



Round-Up

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National Commander testifies

Dillard presses Congress on Legion's key legislative issues

[Mackenzie Wolf](#)

MAR 08, 2022

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard testified March 8 before a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. The leader of the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization (VSO) addressed lawmakers on critical issues and legislation veterans are facing.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is a stark reminder that peace is fragile, Dillard told lawmakers.

"At any time, with or without notice, military personnel may be called upon to defend freedom," he said during the testimony. "An essential purpose of The American Legion is to ensure that those personnel are not forgotten after the fighting is done." Peer support is the backbone on which The American Legion continues to fight for servicemembers and veterans, Dillard said.

Throughout various war eras The American Legion has led campaigns to ensure that servicemembers exposed to toxins receive the proper benefits. Those battles include fighting for government accountability to servicemembers exposed to dangerous toxins while in uniform, securing health-care benefits for bomb-test veterans who were exposed to atomic radiation and proving Agent Orange poisoned tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans.

Now The American Legion is fighting for Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism veterans who were exposed to toxic fumes of burn pits in the Middle East.

Dillard called for Congress to take a three-pronged approach in his testimony:

- Concede that exposure occurred to all veterans deployed to identified locations during the Gulf War and the Global War on Terror.
- Establish a list of presumptive illnesses associated with exposure to burn pits and other toxic hazards where scientific evidence exists.
- Create a framework for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish additional presumptive illnesses when scientific evidence shows an association.

"Veterans who are suffering now cannot wait decades to receive the care they need and rightfully deserve," he said. "Whether a veteran was exposed to toxins in the jungles of Vietnam or a combat outpost in Iraq, we in The American Legion all stand as peers who have been down this road before and know the government can do better to accept responsibility and help these veterans as they confront illnesses caused by preventable exposures."

On March 3, Congress again took action on one of The American Legion's legislative priorities when the House of Representatives passed the [Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021](#) – also known as the *Honoring Our PACT Act*.

Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (HVAC) Mark Takano, D-Calif., applauded the work of the VSOs for their efforts during the first session of the 117th Congress. Notably, the passing of the Deborah Sampson Act and the Blue Water Navy Veterans Act were signed into law. The American Legion lobbied strongly for both pieces of legislation.

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Improve care for women veterans

By Paul E. Dillard, National Commander

MAR 07, 2022

Improved health care for women veterans is a legislative priority for The American Legion.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, women are the fastest-growing demographic in the military and veteran community. The number of women veterans is projected to be approximately 2.2 million in 2046. With this, VA must plan now to account for these demographic shifts and ensure that women veterans are provided high-quality care and resources.

An American Legion legislative victory for the first session of the 117th Congress was the passing of the Protecting Moms Who Served Act, which aims to improve maternal health care for veterans.

It is equally important to simultaneously oversee current programs and the implementation of past legislation impacting women veterans while also advocating for new legislation which fills the gaps remaining. This means improving mammography services (Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options – MAMMO – for Veterans Act, S. 2533/H.R. 4794), mitigating the cost of contraceptive care, increasing access to child-care services and newborn care at VA medical centers, and studying the need for women-specific drug and alcohol dependency rehabilitation programs (H.R. 344, Women Veterans TRUST Act), as well as others.

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Other gender-specific difficulties include women veterans being more likely to experience mental health issues and military sexual trauma, as well as chronic pain management and musculoskeletal condition treatment. To address these problems and barriers to care, VA must have care models and standards that are gender-specific and culturally competent.

A veteran is a veteran, so let's stand ready to care for and meet the needs of our women veterans and recognize the sacrifices they have made by improving their care.

Legion legal matters

The American Legion
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American Legion National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey spoke about the use of the Legion emblem, and other important legal matters, during the February American Legion Training Tuesday session.

Here are the highlights:



Legion emblem. The use of the emblem or brand mark by an individual Legionnaire is limited to the wearing of the official insignia and to the possession of authorized jewelry or merchandise bearing the insignia. Posts are confined to

using the emblem or brand mark, or reproduction of the emblem or brand mark, on stationery, post publications, notices, posters, or place cards, or matters of similar character used in the ordinary routine and conduct of legitimate post business. Any other use of the name "The American Legion" or the emblem/brand mark shall be subject to the approval of the national adjutant.

For frequently asked questions about the emblem, please visit www.legion.org/emblem.

