



Round-Up

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Senate passes historic burn pit legislation

[Mackenzie Wolf](#) | June 16, 2022

The U.S. Senate made history June 16, ensuring millions of veterans exposed to noxious fumes emanating from burn pits will have access to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) care and benefits. The bill was approved by an 84-14 vote.

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act (PACT Act) addresses the full spectrum of issues affecting toxic-exposed veterans' access to VA benefits and care, while also reforming VA's presumptive decision-making process.

The sweeping legislation provides a comprehensive framework to improve the presumptive process for burn pit veterans by streamlining access to health-care benefits for those who served in areas of known toxic exposure — regardless of disability status — and provides health care for as many as 3.5 million veterans exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits.

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard hailed the Senate and the 117th Congress for passing the PACT Act, calling the legislation a “historic bipartisan achievement.”

“Today, the U.S. Senate has saved lives and truly delivered for veterans,” Dillard said. “By passing the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act, the 117th Congress has put substance behind the phrase, ‘Thank you for your service.’”

“The American Legion is grateful for the service of millions of veterans who were exposed to burn pits, atomic radiation, Agent Orange, and other environmental poisons. Thanks to the U.S. Congress, these men and women will be able to receive the care and benefits they have earned. The PACT Act is an historic bipartisan achievement. The American Legion thanks not only those who voted for this legislation but the thousands of Legionnaires and advocates who worked to make this happen. We look forward to President Biden signing the Honoring Our PACT Act into law.”

Toxic smoke and fumes from burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan included medical and human waste, jet fuel, chemicals, metal, munitions and unexploded ordnance, petroleum and lubricant products, plastics, Styrofoam and more.





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SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



Our legacy of legislative achievements

June 15, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

Throughout America's history, veterans and their families have sacrificed more than most others could imagine.

We honor and remember the fallen, not just on a Monday in May, but every day throughout the year. And for those who returned home carrying the wounds of war, The American Legion is there for you.

In fact, our organization was created as a way to ensure World War I veterans would receive proper care after their service ended. We fought for the passage of the original GI Bill of Rights that gave veterans of World War II and future generations a new path once they returned home.

Earlier this month, The American Legion witnessed [nine new legislative achievements](#) signed into law by the president. Among the bills were those that expand veterans' access to breast cancer screenings; strengthen oversight by VA's Office of Inspector General to issue subpoenas in certain circumstances; and extending a program to compensate WWII veterans exposed to radiation.

These legislative accomplishments would not be possible without the support, influence, and advocacy of American Legion members throughout the

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



July 28, 2022

land. That is among the reasons why Congress listens when the nation's largest veterans service organization speaks.

There are two ways you can help The American Legion continue its legacy of legislative achievements:

1. If you have let your membership slide, [renew or join today](#). Every member is critical to our success on behalf of our brothers and sisters who served.
2. [Sign up to receive](#) our action alerts. These easy-to-fill-out forms allow you to contact your members of Congress directly and convey your support for important legislation.

Your support truly demonstrates what The American Legion means by ...

Veterans Strengthening America.

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



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

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Fourth Thursday of each month
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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
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SAL leads CWF donations in 2021-22

The American Legion | June 14, 2022



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) ended its 2021-22 program year with over \$569,000 in donations. Of those donations, more than \$349,789 came from the Sons of The American Legion – the single largest contributor to CWF, donating \$9 million since 1988. Another \$170,856 was donated between

The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and 8 & 40.

All numbers are subject to final audit.

The Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth through programs, research, and resources. One hundred percent of all money raised for the CWF is used exclusively for grants. Visit the [American Legion Child Welfare Foundation website](#) to learn more about the program, how to apply for a grant, and how to donate.

