



Round-Up

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion



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What is your conviction?

It's a good question, and can entertain many answers. To be involved or not to be involved.

Freedom. For instance, would I be willing to give up ground and let some government take away my freedoms? My answer is no! I would be 100% convicted to protect this country and this state.

The dictionary says conviction is a strong opinion or belief. So, my conviction through The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion over the years has become more and more Americanism.

Americanism. Loyalty to the United States of America and what it stands for.

True Americanism is an ideology that is continually nurtured within one's soul through individual daily actions, thoughts, and beliefs in what their responsibilities are to be.

In 1942, the US Flag Code was devised. The American Legion would ultimately become known as the National Ambassador of flag respect and protection. The American Legion founders believed that veterans should be catalysts in local unity and assistance, strengthening the communities, and building pride through individual obligation.

"We must continue to serve the country in the same spirit we had in war. We can do that only if we have every Post doing something for its community." American Legion Past National Commander Hanford MacNider said these words when introducing what was called "The Iowa Idea" in 1923.

The Americanism Commission led the movement and launched the Nationwide Community and Civic Betterment Bureau that brought hundreds of parks, pools, theaters, clinics, bands, sports programs, and forums that still exist today. These are still being

led by The American Legion Posts and Sons of The American Legion Squadrons.

Now that's conviction!

We are all Sons of The American Legion because our fathers or grandfathers fought wars so that we may assemble and to be the Sons. Some even gave their lives so we may have this moment together. We are guests of The American Legion, and I appreciate those who served.

Your reasons are your own. Maybe something your father or grandfather told you about what it was like in combat. Or maybe you see what's going on in the world and want to make a difference.

Today, I hear the same story from all Squadrons and Posts. We can't get people to do anything, let alone come to a meeting once a month. But they still will sit at the bar and complain.

Listen, this is my opinion, anyone that joins our organization, I believe it should be more than a seat at the bar for cheap drinks, or to bowl in The American Legion tournament, or play golf, or cards, or whatever fun function we have.

We are more than this! Not to shame or make guilty, but sometimes, our members just don't get it.

Americanism. To give more than expected. It's just one meeting per month. One hour to support our veterans, our fathers, our grandfathers, who fought and died for our freedom, and to carry on their legacy, their dream. And the men and women who still defend our country today, not to forget the wounded.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



April 13, 2022

We all have them, members who won't do anything let alone give one hour a month for a meeting, or to march in a parade. They only show up when there is something free or is alcohol related. Where's the Americanism?

Doing more than expected. Maybe when we recruit a new member, we should ask, "Why?" Why do you want to be a member of Sons of The American Legion? And why can't we express that two hours of service per year is expected?

Quota. The same people doing all the work. If it is clear what we do and what is expected, maybe the prospect won't join. Oh my God, we won't make quota! How does this make a difference?

Americanism! To continue to serve the country and the community. It's not so I can drink cheap or bowl in the tournament, play pool and pickle ball. Are we a country club or a community organization dedicated to Americanism?

It's ok to do these things, but please come and help out with bingo, a car show, picnic, fish fry, Easter egg hunt, or whatever we have that we need help with. I would rather see more people show up than needed so that the ones who are always working can take a break and enjoy the event.

Americanism. Let's bet back to why we are here and why we are Sons of The American Legion.

Conviction to the cause of Americanism! Respect for our flag, respect for our country, and respect for what we stand for, because without that, what are we?

Buy American! For God and country.

*Perry Lombardo, Chairman
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Fabulous Fourth District
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AMERICAN LEGION



Improve path for non-citizen veterans to gain citizenship

APR 05, 2022

Dear American Legion Family Members
and Friends,

For more than 100 years, The American Legion has proudly supported U.S. citizenship through military service for immigrants. In that time, more than 750,000 immigrants have served our nation with honor and then raised their hands once again, cementing their status as U.S. citizens.

However, the path to citizenship is littered with obstacles. Assistance programs have disappeared from military bases. Some veterans have been discharged as resident alien non-citizens.