If you have something specially made with The American Legion emblem that wasn't made through Emblem Sales and wasn't approved by the national adjutant, there are some legal ramifications, Seavey said.

The name, brand mark, and emblems of The American Legion are registered service marks in the U.S. Trademark Office and protected by criminal and civil provisions of federal law (18 U.S.C.S 705 and 36 U.S.C.SS 21704 and 21705).

"What this says is that it's illegal to manufacture the emblem of a veteran service organization without the written consent of that organization," Seavey said.

For example, if you have 500 T-shirts made by a local company for your post to sell (without national consent), "that manufacturer isn't going to probably know that what they're doing is violating criminal law," Seavey added. "Because they're manufacturing something with the trademark of The American Legion on it. This is serious and we don't want that to happen."

American Legion Emblem Sales will work with you to produce the product that you are requesting. That way, the use of the Legion emblem complies. However, to request limited licensed use of the name, brand mark and/or emblem(s) of The American Legion for merchandise, please complete the form at www.legion.org/emblem/request.

American Legion structure. National, department and post are separate and autonomous. An example Seavey shared is that if a department held an event where members went skydiving and someone was injured, that is not the fault of national.

Post suspensions. Seavey highly recommends reading the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Revocation, Cancellation or Suspension of Post Charters that's located in the Officer's Guide at www.legion.org/publications under Internal Affairs. "You need to make sure all of the provisions within the Uniform Code are followed," Seavey said. Same is true with department suspensions. Seavey referenced why knowing the Uniform Code is important.

"A department commander can't just walk in (to a post) and decide that he doesn't like the meal being served at a post that night and fire everyone. The post elects their officers. That is post business," Seavey said. "A department commander is only authorized to do those things that are authorized by the department constitution and bylaws. We see a lot of time where people think they have the power, but they don't. So, I'm going to ask you to show me where you're authorized to take this action that you want to do. Is the action you want to take authorized by the national constitution, is it authorized by the department constitution, is it authorized by the post constitution?"

Discipline. A question Seavey receives often is the process by which discipline is handled in The

American Legion. “With this, I go back to the question of, ‘Do you have the authority to do what you want to do?’” He encourages Legionnaires to read the Practice and Procedure in Expulsion or Suspension of a Member of The American Legion in the Officer’s Guide. “The only body that is authorized to throw anyone out of The American Legion is that post itself with one minor exception. If you have a post commander who may be doing something illegal (theft or embezzlement) and is a detriment to the brand, the department can act to take that person out of their official position.”

If a post member feels the post is violating its by-laws, first step is to take it to the post (executive committee). “If nothing is done, and others agree with you, take it to the department (judge advocate or district officers),” Seavey said. “But still make sure you follow the Uniform Code steps.”

Listen to the Training Tuesday session with National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey at www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays.

Celebrate American Legion Children & Youth Month

The American Legion
MAR 07, 2022

The American Legion observes April as Children & Youth Month. Departments, Posts, Units, and Squadrons are encouraged to promote a Children & Youth program or conduct an activity in April that informs the community of The American Legion’s work on behalf of young people.

Download the April Is Children & Youth Month brochure at www.legion.org/publications for activity suggestions along with a sample proclamation and news release.

The following are a few of the many ways The American Legion is caring for our nation’s children and youth.

American Legion Legacy Scholarship. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is awarded to children of post-9/11 veterans who were either killed on active duty or who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. Scholarship applications for the 2022 year are available now and due April 15. Learn more at www.legion.org/scholarships.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). The TFA program provides grants to help veterans and America Legion members with minor children in the home who may be experiencing a financial hardship. Learn more at www.legion.org/financialassistance.

Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). CWF provides grants to nonprofits for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children. Learn more at www.legion.org/cwf. A great resource for planning and conducting Children & Youth programs is the Children & Youth Department Chairman Program Guide.

Download it at www.legion.org/publications.



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

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:

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: 808 417

Online Meeting ID:

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

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 826 1257 1196

Passcode: bJDV9V

Watch the National Children & Youth
Academy promo video [HERE](#)

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, 186,227 flags
have been placed and reported
to honor our veterans**

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Fourth Thursday of each month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-6050

Access Code: 344590

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

First Thursday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (267) 807-9601

Access Code 988 284 103#

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#

Sons of the American Legion training opportunities

Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman

SAL Member Training & Development Committee

March 9, 2022



The Member Training and Development Committee of the Sons of The American Legion has been working very hard. The committee conducted an SAL Commanders Training class during the 2021 Fall Meetings, and since then they have not slowed down.

