



# Round-Up

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion



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## And now, a word from our sponsors

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Contributor to *Round-Up*



When I first joined Sons of The American Legion 30 years ago, I was often asked “Why do you belong to the SAL?” or even “I

didn't know that you served in the military.” When I explain the purpose of Sons of the American Legion, the response is often “oh, that's nice.”

At first, I found it disheartening and even felt that I was “odd” for having the passion to our organization that I do. After all, the SAL was essentially a shadow organization of The American Legion. There wasn't much to get involved in (or so I thought) but to me it was important. It was important to support our veterans and their families, it was important to bring the amazing work of the SAL to the forefront, but most of all there was an honor in being able to continue a legacy, and to be given charge of a responsibility. The responsibility of ensuring that the work of The American Legion, and The American Legion Family, never fades away, and is never forgotten.

This is where we need your help. We need your family to be part of our family. Perhaps, it is as simple as your spouse, children, or grandchildren becoming part of The American Legion family. If you have children or grandchildren that are already members, consider gifting them a Paid Up For Life membership. This option is available for the Legion, Auxiliary, and in some states, the SAL. This investment ensures that the legacies of those that have come before us continue well into the future.

We also need your help in other ways. If you have young members, let's work together and get them involved. If you need ways to connect to your younger adult members, we can help with that too. If you are a seasoned member, we value your experience and guidance. There are so many benefits of working together as an American Legion Family, that to list all the reasons would take up the majority of any publication. What I will say is this, if you need ideas of how to get more of your membership involved, or even more of our family involved with your communities, please ask. As they say on the commercials, “Operators are standing by!”



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All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE



**May 11, 2022**



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

APRIL 14, 2022

**TO:** NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS  
**FROM:** ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT  
**SUBJECT:** 90% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

### " CONGRATULATIONS "

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 90% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (4-13-2022) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: **356,725**  
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: **326,215**  
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: **91.45%**  
RENEWAL PERCENTAGE: **81.35%**  
DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: **34**

|             |               |                |                |               |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| ALABAMA     | IDAHO         | MINNESOTA      | OREGON         | TENNESSEE     |
| CONNECTICUT | IOWA          | NEBRASKA       | PENNSYLVANIA   | VERMONT       |
| DELAWARE    | MAINE         | NEW HAMPSHIRE  | PHILIPPINES    | VIRGINIA      |
| DIST OF COL | MARYLAND      | NEW YORK       | PUERTO RICO    | WASHINGTON    |
| FLORIDA     | MASSACHUSETTS | NORTH CAROLINA | RHODE ISLAND   | WEST VIRGINIA |
| GEORGIA     | MEXICO        | NORTH DAKOTA   | SOUTH CAROLINA | WISCONSIN     |
| HAWAII      | MICHIGAN      | OHIO           | SOUTH DAKOTA   |               |

### AMAZING JOB!!

THE REMAINING DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!

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

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **MAY 11, 2022** (100%)

**RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS**  
**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**



**Our commitment to children and youth remains strong**

APR 13, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

April is a time when many of us look forward to annual American Legion youth programs. Among the

highlights are the National Oratorical Finals in Indianapolis, April 23-24. Following close behind are summer programs like American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, Boys State and Boys Nation, and others that help create the leaders of tomorrow.

The oratorical finals will feature 49 American Legion department oratorical youth winners who will speak on the U.S. Constitution and compete for over \$203,000 in scholarships.

For the past 84 years, The American Legion has supported today's young people as we observe April as Children & Youth Month. Throughout this month, American Legion Family members show their local communities our commitment to young people by hosting youth activities, promoting the many American Legion youth programs, or by becoming involved in programs and organizations that support young people.

For even more ideas, check out The American Legion's [April Is Children & Youth Month brochure](#).

But, as you know, Children & Youth is one of the Four Pillars from which The American Legion was built. Our founders envisioned a veterans service organization that would prioritize mentoring youths in numerous ways.

I believe they would be proud of the work we do to improve the lives of youths in our communities. And that dedication can be found not just in April, but every single day on the calendar.

Here are some ways that American Legion Family members can fulfill their commitment to the youth in their communities:

- [Register for the third annual 100 Miles for Hope](#), which runs through Sept. 5. Proceeds from registrations and donations go directly to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, which supports our Temporary Financial Assistance program that ensures children of active-duty military servicemembers and Legionnaires are taken care of during an unexpected family financial crisis. As part of 100 Miles for Hope, you can also create fitness opportunities for youths [like this post in Virginia did last year](#).
- Host an arts and craft day, community picnic with relay races and face painting, organize a nature hike, or help plant a community garden.

