



Round-Up

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We need your help

SAL Convention Committee seeking Convention memorabilia

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The SAL 50th Convention Committee is seeking memorabilia from past conventions in advance of this year's milestone event. All SAL members are welcome to donate or lend items to SAL Historian Bill Towns. He can be reached at docbill@neo.rr.com.

The committee is looking for:

- Pictures of PNCs both in office and after office.
- Convention activities.
- Convention badges, VIP badges, pins, and coins.
- Convention newsletters, programs, and documents.
- Any other memorabilia related to any of the past SAL national conventions.

The committee also has a special request for photos from The American Legion's 60th national convention of members posing to form the number 60.

In addition, all SAL PNCs are asked to complete a questionnaire about their term. The fillable questionnaire is available for download at this [link](#). Please return the completed questionnaire to Towns at docbill@neo.rr.com.





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Round-Up is published weekly and distributed each Sunday.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES: All submissions are to be made electronically to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com. If you need assistance, please send an email to same.

All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



February 9, 2022

AMERICAN LEGION



American Legion legislative victories and priorities for 2022

The American Legion

JAN 26, 2022

The American Legion’s Internal Affairs & Membership Division held its monthly Training Tuesday session Jan. 25 where Legislative Division staff from the Washington, D.C., office discussed American Legion legislative victories for the first session of the 117th Congress, legislative priorities for the second session, and how Legionnaires can be a voice at the local level.

Legislative Division Director Lawrence Montreuil first highlighted American Legion legislative victories for 2021 that were passed in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act.

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

The Global War on Terrorism Memorial to be built in a prominent location on the National Mall. In honor of the longest war in U.S. history and the more than 2.8 million American service-members who have been deployed abroad, the memorial will be built “in a place of prominence on the National Mall so veterans of the Global War on Terror can come and remember their service and remember those who never came home,” Montreuil said. *Resolution No. 16, 2017.*

The Protecting Moms Who Served Act aims to improve maternal health care for veterans, to include a \$15 million investment from the VA to upgrade maternity care for women veterans, and a

first-ever comprehensive report on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among pregnant and postpartum veterans that also focuses on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes for veterans. “The women veteran population is the fastest serving demographic that the VA will serve in the coming years,” Montreuil said, adding that there will be about 2.2 million women veterans by 2040. *American Legion Resolution No. 147, 2016.*

The Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans' Mental Health Act will expand access to mental health care for rural veterans. The American Legion has worked with VA to introduce a pilot program that provides telehealth sites in American Legion posts to serve rural areas, known as Project ATLAS. *American Legion Resolution No. 75, 2017.*

The American Rescue Plan, which closes the 90/10 loophole. This rule mandated for-profit schools to obtain at least 10 percent of their revenue from sources other than Title IV education funds, which are the primary source of student aid. *American Legion Resolution No. 15, 2019.*

BILLS BEING TRACKED

American Legion Washington, D.C., staff are currently tracking hundreds of veteran-related bills in the second session of the 117th Congress that The American Legion supports. The following are a few of those bills.

Citizenship for service

H.R. 1182, Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act and Senate bill **Naturalization at Training Sites Act of 2021**. Many veteran immigrants say they have been deported after discharge because they failed to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge.

Toxic exposure

H.R. 3967, Honoring Our PACT Act and **S. 3003, True COST of War**. “There is a bipartisan agreement that action will be taken in some way to ensure that those veterans during the Global War on Terrorism and the Gulf War who were exposed to toxic airborne hazards are taken care of in a more proactive manner than we did with Agent Orange,” Montreuil said. These two bills will presume a veteran of the Global War on Terror was exposed to burn pits based on geographic location and time of service, or if they have a campaign badge or the

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. “This takes a huge weight off the individual veteran when they are applying for benefits because all they have to do is take their DD-214 that lists their medals and you have presumption of exposure,” Montreuil added.

Mental health care

S. 1198, Solid Start Act will expand the VA Solid Start Program. Under this program, the VA is required to reach out three times in the first year that a servicemember is separated from the military.

S. 544, Buddy Check bill will require the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a “Buddy Check Week,” similar to the Legion’s program, as well as provide educational opportunities, materials, and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks. The language for this bill was included in a comprehensive veterans’ mental health bill called the Strong Veterans Act, which looks to be on the president’s desk by the middle to end of February, said Legislative Division Associate Olivia Babine. “The hope is that by the end of February that the Buddy Check bill will be signed into law.”

H.R. 1476, PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act will require the VA to make grants available to eligible organizations for peer support programs for veterans.

S. 2386, Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021 will expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans’ health care

H.R. 5562 and **S. 1040** bills will expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the VA to include veterans of World War II.

S. 1319, VA Quality Care Accountability and Transparency Act will require the Department of Veterans Affairs to publish and regularly update information about staffing, patient wait times, and other information regarding the quality of care it provides on its Access to Care public website.

Women veterans

H.R. 4794 and **S. 2533, Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act** would require VA to improve breast imaging services to veterans that includes a three-year pilot program to provide tele-mammography services for veterans who live in

states where VA does not offer breast imaging services.

“There is an increasing rate of many young women but particularly women veterans who are under the age of 35 who are testing positive for breast cancer as a result of toxic exposure from serving overseas on combat zones,” Babine said. “This will be an important women veteran issue that we will see for the remainder of 2022.”

Education

H.R. 1836, Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 bill “provides parity in GI Bill benefits for members of the National Guard and reserve who increasingly conduct similar training and missions as other servicemembers, but do not receive equal benefits.”

Veteran homelessness

S. 2172, Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Act will “cut the red tape” on grants provided by VA for organizations assisting veterans experiencing homelessness, as well as expand veterans’ access to critical resources that will help them from homelessness such as increased access to transportation, case management services, job training and better transitional housing for aging veterans.

“We will see a big victory in our fight against veteran homelessness if we can get this bill passed,” said John Kamin, a Legislative Division associate and grassroots coordinator.

