



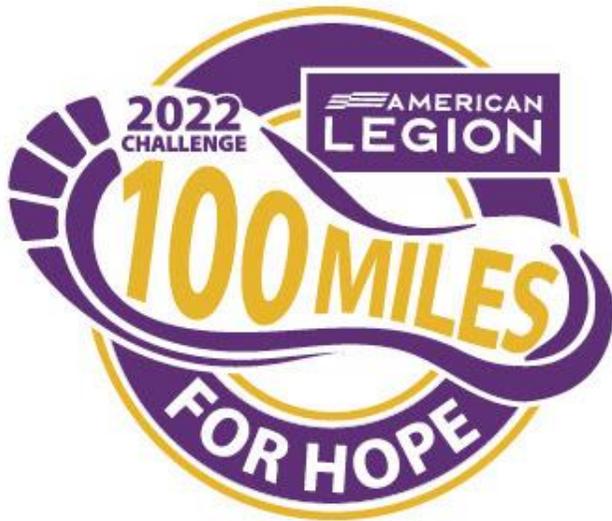
Round-Up

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion



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It's quick and easy to join 100 Miles for Hope



100 Miles for Hope is in full swing, and there's still plenty of time for you to join this great cause! It's easy to get started. Here's how:

HOW TO REGISTER

You can get a free 100 Miles for Hope T-shirt with your \$30 registration fee. Just visit [Emblem Sales](#), select your size and add it to your cart.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participants are encouraged to complete at least 100 miles before Sept. 5. Activities include walking, running, swimming, cycling, riding a motorcycle or even driving a racecar!



HOW TO HELP THE VETERANS & CHILDREN FOUNDATION



The Veterans & Children Foundation funds the training and education of 3,000 accredited American Legion service officers and provides grants for military families in financial distress — and when you start a fundraiser, 100% of the donations you receive directly support the VCF.

This year's 100 Miles for Hope promises to be an exciting and rewarding event. Don't miss out! Join thousands of other veterans as we support our brothers and sisters while also improving our own health and well-being.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



July 28, 2022

AMERICAN LEGION



***A symbol of freedom,
unity and hope***

JUN 8, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

At 7 p.m. Eastern on June 14, Flag Day, Americans everywhere will stop what they are doing and stand together for the annual Pause for the Pledge. They will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and nation in unison.

Since 1777, when the first official flag of the United States was adopted, Old Glory has stood as a symbol of unity, democracy, freedom and hope for all of us. We see Old Glory around us as it proudly flies from homes, businesses, government buildings and from the hands of young and the old during patriotic parades. It soars in the fields of battle, and it serves as a blanket of freedom draped over the casket of a fallen servicemembers, law enforcement officers and veterans. Our American flag is a reminder of sacrifice and service, and of strength.

The values embodied by our flag are mirrored by The American Legion's commitment to "promote peace and good will on earth, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

That commitment is visible on Flag Day when American Legion members conduct flag retirement ceremonies with youth to show future generations proper flag etiquette and respect. As Legionnaires

who have proudly served under the flag, it is our responsibility to pass on its meaning and instill respect for Old Glory.

The American Legion is actively promoting patriotism and reinvigorating pride and respect for the American flag by building awareness about why the U.S. flag matters through our “Rally Around the Flag” campaign. To support the campaign, a series of U.S. Flag Code and Rally Around the Flag social media graphics are available for download that can be shared on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. These individual graphics break down the U.S. Flag Code, as well as feature historical notes, fun facts, and voices from history about the American flag.

You can start sharing these social media graphics by visiting legion.org/flag/resources.

I also encourage you to share why the flag matters to you. You can share your story on Legiontown.org under the heading “Rally Around the Flag.”

As I walked the hallow grounds of Utah Beach during my recent visit to Europe, I saw a tiny American flag in the sand near the historic beach that helped free Europe from tyranny. It was a reminder – no matter the size – of the ultimate sacrifice paid under the Red, White, and Blue, and of the freedom and unity that Old Glory means. Long may it wave, wherever it may stand.

