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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
50TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION AGENDA
AUGUST 26 - 28, 2022 **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**
MILWAUKEE CONVENTION CENTER / MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER



NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MILWAUKEE CONVENTION CENTER - 2ND FLOOR, ROOM 203, SECTION D
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - KILBOURN HALL
8:30 AM INTERNAL AFFAIRS
10:00 AM MEMBERSHIP
11:30 AM FINANCE

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - KILBOURN ROTUNDA
8:30 AM CHILDREN AND YOUTH
10:00 AM VETERANS & REHABILITATION
11:30 AM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - PLANKINTON HALL (2ND FLOOR)
8:30 AM AMERICANISM
10:00 AM COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAPBOOK / HISTORY BOOK
11:30 AM LEGISLATIVE AND RULES

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - GREEN ROOM (LOCATED BEHIND MAIN STAGE)
11:00 AM CREDENTIALS

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS TRAINING

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - MAIN AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8:00 AM

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - MAIN AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 10:00 AM PRE-CONVENTION NEC

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - MAIN AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH 2:00 PM POST-CONVENTION NEC

NATIONAL CONVENTION GENERAL SESSIONS

MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER - MAIN AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 1:00 PM - OPENING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH 9:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH 8:00 AM

TRANSITION MEETING (NATIONAL OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN ONLY)

MILWAUKEE CONVENTION CENTER - 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 103, SECTION C
MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH 8:00 AM

NATIONAL STAFF OFFICE

MILWAUKEE CONVENTION CENTER - 2ND FLOOR, ROOM 203, SECTION D
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



Pause to consider the true spirit of Independence Day

June 29, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

If only for one day each year, we set aside our differences and look back on the moment in history that brought us together as one. We celebrate that defining moment, of course, every Fourth of July.

American independence gave birth to a different kind of nation and rise to an idea that has withstood many challenges over the last two and a half centuries. Liberty, our founders understood, is the pathway to opportunity, prosperity, justice, and happiness. To protect and preserve that belief for future generations, millions would be called upon to fight and die, if necessary, under the flag of our nation.

By virtue of that founding spirit, Americans would distinguish themselves in battle over two and a half centuries, as "liberators" rather than conquerors, putting our core values on the line against foreign tyrants, oppressors, and totalitarian regimes.

The American Legion lists "justice, freedom and democracy" as essential principles that unite our nation's veterans. These are the terms for which so many of our comrades and ancestors gave their lives. That is why those terms appear in what I would call "our mission statement" as an organization.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE



July 28, 2022

As a nation, we have made some missteps and faced threats along the way, all of which we have worked to correct and defend. “It is a republic, if you can keep it,” Benjamin Franklin is often quoted as saying when asked what kind of government our founders had formed.

“Freedom,” President Ronald Reagan more recently added in 1987, “is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation.”

We have the freedom to peaceably assemble, debate one another and seek democratic solutions to our conflicts. We are free to express ourselves publicly. The freedoms our founders sought for us today range from the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness to the ability to choose how and where we worship.

This Independence Day, I ask that we all – no matter what side of any divide we might occupy – pause to consider the true spirit of ’76, that we must always remember that freedoms such as ours have come at a price. And it is in honor of those who paid it that we light up the skies on the Fourth of July, united again after more than two years of conditions that often kept us apart, to continue our journey toward a more perfect union, one in which veterans know well is worth fighting for.

For God and Country,

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



Senators announce they will block AIR Commission

[Mackenzie Wolf](#) | June 28, 2022

A bipartisan group of senators announced June 27 they will block the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission. The AIR Commission was congressionally mandated as part of the MISSION Act of 2018 to conduct a review of the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA) health-care facilities for the purpose of making recommendations regarding modernization or realignment of Veterans Health Administration facilities, improving construction and management leases, as well as amending and appropriating funds for the Veterans Choice Program. VA’s preliminary recommendations included the closure or reconstruction of 35 VA medical centers in 21 states.

The senators believe the AIR Commission would ultimately disadvantage veterans.

“As senators, we share a commitment to expanding and strengthening modern VA infrastructure in a way that upholds our obligations to America’s veterans,” said the statement. “We believe the recommendations put forth to the AIR Commission are not reflective of that goal and would put veterans in both rural and urban areas at a disadvantage, which is why we are announcing that this process does not have our support and will not move forward.

“The commission is not necessary for our continued push to invest in VA health infrastructure, and together we remain dedicated to providing the department with the resources and tools it needs to continue delivering quality care and earned services to veterans in 21st century facilities – now and into the future.”

The statement was issued by Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester, D-Mont., U.S. Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., Mike Rounds, R-S.D., Martin Heinrich D-N.M., Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., John Thune R-S.D., Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, Patty Murray, D-Wash., Steve Daines, R-Mont., Ben Ray Lujan D-N.M., and Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard expressed concern over the decision to block the program and stressed the importance of modernizing and improving health-care infrastructure for veterans and their families.

“The American Legion is concerned with the reported decision to cancel the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission required by the 2018 VA MISSION Act,” Dillard said in a statement. “While the process thus far has been plagued with delays, recommendations based on problematic data, and commission nominees that are not in keeping with the VA MISSION Act, there remains a need to modernize and improve the national health-care infrastructure for veterans and their families.

“Ensuring that VA has the state-of-the art facilities and highly trained personnel necessary to support the medical and mental health care needs of veterans, now and into the future, is a top priority of The American Legion. We remain committed to ensuring that the intent of the VA MISSION Act is upheld, but we cannot urge the Senate to move forward until they have nominees from organizations that represent large swaths of the veteran population.”



