



Round-Up

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76 years have passed since World War II ended

Help right a wrong for WWII veterans

by Paul E. Dillard, National Commander
JAN 11, 2022



More than 76 years have passed since World War II ended where more than 405,000 American military personnel did not survive, and the wounded accounted for more than 670,000 others.

Today, fewer than 250,000 veterans of the “greatest generation” remain among us. Of those still living, not all of them receive the VA health-care services they earned through their service.

A resolution passed at the 99th American Legion National Convention in Reno, Nev., in 2017 that calls for the unencumbered ability to use VA health-care facilities on the basis of honorable service alone in World War II. Veterans would be placed automatically into Category 5 among VA’s priority groups and have access to hospital, clinical and long-term care, without means tests or other time-draining restrictions.

Rep. Josh Harder, D-Calif., introduced H.R. 5562, the WWII means test bill. The legislation would exempt World War II veterans from the means test needed to receive VA health-care services. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., has sup-

ported these efforts by introducing S.1040, the Senate companion to this bill.

However, as 2021 wound down, the bills had just over a dozen co-sponsors.

As a grateful nation, we must fulfill our promises to the greatest generation to ensure they receive all the benefits they deserve. Time is literally running out for these veterans. So, I am calling upon the American Legion Family to reach out to your congressional delegations and ask them to co-sponsor the bills to do the same for our World War II veterans as the nation did for those who served in earlier war periods before it is too late.

Contact your representative now. Go to www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns/87483/Respond.

It is critically important that one of these bills is enacted into law as soon as possible.





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All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Don't pay your ALA member dues through anything but www.ALAforVeterans.org

Please be aware of a company called Doxo, which promotes itself as an official American Legion Auxiliary national bill pay site but is NOT affiliated with us. This external site misleads members into thinking they are part of us. While this payment site does work, our members have reported delayed payments, missed due dates, and additional service fees when paying through Doxo. Using our name and logo is unauthorized and makes it appear as if the service is affiliated with ALA when it is not. This has caused confusion and created hassle for some members.

This is a reminder to always use the national ALA's official payment processing through the MyAuxiliary member portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org to pay your dues and update contact information.

Please contact membership@ALAforVeterans.org if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT + IMMEDIATE NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE

60%

January 20, 2022



AMERICAN LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEDIA ALLIANCE

First off, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

A new year gives us a chance to reflect on the past year's accomplishments, of which The American Legion Media Alliance had many. However, I want to constantly be looking ahead. Striving to empower TALMA members more. Providing better resources. Improving engagement throughout our organization.

With that in mind, there are some changes ahead intended to move TALMA forward in 2022 and beyond.

As you may have noticed recently on the private TALMA Facebook page, we asked for your input on the frequency of the monthly virtual training sessions. Starting in June 2020, we have held one of these each month. However, participation has dropped off, so we have discussed changes to improve participation.

At this time, the Facebook survey shows a slight preference for training sessions every other month with expanded topics. That selection was chosen by a narrow margin over keeping the monthly sessions as is, while the option for quarterly sessions trailed far behind.

I fully believe that if something is not working, we need to institute changes, rather than hoping for the best because we've always done it that way.

Therefore, TALMA's virtual training sessions will move to every other month starting in February with an expanded session. At the same time, we understand that members have previous commitments with post, district or other duties and meet-

ings. That is why we are also looking to build consensus on the best time for the group to hold these sessions.

Please fill out this brief survey and help us lock in a regular day and time for these training sessions, and let us know your preferences for the topics for 2022. While it may not be possible for every TALMA member to attend every session, we will continue to post the recordings afterward.

Also coming up: details on the annual contest. Stay tuned!

Thank you for what you do to promote The American Legion!

Sincerely,



*Dave Wallace, Chairman
Media and Communications Commission*

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MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The National Call Schedule will continue to 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

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 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:

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

As we are in 2022, let's ramp up our fundraising as we work towards the May 31 year end. As Squadrons reach a \$1/member, have them complete and submit the 100% Per Capita Form. Want to donate online? Go to the Sons national page and click the donate button. In the "In Memory of" box insert your SAL designation so the SAL can receive credit.

