



Round-Up

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Piscopo joins Sons



Photo by Alex Wroblewski / The American Legion

SAL National Commander Michael Fox participates in an induction ceremony for former Saturday Night Live cast member Joe Piscopo in Woodstock, Ill., on May 14, 2022.

In his father's name: SNL alum Joe Piscopo joins Sons of The American Legion

[Andy Proffet](#) | MAY 15, 2022

At the height of the Vietnam War, Joe Piscopo and his father had a life-changing conversation.

“I was the worst student ever in high school. I got kicked out so many times. But my father was great, he got me through. Then he wanted me to go to college,” Piscopo recalled.

Piscopo wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and join the military.

“He says, ‘You're going to go to Vietnam, and I know you, you're not going to go to officer training school, they're going to put you right on the front line,’” Piscopo said. But the elder Piscopo, a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, had seen the horrors of war and didn't want his son to serve.

So, Joe Piscopo went back to Jones College in Jacksonville, Fla., where he studied television and radio. He went on to star on “Saturday Night Live” from 1980-84, appear in movies including “Johnny Dangerously,” “Wise Guys,” and “Dead Heat,” and host his own talk radio show on weekday mornings on AM 970 in New York City.

And on May 14 in Woodstock, Ill., Piscopo, who said he “always, always” regretted not serving in the military, honored his late father's service by joining the Sons of The American Legion squadron at Post 491 in nearby McHenry.

His induction into the SAL took place at the gazebo in Woodstock's town square where scenes from the 1993 film “Groundhog Day” were shot. Piscopo and former “American Idol” contestant Haley Reinhart performed later in the day at the Woodstock Opera House in a fundraiser for Post 491.

The fundraiser came about through the efforts of Post 491 Legionnaire Mike Kerry, who works for Piscopo's booking agent. Once Post 491 members realized Piscopo's eligibility to join the SAL, the idea of an induction ceremony in connection with the show came about.

“We're very honored, he's very excited to be a member of the squadron and be part of the Legion Family, so it's going to be a real positive,” said Squadron 491 Commander Russ Hyatt. “... We hope this will bring some energy to the Legion Family.”

SAL National Commander Michael Fox, Detachment of Illinois Commander Jeff Trout, and other officials participated in the induction ceremony.

Fox said coming to Woodstock was “a privilege...in itself.”



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



July 28, 2022

“And then to have someone like Joe Piscopo that’s just so engaged with the veterans, to be on our side in fighting the good fight to protect our veterans and their kids, to want to become a member is huge. And using the things that he does with his shows to help promote The American Legion Family is going to be so beneficial, not only to the millions of members that are in the American Legion Family but those average citizens to help spread the word. It’s amazing to be asked to be part of this endeavor,” Fox said.

Piscopo also was happy to make the trip to small-town America.

“This is America. Not what you see that’s out there. Not the lectures that we get out of Washington,” he said. “We are one nation under God, this is the greatest country on planet Earth, they’re not going to take us down. They don’t understand this. I don’t think that they come to great places like Woodstock, Ill., and understand the strength and the goodness of the American people. That’s who we are, on God’s green Earth, and I’m so proud to be here.”

Before reflecting on his new membership, Piscopo made a quick call to his mom to let her know he was now officially a Son of The American Legion.

“I’m here in the name of my father, and certainly my mother,” he said. “... (And) in the name of my father, Captain Joseph P. Piscopo, who couldn’t speak English when he first went to school, and his parents, my grandparents, who came from Italy to experience one of the greatest things a human being can experience on Earth, and that is to become an American.” And Piscopo had one more thing to share about his father, who passed away in 2002.

“He was supposed to be a major, he got commissioned, but he called himself a captain, (I asked) can we put ‘major’ on his gravestone? So, we did, it says Major Joseph P. Piscopo.

“I got Pop the upgrade.”



Sons of The American Legion



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May 17, 2022

On Memorial Day - and every day - let us honor our veterans

Share your squadron or detachment Memorial Day events on Legiontown.org.

Dear Sons of The American Legion,

We are coming up on an important day. On Memorial Day, we pause to pay our respects to those who gave their lives to ensure our freedom.

It has been my honor as National Commander to pay my respects across the nation through my service project, [Flying Flags for Heroes](#). I want to thank those of you who have joined me and encourage you to continue to participate in placing flags on our veterans' graves. While Memorial Day is rightly set aside to remember those who paid the ultimate price for our nation, we should continue to honor our veterans every day.

