



Round-Up

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TAKE ACTION NOW!!!

Take Action to Support Veterans
Exposed to Toxic Hazards

Dear American Legion
members and friends,

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AMERICAN LEGION



American Legion Legislative Director Lawrence Montreuil delivers remarks Thursday.

Legion: Senate action on PACT Act ‘absolutely unacceptable’

The American Legion | July 28, 2022

The American Legion and other veterans advocates gathered in Washington, D.C., today to criticize a Senate vote that again has delayed passage of what is known as the PACT Act.

The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act – which has passed in both the House and Senate – [received technical corrections and went to a procedural vote in the Senate on Wednesday](#). The 55-42 vote failed to meet the 60 votes necessary to advance the legislation.

Speaking for The American Legion during [a Thursday press event on Capitol Hill](#), American Legion Legislative Director Lawrence Montreuil called the delay “absolutely unacceptable. A bill that passed the House of Representatives three times and passed the Senate with wide-ranging bipartisan support – 84 senators voting in favor of it – will now be delayed, and once again veterans will suffer.

“The PACT Act passed the House and Senate in a bipartisan manner, yet this delay continues because of political games. There is no reason this bill should not be signed by the president by the end of next week.”

Montreuil said the delay impacts toxic-exposed veterans who already have had to wait long enough for their care and benefits.

“This bill’s genesis came from the fact that 70 percent of veterans with illnesses related to burn pits were being denied, and as a result couldn’t access health care. Sick veterans couldn’t meet the burden of proof,” Montreuil said. “Every day that this delay goes on, veterans are unable to receive care. This is wrong. We will not stand by and allow veterans to be denied their duly owed health care. For cancer patients, a one-month delay makes all the difference. The American Legion demands that Congress end this delay and allow our veterans to receive the health care they desperately need and have earned.”

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

The anger was clear in the members of Congress attending the press event — as was the resolve to continue to work to get the PACT Act from bill to law.

- U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: “We’ve got to get out. We’ve got to call. We’ve got to have your friends in the military and veterans call, your civilian friends call. Because what happened yesterday is totally unacceptable. What happened is they voted against the men and women who fight for this country who want to come back to civilian life and have a normal life. And not only those folks, but their families.”
- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand: “How does this happen? How do you change your mind right when you’re about to make a law that’s going to save lives? It makes no sense. It’s an outrage, and there has to be accountability. They have put their politics before the life and wellbeing of servicemembers who have given everything to this country. For what?”
- U.S. Rep. Mark Takano, House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs chairman: “Frankly, this bill should have passed the House unanimously the first time, and it should have passed unanimously in the Senate. That is how fundamental this issue of taking care of our veterans is. You don’t get to pander to servicemembers and veterans about how you represent them and then turn around and stab them in the back.”

- U.S. Rep. Raul Ruiz: “I’m livid. We have a chance right now to make a monumental change in the lives of our servicemen and women. Our veterans don’t have time for this bill to go back and forth again and again. They need the presumptive benefits in the Honoring Our PACT Act right now. Their lives are, quite literally, on the line. I will continue to fight tooth and nail until it gets done.”
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: “Veterans have waited too long. Why subject them to this? This is very, very disappointing. We all share the dismay in all of this. It’s a missed opportunity that’s hard to explain, but we will not stop until we get the job done.”
- U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown: “The Senate’s scheduled to go home after next week to go and do our things in the state and in our districts. We don’t leave here. We stay until this thing is done. We stay here. We keep meeting. It doesn’t matter how hot it is here. It doesn’t matter the pressure. We’ve got to get this done ... until veterans are assured, they’re going to be taken care of if they were exposed to these burn pits.”

Also visibly upset was former Daily Show host Jon Stewart, who has become an impassioned advocate for the PACT Act. His frustration was evident when referencing previous Senate passage of the PACT Act in June before the technical corrections were needed.

“They passed it. June 16, they passed the PACT Act, 84-14” he said. “You don’t even see those scores in the Senate anymore.”