Do you have a fundraiser that you do? Please share it with us as we are preparing a CWF Fundraising template for the membership. We will be accepting ideas through March. So please share your ideas!

I have been informed by National that they do not have CWF piggy banks yet, but they do have 1,000 CWF canisters available. The canisters are a great way to collect funds for CWF. Please contact Stacy Copes to make arrangements to get them!

Keep up the great work gentlemen!!

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

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

Tim Aboudara, Sr.,

National Service Project Coordinator

**As of Thursday, 178,724 flags
have been placed
to honor our veterans**

Commander Fox and I had a discussion late last week about the commitments from Detachments and still, in several cases, a lack thereof.

Based on the Membership Goals for 2021-2022, if we maintain the mantra of every member placing 2 flags at the gravesites of Veterans, and that goal is achieved, we will come up about 250,000 short of the Commander's Goal of 1,000,000 flags placed. I've gone back and looked at the membership goal for each Detachment and their committed goal. In a lot of cases, the Detachment's commitment is a fraction of their total membership goal. At 3 flags placed for every member, we would exceed the Commander's Goal by about 125,000 flag placements.

We have some Detachments that have made some great commitments, well above 2 or 3 flags per member. In the interest of being fair, we've gone back and looked at each Detachment's original commitment, that made one, and have done the following:

1. If their commitment is above 3 flag placements per member, their goal is unchanged.
2. For the others that either haven't given us a goal or who have committed to under 2 flags per member, I have increased their goal to between 2 and 3 per member.

Even with doing number 2, if achieved, we just barely get over the 1,000,000 flag placements mark.

I will be sending a "Save the Date" email to all Detachment Commanders and Flying Flags for Heroes Detachment Chairs by the end of the week with information on an early February Virtual Meeting to get everyone moving for the second half of Commander Fox's year.

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

We are getting close to the deadline for the Sons of The American annual Wreath Laying Ceremony in Washington DC. Included is the final bus schedule for this year. It will be a great event.

We will start out at World War II Memorial, then on to Arlington National Cemetery where National Commander Fox will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Then, we will go to the Vietnam Memorial, and finally we will head to Oak Hill

Cemetery to Place Flags for Commander Fox's National Service Project Flying Flags for Heroes.

We have 2 busses ordered so you don't have to drive, and you can join in with the group. Each Detachment can purchase a wreath and place at the memorial of your choice. Details are in the request form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

I have reservations from the following Detachments: Alabama, California, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, and South Dakota.

WE NEED RESERVATIONS IN BY FEBRUARY 1, so don't delay get your reservations in now.

2022 American Legion Washington Conference Sons of The American Legion Memorial Wreath Laying Schedule

Depart: Washington Hilton Hotel
1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009
Bus will leave from lower level of hotel promptly at 8:45 am, Sunday February 27, 2022
At 8:00 SAL National Commander Michael Fox will address attendees.
Pictures of Wreaths with SAL National Commander Michael Fox can be taken between 8:15 and 8:30 am.

Board Busses and load Wreaths at 8:30 am

Leave Washington Hilton at 8:45 am

Arrive at World War II Memorial at 9:00 am

1. Group photograph of all participants with Detachment wreath placement with National Commander
2. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at the WWII Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
3. Depart the World War II Memorial at 9:45 am

Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery at 10:00 am

1. Tour of Tomb Guards Quarters if available
2. Group photograph of all participants
3. Prayer by National Chaplain
4. Wreath laying Ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier 11:15 am
5. Depart the Arlington National Cemetery at 12:15 pm

Arrive at Vietnam Wall Memorial at 12:40 pm

1. Lunch
2. Group photograph of all participants
3. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at the Vietnam Wall Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
4. Depart the Vietnam Wall Memorial at 2:00 pm