The American Legion **Email Advisory** **Email Impersonation Attacks**

Whether you are NHQ staff or a volunteer of the American Legion be aware that threat actors are always looking for ways to compromise your work or personal email accounts. The American Legion is purposefully an open organization both in its public relations and veterans’ assistance programs. All post, department, and national positions who communicate electronically are at risk of being targeted. Sometimes those attacks come from already compromised email accounts. The message you receive may look very real at first look.

****BEFORE** you take action on a request, be certain the email you received was authored by the apparent sender. If the message looks somewhat wrong, feels not quite right, or asks for something out of character, verify it with the sender.

What we have seen:

I need a few gift cards or some form of electronic money: Threat actors or scammers, will attempt to push the recipient to buy gift cards and send the account numbers for the cards over email or SMS (texting). Often the scammer will ask you to send them a text so they can move to a different communication channel. We have also had scammers text first and then move to email.

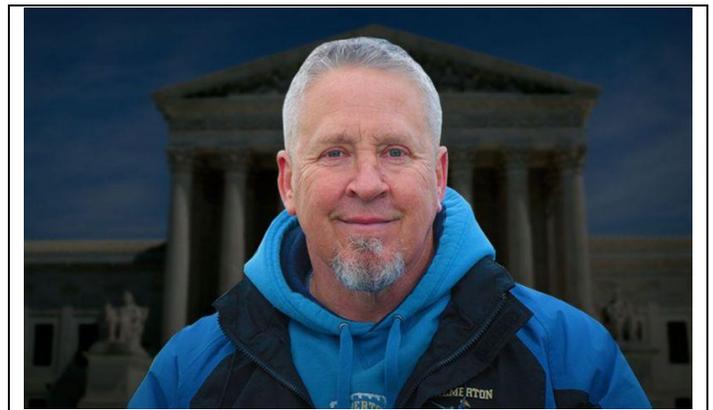
Please log in to see this very important document: This ruse is used most often to dupe the recipient into logging into a fake site. This may be an email host site (Gmail, Hotmail, etc.) or Office 365 depending on what the threat actor knows about the recipient. Once you have logged into this fake site you find there is a junk document. The bad guy now has your account credentials and will be harvesting

your messages and contacts and sending out further scams from your mailbox.

If you are in doubt of a message’s validity when the sending address is a known value, try contacting the requestor outside of the email address they use to send. A phone conversation can be the best method to uncover attacks that are in play.

At NHQ we have implemented security measures that alert us immediately when a staff account has been compromised. We have also added multi-factor authentication that prevents a threat actor from logging in even if they have “learned” a user’s password.

We recommend that you set up multifactor authentication for your personal email, financial, and other online accounts containing personal data.



Joseph Kennedy (Facebook photo)

Supreme Court rules in favor of plaintiff backed by American Legion amicus brief

The American Legion | June 29, 2022

A June 27 U.S. Supreme Court ruling involving a high school football coach praying on the field following games is receiving praise from The American Legion, which filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the plaintiff in the case.

The Court ruled 6-3 in favor of Joseph Kennedy, the plaintiff in Kennedy vs. Bremerton School District. Kennedy, who served in the U.S. Marines for 18 years, was an assistant coach at Bremerton (Wash.) High School and in 2008 began praying at the 50-yard-line for 15-30 seconds following each game. He continued the practice for the next seven years, with players occasionally joining him.

[According to ESPN.com](https://www.espn.com), the school district learned of the postgame prayers, as well as those he led in the locker room, and asked him to stop. Kennedy stopped leading the locker room prayers and on the field, but said he wanted to continue praying on the field following the games. He was placed on paid leave and later was recommended to not be rehired. In delivering the majority opinion, Judge Neil Gorsuch wrote, “The Constitution and the best of our traditions counsel mutual respect and tolerance, not censorship and suppression, for religious and non-religious views alike. Here, a government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance doubly protected by (the First Amendment).”

The American Legion has filed similar briefs in defense of religious freedom, most recently involving [the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial](#) in Maryland. In its Kennedy vs. Bremerton School District amicus brief, The American Legion wrote that “Religious expression plays an important role in our nation’s longstanding traditions, acknowledging the role faith plays in the lives of many, especially those who gave the last full measure of devotion to this country. The perennial litigation against religious expression not only threatens to limit the role of religion in important traditions but also signals unlawful intolerance towards religious faith. As *amicus curiae*, the Legion maintains an interest in protecting the ability of governments to recognize the significance of its citizens’ faiths and in ensuring that religious expression is not excluded from civic life.

“Of course, if Kennedy had used his authority as an assistant coach to penalize students for not participating in or listening to his prayer — for example, by benching a player — he would have violated the First Amendment. In that scenario, religious conformity would have been the price of playing time. But that is not what happened here.”

In hailing the case as a victory, American Legion National Judge Advocate Mark Seavey said, “The American Legion is pleased to see that the Supreme Court ruled fairly and accurately on this case. Coach Kennedy started praying on his own, and some of his players at times began to join him – on their own. None were required to do so, nor were the prayers recited publicly. The earlier court’s decision was a clear violation of Kennedy’s right to religious expression, and we are glad to see that reversed. As we have in the past, we will continue to monitor such cases and, when necessary, provide similar briefs to those courts involved.”



MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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

Advisory Committee *Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman*

Americanism Commission *Joseph Navarrete (NM), Chairman*

Fourth Thursday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern | 6:30 p.m. Central
5:30 p.m. Mountain | 4:30 p.m. Pacific
Call in # (508) 924 3315
Access Code: NONE

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

Conference Call Schedule:

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>



DETACHMENT	2022 Donations (final)	2022 Membership (current)	2023 CWF Goal	2023 Donations (to-date)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,008	\$ 2,008.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,553	\$ 1,553.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,790	\$ 7,790.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.5%	\$ 0.39
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 432.00	432	\$ 432.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,257	\$ 10,257.00	\$ 635.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,595	\$ 2,595.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,795	\$ 1,795.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,394	\$ 2,394.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ 111.00	111	\$ 111.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	20,958	\$ 20,958.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 153.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,393	\$ 4,393.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	70	\$ 70.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	630	\$ 630.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,006	\$ 13,006.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,218	\$ 35,218.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,808	\$ 4,808.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,628	\$ 5,628.00	\$ 200.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 2,233.00	2,233	\$ 2,233.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,712	\$ 1,712.00	\$ 500.00	29.2%	\$ 0.29
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,542	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	15,678	\$ 15,678.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,316	\$ 5,316.00	\$ 71.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
MX - MEXICO	\$ 30.00	30	\$ 30.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,848	\$ 23,848.00	\$ 2,585.00	10.8%	\$ 0.11
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,800	\$ 10,800.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	694	\$ 694.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,092	\$ 3,092.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,065	\$ 1,065.00	\$ -	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	5,440	\$ 5,440.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,928	\$ 8,928.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,405	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 300.00	21.4%	\$ 0.21
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,766	\$ 28,766.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,655	\$ 2,655.00	\$ 100.00	3.8%	\$ 0.04
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,046.00	1,046	\$ 1,046.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,442	\$ 29,442.00	\$ 150.00	0.5%	\$ 0.01
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ 1,303.00	1,303	\$ 1,303.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,379	\$ 1,379.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	59,091	\$ 59,091.00	\$ 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	1,450	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,343	\$ 1,343.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,659	\$ 1,659.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,342	\$ 5,342.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	430	\$ 430.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,735	\$ 3,735.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	3,991	\$ 3,991.00	\$ 750.00	18.8%	\$ 0.19
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,431	\$ 2,431.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,303	\$ 2,303.00	\$ 500.00	21.7%	\$ 0.22
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,011	\$ 4,011.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,231	\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	355,762	\$ 355,762.00	\$ 9,553.00	2.7%	\$ 0.03

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>

[TkVtO9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MkVtO9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09)

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

Here is a quarterly update from the National Finance Commission. The budget reconciliation for fiscal year 2021 was finalized as of April 30, 2021. With an income shortage from membership of over \$56k, and a lower-than-normal expenditure rate, due to the limited travel during the first half of 2021, we finished the year with a positive income. This will be transferred to the Restricted Reserve Fund, where funds are maintained by TAL. This fund would routinely sustain one year's operating budget. **Note:** Expenditures for the 50th Convention and Century Committee (CentComm), which were approved at the Fall NEC and to be expensed against the FY '21 budget, did not occur during FY '2021.

To date we have no reconciliation information for FY 2022, therefore no report is available. We do expect the expenditures for FY '22 to be on par with the projected budget, as travel restrictions have been removed and the activities across all programs are increasing. All good news from our perspective, as it shows we are getting back into the full stride of supporting the American Legion Family programs. The status of the Goals for this Administrative year are outlined below.

National Finance Commission – Goals for Administrative year 2021 – 2022

1. **Provide a budget with actual past and present expenditures along with future predications for each line item.**

a. Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 (fully reconciled). FY 2022 is reconciliation is

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	1,795	\$ 1,795.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,394	\$ 2,394.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ 111.00	111	\$ 111.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ -	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,542	\$ 2,542.00	\$ 180.00	0.9%	\$ 0.04
MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	15,678	\$ 15,678.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,316	\$ 5,316.00	\$ 71.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,440	\$ 5,440.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	8,928	\$ 8,928.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	28,766	\$ 28,766.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	59,091	\$ 59,091.00	\$ 562.00	1.0%	\$ 0.01
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	329	\$ 329.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,735	\$ 3,735.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,303	\$ 2,303.00	\$ 500.00	21.7%	\$ 0.22
Total:	\$ 91,331.95	146,981	\$ 146,981.00	\$ 1,330.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
Center Region						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,006	\$ 13,006.00	\$ 100.00	0.8%	\$ 0.01
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,218	\$ 35,218.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,808	\$ 4,808.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	23,848	\$ 23,848.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	10,800	\$ 10,800.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,092	\$ 3,092.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	29,442	\$ 29,442.00	\$ 150.00	0.5%	\$ 0.01
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,011	\$ 4,011.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 92,841.55	124,223	\$ 124,223.00	\$ 2,838.00	0.3%	\$ 0.02
Western Region						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,553	\$ 1,553.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	7,790	\$ 7,790.00	\$ 3,000.00	38.5%	\$ 0.39
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,257	\$ 10,257.00	\$ 635.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	70	\$ 70.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	630	\$ 630.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	322	\$ 322.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,379	\$ 1,379.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 185.00	430	\$ 430.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,431	\$ 2,431.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 38,794.81	24,929	\$ 24,929.00	\$ 3,838.00	14.6%	\$ 0.15
Midwest Region						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,595	\$ 2,595.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,628	\$ 5,628.00	\$ 200.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,092	\$ 3,092.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,065	\$ 1,065.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,733	\$ 6,733.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,405	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 300.00	21.4%	\$ 0.21
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,450	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,046.00	1,046	\$ 1,046.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ 1,303.00	1,303	\$ 1,303.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,343	\$ 1,343.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,342	\$ 5,342.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,231	\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 64,074.78	27,221	\$ 27,221.00	\$ 500.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
National HQ						
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total:	\$ 349,789.25	355,762	\$ 355,762.00	\$ 9,553.00	2.7%	\$ 0.03
DONATIONS AS OF: JUNE 24, 2022						
MEMBERSHIP AS OF: JUNE 23, 2022						

pending. Awaiting information from National.