The American Legion is pushing Congress to address these issues. In revealing testimony on March 29, National Security Director [Mario Marquez shared his own story](#). Marquez, a 31-year Marine Corps veteran, told lawmakers about his own personal struggle to gain legal acceptance into the country he swore to die for. [Read Marquez testimony and the background information](#).

Marquez was on Capitol Hill, [voicing support for two key pieces of legislation](#) being considered by the House Veterans Affairs Committee. The two bills are:

- HR 1182, which provides protections from deportation for non-citizen veterans.

- HR 1183, which establishes the Military Family Immigration Advisory Committee and modifies the naturalization procedures for a non-citizen in the Armed Forces.

Right now, there are approximately 24,000 men and women of other nations serving their chosen homeland, America, honorably. Let's make sure that when the time comes, we greet them with open arms and welcome them as citizens, without the bureaucratic hassles that Marquez and tens of thousands of other veterans have faced.

It's time for members of Congress to act and ensure that the path to citizenship through service is simplified for our comrades who defended our — *their* — nation with honor.

For God and Country,

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

8 is enough

The American Legion
MAR 31, 2022

It is no secret that veterans service organization membership has been consistently declining for many years. That may be changing. The American Legion is on track to reverse that trend in 2022. A recent review of the 2022 membership forecast shows the Legion is on pace to exceed last year's totals, which would be the first time the organization has enjoyed membership growth since 2010.

How close is the Legion to changing the narrative from declining membership to growth? The organization simply needs to renew or recruit an average of eight members per post per month between April 1 and June 30. To make sure this milestone moment is met, the national membership and marketing teams are now launching an all-out push to promote 2022 renewals, new joins and rejoins to the nation's largest veterans service organization. Post officers and membership teams play a vital role as they sign up new members and process renewals over the next three months. Lists of expired members can be located by visiting www.myLegion.org.

“American Legion membership is starting to trend in the right direction,” American Legion Marketing Division Director Kimberly Meesters said. “We are extremely close to having a positive story about growth, but we need everyone's help over the next

three months to make sure we continue to have strong monthly numbers.

“With today’s technology, it is easier than ever to renew or join. Safe and secure online options are available. It is a quick process and saves paper and postage.”

National Headquarters is planning to use all available media to urge new membership, renewals and re-joins in the last quarter of the 2021-22 membership cycle. Included are plans for enhanced social media promotion, advertising, and frequent use of national media assets, like The American Legion Magazine, legion.org, e-newsletters and the fast-growing and award-winning Tango Alpha Lima podcast.

During the campaign, an emphasis will also be placed on two specific areas of membership management that can ease the renewal process: automatic renewal and online renewal. QR codes will be placed on most promotions so potential members can simply snap a photo with a smartphone and land in the renewal area of the national website.

“This is a really phenomenal opportunity to energize our membership and build momentum for the future,” Meesters said. “An average of eight renewals or new members per post for three months is extremely achievable. We hope everyone will join this effort. Then we can all celebrate a year of growth for a change.”

FIND EXPIRED MEMBERS AND NON-RENEWALS

American Legion post adjutants and commanders must be signed in to www.MyLegion.org to access My Groups where the following information is located.

Find expired post members

1. Enter My Groups to access Group Profile.
2. Go to “Reports/Labels” from the lefthand My Views menu.
3. Select “Post/Squadron Current Roster.”
4. Set parameters for expired members. Enter group first.
5. Enter last paid year (2021, 2022) and mailing status.
6. Click “View Report.”

Renew members

1. Click “Process Membership” in the lefthand menu.
2. Click “Add/Modify Transmittal” to open the post transmittal window. Results in this search only provide members eligible for renewal.
3. Search member by ID or name to add to batch and click “Save.”
4. Click “Finalize” to view members in batch.
5. Click “Finalize” again to advance to payment window.
6. Select “Pay Now” (add, update, or select stored payment information).

Share your Memorial Day plans with us

The American Legion
APR 04, 2022

The coronavirus pandemic forced many communities and organizations to cancel Memorial Day activities, but American Legion Family members across the nation still were able to [commemorate the day safely](#). The same could be said for 2021, when restrictions were relaxed a bit and Memorial Day ceremonies and events [reverted back to a more traditional sense](#).

