



Round-Up

A Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion



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We're not done yet

June 22, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,



I hope you were as proud last week as I was when I learned [the Senate passed the PACT Act](#), which will improve the lives of millions of veterans suffering from toxic exposure.

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act is the most comprehensive toxic exposure legislation ever to pass Congress. It is a monumental, once in a generation, piece of legislation that will carry an impact similar to that of the original GI Bill.

The House will need to approve the Senate bill, which should happen as early as today. Once signed into law, the PACT Act will mean that veterans who were exposed to noxious fumes emanating from burn pits will have access to VA care and benefits. It also will reform VA's presumptive decision-making process.

This achievement, in part, is thanks to the nearly 19,000 American Legion Family members who took action on our advocacy alerts and contacted their senators to encourage passing this legislation. To sign up to receive future advocacy alerts in participate in campaigns, [visit the Legion's Legislative Action Center](#).

The PACT Act closely followed the signing of [nine new legislative achievements](#) into law by President Biden. 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 veterans exposed to radiation.

But we still have work to do.

The recent legislation has accomplished several of our priorities for this session of Congress. However, there are still critical bills that Congress should approve on behalf of our nation's veterans, including ones that would:

- Ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge. Unfortunately, many veteran immigrants have been deported after discharge because they were unable to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Create a National Buddy Check week to help address the veteran suicide epidemic. Not only did The American Legion create [the Buddy Check concept](#) but it recent [Be The One campaign](#) broadens the initiative to include building awareness to reduce the suicide rate.

We will keep advocating for these important measures. But we need your support, too.

There are many ways in which you can help The American Legion continue its legacy of legislative achievements. One simple way is to [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 is critical to supporting our nation's veterans, servicemembers and their family members. And it is just one of many ways that The American Legion demonstrates that we are ...

Veterans Strengthening America.

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



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All articles must be submitted by noon each Friday.



SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



July 28, 2022

AMERICAN LEGION



MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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

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Fourth Thursday of each month
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Call in # (508) 924 3315
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Conference Call Schedule:

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>

Fundraising never stops, and we are off and running for the 2023 CWF fundraising year! We're fine at 9 now strive for that perfect 10!

Continue to encourage not-for-profit organizations to apply for the 2023 CWF grants. Applications are due at headquarters by July 15th.

Let's continue to lead the way in donations as we have always done!

Keep up the great work!

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

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DETACHMENT	2022 Donations (final)	2022 Membership (current)	2023 CWF Goal	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	1,487	\$ 1,487.00		0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,724	\$ 7,724.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ -	429	\$ 429.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,101	\$ 10,101.00	\$ 635.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,564	\$ 2,564.00		0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,775	\$ 1,775.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,372	\$ 2,372.00		0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	111	\$ 111.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	20,824	\$ 20,824.00		0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ -	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,363	\$ 4,363.00		0.0%	\$ -
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	69	\$ 69.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	624	\$ 624.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,004	\$ 13,004.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,055	\$ 35,055.00		0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,677	\$ 4,677.00		0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,620	\$ 5,620.00		0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,229	\$ 2,229.00		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	15,603	\$ 15,603.00		0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,276	\$ 5,276.00		0.0%	\$ -
NM - MEXICO	\$ -	30	\$ 30.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,624	\$ 23,624.00	\$ 2,335.00	9.9%	\$ 0.10
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,776	\$ 10,776.00		0.0%	\$ -
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	694	\$ 694.00		0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	2,978	\$ 2,978.00		0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,052	\$ 1,052.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,720	\$ 6,720.00		0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	321	\$ 321.00		0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,421	\$ 5,421.00		0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,921	\$ 8,921.00		0.0%	\$ -
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,391	\$ 1,391.00		0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,309	\$ 28,309.00		0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,611	\$ 2,611.00	\$ 100.00	3.8%	\$ 0.04
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,032	\$ 1,032.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,296	\$ 29,296.00	\$ 125.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,295	\$ 1,295.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,358	\$ 1,358.00		0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	58,576	\$ 58,576.00	\$ 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	1,433	\$ 1,433.00		0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,313	\$ 1,313.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,643	\$ 1,643.00		0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,259	\$ 5,259.00		0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	426	\$ 426.00		0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,705	\$ 3,705.00		0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	3,948	\$ 3,948.00	\$ 750.00	19.0%	\$ 0.19
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,412	\$ 2,412.00		0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,279	\$ 2,279.00	\$ 500.00	21.9%	\$ 0.22
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	3,976	\$ 3,976.00		0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,221	\$ 1,221.00		0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -			
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	352,827	\$ 352,827.00	\$ 8,707.00	2.5%	\$ 0.02

