



Round-Up

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Veterans and Children Foundation gets a \$500,000 boost from the SAL



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During the Spring Meetings of The American Legion National Executive Committee on May 4 in Indianapolis, members of the American Legion Family presented nearly \$650,000 in donations to support American Legion programs.

Sons of The American Legion National Commander Michael Fox of California presented a \$500,000 check for The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. Another \$27,400 was presented from several American Legion departments, posts, and districts.

Donations to the V&CF help provide one-time Temporary Financial Assistance grants for military families with young children in the home who are experiencing a financial hardship. And it trains the organization's 3,000 accredited service officers who are continuously working more than 750,000 benefits claims for disabled veterans and their families, free of charge.

Over \$121,300 was donated to [Operation Comfort Warriors](#), with more than \$105,000 of it from the Indianapolis Post 64 American Legion Family. OCW has provided a variety of items to help wounded warriors and veterans in their recovery, including electronic devices, clothing, games, art supplies, fitness, and sports therapy equipment, and more.



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AMERICAN LEGION



American Legion calls for immigration reform

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The American Legion's National Security Commission has been reviewing immigration policy issues with those in the field to discuss needs with the border, visa application, legal immigration application, asylum system and more. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency estimates that there are 11.4 million undocumented immigrants currently residing within the United States – approximately 45% of them arrived in the United States legally but have overstayed their visa.

The American Legion believes in legal immigration into the United States and a path toward becoming a U.S. citizen. To help in those efforts, the National Security Commission presented an immigration reform policy resolution during The American Legion's Spring Meetings May 5 in Indianapolis. Resolution No. 23, Immigration Reform, was adopted by the National Executive Committee.

As stated, the resolution urges the U.S. government to:

- Adopt immigration reform policy that emphasizes border security, focusing on funding for barriers where needed, fielding of advanced technologies, and fully manning the border;
- Enact laws that improve visa security through thorough vetting of applicants, reducing visa overstay and ending visa programs that are vulnerable to exploitation by bad actors;

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May 11, 2022

- Streamline the legal immigration application process so as to help reduce and discourage illegal immigration;
- Reform the asylum system and adhere to laws requiring detention and expedited due process and/or removal of illegal border crossers; and
- Strengthen immigration reform agreements with transit countries to discourage the flow of immigrants that attempt to enter the United States illegally.

Resolution 23 will soon be available for download in the [Digital Archive](#).



Over \$705,000 in scholarships awarded to military children

The American Legion | MAY 05, 2022

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship for 2022 is awarding \$705,937 in financial aid to 71 children of post-9/11 veterans.

The 2022 Legacy Scholarship application deadline was April 1, and the awardees were determined by the Americanism Commission during The American Legion’s annual Spring Meetings, May 2-5. Since the Legacy Scholarship’s first grant in 2004, more than 500 military children of the fallen and disabled have received over \$3.5 million in aid for higher learning. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship recipients met the scholarship’s eligibility requirements, which is for children of veterans who died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, or children of post-9/11 veterans who have a combined Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The scholarship supports the expense of graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room and board, meal plans and other supplies. The grant amount each scholarship recipient receives is based on his or her financial need after all federal and state aid is exhausted.

The number of scholarships awarded, and the amount of financial aid granted to each awardee (this includes returning applicants) is determined on donations to the scholarship fund and one’s financial needs. Legacy Scholarship recipients have a year to

use the grant and those eligible can reapply up to six times.

The American Legion Riders have been the most dedicated fundraiser and supporter of the Legacy Scholarship through their annual Legacy Run, having raised more than \$12 million. For more information about the Legacy Scholarship or to make a donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, visit legion.org/scholarships/legacy.



National Eagle Scout of the Year for 2022 named

The American Legion | MAY 05, 2022

Christopher Adam of Mechanicsburg, Pa., has been named The American Legion’s Eagle Scout of the Year for 2022. The selection was made by The American Legion’s Youth Activities Sub-Committee on May 4 during the Legion’s Spring Meetings. As the National Eagle Scout of the Year, Adam is receiving a \$10,000 college scholarship.