[CWF grant applications for 2023](#) are currently being accepted. Applications must be received at American Legion National Headquarters no later than July 15.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CWF - DONATIONS REPORT**

DETACHMENT	2022 Donations (final)	2022 Membership (current)	2023 CWF Goal	2023 Donations (to-date)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	1,985	\$ 1,985.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,489	\$ 1,489.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,730	\$ 7,730.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 431.00	431	\$ 431.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,172	\$ 10,172.00	\$ 635.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,595	\$ 2,595.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,389	\$ 2,389.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ 111.00	111	\$ 111.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	20,853	\$ 20,853.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 153.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,372	\$ 4,372.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	69	\$ 69.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	626	\$ 626.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,005	\$ 13,005.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,091	\$ 35,091.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,774	\$ 4,774.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,626	\$ 5,626.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 2,233.00	2,233	\$ 2,233.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,703	\$ 1,703.00	\$ 500.00	29.4%	\$ 0.29
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,542	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	15,613	\$ 15,613.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,278	\$ 5,278.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MX - MEXICO	\$ 30.00	30	\$ 30.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,792	\$ 23,792.00	\$ 2,335.00	9.8%	\$ 0.10
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,790	\$ 10,790.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	694	\$ 694.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,079	\$ 3,079.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,064	\$ 1,064.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,733	\$ 6,733.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	322	\$ 322.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,420	\$ 5,420.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,922	\$ 8,922.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,393	\$ 1,393.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,663	\$ 28,663.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,651	\$ 2,651.00	\$ 100.00	3.8%	\$ 0.04
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,040.00	1,040	\$ 1,040.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,372	\$ 29,372.00	\$ 125.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ 1,298.00	1,298	\$ 1,298.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,364	\$ 1,364.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	59,063	\$ 59,063.00	\$ 562.00	1.0%	\$ 0.01
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	329	\$ 329.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,435	\$ 1,435.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,317	\$ 1,317.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,646	\$ 1,646.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,316	\$ 5,316.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	426	\$ 426.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,730	\$ 3,730.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	3,987	\$ 3,987.00	\$ 750.00	18.8%	\$ 0.19
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,422	\$ 2,422.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,303	\$ 2,303.00	\$ 500.00	21.7%	\$ 0.22
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	3,977	\$ 3,977.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,231	\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -			
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	354,630	\$ 354,630.00	\$ 8,707.00	2.5%	\$ 0.02

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>

[TkvTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MtkVTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09)

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607

Passcode: xZztq6

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

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 18, 2022

1,339,395

Flags have been placed and reported to honor our veterans

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Fourth Thursday of each month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-6050

Access Code: 344590

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#

Sons of The American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) - Donations by Region

DETACHMENT	2022 Donations (final)	2022 Membership (current)	2023 CWF Goal	2023 Donations (to-date)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
Eastern Region						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,793	\$ 1,793.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,389	\$ 2,389.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	111	\$ 111.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ -	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,542	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	15,613	\$ 15,613.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,278	\$ 5,278.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,420	\$ 5,420.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,922	\$ 8,922.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,663	\$ 28,663.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	59,063	\$ 59,063.00	\$ 562.00	1.0%	\$ 0.01
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	329	\$ 329.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,730	\$ 3,730.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,303	\$ 2,303.00	\$ 500.00	21.7%	\$ 0.22
Total:	\$ 91,331.91	136,300	\$ 136,300.00	\$ 1,162.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
Eastern Region						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,005	\$ 13,005.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,091	\$ 35,091.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,774	\$ 4,774.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,792	\$ 23,792.00	\$ 2,335.00	9.8%	\$ 0.10
MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,790	\$ 10,790.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,079	\$ 3,079.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,372	\$ 29,372.00	\$ 125.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	3,977	\$ 3,977.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 92,641.85	123,880	\$ 123,880.00	\$ 2,560.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
Western Region						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,489	\$ 1,489.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,730	\$ 7,730.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,172	\$ 10,172.00	\$ 635.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
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IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	626	\$ 626.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
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OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,364	\$ 1,364.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
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UTAH	\$ 185.00	426	\$ 426.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,422	\$ 2,422.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 28,794.81	24,687	\$ 24,687.00	\$ 3,635.00	14.7%	\$ 0.15
Midwest Region						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,595	\$ 2,595.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,626	\$ 5,626.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MEXICO	\$ -	30	\$ 30.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,064	\$ 1,064.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,733	\$ 6,733.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,393	\$ 1,393.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,435	\$ 1,435.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,040.00	1,040	\$ 1,040.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,298	\$ 1,298.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,317	\$ 1,317.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,316	\$ 5,316.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,231	\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 64,974.78	37,643	\$ 37,643.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
National HQ						
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -			
Grand Total:	\$ 349,789.25	354,630	\$ 354,630.00	\$ 8,707.00	2.5%	\$ 0.02
DONATIONS AS OF JUNE 17, 2022						
MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 16, 2022						

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



Welcome To the 100% club NVC Dickie Huntley, Regional Membership Chairman Ernie LaBerge, and the Beast from the East.