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

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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	1,775	\$ 1,775.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,372	\$ 2,372.00	\$ -	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	15,603	\$ 15,603.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,276	\$ 5,276.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,421	\$ 5,421.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,921	\$ 8,921.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,309	\$ 28,309.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	58,576	\$ 58,576.00	\$ 562.00	1.0%	\$ 0.01
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	329	\$ 329.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,705	\$ 3,705.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,279	\$ 2,279.00	\$ 500.00	21.9%	\$ 0.22
Total:	\$ 91,331.91	132,372	\$ 132,372.00	\$ 1,162.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
Midwest Region						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,564	\$ 2,564.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,004	\$ 13,004.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,055	\$ 35,055.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,677	\$ 4,677.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,624	\$ 23,624.00	\$ 2,335.00	9.9%	\$ 0.10
MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,776	\$ 10,776.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	2,978	\$ 2,978.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,296	\$ 29,296.00	\$ 125.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	3,976	\$ 3,976.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 93,641.55	123,386	\$ 123,386.00	\$ 3,560.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
Western Region						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,487	\$ 1,487.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,724	\$ 7,724.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,101	\$ 10,101.00	\$ 635.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	69	\$ 69.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	624	\$ 624.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	321	\$ 321.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,358	\$ 1,358.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 185.00	426	\$ 426.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,412	\$ 2,412.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,279	\$ 2,279.00	\$ 500.00	21.9%	\$ 0.22
Total:	\$ 38,798.91	24,599	\$ 24,599.00	\$ 3,636.00	14.8%	\$ 0.16
National HQ						
	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -			
Grand Total:	\$ 349,789.25	352,827	\$ 352,827.00	\$ 8,707.00	2.5%	\$ 0.02
DONATIONS AS OF: JUNE 15, 2022						
MEMBERSHIP AS OF: JUNE 15, 2022						

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

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Committee on Committees

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Finance Commission

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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



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 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

First Thursday of each month
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 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



WE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY LESS THAN 1000 MEMBERS AWAY FROM 100%!!!

Membership *IS* the engine that makes this machine run. Without it, we accomplish nothing. Members drive our volunteer hours and donations. Members reach out to our veterans in need of help. Members work the programs that change lives.

Please remember to recognize those members by submitting an IRA, Blue Brigade, or Recruiter of the Year Award to show how much they mean.

RECRUIT-RETAIN-REINSTATE

#	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	-19	70	142.86%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	88	-29	121	137.50%	100.00
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	-238	1,343	127.66%	90.88
4	DIST OF COL	92	-14	111	120.65%	89.89
5	WASHINGTON	2,086	-241	2,431	116.54%	89.71
6	MEXICO	26	-3	30	115.38%	68.00
7	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-84	1,046	114.19%	99.66
8	NEW MEXICO	1,261	-81	1,405	111.42%	84.35
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-764	23,848	108.47%	91.06
10	DELAWARE	2,229	-54	2,394	107.40%	91.74
11	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-11	2,303	105.50%	86.98
12	IOWA	4,571	-8	4,808	105.18%	95.09
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1	1,450	104.92%	86.27
14	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	12	5,316	104.77%	89.99
15	OREGON	1,317	4	1,379	104.71%	83.83
16	VERMONT	3,576	20	3,735	104.45%	90.22
17	RHODE ISLAND	316	3	329	104.11%	80.97
18	IDAHO	606	6	630	103.96%	85.53
19	ARIZONA	7,566	154	7,790	102.96%	82.75
20	WISCONSIN	3,914	99	4,011	102.48%	90.48
21	MAINE	2,482	64	2,542	102.42%	86.96
22	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	163	5,440	101.95%	86.99
23	GEORGIA	4,316	139	4,393	101.78%	84.00
24	PHILIPPINES	66	2	67	101.52%	96.92
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	95	2,655	101.37%	81.29
26	FLORIDA	20,745	824	20,958	101.03%	83.11
27	MARYLAND	15,533	632	15,678	100.93%	90.59
28	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	2,756	59,091	100.32%	90.41
29	ALASKA	1,560	85	1,553	99.55%	77.58
30	ALABAMA	2,020	113	2,008	99.41%	81.10
31	CALIFORNIA	10,338	598	10,257	99.22%	83.44
32	VIRGINIA	4,023	233	3,991	99.20%	84.46
33	TENNESSEE	1,681	106	1,659	98.69%	76.89
34	CONNECTICUT	1,820	116	1,795	98.63%	84.02
35	COLORADO	2,632	169	2,595	98.59%	81.82
36	TEXAS	5,425	354	5,342	98.47%	80.18
37	NEW YORK	29,246	1,942	28,766	98.36%	87.70
38	OHIO	29,946	2,001	29,442	98.32%	89.32
39	MINNESOTA	11,091	846	10,800	97.38%	87.59
40	NEW JERSEY	9,211	744	8,928	96.93%	85.94
41	NEBRASKA	6,959	574	6,733	96.75%	91.39
42	WYOMING	1,273	106	1,231	96.70%	76.48
43	NEVADA	334	29	322	96.41%	81.16
44	MISSOURI	3,211	280	3,092	96.29%	83.44
45	INDIANA	36,657	3,272	35,218	96.07%	87.51
46	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,276	13,006	95.62%	87.59
47	LOUISIANA	1,808	186	1,712	94.69%	84.61
48	OKLAHOMA	1,380	146	1,303	94.42%	78.09
49	ARKANSAS	468	59	432	92.31%	75.05
50	MONTANA	1,160	153	1,065	91.81%	85.17
51	KANSAS	6,424	1,117	5,628	87.61%	79.96
52	UTAH	492	87	430	87.40%	74.29
53	MISSISSIPPI	795	141	694	87.30%	59.76
54	KENTUCKY	2,648	547	2,233	84.33%	70.80
55	FRANCE	233	92	153	65.67%	64.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	18,799	355,762	99.73%	87.39

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

awatry@mindspring.com

Meetings held as necessary
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 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

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

July 17, 2022 | August 25, 2022



**BUDDY
CHECK**

LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!