The committee also selected three runners-up who will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship – Jackson Mills of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Charlotte Beatson of Littleton, Colo.; and Matthew Korf of Woodbury, Minn. Adam, a senior at Trinity High School and member of Troop 88, was nominated for the National Eagle Scout of the Year award by American Legion Post 109 in Mechanicsburg.

For his Eagle Scout project, Adam designed and constructed a World War II D-Day memorial called Liberation Pointe to “honor the sacrifices of D-Day and WWII veterans,” he wrote, “and to make sure that America’s future generations do not forget what these men and women did for our country and for the world.”

Liberation Pointe memorial is located on the grounds of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA. The project took over two

years to complete with 2,385 hours of volunteer work and more \$42,000 raised, as well as donations from a wide range of vendors that resulted in the project valued at over \$200,000.

Adam unveiled his Eagle Scout project on Veterans Day 2019, the 75th anniversary of D-Day, with 400 people in attendance, including 24 World War II veterans. The veterans were invited to pour sand from each of the five D-Day invasion beaches that Adam had collected during his travels to Normandy, France.

The memorial features:

- Two life-size bronze statues that represent American soldiers landing on Omaha Beach and a life-size steel hedgehog anti-tank obstacle weighing over 600 pounds. The statues and hedgehog are enclosed inside a pentagon border made of Pennsylvania Black Granite. Each of the five sides represent the five D-Day invasion beaches: Omaha, Utah, Gold, Sword, and Juno.
- Seven informational panels surround Liberation Pointe – five of the panels give summary to each of the beaches including the troops and units that fought there along with personal accounts from American servicemembers who fought on D-Day that Adam interviewed. The other two panels explain Operation Overload.
- Four trees that surround the memorial symbolize the four main countries that were involved in the invasion: America, Great Britain, France, and Canada.

“I believe I achieved my goal of educating my generation, and many other Americans, about what D-Day and World War II,” Adam wrote. “Working on my Eagle Scout project has taught me four very important life lessons. First, when you commit to something, make it a ‘failure is not an option’ endeavor, learn to pivot and have back up plans constantly ready. Second, hard work has to become the standard if you want to succeed. Third, put integrity in your work and require integrity from those you work with. Lastly, lead by example.”

Kyle Mundis, an Eagle Scout coach for Adam, emphasized that the Eagle Scout project “was not easy. Christopher should feel very proud of himself for accomplishing this project,” he said. “Christopher overcame countless trials and challenges in accomplishing this project, a real testimonial to the character of this young man. Whether the task was polishing the granite after school or organizing the workdays that lead to the spreading the stone and

tan bark, assembling the benches or planting of the trees, Christopher saw the project through.”

Adam’s dream is to become a pilot and is looking at attending either the U.S. Air Force Academy or the Naval Academy.

“Christopher represents the kind of individual that we hope will lead our military and The American Legion in future years. We are proud of Chris and are honored to call Chris, our friend,” said Richard Adams and Michael Neff, both past commanders of Post 109.



MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

50th Convention Commemoration Committee *Joseph Gladden (MD), Chairman*

Advisory Committee *Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman*

Americanism Commission *Joseph Navarrete (NM), Chairman*

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Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman



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

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Online Meeting ID:

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Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman
Second Monday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MtkvTo9XYkdvZi1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607
Passcode: xZztq6

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

April is Children and Youth Month

Committee on Committees

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



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Tim Aboudara, Sr.,
National Service Project Coordinator

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Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

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6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

First Thursday of each month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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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
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Membership Committee



Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Gentlemen,

Membership turn in is starting to slow down, but we aren't going to let a little lull in the momentum keep us down. It is time to start hitting those phones and emails again.