- Reach out to the local schools to see if you can teach flag etiquette, share what the flag means and why we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to youth in the classroom.
- Organize a community dinner at the post to raise funds for the Child Welfare Foundation. The CWF has provided more than \$19 million in grants since 1954 to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of the children and youth of this country.

It's through The American Legion that youth can learn patriotism, respect for the American flag and experience what it means to serve their communities. The American Legion is where families go to feel a sense of community and give back to those that gave us our freedom. It's another way that we are ...

Veterans Strengthening America.

For God and Country,

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

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SAL Leadership,

I'm Kevin Mook and your new SAL Liaison and my job is to help you all be successful!

I look forward to working with each of you in the very near future.

I have been on staff for going on four years and I was most recently the staff liaison to the Northeast Region.

I'm a PUFL of Post 171 in Damascus Maryland and a member of Squadron 145 in Avon, Indiana.

My contact info is below, feel free to contact me at any time.

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All,

Kevin Mook recently sent out an email stating he is the new SAL Staff Liaison and that he is here to set you up for success. That is all true, he also eager to hit the ground running, but I have to trip him, so he slows down. Joking. However, his email did not explain what is going on here in IA and why this is occurring.

Let me start by saying thank you to the many who called or text me asking if I am ok and still employed. The answer is yes, I am doing well and still working here at HQ. With all the changes the SAL is going through over the last 6 months and me working multiple Legion programs an executive decision was made to move Kevin over to be the fulltime liaison to the Sons.

I have been reassigned to membership within IA as the southeast liaison and will remain as the ALR liaison and Legion College coordinator. Our plan is for me to help and assist Kevin with this transition every step of the way up through the convention and longer if needed.

It is my goal to pass the baton and continue to set the SAL up for success while getting Kevin up to speed as your liaison. I would ask that emails include Kevin, Brian, and myself so that I can provide help and Kevin can pick up on things in real time. Thank you for your patience with changes and we all look forward to seeing you at the spring meeting.

Regards,

Kenneth George, National SAL & ALR Liaison  
NALC Coordinator



## MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The National Call Schedule will continue to be updated as information becomes available.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Convention Commemoration Committee *Joseph Gladden (MD), Chairman*

## Advisory Committee *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>

American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation



## Become a CAT member to support youth-serving nonprofits

The American Legion  
APR 13, 2022

The 2023 American Legion Child Welfare Foundation grant application [will be online May 1](#). CWF grants help youth-serving nonprofits provide information, assistance and opportunities that support the health and well-being of children.

Since 1955, the CWF has awarded more than \$18 million in grants to support our nation's children and youth. The ability to continue awarding grants to youth-serving nonprofits is through the American Legion Family raising awareness and donations for the CWF. One way to do this is by becoming a Children's Action Team (CAT) member where you serve as an advocate for CWF.

As a CAT, you can:

- Inform youth-serving nonprofit organizations about the CWF and how they can apply for a grant.
- Promote the CWF within your post, district, department, or detachment newsletter, and on social media.
- Give a presentation on CWF at American Legion meetings.
- Ask Legion Family members, family, and friends to make an annual CWF donation.
- Create a fun, competitive donation challenge among other posts, districts, or departments.
- Host a fundraising dinner with a raffle drawing or a silent auction.

You can request a CAT membership application by sending an email to [CWFadministrator@legion.org](mailto:CWFadministrator@legion.org). Or [download the application found on page 10](#) of The American Legion Children & Youth Department Chairman Program Guide.

CAT membership is open to American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, and Auxiliary members in good standing.