Veterans Strengthening America.

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



Photo by Steven Sobel/The American Legion

Flag Day speech available for Legion posts The American Legion | June 7, 2022

Flag Day, June 14, commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for the

first national flag. On this day, American Legion posts often hold a flag retirement ceremony or participate in community celebrations. A Flag Day speech is available for Legionnaires to use during these events. [Download the speech here.](#)

And at 7 p.m. EDT on June 14 is the annual Pause for the Pledge.

The American Legion wants to hear how your post is honoring Flag Day. Please share on legiontown.org.



BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

New laws improve health care for veterans

By [Mackenzie Wolf](#) | June 9, 2022

President Biden signed nine bills that improve health care for veterans during a White House ceremony June 7 attended by staff members of The American Legion’s Washington, D.C., office.

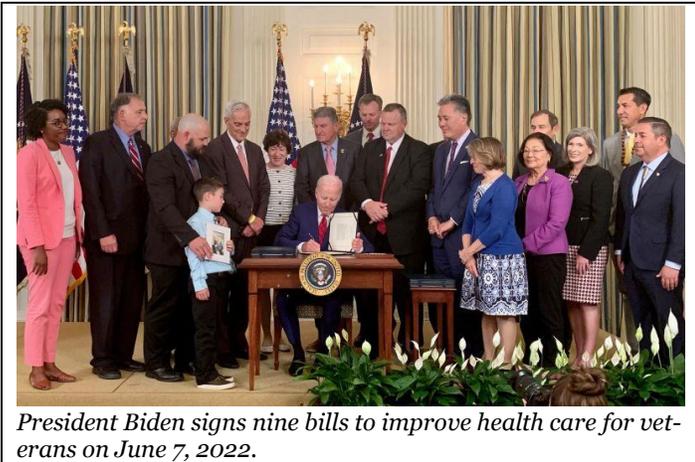
Among the goals Biden laid out in his Unity Agenda during his first State of the Union address is supporting the nation’s veterans.

“Today, our administration is delivering on that agenda,” the president said. “In just a moment, I’ll be signing nine different bills with overwhelming bipartisan support that improve care for our veterans and honor their service and their sacrifice.”

The legislation calls for expanding veterans’ access to lifesaving breast cancer screenings and care, strengthening oversight by temporarily authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Inspector General to issue subpoenas in certain circumstances, extending a program to compensate World War II veterans exposed to radiation and awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Army Rangers of World War II.

The Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans in Combat Environments Act expands eligibility for Veterans Health Administration mammography screenings to

veterans who served in certain locations during specified periods, including those who were exposed to toxic substances.



President Biden signs nine bills to improve health care for veterans on June 7, 2022.

The bill is named in honor of Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas, a Marine Corps veteran. In 2018, Thomas was diagnosed with three different types of stage 4 breast cancer believed to have been caused by burn pit exposure during her service in Iraq. Following her diagnosis, Thomas fought not only her own health care, but became a champion advocate for veterans suffering from illnesses caused by toxic exposures.

Thomas passed away on April 5, 2022, leaving behind a husband and young son. She was 42 years old.

The other bills, the president said, focus on the success of a veterans' future.

"We're going to strengthen the oversight of the VA's activities so veterans get the care they deserve, and restoring educational assistance benefits so veterans displaced by COVID-19 can continue to gain new skills to meet the demands of a changing workforce. "We can never fully repay the debt to all of you. But I promise that my administration will always have your back. I made that commitment when I ran, and I commit that now. And the men and women sitting before me made a similar commitment. We mean it."

The nine bills signed into law are:

- S. 4119 - RECA Extension Act of 2022.
- S. 4089 - Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery Act of 2022.
- S. 3527 - A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the

Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department.

