



Round-Up

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SAL donations to CWF top \$9 million mark

By [Andy Proffet](#) | MAY 02, 2022

Mark Nave looked around the room as he stepped to the podium Sunday morning at the SAL NEC Spring Meeting at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.



SAL Child Welfare Foundation Committee Chairman Mark Nave speaks to the SAL NEC at the Spring Meeting May 1, 2022, in Indianapolis.

“This crowd looks fine, and you know why. We reached \$9 million,” said Nave, the chairman of the SAL Child Welfare Foundation Committee, drawing applause from the NECmen and others in the room. Last week, the total SAL donations since 1988 topped the \$9 million-mark, accounting for close to half of the funds raised for the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF).

“Take pride in that, but the work continues,” Nave said. “Yeah, we’re ‘fine at nine,’ but now it’s time to reach ‘the perfect 10.’”

Dennis Boland, a dual member of The American Legion and the SAL and president of the CWF, thanked the SAL for their donations.



“You have taken the duty upon yourself to take care of the children of our nation, and the veterans of our nation. You have that honor of your family, your father’s or your mother’s heritage, for their service in our country. Our country, this is our home. Right now, the turmoil is going around ... this is still our country, our home, and we take care of it,” Boland said. “... I plead with you to keep it up so we will always have an organization that keeps us at the forefront of all the other service organizations at protecting our veterans and our children,” he added.

Boland highlighted Squadron 154 from the Detachment of Nebraska, whose \$100 donation last week pushed the SAL’s contributions to the CWF over the \$9 million mark. The squadron will be recognized at the national convention in Milwaukee in August.

Nave reminded those in attendance and watching the proceedings on the SAL Facebook page that donations for this fiscal year are due May 31. And CWF grant applications are being accepted now through June 15.

“What better PR do you have in your community than knowing that an organization in your community is awarded a grant?” Nave said in asking SAL members to encourage organizations in their community to apply for CWF grants.

“...fine at nine...”



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



May 11, 2022

CWF accepts funding proposals from nonprofits for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children. Grants are only given to entities that help U.S. children in a large geographic area; they are not awarded for day-to-day or special operating expenses. Grant applications are available online at www.cwf-inc.org.

Also on Sunday, approximately \$64,000 in donations were presented on behalf of detachments and squadrons across the country, including roughly \$48,000 to CWF, approximately \$8,000 to Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW), about \$7,000 to the National Emergency Fund (NEF), and approximately \$1,500 to the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF).

"It still always amazes me how much money comes in while we're here," said SAL National Commander Michael Fox.

SAL NEC passes 4 resolutions at Spring Meeting

By [Andy Proffet](#) | MAY 01, 2022

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Sons of The American Legion approved four resolutions on May 1 at the Spring Meeting at Indianapolis' Sheraton City Centre Hotel.



Leading candidate for SAL National Commander Chris Carlton speaks to the SAL NEC at the Spring Meeting on May 1, 2022, in Indianapolis. Photo by Andy Proffet

Those resolutions are:

- Resolution 3, in which the SAL's Member Training and Development Committee will develop a training class to replace the National Management Institute. "After 25 years, NMI is a great program," said committee chairman Michael Monserud. "We are looking to change the training. I'm not doing away with it; I'm just

enhancing it a little bit. The goal is to start a class to mirror the Legion's training programs. ... It's going to look like Legion College, but it's going to be ours and ours alone."

- Resolution 6, recommending the support of perpetuating the Flying Flags for Heroes program as an official SAL Americanism program, with the goal "to help inspire true patriotism within our communities and help promote national pride in our country, its ensign, its military, and veterans throughout the entire Legion Family."
- Resolution 7, to add an inactive category to the Squadron Data Reports (SDR) roster. "Everybody wants to see online renewals," said Membership Committee Chairman Thom Skelley. "The directive to us was, until as a program nationally, we hit 90 percent of all SDRs turned in, (online renewals) are not going to happen." Skelley noted it's easier to revitalize squadrons with no members than it is to recreate squadrons after their charters have been revoked. This resolution would add a category for inactive squadrons so that those numbers don't count against the SDR data.
- Resolution 9, donating \$5,000 from the 2022 Child Welfare Foundation budget line to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

SAL leaders pay respect to veterans, first responders while at Spring NEC Meeting

By [Andy Proffet](#) | MAY 01, 2022

It was a matter of coincidence, the family of Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Jones coming out to his grave at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis shortly before a trio of buses conveyed a group of Sons of The American Legion national officers to the nearby Heroes of Public Safety Memorial.