The American Legion's Media & Communications Division [has produced a speech](#) you can use for your Memorial Day event. I encourage you to share what you are doing for Memorial Day, so that we can highlight the SAL activities happening across the nation on this important day. You can share stories and photos at Legiontown.org.

100 percent membership

Congratulations to the 16 Detachments who reached the 100 percent membership goal on May 11. Kudos to Delaware, D.C., Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin for hitting goal!

As of the May 11 target date, the SAL was at 95.84% of our total membership goal of 356,725 members. We are so close; let us keep up the drive to boost our membership so we can further support our veterans and 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.

Yours in Service,

Michael Fox

National Commander

Sons of The American Legion

"Leadership through action, not through position"

AMERICAN LEGION



'A Republic, if you can keep it'

MAY 18, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

If you ever want to feel reassured about the future of our country, I highly recommend volunteering for an American Legion youth program.

The alumni list of our programs reads like a “who’s who” of people shaping America. It includes a former president, at least two vice presidents, senators, governors, supreme court justices, professional athletes, entertainment icons, military leaders, and corporate CEOs.

After exiting the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin famously replied to a curious onlooker that the delegates drafted, “A Republic, if you can keep it!”

If you worry about our nation’s future, [I recommend you watch the final round of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program that occurred in Indianapolis April 24.](#)

[Emma Noble](#), a junior from Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham, placed first and earned a \$25,000 college scholarship. High school seniors [Ashley Tuell](#) and [Jackson Boone](#) finished second and third respectively. All have extensive knowledge of the Constitution, outstanding communication skills and extremely bright futures.

We also see thousands of other bright lights excel in Boys & Girls State, Junior Shooting Sports,

American Legion Baseball, Junior ROTC, and Legion-sponsored Scout troops.

Nearly every time I walk the halls of Congress or tour a military installation, one or more impressive leaders will mention to me about their experience as a participant in one of our great programs.

This is no coincidence. The young men and women who participate in our programs are the best that America offers. On top of proven skill, they have exhibited values such as patriotism, good citizenship, and a solid work ethic.

Every mainstream newscast seems to focus on the many problems and challenges that our nation faces. Fair enough, but this is also a nation that endured the Civil War, Jim Crow, a Great Depression, two world wars, terrorism, and massive natural disasters. Yet we continue to recover and prosper.

So, in response to Mr. Franklin, I believe we will keep this Republic, and that Emma, Ashley, Jackson, and thousands of American Legion youth alumni will be a major reason why.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander
The American Legion





photo by Eric Madden

American Legion calls PACT Act agreement 'historically impactful' for generations of vets

The American Legion | MAY 18, 2022

The head of the nation's largest veterans organization is calling the bipartisan agreement by Senate leaders to assist veterans who have been exposed to environmental toxins "historically impactful."

"The work is still not yet complete, but the agreement between Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester, D-Mont., and ranking member Jerry Moran, R-Kan., is proof that Democrats and Republicans can achieve great things for veterans when they work to put country ahead of partisanship," American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard said. "The Honoring Our PACT Act would deliver needed benefits for up to 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to the poisons of war due to the prevalence of burn pits, radiation, contaminated water, Agent Orange and other toxicants during deployments and military assignments. The House of Representatives deserves great credit for passing this legislation, and I am confident that with the continued support of The American Legion, the Senate will now follow suit. This is an historic opportunity for the 117th Congress to pass the most meaningful veterans legislation in a generation. I am asking all Americans to tell their senators to vote for the Honoring Our PACT Act."

Contact your senators directly through [The American Legion's Legislative Action Center here](#) and ask them to support the PACT Act.



Our most sacred day

May 25, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

Memorial Day, once again, is upon us.

As veterans and servicemembers we understand the true meaning of the holiday, which too often gets blurred with media touting mattress sales and other trivial pursuits. Instead, the holiday represents a sacred day when we pause to remember our fallen brothers and sisters.

Throughout our nation, American Legion Family members will take time to honor our comrades. Legionnaires will lead community-wide commemoration events (available resources include a suggested speech and ad, [both available here](#)). Sons of The American Legion squadrons will place flags at the resting places of veterans. And the American Legion Auxiliary will share the inspiring message of Poppy Day, which is Friday. ([Learn how you can get involved.](#))

These are among the ways we honor our pledge to remember the sacrifices of veterans. I hope you will take time to honor at least one veteran on Memorial Day. That could mean placing a flag or wreath at a gravesite. It could be participating in a remembrance event at your post, in your community or elsewhere. Or it could represent a solemn moment of reflection.