Nationally, we are at 99.41% and #SALSTRONG! I have no doubt that we will walk in to Milwaukee with our heads held high, as proud possessors of a priceless heritage and at 100%.

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: June 16, 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	HAWAII	49	-18	69	140.82%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-29	121	137.50%	100.00
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-212	1,317	125.19%	90.88
4	DIST OF COL	92	-14	111	120.65%	89.89
5	WASHINGTON	2,086	-232	2,422	116.11%	89.33
6	MEXICO	26	-3	30	115.38%	68.00
7	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-78	1,040	113.54%	98.98
8	NEW MEXICO	1,261	-69	1,393	110.47%	83.46
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-708	23,792	108.22%	90.91
10	DELAWARE	2,229	-49	2,389	107.18%	91.52
11	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-11	2,303	105.50%	86.98
12	IOWA	4,571	26	4,774	104.44%	94.43
13	VERMONT	3,576	25	3,730	104.31%	90.11
14	RHODE ISLAND	316	3	329	104.11%	80.97
15	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	50	5,278	104.02%	89.39
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	16	1,435	103.84%	85.76
17	OREGON	1,317	19	1,364	103.57%	83.38
18	IDAHO	606	10	626	103.30%	85.04
19	MAINE	2,482	64	2,542	102.42%	89.76
20	ARIZONA	7,566	214	7,730	102.17%	82.02
21	WISCONSIN	3,914	133	3,977	101.61%	89.87
22	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	183	5,420	101.57%	96.76
23	PHILIPPINES	66	2	67	101.52%	96.92
24	GEORGIA	4,316	160	4,372	101.30%	83.52
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	99	2,651	101.22%	81.13
26	FLORIDA	20,745	929	20,853	100.52%	82.79
27	MARYLAND	15,533	697	15,613	100.52%	90.29
28	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	2,784	59,063	100.27%	90.37
29	VIRGINIA	4,023	237	3,987	99.11%	84.38
30	COLORADO	2,632	169	2,595	98.59%	81.88
31	CONNECTICUT	1,820	118	1,793	98.52%	84.02
32	CALIFORNIA	10,338	683	10,172	98.39%	82.67
33	ALABAMA	2,020	136	1,985	98.27%	80.55
34	OHIO	29,946	2,071	29,372	98.08%	89.10
35	NEW YORK	29,246	2,045	28,663	98.01%	87.43
36	TEXAS	5,425	380	5,316	97.99%	80.08
37	TENNESSEE	1,681	119	1,646	97.92%	76.22
38	MINNESOTA	11,091	856	10,790	97.29%	87.55
39	NEW JERSEY	9,211	750	8,922	96.86%	85.88
40	NEBRASKA	6,959	574	6,733	96.75%	91.39
41	WYOMING	1,273	106	1,231	96.70%	76.48
42	NEVADA	334	29	322	96.41%	81.16
43	MISSOURI	3,211	293	3,079	95.89%	83.14
44	INDIANA	36,657	3,399	35,091	95.73%	87.28
45	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,277	13,005	95.61%	87.58
46	ALASKA	1,560	149	1,489	95.45%	74.81
47	LOUISIANA	1,808	195	1,703	94.19%	84.27
48	OKLAHOMA	1,380	151	1,298	94.06%	77.87
49	ARKANSAS	468	60	431	92.09%	75.05
50	MONTANA	1,160	154	1,064	91.72%	85.08
51	KANSAS	6,424	1,119	5,626	87.58%	79.94
52	MISSISSIPPI	795	141	694	87.30%	59.76
53	UTAH	492	91	426	86.59%	73.47
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	547	2,233	84.33%	70.80
55	FRANCE	233	92	153	65.67%	64.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	19,931	354,630	99.41%	87.16

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

awatry@mindspring.com
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/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (508) 924-3315

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July 17, 2022 | August 25, 2022



SAL

Barber Shop

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REGIONAL UPDATES



JEFF VRABEL, SR.
CENTRAL REGION
2021 – 2022

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DONATE

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<https://sites.google.com/vies/teamvrabel/home>

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

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As I sat down to write this article, I was looking through my calendar verifying my schedule for the week. I knew that I would be off on Monday in celebration of Juneteenth. It got me wondering who actually knows what this holiday is, why we celebrate it, and how important it is.