- S. 2687 - Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021.
- S. 2533 - Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act.
- S. 2514 - A bill to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center."
- S. 2102 - Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans In Combat Environments Act.
- S. 1872 - United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act.
- S. 1760 - A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic."

House subpanel votes for pay raise for troops, smaller military, and more suicide prevention efforts as Congress weighs Pentagon funding

By Svetlana Shkolnikova/Stars and Stripes
June 9, 2022

A subpanel of the House Armed Services Committee voted Wednesday to raise pay for service members by 4.6%, reduce the size of the military and dedicate more resources for suicide prevention in the Pentagon's next fiscal year budget.

The pay increase backed by House lawmakers on the military personnel subcommittee matches the White House's budget request for 2023 and would go into effect on Jan. 1. It will be debated by the full House Armed Services Committee alongside other recommended measures later this month as Congress drafts an annual defense spending authorization bill.

Pay hikes for service members have hovered at about 2.7% during the last few years and the proposed boost for 2023 represents the largest in 20 years. Members of Congress have expressed misgivings, however, that the 4.6% pay raise pitched by President Joe Biden's administration can adequately compensate service members amid an inflation rate of 8%.

“[It] may not be enough,” Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., the subcommittee’s chairwoman, admitted during a budget markup Wednesday.

A subcommittee aide who spoke on condition of anonymity said Tuesday that there is interest in possibly raising pay further as Congress continues to weigh the bill. House lawmakers did not move to do so on Wednesday but agreed to require Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to assess the accuracy of military pay tables and military housing allowances for future funding legislation.

In March, the top Republicans on the Senate and House Armed Services Committees implored Pentagon leaders to consider how the rising cost of living will affect the pocketbooks of military families.

“It’s ignorant to believe these historically high inflation rates aren’t hurting our service members just like they are every other American family,” Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma and Rep. Mike Rogers of Alabama wrote in a letter to Austin and other military officials.

The two lawmakers issued a statement last month faulting the Defense Department for not having “a good grasp on how inflation is hurting our service members and their families — and how this is in turn impacting recruiting and retention.”

Recruitment struggles are plaguing all the service branches, particularly the Army. House lawmakers signed off Wednesday on reducing the Army’s end strength from 485,000 soldiers last year to 473,000 next year, marking a reversal from a 2017 plan to grow the service to 500,000 active-duty troops by 2022.

The Pentagon is asking to cut 25,000 total positions from the military services.

Wisconsin Rep. Mike Gallagher, the subcommittee’s top Republican member, said the downsizing is concerning “in light of the threats of an increasingly aggressive China, to say nothing of the barbarity on display from Russia in recent months.”

“We will continue to monitor these end-strength reductions very closely to ensure we do not stretch the joint force too thin,” he said.

The House subpanel also voted to extend bonuses and other incentive programs for recruitment and retention by one year as the military wades through a small pool of potential recruits. Only 23% of

Americans are qualified to serve due to poor health and other factors, Gen. James McConville, the Army chief of staff, told senators last month.

A significant portion of the subcommittee’s bill also focuses on combatting suicides in the military, which are [especially acute in Alaska](#). Seven soldiers stationed in the state died by suicide in 2020 and 11 suicides followed in 2021. Another six soldier deaths from last year are still under investigation.

Lawmakers are calling for additional financial support, including extra pay and travel allowances, for soldiers assigned to Alaskan bases to help alleviate isolation and money problems that often contribute to suicidal thoughts.

Several provisions seek to bolster the number of behavioral health providers available to troops by establishing a training program for civilian providers looking to work with the military and giving counselors more freedom to use their professional licenses in different jurisdictions.

“We must do everything that we can to get after this issue and look at it holistically,” Gallagher said.

Other measures approved Wednesday by the subcommittee would reimburse moving expenses for military spouses with home businesses, expand professional development education for service members and improve educational services for military families with disabled children. Speier said the subpanel is also directing the Pentagon to complete a study on fair pay for military child care center employees.

