



Round-Up

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100 Miles for Hope

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For God and Country

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March 28, 2022

Honor our fathers, grandfathers one step at a time

The 100 Miles for Hope campaign is a way that we can give back, improve our wellbeing, and drive resources to help veterans and military families.

Dear Sons of The American Legion,

The third annual 100 Miles for Hope campaign is underway, and I hope you're registered. If not, [sign up at Emblem Sales](#) today. The campaign is an excellent way to improve your own fitness and wellbeing while also honoring our fathers and grandfathers.

This is an important way to actively participate in supporting our veterans and military families. Remember why you joined the SAL: to show your support and appreciation for your father's service, and/or your grandfather's service. The proceeds of the 100 Miles for Hope campaign go to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (V&CF). Those funds in turn provide training, education and resources to support 3,000 accredited American Legion service officers, and provide aid to military families with minor children at home who are facing financial struggles through no fault of their own.

By helping raise donations for V&CF through the 100 Miles for Hope campaign, we can help ensure that veterans like our fathers, our grandfathers and their comrades receive the benefits they earned for serving our country. For more information, please go to Legion.org/100Miles. There is no limit to the amount of good we can do.

We are the Sons of The American Legion. We are #SALSTRONG.

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

P.S. Congratulations to the 39 detachments that reached the 80 percent membership goal by the March 9 deadline. The 90 percent deadline is April 13; 10 detachments had already reached that mark by March 14. Kudos! With spring (and nicer weather) right around the corner, let's get out there and invite members back to the post and get them involved.

Yours in Service,

Michael Fox
National Commander
Sons of The American Legion
"Leadership through action, not through position"



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All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

AMERICAN LEGION



Don't accept it as the 'Forgotten War'

MAR 30, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

The Korean War can never be forgotten. It was the portal to a changed global reality – deterrence of communist aggression with a new hitch, the threat of atomic weapons. And yet, it was a war fought largely on the ground, in the air and at sea. It was also the first major military conflict for the U.S. Air Force and for head-to-head jet combat.

Those who served there almost universally describe the extremes of bitter cold, miserable heat, inadequate equipment, outdated weapons, and poor provisions. And yet, through sheer determination, Americans succeeded in pushing back the invading enemy.

The Korean War struck at a time of American prosperity, spurred by the GI Bill and the post-World War II baby boom. Suburban barbecues, however, would have to wait for those who went to the peninsula to drive communist forces back across the 38th Parallel after their 1950 invasion.

The American Legion has had upwards of 1 million members who served in the Korean War over the decades. The number who are active and paid up for 2022, however, has dropped to 168,556.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



April 13, 2022

We owe it to future generations to collect, preserve and share their stories while firsthand accounts are still available.

The American Legion Media & Communications Commission is calling for submissions to [its Legiontown website](#). To share yours, visit [Legiontown.org](#) and select the category MY KOREAN WAR STORY to contribute.

Selections from those submissions will be used in an upcoming special issue of *The American Legion Magazine* as well as the national website at [legion.org](#). The project seeks stories of post namesakes, members, families, community remembrances, troop support during the war and more. All submissions are easy to share on social media, too, so more people – today and tomorrow – can learn our Korean War story.

Help us “preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars” and specifically share with others why the so-called “Forgotten War” needs to be remembered now and forever.

For God and Country,

*Paul E. Dillard, National Commander
The American Legion*

Florida District 13 gives veterans one stop for suicide prevention resources

The American Legion
MAR 31, 2022

American Legion Department of Florida District 13 Commander Bud Boyer said that the state has led in veteran suicides for the last three years. “Here in Florida, you can talk to anyone at a post, and they are going to know someone who (died by) suicide,” Boyer said. “The ones that need help, we have to help them. That’s why it’s important to dedicate our time and money to this cause (veteran suicide prevention awareness) ... we are taking care of our brothers and sisters that we trained with, we fought with, we came home with. We have to take care of each other.”

The District 13 American Legion Family – Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders – supported their mission of caring for each other by holding a veteran suicide awareness event at American Legion Post 110 in Port Charlotte, Fla., March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event was open to veterans, their families

and caregivers, and the community, where 25 vendors were onsite to help with mental health, counseling, filing VA claims, and more.