Arrive at Oak Hill Cemetery, 3001 R. St, NW, Washington DC at 2:15 pm

1. Place Flags on Veterans grave
2. Depart Cemetery and return to Washington Hilton Hotel by 3:00 pm

Arrive: Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009 @ 3:15 pm



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September 27, 2021

To: All Members of The Sons of The American Legion

Re: Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Washington DC, Sunday February 27, 2022

As everyone may have heard the Washington Conference has been cancelled for an in-person event, however, The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Michael Fox on Sunday **February 27, 2022**, will be placing a wreath at the World War II Memorial, then on to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery at 11:15 pm. Then in keeping with the Commanders Fox's Project we will stop at a cemetery and place flags on veterans' graves. This notification will allow members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders friends and families to attend and show our respect for the sacrifices made by our Nation's military in the defense of liberty and freedom.

In the previous years, Detachments have placed their wreaths at various areas in Washington DC. The National Organization received from the American Legion Family and many tourists have made positive statements seeing the wreaths from Detachments placed around the Washington area. We feel that this is a very positive outcome and are recommending any Detachment wishing to lay a wreath or have a wreath laid for them in the Washington area to continue.

Representatives from each Detachment or their designee would be able to choose a location to lay their wreath, some placed wreaths at areas that the bus rented by the National Organization stopped to do ceremonies, others at a later time placed wreaths in various locations around Washington DC. I will be ordering wreaths for National Commander Fox, and in order to have the wreaths appear in conformity, we will order wreaths as a group for each Detachment; the wreaths last year cost each Detachment \$150 and remain the same for this year.

I will provide each Detachment a separate receipt from the florist shop for each wreath ordered, if requested. Checks should be made payable to Thomas Deal and mailed to my home address. Below is an order form. Please send back only the bottom portion of this letter and keep the top section for your records. **I must receive the completed order form and payment by February 1, 2022, in order to ensure your Detachment has a wreath ordered. (No payment, no wreath, no group rate!)**

At Arlington National cemetery we will be going to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb is a walk uphill from the visitor center and you may walk or take the tram. The tram fee purchased that day is \$15.00, \$11.00 for Seniors, Veterans with proper ID can enter for \$6.75. This year we are again adding an offer to purchase your tickets for the Tram ride to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in advance to speed up the process of getting to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier quicker. Group rate for the Tram ride is \$11.00 each. If you would like to include your cost of the entry fee, include it on the form and we will purchase group rate tickets. Veterans can get a cheaper rate but MUST purchase on your own, we cannot purchase them at the \$6.75 rate.

I have also booked a block of rooms at The Washington Hilton Hotel for Feb 26-28, 2022 at a cost of \$149.00 plus Tax. You may call the hotel directly and reserve your room with a credit card. Phone Number is 202-483-3000.

The National Organization will again this year rent two buses to transport individuals to and from the wreath laying ceremonies. In an effort to fully take advantage of this we will be taking **requests** for seats on the buses with the wreath order. **It is very important, if you reserve a seat that you be in attendance and if you cannot, please contact Thomas Deal ASAP (Cell # 443-206-0402).**

We will also again this year order box lunches for on the bus "it is highly recommended that individuals take advantage of this as it is a long period to go without eating." The cost last year was \$8.00 and will again be \$8.00 each - you will have a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef. Payment and choice will be needed along with the wreath order.