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.



**REGIONAL
UPDATES**



JEFF VRABEL, SR.
CENTRAL REGION
2021 – 2022

JOIN

DONATE

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

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

When you receive the next edition of *Round-Up*, it will be Independence Day weekend. It will also be day three of my **First Annual Membership Independence Month** initiative. I am calling this the first annual initiative because I want to see this become something that we do every year. It will take a few years, but I truly believe we can do it!

I have challenged every detachment in the Central Region to hit 25% by July 31. This is a big goal. Some say, "We can't do that." I say, "Why can't we do that?" This is a new way of thinking. It's an attempt to change the mindset of our members, and will begin a change in the culture of our annual membership program. Squadrons in all regions and all detachments are encouraged to do the same, reach a minimum of 25% by the end of the month.

Think about how much more time your squadron leadership will have to devote to other projects like recruiting, fundraising, special events, volunteering, and whatever else your squadron wants to do.

It is important that all squadrons receive information about this initiative. I am asking each detachment leadership and district leadership team to make sure this message gets out. Maybe make it a contest in the detachment or district, giving special recognition to the squadrons that make it.

While we are working on this new initiative, we cannot forget our members who have not renewed for 2022.

Buddy Checks are the key to the success of this initiative. We need to stay in contact with our membership, especially the ones who may not attend meetings or events. Remind them how important they are to the organization and that their membership is appreciated. See if there is a reason they aren't attending, and ask if there is a program they may be interested in. This will bet the conversation started, and I am sure you will see positive results. By doing this, we will change the mindset of when dues are paid, and the culture of our membership program will also change, as members know what to expect and when to pay every year.



We honor the veterans who made us eligible every day by our membership in Sons of The American Legion. Let's honor ALL veterans by renewing in July during Membership Independence Month.

The National Target Dates have been released, and as you will see, the 25% goal isn't until October 13, 2022. Think how far ahead we will all be if we can do some work during my **First Annual Membership Independence Month** initiative to get members paid early, the numbers up, and more money in the accounts of squadrons. Think of the impact that will have on squadron operations.

2022 - 2023 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES	
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022	10%
OCTOBER 13, 2022	25%
NOVEMBER 9, 2022	35%
DECEMBER 14, 2022	45%
JANUARY 19, 2023	60%
FEBRUARY 15, 2023	75%
MARCH 15, 2023	80%
APRIL 19, 2023	90%
MAY 17, 2023	100%
** JULY 26, 2023	105%
<small>** DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE</small>	
<small>TARGET DATES FALL ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS THERE IS A HOLIDAY ON THAT DAY OR AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT WEEK. THE FEBRUARY - MAY TARGET DATES MOVED TO THE THIRD WEEK.</small>	
<small>SINCE COLUMBUS DAY FALLS ON A MONDAY, THE OCTOBER TARGET DATE WILL BE ON A THURSDAY</small>	
<small>THE JANUARY TARGET DATE WILL BE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BECAUSE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY</small>	
2022 - 2023 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP YEAR	

On the 2022 membership front, the Central Region remains in third place nationally, coming in at 99.40%, and only 752 members away from quota. Ohio is knocking on the door and Minnesota is right behind.

Which detachment will push us over quota? We need to get there by the end of the month. Please continue your Buddy Checks and get as many members renewed as we can. We ALL need to be at 105% or higher by July 28, and I know we can do it. We need more quota detachments. **Who's next?**

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

We are Sons of The American Legion.

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Gentlemen,



Congratulations to Iowa for hitting 105%! Gentlemen, we as the Central Region are only 752 away from hitting 100%. We are Sons of The American Legion, Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage, Dece-

dents of all Veterans. We need to continue to be there for our Veterans, but without our membership renewals, recruitments, and reinstatements it will be difficult. We have to be in contact with our membership and our Veterans and remind them that we are here to help in any way that we can.

Everyone keep up the great work that you are doing.

