



# Round-Up

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## Congratulations!



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

I hope your year is off to a great start. And I hope that you're having success in keeping up with your New Year's resolutions. I am sure many of you have renewed your resolve to show unwavering support for our veterans.

One of the ways we as Sons of The American Legion can show our support is through our membership. I would like to congratulate each of you for achieving the 60% membership target date. Continue to reach out to those members who have not renewed and stay ahead. Not only do we want to grow by recruiting new members, we

want to give purpose to our current members and show them their worth.

Continue to use the various programs of The American Legion to stay active in your communities. Stop by a cemetery and pay respect to a veteran and their family by placing Old Glory for them, and don't forget to go to [www.flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com) and tell us about it.

There is no limit to the amount of good we can do.

We are the Sons of The American Legion.

**We are #SALSTRONG!**

God bless our veterans, God bless our military in harm's way, and God bless the United States of America.

Yours in Service,

*Michael Fox, National Commander  
Sons of The American Legion*



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All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



**SAL membership reports are available [here](#)**

# AMERICAN LEGION



## Thank you, VA health-care workers

by Paul E. Dillard, National Commander  
JAN 19, 2022

Dear American Legion Family Members  
and Friends,

John Paul Martinez was supposed to retire from the San Diego VA Medical Center more than a year ago. [Instead, the 62-year-old medical technician took his final breath through a respirator on June 24, 2020.](#)

A veteran of both the Army and the Navy, Martinez was one of an estimated 240 VA employees who died of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

First responders receive well-deserved accolades after tragedies such as the 9/11 attacks or other mass casualty events. The public loudly voices its support for the troops when young men and women return home in flag-covered caskets. Yet, the bravery shown by health-care workers since the early days of the pandemic is just as inspiring. Martinez and his fellow VA workers did what so many celebrated heroes have done during war – died helping others.

Prior to the vaccine, many health-care workers lived lifestyles similar to deployed servicemembers as they physically isolated from loved ones and friends. Though I believe the worst of the pandemic is behind us, our support for sensible safety

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# TARGET DATE



**February 9, 2022**

measures and the frontline workers responsible for public health must continue.

COVID-19 has impacted military readiness. While The American Legion is heartened that the military has assured us that servicemembers will not be dishonorably discharged for vaccine refusal, 2,333 military members were hospitalized as of Jan. 5. Even fully vaccinated Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin had to quarantine after a symptomatic bout with the coronavirus.

Across the nation, our health-care workers have been supported by the uniformed men and women who have always defended us.

[In Louisiana, Guardsmen have administered more than 542,000 COVID-19 tests and 206,300 vaccines.](#)

“Our task force has worked through multiple surges since the start of this pandemic. This latest surge of Omicron is more transmissible, which has led to a very sharp increase in test site demand throughout the state,” said Brig. Gen. Cindy Haygood, Task Force COVID commander for Louisiana. “Our team quickly answered the call for additional testing sites and a request from the Louisiana Department of Health to work through the holidays. We are very proud of the flexibility of our team and grateful to serve alongside each member of this task force.”

The American Legion shares her pride and gratitude toward those entrusted in keeping our nation healthy. [We continue to show our support by opening post homes as vaccination sites,](#) donating blood and encouraging compliance with Centers for Disease Control recommendations.

Our nation has endured a lot of hardship during the last two years. More Americans were taken from us than all the wars of the 20th century. Businesses have suffered and many children have only seen their classmates through computer monitors or facemasks.

This virus will not be defeated by a vaccine. Just as a weapon is only as effective as the soldier firing it, the coronavirus will be beat by American grit.

For God and Country,



Paul E. Dillard, National Commander  
The American Legion

## ***The American Legion Legacy Scholarship***

[Access the online Legacy Scholarship application here](#)

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.

**WHO?** Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

**WHAT?** Each needs-based scholarship provides up to \$20,000 in aid for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times.

**WHEN?** The application deadline is April 1st. Scholarship awards must be used within one year. Winners are announced each May.

### **Eligibility and Required Application Materials for Children of fallen post-9/11 servicemembers**

- Child/children or legally adopted child/children or the child of a spouse by prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active-duty United States military and National Guard and military reservists, who were federalized and died on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001
- Official (Form DD 1300) military death certificate
- FAFSA Summary showing Expected Family Contribution
- If applicable, any award notifications from federal or state veteran benefits programs (for example, The Gunnery Sergeant Fry Scholarship, GI-Bill benefits, etc.)
- Financial Aid Package notification from their prospective/current institution of higher education for the upcoming school year
- Breakdown of all education-related expenses to include but not limited to tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plan, housing, and transportation

- High school senior or high school graduate currently accepted or attending an accredited institution of higher education within the United States

### Children of post-9/11 veterans VA-rated 50% or higher disabled

- Child/children or legally adopted child/children or the child of a spouse by prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active-duty United States military and National Guard and military reservists, who were federalized and received an injury while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 leading to a Department of Veteran Affairs disability rating of 50 percent or higher
- Official disability rating paperwork from VA
- FAFSA Summary showing Expected Family Contribution
- If applicable, any award notifications from federal or state veteran benefits programs (for example, GI-Bill benefits, etc.)
- Financial Aid Package notification from their prospective/current institution of higher education for the upcoming school year
- Breakdown of all education-related expenses to include but not limited to tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plan, housing, and transportation
- High school senior or high school graduate currently accepted or attending an accredited institution of higher education within the United States
- DD 214 showing dates of service and condition of discharge

#### Deadline:

All applications new or renewal must be submitted using the online scholarship submission system beginning January 1 and **NO LATER THAN April 1st.**

[Access the online Legacy Scholarship application here](#)

### 2021 American Legion Legacy Scholarship Information

- Total number of scholarships awarded in 2021: 32
- Total amount of scholarship funds awarded in 2021: \$357,229\*
- Total number of scholarships awarded since inception: 433

- Total amount of scholarship funds awarded since inception: \$4,056,793\*  
\*subject to final audit

[Download the 2020 Annual Report](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions and More Information

This information may be updated throughout the year to reflect any changes or to add additional information.