Both the National Vice-Commanders Training class and the National Management Institute 1-3 have been updated, while a National Executive Committee class is being developed and will be held during the 2022 SAL Fall Meetings. And the committee just passed a resolution to replace the National Management Institute with a training class that will mirror the National American Legion College.

One of my goals as chairman is to bring the training of the SAL more in line with The American Legion, and I believe this is one of the first steps in the process. National Management Institute will still happen in 2022; individuals taking NMI-1 will see the program through to graduation of NMI-3.

The class is intended to prepare squadron officers for possible futures in a detachment office or for an appointment to an SAL national committee or commission. It provides the skills needed to speak in front of an audience and covers how to conduct yourself in effective ways to get your message across to the American Legion Family. This training option is vital for SAL members who may be

uncomfortable or inexperienced with public speaking.

I encourage anyone to reach out to me at mikemonserud@gmail.com for assistance in obtaining SAL training materials.

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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



**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**
 MARCH 11, 2022

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS
FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT
SUBJECT: 80% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

“ CONGRATULATIONS ”

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 80% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (3-09-2022) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: **356,725**
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: **299,945**
 PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: **84.08%**
 RENEWAL PERCENTAGE: **75.44%**
 DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: **39**

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	MASSACHUSETTS	NEW JERSEY	PUERTO RICO	WASHINGTON
ALASKA	HAWAII	MEXICO	NEW YORK	RHODE ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA
ARIZONA	ILLINOIS	MICHIGAN	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN
CONNECTICUT	IOWA	MINNESOTA	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	WYOMING
DELAWARE	LOUISIANA	MISSOURI	OHIO	TENNESSEE	
DIST OF COL	MAINE	NEBRASKA	OREGON	VERMONT	
FLORIDA	MARYLAND	NEW HAMPSHIRE	PENNSYLVANIA	VIRGINIA	

GREAT JOB!!

THE REMAINING DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: **APRIL 22, 2022** (3RD OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **APRIL 13, 2022** (90%)

RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS
MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY



Congratulations to all 5 Regions for hitting the 80% target, and to the 39 Detachments that have done the same!

Regardless of who is in first place, when we continue to retain, reinstate, and recruit members for the Sons of The American Legion, the winners are our veterans, their families, and the youth of America.

PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE...YES WE ARE!!!!