Photo by Jan Farrington

“I think the biggest thing for veterans is that we don’t always know the resources,” said Mike Turner, a member of Post 38 in Fort Myers and the co-chair for the event’s committee. “We tried to cover the whole gamut of providing for service-members in the state of Florida, for veterans in the state of Florida, for the family and dependents and for caregivers. We had quite a bit of care to help heal people or get them to know that there is a way to heal.”

A few of the vendors included veteran service officers to file claims, Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention and homeless outreach, Charlotte County Veteran Services, Fort Myers Mobile Vet Center, I’ve Got Your Six, service dogs, PTSD Awareness Summit, equine therapy, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention Southwest Chapter, Comfort Keepers for the caregivers, Florida Medicare for veterans who don’t use the VA to utilize, Marine Corps League, National Veterans Resources, and the Department of Florida’s Project Vet Relief, which the event helped raise money for to provide assistance to veterans in crisis.

“If we saved one person (Saturday) we did a lot,” Boyer said. “They came in, got their claims help and got to see all of these other people out there that are willing to help. This is for the veterans, this is the most important thing to get these guys and these girls and these girls to stop and say ‘Hey, I have more to live for, I don’t want to do this. I want to live.’”

More than 300 people attended the veteran suicide awareness event at Post 110. And 12 veterans received a 100% VA disability claim onsite, with others in the claims process.

“If we can just save one veteran a day, eventually maybe it will be two, three, four people a day to the point where that 22 is 0. We all feel strongly about this,” Boyer added.

Before veterans interacted with the vendors, the event got underway with a remembrance walk for the veterans who have died by suicide. The walk was escorted by Port Charlotte police with prayer by Department of Florida Chaplain Barry Roberts, and two equine horses followed the veterans. “Cars were beeping and waving. It was just amazing,” said Deanna Hall, a member of Post 323 in Lehigh Acres who also served as co-chair of the event planning committee. “When one veteran commits suicide, it affects the whole community, it affects the family, it affects the person that they worked next to (wondering) ‘How could I have done something different?’ It is a communal epidemic. We need to do better of helping them. We need to do that awareness. I’m very passionate about (veteran suicide awareness and prevention).”

District 4 Commissioner Stephen Deutsch also gave a proclamation that March 26 was Vet Relief Day for veteran suicide.

After the walk, a presentation of colors was given by Port Charlotte JROTC and remarks by several American Legion Family members. Department of Florida Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman Alan Cohen challenged everyone to spend at least two hours to helping veterans over the next 30 days; and Department Auxiliary Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman Dee Bell reminded everyone to thank their loved one for their military service. During a time when her husband was to be honored for his service, she realized of all the men and women she has thanked she never said “thank you for your service” to her husband. “There wasn’t a dry eye” Hall said after Cohen and Bee spoke.

More emotions followed when all Vietnam veterans were called to come forward to receive a proper welcome home and a Vietnam pin. This was a very moving moment for Hall as she honored her fellow Legionnaires who are Vietnam veterans and her father who served two tours in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine.

Hall said it was nonstop all day as attendees enjoyed speaking with the vendors, listening to the band Blackbird Anthem, and eating food provided, and there was face painting and for children. “God was with us the entire event,” she said. “We were just so passionate about (veteran suicide aware-

ness). It’s just important that we get the word out there. It needs to be talked about.”

District 13 put on a one-day event, but Boyer added that the Department of Florida is devoted to veteran suicide awareness all year. “We talk about this; we are always working on something that has to do with suicide prevention.

“We feel they are afraid to ask for help. That’s why we do these events,” Boyer said. “There is nothing to be ashamed of, there is nothing to be worried about if you’re asking for help. With (these events) we are hoping we are showing people that there’s no reason not to ask for help. Plus, we are letting people who have never served know that we served, we put the uniform on, we protected you. Come see what’s going on and if you really believe in the military, you believe in the veteran, come join us in our cause.”



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 *Joe Mayne (MN), 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:

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>

We are now in the last two months of the CWF fundraising year! With our current totals, we are \$32,896.69 away from reaching \$9 million dollars in total donations! Can we raise that amount before we arrive at the National Executive Committee meetings at the end of the month? What better news can we share with The American Legion than the Sons of The American Legion has reached the \$9 million dollar mark?

I would love to deliver that news to the Child Welfare Foundation Board, American Legion Children and Youth Committee, and Americanism Commission. Let's see if we can achieve this by the end of the month.