If you need further information or have questions, I can be contacted by phone during the day at 443-206-0402 or by email tom.deal@verizon.net

**WREATH & LUNCH ORDER FORM - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WREATH LAYING
 on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

Deadline for submissions to be received is February 1, 2022

DETACHMENT _____ CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Wreath Request (\$150) - (Name of Detachment) _____ Total \$ _____

Box Lunch (\$8.00 each) Turkey # _____ Ham # _____ Roast Beef # _____ X \$8.00 Total \$ _____

Arlington National Cemetery General Admission Group Rate

Total Arlington tickets _____ x \$11.00 each Total \$ _____

Total Paid for Wreath, Lunch and Arlington Tram: Total enclosed \$ _____

Number of Seats Requested for Bus - # _____

Name of others attending and Cell # (Please fill out completely to allow for better communication) -

Name _____ Cell # _____

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!!
 Make check payable to: Thomas Deal and mail to: Thomas Deal, 1434 Clayton St., Perryville, Md. 21903

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#

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



YOU GUYS ROCK!!! The January 10, 2022 membership report has us well ahead of schedule for the 60% target date of January 20.

Four of our five Regions and 34 Detachments have already surpassed the upcoming goal! We added over 12,500 members over the last week alone, with more coming in every day.

It is all because of YOUR efforts and you all deserve to be congratulated. Let's continue to push the envelope and raise the bar as we head towards our 75% goal. Continue to focus on the need for Squadrons to submit their SDR forms, push the IRA's and remind our members of the Blue Brigade, Recruiter of the Year Award, Commander of the Year Award and Detachment Recruitment Award.

Again, THANK YOU for all you do.



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 YOU
 TO RENEW!!!**

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: January 10, 2022

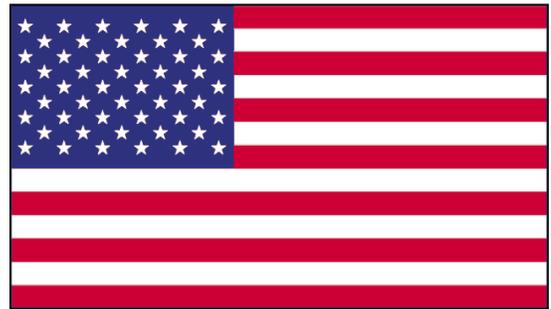
#	DETACHMENTS	2022 Mbsp. Goal	2022 Membership Needed for 60% Target	Total	% of Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-26	55	112.24%	97.87
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-27	80	90.91%	90.70
3	DIST OF COL	92	-20	75	81.52%	65.17
4	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-190	821	78.04%	63.29
5	ALABAMA	2,020	-343	1,555	76.98%	65.03
6	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-154	704	76.86%	72.72
7	RHODE ISLAND	316	-46	236	74.68%	59.03
8	DELAWARE	2,229	-302	1,639	73.53%	65.10
9	WISCONSIN	3,914	-518	2,866	73.22%	67.96
10	LOUISIANA	1,808	-225	1,310	72.46%	66.63
11	GEORGIA	4,316	-503	3,093	71.66%	62.45
12	IOWA	4,571	-483	3,226	70.58%	66.50
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-136	965	69.83%	61.61
14	FLORIDA	20,745	-2,017	14,464	69.72%	60.66
15	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-170	1,262	69.34%	61.48
16	MARYLAND	15,533	-1,407	10,727	69.06%	63.79
17	NEBRASKA	6,959	-627	4,802	69.00%	66.66
18	MISSOURI	3,211	-277	2,204	68.64%	61.43
19	OREGON	1,317	-95	885	67.20%	57.12
20	IDAHO	606	-40	404	66.67%	58.03
21	OKLAHOMA	1,380	-91	919	66.59%	59.15
22	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-306	3,350	66.02%	58.38
23	VERMONT	3,576	-214	2,360	66.00%	58.84
24	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-144	1,715	65.48%	55.95
25	NEVADA	334	-17	217	64.97%	57.27
26	ILLINOIS	13,602	-646	8,807	64.75%	61.14
27	MONTANA	1,160	-48	744	64.14%	61.15
28	MINNESOTA	11,091	-404	7,059	63.65%	59.15
29	MICHIGAN	21,985	-700	13,891	63.18%	54.10
30	UTAH	492	-15	310	63.01%	53.78
31	WYOMING	1,273	-31	795	62.45%	50.04
32	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	-1,432	36,773	62.43%	58.18
33	ARKANSAS	468	-6	287	61.32%	54.25
34	OHIO	29,946	-189	18,157	60.63%	56.43
35	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	7	1,303	59.69%	50.97
36	CALIFORNIA	10,338	126	6,077	58.78%	51.19
37	MAINE	2,482	34	1,455	58.62%	52.91
38	TENNESSEE	1,681	33	976	58.06%	43.91
39	TEXAS	5,425	114	3,141	57.90%	49.44
40	INDIANA	36,657	1,093	20,901	57.02%	53.39
41	COLORADO	2,632	96	1,483	56.34%	47.52
42	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	213	2,989	56.02%	50.84
43	FRANCE	233	11	129	55.36%	55.11
44	ARIZONA	7,566	352	4,188	55.35%	45.92
45	NEW YORK	29,246	1,787	15,761	53.89%	49.29
46	VIRGINIA	4,023	275	2,139	53.17%	46.31
47	NEW JERSEY	9,211	649	4,878	52.96%	48.46
48	KANSAS	6,424	464	3,390	52.77%	49.55
49	WASHINGTON	2,086	157	1,095	52.49%	43.01
50	MISSISSIPPI	795	65	412	51.82%	42.14
51	MEXICO	26	3	13	50.00%	44.00
52	ALASKA	1,560	202	734	47.05%	37.29
53	KENTUCKY	2,648	416	1,173	44.30%	38.41
54	NEW MEXICO	1,261	221	536	42.51%	31.54
55	PHILIPPINES	66	18	22	33.33%	30.77
Grand Totals:		356,725	-5,517	219,552	61.55%	55.77