HOW YOU CAN HELP. The American Legion’s Legislative Division uses VoterVoice as its grassroots advocacy platform for connecting American Legion members and advocates with their members of Congress. VoterVoice allows The American Legion to contact every member of Congress on large, national campaigns as well as target specific members on key committees that pertain to The American Legion’s legislative priorities. More than 30,000 Legion members and supporters have signed up to receive action alerts. [Sign up for alerts here.](#)

“The importance of our membership engaging is really the source of our power on the Hill,” Montreuil said. “Why members of Congress listen to us is because we have 1.8 million members who are veterans, and they are voters back in their district. They know we represent the voice of our Legionnaires and the voice of our veterans. So, it is imperative that when we launch some of these cam-

paigns that members of Congress are hearing from the veterans back in their district. That really is the source of the power of The American Legion is in the communities, at the grassroots.”



Feb. 6 marks 79 years of honoring four Army chaplains

The American Legion
JAN 25, 2022

Sunday, Feb. 6, will mark the 79th anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard.

The Dorchester tragically sunk on Feb. 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. As the Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

For a story about and biographies of the Four Chaplains, suggested introductory remarks, formats and music, and remarks for the candle lighting ceremony, [download The American Legion Chaplain's Handbook.](#)

American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services that pay tribute to the courageous chaplains and the brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night. The following is an example of how to conduct a Four Chaplain’s service. Additional information is available in our [Four Chaplains Day brochure](#).

Location: The service can be held at a post, fraternal hall, auditorium, church, synagogue, or chapel.

Media: Spread the word about your Four Chaplains service through local newspapers, radio and TV stations, and social media. Encourage reporters to write about the upcoming service or to do a follow-up story.

Suggested format:

- Posting of the colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- “America the Beautiful” (assembly or solo)
- Welcome
- Invocation
- Introduction of guests
- Message (focused on the Four Chaplains and sacrificial service)
- Tributes to the Four Chaplains (wreath laying or candle lighting by four clergy, one of each faith)
- “Let There Be Peace on Earth” (assembly)
- Benediction
- Retirement of colors

To symbolize the tragic sinking of the Dorchester, there can be any number of focal points for the service such as four lifejackets or four empty seats.



Dear TALMA members,

I have a couple of big announcements to share with you today.

First, the annual contest is now open through April 15 and [you can submit your entries here](#).

FEBRUARY

9

7:00 p.m. EDT

How to get information out effectively

Topics will include writing a press release/adapting one from National Headquarters, best practices for newsletters and where to use Facebook and/or a website to get information out.

ADD TO CALENDAR

Some things to remember: The contest is free, open to only members of TALMA, and the deadline is April 15. If you have not joined or renewed for this year, [please do so at this link](#).

Moving on to the virtual training sessions. Recently we sent out a survey to members asking for their feedback on the best times/days

to hold these. The member survey and a follow-up question in the private Facebook group helped us come to a consensus on the best times to hold these valuable sessions throughout the year.

The surveys found a slight preference for deeper sessions every other month, held on the second Wednesdays.

We will hold the virtual training sessions during even-numbered months. So, starting on Feb. 9, the virtual training session will cover multiple topics and run from 7-8:30 Eastern time on the second Wednesday of the even numbered months. The exception is August when TALMA will host a day-long media training workshop at national convention (and virtual, like we did in 2021).

While it may not be possible for every TALMA member to attend every session, we will continue to post the recordings afterward.

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

Sincerely,



Dave Wallace, Chairman
Media and Communications Commission



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:

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>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CWF - DONATIONS REPORT

DETACHMENT	2021 Donations (final)	2021 Membership (final)	2022 CWF Goal (final)	2022 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 4,508.00	2,004	\$ 2,004.00	\$ 1,636.00	81.6%	\$ 0.82
AK - ALASKA		1,584	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 3,050.00	192.6%	\$ 1.93
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 13,998.00	7,573	\$ 7,573.00	\$ 8,270.00	109.2%	\$ 1.09
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 623.00	458	\$ 458.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 916.00	10,330	\$ 10,330.00	\$ 601.48	5.8%	\$ 0.06
CO - COLORADO	\$ 25,897.00	2,711	\$ 2,711.00	\$ 2,100.00	77.5%	\$ 0.77
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 2,000.00	1,824	\$ 1,824.00	\$ 1,550.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 150.00	2,209	\$ 2,209.00	\$ 1,900.00	86.0%	\$ 0.86
DC - DIST OF COL		88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 61,550.00	20,473	\$ 20,473.00	\$ 6,730.00	32.9%	\$ 0.33
FR - FRANCE	\$ 300.00	222	\$ 222.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 3,733.04	4,207	\$ 4,207.00	\$ 4,950.00	117.7%	\$ 1.18
HI - HAWAII	\$ 360.00	46	\$ 46.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 61.00	599	\$ 599.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 33,953.53	13,541	\$ 13,541.00	\$ 1,630.00	12.0%	\$ 0.12
IN - INDIANA	\$ 27,291.00	35,862	\$ 35,862.00	\$ 1,455.00	4.1%	\$ 0.04
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,145.00	4,488	\$ 4,488.00	\$ 350.00	7.8%	\$ 0.08
KS - KANSAS	\$ 7,861.05	6,295	\$ 6,295.00	\$ 320.00	5.1%	\$ 0.05
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 520.00	2,620	\$ 2,620.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 850.00	1,783	\$ 1,783.00	\$ 2,957.20	165.9%	\$ 1.66
ME - MAINE		2,458	\$ 2,458.00	\$ 2,610.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 4,200.00	15,453	\$ 15,453.00	\$ 1,000.00	6.5%	\$ 0.06
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,445.00	5,087	\$ 5,087.00	\$ 299.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
MX - MEXICO		25	\$ 25.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 5,992.00	22,623	\$ 22,623.00	\$ 4,875.33	21.6%	\$ 0.22
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 4,220.00	11,017	\$ 11,017.00	\$ 4,996.57	45.4%	\$ 0.45
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,950.00	818	\$ 818.00	\$ 800.00	97.8%	\$ 0.98
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,013.00	3,246	\$ 3,246.00	\$ 782.00	24.1%	\$ 0.24
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,129	\$ 1,129.00	\$ 50.00	4.4%	\$ 0.04
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,912.00	6,835	\$ 6,835.00	\$ 5,200.00	76.1%	\$ 0.76
NV - NEVADA	\$ 500.00	343	\$ 343.00		0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 3,764.00	5,449	\$ 5,449.00	\$ 5,363.00	98.4%	\$ 0.98
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 6,717.00	9,214	\$ 9,214.00	\$ 5,101.00	55.4%	\$ 0.55
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 100.00	1,359	\$ 1,359.00	\$ 200.00	14.7%	\$ 0.15
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 400.00	29,262	\$ 29,262.00	\$ 4,620.00	15.8%	\$ 0.16
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,400.00	2,572	\$ 2,572.00	\$ 1,400.00	54.4%	\$ 0.54
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,000.00	874	\$ 874.00	\$ 1,000.00	114.4%	\$ 1.14
OH - OHIO	\$ 21,618.74	29,552	\$ 29,552.00	\$ 1,360.25	4.6%	\$ 0.05
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,349	\$ 1,349.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 7,967.00	1,321	\$ 1,321.00	\$ 2,939.33	222.5%	\$ 2.23
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 22,534.70	58,710	\$ 58,710.00	\$ 11,004.91	18.7%	\$ 0.19
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 300.00	65	\$ 65.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 191.00	86	\$ 86.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	310	\$ 310.00	\$ 350.00	112.9%	\$ 1.13
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,110.00	1,362	\$ 1,362.00	\$ 2,126.00	156.1%	\$ 1.56
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,001.00	1,038	\$ 1,038.00	\$ 904.76	87.2%	\$ 0.87
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 200.00	1,643	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 2,985.00	181.7%	\$ 1.82
TX - TEXAS	\$ 7,947.83	5,395	\$ 5,395.00	\$ 12,531.00	232.3%	\$ 2.32
UT - UTAH	\$ 505.00	488	\$ 488.00		0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 5,702.00	3,596	\$ 3,596.00	\$ 2,250.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 4,950.00	4,027	\$ 4,027.00	\$ 2,150.00	53.4%	\$ 0.53
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 50.00	2,100	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 400.00	19.0%	\$ 0.19
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 1,164.00	2,263	\$ 2,263.00	\$ 3,900.00	172.3%	\$ 1.72
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 170.00	3,902	\$ 3,902.00	\$ 460.00	11.8%	\$ 0.12
WY - WYOMING	\$ 5,600.00	1,274	\$ 1,274.00		0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ			\$ -	\$ 1,895.00		
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 317,190.89	355,162	\$ 355,162.00	\$ 121,052.83	34.1%	\$ 0.34