The SAL contingent was participating in a Flying Flags for Heroes event on April 30 in conjunction with the SAL Spring NEC Meeting. SAL National Commander Michael Fox's service project is aimed at placing flags on veterans' graves across the nation. There had been no plans to place flags on graves in the section set aside for first responders, but SAL PNC Dave Stephens and others who had arrived at the memorial before buses carrying Fox and others placed flags at Jones' grave. The sheriff's deputy, who died in a motorcycle accident, was a Marine Corps veteran.

Fox was introduced to the family when he arrived, the moment having an obvious effect on him when he spoke to the SAL.

"I'm not usually ... at a loss for words," Fox said. "Thank you all for coming out. Not only does it mean a lot to me for everyone to support the program, but it means a lot to the community—the people who just happen to walk by and show up...."

"It's truly an honor, and from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each and every one of you for coming out today to show your support. Not only for the program, but for getting out and being involved in the community."

Fox encouraged his audience to remember that it's not only the veterans who served.

"While that veteran is gone, that family is also serving in another way," Fox said.

Preston Sharp, a member of Squadron 521 in Rio Linda, Calif., and whose own nonprofit, Veterans Flags and Flowers, helped lead to Flying Flags For Heroes, thanked the NECmen and others who took time out of their Saturday afternoon to participate in the event.



"My goal with honoring veterans is to get the word out that we can honor veterans every day, and not just on a holiday," said Sharp, who noted that he's now participated in laying some 290,000 flags and flowers on veterans' graves in 43 states.

Before gathering at the Heroes of Public Safety Memorial, which was dedicated in September 2002 to commemorate the 9/11 attacks and the death in the line of duty by Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Baker, the SAL contingent placed flags on graves in the veterans' section of Crown Hill Cemetery.

Among those participating in the ceremony before the flag-placing was Richard Lind, a member of the Army National Guard and the Zionsville (Ind.) Police Department Honor Guard Team.

"I was happy to be asked to do this," Lind said. "It's a beautiful afternoon, great to see all these (people) from across the country get together to do this."

“It is a very humbling emotion to see all the flags out. Reminds me of being in Arlington (National Cemetery). I’m just overwhelmed by emotion.”



AMERICAN LEGION



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Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman
Third Wednesday of each month

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Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MkVTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

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

April is Children and Youth Month

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Finance Commission

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*Tim Aboudara, Sr.,
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As of Saturday, 199,975 flags have been placed and reported to honor our veterans

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Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

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

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Thank you all for your patience with this week's edition of *Round-Up*. As many of you know, last weekend was the Spring Meetings and National Executive Committee Meeting in Indianapolis. If you have never attended, you should try. There is a wealth of information available, you can provide input, and your voice will be heard.

These meetings are open to members, and the knowledge gained will not only give members a

better understanding of the organization, but how the business of these meetings shape the future of Sons of The American Legion.

If you get a chance, try to attend. It will definitely be worth your time.

Look for a full report from your National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman in the near future.

On the membership front, the Central Region holds second place, coming in on today's report at 94.30%. Only 0.03% separates us from the Southern Region, and the Eastern Region is ahead of us by 1.08%.

Who wants to be back in first place? I know I do. I know leadership in our Detachments wants the top spot. The 100% target date is next Wednesday. What can we all do to reach this goal? There is a lot riding on this, and the first Region to hit quota will have bragging rights until the next administrative year. Let's make that the Central Region!!!

The Detachment of Michigan has reached quota, with the Detachment of Wisconsin and the Detachment of Iowa on their heels, both with less than one hundred members needed to hit the goal. One of these two will reach the goal first, and the other will be right behind. Can anyone get there before they do? **Who's next?**

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please let me do, and I will help how I can.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!