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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REGIONAL UPDATES



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The Central Region continues to work hard on our membership program. When the January 10 national membership report came out, we were in second place at 61.70%. We are 4.44% behind long-time leader, the Southern Region, who has 66.14% of its membership paid. We are only 0.82% ahead of the Eastern Region, and 0.85% ahead of the Midwest.

According to that report, the Central Region has 77,111 members paid. This means that there are 47,866 delinquent members, all of whom have lost the benefits of membership. As of February 1, these members will be suspended.

Nationally, the report has 219,552 members paid representing 61.55% of our total goal. Here, 137,173 members are unpaid. It is vital that we get these members renewed right away. Over one-third of our Sons are unpaid.

How do we continue to let this happen? Are we all trying to change our membership culture by asking our members to pay early since membership cards come out in July, or are we just doing what we have always done? In order for us to make it happen, we must act now!

Talk to your delinquent members and ask them to pay today. Remind them that their dues are payable again in July, and tell them that you will be collecting for 2023 at that time. Once we get our members used to paying their dues in July, the cycle will be broken, and we will all see our goals reached much earlier.

Please do whatever you can to get our delinquent members paid today. Thanks!

Who's next?

Later in this edition, you will see an article from Tim Aboudara, Sr., National Service Project Coordinator for Flying Flags For Heroes. In his article, you will see how Detachments have had their goals revised based on 2022 membership goals. Here are the Central Region adjustments:

Detachment	Detachment FFFH Goal	2022 Membership Goal	Revised FFFH Goal
Illinois	30,000	13,602	35,000
Indiana	73,314	36,657	80,000
Iowa	10,000	4,571	10,000
Michigan	899	21,985	44,000
Minnesota	5,000	11,091	24,000
Missouri	1,000	3,211	6,500
Ohio	100,000	29,946	100,000
Wisconsin	8,000	3,914	80,000
Totals	228,213	124,977	379,500

It is very important that Detachment Commanders and Detachment FFFH Directors review this information and make sure the entire team knows the

goal. We want to make sure we reach 1,000,000 flags and it will take all of us to succeed.

Detachment of Nebraska Commander Chris Casey had an interesting post on Facebook this week. Although some of his message is specific to his Detachment, his message about delinquent members is valuable to every Son. Please get his message out to our members who have not paid their dues yet. Look for his message in the Midwest Region Report.