Our top 5 donors with 2 months to go are:

- 1) Pennsylvania \$13,636.59
- 2) Texas \$13,231.00
- 3) Arizona \$8,345.00
- 4) Michigan \$7,511.33
- 5) Florida \$6,730.00

Let's see who end the year on top! Let's see who comes on late and cracks to the top 5!

Keep up the great work gentlemen and let's finish strong!



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	\$ 1,736.00	86.6%	\$ 0.87
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,998.00	1,584	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 3,125.00	197.3%	\$ 1.97
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 13,998.00	7,573	\$ 7,573.00	\$ 8,345.00	110.2%	\$ 1.10
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 623.00	458	\$ 458.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 916.00	10,330	\$ 10,330.00	\$ 3,292.48	31.9%	\$ 0.32
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	\$ 5,250.00	124.8%	\$ 1.25
HI - HAWAII	\$ 360.00	46	\$ 46.00	\$ 300.00	652.2%	\$ 6.52
ID - IDAHO	\$ 61.00	599	\$ 599.00	\$ 75.00	12.5%	\$ 0.13
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	\$ 2,055.00	5.7%	\$ 0.06
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,145.00	4,488	\$ 4,488.00	\$ 1,350.00	30.1%	\$ 0.30
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	\$ 4,532.20	254.2%	\$ 2.54
ME - MAINE	\$ -	2,458	\$ 2,458.00	\$ 2,610.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 4,200.00	15,453	\$ 15,453.00	\$ 2,000.00	12.9%	\$ 0.13
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,445.00	5,087	\$ 5,087.00	\$ 511.00	10.0%	\$ 0.10
MX - MEXICO	\$ -	25	\$ 25.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 5,992.00	22,623	\$ 22,623.00	\$ 7,511.33	33.2%	\$ 0.33
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 4,220.00	11,017	\$ 11,017.00	\$ 5,521.09	50.1%	\$ 0.50
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,950.00	818	\$ 818.00	\$ 1,350.00	165.0%	\$ 1.65
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,013.00	3,246	\$ 3,246.00	\$ 1,082.00	33.3%	\$ 0.33
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	\$ 5,350.00	78.3%	\$ 0.78
NV - NEVADA	\$ 500.00	343	\$ 343.00	\$ 75.00	21.9%	\$ 0.22
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 3,764.00	5,449	\$ 5,449.00	\$ 5,863.00	107.6%	\$ 1.08
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 6,717.00	9,214	\$ 9,214.00	\$ 5,651.00	61.3%	\$ 0.61
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	\$ 3,800.00	147.7%	\$ 1.48
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	\$ 5,646.25	19.1%	\$ 0.19
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,349	\$ 1,349.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 7,967.00	1,321	\$ 1,321.00	\$ 4,264.33	322.8%	\$ 3.23
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 22,534.70	58,710	\$ 58,710.00	\$ 13,636.59	23.2%	\$ 0.23
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 300.00	65	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	115.4%	\$ 1.15
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 191.00	86	\$ 86.00	\$ 242.00	281.4%	\$ 2.81
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	\$ 13,231.00	245.2%	\$ 2.45
UT - UTAH	\$ 505.00	488	\$ 488.00	\$ 75.00	15.4%	\$ 0.15
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	\$ 3,350.00	83.2%	\$ 0.83
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 50.00	2,100	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 475.00	22.6%	\$ 0.23
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	\$ 560.00	14.4%	\$ 0.14
WY - WYOMING	\$ 5,600.00	1,274	\$ 1,274.00	\$ 1,000.00	78.5%	\$ 0.78
NATIONAL HQ	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 2,370.00	-	\$ -
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 317,190.89	355,162	\$ 355,162.00	\$ 148,926.03	41.9%	\$ 0.42

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/85189484607?pwd=M>

[TkVTo9XYkdvZi1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QTog](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=M)

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607

Passcode: xZztq6

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

Committee on Committees

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



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Tim Aboudara, Sr.,
National Service Project Coordinator

As of Saturday, 190,259 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#

Did you know?



Young SAL can participate in the Patch Program with your ALA Juniors!

www.ALAforVeterans.org



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



3,290 and counting to 90%!! Congratulations to the 26 Detachments and the Eastern Region for reaching our April 13 target date.

Buddy Checks, renewal notices, phone calls, Post/Squadron activities, dinners, Sunday brunch...what have you tried to retain, recruit, or reinstate?

