PHILIPPINES	66	18	22	33.33%	30.77
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>356,725</b>	<b>7,032</b>	<b>207,003</b>	<b>58.03%</b>	<b>52.65</b>

## National Convention Committee

*Allen Watry (WI), Chairman*

## 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

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Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of \_\_\_\_\_

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# REGIONAL UPDATES



**JEFF VRABEL, SR.**  
**NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER**  
**CENTRAL REGION 2021-2022**

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**W**ith 2022 underway, we must ramp up our efforts to get our delinquent members paid as soon as possible. Every member is important to our organization. Remind them of that. Let them know we value their membership, and encourage them to honor the veteran who made them eligible by paying his dues today.

I want to congratulate the Detachments of Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois for surpassing the 60% mark, and for Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, and Michigan for being above 54%.

As a region, we are only at 57.90%. We are in second place nationally, but only by .07 percentages points with the Eastern Region hot on our tails. If we want to hold on to second place and continue to move toward first place, we all need to act now. Let's make sure our region meets the 60% target date on January 20.

The goal is to get every Squadron, District, Detachment, and Region into The 100 Club. The more members we renew, the closer we are to gaining entry. Membership in this club is everyone's goal. Is your Squadron in the club? If it's not, I bet it's not too far away. Do what you can to become a member Squadron. It will help the entire organization. **Who's next?**



**O**ver the past few editions, I am sure you noticed the coloring pages and puzzles. I hope that you had the opportunity to share them with younger members, or that you enjoyed them yourself. The goal was to provide our younger members the opportunity to create something nice over the holidays. It was also a way for them to see what is going on in our organization if they had a chance to look at the entire edition.

There will be similar items in future editions. Please take some time to print and share with our members, not just our young members. The more people that get our information, the stronger we become.

Don't forget, if you know someone in The American Legion Family would benefit or enjoy receiving *Round-Up*, please send me the name, state, and email address of that person, and I will the address on to the list.

It is great to receive information from Detachments not only in the Central Region, but from the entire nation. I get feedback all the time from all across the country about this publication. Members are impressed with what is going on, and have said they like to see what other Squadrons are doing.

If there is an event, conference, fundraiser, or other activity involving Sons of The American Legion, please let me know so I can get it published for you. We can spread the work and increase participation only if we know about your event. Please continue to provide this valuable information.

If you haven't sent anything in yet, don't be shy. Just send the who, what, where (full address), where, and why. If sending pictures, please make sure to identify everyone.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of *Round-Up*.

On Friday, January 7, 2022, Jeff Vrabel, Jr., First Vice-Commander of Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 in Poland, Ohio, in conjunction with [Becker Funeral Homes](#), coordinated a special [procession](#) and services for a World War II hero. Howard B. "Howdy" Friend, 96, passed away peacefully early Friday morning, December 31, 2021, at the Inn at Poland Way. He served as an infantry machine gunner in the Third Army under General George C. Patton and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge on January 9, 1945. He spent the next 18 months recovering in a VA hospital near Chicago, with 12 of those months being bedridden.



He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his meritorious action, and in 2017 he was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Howdy was a member of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15, and in both 1992 and 2014 served as Parade Marshal for the annual Memorial Day Processional Parade and Memorial Services.

Howdy was a great man and a true friend who will be missed by the entire community. Please keep Howdy's family in your prayers.

The Detachment of Ohio lost Past Detachment Commander Randall W. "Randy" Roof on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. He served as Detachment Commander from 1993 – 1994.

The Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club conducted a Squadron Everlasting Service on Saturday, January 8 at the [Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home](#) in Spencerville, Ohio.



Please keep Randy's wife Kim, his children, and grandchildren in your prayers.

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.