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

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT						06/23/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Western 4 Q	24,414	24,929	(515)	102.11%	114	QUOTA
2 Eastern 6, 7, 8 Q	136,233	136,581	(348)	100.26%	174	QUOTA
3 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	124,225	752	99.40%	191	
4 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6	42,593	42,306	287	99.33%	60	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	27,721	787	97.24%	49	
TOTALS	356,725	355,762	963	99.73%	474	

Membership ahead/behind prior year target date

N/A

Central Region - Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH)						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent		National Rank
1 Michigan 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	21,985	23,848	(1,863)	108.47%	2	9 Q
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,808	(237)	105.18%	34	12 Q
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	4,011	(97)	102.48%	34	20 Q
4 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	29,442	504	98.32%	-	38
5 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	10,800	291	97.38%	6	39
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	3,092	119	96.29%	-	44
7 Indiana 1	36,657	35,218	1,439	96.07%	114	45
8 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	13,006	596	95.62%	1	46
TOTALS	124,977	124,225	752	99.40%	191	

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	4,808	(237)	105.18%	3.87%
Wisconsin	3,914	4,011	(97)	102.48%	3.23%
Missouri	3,211	3,092	119	96.29%	2.49%
TOTALS	11,696	11,911	(215)	101.84%	9.59%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	10,800	291	97.38%	8.69%
Illinois	13,602	13,006	596	95.62%	10.47%
TOTALS	24,693	23,806	887	96.41%	19.16%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	23,848	(1,863)	108.47%	19.20%
Ohio	29,946	29,442	504	98.32%	23.70%
Indiana	36,657	35,218	1,439	96.07%	28.35%
TOTALS	88,588	88,508	80	99.91%	71.25%

2022 Central Region Renewal Report



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		06/23/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	95.09%
2	Michigan	91.06%
3	Wisconsin	90.48%
4	Ohio	89.32%
5	Illinois	87.59%
6	Minnesota	87.59%
7	Indiana	87.51%
8	Missouri	83.44%
	NATIONAL	87.39%

2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron Report as of June 22, 2022

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
OHIO	317	112	35.3%
DELAWARE	15	5	33.3%
TENNESSEE	47	11	23.4%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
OREGON	42	8	19.0%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	6	16.2%
NEBRASKA	162	23	14.2%
MARYLAND	114	16	14.0%
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	13.6%
CONNECTICUT	51	6	11.8%
NEW MEXICO	34	4	11.8%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11.1%
ARIZONA	82	9	11.0%
FLORIDA	189	19	10.1%
WASHINGTON	70	7	10.0%
MONTANA	51	5	9.8%
GEORGIA	114	10	8.8%
ALASKA	23	2	8.7%
WYOMING	26	2	7.7%
IDAHO	41	3	7.3%
UTAH	43	3	7.0%
MAINE	73	5	6.8%
NEVADA	15	1	6.7%
INDIANA	295	19	6.4%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6.3%
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6.1%
WISCONSIN	117	7	6.0%
ALABAMA	69	4	5.8%
CALIFORNIA	211	12	5.7%
OKLAHOMA	97	5	5.2%
COLORADO	59	3	5.1%
ILLINOIS	278	14	5.0%
LOUISIANA	80	4	5.0%
IOWA	151	7	4.6%
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	4.5%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4.1%
KANSAS	126	5	4.0%
MASSACHUSETTS	212	8	3.8%
KENTUCKY	80	3	3.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	463	17	3.7%
ARKANSAS	30	1	3.3%
NEW YORK	581	19	3.3%
MICHIGAN	212	6	2.8%
TEXAS	254	7	2.8%
VERMONT	37	1	2.7%
MINNESOTA	266	7	2.6%
VIRGINIA	91	2	2.2%
MISSOURI	119	1	0.8%
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0.0%
FRANCE	16	0	0.0%
HAWAII	12	0	0.0%
MEXICO	6	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0.0%
PUERTO RICO	8	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0.0%
Total	5953	453	7.6%

Regional Breakdown as of June 22, 2022

Central	NVC Vrabel (OH)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	317	112	35.3%
INDIANA	295	19	6.4%
WISCONSIN	117	7	6.0%
ILLINOIS	278	14	5.0%
IOWA	151	7	4.6%
MICHIGAN	212	6	2.8%
MINNESOTA	266	7	2.6%
MISSOURI	119	1	0.8%
Totals	1755	173	9.9%

Mid-West	NVC Torres (TX)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
SOUTH DAKOTA	37	6	16.2%
NEBRASKA	162	23	14.2%
NORTH DAKOTA	44	6	13.6%
NEW MEXICO	34	4	11.8%
MONTANA	51	5	9.8%
WYOMING	26	2	7.7%
OKLAHOMA	97	5	5.2%
COLORADO	59	3	5.1%
KANSAS	126	5	4.0%
TEXAS	254	7	2.8%
Totals	890	66	7.4%

West	NVC Stewart (NV)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OREGON	42	8	19.0%
ARIZONA	82	9	11.0%
WASHINGTON	70	7	10.0%
ALASKA	23	2	8.7%
IDAHO	41	3	7.3%
UTAH	43	3	7.0%
NEVADA	15	1	6.7%
CALIFORNIA	211	12	5.7%
HAWAII	12	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	6	0	0.0%
MEXICO	6	0	0.0%
Totals	1977	131	6.6%