“In 2021, more than 20,000 military children with immediate need for child care were stuck on waitlists,” she said. “Throughout the year, we have visited child development centers across various installations and believe the department is not doing enough to recruit and retain an adequate workforce to support the child care needs of military families.” The subcommittee’s recommendations will be included in a full House committee markup scheduled for June 22. The Senate Armed Services Committee will mark up its version of the bill next week.





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

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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<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/x19ct26>

Conference Call Schedule:

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
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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=MkVTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607
Passcode: xZztq6

Watch the National Children & Youth
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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*

As of June 7, 2022

1,336,055

Flags have been placed and
reported to honor our veterans

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman
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Legislative Commission
Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

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7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Access Code 988 284 103#

**Sub-Committee
on Resolutions**
Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

**Veterans Affairs
& Rehabilitation Commission**

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

Passcode: 243945

**Veterans Employment
& Education Commission**

Chuck Treat (AZ), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

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June 15, 2022 | July 17, 2022

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by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

**REGIONAL
UPDATES**



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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2021 – 2022

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Consolidated **S**quadron **R**eports must be submitted! This report is mandatory. All squadrons are required to submit this form, accurately and on time.

In the past, these forms were mailed to squadrons, but that is not the case any longer. [Fillable CSR available HERE](#). There is also a copy of the instructions and the form available in this edition.



Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SON

- Support for our Veterans
- Children & Youth Programs
- To help those in need
- To protect our nation's flag
- To provide various services to our communities, states, and nation
- To be part of the world's largest volunteer veterans' organization
- Camaraderie

Honor the Veteran Who
Made You Eligible

JOIN TODAY!



Please take the time to complete this document and submit it today. Make sure that your detachment adjutant also gets a copy.

Commander Fox set a goal of a minimum of 50% of squadrons submitting the form. Let's show him what the Central Region can do. Let's shoot for nothing less than 75%!

Commander Fox has stated that each detachment that reaches 90% in CSR submissions will be entered into a drawing at the national convention. The winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate to Emblem Sales.

Gentlemen, right now this is the most important item to be taken care of. It is not an optional report. These numbers are vital to The American Legion National Commander, as they are used as part of the testimony given to the United States Congress.

Everyone does the work, so let's report it. The form is easy to complete, as is its submission. If you need help, please ask. There are Sons all across the country that will help.

Please take the time to complete and submit this form. The deadline this year is Friday, July 15. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter!

Nationally, the Central Region moved up and is now in third place in the membership standings. We now have three quota detachments, Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Every other detachment is so close to reaching quota. Let's see what we can do this week and get at least one more quota detachment. Our renewal numbers are also increasing, with all of our detachments above 80%, with two above 90%.

We are only 1,591 members away from reaching quota. We can do this! Everyone has been working so hard this year, and it shows. Now is the time to go a little harder. Buddy Checks are vital at this time of year. Which detachment will be the next to reach quota? This week will tell us a lot. **Who's next?**

Membership Independence Month will soon be here. We will have thirty-one days to renew for the 2023 membership year, and I need your help to see how many members we can renew and cards we can get transmitted during the month of July. There are many small squadrons out there that can help with this goal, and I am counting on not only

those squadrons, but members everywhere to renew early.

We honor the veteran who made us eligible every day by being a member of Sons of The American Legion. Let's make sure that we all renew during the month of July during **Membership Independence Month**.

When we get as many members as possible do renew during **Membership Independence Month**, we will see renewal rates higher than we have ever seen them before. We will see our membership numbers skyrocket to start the year. Most importantly, we will have changed the way we think about our membership program. The new mindset will be to renew early, allowing our membership team to focus on recruiting new members and reinstatement of former members.



**I WANT
YOU
TO RENEW!!!**

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!!!