(Let us know how you, your post or other group honored veterans on Memorial Day. [Share your story with us.](#))

Regardless of how you honor the fallen this weekend, I thank you.

As the nation's largest and most influential veterans service organization, The American Legion is the country's leader in educating the public about Memorial Day, what service and sacrifice mean, and the role we play in communities.

Your support for this sacred day and value truly demonstrates how The American Legion is...Veterans Strengthening America.

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



MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

**50th Convention
Commemoration Committee**
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Americanism Commission
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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
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Conference Call Schedule:

May 27, 2022 | June 23, 2022
July 28, 2022 | August 25, 2022

**Century Committee
(CENTCOM)**

Joe Paviglianti (NY), Chairman

**Child Welfare Foundation
Committee**

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

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call in # (605) 472-5332
Access Code: 808 417
Online Meeting ID:

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



Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman
Second Monday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MTkvTO9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607
Passcode: xZztq6

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

April is Children and Youth Month

Committee on Committees
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Finance Commission
William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



**FLYING FLAGS
FOR HEROES**

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

*Tim Aboudara, Sr.,
National Service Project Coordinator*

**As of Saturday, 214,598 flags
have been placed and reported
to honor our veterans**

Big Push for Flying Flags For Heroes
May 22, 2022

TO: All Legion Family Members
RE: Flying Flags For Heroes

Today starts Memorial Day week, where American Legion Family members all over the U.S. will be placing American flags on the graves of our veterans. Many S.A.L. members, Auxiliary members, Legion members, and AL Riders will be assisting with flag placements at local cemeteries, national veteran cemeteries, city halls, parks, and other places that memorialize our veterans.

As you know, California's SAL member and National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Michael Fox, called for 1 million flags to be placed on veterans' graves during his year as National

Commander. To help, the Flying Flags For Heroes project was born.



So if any of you, your friends, coworkers, and members of other organizations place flags in the next 9 days, please go to flyingflagsforheroes.com and register the TOTAL number of flags that were placed by you and others. Take a few pictures on your smartphone and upload those pictures too.

We know, we can surpass the 1 million mark in the next 9 days, as long as everyone of us goes to flyingflagsforheroes.com and uploads the number and pictures of each cemetery, city hall, park, or other venues that are honoring our veterans.

Thanks, and God bless all of you!

*Gene Sacco, Past National Commander
Sons of The American Legion*

Ohio Sons, guests decorate 600 graves during Detachment Convention as part of Flying Flags For Heroes

May 21, 2022 | Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

PORTSMOUTH, OH – During its 58th Detachment Convention, Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio visited Greenlawn Cemetery and placed six hundred flags on the graves of veterans buried there.

Nearly forty members of the American Legion Family participated in the graves decoration, including National Commander Michael Fox, who gave remarks to the crowd.