Stewart said while U.S. servicemembers have lived up to their oath, the Senate “spit on them in abject cruelty” with its vote on Wednesday. “These people thought that they could finally breathe. You think their struggles end because the PACT Act passes? All it means is they don’t have to decide between their cancer drugs and their house. It gives them health care. It gives them benefits. It lets them live.”

***Senator introduces
American Legion-supported bill to
modernize VA medical centers,
other infrastructure***

Sara Samora/Stars and Stripes | July 27, 2022

Sen. Jon Tester on Tuesday proposed legislation designed to modernize the Department of Veterans Affairs’ medical centers and other infrastructure after he and 11 other senators last month blocked a \$2

trillion VA plan to close, consolidate and upgrade agency facilities across the country.

The bill, dubbed the “Build, Utilize, Invest, Learn, and Deliver [or BUILD] for Veterans Act of 2022,” would require the VA to develop plans and workforce hiring strategies to complete new facility projects, examine infrastructure budgeting, and provide Congress with its plans and performance data for enhanced accountability.

“When it comes to delivering new hospitals, clinics, cemeteries, benefits offices, and other facilities for veterans and the employees that serve them, we’ve got to set VA up for success,” said Tester, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee. “The BUILD for Veterans Act pushes VA to modernize and manage its current and future infrastructure needs through common-sense provisions that’ll save taxpayer dollars in the process.”



Stars and Stripes photo

Additionally, the bill would also require the VA to provide plans and performance data to Congress, implement a schedule to eliminate or repurpose unused and vacant buildings and examine infrastructure budgeting strategies. Moreover, it will require the VA to provide yearly budget requirements for 10 years.

In June, Tester and 11 other senators opposed the VA’s Asset and Infrastructure Review, saying the recommendations would not expand or strengthen the agency’s infrastructure and put veterans in rural and urban areas at a disadvantage.

The VA was required to establish the Asset and Infrastructure Review as part of the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018, or MISSION Act. The review was designed to analyze the health care needs of veterans as well as the department’s infrastructure. That same year, Congress approved the creation of

an Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission to work on the “modernization or realignment” of VA properties.

Tester’s new bill draws from the infrastructure portion of the [Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, or PACT Act](#), which he and Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas, the ranking Republican on the Senate VA Committee, introduced in May.

The PACT Act seeks to provide an easy path to health care and benefits for veterans who served near open-air burn pits, which were used throughout the 1990s and the post-9/11 wars to burn garbage, jet fuel and other materials. The bill would establish 31 new VA health care facilities in 19 states.

Veterans diagnosed with cancer, respiratory issues and lung disease at young ages have blamed exposure to the toxic fumes from these pits, but the VA contended for years that there wasn’t sufficient evidence to support their claims.

The bill also would improve the VA’s workforce and claims processing to speed up efforts to meet the needs of veterans. Additionally, the bill would expand health care eligibility to post-9/11 combat veterans and add 23 conditions related to burn pits and other toxic exposures to the VA’s list of service presumptions. It will also expand the list of presumptions related to Agent Orange exposure to include Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Atoll, strengthen federal research on toxic exposure, and improve the VA’s resources and training.

The PACT Act could reach a vote in the Senate this week.

Various veteran service organizations announced their support for the BUILD for Veterans Act, including Disabled American Veterans, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

“Ensuring VA has state-of-the-art facilities to support the medical and mental health care needs of veterans is a top priority of the American Legion,” said Paul Dillard, national commander of The American Legion, in a prepared statement about the BUILD Act. “Investing in and revitalizing the aging VA infrastructure is vital to the overall success of the VA health care system. We must ensure that VA is properly resourced and structured to manage the

infrastructure of the largest integrated health care network in the nation.”