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: March 31, 2022

#	Detachment	2022 Det. Year End Goal	Needed to Meet 90% Target 4/13/2022	2022 Actual Mbsp.	% of Year End Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	PUERTO RICO	88	-35	114	129.55%	104.65
2	HAWAII	49	-13	57	116.33%	100.00
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-253	1,200	114.07%	86.80
4	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-162	986	107.64%	97.29
5	DIST OF COL	92	-12	95	103.26%	80.90
6	RHODE ISLAND	316	-42	326	103.16%	80.32
7	MICHIGAN	21,985	-1,511	21,297	96.87%	82.86
8	DELAWARE	2,229	-138	2,144	96.19%	83.94
9	MEXICO	26	-2	25	96.15%	60.00
10	IDAHO	606	-31	576	95.05%	80.96
11	VERMONT	3,576	-152	3,370	94.24%	82.61
12	WISCONSIN	3,914	-161	3,684	94.12%	85.99
13	MAINE	2,482	-100	2,334	94.04%	83.99
14	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-168	4,735	93.32%	81.55
15	WASHINGTON	2,086	-63	1,940	93.00%	73.48
16	IOWA	4,571	-135	4,249	92.96%	85.77
17	MARYLAND	15,533	-456	14,436	92.94%	84.54
18	OREGON	1,317	-34	1,219	92.56%	76.68
19	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	-951	53,963	91.61%	84.13
20	NEBRASKA	6,959	-101	6,364	91.45%	87.16
21	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	-35	2,392	91.33%	74.38
22	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-18	1,262	91.32%	78.82
23	TENNESSEE	1,681	-20	1,533	91.20%	71.32
24	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	-61	4,863	91.14%	79.07
25	FLORIDA	20,745	-167	18,837	90.80%	76.40
26	GEORGIA	4,316	-1	3,885	90.01%	76.61
27	ALABAMA	2,020	4	1,814	89.80%	73.86
28	VIRGINIA	4,023	32	3,589	89.21%	76.97
29	MINNESOTA	11,091	96	9,886	89.14%	81.40
30	OHIO	29,946	314	26,637	88.95%	81.99
31	NEW YORK	29,246	471	25,850	88.39%	79.73
32	CONNECTICUT	1,820	40	1,598	87.80%	77.18
33	NEW MEXICO	1,261	34	1,101	87.31%	66.82
34	WYOMING	1,273	41	1,105	86.80%	69.22
35	ILLINOIS	13,602	541	11,701	86.02%	79.79
36	CALIFORNIA	10,338	420	8,884	85.94%	74.14
37	INDIANA	36,657	1,711	31,280	85.33%	79.16
38	LOUISIANA	1,808	106	1,521	84.13%	76.30
39	ARIZONA	7,566	467	6,342	83.82%	68.80
40	MISSOURI	3,211	201	2,689	83.74%	73.42
41	OKLAHOMA	1,380	89	1,153	83.55%	71.33
42	TEXAS	5,425	380	4,503	83.00%	69.38
43	ALASKA	1,560	117	1,287	82.50%	64.76
44	ARKANSAS	468	39	382	81.62%	68.91
45	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	186	1,779	81.49%	68.11
46	NEW JERSEY	9,211	819	7,471	81.11%	73.07
47	MONTANA	1,160	104	940	81.03%	76.65
48	KANSAS	6,424	612	5,170	80.48%	74.25
49	NEVADA	334	47	254	76.05%	65.70
50	COLORADO	2,632	370	1,999	75.95%	65.04
51	UTAH	492	70	373	75.81%	64.69
52	MISSISSIPPI	795	118	598	75.22%	54.87
53	PHILIPPINES	66	11	48	72.73%	70.77
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	608	1,775	67.03%	56.64
55	FRANCE	233	62	148	63.52%	63.56
Grand Totals:		356,725	3,290	317,763	89.08%	79.51

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

awatry@mindspring.com

Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347

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>

Public and Media Communications Commission

Fourth Monday of Each Month

5:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9831747351?pwd=b3VFMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQT09>

[FMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQT09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9831747351?pwd=b3VFMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQT09)

Meeting ID: 983 174 7351

Passcode: SAL

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

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April 20, 2022 | May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022 | July 17, 2022