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## Children & Youth Committee

**James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman**

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.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**

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## Committee on Committees

**Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman**

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## Finance Commission

**William G. Hill (MD), Chairman**

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## FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

[www.flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://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**

We will be holding a Flying Flags for Heroes National (Virtual) Meeting next Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Answer and clarify questions about reporting flag placements and upcoming events at [www.flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com)
- Update on information posting
- Update everyone on our progress
- Set expectations and reporting for the Spring NEC
- Get updates from the Detachments about their activities

We had 17 of 55 Detachments in attendance at our meeting 4 weeks ago. *We need all 55 Detachments represented next week.*

Here's the link and info:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82550682351?pwd=UjRhdVZvTFI1ZyswTWZQNU5KOHFjZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 5068 2351

Passcode: 540932

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## 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

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**2022 SAL 90% Target Date Report as of: April 13, 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                    | SOUTH DAKOTA   | 1,052                   | -285                                | 1,232             | 117.11%            | 88.49          |
| 3                    | HAWAII         | 49                      | -13                                 | 57                | 116.33%            | 97.92          |
| 4                    | NORTH DAKOTA   | 916                     | -169                                | 993               | 108.41%            | 97.52          |
| 5                    | RHODE ISLAND   | 316                     | -45                                 | 329               | 104.11%            | 80.97          |
| 6                    | DIST OF COL    | 92                      | -12                                 | 95                | 103.26%            | 80.90          |
| 7                    | MICHIGAN       | 21,985                  | -1,961                              | 21,747            | 98.92%             | 84.45          |
| 8                    | MASSACHUSETTS  | 5,074                   | -426                                | 4,993             | 98.40%             | 85.42          |
| 9                    | IDAHO          | 606                     | -48                                 | 593               | 97.85%             | 81.46          |
| 10                   | DELAWARE       | 2,229                   | -172                                | 2,178             | 97.71%             | 85.06          |
| 11                   | WISCONSIN      | 3,914                   | -268                                | 3,791             | 96.86%             | 87.24          |
| 12                   | WASHINGTON     | 2,086                   | -136                                | 2,013             | 96.50%             | 75.78          |
| 13                   | MEXICO         | 26                      | -2                                  | 25                | 96.15%             | 60.00          |
| 14                   | VERMONT        | 3,576                   | -220                                | 3,438             | 96.14%             | 83.92          |
| 15                   | MAINE          | 2,482                   | -146                                | 2,380             | 95.89%             | 85.46          |
| 16                   | SOUTH CAROLINA | 1,382                   | -73                                 | 1,317             | 95.30%             | 81.45          |
| 17                   | OREGON         | 1,317                   | -70                                 | 1,255             | 95.29%             | 78.19          |
| 18                   | IOWA           | 4,571                   | -232                                | 4,346             | 95.08%             | 86.53          |
| 19                   | MARYLAND       | 15,533                  | -770                                | 14,750            | 94.96%             | 86.17          |
| 20                   | WEST VIRGINIA  | 2,183                   | -101                                | 2,066             | 94.64%             | 78.83          |
| 21                   | NEW HAMPSHIRE  | 5,336                   | -248                                | 5,050             | 94.64%             | 81.71          |
| 22                   | PENNSYLVANIA   | 58,902                  | -2,211                              | 55,223            | 93.75%             | 85.81          |
| 23                   | FLORIDA        | 20,745                  | -657                                | 19,327            | 93.16%             | 78.05          |
| 24                   | NEBRASKA       | 6,959                   | -220                                | 6,483             | 93.16%             | 88.67          |
| 25                   | MINNESOTA      | 11,091                  | -301                                | 10,283            | 92.71%             | 84.30          |
| 26                   | NORTH CAROLINA | 2,619                   | -70                                 | 2,427             | 92.67%             | 75.05          |
| 27                   | TENNESSEE      | 1,681                   | -44                                 | 1,557             | 92.62%             | 72.60          |
| 28                   | GEORGIA        | 4,316                   | -106                                | 3,990             | 92.45%             | 77.59          |
| 29                   | VIRGINIA       | 4,023                   | -64                                 | 3,685             | 91.60%             | 79.05          |
| 30                   | OHIO           | 29,946                  | -426                                | 27,377            | 91.42%             | 83.94          |
| 31                   | CONNECTICUT    | 1,820                   | -22                                 | 1,660             | 91.21%             | 79.64          |
| 32                   | PHILIPPINES    | 66                      | -1                                  | 60                | 90.91%             | 87.69          |
| 33                   | ALABAMA        | 2,020                   | -18                                 | 1,836             | 90.89%             | 74.50          |
| 34                   | NEW YORK       | 29,246                  | -162                                | 26,483            | 90.55%             | 81.45          |
| 35                   | WYOMING        | 1,273                   | 9                                   | 1,137             | 89.32%             | 71.33          |
| 36                   | CALIFORNIA     | 10,338                  | 154                                 | 9,150             | 88.51%             | 76.02          |
| 37                   | INDIANA        | 36,657                  | 626                                 | 32,365            | 88.29%             | 81.50          |
| 38                   | ALASKA         | 1,560                   | 27                                  | 1,377             | 88.27%             | 69.79          |
| 39                   | LOUISIANA      | 1,808                   | 33                                  | 1,594             | 88.16%             | 79.61          |
| 40                   | NEW MEXICO     | 1,261                   | 32                                  | 1,103             | 87.47%             | 66.91          |
| 41                   | ILLINOIS       | 13,602                  | 470                                 | 11,772            | 86.55%             | 80.31          |
| 42                   | ARIZONA        | 7,566                   | 275                                 | 6,534             | 86.36%             | 71.12          |
| 43                   | MISSOURI       | 3,211                   | 129                                 | 2,761             | 85.99%             | 75.43          |
| 44                   | TEXAS          | 5,425                   | 294                                 | 4,589             | 84.59%             | 70.41          |
| 45                   | NEW JERSEY     | 9,211                   | 560                                 | 7,730             | 83.92%             | 75.83          |
| 46                   | OKLAHOMA       | 1,380                   | 84                                  | 1,158             | 83.91%             | 71.48          |
| 47                   | ARKANSAS       | 468                     | 32                                  | 389               | 83.12%             | 69.63          |
| 48                   | MONTANA        | 1,160                   | 89                                  | 955               | 82.33%             | 77.80          |
| 49                   | KANSAS         | 6,424                   | 517                                 | 5,265             | 81.96%             | 75.51          |
| 50                   | MISSISSIPPI    | 795                     | 100                                 | 616               | 77.48%             | 57.06          |
| 51                   | NEVADA         | 334                     | 43                                  | 258               | 77.25%             | 66.86          |
| 52                   | COLORADO       | 2,632                   | 370                                 | 1,999             | 75.95%             | 65.04          |
| 53                   | UTAH           | 492                     | 70                                  | 373               | 75.81%             | 64.69          |
| 54                   | KENTUCKY       | 2,648                   | 594                                 | 1,789             | 67.56%             | 56.98          |
| 55                   | FRANCE         | 233                     | 62                                  | 148               | 63.52%             | 63.56          |
| <b>Grand Totals:</b> |                | <b>356,725</b>          | <b>-5,162</b>                       | <b>326,215</b>    | <b>91.45%</b>      | <b>81.35</b>   |