American Legion posts, districts and departments already are making plans for this year’s Memorial Day weekend. And we want to hear about those plans so we can share them via our national media outlets.



Photo by Courtney VanZanten

If any level of your American Legion Family, from post to department level, is coordinating, hosting, or playing a large role in any Memorial Day events, please let us know. Email sbrooks@legion.org with all the details. And don’t forget to share stories and photos from your events at www.legiontown.org once they’ve occurred.



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>



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=MtkvTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607

Passcode: xZztq6

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

April is Children and Youth Month

One of the four pillars of The American Legion is Children and Youth. Since 1938, the month of April has been designated as Children and Youth month. Take the time and support our children and youth. While there are so many great programs to choose from, please pick two to three and adopt them into your Squadron, District and Detachment programs. The activities of each event should be promoted and publicized.

The Sons of The American Legion can help by hosting a child or youth themed event within their communities.

Children represent the future of our nation. It is up to us to help them with knowledge, leadership skills and a commitment of service for our Veterans. This knowledge will help to make them productive adult citizens in the future.

For more information, please go to The American Legion website at www.legion.org.

Please keep your eyes open for more details about our Children and Youth programs and please donate generously to the various Children and Youth programs.

Our National Children and Youth Committee is working hard to promote this program and we thank our blue cap members for their support.

Committee on Committees

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

Here is a quarterly update from the National Finance Commission. The latest budget reconciliation for fiscal year 2021 is as of November 30, 2021. The final reconciliation through December 31, 2021, is expected by April 15th, which will allow us to provide a final update at the Spring NEC. To date we remain on track for Income and under projections with regards to Expenditures. Note the expenditures still presents that we're well under budget for FY 2021, however this does not include the final expenses from any recent National Travel.

Nor expenditures for the 50th Convention and Century Committee (CENTCOM), which were approved at the Fall NEC and to be expensed against the FY '21 budget. Reminder was provided to each Committee to expend their appropriately approved expenditures by December 31, 2021, in order to be included in this fiscal year's budget. From our general understanding, some expenses did occur, and should be reflected in the upcoming reconciliation. As noted in the January 4th update, the NFC had been advised of the overall changes to how we'll engage in the overall financial processes, and that has occurred.

The status of the Goals for this Administrative year are outlined below.

National Finance Commission – Goals for Administrative year 2021 – 2022

1. Provide a budget with actual past and present expenditures along with future predications for each line item.

- a. Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 have been submitted and approved by the NEC.
- b. FY 2023 development approach is now aligned with TAL process.
 - i. TAL will begin the SAL budgeting process development during the months of June and July (*tentatively*), utilizing their appropriate financial analysis processes and input from our NFC. We will provide input based on core requirements we've captured from previous budgets, input from

Commissions, and those linked to approved Resolutions.

- ii. The proposed budget will then be presented to our NEC at the Fall 2022 meeting for final approval, and then presented to TAL for their review and final approval at their Fall 2022 NEC meeting.
- ### 2. Streamline the voucher process for travel and per diem to all meetings.
- a. Travel Reimbursement for Call-Ins has been established and implemented by TAL. The process will be for all who have an authorized Call-In notification, to provide a completed Authorization Call-in Expense Report, in an appropriate timeline prior to the event. This will therefore provide TAL time to appropriately review and process the Expense Report with the desired outcome to be able to provide payment to those authorized at the event. Payment would be made after appropriate verification of attendance to the required meeting(s), by the individual with verification of attendance, via an appropriate role call at the required meeting(s).
- ### 3. Develop financial guidelines
- a. Based on updates in the prior goals, the NFC is now drafting a general Standard Operating Procedures set of guidelines, to support these areas as well as other general operating financial principles. The expectation is to have the draft completed by SAL National Convention.