August 25, 2022



Marvin P. Nay

Veterans Employment and Education

Outstanding Contributor Award

Criteria

- The nominee shall be a member in good standing in the Sons of The American Legion
- The nominee shall be engaged in the fundraising, distribution of funds or goods, and/or volunteering at an event deemed beneficial to veterans' employment and/or education (to include homelessness)
- At least one picture of the nominee at the event must be submitted with the nomination form
- The nominee must be wearing identifiable SAL clothing (cover, cap, shirt, jacket or combination)
- The nomination form must be signed by the nominator and "attested to" by a Post/Squadron officer, to include title

Mail completed nomination form to: (include pictures)

The American Legion National Headquarters

c/o Sons of The American Legion

P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055

RE: Marvin P. Nay VE&E Award Nomination

OR

Scan & email to: sal@legion.org (write in subject line: "Marvin P. Nay VE&E Award Nomination")

- All nominations must be received prior to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission meeting during the Spring NEC meetings for consideration (the award recipient will be voted on at that time to ensure proper time for presentation at the National Convention)
- A Detachment may submit more than one (1) nominee
- A Sons of The American Legion member may nominate himself



Marvin P. Nay

Veterans Employment and Education

Outstanding Contributor Award

Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone/email: _____

Squadron name/number: _____ Detachment: _____

Membership I.D. # _____

Contribution Details

How many events: _____

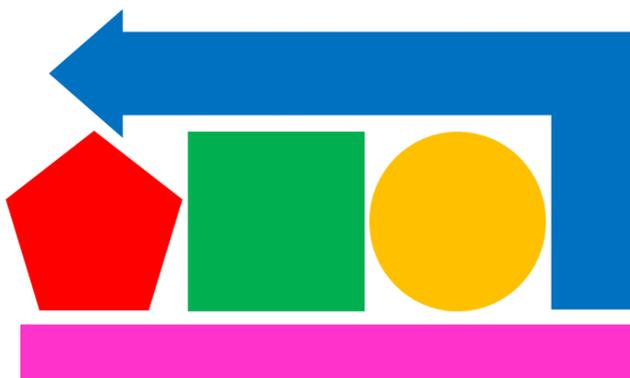
Total volunteer hours: _____

Total money raised/donated: _____

Description details (who, where, when, what) include picture(s):

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Attested by: _____ Title: _____



If your name is Jeff, please email
 NVC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at
jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com
 and get ready
 for a big announcement



REGIONAL UPDATES



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

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

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

13,554. This is how many members the Central Region needs to reach quota. We have four Detachments that need less than 700 members each to reach this milestone.

The Detachment of Michigan continues to lead the way with a whopping 90.37% of its membership goal. The Detachment of Wisconsin comes in at 94.12% in second place, and the Detachment of Iowa follows at 92.96% and in third place.

Which Detachment will challenge these three leaders over the next few months? I anticipate having at least one Quota Detachment by Memorial Day, and hope we have more. Reaching quota by Memorial Day is an attainable goal for all of our Detachments, but we need our Squadrons to do the work.

One idea I heard was to invite all delinquent members to a free social hosted by the Squadron. At the social, have free food and beverages, and have a roundtable discussion about Sons of The American Legion, why members joined, and what programs they are interested in. Near the end of the meeting, ask them to honor the veteran who make them eligible by paying their dues. The next step is critical. Tell them that you will be asking them to pay again in July, and every July after.

Once these members are shown how important and how valuable they are to the Squadron and the organization, they may have a change of heart and renew on the spot. Have their membership cards at the social, make sure to transmit them to headquarters the next day.

Sometimes, it's the little things that do the trick.

Believe it or not, there are still ZERO Squadrons in our organization. We all know that there are some that are surrendering their Charter and either merging with another Squadron or simply "going out of business." It's the others that are very concerning. Somewhere along the way, there has been a communication breakdown. Either the Squadron or the sponsoring Post don't understand how our membership program works.

It is vital that District Commanders contact both Post and Squadron Commanders to see how they can help. It may be as easy as those two phone calls that make a difference. While you're at it, get the Squadron Date Report, Squadron Officer Certification Form, and the Consolidated Squadron Report taken care of too. If they don't have the forms, provide them. If they need help completing it, help.

Remember, when we get these things taken care of and on time, it benefits our veterans and the children and youth of our communities, states, and nation.

District Commanders who need help should reach out to Detachment Officers and Past Detachment Commanders. It's part of their job, and they will help. All you have to do is ask.