2022 SAL 80% Target Date Report as of: March 9, 2022

#	Detachment	2022 Det. Year End Goal	Needed to Meet 80% Target 3/9/2022	2022 Actual Mbsp.	% of Year End Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	HAWAII	49	-17	56	114.29%	100.00
2	MEXICO	26	-8	29	111.54%	64.00
3	PUERTO RICO	88	-23	93	105.68%	104.65
4	DIST OF COL	92	-21	95	103.26%	80.90
5	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-228	1,070	101.71%	76.71
6	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-167	900	98.25%	91.41
7	RHODE ISLAND	316	-36	289	91.46%	70.32
8	DELAWARE	2,229	-249	2,032	91.16%	80.05
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-2,407	19,995	90.95%	78.01
10	IOWA	4,571	-458	4,115	90.02%	83.56
11	VERMONT	3,576	-348	3,209	89.74%	79.35
12	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-429	4,488	88.45%	77.83
13	WISCONSIN	3,914	-318	3,449	88.12%	80.73
14	MARYLAND	15,533	-1,238	13,664	87.97%	80.63
15	OREGON	1,317	-104	1,158	87.93%	73.60
16	TENNESSEE	1,681	-133	1,478	87.92%	68.83
17	NEBRASKA	6,959	-537	6,104	87.71%	83.92
18	ALABAMA	2,020	-135	1,751	86.68%	71.61
19	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	-3,748	50,870	86.36%	79.76
20	MAINE	2,482	-150	2,136	86.06%	77.71
21	CONNECTICUT	1,820	-108	1,564	85.93%	75.63
22	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-142	2,237	85.41%	69.90
23	OHIO	29,946	-1,561	25,518	85.21%	78.80
24	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-68	1,174	84.95%	72.90
25	WYOMING	1,273	-60	1,078	84.68%	67.61
26	FLORIDA	20,745	-950	17,546	84.58%	71.60
27	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	-242	4,511	84.54%	75.53
28	NEW YORK	29,246	-1,304	24,701	84.46%	76.43
29	GEORGIA	4,316	-172	3,625	83.99%	72.10
30	WASHINGTON	2,086	-70	1,739	83.37%	65.91
31	VIRGINIA	4,023	-134	3,352	83.32%	72.29
32	MINNESOTA	11,091	-293	9,166	82.64%	75.76
33	ILLINOIS	13,602	-287	11,169	82.11%	76.43
34	LOUISIANA	1,808	-32	1,478	81.75%	74.58
35	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-34	1,780	81.54%	68.42
36	NEW JERSEY	9,211	-56	7,425	80.61%	72.68
37	MISSOURI	3,211	-16	2,585	80.50%	70.90
38	ARIZONA	7,566	-36	6,089	80.48%	66.14
39	ALASKA	1,560	-5	1,253	80.32%	63.29
40	OKLAHOMA	1,380	10	1,094	79.28%	68.07
41	CALIFORNIA	10,338	87	8,183	79.15%	68.75
42	NEW MEXICO	1,261	14	995	78.91%	60.57
43	INDIANA	36,657	424	28,902	78.84%	73.48
44	ARKANSAS	468	9	365	77.99%	66.01
45	KANSAS	6,424	222	4,917	76.54%	70.85
46	MONTANA	1,160	43	885	76.29%	72.70
47	COLORADO	2,632	108	1,998	75.91%	65.00
48	IDAHO	606	29	456	75.25%	64.68
49	MISSISSIPPI	795	38	598	75.22%	54.87
50	UTAH	492	25	369	75.00%	64.69
51	NEVADA	334	18	249	74.55%	63.95
52	TEXAS	5,425	310	4,030	74.29%	62.53
53	PHILIPPINES	66	5	48	72.73%	70.77
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	366	1,752	66.16%	56.03
55	FRANCE	233	53	133	57.08%	56.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	-14,565	299,945	84.08%	75.44

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman
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 Meetings held as necessary
 Call in # (857) 2320159
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We must continue to reach out to our delinquent members and see what we can do to get them renewed.

We may need to try new ways of reaching these members. Maybe inviting all delinquent members to a special function would work. Maybe it's stopping by the house for a quick chat. Whatever you try, try. We need these members to continue to be part of our organization. Remind them that they honor the veteran who made them eligible with their membership. Ask them what the Squadron can do to help.

This week will be a busy one. We will celebrate The American Legion's birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and National Commander Michael Fox' Homecoming. There are also various Commission, Committee, and Regional conference calls scheduled.

With this in mind, I have decided to cancel this month's Central Region conference call. We will meet again on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern.

Please spread the word throughout your Detachment and to National Commission and Committee Chairmen and members of this change.

Take the next few weeks and work our membership program, work to increase our donations to the Child Welfare Foundation and the Veterans and Childrens Foundation, and enjoy friendship and camaraderie with The American Legion Family.

Should the need arise, a special meeting will be called.

This is the time of year when Squadrons and Districts will be electing Officers for the coming year. Make sure that Officer Certification Forms, Squadron Data Reports, and Consolidated Squadron Reports get submitted right away. These forms are valuable to Sons of The American Legion, and are mandated to be completed and submitted. Do your part and complete this paperwork. If you need help with the forms, please do not hesitate to contact your District or Detachment for help. You can also contact me, and I will do what I can. Remember, these forms must be completed each year, and once you get the hang of it, it becomes easier and easier. Please make this a priority.

Squadrons and Posts across the country should be planning Memorial Day ceremonies and graves decoration as well. When planning, remember our National Service Project, Flying Flags For Heroes. When placing flags cemeteries, please take pictures and upload them, along with the number of flags placed, to the FFFH website, www.flyingflagsforheroes.com. With your help, we will reach National Commander Fox's goal of placing 1,000,000 flags on the graves of our nations heroes. We have a lot of work to do to reach this goal, but with your help, it will be accomplished.

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.