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

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We are #SALSTRONG!!!



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%



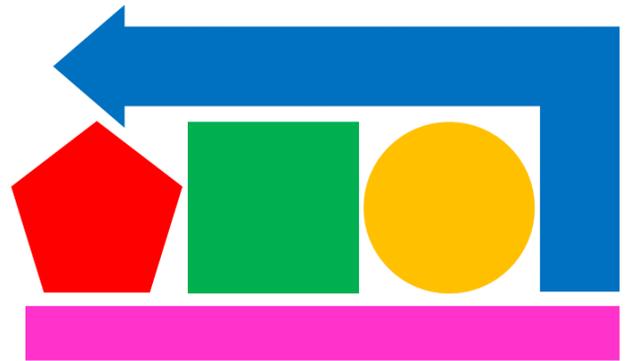
It is with profound sadness to report that Past Detachment Commander Robert J. Mendoza, 2018 (Honorary), was called to Squadron Everlasting for the Final Command early in the morning of Sunday, January 9, 2022.

The Detachment of Ohio bestowed the title of Honorary Past Detachment Commander upon Bob during its 2018 Annual Convention in recognition of his decades of committed service and support of the organization, its members, and its mission.

A private funeral service was held by the family.

Adams Township Post No. 553 hosted a memorial service for Bob at 4:30 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Please keep Bob's wife Emma, his children, and grandchildren in your prayers.



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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
TOTALS	356,725	207,003	149,722	58.03%	12,965

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
TOTALS	124,977	72,356	52,621	57.90%	3,286	

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	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	2,665	1,249	68.09%	3.68%
Iowa	4,571	3,031	1,540	66.31%	4.19%
Missouri	3,211	2,089	1,122	65.06%	2.89%
TOTALS	11,696	7,785	3,911	66.56%	10.76%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	8,689	4,913	63.88%	12.01%
Minnesota	11,091	6,336	4,755	57.13%	8.76%
TOTALS	24,693	15,025	9,668	60.85%	20.77%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,946	17,508	12,438	58.47%	24.20%
Indiana	36,657	20,158	16,499	54.99%	27.86%
Michigan	21,985	11,880	10,105	54.04%	16.42%
TOTALS	88,588	49,546	39,042	55.93%	68.48%



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Squadron #28
Lawrenceville Presents:

Winter Prom 2022

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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Minnesota Department Commander Tom Fernland and Minnesota Detachment Commander Tim Weaver at the 4th and 5th Districts' Midwinter Conference held at American Legion Post 1 in Minneapolis.

Photo By Minnesota Detachment Historian Lou Michaels



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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#

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

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	75	81.52%
RHODE ISLAND	316	236	74.68%
DELAWARE	2,229	1,639	73.53%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,262	69.34%
MARYLAND	15,533	10,727	69.06%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	3,350	66.02%
VERMONT	3,576	2,360	66.00%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	36,773	62.43%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,303	59.69%
MAINE	2,482	1,455	58.62%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	2,989	56.02%
FRANCE	233	129	55.36%
NEW YORK	29,246	15,761	53.89%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	4,878	52.96%
Totals:	136,233	82,937	60.88%

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Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	821	78.04%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	704	76.86%
NEBRASKA	6,959	4,802	69.00%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	919	66.59%
MONTANA	1,160	744	64.14%
WYOMING	1,273	795	62.45%
TEXAS	5,425	3,141	57.90%
COLORADO	2,632	1,483	56.34%
KANSAS	6,424	3,390	52.77%
MEXICO	26	13	50.00%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	536	42.51%
Totals:	28,508	17,348	60.85%

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The Detachment of Nebraska currently sits at 17th nationally with 4,802 members. Our goal set by national for 2022 is 6,959, which places us at 69% of our goal for the year. We have fallen 1.5 points behind Iowa in our challenge.