Remember how successful it was last time?? If my calculations are correct, if we can hit the 105% by convention, we will have made up for the lost membership during the pandemic. Don't stop believing. We are more than capable of achieving this goal if we KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE GAS.

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: May 5, 2022

#	Detachment	2022 Det. Year End Goal	Needed to Meet 100% Target 5/11/2022	2022 Actual Mbsp.	% of Year End Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	PUERTO RICO	88	-31	119	135.23%	100.00
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-237	1,289	122.53%	90.17
3	DIST OF COL	92	-19	111	120.65%	89.89
4	HAWAII	49	-8	57	116.33%	97.92
5	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-99	1,015	110.81%	98.65
6	WASHINGTON	2,086	-94	2,180	104.51%	80.77
7	RHODE ISLAND	316	-13	329	104.11%	80.97
8	MICHIGAN	21,985	-629	22,614	102.86%	87.20
9	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-67	5,141	101.32%	87.64
10	DELAWARE	2,229	-24	2,253	101.08%	87.23
11	VERMONT	3,576	-20	3,596	100.56%	87.08
12	NEW MEXICO	1,261	5	1,256	99.60%	75.82
13	MAINE	2,482	11	2,471	99.56%	87.73
14	IDAHO	606	3	603	99.50%	82.60
15	WISCONSIN	3,914	38	3,876	99.03%	88.26
16	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	56	5,280	98.95%	84.97
17	OREGON	1,317	15	1,302	98.86%	80.60
18	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	31	2,152	98.58%	81.96
19	IOWA	4,571	82	4,489	98.21%	89.21
20	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	27	1,355	98.05%	82.83
21	GEORGIA	4,316	114	4,202	97.36%	81.26
22	MARYLAND	15,533	435	15,098	97.20%	87.89
23	FLORIDA	20,745	784	19,961	96.22%	79.93
24	MEXICO	26	1	25	96.15%	60.00
25	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	2,312	56,590	96.07%	87.33
26	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	105	2,514	95.99%	77.02
27	NEVADA	334	16	318	95.21%	80.29
28	TENNESSEE	1,681	81	1,600	95.18%	74.42
29	NEBRASKA	6,959	368	6,591	94.71%	89.74
30	OHIO	29,946	1,619	28,327	94.59%	86.40
31	VIRGINIA	4,023	231	3,792	94.26%	80.95
32	ALABAMA	2,020	122	1,898	93.96%	75.80
33	CONNECTICUT	1,820	113	1,707	93.79%	80.86
34	ALASKA	1,560	98	1,462	93.72%	73.30
35	MINNESOTA	11,091	707	10,384	93.63%	85.01
36	NEW YORK	29,246	1,898	27,348	93.51%	83.81
37	ARIZONA	7,566	522	7,044	93.10%	76.02
38	WYOMING	1,273	99	1,174	92.22%	72.89
39	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,074	12,528	92.10%	84.50
40	CALIFORNIA	10,338	855	9,483	91.73%	78.08
41	NEW JERSEY	9,211	779	8,432	91.54%	81.81
42	LOUISIANA	1,808	153	1,655	91.54%	81.99
43	PHILIPPINES	66	6	60	90.91%	87.69
44	INDIANA	36,657	3,379	33,278	90.78%	83.56
45	COLORADO	2,632	246	2,386	90.65%	76.49
46	TEXAS	5,425	548	4,877	89.90%	74.31
47	MISSOURI	3,211	350	2,861	89.10%	77.86
48	OKLAHOMA	1,380	158	1,222	88.55%	74.67
49	MONTANA	1,160	169	991	85.43%	80.02
50	UTAH	492	74	418	84.96%	72.65
51	KANSAS	6,424	987	5,437	84.64%	77.56
52	ARKANSAS	468	78	390	83.33%	69.63
53	KENTUCKY	2,648	446	2,202	83.16%	70.16
54	MISSISSIPPI	795	150	645	81.13%	57.65
55	FRANCE	233	83	150	64.38%	64.00
Grand Totals:		356,725	18,187	338,538	94.90%	83.87

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

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Meetings held as necessary

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SAL Past National Commander Joe Gladden holds up a copy of the SAL 50th National Convention Challenge Coin during the SAL Spring NEC Meeting May 1, 2022, in Indianapolis.