[Visit Frequently Asked Questions](#)



## 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

<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>

## 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=dERwNDJNcWwzNGgUYUJlMmpEMm53QT09>

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](http://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com)

**Tim Aboudara, Sr.,**

**National Service Project Coordinator**

**As of Saturday, 181,690 flags have been placed to honor our veterans**

## 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

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



An outstanding accomplishment! Thank you all!

Congratulations to all five regions for making the 60% goal, to every Detachment in the Central Region, and to the Southern Region for leading the way.

Keep the faith, keep up the hard work, and keep that membership rolling in!!!



### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

JANUARY 21, 2022

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS  
FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT  
SUBJECT: 60% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

### “ CONGRATULATIONS ”

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 60% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (1-20-2022) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 356,725  
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 239,219  
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: 67.06%  
DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: 41

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	LOUISIANA	MONTANA	OKLAHOMA	TENNESSEE
ARKANSAS	HAWAII	MAINE	NEBRASKA	OREGON	UTAH
CALIFORNIA	IDAHO	MARYLAND	NEVADA	PENNSYLVANIA	VERMONT
CONNECTICUT	ILLINOIS	MASSACHUSETTS	NEW HAMPSHIRE	PUERTO RICO	WEST VIRGINIA
DELAWARE	INDIANA	MICHIGAN	NORTH CAROLINA	RHODE ISLAND	WISCONSIN
DIST. OF COL.	IOWA	MINNESOTA	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH CAROLINA	WYOMING
FLORIDA	KANSAS	MISSOURI	OHIO	SOUTH DAKOTA	

### GREAT JOB!!

THE REMAINING DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: JANUARY 28, 2022 (2<sup>ND</sup> OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2022 (75%)

**RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS**

**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**2022 SAL 60% Membership Target Date Report as of: January 20, 2022**

#	DETACHMENTS	2022 Mbsp. Goal	2022 Membership Needed for 60% Target	Total	% of Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-27	56	114.29%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-27	80	90.91%	90.70
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-248	879	83.56%	68.05
4	DIST OF COL	92	-20	75	81.52%	65.17
5	ALABAMA	2,020	-430	1,642	81.29%	68.90
6	RHODE ISLAND	316	-65	255	80.70%	63.23
7	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-182	732	79.91%	78.51
8	DELAWARE	2,229	-412	1,749	78.47%	69.79
9	WISCONSIN	3,914	-666	3,014	77.01%	71.28
10	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-287	1,379	75.77%	67.34
11	MARYLAND	15,533	-2,282	11,602	74.69%	69.12
12	LOUISIANA	1,808	-265	1,350	74.67%	68.77
13	NEBRASKA	6,959	-1,000	5,175	74.36%	71.83
14	GEORGIA	4,316	-599	3,189	73.89%	64.47
15	MICHIGAN	21,985	-2,982	16,173	73.56%	63.18
16	IOWA	4,571	-614	3,357	73.44%	69.20
17	FLORIDA	20,745	-2,764	15,211	73.32%	63.39
18	VERMONT	3,576	-470	2,616	73.15%	65.16
19	MISSOURI	3,211	-410	2,337	72.78%	65.11
20	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-154	983	71.13%	62.49
21	IDAHO	606	-67	431	71.12%	61.94
22	OKLAHOMA	1,380	-153	981	71.09%	62.94
23	OREGON	1,317	-143	933	70.84%	60.26
24	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-282	1,853	70.75%	59.76
25	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	-6,248	41,589	70.61%	65.93
26	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-531	3,575	70.46%	62.54
27	MAINE	2,482	-245	1,734	69.86%	63.00
28	OHIO	29,946	-2,798	20,766	69.34%	64.50
29	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-167	1,477	67.66%	56.86
30	TENNESSEE	1,681	-124	1,133	67.40%	51.00
31	WYOMING	1,273	-94	858	67.40%	53.92
32	NEVADA	334	-25	225	67.37%	57.56
33	ILLINOIS	13,602	-994	9,155	67.31%	63.64
34	ARKANSAS	468	-33	314	67.09%	59.26
35	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	-378	3,580	67.09%	61.07
36	MONTANA	1,160	-70	766	66.03%	63.01
37	MINNESOTA	11,091	-515	7,170	64.65%	60.01
38	CALIFORNIA	10,338	-421	6,624	64.07%	55.96
39	KANSAS	6,424	-207	4,061	63.22%	59.34
40	UTAH	492	-15	310	63.01%	53.78
41	INDIANA	36,657	-1,009	23,003	62.75%	58.80
42	TEXAS	5,425	43	3,212	59.21%	50.47
43	ARIZONA	7,566	89	4,451	58.83%	48.80
44	WASHINGTON	2,086	41	1,211	58.05%	47.74
45	MEXICO	26	1	15	57.69%	52.00
46	FRANCE	233	8	132	56.65%	56.44
47	COLORADO	2,632	89	1,490	56.61%	47.78
48	NEW JERSEY	9,211	328	5,199	56.44%	51.04
49	NEW YORK	29,246	1,556	15,992	54.68%	50.02
50	VIRGINIA	4,023	219	2,195	54.56%	47.53
51	MISSISSIPPI	795	64	413	51.95%	42.27
52	ALASKA	1,560	179	757	48.53%	38.42
53	KENTUCKY	2,648	387	1,202	45.39%	39.08
54	NEW MEXICO	1,261	221	536	42.51%	31.61
55	PHILIPPINES	66	18	22	33.33%	30.77
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>356,725</b>	<b>-25,184</b>	<b>239,219</b>	<b>67.06%</b>	<b>60.79</b>

## 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>

# #SALSTRONG

## 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**

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# REGIONAL UPDATES



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

**JOIN**

**DONATE**

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<https://sites.google.com/vies/teamvrabel/home>

## MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549\*

I cannot express how impressed I am over the January 20, 2022 membership report. All eight Detachments made the 60% target. We are the only Region that can say this, and it is because of everyone's hard work.