East	NVC Huntley (ME)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	15	5	33.3%
MARYLAND	114	16	14.0%
CONNECTICUT	51	6	11.8%
MAINE	73	5	6.8%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	64	4	6.3%
NEW JERSEY	214	13	6.1%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	2	4.1%
MASSACHUSETTS	212	8	3.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	463	17	3.7%
NEW YORK	581	19	3.3%
VERMONT	37	1	2.7%
FRANCE	16	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	13	0	0.0%
DISTRICT OF COL	4	0	0.0%
Totals	1906	96	5.0%

South	NVC Roberts (GA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	47	11	23.4%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11.1%
FLORIDA	189	19	10.1%
GEORGIA	114	10	8.8%
ALABAMA	69	4	5.8%
LOUISIANA	80	4	5.0%
MISSISSIPPI	44	2	4.5%
KENTUCKY	80	3	3.8%
ARKANSAS	30	1	3.3%
VIRGINIA	91	2	2.2%
PUERTO RICO	8	0	0.0%
Totals	851	73	8.6%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022	5953	453	7.6%




18th District SAL Association

Family fun day & picnic at Chief Pontiac – Oakland Lake

Sunday, July 31st from 12:00 – 6:00

Kid's & Adult Games – Prizes

50/50's




Food – Pop – Draft Beer Free

Feel free to bring a dessert to pass!

Time for some comradery and fun for all!

Please RSVP to Sandy Lipman – sandylipman95@hotmail.com by July 24th

Hope to see you there!

Rain or Shine!

Michigan Sons make donations

Members of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 269 made two large donations during the Detachment Convention May June 3 – 5, 2022.



The first \$2,000 check was made payable to the Haslett Food Bank.



The second \$2,000 check was made payable to the VFW National Home for Children.



The money for both of these checks was raised from the squadron's annual bowling fundraiser.

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Gladstone Sons of The American Legion honored

June 21, 2022



Courtesy photo Shown above, from left to right, are Richard Reiffers, Bill Germain, 5th Zone Commander John Pickard, Commandr Squad #71 Randy Bruntjens, Don Couillard, State By Michigan Commander Zack Pendell, Bill Starnes, Legion Post #71 Commander Barry Holm, Jeff Ware and George Maciejewski.

GLADSTONE – The August Mattson Sons of the American Legion Squad #71 were recently honored with a yearly sticker for their plaque commemorating the achievement of 100% in membership. Every squadron that achieves 100% by Detachment Convention receives the award, which will be displayed in their post.

The Michigan Sons of The American Legion are making great strides in American Legion programs, helping the local posts, and working with the community. The Sons of The American Legion was founded for preserving The American Legion traditions and programs while improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Michigan represents over 26,000 members in the State of Michigan. Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 5 million.

Although Sons has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, S.A.L. is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in S.A.L. The Sons of The American Legion follows closely and supports "The Four Pillars" of The American Legion: veteran rehabilitation, Americanism, child welfare, and national security. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gladstone Legion Post.

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DICKIE HUNTLEY
EASTERN REGION
2021 – 2022



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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Fourth Tuesday of each month
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call In # (605) 313-4388
 Access Code 3468542#



Eastern Region - Richard "Dickie" L. Huntley, Jr. (ME)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
DIST OF COL	92	111	120.65%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,394	107.40%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,303	105.50%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,316	104.77%
VERMONT	3,576	3,735	104.45%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MAINE	2,482	2,542	102.42%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,440	101.95%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,678	100.93%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	59,091	100.32%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,795	98.63%
NEW YORK	29,246	28,766	98.36%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,928	96.93%
FRANCE	233	153	65.67%
Totals:	136,233	136,581	100.26%

as of June 23, 2022

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JUAN TORRES
MIDWEST REGION
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
Access Code 830520



Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,343	127.66%
MEXICO	26	30	115.38%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,046	114.19%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,405	111.42%
COLORADO	2,632	2,595	98.59%
TEXAS	5,425	5,342	98.47%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,733	96.75%
WYOMING	1,273	1,231	96.70%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,303	94.42%
MONTANA	1,160	1,065	91.81%
KANSAS	6,424	5,628	87.61%
Totals:	28,508	27,721	97.24%

as of June 23, 2022



Flagging the Veteran's Graves in Cleveland County - 2022

by Wally Wersching

I received an email on Thursday, May 26, from Jack Weller inviting me to take part in Flagging the Veteran's graves on Saturday May 28. They were going to have a ceremony in the Sunset Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., and another in the Webb Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. I helped flag the graves last year because it was the only Memorial Day event in the county. I decided to go to the Sunset Cemetery for the 9:30 a.m. ceremony. Dr. Jack Weller is the Commander of Squadron #82 of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). The local SAL Squadron is associated with American Legion Post #82 in Shelby.