SAL NEC hears update on 50th national convention

By [Andy Proffet](#) | MAY 04, 2022

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Sons of The American Legion heard updates on this year's SAL National Convention – the program's 50th – at the Spring Meetings on April 30-May 1 in Indianapolis.

SAL PNC Joe Gladden, the chairman of the 50th Convention Commemoration Committee, discussed the challenge coin designed to celebrate the milestone. The 50th SAL National Convention will take place Aug. 26-28 in Milwaukee.

“The back is actually the first (SAL) convention pin (from the 1972 Chicago Convention),” he told the NEC on Sunday. “On the front it says ‘50th’ and the zero is our SAL emblem.”

Gladden said each attendee of the convention banquet on Aug. 27 will receive a challenge coin. Tickets for the banquet, which is open to the Legion Family, will be \$45.

Those who submitted challenge coin designs and who had parts of their design used for the coin will be entered into a drawing for tickets to the banquet, Gladden said.

Gladden also thanked SAL National Historian Bill Towns for his work in collecting photos and other content for a 50th convention book.

“Bill Towns has spent 1,200 hours gathering pictures, coming to Indianapolis and going through the archives,” Gladden said. “I also want to thank all of you out there who have submitted pictures.”

Gladden added that there will be a memory wall on display with pictures from previous national conventions, and they’re working to add a keynote speaker for the Saturday afternoon banquet.

In other convention updates, Children & Youth Committee Chairman Jim Noble said the youth room is getting a name change, to the National Children & Youth Academy, and that attendees in Milwaukee will take a tour of the nearby General Mitchell Air National Guard Base.

Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Bill Clancy encouraged local squadrons to bring kids to the youth room.

“This is going to be our third annual youth room (to be known as the National Children & Youth Academy). And I’d like to issue a challenge to all of the local squadrons, to come with kids. It’s a heavy lift to ask a family to get on a plane, but it’s not a heavy lift to ask the family to get in a car and drive a few hours to the national convention,” Clancy said, asking squadrons to keep this in mind for every convention going forward.

Convention Planning Committee Chairman Allan Watry noted several events that are already posted to [The American Legion National Convention page](#). “We are working hard to make sure the 50th is a great convention,” Watry said.

Public and Media Communications Commission

Mark B. McCue (MA), Chairman

Fourth Monday of Each Month

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

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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](#)

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The National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission wants to know how you will be recognizing Veterans National Assistance Day on May 21.

Established in 2008 to underscore the importance of our work on behalf of those who served, VNA Day is a great opportunity to coordinate a service project for a veteran in your community. Whether you are building a ramp to make their house more accessible, cleaning up their yard for spring, or painting and repairing that fence that needs some attention, VNA Day is the perfect occasion to do something with your younger Sons, the Squadron, with the Post or TAL Family!

And don’t forget to record your hours and donations on your Consolidated Squadron Report under the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation section.

Consolidated Squadron Report - Example

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION			
1	Donations, VA, Medical Ctrs. & Facilities	2	No. of Hours, VA, Medical Ctrs. & Facilities
3	Donations, State Veterans Facilities	4	No. of Hours, State Veterans Facilities
5	12 Donations, Nat'l Veterans Assist. Day	6	10 No. of Hours, Nat'l Veterans Assist. Day
7	Donations, Operation Comfort Warriors	8	No. of Hours, Operation Comfort Warriors
9	Donations, Fisher House	10	No. of Hours, Fisher House
11	Donations, Other VA&R Projects	12	No. of Hours, Other VA&R Projects

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

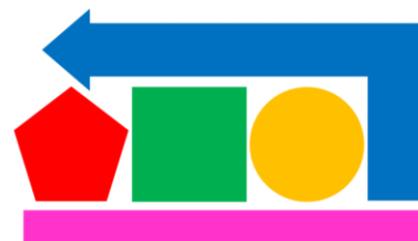
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May 18, 2022

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REGIONAL UPDATES

by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

National Veteran's Assistance Day
May 21, 2022

Do some shopping for a Veteran who is unable to get out.