With that being said, is the Central Region up to the challenge of getting all Detachments to 75% by February 9? Half of our Detachments have either hit

that mark already, or are less than three percentage points away.

We are typically in a slow time for membership, but we cannot let our momentum slow. We need to continue to contact our delinquent members and remind them that their dues are late and that they have lost many of the benefits and privileges of membership in Sons of The American Legion. We need to have those members pay now, and remind them that we will be coming to collect 2023 dues starting July 1.

Getting everyone on the July payment cycle will reap huge benefits for every Squadron in the organization. Changing our thinking about our membership program will open doors that have not been opened. Just think what it would be like to have Squadrons be quota for the upcoming year at the annual National Convention. This is the mindset we all need to get into. It can happen, and with everyone's help, IT WILL HAPPEN!

Thank you again to the Central Region for the great work. Keep it up and we will soon be in first place nationally!

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to visit the Central Region's membership leader, the Detachment of Wisconsin. After a few hours of travel, I arrived at the Madison Airport and was met by NEC Chris Sherman. We traveled the forty-five minutes to the conference center, and at 2:00 p.m. commission and committee meetings began.

It was remarkable to hear the great things going on. Something as simple as walking around a canteen with a collection can for Children and Youth brought in \$80.00 in one night. These collections are expected to continue throughout the year.

The Detachment's A.L.F. dog program continues to be very strong, with 1,000 ordered to be used during upcoming deployments. Additional information on the program appears later in this edition.

On the National Security front, nearly one dozen items were discussed and how we, as Sons, can help getting the information out, including signing up for Voter Voice through The American Legion. A reminder was also made about Squadrons applying for awards and nominating members to recognize them for their dedication to the organization.

There are two “Freezin’ for a Reason” events scheduled in February and March, respectively. This program sees members sleep out overnight during the winter to help bring awareness to homeless veterans, and to get more people involved in helping to get the help that is needed.

Friday’s dinner at the Log Cabin was great, and the twelve of us had a really good time.

One of the best parts of the whole weekend was the opportunity for Sons to attend training and workshops with Legionnaires on topics that included:

- mylegion.org
- Commander’s course
- Mental health & education
- Consolidated reports
- Service Officer training
- Funeral honors training
- Adjutant training
- Historian training
- Chaplain training

There was also specific training held for Sons that Legionnaires were invited to attend.

During the Detachment Executive Committee meeting, great reports were given, and funds raised. Some of those funds raised included proceeds from a basket raffle that raised \$892.00 for Detachment Commander David Fuller’s program, “Vet’s Roll.”

\$1000.00 was allocated for a Flying Flags For Heroes program during the Detachment Convention, and a remarkable 8 new Squadrons are in the works. \$167.54 was also raised for the Veterans and Children Foundation.

Saturday evening, I got to address nearly three hundred Family members at the ***Our Time to Shine Celebration***, a banquet to celebrate the Wisconsin American Legion. We ate dinner, there were speakers, and then a variety show, with young Elvis opening the show and the older Elvis closing. It truly was an awesome event!

The Detachment of Wisconsin is truly a leader in many areas, and I want to thank Commander Fuller, Vice-Commander Allen Watry, National Executive Committeeman Chris Sherman, and Past National Commander David Faust for your hospitality, your comradery, the tour of your Department Headquarters, and for the great work you and the entire Detachment of Wisconsin is doing.



*Dinner at Log Cabin*



*Central Region National Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Sr. with members of Wisconsin’s First District; NEC Chris Sherman, Commander David Fuller, Robert Ames.*

*Photo by Mike Pook, Detachment Historian*

**E**nthusiasm is contagious. Attending District or Detachment meetings will help increase our enthusiasm, as we will see what other Squadrons are doing. We will learn new ways of doing things, and we will gain valuable experience from the various

training sessions that are being held all across this great nation.

Get outside your four walls, and experience the American Legion Family to its fullest. Take what you have seen and participated back to your Squadron, and see if it will work for you.

Share your enthusiasm! *Who's next?*

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.

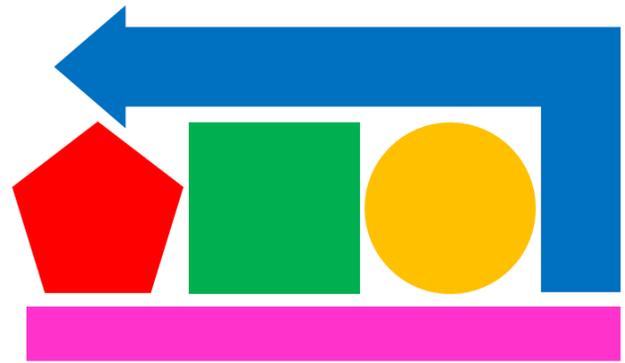
We are #SALSTRONG!!!