I thought that there may be some of my readers who knew about it, but never really looked into it or even knew what it was.

I did a little digging and found that the information from The History Channel to be the best. I hope everyone takes a few minutes to read the information and that a better understanding of not only the holiday, but the reason for the holiday, is better understood. Enjoy!

What Is Juneteenth?

[Elizabeth Nix](#)

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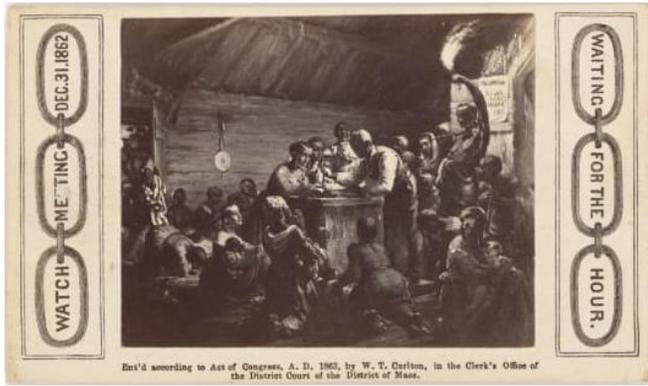
Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in [Galveston, Texas](#) in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

Confederate General [Robert E. Lee](#) had surrendered at [Appomattox Court House](#) two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

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information until after harvest season—celebrations broke out among newly freed Black people, and Juneteenth was born. That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the [13th Amendment](#).

[Does an Exception Clause in the 13th Amendment Still Permit Slavery?](#)

The year following 1865, freed men in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer services and other activities, and as Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country the Juneteenth tradition spread. In 1979, [Texas became the first state](#) to make Juneteenth an official holiday; several others followed suit over the years. In June 2021, Congress passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a national holiday; President Biden signed it into law on June 17, 2021.

[Emancipation Proclamation: How Lincoln Could Abolish Slavery](#)

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FACT CHECK: *We strive for accuracy and fairness. But if you see something that doesn't look right, [click here](#) to contact us! HISTORY reviews and updates its content regularly to ensure it is complete and accurate.*

Congratulations to National Vice-Commander Dickie Huntley, Region Membership Chairman Ernie LaBerge, and the entire Eastern Region for reaching quota. Well done men!

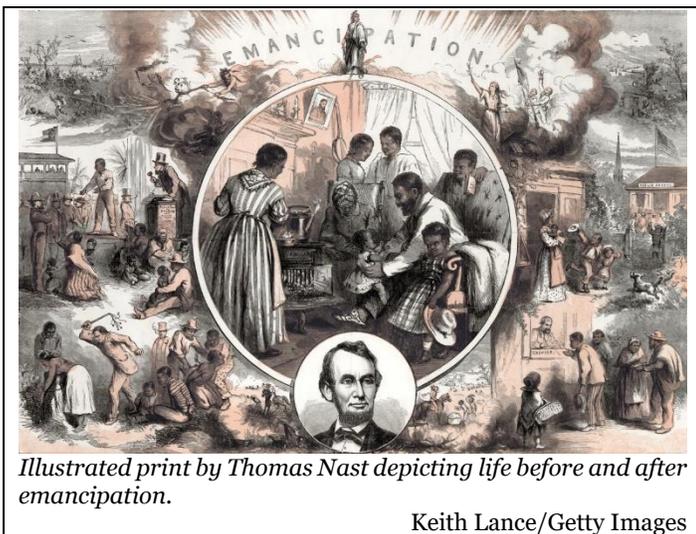
Friday's membership report for the Central Region looks very promising. We are only 2,368 away from quota, finishing the week with 123,880 members paid. The Detachment of Missouri needs only 132 members to reach quota, and the Detachment of Indiana needs 1,566 to hit 100%. Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio are all within a few hundred members needed for quota.