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Eastern Region						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 2,000.00	1,824	\$ 1,824.00	\$ 1,550.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85
DELAWARE	\$ 150.00	2,209	\$ 2,209.00	\$ 1,900.00	86.0%	\$ 0.86
DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ 300.00	222	\$ 222.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ -	2,458	\$ 2,458.00	\$ 2,610.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
MARYLAND	\$ 4,200.00	15,453	\$ 15,453.00	\$ 1,000.00	6.5%	\$ 0.06
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NEW YORK	\$ 400.00	29,262	\$ 29,262.00	\$ 4,620.00	15.8%	\$ 0.16
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 22,534.70	58,710	\$ 58,710.00	\$ 11,004.91	18.7%	\$ 0.19
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	310	\$ 310.00	\$ 350.00	112.9%	\$ 1.13
VERMONT	\$ 5,702.00	3,596	\$ 3,596.00	\$ 2,250.00	62.6%	\$ 0.63
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 1,164.00	2,283	\$ 2,283.00	\$ 3,900.00	172.3%	\$ 1.72
Total:	\$ 52,726.70	136,145	\$136,145.00	\$39,947.91	29.3%	\$ 0.29

Central Region						
ILLINOIS	\$ 33,953.53	13,541	\$ 13,541.00	\$ 1,630.00	12.0%	\$ 0.12
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Total:	\$ 97,403.27	124,231	\$124,231.00	\$15,909.15	12.8%	\$ 0.13

Western Region						
ALASKA	\$ -	1,584	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 3,050.00	192.6%	\$ 1.93
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PHILIPPINES	\$ 300.00	65	\$ 65.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 505.00	488	\$ 488.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WASHINGTON	\$ 50.00	2,100	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 400.00	19.0%	\$ 0.19
Total:	\$ 24,657.00	24,449	\$ 24,449.00	\$15,260.81	62.4%	\$ 0.62

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VIRGINIA	\$ 4,950.00	4,027	\$ 4,027.00	\$ 2,150.00	53.4%	\$ 0.53
Total:	\$ 85,585.04	42,053	\$ 42,053.00	\$ 25,734.20	61.2%	\$ 0.61

Midwest Region						
COLORADO	\$ 25,897.00	2,711	\$ 2,711.00	\$ 2,100.00	77.5%	\$ 0.77
KANSAS	\$ 7,861.05	6,295	\$ 6,295.00	\$ 320.00	5.1%	\$ 0.05
MEXICO	\$ -	25	\$ 25.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,129	\$ 1,129.00	\$ 50.00	4.4%	\$ 0.04
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,912.00	6,835	\$ 6,835.00	\$ 5,200.00	76.1%	\$ 0.76
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TEXAS	\$ 7,947.83	5,395	\$ 5,395.00	\$ 12,531.00	232.3%	\$ 2.32
WYOMING	\$ 5,600.00	1,274	\$ 1,274.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 56,818.88	28,284	\$ 28,284.00	\$ 22,305.76	78.9%	\$ 0.79

National HQ	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 1,895.00	-	\$ -
Grand Total:	\$ 317,190.89	355,162	\$ 355,162.00	\$121,052.83	34.1%	\$ 0.34

Donations listed above are as of: **JANUARY 28, 2022**
 Membership numbers listed are as of: **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Committee on Committees

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

Tim Aboudara, Sr.,

National Service Project Coordinator

As of Saturday, 181,778 flags have been placed to honor our veterans

This reminder is going to all National Vice-Commanders, Members of the SAL National Americanism Commission, Flying Flags for Heroes Detachment "Owners," and Detachment Commanders.