## 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.

		01/20/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Wisconsin	71.28%
2	Iowa	69.20%
3	Missouri	65.11%
4	Illinois	63.64%
5	Ohio	64.50%
6	Michigan	60.14%
7	Minnesota	60.01%
8	Indiana	58.80%
	<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>60.79%</b>



Are you a Jeff? Email me.

## 2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					01/20/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern 3, 4, 5	42,593	29,565	13,028	69.41%	569
2 Central 4	124,977	84,975	40,002	67.99%	4,510
3 Eastern	136,233	90,954	45,279	66.76%	4,036
4 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	18,705	9,803	65.61%	861
5 Western 4	24,414	15,020	9,394	61.52%	552
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>356,725</b>	<b>239,219</b>	<b>117,506</b>	<b>67.06%</b>	<b>10,528</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, 6	3,914	3,014	900	77.01%	121	9
2 Michigan 1, 5	21,985	16,173	5,812	73.56%	787	15
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,571	3,357	1,214	73.44%	117	16
4 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	3,211	2,337	874	72.78%	92	19
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5	29,946	20,766	9,180	69.34%	1,769	28
6 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	13,602	9,155	4,447	67.31%	296	33
7 Minnesota 1, 4, 5	11,091	7,170	3,921	64.65%	57	37
8 Indiana 1	36,657	23,003	13,654	62.75%	1,271	41
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>124,977</b>	<b>84,975</b>	<b>40,002</b>	<b>67.99%</b>	<b>4,510</b>	

Q = Quota

1 Met 09/22/21 goal of 10%

2 Met 10/14/21 goal of 25%

3 Met 11/10/21 goal of 35%

4 Met 12/08/21 goal of 45%

5 Met 01/21/22 goal of 60%

6 Met 02/09/22 goal of 75%

7 Met 03/09/22 goal of 80%

8 Met 04/13/22 goal of 90%

9 Met 05/11/22 goal of 100%

10 Met 07/28/22 goal of 105%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	3,014	900	77.01%	3.55%
Iowa	4,571	3,357	1,214	73.44%	3.95%
Missouri	3,211	2,337	874	72.78%	2.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,696</b>	<b>8,708</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>74.45%</b>	<b>10.25%</b>

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	13,602	9,155	4,447	67.31%	10.77%
Minnesota	11,091	7,170	3,921	64.65%	8.44%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,693</b>	<b>16,325</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>66.11%</b>	<b>19.21%</b>

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	16,173	5,812	73.56%	19.03%
Ohio	29,946	20,766	9,180	69.34%	24.44%
Indiana	36,657	23,003	13,654	62.75%	27.07%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>66,603</b>	<b>43,769</b>	<b>22,834</b>	<b>65.72%</b>	<b>51.51%</b>

**Operation A.L.F.**  
Providing caring comfort to children  
whenever and wherever needed



Operation A.L.F. is the premier program of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin.

Our cute and cuddly pup is ready whenever and wherever the need arises to provide comfort and help children through the challenges of a parent's deployment.

While nothing can replace a mother or father in uniform deploying halfway across the world, the Sons of The American Legion is hoping our comfort-pup can soften the pains of separation.



**Why Operation A.L.F.?** One of the goals of the Sons of The American Legion has always been to support our active-duty military. Over the past few years, we have been privileged to participate in pre-deployment ceremonies for our servicemembers heading to duty in far-

away places, far from their loved ones by providing their children with comfort puppies to keep them company while mom or dad is away.

Operation A.L.F. stands for **American Legion Family**, so children can name their new friend whatever they want, that way it is personally theirs.

**Who can get an Operation A.L.F. pup?** Quite simply, children in need of comfort!



Whether it be a child hospitalized for a serious medical issue or the children of deploying parents, the Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion are proud to provide an A.L.F. puppy to children who need a soft cuddly companion to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.

There is never any cost to the families, the puppies are given with our best wishes for the health and happiness of their children. Donations are gratefully accepted to keep this program funded for as long as there are children in need.

**How can you help?** Unfortunately, there are still more deployments occurring, and kids in need, which means we need to continue to raise funds to support this impactful program. Please consider a donation by downloading our [Donation Form](#) and indicating the funds for Operation A.L.F.

For more information you can contact ALF via email at [alf@wisal.org](mailto:alf@wisal.org).

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**Founder of 'Troop Town,'  
a village for homeless veterans,  
responds to neighbors' concerns**

by Paige Barnes WSBT 22 Reporter  
Monday, January 17th 2022

A plan to house and rehabilitate homeless veterans in Mishawaka is facing pushback. Neighbors of the proposed project say "Troop Town" is a great concept on paper, but they have several questions about the program.

The founder of "Troop Town" says misconceptions about homeless veterans are at the root of neighbor's complaints.

He says he's meeting with concerned neighbors and assures each veteran will be thoroughly screened. They also now have a draft of their code of conduct.

In Troop Town, unruly behavior, alcohol, drugs, and overnight guests would be prohibited. Jim Me-

therd, the founder of the organization, says living there isn't a handout.

"There are so many veterans that expect a handout. And it breaks my heart, we are not here to pass something out," Metherd said. "We are giving you an opportunity to better yourself."

Mishawaka Troop Town wants to build at the corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Maplehurst Street across from the VFW.

The Mishawaka Planning Committee sent the rezoning request approval to Common Council, but says more discussion is needed between neighbors and organizers before final approval is given.

Jill Schroeder, a neighbor to the prospective property, spoke at the January 11 public hearing where the planning committee sent its approval. She said she's not against the intention of the project and comes from a family of veterans.

"I don't know what we're going to be looking at. Jim has shown me some drawings. To me, all those are just drawings. Again, those are promises. Maybe they're good promises, but that's all we have for now," Schroeder said.