Gentlemen, we are so close! Including today there are twelve days left in June. When you look at the numbers, we need to collect 197.33 member per day to hit 100%.

I want to challenge the entire region to reach quota by the end of the month. Are you up to the

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President [Abraham Lincoln](#) on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in [Confederate states](#) in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines.



Juneteenth and Slavery in Texas. In Texas, slavery had continued as the state experienced no large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery.

After the war came to a close in the spring of 1865, General Granger's arrival in Galveston that June signaled freedom for Texas's 250,000 enslaved people. Although emancipation didn't happen overnight for everyone—in some cases, enslavers withheld the

challenge? We have three detachments that have reached quota. *Who's next?*

Membership Independence Month is also only twelve days away, and Sons throughout the organization will begin collecting dues for the 2023 membership year. The push is on. We want to get as many members as we can to renew in the month of July to show their **Membership Independence**. We honor the veteran who made us eligible every day through our membership in Sons of The American Legion. Let's renew early as a new way to honor them. I will be renewed on July 1. Will you be?



Since today is Father's Day, why not gift a membership to a member who is a father? You can pay his dues, getting him renewed early, and it will make you feel great about the gift.

Let's all get out there and support **Membership Independence Day** this July by renewing as members as we can for the 2023 membership year. Thank you for your support of this new initiative.



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.

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Gentlemen,



We cannot stress enough about having our Squadrons do a Buddy Check. That personal contact means a lot to our members. They may have forgotten or have fallen on hard times and maybe we can help. The reminder of why they became a member of The Sons of The

American Legion and A Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage is always a great incentive. Also do not forget about submitting your member's names for the many recognition awards that they are eligible for and deserving.

Keep up all the great work that you do.

David Mennel,
Central Region
Membership Chairman
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2022 Central Region Membership Report

2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron Report as of June 15, 2022

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT						06/16/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Western 4 Q	24,414	24,687	(273)	101.12%	73	QUOTA
2 Eastern 6, 7, 8 Q	136,233	136,309	(76)	100.06%	571	QUOTA
3 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	123,880	1,097	99.12%	363	
4 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	42,111	482	98.87%	83	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	27,643	865	96.97%	64	
TOTALS	356,725	354,630	2,368	99.41%	1,081	

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	23,792	(1,807)	108.22%	101	9 Q
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,774	(203)	104.44%	96	12 Q
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	3,977	(63)	101.61%	-	21 Q
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	29,372	574	98.08%	52	34
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,790	301	97.29%	3	38
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	3,079	132	95.89%	99	43
7 Indiana 1	36,657	35,091	1,566	95.73%	12	44
8 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	13,005	597	95.61%	-	45
TOTALS	124,977	123,880	1,097	99.12%	363	

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	4,774	(203)	104.44%	3.85%
Wisconsin	3,914	3,977	(63)	101.61%	3.21%
Missouri	3,211	3,076	135	95.80%	2.48%
TOTALS	11,696	11,827	(131)	101.12%	9.55%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	10,790	301	97.29%	8.71%
Illinois	13,602	13,005	597	95.61%	10.50%
TOTALS	24,693	23,795	898	96.36%	19.21%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	23,792	(1,807)	108.22%	19.21%
Ohio	29,946	29,372	574	98.08%	23.71%
Indiana	36,657	35,091	1,566	95.73%	28.33%
TOTALS	88,588	88,255	333	99.62%	71.24%

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

06/16/22		
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	94.43%
2	Michigan	90.91%
3	Wisconsin	89.87%
4	Ohio	89.10%
5	Illinois	87.58%
6	Minnesota	87.55%
7	Indiana	87.28%
8	Missouri	83.14%
	NATIONAL	87.16%