We will be holding our "second half of the year" Flying Flags for Heroes Kickoff and Update on Thursday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern, 7:00 p.m. Central, 6:00 p.m. Mountain, 5:00 p.m. Pacific, 4:00 p.m. Alaska, 3:00 p.m. Hawai'i. I think I covered most of the bases!

We will be discussing:

1. Where we are
2. What we need to do
3. Successes
4. Making sure we get to our one-million Flag Placement Goal

It is imperative that every Detachment is represented, and that each Detachment is prepared to share both successes and challenges.

As we've been saying since the announcement at the Convention in Phoenix, this is one of the easiest, most meaningful, and cost-effective projects we could undertake. We need to renew our commitment to make sure that Commander Fox's goal is exceeded and that FFFH becomes an ongoing service project.

Please make sure that your Detachment is represented.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Member Training and Development Committee

Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

Call in # (605) 468-8772

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Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (605) 472-5756

Access Code 7717294



Another 9,000 members since the last report. 18 Detachments already at or over the February 9 target date of 75%. The Central Region increases their lead over the South, and we are sitting at almost 71% nationally. I have one simple comment...**THANK YOU!!!**

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: January 27, 2022

#	DETACHMENTS	2022 Mbsp. Goal	2022 Membership Needed for 75% Target	Total	% of Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-19	56	114.29%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-14	80	90.91%	90.70
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-124	913	86.79%	70.93
4	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-77	764	83.41%	82.29
5	DIST OF COL	92	-6	75	81.52%	65.17
6	RHODE ISLAND	316	-17	254	80.38%	62.90
7	ALABAMA	2,020	-94	1,609	79.65%	66.90
8	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-82	1,447	79.51%	70.57
9	DELAWARE	2,229	-97	1,769	79.36%	70.52
10	VERMONT	3,576	-115	2,797	78.22%	69.55
11	WISCONSIN	3,914	-108	3,043	77.75%	71.92
12	IOWA	4,571	-71	3,499	76.55%	72.25
13	MARYLAND	15,533	-203	11,853	76.31%	70.53
14	NEBRASKA	6,959	-73	5,292	76.05%	73.38
15	LOUISIANA	1,808	-18	1,374	76.00%	70.00
16	MICHIGAN	21,985	-183	16,672	75.83%	65.14
17	MAINE	2,482	-4	1,865	75.14%	67.74
18	GEORGIA	4,316	-1	3,238	75.02%	65.36
19	FLORIDA	20,745	22	15,537	74.90%	64.50
20	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	509	43,668	74.14%	69.10
21	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	23	1,014	73.37%	64.57
22	MISSOURI	3,211	58	2,350	73.19%	65.43
23	OHIO	29,946	644	21,816	72.85%	67.77
24	MINNESOTA	11,091	239	8,079	72.84%	67.70
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	58	1,906	72.78%	60.96
26	OREGON	1,317	35	953	72.36%	61.50
27	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	146	3,660	72.13%	63.97
28	ILLINOIS	13,602	414	9,788	71.96%	67.76
29	OKLAHOMA	1,380	51	984	71.30%	62.71
30	ARKANSAS	468	23	328	70.09%	60.57
31	IDAHO	606	37	418	68.98%	59.57
32	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	136	1,501	68.76%	57.69
33	INDIANA	36,657	2,309	25,184	68.70%	64.34
34	WYOMING	1,273	88	867	68.11%	54.23
35	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	381	3,621	67.86%	61.54
36	NEVADA	334	25	226	67.66%	57.56
37	TENNESSEE	1,681	125	1,136	67.58%	51.19
38	MONTANA	1,160	90	780	67.24%	64.25
39	KANSAS	6,424	514	4,304	67.00%	62.67
40	UTAH	492	42	327	66.46%	57.06
41	CALIFORNIA	10,338	913	6,841	66.17%	57.70
42	ARIZONA	7,566	844	4,831	63.85%	53.56
43	COLORADO	2,632	301	1,673	63.56%	54.06
44	TEXAS	5,425	629	3,440	63.41%	53.90
45	NEW YORK	29,246	3,441	18,494	63.24%	58.26
46	WASHINGTON	2,086	279	1,286	61.65%	50.52
47	MEXICO	26	4	16	61.54%	52.00
48	ALASKA	1,560	215	955	61.22%	48.90
49	NEW JERSEY	9,211	1,361	5,547	60.22%	54.76
50	VIRGINIA	4,023	811	2,206	54.83%	47.64
51	MISSISSIPPI	795	163	433	54.47%	44.58
52	FRANCE	233	56	119	51.07%	50.67
53	NEW MEXICO	1,261	324	622	49.33%	37.52
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	767	1,219	46.03%	39.46
55	PHILIPPINES	66	28	22	33.33%	30.77
Grand Totals:		356,725	14,793	252,761	70.85%	64.23

FOR GENERAL DISSEMINATION

The National Membership Committee is asking for your help. We would like to assemble a booklet on why you joined the Sons of The American Legion, and if you have a personal story as to how you or your Squadron affected an individual or group through a project, fundraiser etcetera. We hope that by compiling and sharing this information, we can better focus on how to attract new members.

It is nice to be able to tell prospective members that we help veterans and their families, provide for children and are the single largest contributor to the Child Welfare Foundation (along with the many other things that we do), but those stories don't always "hit home." By addressing the success stories at a local level, what YOU did for YOUR community, we may be able to reach a larger target base of potential members.

Please take a few minutes to share a story or memory that is near and dear to your heart. Submit your story by email (or regular mail) to your Regional Membership Chairman and we will take it from there. We ask that you complete this by June 30 so we can have time before our National Convention to complete the project. Please refer to the samples below.

John Smith-Squadron 123-Anytown, USA

I joined to honor the sacrifice of my father while serving in the Army during the Korean War. While volunteering as a member of my Squadron, we raised money through a Chili Cook-off event and used the funds to purchase new flags for 28 veterans in our town, whose current flags were torn and tattered. We sent representatives from the Squadron to each home, replaced the old flags with the new and invited the veteran to our flag retirement ceremony. The post gained 13 new members that day, and the Squadron added six because of our efforts.