"If there's some sort of I don't care what situation got you in needing our help. We are here to work with you through that. And if you're a bad apple you're not going to be our guest," Metherd said in response.

The updated blueprint for the town shows five total buildings. Four will be small duplexes, housing 2 residents each. One will be a main building where a caretaker will live 24/7.

Metherd said he will be the first caretaker.

"This is my baby. This is my project, so it makes total sense that I perform the duties of caretaker for the first time around," he said. "We're disciplined. There's such a mindset that we don't want these convicts and felons next to us. That's not what it's going to be."

Veterans will only be allowed to stay up to 30 months and they'll have access to rehabilitation services.

If approved by the Mishawaka Common Council, Metherd said they're looking at May 14 to break ground on the property.

Common Council is expected to hold a public hearing and make a final decision on the project in three weeks.

Reprinted from <https://wsbt.com/news/local/founder-of-troop-town-a-village-for-homeless-veterans-responds-to-neighbors-concerns>



**RICHARD HUNTLEY**  
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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#

The Detachment of Massachusetts held a DEC with a Flying Flags for Heroes Event, and then a fund raiser in the afternoon for the Commander's Charity, The American Legion Veterans and Children's Foundation "VCF".

The DEC was hosted by the Vernon Hill Squadron 435, Worcester, Massachusetts. The Flying Flags for Heroes Event took place at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Leicester, MA, and the "Italian Feast" fund raiser for the Detachment of Massachusetts Commander's designated project VCF was hosted by the Cherry Valley Squadron 443 in Leicester, Massachusetts.

In spite of a significant snowstorm the day before, the team at the Cherry Valley Post 443 planned and executed a successful event. Cherry Valley Squadron 443 Patrick McKeon, a noted historian pre-

pared and led the volunteers for the FFFH event at Leicester's Saint Joseph's Cemetery.

Patrick took the group to some of the 14 heroes who "gave all" in World War II and had the military service and circumstances of death which he read at each hero's gravesite.

Patrick McKeon is an accomplished historian who has done extensive research on all the veterans who died in service in the town of Leicester. If you were to visit the Cherry Valley Post 443, his book is on a table near the POW/MIA table.



Accomplishing a Flying Flags for Heroes event should not be deterred by weather. After all, our heroes at the Battle of the Bulge did not have a cease fire due to weather nor, did the fortunate ones who survived the Battle of the Chosen Reservoir. Honoring our heroes with a Flying Flags for Heroes event is a small

token of appreciation those "all gave some - some gave all."



*Pictured in paying respect photo from left to right: Gene Theroux, Detachment Commander, Lisa McPhee, Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts & Dept Oratorical Contest Chair, Patrick McKeon of Cherry Valley Squadron 443, and Brian Willette, a combat Veteran Purple Heart recipient (Afghanistan), a dual-member, from South Hadley Squadron 260, and Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms.*



**I WANT  
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TO RENEW!!!**

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	75	81.52%
RHODE ISLAND	316	255	80.70%
DELAWARE	2,229	1,749	78.47%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,379	75.77%
MARYLAND	15,533	11,602	74.69%
VERMONT	3,576	2,616	73.15%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	41,589	70.61%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	3,575	70.46%
MAINE	2,482	1,734	69.86%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,477	67.66%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	3,580	67.09%
FRANCE	233	132	56.65%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	5,199	56.44%
NEW YORK	29,246	15,992	54.68%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>136,233</b>	<b>90,954</b>	<b>66.76%</b>

*as of January 20, 2022*



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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

First Tuesday of Each Month  
 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time/8:00 p.m. Central  
 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
 Call in # (605) 313-5379  
 Access Code 830520



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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

Second Tuesday of Each Month  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
 Call In # (701) 802-5001  
 Access Code 4720682

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	879	83.56%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	732	79.91%
NEBRASKA	6,959	5,175	74.36%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	981	71.09%
WYOMING	1,273	858	67.40%
MONTANA	1,160	766	66.03%
KANSAS	6,424	4,061	63.22%
TEXAS	5,425	3,212	59.21%
MEXICO	26	15	57.69%
COLORADO	2,632	1,490	56.61%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	536	42.51%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,508</b>	<b>18,705</b>	<b>65.61%</b>

as of January 20, 2022

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	80	90.91%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,642	81.29%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,350	74.67%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,189	73.89%
FLORIDA	20,745	15,211	73.32%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	983	71.13%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	1,853	70.75%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,133	67.40%
ARKANSAS	468	314	67.09%
VIRGINIA	4,023	2,195	54.56%
MISSISSIPPI	795	413	51.95%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,202	45.39%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>42,593</b>	<b>29,565</b>	<b>69.41%</b>

as of January 20, 2022





# JIM STEWART

## NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER WEST REGION 2021-2022

[controller@bordertowncasinorv.com](mailto:controller@bordertowncasinorv.com)

### 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>

The Western Rendezvous VIII is just around the corner on Saturday, January 29 2022 at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas. The entire event will be held at the Tuscany! The flyer has the hotel information for the Tuscany. However, if you are told they are fully booked (The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary are also there), there are other hotels within walking distance, just Google them.

I am planning to conduct Leadership Training – Kodiak Style! I am a long time Scouter and Trainer. The BSA has a training course for the senior scouts (Venturers) called the Kodiak Challenge. I have been the Course Director for five Kodiak Challenges. The Kodiak Course teaches leadership through fun activities. Since the Sons of The American Legion also includes young men, I think this is an appropriate method of teaching good leadership skills like; Shared Vision of Success, Planning, Communication, and Team Development. I will be conducting a Train the Trainer session and will

provide a flash drive with the information on how to run the course in your own Detachment.