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
OHIO	317	111	35%
DELAWARE	15	5	33%
TENNESSEE	47	10	21%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19%
OREGON	42	7	17%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	6	16%
NEBRASKA	162	23	14%
MARYLAND	114	16	14%
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	14%
NEW MEXICO	33	4	12%
CONNECTICUT	50	6	12%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11%
ARIZONA	82	9	11%
FLORIDA	189	19	10%
WASHINGTON	70	7	10%
MONTANA	51	5	10%
GEORGIA	114	10	9%
ALASKA	23	2	9%
WYOMING	26	2	8%
IDAHO	41	3	7%
UTAH	43	3	7%
MAINE	73	5	7%
NEVADA	15	1	7%
INDIANA	295	19	6%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6%
WISCONSIN	117	7	6%
CALIFORNIA	211	11	5%
OKLAHOMA	97	5	5%
COLORADO	59	3	5%
LOUISIANA	80	4	5%
ILLINOIS	278	13	5%
IOWA	150	7	5%
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	5%
ALABAMA	69	3	4%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4%
KENTUCKY	80	3	4%
ARKANSAS	30	1	3%
KANSAS	126	4	3%
NEW YORK	581	18	3%
MASSACHUSETTS	212	6	3%
MINNESOTA	266	7	3%
PENNSYLVANIA	463	12	3%
TEXAS	254	6	2%
VIRGINIA	91	2	2%
MICHIGAN	212	3	1%
MISSOURI	119	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	8	0	0%
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%
VERMONT	37	0	0%
Total	5950	433	7%

Regional Breakdown as of June 15, 2022

Central		NVC Vrabel (OH)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
OHIO	317	111	35%	
INDIANA	295	19	6%	
WISCONSIN	117	7	6%	
ILLINOIS	278	13	5%	
IOWA	150	7	5%	
MINNESOTA	266	7	3%	
MICHIGAN	212	3	1%	
MISSOURI	119	1	1%	
Totals	1754	168	10%	

Mid-West		NVC Torres (TX)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	6	16%	
NEBRASKA	162	23	14%	
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	14%	
NEW MEXICO	33	4	12%	
MONTANA	51	5	10%	
WYOMING	26	2	8%	
OKLAHOMA	97	5	5%	
COLORADO	59	3	5%	
KANSAS	126	4	3%	
TEXAS	254	6	2%	
Totals	889	64	7%	

West		NVC Stewart (NV)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
OREGON	42	7	17%	
ARIZONA	82	9	11%	
WASHINGTON	70	7	10%	
ALASKA	23	2	9%	
IDAHO	41	3	7%	
UTAH	43	3	7%	
NEVADA	15	1	7%	
CALIFORNIA	211	11	5%	
HAWAII	12	0	0%	
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0%	
MEXICO	6	0	0%	
Totals	1976	125	6%	

East		NVC Huntley (ME)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
DELAWARE	15	5	33%	
MARYLAND	114	16	14%	
CONNECTICUT	50	6	12%	
MAINE	73	5	7%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6%	
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6%	
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4%	
NEW YORK	581	18	3%	
MASSACHUSETTS	212	6	3%	
PENNSYLVANIA	463	12	3%	
VERMONT	37	0	0%	
FRANCE	16	0	0%	
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0%	
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0%	
Totals	1905	87	5%	

South		NVC Roberts (GA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	
TENNESSEE	47	10	21%	
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11%	
FLORIDA	189	19	10%	
GEORGIA	114	10	9%	
LOUISIANA	80	4	5%	
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	5%	
ALABAMA	69	3	4%	
KENTUCKY	80	3	4%	
ARKANSAS	30	1	3%	
VIRGINIA	91	2	2%	
PUERTO RICO	8	0	0%	
Totals	851	71	8%	

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022	5950	433	7%



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2021 – 2022



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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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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	2,389	107.18%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,303	105.50%
VERMONT	3,576	3,730	104.31%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,278	104.02%
MAINE	2,482	2,542	102.42%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,420	101.57%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,613	100.52%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	59,063	100.27%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,793	98.52%
NEW YORK	29,246	28,663	98.01%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,922	96.86%
FRANCE	233	153	65.67%
Totals:	136,233	136,309	100.06%

as of June 16, 2022



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2021 – 2022

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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
 Call in # (605) 313-5379
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Midwest Fox Squad,

Another region has joined the ranks with the West as a 100% region. Congrats to NVC Huntley and the East on a great accomplishment.

With that being said, we only moved 0.23% from the last report, with just 63 members coming in. We are 835 members short of hitting 100%. We currently sit in last place as a region at 96.97%, which is 2% behind the Southern Region. The Central is less than 1% from hitting 100%, and nationally, we sit at 99.41%.