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

2022 Central Region Membership Report

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT						06/09/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Western 4 Q	24,414	24,589	(175)	100.72%	81	QUOTA
2 Eastern 6, 7, 8	136,233	135,372	861	99.37%	638	
3 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	123,386	1,591	98.73%	1,160	
4 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	41,983	610	98.57%	107	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	27,497	1,011	96.45%	62	
TOTALS	356,725	352,827	4,073	98.91%	1,967	

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	23,624	(1,639)	107.46%	145	9 Q
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,677	(106)	102.32%	132	19 Q
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	3,976	(62)	101.58%	15	22 Q
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	29,296	650	97.83%	191	31
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,776	315	97.16%	4	36
6 Indiana 1	36,657	35,055	1,602	95.63%	540	43
7 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	13,004	598	95.60%	112	44
8 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	2,978	233	92.74%	21	48
TOTALS	124,977	123,386	1,591	98.73%	1,160	

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	4,677	(106)	102.32%	3.79%
Wisconsin	3,914	3,976	(62)	101.58%	3.22%
Missouri	3,211	2,978	233	92.74%	2.41%
TOTALS	11,696	11,631	65	99.44%	9.43%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	10,776	315	97.16%	8.73%
Illinois	13,602	13,004	598	95.60%	10.54%
TOTALS	24,693	23,780	913	96.30%	19.27%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	23,479	(1,494)	106.80%	19.03%
Ohio	29,946	29,296	650	97.83%	23.74%
Indiana	36,657	35,055	1,602	95.63%	28.41%
TOTALS	88,588	87,830	758	99.14%	71.18%

		06/09/22
Detachment	Renewal %	
1 Iowa	92.30%	
2 Michigan	90.40%	
3 Wisconsin	89.87%	
4 Ohio	88.95%	
5 Illinois	87.58%	
6 Minnesota	87.44%	
7 Indiana	87.22%	
8 Missouri	80.34%	
NATIONAL	86.79%	



Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

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

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

Date _____ Received of _____

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____



2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron Report as of June 8, 2022

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
OHIO	318	109	34%
DELAWARE	15	5	33%
TENNESSEE	49	10	20%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	13	18%
OREGON	42	6	14%
NEBRASKA	163	23	14%
MARYLAND	114	16	14%
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	14%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	5	14%
NEW MEXICO	33	4	12%
CONNECTICUT	51	6	12%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11%
FLORIDA	189	20	11%
WASHINGTON	70	7	10%
ARIZONA	82	8	10%
MONTANA	52	5	10%
ALASKA	23	2	9%
GEORGIA	115	10	9%
WYOMING	26	2	8%
IDAHO	41	3	7%
MAINE	73	5	7%
NEVADA	15	1	7%
INDIANA	294	19	6%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6%
WISCONSIN	117	7	6%
CALIFORNIA	211	11	5%
UTAH	43	2	5%
ILLINOIS	285	13	5%
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	5%
ALABAMA	70	3	4%
OKLAHOMA	98	4	4%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4%
COLORADO	75	3	4%
IOWA	153	6	4%
LOUISIANA	105	4	4%
KENTUCKY	80	3	4%
ARKANSAS	30	1	3%
KANSAS	126	4	3%
NEW YORK	584	16	3%
MINNESOTA	264	7	3%
TEXAS	254	6	2%
MASSACHUSETTS	223	5	2%
VIRGINIA	91	2	2%
PENNSYLVANIA	462	10	2%
MICHIGAN	212	3	1%
MISSOURI	120	1	1%
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0%
FRANCE	16	0	0%
HAWAII	12	0	0%
MEXICO	6	0	0%
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0%
PUERTO RICO	12	0	0%
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%
VERMONT	37	0	0%
Total	6025	420	7%

Regional Breakdown as of June 8, 2022

Central		NVC Vrabel (OH)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
OHIO	318	109	34%	
INDIANA	294	19	6%	
WISCONSIN	117	7	6%	
ILLINOIS	285	13	5%	
IOWA	153	6	4%	
MINNESOTA	264	7	3%	
MICHIGAN	212	3	1%	
MISSOURI	120	1	1%	
Totals	1763	165	9%	