Mike Jones-Squadron 789-Hometown, USA

Honestly, I joined the SAL to have a place to hang out with friends and join their Riders Chapter. I never knew what an impact it would have on my life. Our squadron raised enough money to buy 300 new winter coats for the less fortunate children in our area. We were able to deliver the coats to the local schools and take some pictures with the kids. There was nothing more satisfying than seeing the joy on a child's face when they got their new coat. When the article was published in the local newspaper, our membership almost doubled.

The stories are out there...almost everyone has at least one...please share yours!!

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Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347

I will apologize up-front if the teleconference service did not allow everyone in. I have heard from at least one person they were "stuck on hold" and never transferred in. I will likely try a different platform next time (possibly Zoom).

Attendees

- Allen Watry
- Chuck Treat
- Christopher Byrd
- Tommy Vasser
- Michael Seaton

Others –

- Brandon Curry was excused
- I do know others attempted to join

Notes from the discussion:

- Convention Pin
 - Basic design is complete, will have a tie into the 50th Commemorative Coin
 - Will be working with Ken George to ensure the best contact is made at Emblem Sales, have them complete a proof then order.
 - Plan is to order 1500 pins. Each delegate will receive one free of charge, rest will be sold to try to offset the costs of the order. Will keep \$\$ reasonable. Wisconsin is honored to be hosting this convention, providing a pin for each delegate is our way of showing our appreciation.
- Fri Night Social
 - Had a nice plan/venue started, but has hit a major road block (venue is already reserved by a different group)

- Will have to “start over,” now thinking about having something much simpler. Maybe just reserving a room at a local establishment (no busing would be needed/set-up) or a Fri Night Hospitality Suite
- Discussion with the people on the call, summary is this is always a great activity to sponsor but:
 - There always seems to be a lot of other conflicting activities
 - With the 50th Commemoration Banquet on Saturday having anything that is doing to be costly (say over \$25) may not be well attended
 - Busing Costs, in general, for the 2022 Convention has become quite costly and is going to be push costs for anything not right downtown costly which did lead to a general consensus that “thinking simpler” is likely the right path forward for the Friday Night Social...will be taking that back to the Detachment of Wisconsin
- Youth Academy Event
 - Plans are being developed for the Youth Academy to visit the 128th Refueling Wing on Saturday.
 - Request has been made for Transportation, will also need to work through the logistics of permission slips and background checks
 - Also, will need to ensure this is properly coordinated with the timing of the 50th Commemorative Banquet and the general flow of the Convention.
 - Two key activities the C&Y Committee is looking to complete is a tour/presentation by the 128th and The 10 Ideals.
- Other Activities to note:
 - 50th Commemoration Committee continues to move forward with their plans which include”
 - Commemorative Coin
 - Sat afternoon Banquet
 - History Book
 - History Wall
 - The Department of Wisconsin is setting up a “Legion Family Afternoon” at the War Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon
 - This is about 6 blocks from the convention center (NE) right on Lake Michigan
 - Will have a reserved seating area and also a just show up option.
- More to come, should be a great activity for people who are staying in Milwaukee Sunday Night to attend
- Strategic Plan
 - Will complete a deeper dive and update at one of our next discussions, possibly the Spring Committee Meeting
 - Watry has shared some suggested changes based upon his experiences/learnings to date
 - Ken George has also provided his thoughts/feedback on the current version, provide some great thoughts on clarifications and adjustments
 - Michael Seaton challenged the group to continue to not limit ourselves to the current norms. Take on some new activities, come up with new ideas to enhance the Delegates experiences at Convention, and ask for funding for some of these events (but remember the budgeting process means this planning and funding request needs to start 1.5 years (or more) before the Convention.
 - Will get the “upcoming convention” section updated (Watry to take care of)

Thank you for all who did attend, also thank you to everyone who tried to attend but the system did not connect them in.

For those who did attend, please let me know if you believe there needs to be any additions/corrections/deletions to these notes. I will make the appropriate adjustments and resubmit.

Public and Media Communications Commission

Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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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>



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Access Code 464549*

On January 24, 2022, the Central Region did something that has not been done for over a year. It has been a lot of hard work, but the members of our Region stepped up, took over first place in regional membership rankings, and led the nation.

I cannot express how happy I was when I opened the email with the membership report. I was surprised, happy, excited, and proud of the accomplishments. I knew that the bullseye was not on our

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____ Birth Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____

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

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____ Department of _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____ Where? _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____

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

Email Address _____ 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. AIA 12/2013

backs, and that the other Regions would want to take the lead.

The margin was slim, only 0.56%, but it was the lead, and we took first place.

When the January 27, 2022 national membership report came out, the Central Region held first place and has a 1.4% lead over the Eastern Region, that moved up to second place.

Everyone has been looking at the target on the backs of the members of the Southern Region for a very long time. YOUR hard work has paid off and moved us, the Central Region, into the top spot. With that spot comes those bullseyes. Now we are the target, but that is ok. We will continue our hard work on the membership program here in the Central Region. Our work will not only benefit our Squadrons, Districts, and Detachments, but the Sons of The American Legion and the entire American Legion Family.

Over the next few weeks, we will have a great opportunity to renew unpaid members and to recruit new members. We will see the NFL Conference Championships, the Super Bowl, and the Daytona 500. Don't miss this great opportunity to increase our numbers, to get great men and boys involved, and to continue to honor the veteran who made us eligible. *Who's next?*

Earlier today, the Central Region held a conference call for Detachment Commanders, Vice-Commanders, Membership Chairmen, NECs, and ANECs to discuss membership, and to set up a plan for the remainder of the year.

On that call, I asked for each Detachment to hold a similar conference or video call with the District Commanders and Vice-Commanders in their Detachment, and to relay our plans.

In turn, District Commanders and Vice-Commanders will be asked to schedule a conference or video call with Squadron Commanders, Vice-Commanders, Post Commanders, and Advisors within each District to get the word out.

Detachments will report back on their progress at the February 17, 2022 Central Region conference call.

The ultimate goal of this meeting was to do what we need to do to keep the Central Region in first place,

while at the same time strengthening and growing Sons of The American Legion.