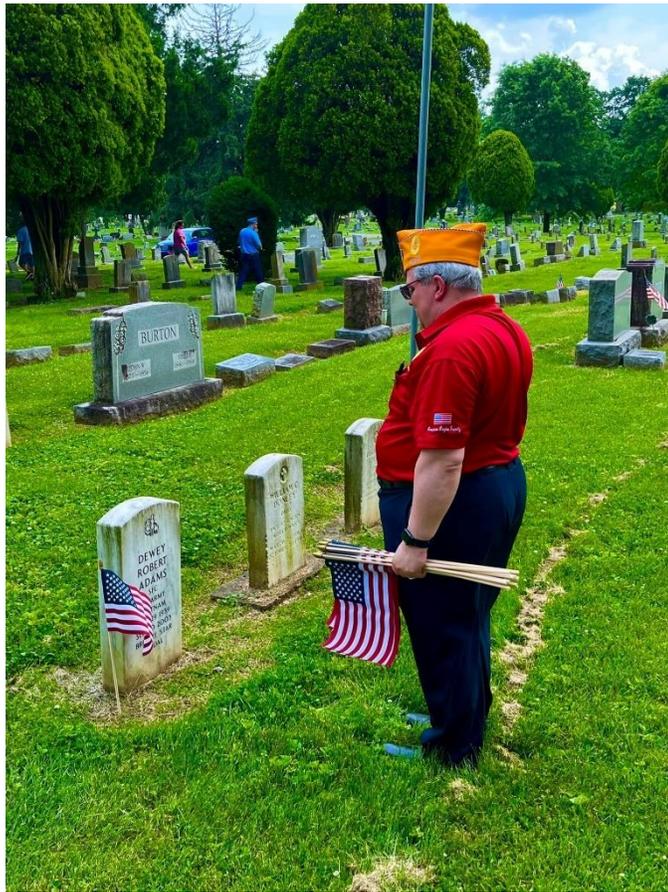
National Commander Michael Fox



*Detachment of Ohio Second Vice-Commander Dave Dilts,
Detachment Commander Doug Hancock,
and National Commander Michael Fox*



Kenneth Vrabel of Squadron 15 playing Taps



National Assistant Adjutant and Detachment Adjutant
Scott Thornton

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Fourth Thursday of each month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-6050

Access Code: 344590

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

First Thursday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (267) 807-9601

Access Code 988 284 103#

Member Training and Development Committee

Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

Call in # (605) 468-8772

Access Code: 625764#

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



Congratulations to the 9 detachments that have met or surpassed the 105% goal!

There are also 20 detachments that are at or above 100%. Four are at least 2/3 of the way to the "Triple Nickel." We are two months ahead of our numbers from last year.

Last but not least, we have a new #2. Way to go Western Region!

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: May 23, 2022

#	Detachment	2022 Det. Year End Goal	Needed to Meet 105% Target 7/28/2022	2022 Actual Mbsp.	% of Year End Goal	2022 Renewal %
1	PUERTO RICO	88	-29	121	137.50%	100.00
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-199	1,304	123.95%	90.70
3	DIST OF COL	92	-14	111	120.65%	89.89
4	HAWAII	49	-8	59	120.41%	97.92
5	MEXICO	26	-3	30	115.38%	68.00
6	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-62	1,024	111.79%	98.76
7	WASHINGTON	2,086	-133	2,323	111.36%	85.69
8	NEW MEXICO	1,261	-42	1,366	108.33%	82.12
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-152	23,236	105.69%	89.18
10	RHODE ISLAND	316	3	329	104.11%	80.97
11	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	101	5,227	103.02%	88.82
12	DELAWARE	2,229	45	2,295	102.96%	88.72
13	IDAHO	606	15	621	102.48%	84.88
14	VERMONT	3,576	93	3,662	102.40%	88.51
15	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	39	1,412	102.17%	84.88
16	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	75	2,217	101.56%	84.42
17	PHILIPPINES	66	2	67	101.52%	96.92
18	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	217	5,386	100.94%	86.37
19	WISCONSIN	3,914	169	3,941	100.69%	89.51
20	MAINE	2,482	111	2,495	100.52%	88.51
21	OREGON	1,317	67	1,316	99.92%	81.13
22	MARYLAND	15,533	836	15,474	99.62%	89.66
23	GEORGIA	4,316	240	4,292	99.44%	82.49
24	IOWA	4,571	265	4,535	99.21%	90.08
25	FLORIDA	20,745	1,249	20,533	98.98%	81.75
26	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	176	2,574	98.28%	78.85
27	ARIZONA	7,566	514	7,430	98.20%	79.52
28	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	4,304	57,543	97.69%	88.60
29	MINNESOTA	11,091	895	10,751	96.93%	87.35
30	OHIO	29,946	2,497	28,946	96.66%	88.00
31	VIRGINIA	4,023	349	3,875	96.32%	82.55
32	TENNESSEE	1,681	152	1,613	95.95%	75.09
33	NEW YORK	29,246	2,660	28,048	95.90%	85.74
34	ALABAMA	2,020	185	1,936	95.84%	77.05
35	NEBRASKA	6,959	658	6,649	95.55%	90.40
36	COLORADO	2,632	256	2,508	95.29%	79.31
37	WYOMING	1,273	124	1,213	95.29%	75.31
38	NEVADA	334	33	318	95.21%	80.29
39	CONNECTICUT	1,820	179	1,732	95.16%	81.73
40	CALIFORNIA	10,338	1,044	9,811	94.90%	80.53
41	ALASKA	1,560	168	1,470	94.23%	73.74
42	NEW JERSEY	9,211	1,031	8,641	93.81%	83.57
43	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,554	12,728	93.57%	85.76
44	TEXAS	5,425	636	5,060	93.27%	76.92
45	LOUISIANA	1,808	227	1,671	92.42%	82.61
46	INDIANA	36,657	4,655	33,835	92.30%	84.68
47	MISSOURI	3,211	430	2,942	91.62%	79.70
48	OKLAHOMA	1,380	187	1,262	91.45%	76.46
49	ARKANSAS	468	72	419	89.53%	74.19
50	MONTANA	1,160	187	1,031	88.88%	82.75
51	UTAH	492	92	425	86.38%	73.27
52	KANSAS	6,424	1,257	5,488	85.43%	78.13
53	MISSISSIPPI	795	164	671	84.40%	58.55
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	560	2,220	83.84%	70.50
55	FRANCE	233	92	153	65.67%	64.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	28,222	346,339	97.09%	85.48