The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Social Gathering  
**Pub 365**, Tuscany Suites & Casino

Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
SAL Leadership Training  
Meeting Rooms, Tuscany Suites & Casino

Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Joint ALA & SAL Luncheon  
Banquet Room, Tuscany Suites & Casino

Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
SAL CENTCOM Focus Group  
Meeting Rooms, Tuscany Suites & Casino

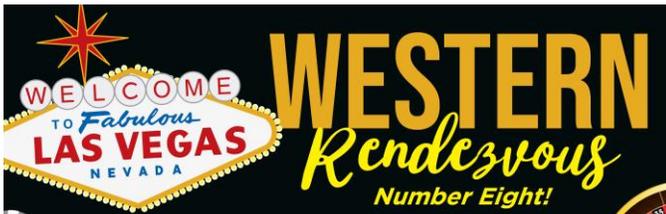
Saturday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
SAL Leadership Training  
Meeting Rooms, Tuscany Suites & Casino

There is no dinner planned on Saturday, so you are on your own.

Sunday is a travel day with no activities planned.

I hope to see you in Vegas!





**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 -*



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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	56	114.29%
IDAHO	606	431	71.12%
OREGON	1,317	933	70.84%
NEVADA	334	225	67.37%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	6,624	64.07%
UTAH	492	310	63.01%
ARIZONA	7,566	4,451	58.83%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,211	58.05%
ALASKA	1,560	757	48.53%
PHILIPPINES	66	22	33.33%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>15,020</b>	<b>61.52%</b>

as of January 20, 2022



**PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**



**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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Year	Final Membership (as of Dec. 31st)	Gain / Loss	% of Gain/Loss
2021	355,162	-8,151	-2.24%
2020	363,313	-12,227	-3.26%
2019	375,540	4,520	1.22%
2018	371,020	1,159	0.31%
2017	369,861	1,913	0.52%
2016	367,948	5,629	1.55%
2015	362,319	4,310	1.20%
2014	358,009	1,839	0.52%
2013	356,170	2,875	0.81%
2012	353,295	4,934	1.42%
2011	348,361	5,301	1.55%
2010	343,060	7,212	2.15%
2009	335,848	8,250	2.52%
2008	327,598	6,137	1.91%
2007	321,461	8,705	2.78%
2006	312,756	11,673	3.88%
2005	301,083	11,812	4.08%
2004	289,271	9,065	3.24%
2003	280,206	14,080	5.29%
2002	266,126	18,947	7.67%
2001	247,179	12,441	5.30%
2000	234,738	11,598	5.20%
1999	223,140	11,884	5.63%
1998	211,256	9,954	4.94%
1997	201,302	11,601	6.12%
1996	189,701	9,200	5.10%
1995	180,501	8,225	4.77%
1994	172,276	10,900	6.75%

Year	Final Membership (as of Dec. 31st)	Gain / Loss	% of Gain/Loss
1993	161,376	13,483	9.12%
1992	147,893	11,945	8.79%
1991	135,948	11,023	8.82%
1990	124,925	15,282	13.94%
1989	109,643	10,527	10.62%
1988	99,116	8,828	9.78%
1987	90,288	6,193	7.36%
1986	84,095	8,488	11.23%
1985	75,607	5,595	7.99%
1984	70,012	N/A	N/A



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# Sons of The American Legion ELEVATOR SPEECH

The elevator speech is a short summary used to define an organization and its value proposition quickly and simply. It is designed to capture someone's interest, so they want to find out more about the organization.

The name reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver the summary in the time span of an elevator ride.

*Good morning (afternoon, or evening)*

*I bet you are wondering what branch of service my cap (or the SAL emblem) represents.*

*It honors veterans of all wars.*

*I am a member of the world's largest volunteer veterans organization, The American Legion. Our program, known as the Sons of the American Legion, is a brotherhood made up of sons, grandsons, and stepsons of American Legion Members. We are "Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage," and are nearly 400,000 members strong and growing.*

*We promote the ideas and programs of the four pillars of The American Legion; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Children and Youth, and Americanism. We are always looking for new members who want to help our veterans and their families.*

*Can I interest you in a brochure that explains what we do for our veterans, children, country, and family?*

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## SQUADRON COMMANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA

**Nominees for the Squadron Commander of the Year must meet the following criteria:**

- The nominee shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of The American Legion
- Hold only the office of Squadron Commander at the time of nomination at any level within the Sons of The American Legion
- Demonstrate leadership through action and involvement in squadron activities that benefit his community
- Must obtain 100% squadron membership or better by March 15th (American Legion Birthday)
- Nominations must be submitted by the Detachment Adjutant and received at National Headquarters by the opening of Spring NEC

**Scan & email to:** [sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org) (subject line: Commander of the Year Nomination)

OR

**Mail to:** (include pictures)

The American Legion National Headquarters  
RE: Commander of the Year Nomination  
c/o National SAL Liaison  
700 N. Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**NOTE:** A Detachment may only submit one nomination for consideration



## SQUADRON COMMANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron name/number: \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution Details**

How many events: \_\_\_\_\_

Total volunteer hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Total money raised/donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Description details (who, where, when, what) include picture(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Detachment Adjutant: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

**Scan & Email:** [sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org) (subject line: Commander of the Year Nomination)

**Mail to:** The American Legion National Headquarters (include pictures)  
RE: Commander of the Year Nomination  
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2021 SAL Membership Report as of: December 31, 2021