Take a Veteran to the movies, out for lunch, or on a picnic

Clean a Veteran's garage or basement

Do some garden clean-up for a Veteran who can't afford to hire it out

Paint a room or a garage for a Veteran who can't do themselves

Power wash a Veteran's Deck or do some minor house repairs

Whether young or old, whether a longtime Veteran or recently discharged, there are Veterans in need, and we need to help them.

Check with your County Veteran's Service Office, check with the Social Worker Staff at the VA, or check with your local Post! Ask for referrals for Veterans in the Community who are too old, lack the funds, or are just too proud to ask for help or get things done themselves.

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Do it as a Squadron
Do it as a Son









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Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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0.01%. That is what separates the Central Region and the Southern Region in second and third places, respectively. We hold second place by the slimmest margin. On last Friday's report, it was a dead tie with the Southern Region. The battle for second place rages on.

1.21% is what separates us and the leader, the Eastern Region. The Central and the Southern are the two largest regions, with the Eastern having just over

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May 27, 2022

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11,000 more members than the Central. The four largest Detachments are in these two regions; Pennsylvania – 58,902, Indiana – 36,657, Ohio – 29,946, and New York – 29,246. These numbers represent 154,751 members. For a bigger picture, these four Detachments are responsible for 201,974 members of Sons of The American Legion. The rest of the Detachments make up the rest with 154,301 members.

In the Central Region, Indiana and Ohio are responsible for 66,603 members, with the other Detachments accounting for 58,374 members. Have you ever looked at the numbers like this? It's interesting to see the big Detachments make up so many members.

Regardless of the size of the Detachment, or the size of the Squadron, we all have the same goals. Ultimately, we want to be at 105% when we get to the National Convention in Milwaukee. Sometimes it's the smaller Squadrons that may need help. There may be one or two members that have gone unpaid and are preventing the Squadron from hitting quota. This is where we need to make sure we are doing our Buddy Checks; personal visits, phone calls, texts, email, or however you want to communicate. The most important part is to make the contact.

Delinquent members may have forgotten they are unpaid, may be facing a hardship, or have lost interest. This is the information that the Squadron needs to obtain in order to run a better program. If we can find out why our members are unpaid, we may be able to do things differently to keep them interested, understand their needs, and help them get reacquainted with Sons of The American Legion.

We honor the veteran who made us eligible not only by our participation in events, but by timely payment of dues. Let's do what we can over the next couple of days and get as many cards as we can transmitted.

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 is our 100% National Target Date, and we need to see how close our Squadrons, Detachments, and our Region can be. Sometimes closing the gap can seem daunting. It could feel like a crack in the road or the Grand Canyon, but reaching our goals is always attainable, and getting our members on board is the key.

Let's see how many members we can get paid and transmitted by Wednesday, and let's close the gap between the Central Region and the Eastern Region. We held the lead before, and the Central Region can do it again. Are you up to the challenge?

NMI 2. During the National Spring Meetings, I had the opportunity to work with PNVCEastern Blair Miles to facilitate the National Management Institute 2 class. For both of us, it was the first time serving in this capacity, and neither one of us really knew what to expect and how it would go.

After getting our presentation finalized and a quick rehearsal, Blair and I set off to help seventeen Sons learn about who they are and what they can do to make their Squadrons, Districts, Detachments, and Sons of The American Legion better in the future.

Throughout our class, there was review from NMI 1, which was three years ago due to COVID-19, group participation, team building, open conversation, thought-provoking questions, laughter, and tears. What I got out of it was that I was able to use not only my Sons of The American Legion experience, but more than twenty-five years of public management experience to help contribute to our students' success.