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

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Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9831747351?pwd=b3VFMmNEVkhN2lqTE5EbFQ5YUxQQTo9>

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Meeting ID: 983 174 7351

Passcode: SAL

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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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Passcode: 243945

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Chuck Treat (AZ), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

Call In # (508) 924-3315

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by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

REGIONAL UPDATES



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

JEFF VRABEL, SR.
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

A report came out from National HQ last Thursday providing information on the status of Squadron Consolidated Report. As we all know, the CSR is a mandatory report, which is required to be submitted each year to report on the activities of Sons of The American Legion. The information obtained on these reports are used to determine award winners, but more importantly, to gather data on what activities, volunteer hours, donations, etc.

More importantly, the data gathered is passed on to The American, which in turn uses this data when the National Commander testifies to the United States Congress.

Turning in this form is not a suggestion. Every Squadron in the organization is required to complete and submit the CSR. The form is relatively simple to complete, and won't take too much time.

There is a way that this form can be completed monthly using an Excel spreadsheet. For me, that is the easiest way of doing it, since information can be added as it happens.

There was a question as to why the CSR was not mailed in a hardcopy to Squadrons. All I can say is that National HQ is leaning toward electronic filing. With that being said, the form is available by clicking [HERE](#).

In my Detachment, Squadrons cannot receive their membership cards for the following year unless the Consolidated Squadron Report, Squadron Officer Certification, and Squadron Data Report are submitted. To date, I am proud to say that Ohio leads the nation with 20% of its 318 Squadrons reporting as of that report.

I am also proud to see the Central Region is in first place nationally, but we are only at 5% of Squadrons reporting. We are off to a good start, but we all need to do much better. National Commander Michael Fox wants to see no less than 50% of our Squadrons complete and submit this form. Is this too much to ask?

Think of it this way; we do the work. We make the donations. We volunteer. Why not tell the world what you are doing? It's a simple process, and it is a mandatory report. Please take the five to ten minutes to complete and submit the form. It is in the best interests of the entire American Legion Family, our veterans, and the children of our great nation. **Who's next?**



Regional Breakdown as of May 18, 2022

Central				East			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	318	64	20%	DELAWARE	15	2	13%
INDIANA	294	10	3%	NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%
WISCONSIN	117	3	3%	MARYLAND	114	7	6%
MINNESOTA	264	3	1%	CONNECTICUT	51	3	6%
IOWA	153	1	1%	MAINE	73	4	5%
MICHIGAN	212	1	0%	NEW JERSEY	214	6	3%
ILLINOIS	285	1	0%	PENNSYLVANIA	462	5	1%
MISSOURI	120	0	0%	MASSACHUSETTS	223	2	1%
Totals	1763	83	5%	NEW YORK	584	3	1%
				VERMONT	37	0	0%
				WEST VIRGINIA	49	0	0%
				FRANCE	16	0	0%
				RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%
				DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0%
				Totals	1919	36	2%

Mid-West				South			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEBRASKA	163	17	10%	TENNESSEE	49	5	10%
NORTH DAKOTA	44	4	9%	NORTH CAROLINA	72	4	6%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	3	8%	FLORIDA	189	9	5%
NEW MEXICO	33	2	6%	GEORGIA	115	5	4%
MONTANA	52	2	4%	SOUTH CAROLINA	27	1	4%
KANSAS	126	3	2%	ALABAMA	70	2	3%
TEXAS	254	4	2%	KENTUCKY	80	1	1%
OKLAHOMA	98	0	0%	LOUISIANA	105	1	1%
WYOMING	26	0	0%	VIRGINIA	91	0	0%
COLORADO	75	0	0%	ARKANSAS	30	0	0%
Totals	908	35	4%	PUERTO RICO	12	0	0%
				MISSISSIPPI	44	0	0%
				Totals	884	28	3%