## 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#



## 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 MEMBERSHIP LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Region           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Central Capitals | 70     |
| South Force      | 70     |
| East Beasts      | 50     |
| Midwest Monsters | 45     |
| National Gold    | 40     |
| West Commanders  | 20     |

as of 04/13/22

**WE DID IT BEFORE AND WE HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!!**

Great job and congratulations to the 34 Detachments and the 3 Regions that met or exceeded goal as we surpassed the target by over 5,000 members.

We are the Sons of The American Legion – Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage and we are #SALSTRONG!

## National Convention Committee

*Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman*

[awatry@mindspring.com](mailto: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=b3VFMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQTo9>

[FMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQTo9](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9831747351?pwd=b3VFMmNEVkhNT2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQTo9)

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



April 20, 2022 | May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022 | July 17, 2022

August 25, 2022

From: Veterans Education and Employment Commission  
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To: All Squadron Commanders  
All Detachment Commanders  
All Detachment Adjutants  
All National Officers

Subject: Reminder – **Marvin P. Nay Award** deadline, 29 April 2022

Greetings Gentlemen,

The VE&E Commission has a key deadline looming we need your Squadrons and Officers to be aware of and take action on – the National SAL VE&E Award, the “Marvin P. Nay Award.”

SAL members engaged in efforts deemed beneficial to homeless veterans, veterans’ employment, or veterans’ education qualify and should be submitted for this award. Please do not let their efforts go unnoticed!

The deadline is completed forms received by the start of Spring NEC, April 29, 2022. The Commission in regular session will consider those submissions during the Spring NEC and make the final decision. Those submissions must be mailed early enough to arrive by the NEC start or e-mailed

to [sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org) — both of which are detailed in the attached criteria form.

Submittals will not be accepted after the Commission meeting starts.

Please see the attached criteria for the award for further details. The Nomination Form is also attached to this e-mail.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!



**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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



[jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com)  
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**MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549\*

I cannot tell you how proud I am of your efforts on our 2022 membership program. As of April 13, the Central Region is at 91.57% of quota and remains in second place nationally. We are behind the Eastern Region by 1.30%, and lead the Southern Region by only 0.85%

Congratulations to the Detachments of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Ohio for all hitting the target. Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri are

not far behind, and I am expecting a strong finish from everyone.