- b. FY 2023 development approach is now aligned with TAL process.
 - i. TAL will begin the SAL budgeting process development during the months of June and July (*tentatively*), utilizing their appropriate financial analysis processes and input from our NFC. We will provide input based on core requirements we've captured from previous budgets, input from Commissions, and those linked to approved Resolutions.
 - ii. The proposed budget will then be presented to our NEC at the Fall 2022 meeting for final approval, and then presented to TAL for their review and final approval at their Fall 2022 NEC meeting.
- 2. **Streamline the voucher process for travel and per diem to all meetings.**
 - a. Travel Reimbursement for Call-Ins has been established and implemented by TAL. This process was utilized at the Spring NEC 2022.
- 3. **Develop financial guidelines**
 - a. Based on updates in the prior goals, the NFC is working to finalize a draft general Standard Operating Procedures set of guidelines, to support these areas as well as other general operating financial principles. The expectation is to have the draft completed by SAL National Convention.

Please note the specific details of any expenditure for our organization are subject to adjustments by The American Legion as appropriate and within the best interest of our overall program and those of The American Legion. As always, we are working with The American Legion to fine tune our finances, and will continue to provide awareness to this body, when substantial changes are implemented.

If there are any questions, please reach out to any member of the National Finance Commission, and we're looking forward to working with you during this administrative year.

**Financial information included in this report is for management use only. It does not constitute a financial statement and has not been subjected to*

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

As of June 30, 2022

1,462,537

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

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Access Code 988 284 103#

Member Training and Development Committee

Michael Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

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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

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WE ARE THERE!!

100%

Congratulations!!!

Welcome NVC Roberts and Regional Chair Roberts to the 100% CLUB!

2022 SAL Membership Report as of: June 30, 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	-24	75	153.06%	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	-15	112	121.74%	89.89
5	WASHINGTON	2,086	-259	2,449	117.40%	90.07
6	MEXICO	26	-3	30	115.38%	68.00
7	NEW MEXICO	1,261	-117	1,441	114.27%	85.24
8	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-84	1,046	114.19%	99.66
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-907	23,991	109.12%	91.49
10	DELAWARE	2,229	-61	2,401	107.72%	91.97
11	OREGON	1,317	-11	1,394	105.85%	84.67
12	VERMONT	3,576	-22	3,777	105.62%	91.12
13	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-11	2,303	105.50%	86.98
14	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-21	5,349	105.42%	90.42
15	IOWA	4,571	-9	4,809	105.21%	95.09
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	0	1,451	104.99%	86.34
17	IDAHO	606	5	631	104.13%	85.69
18	RHODE ISLAND	316	3	329	104.11%	80.97
19	ARIZONA	7,566	113	7,831	103.50%	82.98
20	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	86	5,517	103.39%	88.03
21	WISCONSIN	3,914	89	4,021	102.73%	90.64
22	MAINE	2,482	64	2,542	102.42%	89.76
23	GEORGIA	4,316	136	4,396	101.85%	84.03
24	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	85	2,665	101.76%	81.64
25	PHILIPPINES	66	2	67	101.52%	96.92
26	FLORIDA	20,745	735	21,047	101.46%	83.38
27	MARYLAND	15,533	591	15,719	101.20%	90.82
28	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	2,415	59,432	100.90%	90.84
29	ALASKA	1,560	76	1,562	100.13%	78.03
30	ALABAMA	2,020	102	2,019	99.95%	81.42
31	MINNESOTA	11,091	581	11,065	99.77%	89.40
32	CALIFORNIA	10,338	555	10,300	99.63%	83.77
33	VIRGINIA	4,023	227	3,997	99.35%	84.80
34	CONNECTICUT	1,820	110	1,801	98.96%	84.02
35	TENNESSEE	1,681	102	1,663	98.93%	77.07
36	OHIO	29,946	1,848	29,595	98.83%	89.71
37	WYOMING	1,273	81	1,256	98.66%	77.97
38	COLORADO	2,632	170	2,594	98.56%	81.78
39	TEXAS	5,425	351	5,345	98.53%	80.23
40	NEW YORK	29,246	1,909	28,799	98.47%	87.79
41	NEBRASKA	6,959	535	6,772	97.31%	91.42
42	NEW JERSEY	9,211	738	8,934	96.99%	85.99
43	NEVADA	334	29	322	96.41%	81.16
44	MISSOURI	3,211	278	3,094	96.36%	83.51
45	INDIANA	36,657	3,200	35,290	96.27%	87.66
46	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,275	13,007	95.63%	87.60
47	LOUISIANA	1,808	180	1,718	95.02%	84.94
48	OKLAHOMA	1,380	142	1,307	94.71%	78.16
49	KENTUCKY	2,648	286	2,494	94.18%	76.49
50	ARKANSAS	468	59	432	92.31%	75.05
51	MONTANA	1,160	152	1,066	91.90%	85.17
52	KANSAS	6,424	1,022	5,723	89.09%	81.10
53	UTAH	492	82	435	88.41%	75.10
54	MISSISSIPPI	795	141	694	87.30%	59.76
55	FRANCE	233	92	153	65.67%	64.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	16,835	357,726	100.28%	87.76

2023 Membership Cards

I recently heard there is a rumor that membership cards are not being sent out until September. Please tell your squadron leadership, there was a paper shortage however, they are next to be printed and be sent out.