#	DETACHMENTS	2021 Mbsp. Goal	2021 Membership Needed for 105% Target	Total	% of Goal	2021 Renewal %
1	PUERTO RICO	53	-30	86	162.26%	63.79
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	701	-302	1,038	148.07%	93.72
3	HAWAII	34	-10	46	135.29%	80.00
4	ALASKA	1,431	-81	1,584	110.69%	91.19
5	NORTH CAROLINA	2,334	-121	2,572	110.20%	84.33
6	MISSISSIPPI	754	-26	818	108.49%	74.33
7	PHILIPPINES	60	-2	65	108.33%	75.90
8	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,307	10	1,362	104.21%	87.74
9	WISCONSIN	3,745	30	3,902	104.19%	88.57
10	FLORIDA	19,650	160	20,473	104.19%	87.48
11	IDAHO	580	10	599	103.28%	77.25
12	RHODE ISLAND	302	7	310	102.65%	107.60
13	IOWA	4,376	107	4,488	102.56%	89.75
14	WYOMING	1,246	34	1,274	102.25%	91.76
15	OKLAHOMA	1,321	38	1,349	102.12%	77.17
16	ARIZONA	7,491	293	7,573	101.09%	83.71
17	CONNECTICUT	1,813	80	1,824	100.61%	87.37
18	NORTH DAKOTA	871	41	874	100.34%	97.27
19	TENNESSEE	1,644	83	1,643	99.94%	80.90
20	NEBRASKA	6,863	371	6,835	99.59%	94.07
21	MONTANA	1,157	86	1,129	97.58%	85.31
22	ALABAMA	2,063	162	2,004	97.14%	75.82
23	NEW YORK	30,558	2,824	29,262	95.76%	93.50
24	DELAWARE	2,322	229	2,209	95.13%	90.47
25	OHIO	31,134	3,139	29,552	94.92%	91.24
26	KANSAS	6,691	731	6,295	94.08%	88.31
27	MICHIGAN	24,084	2,665	22,623	93.93%	90.32
28	MINNESOTA	11,749	1,319	11,017	93.77%	91.20
29	MARYLAND	16,497	1,869	15,453	93.67%	90.29
30	ILLINOIS	14,547	1,733	13,541	93.08%	87.01
31	PENNSYLVANIA	63,258	7,711	58,710	92.81%	89.60
32	NEW JERSEY	9,973	1,258	9,214	92.39%	91.03
33	MAINE	2,663	338	2,458	92.30%	93.35
34	INDIANA	39,365	5,471	35,862	91.10%	89.35
35	LOUISIANA	1,958	273	1,783	91.06%	78.89
36	VERMONT	3,951	553	3,596	91.01%	89.57
37	MASSACHUSETTS	5,593	786	5,087	90.95%	84.97
38	VIRGINIA	4,468	664	4,027	90.13%	79.28
39	CALIFORNIA	11,464	1,707	10,330	90.11%	80.11
40	GEORGIA	4,707	735	4,207	89.38%	76.95
41	FRANCE	252	43	222	88.10%	70.00
42	MISSOURI	3,706	645	3,246	87.59%	85.52
43	WEST VIRGINIA	2,602	469	2,263	86.97%	88.30
44	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,326	1,193	5,449	86.14%	86.84
45	TEXAS	6,448	1,375	5,395	83.67%	78.18
46	UTAH	589	130	488	82.85%	86.38
47	OREGON	1,609	368	1,321	82.10%	79.09
48	COLORADO	3,311	766	2,711	81.88%	83.92
49	KENTUCKY	3,252	795	2,620	80.57%	80.21
50	NEW MEXICO	1,727	454	1,359	78.69%	82.15
51	ARKANSAS	585	156	458	78.29%	79.49
52	WASHINGTON	2,686	720	2,100	78.18%	77.32
53	NEVADA	461	141	343	74.40%	71.83
54	MEXICO	41	18	25	60.98%	1300.00
55	DIST OF COL	177	98	88	49.72%	68.50
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>378,550</b>	<b>42,316</b>	<b>355,162</b>	<b>93.82%</b>	<b>88.34</b>

2021 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	34	46	135.29%
ALASKA	1,431	1,584	110.69%
PHILIPPINES	60	65	108.33%
IDAHO	580	599	103.28%
ARIZONA	7,491	7,573	101.09%
CALIFORNIA	11,464	10,330	90.11%
UTAH	589	488	82.85%
OREGON	1,609	1,321	82.10%
WASHINGTON	2,686	2,100	78.18%
NEVADA	461	343	74.40%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>26,405</b>	<b>24,449</b>	<b>92.59%</b>

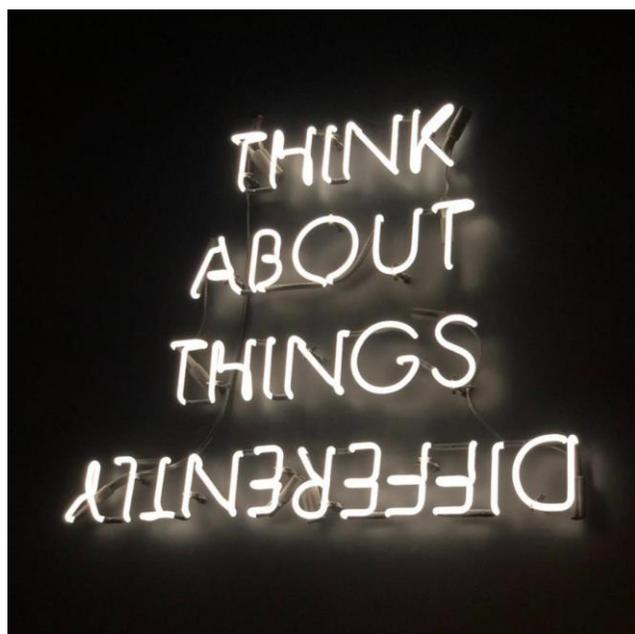
Midwest Region			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	701	1,038	148.07%
WYOMING	1,246	1,274	102.25%
OKLAHOMA	1,321	1,349	102.12%
NORTH DAKOTA	871	874	100.34%
NEBRASKA	6,863	6,835	99.59%
MONTANA	1,157	1,129	97.58%
KANSAS	6,691	6,295	94.08%
TEXAS	6,448	5,395	83.67%
COLORADO	3,311	2,711	81.88%
NEW MEXICO	1,727	1,359	78.69%
MEXICO	41	25	60.98%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>30,377</b>	<b>28,284</b>	<b>93.11%</b>