Mid-West		NVC Torres (TX)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
NEBRASKA	163	23	14%	
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	14%	
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	5	14%	
NEW MEXICO	33	4	12%	
MONTANA	52	5	10%	
WYOMING	26	2	8%	
OKLAHOMA	98	4	4%	
COLORADO	75	3	4%	
KANSAS	126	4	3%	
TEXAS	254	6	2%	
Totals	908	62	7%	

West		NVC Stewart (NV)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
OREGON	42	6	14%	
WASHINGTON	70	7	10%	
ARIZONA	82	8	10%	
ALASKA	23	2	9%	
IDAHO	41	3	7%	
NEVADA	15	1	7%	
CALIFORNIA	211	11	5%	
UTAH	43	2	5%	
HAWAII	12	0	0%	
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0%	
MEXICO	6	0	0%	
Totals	2012	119	6%	

East		NVC Huntley (ME)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
DELAWARE	15	5	33%	
MARYLAND	114	16	14%	
CONNECTICUT	51	6	12%	
MAINE	73	5	7%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%	
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6%	
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4%	
NEW YORK	584	16	3%	
MASSACHUSETTS	223	5	2%	
PENNSYLVANIA	462	10	2%	
VERMONT	37	0	0%	
FRANCE	16	0	0%	
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%	
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0%	
Totals	1919	82	4%	

South		NVC Roberts (GA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
TENNESSEE	49	10	20%	
NORTH CAROLINA	72	13	18%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11%	
FLORIDA	189	20	11%	
GEORGIA	115	10	9%	
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	5%	
ALABAMA	70	3	4%	
LOUISIANA	105	4	4%	
KENTUCKY	80	3	4%	
ARKANSAS	30	1	3%	
VIRGINIA	91	2	2%	
PUERTO RICO	12	0	0%	
Totals	884	71	8%	

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022	6025	420	7%

We don't talk about...Bruno (or the SAL)

Matthew Verkuilen, Special Contributor
Detachment of Minnesota

It seems that in every family structure there is at least one aspect of the family that isn't talked about... or at least not talked about often. Either it's due to something that's happened, something taken for granted, or even just plain an oversight because well...we see them all the time.

Recently, Disney released the movie *Encanto* about the family Madrigal (with amazing music by Lin-Manuel Miranda). One particular scene of the movie and it's corresponding song has taken the world by storm.

The song, *We Don't Talk About Bruno*, as well as the theme of the movie itself, depicts a family who for various reasons has overlooked some of their family members. In fact, the main character is overlooked almost entirely because she wasn't given a "gift" like the rest of the family.

This movie got me thinking, how often are we overlooking OUR family within The American Legion? How are we branching out of our comfort

zone to include people that perhaps have something to offer that we had no idea of because we didn't take time to ask. Perhaps, you are an aging post who are not able to be as active as you were in the past. Perhaps, you have the same members doing everything and those members are starting to feel burnt out.

If any of these scenarios sound familiar, have you considered starting an SAL Squadron? Have you reached out to your Auxiliary or started an Auxiliary Juniors program? Maybe starting a riders chapter is the answer.

There are so many options to keep your programs alive, and to get people involved. But sometimes, we have to talk about Bruno.



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Fourth Tuesday of each month
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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**The American Legion Family
 needs your help!**

**We will be collecting back packs,
 school supplies and gift cards for
 the school children at Uvalde CISD.
 Donations can be taken to the
 Department Convention in Austin.
 More info will be available soon**



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Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
DIST OF COL	92	111	120.65%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,372	106.42%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,279	104.40%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,276	103.98%
VERMONT	3,576	3,705	103.61%
MAINE	2,482	2,542	102.42%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,421	101.59%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,603	100.45%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	58,576	99.45%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,775	97.53%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,921	96.85%
NEW YORK	29,246	28,309	96.80%
FRANCE	233	153	65.67%
Totals:	136,233	135,372	99.37%