The SAL has **not** been forgotten!

Thank you,

*Kevin Mook, National SAL Liaison
Internal Affairs & Membership Division
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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

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

August 25, 2022

National History Contest

The Annual Sons of The American Legion National History Contest will again be held in conjunction with the 50th National Sons of The American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee August 26-28, 2022. The complete National Convention awards and guidelines can be found on the National Publications and Forms website <https://www.legion.org/sons/publications> and downloaded along with the National Administrative Manual.

Sons National Historian Bill Towns is encouraging all detachments to submit their History Book and a Squadron History Book for judging at this historic milestone of the Sons of The American Legion. Bill is also encouraging any Past Historians from any level of the organization who will be in Milwaukee as a Sons of The American Legion delegate to volunteer to join in the judging of the History Books, and for discussion on adapting future guidelines encouraging greater participation and preservation of the histories of our Sons of The American Legion.



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

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by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.



REGIONAL UPDATES



JEFF VRABEL, SR.
CENTRAL REGION
2021 – 2022

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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*

Congratulations to National Vice-Commander Jason Roberts, Regional Membership Chairman, Ron Roberts, and the entire Southern Region for reaching quota on the latest national membership report.

With this report, the national organization also achieved quota, reporting in at 100.28% of goal. Next up, 105%.

This report also shows that the Central Region has dropped to fourth place in the standings. Currently, we are only 105 members away from quota, and I am confident that we will reach our goal this week.

The Detachments of Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana are close to reaching quota as well. As the hard work continues on 2022 renewals in these detachments, I am asking all detachment and district commanders, as well as detachment and district first vice-commanders and/or membership chairmen to personally reach out to any squadron that is not quota and do whatever you can to help them reach the goal. Going the extra mile will prove to be the assist some squadrons need to reach quota, and without your help, it may not happen.

If we get out there and do the work, we will hit quota on the next report. **Who's next?**

My **First Annual Membership Independence Month** initiative is well underway. Although the challenge is to hit 25% by the end of July, there are already squadrons at the 100% mark, with many more on the way this month.



This initiative isn't about seeing who's better than anyone. It isn't about showing anybody up. The **First Annual Membership Independence Month** initiative is an attempt to change the mindset of our members as to when they pay, and to change the culture of our membership program. National Membership Chairman Thom Skelley says all the time, "You have to pay once a year anyway, why not pay early?"

That is exactly the point of this initiative; paying early. We honor the veteran who made us eligible every day through our membership in Sons of The

American Legion. Let's start honoring that veteran for the 2023 membership year today!

Please contact your squadron membership chairman or first vice-commander and get your dues paid now.

I want to wish everyone a very safe and happy Independence Day. Remember those who are serving and won't be home to celebrate, as well as the fine men and women who made this country possible.

Over the last few weekends, I had the opportunity to do some traveling. Last weekend I was fortunate enough to travel to the Detachment of Minnesota for the annual Detachment Convention In East Grand Forks. This was an interesting trip, as my flight was delayed five hours, which wasn't a big deal, but when I got to East Grand Forks, my luggage decided to stay in Minneapolis, and I was left without my clothes, toiletries, and other items that were packed. Again, not a big deal, and I went to the store to get something to wear.

During the conference, I was able to address Sons and guests, and heard some great reports. An interesting part of the convention is that after the lunch break, there is a charity auction for members and guests to participate in. Somehow, I got appointed auctioneer, and had a blast doing it. A lot of money was raised, and a good time was had by all. Following the election of detachment officers, I was honored to install them into their new positions.

Thank you to Commander Weaver, Adjutant PNC Bible, NEC Davis, PNC Mayne, PNVC Henkemeyer, and everyone who was part of the convention weekend. It was a great time and I look forward to visiting again.

By the way, my luggage arrived just in time for me to take it home on Sunday.

This weekend, I traveled to Cincinnati for The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio conventions. It was nice to be back at home with so many friends. It was a great weekend, and one I will remember for a long time.

Thank you to the Department of Ohio for what you have done for me. I look forward to our continued work together!

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

As we head toward the Sons of The American Legion National Convention, please remember to continue to place flags and report to www.flyingflags-forheroes.com as we push towards two million flags placed and reported. Continue to renew members for the 2022 membership year. Don't stop your Buddy Checks. Most importantly, have fun serving the greatest veterans service organization in the world!

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!



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

The Vindicator

Sacrifices remembered

June 27, 2022 | Bob Coupland | bcoupland@tribtoday.com

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT						06/30/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Western 4 Q	24,414	25,066	(652)	102.67%	91	QUOTA
2 Eastern 6, 7, 8 Q	136,233	137,168	(935)	100.69%	171	QUOTA
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6 Q	42,593	42,697	(104)	100.24%	369	QUOTA
4 Central 4, 6, 8	124,977	124,872	105	99.92%	298	
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	27,923	585	97.95%	171	
TOTALS	356,725	357,726	(1,001)	100.28%	1,009	QUOTA

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	23,991	(2,006)	109.12%	137	9 Q
2 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,571	4,809	(238)	105.21%	1	15 Q
3 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	4,021	(107)	102.73%	10	21 Q
4 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	11,065	26	99.77%	3	31
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	29,594	352	98.82%	93	36
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	3,094	117	96.36%	2	44
7 Indiana 1	36,657	35,290	1,367	96.27%	51	45
8 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	13,007	595	95.63%	-	46
TOTALS	124,977	124,871	106	99.92%	297	