Please note the specific details of any expenditure for our organization are subject to adjustments by The American Legion as appropriate and within the best interest of our overall program and those of The American Legion. As always, we are working with The American Legion to fine tune our finances, and will continue to provide awareness to this body, when substantial changes are implemented.

If there are any questions, please reach out to any member of the National Finance Commission, and we're looking forward to working with you during this administrative year.



FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

Tim Aboudara, Sr.,

National Service Project Coordinator

As of Saturday, 192,074 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#

Being a leader doesn't require a title; Having a title doesn't make you one.

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



Here is the report for April 7, where apparently, we have lost 1,000 members since the April 5 report. I have a message in to National, and am awaiting a reply. Please hold all questions until we get an answer as to why membership decreased.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and most of all, your hard work.

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: April 7, 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	-12	56	114.29%	97.92
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-252	1,199	113.97%	86.71
4	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-164	988	107.86%	97.29
5	RHODE ISLAND	316	-45	329	104.11%	80.97
6	DIST OF COL	92	-12	95	103.26%	80.90
7	DELAWARE	2,229	-164	2,170	97.35%	84.79
8	MICHIGAN	21,985	-1,520	21,306	96.91%	82.81
9	MEXICO	26	-2	25	96.15%	60.00
10	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-278	4,845	95.49%	83.27
11	WASHINGTON	2,086	-112	1,989	95.35%	75.05
12	VERMONT	3,576	-181	3,399	95.05%	83.15
13	MAINE	2,482	-121	2,355	94.88%	84.52
14	OREGON	1,317	-49	1,234	93.70%	77.58
15	MARYLAND	15,533	-551	14,531	93.55%	85.15
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-38	1,282	92.76%	79.91
17	IOWA	4,571	-126	4,240	92.76%	85.57
18	WISCONSIN	3,914	-89	3,612	92.28%	83.54
19	IDAHO	606	-11	556	91.75%	75.45
20	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	-979	53,991	91.66%	84.15
21	FLORIDA	20,745	-306	18,976	91.47%	76.84
22	TENNESSEE	1,681	-17	1,530	91.02%	71.14
23	OHIO	29,946	-187	27,138	90.62%	83.30
24	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	-28	4,830	90.52%	78.23
25	NEBRASKA	6,959	-34	6,297	90.49%	86.38
26	ALABAMA	2,020	2	1,816	89.90%	73.91
27	GEORGIA	4,316	17	3,867	89.60%	76.05
28	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	12	1,953	89.46%	74.65
29	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	17	2,340	89.35%	72.45
30	NEW YORK	29,246	422	25,899	88.56%	79.81
31	VIRGINIA	4,023	64	3,557	88.42%	76.14
32	CONNECTICUT	1,820	29	1,609	88.41%	77.51
33	NEW MEXICO	1,261	33	1,102	87.39%	66.89
34	WYOMING	1,273	41	1,105	86.80%	69.30
35	MINNESOTA	11,091	355	9,627	86.80%	79.43
36	CALIFORNIA	10,338	356	8,948	86.55%	74.63
37	LOUISIANA	1,808	70	1,557	86.12%	77.99
38	ILLINOIS	13,602	536	11,706	86.06%	79.82
39	INDIANA	36,657	1,462	31,529	86.01%	79.68
40	ARIZONA	7,566	436	6,373	84.23%	69.12
41	MISSOURI	3,211	191	2,699	84.05%	73.69
42	TEXAS	5,425	382	4,501	82.97%	69.38
43	ARKANSAS	468	34	387	82.69%	69.20
44	ALASKA	1,560	118	1,286	82.44%	64.70
45	OKLAHOMA	1,380	105	1,137	82.39%	70.89
46	MONTANA	1,160	101	943	81.29%	76.83
47	NEW JERSEY	9,211	830	7,460	80.99%	72.99
48	KANSAS	6,424	838	4,944	76.96%	71.16
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	602	1,781	67.26%	56.71
55	FRANCE	233	62	148	63.52%	63.56
Grand Totals:		356,725	2,420	318,633	89.32%	79.64

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

awatry@mindspring.com

Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347

Hello Sons of The American Legion!!!!