JASON ROBERTS
SOUTHERN REGION
2021 - 2022

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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

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	88	121	137.50%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,450	104.92%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,393	101.78%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,655	101.37%
FLORIDA	20,745	20,958	101.03%
ALABAMA	2,020	2,008	99.41%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,991	99.20%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,659	98.69%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,712	94.69%
ARKANSAS	468	432	92.31%
MISSISSIPPI	795	694	87.30%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,233	84.33%
Totals:	42,593	42,306	99.33%

as of June 23, 2022

The City of Shelby owns and operates three cemeteries; Sunset, Webb, and Eastside, which are all well maintained. The Sunset Cemetery was organized in 1841, and has remained Shelby's most popular burial ground for over 170 years. Located in the oldest section of the cemetery are many examples of grave boxes, beautiful marble angels, tall obelisks, and family plots surrounded by ornate wrought iron fences from the 1800s. It is a beautiful cemetery with the narrow tree lined lanes designed for carriages.



I arrived at the cemetery at about 8:45 a.m., and parked "Miss Vickie" near the American Legion tent. I was glad to see that there were quite a few people already there. After signing in, I waited for the program to begin. I received a schedule of events. It was a complete program similar to the one usually held around the city square.



Ted Alexander, NC State Senator, was there again this year. He used to be the Mayor of Shelby for two terms. He is very involved with events in and around Shelby.



Roger Cox said an opening prayer. Then Dr. Weller spoke about honoring our veterans. He then got the teams together and gave out the flags to the team leaders. Roger Cox said a closing prayer. Then the American Legion color guard salute: the rifle squad fired three volleys. Then Ned Cash played taps on the trumpet.



First Martha Bridges, the newly elected commander of Post 82, welcomed everybody to the event, and added a description of what the American Legion means and stands for. She described what we were to do as we placed the flags on the veteran's graves.



Afterwards, we all went our separate ways with our teams to find, and place a flag at the over 800 veterans' graves in the cemetery. We all were assigned sections of the cemetery. I was on the team with some young girls including Miss Pre-Teen of North Carolina. They were very enthusiastic, and energetic.

The way the flag was placed at the grave site was first, we had to make a hole. The ground was very hard, and we couldn't just push the flag into the ground. We were supplied with a tool to push into the ground to make the hole about 4 inches deep. We'd drop the flag's stem into the hole, stand back, say the veteran's name out loud, then say a little prayer thanking the fallen veteran for his or her service.



When the young girls tried to force the tool into the ground, they couldn't because they didn't have the weight or strength. They kept at it, and found a way to do it. The younger ones placed the flags in the holes afterwards.

We continued to flag the graves in the dedicated section of the cemetery, then moved to another. We were running out of flags when I left.

It's always an honor to place the flags on the veteran's graves. While reading the headstones, some died during the war, and some lived afterwards to die later in life. No matter how they died, they all served to protect our country, and we should really appreciate it. Without veterans, there wouldn't be a United States of America.



JIM STEWART
WESTERN REGION
2021-2022



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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=SjZJek04MHJp](https://zoom.us/j/96562303887?pwd=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09)

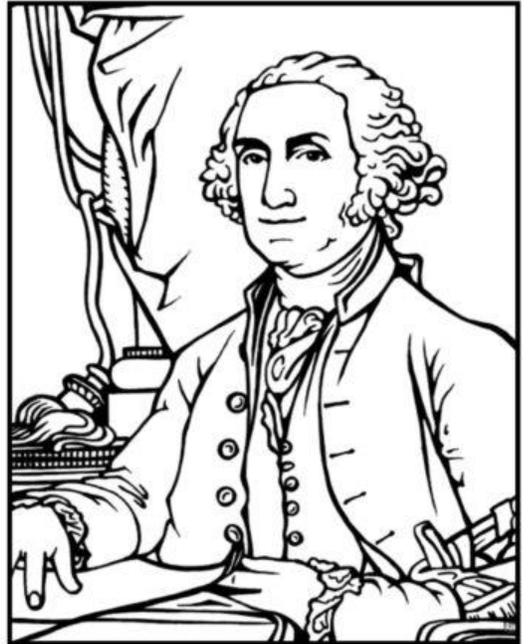
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Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887

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Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	70	142.86%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,431	116.54%
OREGON	1,317	1,379	104.71%
IDAHO	606	630	103.96%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,790	102.96%
PHILIPPINES	66	67	101.52%
ALASKA	1,560	1,553	99.55%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	10,257	99.22%
NEVADA	334	322	96.41%
UTAH	492	430	87.40%
Totals:	24,414	24,929	102.11%

as of June 23, 2022



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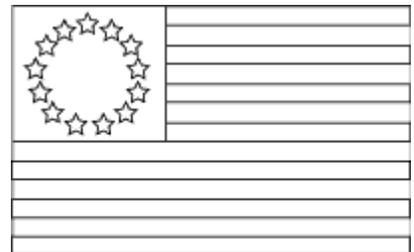


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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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.

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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

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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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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.

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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.

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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
- Self
- Mother

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 # _____

Sports

Illinois Legion team buddies up for kids with disabilities

[Jeff Stoffer](#) | June 22, 2022



There's much more to American Legion Baseball than batting averages and fielding skills. That's a lesson Matt Johnson learned in Little League when his coach was Marty Conatser, who would go on to serve as American Legion national commander in 2007 and 2008. "We're here to develop kids, not just to win baseball games," says Johnson, coach of Champaign, Ill., Post 24's prep team for players 14 and under. It's a lesson that sticks with him today.