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	4,809	(238)	105.21%	3.85%
Wisconsin	3,914	4,021	(107)	102.73%	3.22%
Missouri	3,211	3,094	117	96.36%	2.48%
TOTALS	11,696	11,924	(228)	101.95%	9.55%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	11,065	26	99.77%	8.86%
Illinois	13,602	13,007	595	95.63%	10.42%
TOTALS	24,693	24,072	621	97.49%	19.28%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	23,991	(2,006)	109.12%	19.21%
Ohio	29,946	29,594	351	98.83%	23.70%
Indiana	36,657	35,290	1,367	96.27%	28.26%
TOTALS	88,588	88,876	(288)	100.33%	71.17%

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		06/30/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	95.09%
2	Michigan	91.49%
3	Wisconsin	90.64%
4	Ohio	89.71%
5	Minnesota	89.40%
6	Indiana	87.66%
7	Illinois	87.60%
8	Missouri	83.51%
	NATIONAL	87.76%



A new Korean Defense Monument was dedicated at the Korean War Memorial in Austintown on Sunday. Taking part in the ceremony are Jeff Vrabel Jr., detachment chaplain, Sons of the American Legion Mahoning Valley Inc. Squadron 15, left, and Mike Ekoniak Jr., commander of the Korean War Veterans Association of the Mahoning Valley Chapter 137.

Staff photo/Bob Coupland

AUSTINTOWN — A new marker commemorating all military members who have served in Korea since the Korean Armistice was unveiled Sunday at the Korean War Memorial at Austintown Veterans Park.

A special Korean War and Korean Defense veterans memorial ceremony and laying of the roses was hosted by the Korean War Veterans Association of Mahoning Valley Chapter 137. A dedication of the Korean Defense Veterans Monument also took place.

The ceremony, which was attended by more than 30 people, included reading the names of nearly 120 service people from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties who were casualties of the Korean War.

Mike Ekoniak Jr., commander of Chapter 137 who served in Korea in 1967 and 1968, said the Korean War lasted from June 1950 to July 1953 and resulted in the deaths of more than 40,000 U.S. service people as well as those who went missing.

‘As of today, more than 7,500 U.S. troops are still missing. Every year there are less and less veterans of the Korean War,’ Ekoniak said, noting the average age of Korean War veterans still living is 88.

He said the memorial was erected so the 119 service people who served during the Korean Conflict would not be forgotten.

Ekoniak said it was 72 years ago this week when the Korean War began. In July, it will be the 69th year since the signing of the armistice that halted the war.

He said the new marker is dedicated to those who have served in Korea from 1953 to the present who have been killed in active combat.

Bob McCullough, the treasurer for the Ohio Korean War Veterans Association, was given the honor of laying the roses on the new marker.

Austintown Trustee Robert Santos, a Marine Corps veteran for 11 years, said he credits the generation of service people before him as the reason he also served the nation.

“You all sacrificed your lives for the freedoms of the next generation. Those who have served or are serving our nation are all acts of heroism. You all put your lives on the line to save others. You had dedication and honor for what you did. I appreciate the honor to come here and speak today and to honor all of you,” Santos said.

He said he enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 22 and it changed his life and gave him a deeper appreciation for those who have served before him.

Frank Sloat, Chapter 137 chaplain, said it means a lot to the veterans for family, friends and others to show their support.

Jeff Vrabel Jr. of Poland, who is the detachment chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion and a member of Mahoning Valley Inc. Squadron 15, said his grandfather, Joe Vrabel, was among those instrumental in getting sections of the Korean War memorial established in Austintown.

“My grandfather was with one of the last guys to be killed in the Korean War. Sgt. Harold Cross was with my grandfather when the war was ending, and a shell came in and killed Harold. They were best buddies during the war,” Vrabel said.

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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	112	121.74%
DELAWARE	2,229	2,401	107.72%
VERMONT	3,576	3,777	105.62%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,303	105.50%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,349	105.42%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
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MAINE	2,482	2,542	102.42%
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PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	59,432	100.90%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,801	98.96%
NEW YORK	29,246	28,799	98.47%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	8,934	96.99%
FRANCE	233	153	65.67%
Totals:	136,233	137,168	100.69%

as of June 30, 2022



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2021 – 2022

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SOUTHERN 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

MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

Second Tuesday of Each Month
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call In # (701) 802-5001
 Access Code 4720682

Midwest Region - Juan R. Torres (TX)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,052	1,343	127.66%
MEXICO	26	30	115.38%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,441	114.27%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,046	114.19%
WYOMING	1,273	1,256	98.66%
COLORADO	2,632	2,594	98.56%
TEXAS	5,425	5,345	98.53%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,772	97.31%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,307	94.71%
MONTANA	1,160	1,066	91.90%
KANSAS	6,424	5,723	89.09%
Totals:	28,508	27,923	97.95%

as of June 30, 2022

Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	88	121	137.50%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,451	104.99%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,396	101.85%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,665	101.76%
FLORIDA	20,745	21,047	101.46%
ALABAMA	2,020	2,019	99.95%
VIRGINIA	4,023	3,997	99.35%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,663	98.93%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,718	95.02%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,494	94.18%
ARKANSAS	468	432	92.31%
MISSISSIPPI	795	694	87.30%
Totals:	42,593	42,697	100.24%

as of June 30, 2022



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=SjZJek04MHJpNjdibWptUTU0UGptZz09>

Meeting ID: 965 6230 3887

Passcode: 795541

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	75	153.06%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,449	117.40%
OREGON	1,317	1,394	105.85%
IDAHO	606	631	104.13%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,831	103.50%
PHILIPPINES	66	67	101.52%
ALASKA	1,560	1,562	100.13%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	10,300	99.63%
NEVADA	334	322	96.41%
UTAH	492	435	88.41%
Totals:	24,414	25,066	102.67%

as of June 30, 2022

Everyone,

Here we are once more, great job to all as things go nationally, we are at 100.28% and as a region we are 102.67%.