We are getting closer to the 2022 National Convention and plans are really starting to shape up. I will start to share many, many more details in May after the Detachment of Wisconsin has its Spring D.E.C. meeting and finalizes a couple items.

So, for now, it is now April and I believe that is Children and Youth Month....so as people are starting to prepare for Convention and thinking what to do with their family, I am going to say, "Bring them along, there is a LOT to do for them in Milwaukee"!!!

First item to note is the National Children and Youth Committee is working on setting up a GREAT activity and field trip Saturday morning. I will stop there for the moment, but I can tell you right now I am a little sad that I will not be able to go with the group. If the plans work out, they will have a GREAT day.

Second, I will just touch on some other items/activities which you can plan for your family while in Milwaukee:

- The Milwaukee Public Museum in only 2 blocks from the Convention Center and would be great easy place to spend a couple of hours. [Wisconsin's Natural History Museum | Milwaukee Public Museum \(mpm.edu\)](http://www.wisconsin-natural-history-museum.com)
- Discovery World is about 10 blocks away, along Lake Michigan. Another place to spend an hour or two and they walk/plan in Veteran's Park [Discovery World Science and Technology Museum](http://www.discoveryworld.org)
- The Milwaukee Art Museum is also in the general area, close to Discovery World. [Home | Milwaukee Art Museum \(mam.org\)](http://www.mam.org)
- For those interested in flowers/gardens there is the Milwaukee Domes [The Domes \(milwaukee.gov\)](http://www.milwaukee.gov)
- And there is always a Brewers Game, they are playing the Cubs over the weekend and the Pirates after that [Official Milwaukee Brewers Website | MLB.com](http://www.milwaukeebrewers.com)

- You can also not forget the Milwaukee Zoo [Welcome to the Milwaukee County Zoo! \(milwaukeezoo.org\)](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)
- And for many of the young at heart there is the Harley Davidson Museum [Harley-Davidson Museum | Harley-Davidson USA](http://www.harley-davidson.com) as well as taking a tour at one of the production facilities (if they reopen up before we arrive L) [Factory Tours | Harley-Davidson USA](http://www.harley-davidson.com)

End result, there are many, many family options to turn the Convention Weekend into a Family Weekend. Do not hesitate to contact me regarding any of these items or others!!!

And more details on the convention at Spring Meetings and beyond!!!!

Public and Media Communications Commission

Fourth Monday of Each Month

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9831747351?pwd=b3VFMmNEVkhNTE5EjFQ5YUxQQT09>

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

Passcode: 243945



Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Chuck Treat (AZ), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Mountain Time/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (508) 924-3315

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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: _____



REGIONAL UPDATES



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

JOIN

DONATE

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

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

As you have seen in the National Membership Report and remarks by Chairman Thomas Skelley, membership numbers have dropped by 1,000 since Tuesday. We are unsure why this happened, but Chairman Skelley is working diligently to get us an answer. It may be as simple as a click of a mouse, and when we have the answer, I will let everyone know what happened. Keep the faith and continue your hard work as we head toward 90% on

Wednesday, April 9. Even with this setback, WE CAN DO IT!

Your hard work on our membership program continues to pay off, and members throughout the entire organization are noticing your efforts. We knocked off the Southern Region after a very long time in first place. Although we've been bumped back to second place the Eastern Region, we are 1.24% behind, but only 0.74% ahead of the Southern Region in third.

If every delinquent member gets a call this week, and if only half of them renew, we will be at 94.48%. Is this something we can do? Will you help us get there? **Who's next?**

Remember that April is Children & Youth Month in The American Legion Family. If you are sponsoring or hosting events, such as an Easter Egg Hunt, sponsoring a baseball team, conducting a flag etiquette educational training, or any other event, please report it on your Consolidated Squadron Report. If you can, please send me a picture and short description of the event, including who is in the picture. I'll include it in *Round-Up* future editions.

Speaking of the Consolidated Squadron Report, it is due, along with Squadron Officer Certification Report by the end of the month. The Squadron Data Report was due April 1. If you have not submitted it, please do so immediately. The submission of these forms is mandatory, and they must be turned in.