As the Post 24 team stood at 9-3-1 for the season, players and coaches gathered June 18 at AMBUCS Park in nearby Urbana and served as "buddies" for young people facing physical or mental disabilities and challenges during a crisp, sunny Saturday morning baseball game.

Aptly named, the Challenger League is about "providing an opportunity for these kids who don't normally have that kind of opportunity," explains Bill Hand, a former American Legion Baseball player who is now a coach and board member for the Tom Jones Challenger League of Champaign-Urbana. "The Tom Jones Challenger League is a baseball league for kids with disabilities. We have all ranges. We make it work for every kid. We have buddies to help the kids out ... from kids in wheelchairs to one kid who is legally blind. We have kids with autism and Down's syndrome, but we seem to be able to make it work for everybody."

Hand's daughter Tiffany, who has Down's syndrome, is one of the players. Her favorite part of the game, she says, is "my friends ... and batting. I hit

the ball all the time." A multi-year veteran of the Challenger League, Tiffany belted coach-thrown pitches across the infield with every at-bat of the Saturday morning outing.

Johnson, in his first-year coaching American Legion Baseball, also has a son who plays in the Challenger League. The coach's motivation for switching over from managing travel baseball this year was driven largely by the opportunity to develop players through service and responsible citizenship, a core value of American Legion Baseball. His team this season has volunteered at a food bank, helped get a public swimming pool ready for the season and served as Challenger League buddies.

"We're building a team," Johnson says. "It was important for us to create that social atmosphere and get (players, who come from multiple different schools in the area) to learn who they were and how to interact, to create a team. And there was the important part of service. This is one of our three service opportunities."

"This is really what American Legion Baseball is all about," Conatser said before throwing out the first pitch in the Challenger League game. "Any baseball program, the coach usually has two goals: improving the young man and having him have a good time. Those things are taught and learned as you go through (American Legion Baseball). Interactions with others – other programs, interactions with other people – is how you develop young men. That's the key to any coach's satisfaction, that you made them a better player (and) you made them a better person."

Challenger League interaction – which draws community service support from many groups, including University of Illinois coaches and players – gives athletes a valuable perspective. "In life in general, we need to be thinking about more than just ourselves," says Amanda Kirby, whose son Matthew is a member of the Post 24 American Legion team. "And the fact that we can start that at a young age – with something that they are passionate about, like baseball – we can instill a sense of value and heart in something outside of themselves. I think this is invaluable. And the kids love doing it."

Indeed, there were smiles all around the diamond for the Challenger League games that Saturday morning. The league, now in its 25th year in the Champaign-Urbana area, has grown to 10 teams and more than 112 players. "We started in 1998, so we're one of the longest-running Challenger Leagues, and

one of the larger ones, in the U.S.," says Army veteran Tom Grey, commissioner of the league, adding that the Champaign-Urbana league has been used as a model for others in Illinois, as well as one in Cary, N.C. A division of Little League Baseball, the Challenger program attracts some 30,000 participants worldwide in more than 950 communities.

"The best smiles in baseball are right here," says Grey, who has been involved with the league for 23 years and now joyfully serves as the public-address announcer at the games, calling the players' names as they knock pitches into play or triumphantly cross home plate. "The biggest difference between regular baseball and our league is our kids have so much fun. Parents are cheering and doing all kinds of great stuff – volunteering – and enjoying their kids."

That was what Tom Jones wanted. Jones, who used a wheelchair from the time he was hit with a stray bullet as a small child, went on to become a local television broadcaster after his education at the University of Illinois, which is internationally renowned for multiple breakthroughs in access for disabled students.

Challenger League namesake Jones himself recruited Grey, a member of the local Kiwanis Club, who was looking for a meaningful community service activity. "As soon as I became a Kiwanian, Tom Jones wheeled up to me and he goes, 'I need you for the Challenger League.' I had no idea what it was – no clue – but when Tom Jones asks you to do something, you do it. He was just a great influence, a great person."

Jones and some of the other Challenger League founders have now passed on, but their vision continues to grow and inspire new generations. That's vital, says Cris Vowels, a retired educator who now serves on the Greater Champaign County AMBUCS association – a national nonprofit that provides adaptive "AmTrykes," builds ramps and helps with other projects to improve accessibility.

"Basically, our mission is to help support independence for people with disabilities," Vowels explains between games where she is serving as a volunteer on the field. That support includes community interaction and understanding.

"As an educator, I was a strong advocate for inclusive education, so individuals with disabilities would be in the same classrooms with their peers, who are non-disabled," she says. "That's because their peers are the ones who are going to grow up and become

parents of someone with a disability, the dentist for an individual with a disability, the doctor, the bus driver... Everyone needs to have those skills to be aware, respectful, and cognizant ... that everyone connects in the way they need to connect, and are treated with respect. That's what I see the first time someone comes to a ballgame like this ... they see the athletes as athletes first, because they are playing ball and having fun."