		03/09/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	83.56%
2	Wisconsin	80.73%
3	Ohio	78.80%
4	Michigan	78.01%
5	Illinois	76.43%
6	Minnesota	75.76%
7	Indiana	73.48%
8	Missouri	70.90%
	NATIONAL	75.44%



2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					03/09/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Eastern 6, 7	136,233	116,897	19,336	85.81%	1,227
2 Central 4, 6	124,977	104,899	20,078	83.93%	733
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	35,449	7,144	83.23%	499
4 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	23,100	5,408	81.03%	251
5 Western 4	24,414	19,600	4,814	80.28%	198
TOTALS	356,725	299,945	56,780	84.08%	2,908

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 Michigan 1, 5, 6, 7	21,985	19,995	1,990	90.95%	256	9
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,571	4,115	456	90.02%	62	10
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,914	3,449	465	88.12%	5	13
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	25,518	4,428	85.21%	144	23
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	9,166	1,925	82.64%	23	32
6 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	11,169	2,433	82.11%	164	33
7 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,585	626	80.50%	22	37
8 Indiana 1	36,657	28,902	7,755	78.84%	57	43
TOTALS	102,992	84,904	20,078	82.44%	733	

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% - DATE REVISED TO 02/16/22

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
Iowa	4,571	4,115	456	90.02%	4.85%
Wisconsin	3,914	3,449	465	88.12%	4.06%
Missouri	3,211	2,585	2,405	80.50%	3.04%
TOTALS	7,125	6,034	2,870	84.69%	7.11%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	9,166	1,925	82.64%	10.80%
Illinois	13,602	11,169	2,433	82.11%	13.15%
TOTALS	13,602	11,169	2,433	82.11%	13.15%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	19,995	1,990	90.95%	23.55%
Ohio	29,946	25,518	4,428	85.21%	30.06%
Indiana	36,657	28,902	7,755	78.84%	34.04%
TOTALS	66,603	54,420	12,183	81.71%	64.10%

Birmingham-Troy SAL Squadron #14 Raffle

Drawing April 15, 2022 – 8:00 PM

Tickets - \$5.00 each

License # - R63116



- 1st Prize – Blackstone 36” Grill
- 2nd Prize - \$100.00 Meat Gift Certificate
- 3rd Prize - \$50.00 Meat Gift Certificate

1340 W. Maple Rd., Troy, MI
For tickets please bartender at club
or Sandy Lipman

2022 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION GOLF OUTING TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS AND POST 11 AMERICAN LEGION



PUMPKIN VINE GOLF COURSE
SATURDAY JUNE 25TH
8AM SHOTGUN START

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
PLAYER 2: _____
PLAYER 3: _____
PLAYER 4: _____

4 PERSON BEST BALL FORMAT CASH PROXIMITY PRIZES

-\$70 PER PLAYER INCLUDES GOLF, LUNCH ON THE COURSE AND DINNER AFTER THE ROUND AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 11.
-CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO S.A.L.-
DROP OFF OR MAIL TO AMERICAN LEGION, 279 CANAL ST, LANCASTER, OH 43130
-HOLE SPONSORS AVAILABLE FOR \$50.
INCLUDES CUSTOM SIGN ON COURSE WITH COMPANY INFO OR LOGO.

Ohio Sons Visit Maryland Post

Diner Staff and Member Dorothy Hopfer, and Squadron 26 Commander Lewis Truax showing American Legion Hospitality giving National Legislative Commission member Bernie Kessler, National Historian Bill Towns, and Detachment Commander Doug Hancock, all of Ohio, a tour around Webster B. Harrison Post 26 in Hancock Maryland. A highly recommended stopping point for food and Legion Milk when in the area.




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#

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	95	103.26%
RHODE ISLAND	316	289	91.46%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,032	91.16%
VERMONT	3,576	3,209	89.74%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	4,488	88.45%
MARYLAND	15,533	13,664	87.97%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	50,870	86.36%
MAINE	2,482	2,136	86.06%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,564	85.93%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	4,511	84.54%
NEW YORK	29,246	24,701	84.46%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,780	81.54%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	7,425	80.61%
FRANCE	233	133	57.08%
Totals:	136,233	116,897	85.81%

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**S.A.L. 321
BREAKFAST**

March 20th, 2022
8am – 12pm

Easter Bunny 9am-12pm, Get your pictures!!