Congratulations to the following members who completed the training, and are now ready for NMI 3:

<u>Dennis George (NY)</u>	<u>Thomas Klinger (FL)</u>
<u>Terry Harris (KS)</u>	<u>Dennis Albright (OH)</u>
<u>Jack Youngs (UT)</u>	<u>Larry Ford (MD)</u>
<u>Phil Stander (IL)</u>	<u>Harry Hasselhan (NJ)</u>
<u>Robert Bristo (MN)</u>	<u>Clifford Boyer (PA)</u>
<u>Doug Honse (IA)</u>	<u>Fred Vacarella (VA)</u>
<u>Allen Watry (WI)</u>	<u>Gene Theroux (MA)</u>
<u>Tommy Vassar (LA)</u>	<u>George Gray (GA)</u>
<u>Christopher Byrd (NC)</u>	

I also want to thank National Member Development & Training Committee Chairman Mike Monserud, Committee Liaison Tom Mardsen, and the entire Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I enjoyed the class and working with students, and look forward to serving the Committee in the future.

Flying Flags For Heroes needs your help! National Commander created FFFH as his national service project, and wants to place at least one million flags on the graves of veterans. Over the next four weeks, Sons across the nation will descend on cemeteries to place flags for Memorial Day. Here's where you come in.

Visit the FFFH website at www.flyingflagsforheroes.com and register your event. When you are

finished, please tell us how many flags were placed and please upload photos of members placing the flags. It will take about five minutes to get this done, and it will allow not only National Commander Fox to see the progress of the project, but will allow our project coordinator Tim Aboudara, Sr. to keep up-to-date records of the program.

Sons across the country visit this site on a regular basis to see where we stand, and how close we are to the goal. Please make sure to get your event posted and reported. This is a very important project, so important that the National Executive Committee adopted it moving forward as an annual project of Sons of The American Legion.

It doesn't matter if you place one flag or 20,000 flags, please report them and send us a few pictures. Thank you for your dedication to our organization, and for placing flags on the graves of America's military heroes.

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!!!



Gentlemen,



The Central Region is still in second place, but only by .01%. The membership numbers that are coming in from our Detachments are slowing. Now more than ever, we need to have our Squadrons contact their members and remind them that they need to catch up with their dues, or help them any way possible.

Remember that our 100% goal is May 11, and is only a few days away. Keep up all the hard work that you do.

For God and Country,

David Mennel,
Central Region Membership Chairman

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		05/05/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	89.21%
2	Wisconsin	88.26%
3	Michigan	87.20%
4	Ohio	86.40%
5	Minnesota	85.01%
6	Illinois	84.50%
7	Indiana	83.56%
8	Missouri	77.86%
NATIONAL		83.87%

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP						05/05/22
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1	Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	130,658	5,575	95.91%	719
2	Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	118,357	6,620	94.70%	507
3	Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	40,333	2,260	94.69%	182
4	Western 4	24,414	22,927	1,487	93.91%	158
5	Midwest 3, 4	28,508	26,263	2,245	92.13%	173
TOTALS		356,725	338,538	18,187	94.90%	1,739

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	22,614	(629)	102.86%	217	8
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,914	3,876	38	99.03%	19	15
3	Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,489	82	98.21%	1	19
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	28,327	1,619	94.59%	67	30
5	Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,384	707	93.63%	9	35
6	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	12,528	1,074	92.10%	61	39
7	Indiana 1	36,657	33,278	3,379	90.78%	106	44
8	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,861	350	89.10%	27	47
TOTALS		124,977	118,357	6,620	94.70%	507	

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	3,876	38	99.03%	3.27%
	Iowa	4,571	4,489	82	98.21%	3.79%
	Missouri	3,211	2,861	350	89.10%	2.42%
TOTALS		7,782	7,350	432	94.45%	6.21%