Central Region			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
WISCONSIN	3,745	3,902	104.19%
IOWA	4,376	4,488	102.56%
OHIO	31,134	29,552	94.92%
MICHIGAN	24,084	22,623	93.93%
MINNESOTA	11,749	11,017	93.77%
ILLINOIS	14,547	13,541	93.08%
INDIANA	39,365	35,862	91.10%
MISSOURI	3,706	3,246	87.59%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>132,706</b>	<b>124,231</b>	<b>93.61%</b>

Eastern Region			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
RHODE ISLAND	302	310	102.65%
CONNECTICUT	1,813	1,824	100.61%
NEW YORK	30,558	29,262	95.76%
DELAWARE	2,322	2,209	95.13%
MARYLAND	16,497	15,453	93.67%
PENNSYLVANIA	63,258	58,710	92.81%
NEW JERSEY	9,973	9,214	92.39%
MAINE	2,663	2,458	92.30%
VERMONT	3,951	3,596	91.01%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,593	5,087	90.95%
FRANCE	252	222	88.10%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,602	2,263	86.97%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,326	5,449	86.14%
DIST OF COL	177	88	49.72%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>146,287</b>	<b>136,145</b>	<b>93.07%</b>

Southern Region			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	53	86	162.26%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,334	2,572	110.20%
MISSISSIPPI	754	818	108.49%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,307	1,362	104.21%
FLORIDA	19,650	20,473	104.19%
TENNESSEE	1,644	1,643	99.94%
ALABAMA	2,063	2,004	97.14%
LOUISIANA	1,958	1,783	91.06%
VIRGINIA	4,468	4,027	90.13%
GEORGIA	4,707	4,207	89.38%
KENTUCKY	3,252	2,620	80.57%
ARKANSAS	585	458	78.29%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>42,775</b>	<b>42,053</b>	<b>98.31%</b>

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# Squadron Everlasting

## Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Coulter

May 20, 1958 - January 20, 2022

It is with profound sadness to report that Past Detachment of Ohio Commander Grant E. Martin, 2006-2007, was called to Squadron Everlasting for the Final Command on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Please keep Grant's wife Cindy, his son Bradley, and all of his family in your prayers.



BEVERLY, OH – Grant E. Martin, 59, of Beverly, Ohio died on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at Northridge Health Center in North Ridgeville, Ohio. He was

born on January 5, 1963 in King County, Washington, son of Richard A. and Jane L. Corner Martin.

He was a self-employed tax preparer for GE Martin Company. Grant graduated from Avon Lake High School. He was a longtime member of the FOE #3665 at Beverly and served as secretary and treasurer for several years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and was instrumental in the establishment of the American Legion Riders.

He was married on January 7, 1995 to Cindy Rosenkranz Martin who survives. Also surviving is a son, Bradley Martin, and his wife Jo of Lowell; a sister, Gail Borgmann of Cleveland; nephew, Scott and a niece Kayla and her husband Chris. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew Lee.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Friday, January 21, 2022 at McCurdy Funeral Home in Beverly with Steve Wainwright officiating. The burial is in the Beverly Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.mccurdyfh.com](http://www.mccurdyfh.com).



Jeffrey "Jeff" A. Coulter, 63, of Worthington, IN passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the I.U. Health Bloomington Hospital. Jeff was born in Noblesville, Indiana on May 20, 1958 to Donald Richard Coulter and Shirley Lee (Holt) Coulter. Jeff graduated from Brownstown Central High School in 1976 and was the Regional Manag-

er for Sam's Club in Terre Haute for many years. Jeff was known for volunteering; he was a 15-year member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 106, where he was the Vice-Commander, Detachment Membership Chairman, Squadron Membership Chairman, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7118 Auxiliary President. Jeff had a passion for helping Veterans and giving back to the Worthington Community.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife, Linda Joyce (Allen) Coulter whom he married on September 26, 1981, daughters, Cheryl Coulter (Doug Powell), Angela Dawn Richardson, Keelin Neshay Coulter, grandchildren, Laikyn Dawn Richardson, Morgan Alexis Richardson, Warrick Tate Richardson, Ayla Marie Powell, siblings, Debby Carrico, Doug (Vicki) Coulter, Teresa Fiscus (Jerry White), and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Richard Coulter, Greg Coulter, and brother-in-law, Kenny Carrico.

Funeral services will be 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Welch & Cornett Funeral Home, 23 South Jefferson Street, Worthington, Indiana 47471. Pastor Paul McHenry will officiate.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.welchcornett.com](http://www.welchcornett.com).



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email)  Male  Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:**

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

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## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**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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## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  Birth - 17  18 and over

Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

#### Veteran Served:

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts

#### Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- Male Spouse
- Grandmother
- Daughter
- Female Spouse
- Sister
- Granddaughter
- Mother
- Self

#### To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALA 09/2019

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_