We gained 91 renewals/new members.

3 Detachments are at 105% and higher: Hawaii, Washington and joining the 105% club is Oregon, WELL DONE AND GREAT JOB TO ALL.

4 Detachments are at 100% or higher: Idaho, Arizona, Philippines and joining the club is Alaska, WELL DONE AND GREAT JOB TO ALL OF YOU AS WELL.

3 Detachments are knocking on the 100% door: California - 38 to go, Nevada - 12 to go and Utah - 57 to go, again WELL DONE AND GREAT JOB TO ALL AS WELL.

107 members to go for 3 Detachments to hit 100% and 569 members to go until we hit 105%.

Congrats to NVC Stewart for getting the West up to 102.67% and NVC Huntley and Membership Chair Ernie LaBerge for getting their region up to 100.69% and Welcome to NVC Jason Roberts and Membership Chair Ron Roberts for becoming a member of the 100% club.

NVC Vrabel and Membership Chair Dave Mennel you are at 99.92% and NVC Juan Torres and Membership Chair Mike Kirschner you are at 97.95% in other words you are knocking on the 100% door. Please keep up the fight, knowing that we can all hit and exceed the 100%

Great job to you all for all of your extraordinary efforts! We are making a great comeback from the last couple of years. My hat is off to all of you.

To Thom Skelley, thank you for your guidance, knowledge, and great works of wisdom.

Thank you all for what you do for God and country.

#SALSTRONG

Very Respectfully,

*Jack Youngs,
 Western Region
 Membership Chairman*



MICHAEL FOX
2021–2022



***SAL Commander Fox:
‘I’m proud to be
a Boys State alum’***

[Andy Proffet](#) | June 24, 2022

As he addressed the citizens of the 2022 session of California Boys State, SAL National Commander Michael Fox reflected on his own, somewhat less comfortable, experience at the program when he was a delegate in 1997.

“We were in a gym on wooden bleachers, getting splinters where no man should get splinters, 100-degree heat with no air conditioning,” Fox said, drawing calls of commiseration from the 800 Boys State citizens.

“But I can still say that I’m proud to be a Boys State alum. So, if anyone knows about the skills and the lifelong friendships that you’re about to make and have been making while you’re here, trust me, I’m that guy,” Fox said.

Fox was a guest at California Boys State on June 22, a quick visit to the program at the Sacramento State campus in between trips to other detachments. To the best of the Boys State staff’s knowledge, it marked the first time a sitting SAL national commander had visited California Boys State.

“I am honored to be the first,” Fox said in his speech following the swearing-in of the program’s elected state officers.

Chief counselor Tim Aboudara noted that over half of the Boys State staff are SAL members, with some being dual members in The American Legion. Aboudara said it was “a very special national commander’s homecoming.”

“He’s from California, he came back to the place where he’s an alum, and so this is a nontraditional but special homecoming where these 800 (Boys State citizens) are embracing his national service project.”

That service project, Flying Flags for Heroes, has placed over 1.3 million flags nationwide on veterans’ graves at local cemeteries. The Boys Staters added to that total on June 23, when they placed some 5,000 flags on veterans’ graves at Sacramento’s East Lawn Memorial Park.

Fox’s travel meant he couldn’t stick around for Thursday’s flag event, but during his speech the night before he encouraged the Boys Staters to show their support for veterans.

“The veterans of this great state ... are now taking time out of their lives to ensure that this wonderful country has leaders for the future. So, take that seriously and don’t waste it,” Fox said.

Fox also said, “This program is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so cherish your experiences and be proud that you are the one that was chosen (to attend).”



Boys Nation. At Boys State/Nation, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments.

Last WWII Medal of Honor recipient leaves legacy

[Henry Howard](#) | June 29, 2022



In 2016, World War II Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams was honored by state and federal dignitaries during a ceremony dedicating a Navy ship after him at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston, W.V.

Sam Owens / The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Marine Cpl. Hershel "Woody" Williams, the last living World War II Medal of Honor recipient, passed away June 29 at the Huntington, W.Va., VA Medical Center, which bears his name. He was 98.

Williams, an American Legion member for more than 70 years, received the medal for his actions during the Battle of Iwo Jima in February 1945. Williams was cited for his valor going alone and fighting for four hours to knock out Japanese forces, allowing for Allied tanks to proceed.

Later that year, at age 22, Williams received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for military valor, from President Harry Truman.

"For me, receiving the Medal of Honor was actually the lifesaver because it forced me to talk about the experiences that I had, which was a therapy that I didn't even know I was doing," Williams said during a 2018 Boy Scouts recognition ceremony in Fairmont, W.Va.

In a 2014 [video interview with The American Legion](#), Williams shared his experiences in World War II, receiving the medal and more.

His legacy, however, will not be limited to his actions on the battlefield. He spent decades of his life honoring families of the fallen, inspiring youth and promoting patriotism. For example, Williams, a member of Post 177 in Barboursville, W.Va., regularly spoke at Boys State.