		01/04/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Wisconsin	64.29%
2	Iowa	62.44%
3	Illinois	60.83%
4	Missouri	58.59%
5	Ohio	54.33%
6	Minnesota	53.00%
7	Indiana	51.47%
8	Michigan	45.84%

# 2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					01/04/22	
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1	Southern 3, 4, 5	42,593	26,539	16,054	62.31%	1,264
2	Central 4	124,977	72,356	52,621	57.90%	3,286
3	Eastern	136,233	78,787	57,446	57.83%	6,782
4	Midwest 3, 4	28,508	16,350	12,158	57.35%	997
5	Western 4	24,414	12,971	11,443	53.13%	636
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>356,725</b>	<b>207,003</b>	<b>149,722</b>	<b>58.03%</b>	<b>12,965</b>

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	2,665	1,249	68.09%	13	11
2	Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,571	3,031	1,540	66.31%	174	13
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4	3,211	2,089	1,122	65.06%	259	18
4	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4	13,602	8,689	4,913	63.88%	253	22
5	Ohio 1, 4	29,946	17,508	12,438	58.47%	628	30
6	Minnesota 1, 3	11,091	6,336	4,755	57.13%	239	32
7	Indiana 1	36,657	20,158	16,499	54.99%	932	36
8	Michigan 1	21,985	11,880	10,105	54.04%	788	41
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>124,977</b>	<b>72,356</b>	<b>52,621</b>	<b>57.90%</b>	<b>3,286</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 01/20/22 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 of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	2,665	1,249	68.09%
Iowa	4,571	3,031	1,540	66.31%
Missouri	3,211	2,089	1,122	65.06%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,696</b>	<b>7,785</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>66.56%</b>

White Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	8,689	4,913	63.88%
Minnesota	11,091	6,336	4,755	57.13%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,693</b>	<b>15,025</b>	<b>9,668</b>	<b>60.85%</b>

Blue Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	17,508	12,438	58.47%
Indiana	36,657	20,158	16,499	54.99%
Michigan	21,985	11,880	10,105	54.04%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>88,588</b>	<b>49,546</b>	<b>39,042</b>	<b>55.93%</b>



To benefit:

The Child Welfare Foundation  
& Lawrence County Cancer  
Resource Center & Wig Shoppe

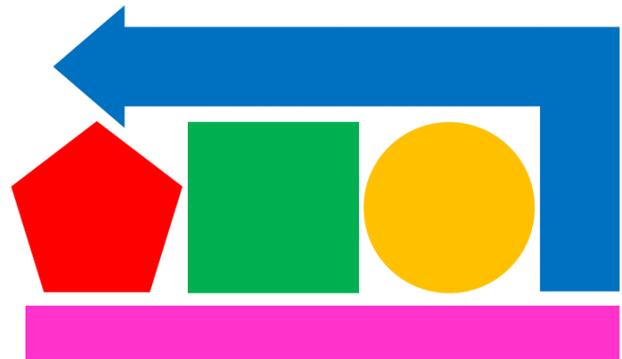
Where: 1111 Walnut St.  
Lawrenceville, IL.

When: Sat. January 29th  
Time: 7pm to 11pm  
Must be 21.

Appetizers  
Raffles  
50/50

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## Upper Peninsula Veterans War Memorial Challenge

Iron Mountain – The Lights are on and so is the Challenge to keep them on by making a donation to the very Beautiful Veterans Memorial atop the Pine Mountain Ski Jump in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Some Gave All and the War Memorial Committee is asking each and every one of you to Give some! So far, the Michigan Sons of the American Legion Detachment have donated \$1000.00. The Gladstone Squadron #71 has pledged \$500.00 and South Haven Squad #49 has pledged \$500.00, and the biggest donation so far came from Stambaugh Sons #21 with a donation of \$2,100.00 and the latest two donations came from Menominee Sons #146 with a donation of \$500 and Pictured Kingsford Squadron SAL #363 with a check for \$1,200.00. Thank you to them. Past State S.A.L. Commander Dennis Larson and his committee are caretakers of this fine Memorial. Lights were added to the Columns of personalized Pavers that represent Veterans, past present and future. Each Paver is associated with the specific war or conflict. It is such a beautiful sight to behold. Send Donations c/o U.P. Veterans Memorial, 609 Kennedy Road, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801.



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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 3468542#

I hope everyone is going to be as excited as I am over this membership report. Congratulations to the District of Columbia for surpassing the 75% target already. Delaware, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Vermont, and Massachusetts have already reached the January 20 target date with at least 63% and above. The rest of us are within reach of hitting the target with over two weeks left to go.