White Division						
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
	Minnesota	11,091	10,384	707	93.63%	8.77%
	Illinois	13,602	12,528	1,074	92.10%	10.58%
TOTALS		24,693	22,912	1,781	92.79%	19.36%

Blue Division						
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
	Michigan	21,985	22,614	(629)	102.86%	19.11%
	Ohio	29,946	28,327	1,619	94.59%	23.93%
	Indiana	36,657	33,278	3,379	90.78%	28.12%
TOTALS		88,588	84,219	4,369	95.07%	71.16%

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July 17th, 2022
August 21st, 2022




RICHARD HUNTLEY
**NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
EASTERN REGION 2021-2022**

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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	% of Goal
DIST OF COL	92	111	120.65%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,141	101.32%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,253	101.08%
VERMONT	3,576	3,596	100.56%
MAINE	2,482	2,471	99.56%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,280	98.95%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,152	98.58%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,098	97.20%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	56,590	96.07%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,707	93.79%
NEW YORK	29,246	27,348	93.51%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,432	91.54%
FRANCE	233	150	64.38%
Totals:	136,233	130,658	95.91%

as of May 5, 2022

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MEMORIAL DAY

★ PROCESSION & CEREMONIES ★

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.



Keynote Speaker
Judge Anthony Donofrio
Mahoning County
Court of Common Pleas
Squadron 15 Member

Chaplain of the Day
Father Kevin Marks
St. Michael
Byzantine Catholic Church
Campbell, Ohio

Pledge of Allegiance
Bob Wilkerson

National Anthem
Poland Seminary
High School
Bulldog Marching Band

Reading of the names of
Poland residents who made
the supreme sacrifice
Steve Bannon
Squadron 15 Member

American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 War Memorial Building
35 Cortland Street - Poland, Ohio
Presented By Sons of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Squadron 15



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Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt

MAY 14TH 2022
SIGN IN STARTS AT 9AM

\$10 a bike \$5 for rider
Groups of 4 bikes same price
must have a phone with camera

Prize Money
\$ 100 1st
\$ 50 2nd
\$ 25 3rd

Same Prize Money for Groups

Live Music By.
MILES APART
8PM TILL 12AM

FLEA MARKET SET UP FEE 10X10 \$10
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Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,289	122.53%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,015	110.81%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,256	99.60%
MEXICO	26	25	96.15%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,591	94.71%
WYOMING	1,273	1,174	92.22%
COLORADO	2,632	2,386	90.65%
TEXAS	5,425	4,877	89.90%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,222	88.55%
MONTANA	1,160	991	85.43%
KANSAS	6,424	5,437	84.64%
Totals:	28,508	26,263	92.13%

as of May 5, 2022



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Valves & Vets Car & Bike Show

MAY 28, 2022
9am-3pm

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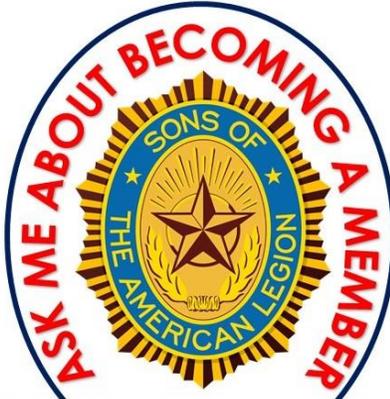
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

First Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Mountain Time/8:00 p.m. Central
9:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call In # (701) 802-5001
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time
<https://zoom.us/j/96562303887?pwd=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09>
 Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887
 Passcode: 795541

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	88	119	135.23%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,355	98.05%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,202	97.36%
FLORIDA	20,745	19,961	96.22%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,514	95.99%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,600	95.18%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,792	94.26%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,898	93.96%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,655	91.54%
ARKANSAS	468	390	83.33%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,202	83.16%
MISSISSIPPI	795	645	81.13%
Totals:	42,593	40,333	94.69%