Currently, we need 10,535 members for our region to reach quota. It may seem like a lot, but when you look at the report, you will see how close every Detachment really is.

**I** want to remind everyone of the challenge I put out after the convention.

For the 2022 administrative year, Detachments in the Central Region will be divided into three divisions based on membership totals for the end of the 2021 administrative year. These Divisions were established to create competition within the Central Region, and to give bragging rights to Detachments who lead their Divisions.

Now is the time to change our membership culture and how we operate. There is a paradigm shift happening that will be beneficial to all members of the Sons of The American Legion including our Detachments, Districts, and Squadrons. Membership is a big key to that shift.

**Division Champions.** We will be crowning Membership Champions in the Red, White, and Blue Divisions, as well as an overall Central Region Membership Champion.

Champions will be determined using the last membership report prior to the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

| Red Division                                       | White Division                      | Blue Division                                    |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| under 10,000 members                               | 10,001 – 20,000 members             | 20,001 Members and up                            |
| <b>Iowa</b><br><b>Missouri</b><br><b>Wisconsin</b> | <b>Illinois</b><br><b>Minnesota</b> | <b>Indiana</b><br><b>Michigan</b><br><b>Ohio</b> |

**A**s you have already seen, the Central Region is in a Tie with the Southern Region for the Commander's Cup. This award is given to the region that has gotten points for hitting targets and through head-to-head competition. This is a new award, and I would love to see it come home to the Capital of The American Legion, the Central Region.

Please get out there and round-up as many membership cards as possible so we can take the lead in

the standings, move into first place in the Cup standings, and be the first region to hit quota.

**WE CAN DO IT!!! *Who's next?***

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. As you attend church services, have dinner with friends and family, and your other activities, please remember to keep in mind the heroes who are off serving our country to protect America. May God bless you, your families, our veterans, and active-duty military, our first responders, and the United States of America.

**W**e are Sons of The American Legion.

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## 2022 Central Region Renewal Report

|                 |            | 04/13/22      |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|
|                 | Detachment | Renewal %     |
| 1               | Wisconsin  | 87.24%        |
| 2               | Iowa       | 86.53%        |
| 3               | Michigan   | 84.45%        |
| 4               | Minnesota  | 84.30%        |
| 5               | Ohio       | 83.94%        |
| 6               | Indiana    | 81.50%        |
| 7               | Illinois   | 80.31%        |
| 8               | Missouri   | 75.43%        |
| <b>NATIONAL</b> |            | <b>81.35%</b> |

# 2022 Central Region Membership Report

| 2022 MEMBERSHIP          |                |                |                  |               | 04/13/22     |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Region                   | Goal           | Actual         | Needed for Quota | Percent       | Increase     |
| 1 Eastern 6, 7, 8        | 136,233        | 126,523        | 9,710            | 92.87%        | 2,909        |
| 2 Central 4, 6, 8        | 124,977        | 114,442        | 10,535           | 91.57%        | 2,585        |
| 3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 | 42,593         | 38,641         | 3,952            | 90.72%        | 836          |
| 4 Western 4              | 24,414         | 21,670         | 2,744            | 88.76%        | 553          |
| 5 Midwest 3, 4           | 28,508         | 24,939         | 3,569            | 87.48%        | 699          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>            | <b>356,725</b> | <b>326,215</b> | <b>30,510</b>    | <b>91.45%</b> | <b>7,582</b> |

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        | 21,747        | 238              | 98.92%        | 441          | 7             |
| 2 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8     | 3,914         | 3,791         | 123              | 96.86%        | 179          | 11            |
| 3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8          | 4,571         | 4,346         | 225              | 95.08%        | 734          | 18            |
| 4 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7              | 11,091        | 10,283        | 808              | 92.71%        | 656          | 25            |
| 5 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7                   | 29,946        | 27,377        | 2,569            | 91.42%        | 239          | 30            |
| 6 Indiana 1                            | 36,657        | 32,365        | 4,292            | 88.29%        | 836          | 37            |
| 7 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6            | 13,602        | 11,772        | 1,830            | 86.55%        | 66           | 41            |
| 8 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6            | 3,211         | 2,761         | 450              | 85.99%        | 62           | 43            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                          | <b>99,078</b> | <b>88,904</b> | <b>10,535</b>    | <b>89.73%</b> | <b>3,213</b> |               |