West				Comparison			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
WASHINGTON	70	6	9%	2022	6025	203	3%
IDAHO	41	3	7%				
NEVADA	15	1	7%				
ARIZONA	82	5	6%				
OREGON	42	1	2%				
CALIFORNIA	211	5	2%				
ALASKA	23	0	0%				
UTAH	43	0	0%				
HAWAII	12	0	0%				
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0%				
MEXICO	6	0	0%				
Totals	1912	60	3%				

2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron Report as of May 18, 2022

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WASHINGTON	70	6	9%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	3	8%
IDAHO	41	3	7%
NEVADA	15	1	7%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%
MARYLAND	114	7	6%
ARIZONA	82	5	6%
NEW MEXICO	33	2	6%
CONNECTICUT	51	3	6%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	4	6%
MAINE	73	4	5%
FLORIDA	189	9	5%
GEORGIA	115	5	4%
MONTANA	52	2	4%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	1	4%
INDIANA	294	10	3%
ALABAMA	70	2	3%
NEW JERSEY	214	6	3%
WISCONSIN	117	3	3%
KANSAS	126	3	2%
OREGON	42	1	2%
CALIFORNIA	211	5	2%
TEXAS	254	4	2%
KENTUCKY	80	1	1%
MINNESOTA	264	3	1%
PENNSYLVANIA	462	5	1%
LOUISIANA	105	1	1%
MASSACHUSETTS	223	2	1%
IOWA	153	1	1%
NEW YORK	584	3	1%
MICHIGAN	212	1	0%
ILLINOIS	285	1	0%
ALASKA	23	0	0%
ARKANSAS	30	0	0%
COLORADO	75	0	0%
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0%
FRANCE	16	0	0%
HAWAII	12	0	0%
MEXICO	6	0	0%
MISSISSIPPI	44	0	0%
MISSOURI	120	0	0%
OKLAHOMA	98	0	0%
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0%
PUERTO RICO	12	0	0%
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%
UTAH	43	0	0%
VERMONT	37	0	0%
VIRGINIA	91	0	0%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	0	0%
WYOMING	26	0	0%
Total	6025	203	3%

On the membership front, the Central Region continues its work toward the 105% Delegate Strength Target Date on July 28. Please keep up that hard work.

The Central Region had the largest gain since Friday, with 545 members paid. Unfortunately, we have fallen to fourth place in the national membership standings. We are a little over 1% behind the leading Eastern Region.

We also have the toughest road ahead, with 4,063 members needed to reach quota. Almost half of the delinquent members are in our region's detachments. Ohio and Indiana have the most to make up, with 1,000 and 2,822, respectively.

Since we will all be out decorating graves, participating in Memorial Day ceremonies, and attending functions at our Posts, let's take this time to put a huge dent in our outstanding members. If you know a member who is not paid, ask him to pay, and remind him that dues will be payable for 2023 in a few short weeks.

Let's do what we can to see a big increase by next Friday. **Who's next?**

Please have a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend, as we take time to remember those who fought and died to defend America and for our way of life.

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

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Gentlemen,



As you see by the numbers, we have come to a crawl with bringing in membership. Within two months, the 2023 membership cards will come out, and now is the time to push.

Your Detachments have had or are going to have your conventions, and this is a great time to ask your Squadrons to contact their membership to help with getting the delinquent members paid.

The Central Region has fallen to fourth place, but there is still time to bring the Central Region and our Vice-Commander, Mr. Vrabel, back up.

Let's keep it going and keep up the great work.