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
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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>



Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MkVTo9XYkdvZ1MoeW5RTHg4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607

Passcode: xZztq6

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

Subcommittee on National Appointments

Ron Roberts, (MS), Chairman

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman



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Tim Aboudara, Sr.,

National Service Project Coordinator

As of July 30, 2022

1,823,993

Flags have been placed and
reported to honor our veterans

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

Fourth Thursday of each month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 313-6050

Access Code: 344590

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

First Thursday of each month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (267) 807-9601

Access Code 988 284 103#



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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 771 7294#



July 26, 2022

Gentlemen,

No official update on the printing/shipping of membership cards. An error was discovered reducing continuous membership years to 0 and is being addressed. That being said, the needle has slowed down quite a bit, but as long as the renewal percentage is going up, we are still working 21/22 members.

Don't forget that we are into our 2022-2023 membership year, and it is time to hit renewals HARD. Don't wait for the cards to be printed, don't wait for your members to come to you. Go after them. They are the reason are programs work.

Let's start this membership year off with a bang.



July 29, 2022

There is little left to say after an extraordinary year for our program. 17 Detachments met or exceeded the 105% goal, 37 Detachments met or exceeded the 100% goal, and four out of five regions made 100%.

We fell 1 member short of 360,000, but I am positive that we will break that barrier by the time we are in Milwaukee.

THANK YOU does not seem to be enough words to sum up our accomplishments for this year. What we do, we do out of respect for our forefathers and all veterans across the country. What we do, we do out

of a sense of pride and loyalty. What we do makes a difference.

NEVER FORGET YOUR “WHY!”

2022 SAL 105% Delegate Strength Target Date Report as of: July 28, 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	-244	1,349	128.23%	91.41
4	DIST OF COL	92	-15	112	121.74%	89.89
5	WASHINGTON	2,086	-270	2,460	117.93%	90.53
6	NEW MEXICO	1,261	-144	1,468	116.42%	86.42
7	MEXICO	26	-3	30	115.38%	68.00
8	NORTH DAKOTA	916	-84	1,046	114.19%	99.66
9	MICHIGAN	21,985	-947	24,031	109.31%	91.65
10	DELAWARE	2,229	-66	2,406	107.94%	92.15
11	WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	-47	2,339	107.15%	88.03
12	OREGON	1,317	-17	1,400	106.30%	85.12
13	MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	-60	5,388	106.19%	91.10
14	WISCONSIN	3,914	-36	4,146	105.93%	93.83
15	VERMONT	3,576	-25	3,780	105.70%	91.16
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	-7	1,458	105.50%	86.85
17	IOWA	4,571	-9	4,809	105.21%	95.05
18	NEVADA	334	1	350	104.79%	87.54
19	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	37	5,566	104.31%	88.77
20	IDAHO	606	5	631	104.13%	85.69
21	RHODE ISLAND	316	3	329	104.11%	80.97
22	ARIZONA	7,566	97	7,847	103.71%	83.20
23	MAINE	2,482	40	2,566	103.38%	90.74
24	PHILIPPINES	66	1	68	103.03%	98.46
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	76	2,674	102.10%	81.99
26	GEORGIA	4,316	130	4,402	101.99%	84.15
27	FLORIDA	20,745	685	21,097	101.70%	83.61
28	COLORADO	2,632	89	2,675	101.63%	83.50
29	CALIFORNIA	10,338	351	10,504	101.61%	85.73
30	MARYLAND	15,533	567	15,743	101.35%	90.94
31	PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	2,236	59,611	101.20%	91.14
32	ALASKA	1,560	62	1,576	101.03%	78.91
33	TEXAS	5,425	236	5,460	100.65%	82.33
34	MINNESOTA	11,091	491	11,155	100.58%	89.93
35	ALABAMA	2,020	96	2,025	100.25%	81.72
36	VIRGINIA	4,023	196	4,028	100.12%	85.32
37	NEW YORK	29,246	1,430	29,278	100.11%	89.36
38	CONNECTICUT	1,820	98	1,813	99.62%	84.68
39	OHIO	29,946	1,699	29,744	99.33%	90.21
40	TENNESSEE	1,681	97	1,668	99.23%	77.43
41	WYOMING	1,273	77	1,260	98.98%	78.28
42	NEW JERSEY	9,211	559	9,113	98.94%	87.32
43	NEBRASKA	6,959	496	6,811	97.87%	91.93
44	MISSOURI	3,211	247	3,125	97.32%	84.45
45	INDIANA	36,657	3,163	35,327	96.37%	87.75
46	LOUISIANA	1,808	160	1,738	96.13%	85.59
47	KENTUCKY	2,648	247	2,533	95.66%	77.89
48	ILLINOIS	13,602	1,274	13,008	95.63%	87.61
49	OKLAHOMA	1,380	140	1,309	94.86%	78.24
50	MONTANA	1,160	142	1,076	92.76%	86.05
51	ARKANSAS	468	57	434	92.74%	75.27
52	KANSAS	6,424	998	5,747	89.46%	81.48
53	UTAH	492	81	436	88.62%	75.31
54	MISSISSIPPI	795	134	701	88.18%	60.29
55	FRANCE	233	92	153	65.67%	64.89
Grand Totals:		356,725	14,562	359,999	100.92%	88.34