It would be great if we could help all the other regions and not only hit 100% nationally, but hit 100% regionally. All it would take is for each we have five detachments in the 90 percentile that can achieve 100% with some work.

- Colorado needs 37
- Texas needs 109
- Nebraska needs 226
- Wyoming needs 42
- Oklahoma needs 82
- Montana needs 96
- Kansas needs 798

Members needing to be asked 1390.

All we need is 835 to get to 100%. I know we can do it if we put the work in.

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,317	125.19%
MEXICO	26	30	115.38%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,040	113.54%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,393	110.47%
COLORADO	2,632	2,595	98.59%
TEXAS	5,425	5,316	97.99%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,733	96.75%
WYOMING	1,273	1,231	96.70%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,298	94.06%
MONTANA	1,160	1,064	91.72%
KANSAS	6,424	5,626	87.58%
Totals:	28,508	27,643	96.97%

as of June 16, 2022

**The American Legion Family
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Second Tuesday of Each Month
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time/9:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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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	1,435	103.84%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,372	101.30%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,651	101.22%
FLORIDA	20,745	20,853	100.52%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,987	99.11%
ALABAMA	2,020	1,985	98.27%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,646	97.92%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,703	94.19%
ARKANSAS	468	431	92.09%
MISSISSIPPI	795	694	87.30%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,233	84.33%
Totals:	42,593	42,111	98.87%

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	69	140.82%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,422	116.11%
OREGON	1,317	1,364	103.57%
IDAHO	606	626	103.30%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,730	102.17%
PHILIPPINES	66	67	101.52%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	10,172	98.39%
NEVADA	334	322	96.41%
ALASKA	1,560	1,489	95.45%
UTAH	492	426	86.59%
Totals:	24,414	24,687	101.12%

as of June 16, 2022

here are some other things you might not know about the institution.

1. Before World War II, 45th Infantry Division members wore a swastika patch on their left shoulder in honor of Native Americans. It was changed to a thunderbird in the 1930s. (via USO)
2. The Army was tasked with mapping America, including the Lewis & Clark expedition. Army officers were some of the first American citizens to see Pikes Peak and the Grand Canyon. (via USO)
3. The Army was the last service branch to adopt an official song. On Veterans Day 1956, "The Army Goes Rolling Along" was so declared. (via USO)
4. Twenty-four U.S. presidents served in the Army, including in state militias that supported it during the American Revolution and the Civil War. (via Mental Floss)
5. And two of them are connected: in the famous painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, the man holding the flag alongside future president George Washington is future president James Monroe. (via Mental Floss)
6. There are Army astronauts, who wear astronaut wings. One is retired Col. Douglas Wheelock, who logged 178 days in space after serving as the first active-duty soldier to command the International Space Station. (via Mental Floss)
7. If the Army was a city, it would be the 10th-largest in the United States. (via We Are the Mighty)
8. And it owns so much land that if it was a state, it would be larger than Hawaii and Massachusetts combined. (via We Are the Mighty)
9. In 2011, each soldier required 22 gallons of fuel per day on average; a soldier during World War II only required 1 gallon of fuel per day on average. (via Fact Retriever)
10. The oldest active-duty infantry unit is the famous 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Old Guard." Stood up in 1784, the 3rd is an official ceremonial unit and escort to the president of the United States, and is also in charge of the "Changing of the Guard Ceremony" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Old Guard received The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal in [2016](#). (via Fact Retriever)



MICHAEL FOX
2021 – 2022

10 things you didn't know about the Army

JUN 13, 2022

June 14 is the birthday of the U.S. Army. According to the U.S. Army Center of Military History's website – at www.history.army.mil – it was on June 14, 1775, that "the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year."



Soldiers at Fort Riley, Kan., represent various periods in the Army's history during a ceremony commemorating the Army's birthday in 2017. (U.S. Army photo)

The site also includes information about the specific birthdays of the Army's basic and special branches. Those are interesting factoids in themselves, but



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June 16, 2022

From: Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant
Subject: Official Dress for National-Level American Legion and SAL Events

The official dress for national-level American Legion and SAL events is as follows. Definitions appear at the bottom. Commission chairmen and national staff should ensure the widest possible dissemination of this information.