Choice of eggs or pancakes
Choice of bacon or sausage links
Home fries, toast, juice, and coffee included

All for \$10.00
Kids 10 and under \$5.00

American Legion Post #321
524 Front St.
Union Beach, NJ 07735

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Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
MEXICO	26	29	111.54%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,070	101.71%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	900	98.25%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,104	87.71%
WYOMING	1,273	1,078	84.68%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,094	79.28%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	995	78.91%
KANSAS	6,424	4,917	76.54%
MONTANA	1,160	885	76.29%
COLORADO	2,632	1,998	75.91%
TEXAS	5,425	4,030	74.29%
Totals:	28,508	23,100	81.03%

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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

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

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

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	93	105.68%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,478	87.92%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,751	86.68%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,237	85.41%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,174	84.95%
FLORIDA	20,745	17,546	84.58%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,625	83.99%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,352	83.32%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,478	81.75%
ARKANSAS	468	365	77.99%
MISSISSIPPI	795	598	75.22%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,752	66.16%
Totals:	42,593	35,449	83.23%

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Sons of the American Legion golf tourney will benefit Child Welfare Foundation

By [Staff Report](#)
March 7, 2022

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 will be sponsoring a charity golf tournament Saturday, May 14 at the Harbor Hills Country Club to benefit the Child Welfare Foundation, an American Legion charity to benefit children in need.

The event will be an 8:15 a.m. shotgun scramble and will conclude with a luncheon and prizes awarded at the American Legion Post 347 Hall in Lady Lake. The cost is \$75 per player; players or teams may register by sending check(s) along with a list of the players with phone numbers to:

Sons of the American Legion
P.O. Box 1534
Lady Lake FL 32158

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887

Passcode: 795541

Find your local number:

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

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
HAWAII	49	56	114.29%
OREGON	1,317	1,158	87.93%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,739	83.37%
ARIZONA	7,566	6,089	80.48%
ALASKA	1,560	1,253	80.32%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	8,183	79.15%
IDAHO	606	456	75.25%
UTAH	492	369	75.00%
NEVADA	334	249	74.55%
PHILIPPINES	66	48	72.73%
Totals:	24,414	19,600	80.28%

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MICHAEL FOX NATIONAL COMMANDER 2021-2022



Squadron Everlasting

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

The American Legion 100 Miles for Hope

GET REGISTERED

[Register at Emblem Sales](#)

For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive a men's, women's, or child's tech shirt. All proceeds will go to the Veterans & Children Foundation (V&CF). There is also an option to register and decline a shirt. Upon conclusion of their 100 miles, participants will be able to [download a certificate of achievement](#) that they can print, display and share on social media.

TRACK YOUR MILES

This year, 100 Miles for Hope has two options for tracking miles regardless of your activity. Walking, cycling, rowing, running, rucking, canoeing, riding a motorcycle — and many other activities all count.

[Click here to set up your activity tracker](#)

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The first two annual events contributed more than a half million dollars to the Veterans & Children Foundation. American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard is challenging participants to raise \$450,000 during the third annual 100 Miles for Hope event. In addition to registration fees, participants can support disabled veterans and military families by encouraging family members and friends to support their journeys with a kind donation.

[Click here to set up your fundraising portal](#)

The V&CF funds the training and education of 3,000 accredited American Legion service officers and provides grants for military families who are facing financial distress.

[Learn more about The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation](#)



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“I want to personally thank the VSO community for the tremendous help you’ve provided during this legislative process,” Takano said. “The work is not over, but I was encouraged to see 42 VSOs send a very strong letter to the House leadership supporting the PACT Act.

“We have big goals,” Takano added. “But I know that with your support and insight here today — along with the support of the administration — we will be able to deliver on them and fulfill the promises we’ve made to the nation’s veterans.”

Suicide prevention continues to remain at the top of The American Legion’s priorities. The organization has led from the front in these efforts by implementing year-round Buddy Checks conducted by American Legion posts and members.

The Buddy Check program is one of the best examples there is of peer support, Dillard said. Since its spring 2019 launch, The American Legion's Buddy Check program has assisted approximately a half million veterans through outreach services performed by more than 3,600 Legion posts in 2020 and 3,800 in 2021. Some veterans needed food, medicine or help in the home, said Dillard, but many were simply happy to hear another veteran's voice during hard times.