American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard praised Williams during a visit June 29 to Post 54 in Bedford, Va.

"He was a tremendous Legionnaire and he was passionate about honoring Gold Star Families," Dillard said. "He was truly a patriot. People like Woody you cannot replace. We will miss him."

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin shared similar sentiments on Twitter, saying, "Today, America lost not just a valiant Marine and a Medal of Honor recipient, but an important link to our nation's fight against tyranny in WWII. Woody Williams gave to his nation on the battlefield and after, establishing a foundation to honor and recognize Gold Star families."

The idea for his nationwide tribute to Gold Star families originated during an appearance at an American Legion post, Williams told *The American Legion Magazine* for [a profile in 2015](#). At the event, he asked Gold Star Mothers to raise their hands. He then thanked them, paying tribute to the 10 women for their sacrifice.

Afterward, a teary-eyed man lingered behind and approached Williams. "I said, 'Sir, is there something I can do? Is there some way I can help you?'" Williams recalls. "He said, 'Dads cry too.'"



Hershel "Woody" Williams stands near the memorial for Gold Star families he helped install in the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar, W. Va.

(Photo by Clay Lomneth/The American Legion)

The man, a widower, had recently lost his only child in the war in Afghanistan.

Following that exchange, Williams set out on a new mission: honor families of the fallen by establishing a Gold Star Memorial in every state. To date, more than 100 monuments have been installed in dozens of states while other memorials are in the planning stages.

Learn more about the initiative online at www.hwwmohfoundation.org.

Dillard also called for a state funeral to honor Williams, as supported by a [resolution passed in 2018](#).

“All Medal of Honor recipients are extraordinary and Woody Williams was particularly special to The American Legion,” [Dillard said](#). “He was a proud Legionnaire who demonstrated legendary valor at Iwo Jima and then spent a lifetime serving veterans and Gold Star Families. He was a true American hero in every sense of the word. We extend our condolences to his family.”



INDEPENDENCE

DAY FUN FACTS

The Declaration of Independence started with a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress voted to declare America's independence.

Americans take their 4th of July celebrations seriously. On this day, about **150 million hot dogs** will be eaten and served!

It wasn't until almost 100 years after the Declaration of Independence, when finally in 1870, was July 4th then made into an **official holiday** by Congress.

SOURCE: www.macaidventure.com/walking-holidays/8-interesting-facts-about-american-independence-day

10 AMAZING Facts for the

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Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national animal but was out-voted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the bald eagle.
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The stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle to ensure that all colonies were represented equally.
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John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until later.
- 4

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day: July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
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History's first submarine attack took place in New York Harbor in 1776.
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There were no fireworks on July 4, 1776, but there were fireworks 1 year later, on July 4, 1777. This was still 6 years before Americans knew whether the new nation would survive the war.
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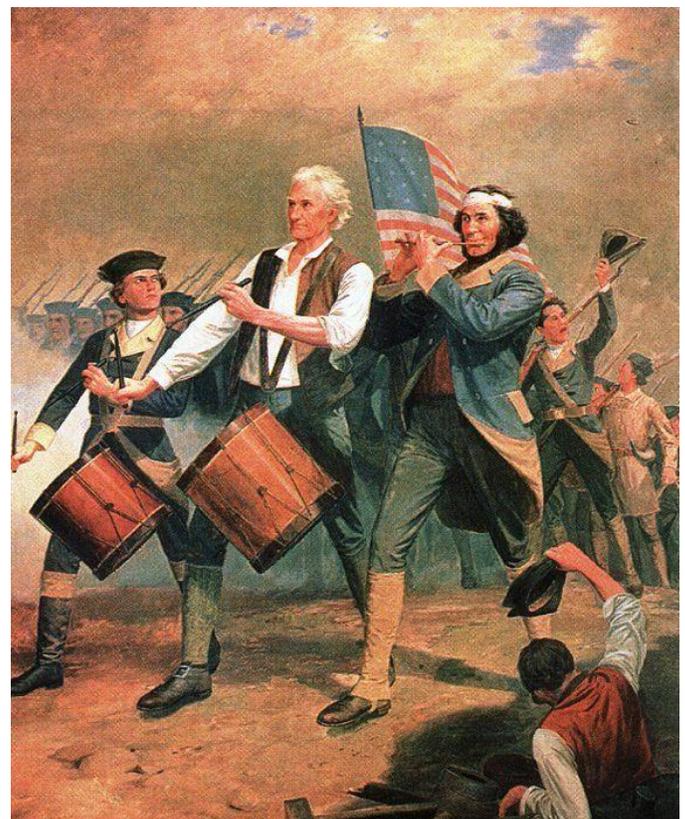
George Washington was the best spy master in American History! He ran espionage rings in British-held areas and he was a genius at misinformation. He constantly befuddled the British by leaking, through double agents, inflated reports of the strength of his army.
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Washington was robust man with a seeming immunity to disease and bullets. In one encounter in the French and Indian War, he absorbed 4 bullets in his coat and hat and had 2 horses shot from under him without any injury to himself.
- 9

The United States of America won it's independence despite the fact that the British Army was established, experienced, disciplined, and trained and the American army was not. In addition to this, the British Army had ample quantities of powder, guns, and clothing and the American Army was not well supplied.
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The song "Yankee Doodle" was sung originally by British officers making fun of backwoods Americans.

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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.

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.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT

JUNE 1, to MAY 31,

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

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

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

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

AMERICANISM

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

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

1 _____ Other Donations, Not Covered Above	2 _____ Other Hours, Not Covered Above
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Signature _____	Title _____	Date _____
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