You are sitting firmly in the driver's seat with your foot on the gas, keeping up the great work as it is paying off. Not only are you the largest region in the country, you are also less than one tenth of a percentage point of second place in the country in membership

I am extremely happy to see the East flexing their muscle early in the year and showing everyone we can get the job done without barnstorming at the end. Although with that being said, we are not done by any means keep making those BUDDY checks, make them calls, visit when you can. We are on a roll, and we have plenty of members out there not yet renewed.



front, Sons of the American Legion Members from Iron Mountain Squadron #50 Past State Commander Dennis Larson, From Kingsford #363, Conner Hansen. Back L to R Bill Reynolds, Gary Chapman, Riley Hansen, Noel Aldridge, Commander #363 Dan Chapman, and Derek Hansen.



**LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION**  
**NOT THROUGH POSITION**

Thank you for all you are doing. It is greatly appreciated. I cannot wait for the next report, talk to you again soon.

<b>Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)</b>			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	71	77.17%
DELAWARE	2,229	1,575	70.66%
RHODE ISLAND	316	222	70.25%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,230	67.58%
MARYLAND	15,533	10,269	66.11%
VERMONT	3,576	2,332	65.21%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	3,225	63.56%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,280	58.63%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	34,217	58.09%
MAINE	2,482	1,389	55.96%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	2,907	54.48%
FRANCE	233	126	54.08%
NEW YORK	29,246	15,507	53.02%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	4,437	48.17%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>136,233</b>	<b>78,787</b>	<b>57.83%</b>

*as of January 4, 2022*

<b>Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)</b>			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
NORTH DAKOTA	916	704	76.86%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	802	76.24%
NEBRASKA	6,959	4,596	66.04%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	889	64.42%
MONTANA	1,160	697	60.09%
WYOMING	1,273	704	55.30%
TEXAS	5,425	2,980	54.93%
COLORADO	2,632	1,429	54.29%
MEXICO	26	13	50.00%
KANSAS	6,424	3,082	47.98%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	454	36.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,508</b>	<b>16,350</b>	<b>57.35%</b>

*as of January 4, 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  
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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

<b>Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)</b>			
<b>Detachment</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
PUERTO RICO	88	80	90.91%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,503	74.41%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,300	71.90%
GEORGIA	4,316	2,977	68.98%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	900	65.12%
FLORIDA	20,745	13,442	64.80%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	1,585	60.52%
TENNESSEE	1,681	952	56.63%
ARKANSAS	468	252	53.85%
VIRGINIA	4,023	2,056	51.11%
MISSISSIPPI	795	402	50.57%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,090	41.16%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>42,593</b>	<b>26,539</b>	<b>62.31%</b>

*as of January 4, 2022*

Congratulations to Hawaii for being the only Detachment to meet my challenge to reach 100% of their 2022 membership goals by December 31, 2022. For their efforts, I will be donating \$300.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation in their name.

Additionally, since everyone else has been doing well in staying up on the monthly goals, I will also be donating \$75.00 to CWF for the rest of the Detachments in the Western Region. This will be a total donation of \$975.00 to the CWF. After all, it's for the children!

Keep up the good work on membership. However, with the 60% goal quickly approaching on January 20, let's get those members who are lagging behind in their 2022 renewals to renew right away. Especially since it already 2022 and they are now considered delinquent. As of February 1, their membership privileges will be suspended, which means they cannot officially participate in any Legion functions on benefit from any Legion programs like the National Emergency Fund.

Let's get those renewals in!

<b>Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)</b>			
<b>Detachment</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
HAWAII	49	55	112.24%
IDAHO	606	394	65.02%
OREGON	1,317	819	62.19%
NEVADA	334	200	59.88%
UTAH	492	290	58.94%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	5,493	53.13%
ARIZONA	7,566	3,917	51.77%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,076	51.58%
ALASKA	1,560	705	45.19%
PHILIPPINES	66	22	33.33%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>53.13%</b>

*as of January 4, 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=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWprUTU0UGprZz09>

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# MICHAEL FOX

## NATIONAL COMMANDER

### 2021-2022

by Jeff Vrabec, Sr.



It's been a great weekend here in Arkansas. Enjoyed meeting some amazing members along the way and even placed some flags to support Flying Flags For Heroes. [#SALSTRONG](#) [#LegionFamily](#) [#flyingflagsforheroes](#)



### 2022 Individual Recruitment Award

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

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

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

This award form must be received by July 31st.

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

#### Recruiter Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Full Squadron Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### New Member Information

#1 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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