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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	1,313	124.81%
MEXICO	26	30	115.38%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,032	112.66%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,391	110.31%
COLORADO	2,632	2,564	97.42%
TEXAS	5,425	5,259	96.94%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,720	96.57%
WYOMING	1,273	1,221	95.92%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,295	93.84%
MONTANA	1,160	1,052	90.69%
KANSAS	6,424	5,620	87.48%
Totals:	28,508	27,497	96.45%

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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	1,433	103.69%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,363	101.09%
FLORIDA	20,745	20,824	100.38%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,611	99.69%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,985	98.27%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,948	98.14%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,643	97.74%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,703	94.19%
ARKANSAS	468	429	91.67%
MISSISSIPPI	795	694	87.30%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,229	84.18%
Totals:	42,593	41,983	98.57%

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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

**SAL encouraged to share
 Snapshots of Service**

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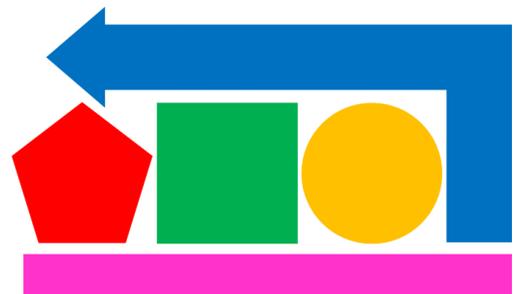
A reminder to Sons of The American Legion squadrons to submit photos of their activities to the annual Snapshots of Service program. The deadline for submissions is June 17; winners will be announced at the SAL National Convention in Milwaukee, Aug. 26-28.

Submitted photos must represent one of the Four Pillars: Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security, or Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Members must be wearing SAL caps or apparel, and the photo must be in JPG or TIFF format.

Submission forms are available at legion.org/sons/publications.

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	69	140.82%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,412	115.63%
OREGON	1,317	1,358	103.11%
IDAHO	606	624	102.97%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,724	102.09%
PHILIPPINES	66	67	101.52%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	10,101	97.71%
NEVADA	334	321	96.11%
ALASKA	1,560	1,487	95.32%
UTAH	492	426	86.59%
Totals:	24,414	24,589	100.72%

as of June 9, 2022



It's almost time!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT

The Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) is perhaps the most critical document your squadron can complete. CSR information is combined with other squadrons in creating a final report used by The American Legion, forwarded to the U.S. Congress, and used to apply and verify awards.

Not all squadrons participate in every program; leave those fields blank. The key is to report on the activities your squadron participated in from **June 1st to May 30th**.

All detachment/district/squadron donations and activities should be reported individually to your detachment adjutant. Report only the items specific to each entity (no roll-ups). The CSR will require inputs, such as the number of veteran homes visited or volunteer hours contributed to a particular program. Other programs, such as The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF), enter the number of dollars donated or spent in whole numbers.

It is preferred CSR's are filled out and submitted online; this saves time and money. CSRs are available for download at www.legion.org/publications & www.legion.org/sons/publications. Adjutants can complete and submit their CSR reports on www.mysal.org. If filing online, be sure to send copies to your detachment and other levels as directed.

For those who prefer mailing in your CSRs, you have two (2) options. You can fill out the CSR on your computer. Completing the first page will automatically populate all pages that would go to national and detachment. Or you can print out the form and complete each page by hand. Make sure it is legible. Once the CSR is complete, print it out and mail in your copies. Send one copy to national, one copy to your detachment and retain one copy for your squadron's records. Check with your detachment for their deadline date; it may be different than the national deadline.

Detachments and districts should forward a copy by scanning and emailing their CSRs to dsforms@legion.org or by USPS to the address below.

CSR's are due to national headquarters no later than the 3rd Friday in July of each year. Any CSRs received after the deadline will not be entered into the annual report and not considered for awards.