Our renewals currently stand at 66.66% and that keeps us over 3 points ahead of South Dakota in our



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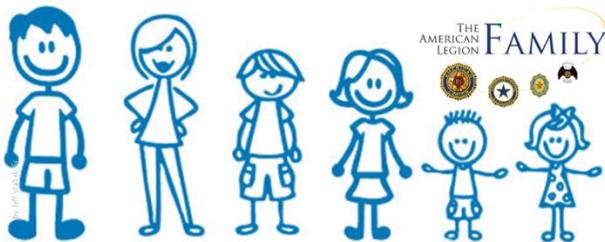
challenge. There is good and bad with this number. It is good that we are in the top 5 of renewal percentages, but this also means we have lost a third of all of our members from last year. Those without a 2022 membership card are now delinquent and have lost privileges. Those Sons that are also American Legion Riders; you are no longer a Rider if you do not have a 2022 Sons membership card! Rider Directors/Adjutants across the state should make sure that you are not allowing delinquent members to vote on actions within your Chapters.

My message to delinquent members: What has changed for you since last year? Has the service of your father, grandfather, great grandfather become less important to you? Are you unhappy with your Squadron? Have you lost the "why" that caused you to join in the first place? Please work to get your membership renewed and remain a vital part of our mission. WE WANT YOU! We are better as a Detachment with you remaining a part of what we do.

Adjutants that may be holding on to membership at this point are doing a huge disservice to their fellow members. Please correct this ASAP! We need to have all renewals complete by the end of this month. Most grace periods will be exhausted by then and delinquent members become non-members!

Reprinted from Facebook January 12, 2022

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



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

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	80	90.91%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,555	76.98%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,310	72.46%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,093	71.66%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	965	69.83%
FLORIDA	20,745	14,464	69.72%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	1,715	65.48%
ARKANSAS	468	287	61.32%
TENNESSEE	1,681	976	58.06%
VIRGINIA	4,023	2,139	53.17%
MISSISSIPPI	795	412	51.82%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,173	44.30%
Totals:	42,593	28,169	66.14%

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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

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Find your local number:

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While 50% of the Western Region’s Detachments have reached and exceeded the 60% 2022 membership goal and two Detachments are close, we, as a Region, are **dead last** nationally by more than **3%** of the other Regions. Gentlemen, this is not looking good for our Region, especially since our National Commander is from the Western Region! How do you think this appears to Michael? That his own Region can’t even step up and meet the established membership goals? We need to get a fire put under these members to have them renew right now.

The 75% goal is right upon us on February 9! We need to make a concerted effort to get those remaining renewals in! Remember, these members are considered delinquent right now and are officially suspended on February 1. That means their membership is not in good standing and they are not eligible for any Le-

gion benefits, like NEF, during their suspension. You need to explain this to them.

If you feel that your numbers are not reflective of your submitted transmittals, please forward me copies of those transmittals and I will personally do a follow-up with National.

Let’s show the other Regions that the West ***IS*** the best!

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	55	112.24%
OREGON	1,317	885	67.20%
IDAHO	606	404	66.67%
NEVADA	334	217	64.97%
UTAH	492	310	63.01%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	6,077	58.78%
ARIZONA	7,566	4,188	55.35%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,095	52.49%
ALASKA	1,560	734	47.05%
PHILIPPINES	66	22	33.33%
Totals:	24,414	13,987	57.29%

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MICHAEL FOX
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2021-2022



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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- West - Jack Youngs (ID) xrukewelder@aol.com 3223 Salem St. Caldwell, ID 83605

2022 Holidays & Observances

Date	Holiday
January 1	New Year's Day
January 17	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day & Washington's Birthday
March 13	Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
April 1	April Fool's Day
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter
April 22	Earth Day
May 9	Mother's Day
May 16	National Veterans Assistance Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 30	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Fathers' Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day Grandparents Day
October 10	Columbus Day
October 15	Sweetest Day
October 17	Boss' Day
October 31	Halloween
November 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve