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to visit the Detachment of Ohio. It was nice to be in my home state and with the Ohio American Legion Family.

Friday night saw me join Detachment Commander Doug Hancock and other Detachment Officers in bringing greetings to The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio. Sons are always welcome with this group, and we are always honored to be able to stop in and say hello.

The next stop was on to the Detachment Executive Committee meeting, where guests were recognized, reports were presented, finances discussed, and announcements were made. After the meeting there was a meeting of the Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club, with an update being given on Saturday's Reverse Raffle. Then it was on to the hospitality event sponsored by candidates for Department of Ohio offices, where a great time was had by one and all.

On Saturday, attendees to the Midwinter Conference were greeted by Department Commander Jean Wilson and her officers. She thanked Ohio's Sons for everything they do for our veterans, and told them how valuable they are to The American Legion Family.

An update was given on the 2022 Detachment Convention in Portsmouth, and many reports were given. Highlights include:

1. Commander recapped the action of the DEC with regard to the Future Project Fund, where \$8400.00 was donated to charities including \$1,327.85 for National Commander's charity, the Veterans and Children Foundation. Other donations were made to Commander Wilson's charity, Save a Warrior, the National Emergency Fund, the Children's Miracle Network, Fisher House, Gifts for Yanks, Commander Hancock's charity H.O.O.V.E.S., and the Child Welfare Foundation.
2. Detachment Second Vice-Commander Dave Dilts conducted a raffle of a tool box and miscellaneous tools, and raised and donated \$1,432.00 to Ohio's Gifts for Yanks program.
3. Buckeye Boys State is again being held at Miami University, with an expected 1,200 participants. In Ohio, the Detachment Commander, First

Vice-Commander, Second Vice-Commander, and Chaplain each get to select on delegate to Boys State and one delegate to Girls State. Boys State is held June 12 – 12, 2022, and has requested that Sons volunteer as much as possible.

4. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Chairman PNVC Dan Sagraves discussed things going on in Ohio and that new Representatives and Deputies will need to be appointed at the Detachment Convention. He also reminded everyone about The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warrior program, and stated, "It is the best kept secret in The American Legion," asking for continued support.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton gave a passionate speech thanking Ohio Sons for their hard work. He reminded everyone of his "passion and purpose" as a member, and how he looks forward to the coming year.

Donations to various charities for the weekend totaled \$19,682.85. Congratulations on a job well done!

Following the conclusion of the Conference, a training was held to help members learn more about www.mylegion.org. Department Assistant Adjutant, Membership Coordinator, and SAL Liaison John "JD" Robinson presented for over an hour providing valuable information to members, as well as showing them how the system works. Additional training is being planned for the Detachment Convention in May.

After the training, I attended a meeting of the Dynamic Ninth District. Plans are underway for the District Convention in April.

I was also honored to be invited to attend the Department of Ohio's "Of the Year" banquet, recognizing six Ohioans who made a difference. Award Recipients were:

Educator of the Year
Kale Chevalier
Fairview Park City Schools

Child Welfare Worker of the Year
Rick Healey
Williamsburg Schools

Law Officer of the Year
Officer Geoffrey Pichert
Westerville Police Department

Firefighter of the Year
Robert Spann
Norwich Township Fire Department

Scouting Square Knot Award
Mickey Avalos

Department Commander's Appreciation Award
Lt. Steve Arnold
Berlin Township Fire Department

After a quick change of clothes, Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright, Leading Candidate Chris Carlton, and Detachment of Indiana Southern Vice-Commander and Aide to the Leading Candidate David Miller visited American Legion Don Gentile Post 532, the site of the Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club Reverse Raffle. Post Commander Bernie Brogan and Squadron Commander Rocky Searles made everyone feel at home. We had the opportunity to talk to a few of the Past Detachment Commanders who were there, and enjoyed Post 532's hospitality. Ohio's PDCs raised over \$3,000.00 at the event.

On Sunday, Detachment Officers, Leading Candidate Carlton, and I were invited on state at The American Legion Department of Ohio Midwinter Conference to bring greetings. For me, it was awesome to address Ohio Legionnaires from the same stage my father did when he was Department Commander. As did the Sons, the Ohio American Legion had a great Conference.

It was great to see all the enthusiasm over the entire weekend, with great work being done for our veterans and the children of our communities, state, and nation. Thank you for a wonderful time.

Donations to the Child Welfare Foundation in the Central Region are down this year. If you looked at the most recent CWF report, you would see that the Central Region is in last place, with only 13¢ per member. This represents 12.80% of our goal.

Nationally, Sons have raised \$121,052.83, which represents 34.10% of the goal.

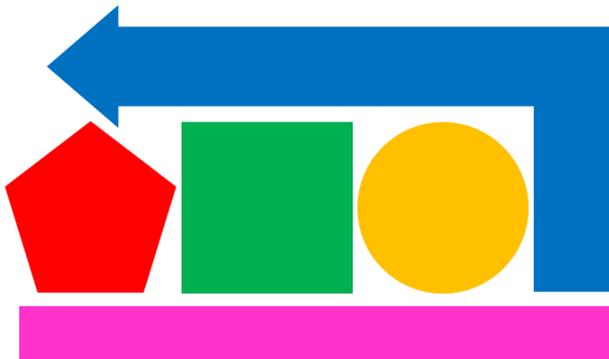
Let's make sure that if there are CWF donations out there that they get sent to National Headquarters right away.

As a reminder, Squadrons that donate at least \$1.00 per member are eligible for a CWF ribbon. The form is available [here](#), and is due by May 31, each year.

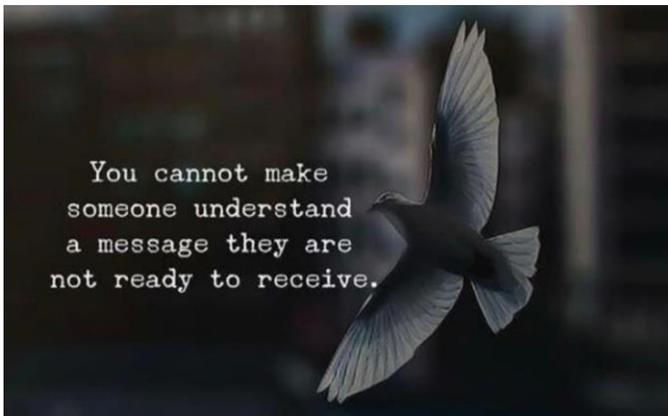
As always, if there is anything you need, please send me an email and I will do whatever I can to help.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!