**MAIL: THE AMERICAN LEGION
ATTN: MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICES
P.O. BOX 1954
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206**

SCAN & EMAIL: MSSforms@legion.org

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT

JUNE 1, to MAY 31,

Please check **one** box indicating the reporting entity level: Detachment District Squadron

1 _____ Detachment (State)	2 _____ District
3 _____ Squadron Number	4 _____ Squadron Name
5 _____ Paid-to-Date Membership Count, Current Year	6 _____ Paid-Up Final Membership Count, Prior Year
7 _____ City/Town	8 _____ Zip Code

If the reporting entity is a District (or Detachment) the entity agrees that their report of dollars and hours ONLY INCLUDES those approved and expended by Officers and Members of that entity, and ARE NOT cumulative of the Squadrons (or Squadrons and Districts) that they represent.

Please type or print all information clearly. For the program details below only mark lines for which you are reporting data (leave '0' values blank).

AMERICANISM

1 _____ Donations, Boys State / Girls State	2 _____ No. of Hours, Boys State / Girls State
3 _____ Donations, 5-Star / 10-Ideals Education	4 _____ No. of Hours, 5-Star / 10-Ideals Education
5 _____ Donations, Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)	6 _____ No. of Hours, Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)
7 _____ N/A N/A	8 _____ No. of Flags Presented (All Sizes/Events)
9 _____ Donations, Flag Education Programs	10 _____ No. of Hours, Flag Education Programs
11 _____ Donations, Scholarships Awarded	12 _____ No. of Hours, Other Educational Programs
13 _____ Donations, Oratorical Contest	14 _____ No. of Hours, Oratorical Contest
15 _____ Donations, Color Guard	16 _____ No. of Hours, Color Guard
17 _____ Donations, Other Organizations	18 _____ No. of Hours, Community Service
19 _____ Donations, Scouting	20 _____ No. of Hours, Scouting
21 _____ Donations, Junior Shooting Sports	22 _____ No. of Hours, Junior Shooting Sports
23 _____ Donations, American Legion Baseball	24 _____ No. of Hours, American Legion Baseball
25 _____ Donations, Other Teams Sponsored	26 _____ No. of Hours, Other Teams Sponsored
27 _____ Donations, Blood Drives	28 _____ No. of Hours, Blood Drives
29 _____ Donations, National Emergency Fund	30 _____ No. of Hours, National Emergency Fund
31 _____ Donations, Legacy Scholarship Fund	32 _____ No. of Hours, Legacy Scholarship Fund
33 _____ Donations, Other Americanism Projects	34 _____ No. of Hours, Other Americanism Projects

CHILDREN & YOUTH

1 _____ Donations, Child Welfare Foundation	2 _____ No. of Hours, Child Welfare Foundation
3 _____ Donations, Special Olympics	4 _____ No. of Hours, Special Olympics
5 _____ Donations, Children's Miracle Network	6 _____ No. of Hours, Children's Miracle Network
7 _____ Donations, Ronald McDonald House	8 _____ No. of Hours, Ronald McDonald House
9 _____ Donations, Children's Organ Trans. Assn.	10 _____ No. of Hours, Children's Organ Trans. Assn.
11 _____ Donations, T.A.L. Vets. and Child. Found.	12 _____ No. of Hours, T.A.L. Vets. and Child. Found.
13 _____ Donations, Other C&Y Projects	14 _____ No. of Hours, Other C&Y Projects

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

1 _____ Donations, V.A. Medical Ctrs. & Facilities	2 _____ No. of Hours, V.A. Medical Ctrs. & Facilities
3 _____ Donations, State Veterans Facilities	4 _____ No. of Hours, State Veterans Facilities
5 _____ Donations, Nat'l Veterans Assist. Day	6 _____ 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

1 _____ Donations, VE&E Projects	2 _____ No. of Hours, VE&E Projects
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1 _____ Other Donations, Not Covered Above	2 _____ Other Hours, Not Covered Above
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Signature _____	Title _____	Date _____
Contact Phone Number: (____) _____	Contact Email: _____	