For God and Country,

David Mennel,
Central Region Membership Chairman
davidmennel@yahoo.com

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 MEMBERSHIP						05/23/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	133,313	2,920	97.86%	315	
2 Western 4	24,414	23,840	574	97.65%	277	
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	41,337	1,256	97.05%	117	
4 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	120,914	4,063	96.75%	545	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	26,935	1,573	94.48%	151	
TOTALS	356,725	346,339	10,386	97.09%	1,405	

bership 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	23,236	(1,251)	105.69%	112	9 Q
2 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	3,941	(27)	100.69%	-	19 Q
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,535	36	99.21%	26	24
4 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,751	340	96.93%	34	29
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	28,946	1,000	96.66%	171	30
6 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	12,728	874	93.57%	120	43
7 Indiana 1	36,657	33,835	2,822	92.30%	76	46
8 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,942	269	91.62%	6	47
TOTALS	124,977	120,914	4,063	96.75%	545	

- 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	3,941	(27)	100.69%	3.26%
Iowa	4,571	4,535	36	99.21%	3.75%
Missouri	3,211	2,942	269	91.62%	2.43%
TOTALS	7,782	7,477	305	96.08%	6.18%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	10,751	340	96.93%	8.89%
Illinois	13,602	12,728	874	93.57%	10.53%
TOTALS	24,693	23,479	1,214	95.08%	19.42%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	23,236	(1,251)	105.69%	19.22%
Ohio	29,946	28,946	1,000	96.66%	23.94%
Indiana	36,657	33,835	2,822	92.30%	27.98%
TOTALS	88,588	86,017	2,571	97.10%	71.14%

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		05/23/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	90.08%
2	Wisconsin	89.51%
3	Michigan	89.18%
4	Minnesota	87.35%
5	Ohio	88.00%
6	Illinois	85.76%
7	Indiana	84.68%
8	Missouri	79.70%
NATIONAL		85.48%



RICHARD HUNTLEY
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EASTERN REGION 2021-2022

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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 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 Wilkeson

National Anthem
 Poland Seminary
 High School
 Bulldog Marching Band

Reading of the names of Poland residents who made the supreme sacrifice
 Steve Bannan
 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

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	5,197	102.42%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,217	101.56%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,259	101.35%
VERMONT	3,576	3,622	101.29%
MAINE	2,482	2,496	100.56%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,298	99.29%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,191	97.80%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	57,029	96.82%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,728	94.95%
NEW YORK	29,246	27,629	94.47%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,637	93.77%
FRANCE	233	150	64.38%
Totals:	136,233	131,893	96.81%

as of May 23, 2022

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by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.





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First Tuesday of Each Month
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 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
 Access Code 4720682

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,297	123.29%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,023	111.68%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,268	100.56%
MEXICO	26	25	96.15%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,633	95.32%
WYOMING	1,273	1,196	93.95%
TEXAS	5,425	4,962	91.47%
COLORADO	2,632	2,387	90.69%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,241	89.93%
MONTANA	1,160	1,013	87.33%
KANSAS	6,424	5,480	85.31%
Totals:	28,508	26,525	93.04%

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	88	121	137.50%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,381	99.93%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,225	97.89%
FLORIDA	20,745	20,270	97.71%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,521	96.26%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,600	95.18%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,819	94.93%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,914	94.75%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,659	91.76%
ARKANSAS	468	395	84.40%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,210	83.46%
MISSISSIPPI	795	645	81.13%
Totals:	42,593	40,760	95.70%

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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

Armed Forces Day Ball

On Saturday, May 14, I had the distinct pleasure of being a Special Guest for the First Annual Armed Forces Day Ball in Old Sacramento hosted by the 6th District of the Department of California. What a wonderful event and venue to be sure. The event site was at the Golden State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. The event included a great live band, a dance floor, a wonderful dinner, and an amazing silent auction. Unfortunately, I lost my bid for the 3 Day Alaskan Fishing trip to someone who wanted it just a little bit more than me.

The awesome thing about this event is that it was all arranged to benefit the American Legion National Program, Operation Comfort Warrior. All of the proceeds from this event are to be donated to this very worthy cause.

There were several American Legion dignitaries in attendance to include the American Legion Western Region National Vice Commander Jim Higuera. Also were the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of California Leadership, Jim Eubanks and PNVC Ned Fox. The Department's 6th District

Commander, Brian McGuinness, and District Executive Committee Person, Lara Chan were the event coordinators for this extravaganza, and did a magnificent job. If you can attend next year, you should put it on your calendar. Wonderful job everyone!



Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	59	120.41%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,217	106.28%
IDAHO	606	613	101.16%
OREGON	1,317	1,311	99.54%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,258	95.93%
NEVADA	334	318	95.21%
ALASKA	1,560	1,462	93.72%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	9,571	92.58%
PHILIPPINES	66	60	90.91%
UTAH	492	420	85.37%
Totals:	24,414	23,289	95.39%

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

Name _____ Recruited by _____
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____
(Post Adjutant)

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By _____





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