This week is very important. Today is Palm Sunday, and this week will see Good Friday, the start of Passover, and Easter Sunday. No matter how you celebrate, do it with conviction, with your family and friends, and keep our veterans and those serving in our military in your thoughts and prayers.

Keep up your hard work on our membership program, you're fundraising for the Veterans and Children Fund, the Child Welfare Foundation, the National Emergency Fund, and the many other worthwhile programs of The American Legion Family. You are important and valuable to the organization. You don't hear it enough or as often as you should, but **thank you** for being a member of Sons of The American Legion. You are a proud possessor of a priceless heritage, and your efforts are to be commended.

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

07/07/22	
Detachment	Renewal %
Iowa	85.57%
Wisconsin	83.54%
Ohio	83.30%
Michigan	82.81%
Illinois	79.82%
Indiana	79.68%
Minnesota	79.43%
Missouri	73.69%
NATIONAL	79.64%

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP					04/07/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	123,614	12,619	90.74%	(203)
2 Central 4, 6	124,977	111,857	13,120	89.50%	(262)
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	37,805	4,788	88.76%	(189)
4 Western 4	24,414	21,117	3,297	86.50%	14
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	24,240	4,268	85.03%	(360)
TOTALS	356,725	318,633	38,092	89.32%	(1,000)

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	21,306	679	96.91%	(76)	8
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,240	331	92.76%	(12)	17
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,914	3,612	302	92.28%	(80)	18
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	27,138	2,808	90.62%	22	23
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	9,627	1,464	86.80%	(267)	35
6 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	11,706	1,896	86.06%	1	38
7 Indiana 1	36,657	31,529	5,128	86.01%	154	39
8 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,699	512	84.05%	(4)	41
TOTALS	102,992	90,551	13,120	87.92%	(262)	

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	4,240	331	92.76%	4.68%
Wisconsin	3,914	3,612	302	92.28%	3.99%
Missouri	3,211	2,699	2,405	84.05%	2.98%
TOTALS	11,696	10,551	3,038	90.21%	11.65%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	9,627	1,464	86.80%	10.63%
Illinois	13,602	11,706	1,896	86.06%	12.93%
TOTALS	24,693	21,333	3,360	86.39%	23.56%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	21,306	679	96.91%	23.53%
Ohio	29,946	27,138	2,808	90.62%	29.97%
Indiana	36,657	31,529	5,128	86.01%	34.82%
TOTALS	88,588	79,973	8,615	90.28%	88.32%



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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
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
DIST OF COL	92	95	103.26%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,170	97.35%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	4,845	95.49%
VERMONT	3,576	3,399	95.05%
MAINE	2,482	2,355	94.88%
MARYLAND	15,533	14,531	93.55%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	53,991	91.66%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	4,830	90.52%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	1,953	89.46%
NEW YORK	29,246	25,899	88.56%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,609	88.41%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	7,460	80.99%
FRANCE	233	148	63.52%
Totals:	136,233	123,614	90.74%

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VETERAN HIRING FAIR

Sponsored by UPMC HEALTH PLAN

Tuesday, April 12 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
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OPEN TO ALL. SPECIAL OPPS FOR VETS

The 2022 Hiring Fair is open to all job seekers but with special activities and early access to veterans.

VETS FIRST: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- Meet Rocky Bleier
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- Early access to job fair for veterans
- Veterans resource center
- All vets receive a \$10 restaurant gift card
- Talk to employers to enter to win an iPad

CAREER EXPO FOR ALL: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- General job fair for all job seekers
- Employers from all industries
- Job seeker resource center powered by Monster
- Resume services
- HiringPittsburgh Workshops
- First 200 job seekers after 11 a.m. receive a \$10 restaurant gift card
- Talk to employers to enter to win an iPad

For more information on parking, an employer listing and to register, visit post-gazette.com/hiringfair



JUAN TORRES
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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