Q = Quota

- 1 Met 09/22/21 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/14/21 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/10/21 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/08/21 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/21/22 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/09/22 goal of 75% - 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%        | 4.77%             |
| Wisconsin     | 3,914         | 3,612         | 302              | 92.28%        | 4.06%             |
| Missouri      | 3,211         | 2,699         | 2,405            | 84.05%        | 3.04%             |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>11,696</b> | <b>10,551</b> | <b>3,038</b>     | <b>90.21%</b> | <b>11.87%</b>     |

| White Division |               |               |                  |               |                   |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Detachment     | Goal          | Actual        | Needed for Quota | Percent       | Percent of Region |
| Minnesota      | 11,091        | 9,627         | 1,464            | 86.80%        | 10.83%            |
| Illinois       | 13,602        | 11,706        | 1,896            | 86.06%        | 13.17%            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>24,693</b> | <b>21,333</b> | <b>3,360</b>     | <b>86.39%</b> | <b>24.00%</b>     |

| Blue Division |               |               |                  |               |                   |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Detachment    | Goal          | Actual        | Needed for Quota | Percent       | Percent of Region |
| Michigan      | 21,985        | 21,306        | 679              | 96.91%        | 23.97%            |
| Ohio          | 29,946        | 27,138        | 2,808            | 90.62%        | 30.53%            |
| Indiana       | 36,657        | 31,529        | 5,128            | 86.01%        | 35.46%            |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>88,588</b> | <b>79,973</b> | <b>8,615</b>     | <b>90.28%</b> | <b>89.95%</b>     |

Members gave him a Joh Dog for his upcoming surgery. They also gave Bree's Blessings a Josh Dog for another little girl having surgery this week, and donated \$300.00 to the group.



Brandon and Erin Goodale, little sister, Beckham, Allison Vanover, and Jennifer Brown of Bree's Blessings.

## Gifts for Yanks fundraiser

Charles Swank, the Historian for SAL Squadron #535 in Bellville, Ohio provided pictures from a recent fundraiser for the Ohio Gifts for Yanks Program.

I have attached some pictures of our recent Gifts For Yanks event at our post, on February 19, 2022.



## Hoosier Sons raise funds

Last week, Indiana Squadron 28 held their meeting. Attending was Bree's Blessings, and Beckman Goodale was introduced. He told us about his health issue, (leukemia).



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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#

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First Tuesday of Each Month  
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 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
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 Access Code 830520

| 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%       |
| MASSACHUSETTS  | 5,074          | 4,993          | 98.40%        |
| DELAWARE   | 2,229          | 2,178          | 97.71%        |
| VERMONT  | 3,576          | 3,438          | 96.14%        |
| MAINE  | 2,482          | 2,380          | 95.89%        |
| MARYLAND   | 15,533         | 14,750         | 94.96%        |
| WEST VIRGINIA  | 2,183          | 2,066          | 94.64%        |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE  | 5,336          | 5,050          | 94.64%        |
| PENNSYLVANIA   | 58,902         | 55,223         | 93.75%        |
| CONNECTICUT  | 1,820          | 1,660          | 91.21%        |
| NEW YORK   | 29,246         | 26,483         | 90.55%        |
| NEW JERSEY   | 9,211          | 7,730          | 83.92%        |
| FRANCE   | 233            | 148            | 63.52%        |
| <b>Totals:</b>   | <b>136,233</b> | <b>126,523</b> | <b>92.87%</b> |

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| Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX) |               |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment                           | Goal          | Actual        | Percent       |
| SOUTH DAKOTA                         | 1,052         | 1,232         | 117.11%       |
| NORTH DAKOTA                         | 916           | 993           | 108.41%       |
| MEXICO                               | 26            | 25            | 96.15%        |
| NEBRASKA                             | 6,959         | 6,483         | 93.16%        |
| WYOMING                              | 1,273         | 1,137         | 89.32%        |
| NEW MEXICO                           | 1,261         | 1,103         | 87.47%        |
| TEXAS                                | 5,425         | 4,589         | 84.59%        |
| OKLAHOMA                             | 1,380         | 1,158         | 83.91%        |
| MONTANA                              | 1,160         | 955           | 82.33%        |
| KANSAS                               | 6,424         | 5,265         | 81.96%        |
| COLORADO                             | 2,632         | 1,999         | 75.95%        |
| <b>Totals:</b>                       | <b>28,508</b> | <b>24,939</b> | <b>87.48%</b> |