Are you a Jeff? Email me.
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2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					01/27/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Central 4	124,977	90,431	34,546	72.36%	2,116
2 Eastern	136,233	96,670	39,563	70.96%	5,411
3 Southern 3, 4, 5	42,593	30,080	12,513	70.62%	219
4 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	19,655	8,853	68.95%	653
5 Western 4	24,414	15,915	8,499	65.19%	626
TOTALS	95,515	65,650	29,865	68.73%	9,025

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date N/A

Central Region - Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH)						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,914	3,043	871	77.75%	36	11
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,571	3,499	1,072	76.55%	138	12
3 Michigan 1, 5	21,985	16,672	5,313	75.83%	223	16
4 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	3,211	2,350	861	73.19%	-	22
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5	29,946	21,816	8,130	72.85%	180	23
6 Minnesota 1, 4, 5	11,091	8,079	3,012	72.84%	43	24
7 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	13,602	9,788	3,814	71.96%	935	28
8 Indiana 1	36,657	25,184	11,473	68.70%	561	33
TOTALS	124,977	90,431	34,546	72.36%	2,116	

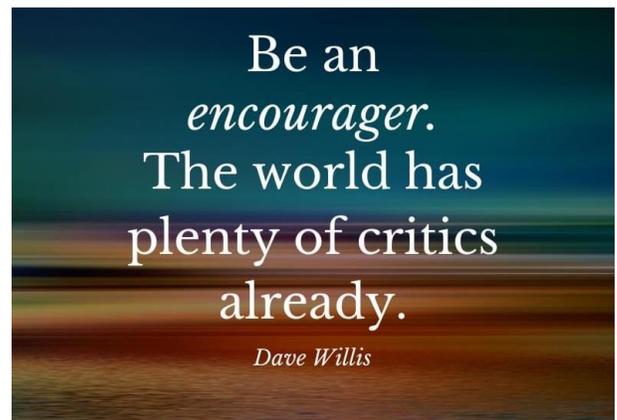
Q = Quota

- 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	3,043	871	77.75%	3.36%
Iowa	4,571	3,499	1,072	76.55%	3.87%
Missouri	3,211	2,350	861	73.19%	2.60%
TOTALS	11,696	8,892	2,804	76.03%	9.83%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	8,079	3,012	72.84%	8.93%
Illinois	13,602	9,788	3,814	71.96%	10.82%
TOTALS	13,602	9,788	3,814	71.96%	10.82%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	16,672	5,313	75.83%	18.44%
Ohio	29,946	21,816	8,130	72.85%	24.12%
Indiana	36,657	25,184	11,473	68.70%	27.85%
TOTALS	66,603	47,000	19,603	70.57%	51.97%



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.

		01/27/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	72.25%
2	Wisconsin	71.92%
3	Ohio	67.77%
4	Illinois	67.76%
5	Minnesota	67.70%
6	Missouri	65.43%
7	Michigan	65.14%
8	Indiana	64.34%
	NATIONAL	64.23%

Ohio Past Detachment Commanders offering first scholarship

The Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club is offering a scholarship to current Junior and Seniors in high school, and to first-year students enrolled in a college, university, or technical, trade, or similar school. The following criteria must be met to be considered:

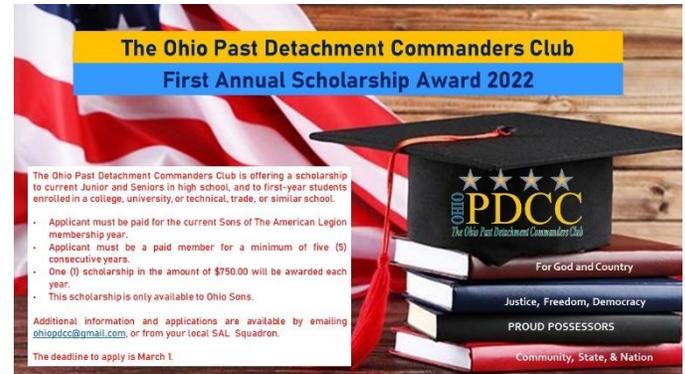
1. Applicants must complete the OPDCC Scholarship Application and the essay, "What Sons of The American Legion means to me, my family, and my community."
2. Applicant must be paid for the current Sons of The American Legion membership year.
3. Applicant must be a paid member for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years.
4. One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 will be awarded each year.
5. Scholarship will be awarded at the Detachment Convention

This is the first year that the scholarship is being offered, with plans to continue the program well into the future. PDC and National Historian Bill

Towns spearheaded the project, and helped put together the criteria and how applicants will be judged.

If you know a Son who lives in Ohio and may be eligible, please pass this information along. This scholarship is only available to Ohio Sons of The American Legion members.

For more information or to request an application, please email The Ohio Past Detachment Commanders at ohiopdccc@gmail.com.



RICHARD HUNTLEY
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EASTERN REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (605) 313-4388

Access Code 3468542#

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	75	81.52%
RHODE ISLAND	316	254	80.38%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,447	79.51%
DELAWARE	2,229	1,769	79.36%
VERMONT	3,576	2,797	78.22%
MARYLAND	15,533	11,853	76.31%
MAINE	2,482	1,865	75.14%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	43,668	74.14%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	3,660	72.13%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,501	68.76%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	3,621	67.86%
NEW YORK	29,246	18,494	63.24%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	5,547	60.22%
FRANCE	233	119	51.07%
Totals:	136,233	96,670	70.96%

as of January 27, 2022



JUAN TORRES
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MIDWEST REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

First Tuesday of Each Month

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

9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-5379

Access Code 830520

As a region we sit in 3rd place in CWF standings at \$22,305.76 which is 78.6% to our goal. Texas is still sitting at #1 in per capita donations at \$2.32. We have 3 Detachments with no donations as of yet, but I know they will come through. Thank you to all those who have sent in donations and are working to get more in. We are as a region doing a great job.