Watching his granddaughter Tiffany play, Air Force veteran and American Legion Post 733 member Tom Hand says the kind of connection he sees in the Challenger League seems rare today. "Citizenship is important everywhere," he says. "But I think the things we are lacking today is responsibility and respect. You don't see that very often."

American Legion Baseball is an exception, he says. "That goes along with the game that we teach them. It's working as a team. You know, you don't see much of that anymore in the world today. We've lost some of our foundations."

Coach Johnson is trying to build some of that back through American Legion Baseball and the Challenger League. "I respect the organizations. This was a match made in heaven ... not only having a baseball team but also developing the next generation."

Conatser added that by connecting with programs like the Challenger League, the community sees The American Legion through a positive lens. "These parents are looking for opportunities for their children," he says. "Having us be involved with that is the perfect situation, showing how much we care – how much the Legion cares – about children and youth."

The player Conatser coached in Little League is helping show that side of the Legion. "I'm really proud of Matt," he says. "He's doing exactly what I think coaches ought to do – teaching them the basics – improving the baseball – but he is improving them as young men. And that makes a world of difference."

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July 15 is deadline for American Legion Baseball Scholarship

The American Legion | June 22, 2022



Team managers and head coaches of post-affiliated American Legion Baseball teams must submit nominations for the American Legion Baseball Scholarship by July 15.

The American Legion awards between \$22,000 and \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving baseball players each year. Each Department Baseball Committee may select a player from its department to receive this scholarship. The American Legion will award several scholarships each year depending on the number of applicants and interest earned from the trust fund.

Any team manager or head coach of an American Legion post-affiliated team may nominate a player for consideration of this award. The scholarship application, letters of recommendation and certification form must be completed, postmarked, and mailed to the department headquarters no later than July 15. Three letters of testimony must be attached to the nomination form.

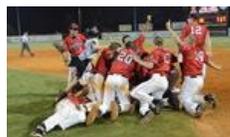
Department Baseball Scholarship winners receive \$500. Each certified Department Baseball scholarship winner shall be considered for The American Legion All-Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports.

Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

All-Academic Team winners will retain their \$500 scholarship from their department.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight years of their graduation date, excluding active military time.

Download the nomination form [here](#).



American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues. Today, the program registers more than 5,400 teams in all 50 states, including Canada and Puerto Rico.

Minnesota softball program off to roaring start

The American Legion | June 8, 2022

Michael Arvidson's goal for the first season of American Legion Softball in Minnesota was to match the program's success in North Carolina.



“When I talked to Mike Hasson in North Carolina, he told me they had 11 (teams) their first year. My goal was to get 12. Because I know how much they've grown over the last five years, I thought if I could get to 12, that gives us a starting point,” said Arvidson, the

chairman of the Legion softball program [approved last year](#) by the Department of Minnesota Executive Committee.

“We actually had 27 teams sign up, so I felt really good about that.”

The [Minnesota softball program](#) — spurred on by Arvidson's daughter asking about playing Legion softball while keeping score at an American Legion Baseball game several years ago — began play May 30. Similar to the department's baseball program, the state is divided into four substates. Two teams from each substate will advance to the inaugural state softball tournament, scheduled for July 30-31 in Mankato.

“We're going back to Mankato because that's where the very first boys baseball Legion tournament was. So, 96 years later we're going back for the girls,” said Arvidson.

While Arvidson and the Minnesota Legion softball board was able to lean on other Legion softball programs for advice as they built the program, he acknowledged there was still plenty to learn.

One of the biggest lessons: communication.

“We started spreading the word last fall that we were going to have a program; we used the coaches’

association and blasted emails to every (high school) coach in the state. The one issue we found after that is a lot of our stuff went to spam because it wasn't a school email," he said.

"For the most part, everyone on the Legion side was aware (of what we were trying to do)," Arvidson said. "The tricky part is really getting the Legion and the softball communities connected. ... They don't know each other, whereas on the baseball side, it's such a rich tradition, it's taken for granted."

Arvidson sees the program's potential to grow as word continues to spread.

"We started a [Facebook page](#), so we have followers we keep growing every day. We've had a lot of people interested. And I think a lot of them will probably be teams next year," he said, noting several people contacted him about forming teams this spring but that it was too late to find the funding necessary for them to play this season.

Arvidson said he would ultimately like to see the Legion softball program in Minnesota grow to match the baseball program in having big-school and small-school divisions as well as 19-under and 17-under teams.

"We want to offer the same opportunities for the girls that the boys have had for a long time," he said.

USFL offering tickets to championship game in Canton, OH

The USFL, Sons of The American Legion National Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Sr., and I would like to personally invite the families of the American Legion Family, to be our guest for the USFL championship football games at Canton's Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

The USFL wants you and your family, to have the opportunity to participate in the USFL's championship.

As such, we'd like to offer your group tickets free of charge to the championship game. Please use the link below to access the tickets.

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The championship game will be played on Sunday, July 3.

To invite your guests, simply share the attachment to this email or the links below.

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- [USFL Championship Tickets Jul 03, 2022 Canton, OH | Ticketmaster](#)
- **Gameday hotline number:** 330 - 617 - 8447

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