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

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We are #SALSTRONG!!!



2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		03/31/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Wisconsin	85.99%
2	Iowa	85.77%
3	Michigan	82.86%
4	Ohio	81.99%
5	Minnesota	81.40%
6	Illinois	79.79%
7	Indiana	79.16%
8	Missouri	73.42%
	NATIONAL	79.51%

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP						03/31/22
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1	Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	123,112	13,121	90.37%	812
2	Central 4, 6	124,977	111,423	13,554	89.15%	690
3	Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	37,702	4,891	88.52%	278
4	Midwest 3, 4	28,508	24,546	3,962	86.10%	440
5	Western 4	24,414	20,980	3,434	85.93%	151
	TOTALS	356,725	317,763	38,962	89.08%	2,371

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, 8	21,985	21,297	688	96.87%	223	7
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,914	3,684	230	94.12%	105	12
3	Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,249	322	92.96%	68	16
4	Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	9,886	1,205	89.14%	50	29
5	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	26,637	3,309	88.95%	59	30
6	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	11,701	1,901	86.02%	-	35
7	Indiana 1	36,657	31,280	5,377	85.33%	159	37
8	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,689	522	83.74%	26	40
	TOTALS	99,078	86,442	13,554	87.25%	690	

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	4,249	322	92.96%	4.92%
	Wisconsin	3,914	3,684	230	94.12%	4.26%
	Missouri	3,211	2,689	2,405	83.74%	3.11%
	TOTALS	11,696	10,622	2,957	90.82%	12.29%

White Division						
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
	Minnesota	11,091	9,886	1,205	89.14%	11.44%
	Illinois	13,602	11,701	1,901	86.02%	13.54%
	TOTALS	24,693	21,587	3,106	87.42%	24.97%

Blue Division						
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
	Michigan	21,985	21,297	688	96.87%	24.64%
	Ohio	29,946	26,637	3,309	88.95%	30.81%
	Indiana	36,657	31,280	5,377	85.33%	36.19%
	TOTALS	88,588	79,214	9,374	89.42%	91.64%





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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call In # (605) 313-4388
 Access Code 3468542#

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

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

Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	95	103.26%
RHODE ISLAND	316	326	103.16%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,144	96.19%
VERMONT	3,576	3,370	94.24%
MAINE	2,482	2,334	94.04%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	4,735	93.32%
MARYLAND	15,533	14,436	92.94%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	53,963	91.61%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	4,863	91.14%
NEW YORK	29,246	25,850	88.39%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,598	87.80%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,779	81.49%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	7,471	81.11%
FRANCE	233	148	63.52%
Totals:	136,233	123,112	90.37%

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Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,200	114.07%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	986	107.64%
MEXICO	26	25	96.15%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,364	91.45%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,101	87.31%
WYOMING	1,273	1,105	86.80%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,153	83.55%
TEXAS	5,425	4,503	83.00%
MONTANA	1,160	940	81.03%
KANSAS	6,424	5,170	80.48%
COLORADO	2,632	1,999	75.95%
Totals:	28,508	24,546	86.10%

as of March 31, 2022



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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (701) 802-5001

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	114	129.55%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,392	91.33%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,262	91.32%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,533	91.20%
FLORIDA	20,745	18,837	90.80%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,885	90.01%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,814	89.80%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,589	89.21%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,521	84.13%
ARKANSAS	468	382	81.62%
MISSISSIPPI	795	598	75.22%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,775	67.03%
Totals:	42,593	37,702	88.52%

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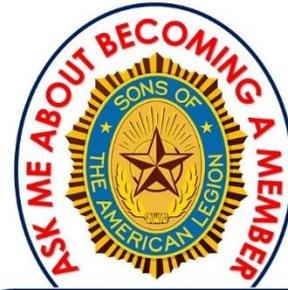
Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
HAWAII	49	57	116.33%
IDAHO	606	576	95.05%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,940	93.00%
OREGON	1,317	1,219	92.56%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	8,884	85.94%
ARIZONA	7,566	6,342	83.82%
ALASKA	1,560	1,287	82.50%
NEVADA	334	254	76.05%
UTAH	492	373	75.81%
PHILIPPINES	66	48	72.73%
Totals:	24,414	20,980	85.93%

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____ Initial _____ Last _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Department of _____

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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DUES RECEIPT
(please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