When it comes to membership we are slowly dipping. As of now our region sits at 68.95% with the 75% target date on Feb. 9, 2022. South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska have all passed the 75%. Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Montana are within reach. Kansas, Colorado, Texas, and Mexico have some work to do but I know they can do it. New Mexico, 49.33%, has a lot of work to do and I hope will join the party soon. I hope at some point they will decide to make at least one target.

Detachments we must remember that it is easier to reach our goal if we start early rather than late.

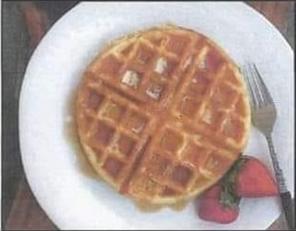
I hope you have a great week.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, February 6, 2022
 9 AM - 12 PM

\$8 DONATION 50/50 Raffle



Breakfast Special
Belgian Waffles

CDC COVID-19 Recommendations Observed

ALL ARE WELCOME
 PLEASE JOIN US &
 BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS
 FOR A GREAT DEAL

Mahopac American Legion Post 1080
 333 Buckshollow Rd.
 Mahopac, NY 10541
 (845) 621-2639

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	913	86.79%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	764	83.41%
NEBRASKA	6,959	5,292	76.05%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	984	71.30%
WYOMING	1,273	867	68.11%
MONTANA	1,160	780	67.24%
KANSAS	6,424	4,304	67.00%
COLORADO	2,632	1,673	63.56%
TEXAS	5,425	3,440	63.41%
MEXICO	26	16	61.54%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	622	49.33%
Totals:	28,508	19,655	68.95%

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	80	90.91%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,609	79.65%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,374	76.00%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,238	75.02%
FLORIDA	20,745	15,537	74.90%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,014	73.37%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	1,906	72.78%
ARKANSAS	468	328	70.09%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,136	67.58%
VIRGINIA	4,023	2,206	54.83%
MISSISSIPPI	795	433	54.47%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,219	46.03%
Totals:	42,593	30,080	70.62%

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WEST 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

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>
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 Find your local number:
<https://zoom.us/u/acGFqzEYme>

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Total	Percent
HAWAII	49	56	114.29%
OREGON	1,317	953	72.36%
IDAHO	606	418	68.98%
NEVADA	334	226	67.66%
UTAH	492	327	66.46%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	6,841	66.17%
ARIZONA	7,566	4,831	63.85%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,286	61.65%
ALASKA	1,560	955	61.22%
PHILIPPINES	66	22	33.33%
Totals:	24,414	15,915	65.19%

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2022 Individual Recruitment Award

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

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

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

This award form must be received by July 31st.

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

Recruiter Information

Name _____ Member ID# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Full Squadron Name/Number _____ Detachment _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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

New Member Information

#1 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#2 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#3 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#4 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#5 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

- East - Ernest Laberge (MA) ELaberge@OctoberCompany.com 61 Glendale Rd. Florence, MA 01062-9710
- South - Ronald Roberts (MS) RonRob31@AOL.com 120 Circular Dr. Mendenhall, MS 39114-4854
- Central - David Mennel (MI) DavidMennel@Yahoo.com 6040 Dryden Rd. Dryden, MI 48428-9764
- Midwest - Michael Kirschner (CO) MLKirschner@Comcast.net 3725 Hollybrook Ln. Pueblo, CO 81005-3256
- West - Jack Youngs (ID) xrukewelder@aol.com 3223 Salem St. Caldwell, ID 83605



MICHAEL FOX
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2021-2022



RENEW TODAY!

VRABEL





**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 (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 Everlasting

Please email information to jeffrabelsr@gmail.com to include a member.

Do you know this Son?



National Historian Bill Towns needs your help in identifying this member.

The picture is a Sons Member in a Detachment of Wisconsin Cover, Squadron 129. Written on the cow is 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The details of the photo it states:
Date 08/26/2007
Titled Reno #2 127
Taken on a Pentax Camera

Anyone who knows this Son is asked to contact Historian Towns right away at docbill@neo.rr.com.



**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):

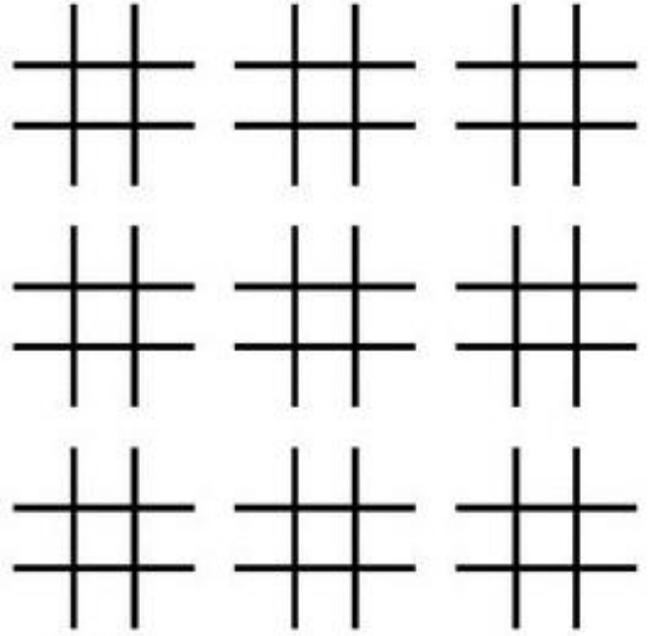
Detachment Adjutant: _____ (print name) _____ (signature)

Scan & Email: 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
c/o National SAL Liaison
700 N. Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204



I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!



Groundhog Day

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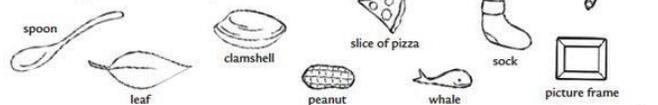
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