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	57	116.33%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,180	104.51%
IDAHO	606	603	99.50%
OREGON	1,317	1,302	98.86%
NEVADA	334	318	95.21%
ALASKA	1,560	1,462	93.72%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,044	93.10%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	9,483	91.73%
PHILIPPINES	66	60	90.91%
UTAH	492	418	84.96%
Totals:	24,414	22,927	93.91%

as of May 5, 2022



LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION
NOT THROUGH POSITION

VETERAN MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

Lance Corporal Dylan Merola

SATURDAY MAY 14TH 2022

EVENTS:

- ★ Pistol Shoot: 7:30am to 9:00am (Magnum Range)
- ★ Chili Cook Off Plug In 10am (Buy in to Cook \$20.00)
Chili Cook Off Judging Begins at 12:30pm
- ★ Children's Events 12pm to 3pm
- ★ Best Bike 2pm to 3pm 
- ★ Pool Tournament Begins at 1pm (Buy in \$10.00)

Breakfast Burritos by the Riders 8am to 10am

Lunch: Hamburgers / Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda or Water \$10.00 11:30 am to 2 pm

- ★ DJ 12pm to 3pm / Band 4pm to 8 pm
- ★ Vendor Tables Available \$15 each
- ★ Opportunity Drawings

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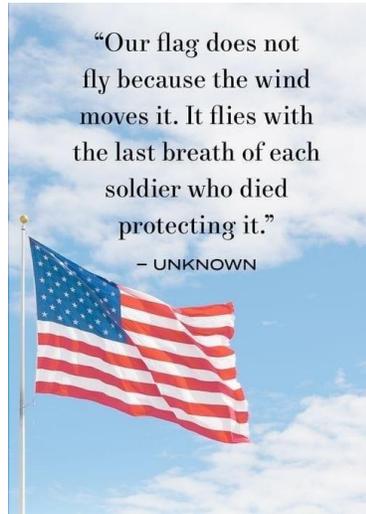


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I'm thrilled to invite you to join the third annual **100 Miles for Hope** challenge benefiting The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

I'm challenging you to get active by reaching 100 miles — any way you choose — between now and Sept. 5.

This is my first 100 Miles for Hope as National Commander, and I hope you will join me.

One hundred miles may seem intimidating — but **all it takes is one a day!** You can walk, run, cycle, or ride your motorcycle! Many of last year's participants doubled, tripled, and even quadrupled their goals. One Legionnaire has walked more than 1,800 miles since the first challenge launched in 2020!

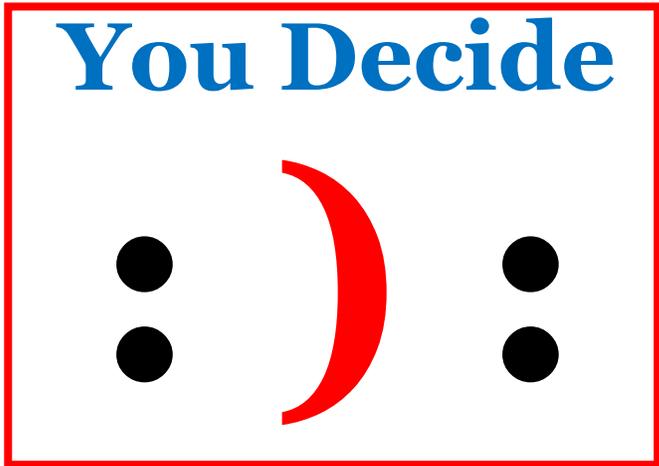
For more information about 100 Miles for Hope, please visit www.legion.org/100miles. You'll find [answers to the most frequently asked questions](#), [steps on how to register](#), and [details about fundraising challenges and incentives](#).

I'm truly excited to share my first 100-mile challenge with you. So, rally your friends and family, and let's get moving together!

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander

REGISTER NOW

P.S. If you don't want to participate in 100 Miles for Hope but you want to support The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, [please make a donation today](#). On behalf of veterans and their families, thank you.



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