2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		05/02/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	89.21%
2	Wisconsin	88.26%
3	Michigan	86.51%
4	Ohio	86.24%
5	Minnesota	84.94%
6	Illinois	84.28%
7	Indiana	83.37%
8	Missouri	77.25%
NATIONAL		83.52%

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP						05/02/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	129,939	6,294	95.38%	189	
2 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	117,850	7,127	94.30%	428	
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	40,151	2,442	94.27%	133	
4 Western 4	24,414	22,769	1,645	93.26%	193	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	26,090	2,418	91.52%	170	
TOTALS	356,725	336,799	19,926	94.41%	1,113	

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, 9	21,985	22,397	(412)	101.87%	50	8
2 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,914	3,857	57	98.54%	11	14
Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,488	83	98.18%	40	17
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	28,260	1,686	94.37%	68	29
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,375	716	93.54%	2	31
6 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	12,467	1,135	91.66%	194	37
7 Indiana 1	36,657	33,172	3,485	90.49%	61	43
8 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,834	377	88.26%	2	46
TOTALS	124,977	117,850	7,127	94.30%	428	

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
Wisconsin	3,914	3,857	57	98.54%	3.27%
Iowa	4,571	4,488	83	98.18%	3.81%
Missouri	3,211	2,834	377	88.26%	2.40%
TOTALS	7,782	7,322	460	94.09%	6.21%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	10,375	716	93.54%	8.80%
Illinois	13,602	12,467	1,135	91.66%	10.58%
TOTALS	24,693	22,842	1,851	92.50%	19.38%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	22,397	(412)	101.87%	19.00%
Ohio	29,946	28,260	1,686	94.37%	23.98%
Indiana	36,657	33,172	3,485	90.49%	28.15%
TOTALS	88,588	83,829	4,759	94.63%	71.13%



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Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
DIST OF COL	92	111	120.65%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,107	100.65%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,221	99.64%
VERMONT	3,576	3,559	99.52%
MAINE	2,482	2,442	98.39%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,243	98.26%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,015	96.67%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	56,273	95.54%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,067	94.69%
NEW YORK	29,246	27,295	93.33%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,698	93.30%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,429	91.51%
FRANCE	233	150	64.38%
Totals:	136,233	129,939	95.38%

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Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,282	121.86%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,015	110.81%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,244	98.65%
MEXICO	26	25	96.15%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,591	94.71%
WYOMING	1,273	1,160	91.12%
TEXAS	5,425	4,839	89.20%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,207	87.46%
COLORADO	2,632	2,301	87.42%
MONTANA	1,160	990	85.34%
KANSAS	6,424	5,436	84.62%
Totals:	28,508	26,090	91.52%

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month
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Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
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 Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887
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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
PUERTO RICO	88	119	135.23%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,341	97.03%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,180	96.85%
FLORIDA	20,745	19,895	95.90%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,495	95.27%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,597	95.00%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,764	93.56%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,881	93.12%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,644	90.93%
ARKANSAS	468	390	83.33%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,200	83.08%
MISSISSIPPI	795	645	81.13%
Totals:	42,593	40,151	94.27%

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
HAWAII	49	57	116.33%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,135	102.35%
IDAHO	606	603	99.50%
OREGON	1,317	1,292	98.10%
ALASKA	1,560	1,459	93.53%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,035	92.98%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	9,416	91.08%
PHILIPPINES	66	60	90.91%
NEVADA	334	295	88.32%
UTAH	492	417	84.76%
Totals:	24,414	22,769	93.26%

as of May 2, 2022



MICHAEL FOX
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2021-2022

Keep the drive going to reach and surpass 100 percent membership

APR 26, 2022

The Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion is coming up April 30-May 1. I'm excited to be headed back to Indianapolis to meet with the NEC as we continue to advance the SAL and its mission to support our veterans.

A reminder for those of you who won't be joining us in Indianapolis: you'll still be able to watch the proceedings on the [SAL Facebook page](#).

Something else I'm looking forward to while I'm in Indianapolis: our next Flying Flags for Heroes event. We'll be heading to Crown Hill Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, to place flags on the graves of the many veterans laid to rest there. Among them are many past leaders of The American Legion. It's our honor to pay our respects to them.

We're approaching 200,000 flags placed nationwide. I hope you'll join us if you're in

Indianapolis. And please share your events and results at the [Flying Flags for Heroes website](#).

I also want to direct your attention to a series of PSA videos it was my pleasure to record for the Legion Family. The first one is available by clicking this [link](#); we'll be posting others over the next few months, so please stay tuned.

And let me also remind you, the 100 percent membership deadline is coming up, on May 11. Thirty-four detachments had reached the 90 percent membership goal on that target date of April 13; outstanding! But there's still more we can do. Please continue to reach out to bring back former SAL members, and find new members who may not be aware of all the great things the Sons of The American Legion are doing for veterans and their communities.

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.

*Michael Fox, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion*

"Leadership through action,
not through position"