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Second Tuesday of Each Month  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
 Call In # (701) 802-5001  
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<https://zoom.us/j/96562303887?pwd=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09>  
 Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887  
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<https://zoom.us/u/acGFqzEYme>

| Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA) |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment                              | Goal          | Actual        | Percent       |
| PUERTO RICO                             | 88            | 114           | 129.55%       |
| SOUTH CAROLINA                          | 1,382         | 1,317         | 95.30%        |
| FLORIDA                                 | 20,745        | 19,327        | 93.16%        |
| NORTH CAROLINA                          | 2,619         | 2,427         | 92.67%        |
| TENNESSEE                               | 1,681         | 1,557         | 92.62%        |
| GEORGIA                                 | 4,316         | 3,990         | 92.45%        |
| VIRGINIA                                | 4,023         | 3,685         | 91.60%        |
| ALABAMA                                 | 2,020         | 1,836         | 90.89%        |
| LOUISIANA                               | 1,808         | 1,594         | 88.16%        |
| ARKANSAS                                | 468           | 389           | 83.12%        |
| MISSISSIPPI                             | 795           | 616           | 77.48%        |
| KENTUCKY                                | 2,648         | 1,789         | 67.56%        |
| <b>Totals:</b>                          | <b>42,593</b> | <b>38,641</b> | <b>90.72%</b> |

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| Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV) |               |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment                           | Goal          | Actual        | Percent       |
| HAWAII                               | 49            | 57            | 116.33%       |
| IDAHO                                | 606           | 593           | 97.85%        |
| WASHINGTON                           | 2,086         | 2,013         | 96.50%        |
| OREGON                               | 1,317         | 1,255         | 95.29%        |
| PHILIPPINES                          | 66            | 60            | 90.91%        |
| CALIFORNIA                           | 10,338        | 9,150         | 88.51%        |
| ALASKA                               | 1,560         | 1,377         | 88.27%        |
| ARIZONA                              | 7,566         | 6,534         | 86.36%        |
| NEVADA                               | 334           | 258           | 77.25%        |
| UTAH                                 | 492           | 373           | 75.81%        |
| <b>Totals:</b>                       | <b>24,414</b> | <b>21,670</b> | <b>88.76%</b> |

*as of April 13, 2022*



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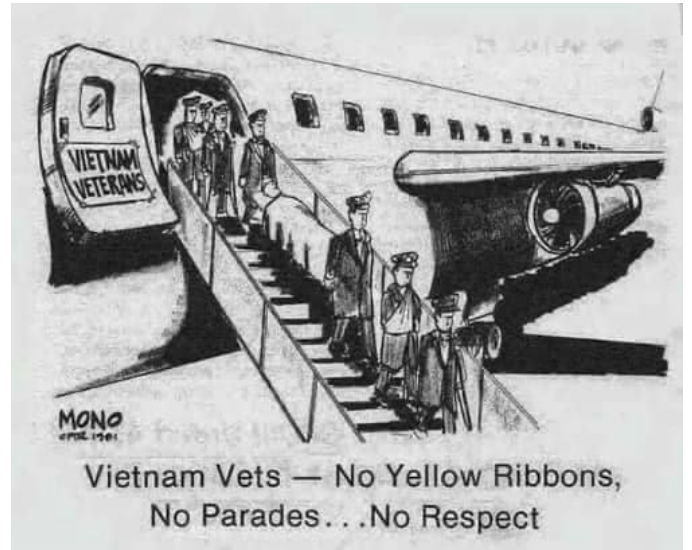


**MICHAEL FOX**  
**NATIONAL COMMANDER**  
**2021-2022**

by Jeff Vrabiel, Sr.



*Thank You Jackie!*



I say Welcome Home, We  
 Thank You ALL, RESPECT. ...

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# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

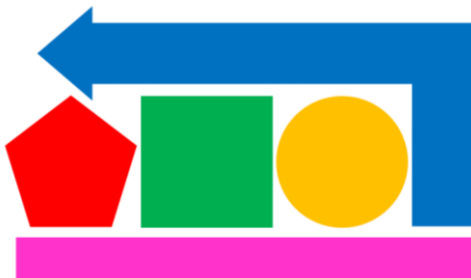
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Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

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