Meetings:

- All Commission and Committee Meetings: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- National Executive Committee Meetings, audience: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- National Executive Committee Meetings, dais: Business dress.
- National Convention, audience: Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- National Convention, stage appearances: Business dress.

Meals:

- National Commander's Banquet in Honor of Distinguished Guests (national convention): Business dress, except for the head table where dress is formal.
- National Commander's Dinner in Honor of the National Executive Committee (Spring and Fall meetings): Business casual, except for the head table, where dress is business dress.
- For all other official national-level meal events: Business casual.

Definitions:

- Business dress: Shirt, tie and jacket and appropriate parallel dress for women
- Business casual: Trousers and collared polo shirt – preferably Legion polo – for men and appropriate parallel dress for women
- Formal: Black tie

System Worth Saving visits to resume with stop at Columbia VA Medical Center

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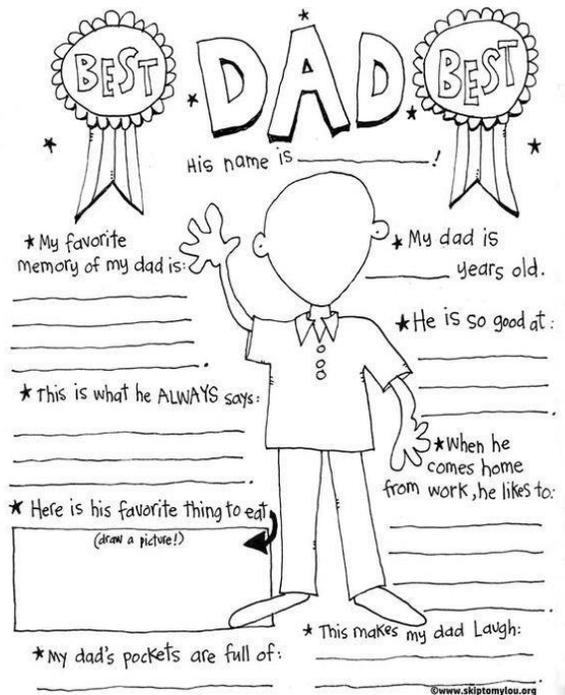
After a hiatus created by the pandemic, The American Legion is resuming its System Worth Saving (SWS) program.

American Legion representatives, VA staff and others will conduct the first site visit since 2019. It is scheduled for July 11 in Columbia, S.C. That evening a town hall will be held for any veteran who would like to discuss VA health care at the Columbia VA medical center. The town hall will begin at 7 p.m. and the location is still being finalized. (To receive updates on the location for the town hall, [please fill out this form](#). We will notify you of the location and any other pertinent information related to the SWS visit.)

Additionally, veterans looking for help with their VA health-care benefits can receive assistance during the town hall meeting.

Following the SWS in South Carolina, The American Legion is planning to conduct others this year in Puerto Rico, Sacramento, Calif., and the Bronx, N.Y. The SWS visits began almost 20 years ago.

In 2003, The American Legion System Worth Saving task force initiated a series of visits to VA facilities throughout the nation. During each visit, task force members investigate use of resources; note successes, challenges, and limitations; and deliver after-action reports of their findings to Congress, VA officials and the public.





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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MENU OF:

FRESH ROLLS & BUTTER, WATER, ICED TEA AND COFFEE

GARDEN SALAD WITH AGED BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

CHEF SELECTION OF DESSERT

**STOUT-BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIB WITH HERBED CHICKEN THIGH
SWEET CIPOLLINI ONION, HORSERADISH AND ROASTED GARLIC SMASHED
YUKON GOLD POTATO, GREEN BEANS AND NATURAL JUS**

PRICE OF \$45.⁰⁰ EACH

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

NAME:

DETACHMENT:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT EMAIL:

CONTACT PHONE:

PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

ATTN: KEVIN MOOK, NATIONAL SAL LIAISON

700 N. PENNSYLVANIA ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION



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 <u> N/A </u> 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: _____	



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Space Force
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

D17010

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

Name _____ Recruited by _____
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Phone

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

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

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

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

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

D17010

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and older

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit/City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.

Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____
 Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWII (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
- Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Female Spouse
- Grandmother
- Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter)
- Male Spouse
- Sister
- Mother
- Self

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ / _____ / _____ Date _____

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____