"Isolation is no friend to the veteran who may be confronting post-traumatic stress disorder, possibly at risk of suicide – and in need of connection with others who understand," he told the committees. "That is why we strongly support the expansion of Buddy Check into a national week of outreach by VA.

"A National Buddy Check Week can help bridge the gap between veterans in need and VA services to help them."

Recent surveys have shown that over 60% of veterans who die by suicide lacked consistent contact with VA and 40% were unaware they were eligible for VA mental health services.

"That is why we also strongly support the attachment of trained, peer-support specialists to posts of The American Legion and other veterans organizations around the country," Dillard added.

Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., applauded the Senate passing bipartisan legislation that she and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, sponsored together to build on suicide prevention efforts by directing VA to designate a ["National Buddy Check Week."](#)

American Legion peer support extends to immigrant veterans. Military service has opened a reliable pathway to U.S. citizenship. More than 760,000 immigrants have become naturalized U.S. citizens since the nation's inception through serving this nation. However, said Dillard, this pathway has become obstructed as citizenship assistance programs have disappeared from military bases.

"U.S. veterans from other nations are serving honorably – and then discharging as resident alien non-citizens," he said. "They come out confused. Why did their service did not bring them citizenship, let alone expedited citizenship they believe was promised to them?"

In the worst cases, they are deported and disconnected from the VA benefits they earned.

Dillard thanked Takano for his leadership on behalf of veterans who served honorably but were later deported because obtaining U.S. citizenship was next to impossible for them while they were in service.

"The American Legion proudly supports the Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act that addresses naturalization during service and protects non-citizen veterans and their families from unwarranted deportation," said Dillard.

Peer support drives much of The American Legion's agenda, Dillard continued.

Improving VA health-care services for women, fighting for GI Bill education benefits for reserve and National Guard veterans, advocating for better quality of life for military personnel as stories of the deplorable living conditions at the barracks of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center came to light, and demanding that U.S. Coast Guard personnel are protected from pay interruptions in the event of government shutdowns are just some of the ways in which The American Legion continues to fight for veterans.

"Today – as U.S. troops deploy to eastern Europe to defend our allies in case the war expands – history reminds us again that we never know when – or with what notice – men and women will be called upon to fight.

"How we treat them now – and in the years ahead, when the effects of their sacrifices are upon them – is certain to be more than a matter of compassion – but one of national security as well," said Dillard. As the largest ground war since World War II rages on European soil, it is disheartening to know that there are WWII veterans alive today that still do not have access to VA health care, Dillard said.

"The American Legion is fighting to correct this lapse with legislation pending in Congress. Our World War II veterans halted the spread of tyranny, securing our democracy for generations to come."

Fewer than 240,000 WWII veterans remain, and hundreds pass away every day, he added.

"Time is running out for these veterans."

SVAC Chairman Jon Tester, D-Mont., highlighted issues currently being seen in VA's caregiver program as a result of the department narrowing eligibility.

“I am disturbed by reports that veterans and caregivers ... are being rejected at very high rates,” he said. “What is your membership experiencing with the caregiver program and the application and appeals process?”

American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Chairman Ralph Bozella told lawmakers that they are finding that caregivers who apply for those claims are being rejected at a rate of 86% to 87%.

“We don’t know why those caregivers cannot appeal those claims through the VBA system,” he said. “That needs to be fixed. We have to care for those who care for our veterans.”

SVAC Ranking Member Jerry Moran, R-Kan., highlighted the installment of a Project ATLAS pod at American Legion Post 5 in Emporia, Kan. This is the newest test site for the initiative involving The American Legion, VA, and Phillips.

“Anything we can do to help support our veterans, especially in mental health care during this time, we are happy to be involved with,” said American Legion Director of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Katie Purswell. “The Kansas pod is now complete,” she added, noting they hope to begin seeing patients immediately.

“It’s critical things like the ATLAS pod go through because there are rural veterans and veterans who have trouble with access to internet to be able to go to their appointments,” Purswell said. “It’s vitally important that this pilot succeeds. We need to have more pods like this in other rural communities.”

Takano praised The American Legion for its support of veterans.

“You are a very special voice,” he told The American Legion panel. “Your voice is instrumental and essential in moving the Capitol to do the right thing and to keep our promises.”



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT
(please print)

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadion No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____

Address _____ 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 _____ Where? _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____

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

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

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ 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.

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