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,199	113.97%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	988	107.86%
MEXICO	26	25	96.15%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,297	90.49%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,102	87.39%
WYOMING	1,273	1,105	86.80%
TEXAS	5,425	4,501	82.97%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,137	82.39%
MONTANA	1,160	943	81.29%
KANSAS	6,424	4,944	76.96%
COLORADO	2,632	1,999	75.95%
Totals:	28,508	24,240	85.03%

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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

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	114	129.55%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,282	92.76%
FLORIDA	20,745	18,976	91.47%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,530	91.02%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,816	89.90%
GEORGIA	4,316	3,867	89.60%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,340	89.35%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,557	88.42%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,557	86.12%
ARKANSAS	468	387	82.69%
MISSISSIPPI	795	598	75.22%
KENTUCKY	2,648	1,781	67.26%
Totals:	42,593	37,805	88.76%

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
HAWAII	49	56	114.29%
WASHINGTON	2,086	1,989	95.35%
OREGON	1,317	1,234	93.70%
IDAHO	606	556	91.75%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	8,948	86.55%
ARIZONA	7,566	6,373	84.23%
ALASKA	1,560	1,286	82.44%
NEVADA	334	254	76.05%
UTAH	492	373	75.81%
PHILIPPINES	66	48	72.73%
Totals:	24,414	21,117	86.50%

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MICHAEL FOX
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2021-2022

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: _____ Recruited by _____ Recruited by _____ Initial _____ Last _____

Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____ Department of _____

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

(b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ Where? _____

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

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: _____ Transmitt \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian) under (B) _____ 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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Course Structure. The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images, and video.

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History & Organization

Learn why and how The American Legion came into existence after World War I.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

The foremost pillar of American Legion service, learn the ways in which the organization is dedicated to compassionate care, timely delivery of bene-

fits, career development and other areas of advocacy for those who have served in uniform.

National Security

Outlined here is The American Legion's position on a strong, well-equipped, and effectively deployed U.S. military, including a decent quality of life for those now in uniform and retirees of the Armed Forces.

Americanism

This pillar of American Legion service is filled with respect for the nation that those in the military swore with their lives to defend, from proper treatment of the U.S. flag to voter education to youth programs that make life-changing differences.

Children & Youth

The American Legion's long-held position that "every child deserves a square deal" is explained here, to include such programs and efforts as the Child Welfare Foundation, the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance, and other initiatives that aim to help children and youth follow their dreams, no matter their circumstances.

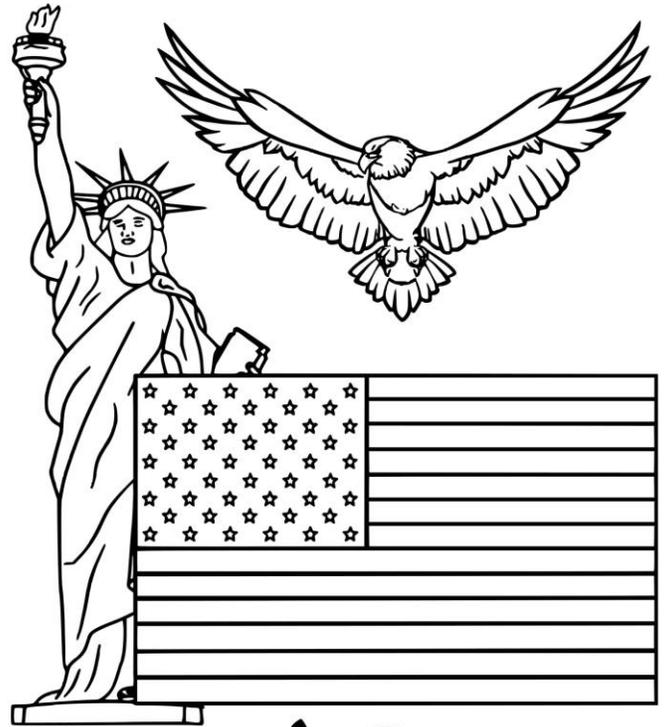
Course Conclusion

See how all the pieces of American Legion service and advocacy fit together to best serve our nation and learn where other committees and commissions play vital roles.

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