National Convention Committee

Allen J. Watry (WI), Chairman

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Meetings held as necessary

Call in # (857) 2320159

Access Code: 962347



Public and Media Communications Commission

Mark B. McCue (MA), Chairman

Fourth Monday of Each Month

5:00 p.m. Pacific Time/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Sub-Committee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of each month

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

Passcode: 243945

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Chuck Treat (AZ), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

Call In # (508) 924-3315

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August 25, 2022





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.



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

REGIONAL UPDATES



Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**



Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____
 Name (First) (Initial) (Last) Recruited by _____ (Initial) (Last)
 Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)
 E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____
 Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____
 (a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____, Dept. of _____
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____
 (c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____
 I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.
 Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)
 Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant) 00-001 (2013)

RECEIPT

 Date _____
 Received of _____
For God and Country _____
 \$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in
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 By _____



by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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Third Thursday of each month
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 Call In # (425) 436-6280
 Access Code 464549*

Congratulations to the Detachment of Minnesota for reaching quota, coming in at 100.58% as of Friday. Your hard work has paid off, and I want to personally thank you for a job well done!

This week, the National Membership Committee will meet to finalize the 2023 detachment membership goals based on the July 28 National Delegate Strength Membership Report. Those goals will be released and distributed on Monday, August 1, 2022.

Let's make sure we get out in front of our target dates and set the new standard for our membership program. Anyone care to be at fifty percent by the National Convention? Anyone want to see which detachment is number one for 2023 when we get to Milwaukee? Will you have your 2023 membership card? **Who's next?**



Speaking of 2023 membership cards, even though there was a delay in printing new cards, adjutants have the provide print cards for members who have paid, simply by going to myLegion and printing them. Members who have set up an account and can do this as well, provided he has paid his dues and the dues have been transmitted to the national organization.

Don't let not having physical cards in your possession stop you from renewing and transmitting members for the coming year. We can, and we should, be doing so, while at the same time renewing any delinquent members we have for 2022.

Let's all get into the habit of renewing now. Adjutants are reminded to get cards transmitted weekly, or more if necessary. Using MyLegion is the fastest and most efficient way of accomplishing our transmittals, and is the best way to get accurate numbers from national headquarters on our membership program. Are you using MyLegion? If not, why?

Finally, four weeks from today, a new administration will be installed at our national convention.

Sons around the world are preparing to travel to Milwaukee to conduct the business of our organization. Members are renewing their dues. Let's all make sure National Commander Michael Fox finishes strong. Continue to renew for 2022, continue your fundraising efforts, continue to be a proud possessor of a priceless heritage, and continue to be...



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

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!



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

2022 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT						07/28/22
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	
1 Western 4 Q	24,414	25,347	(933)	103.82%	4	QUOTA
2 Eastern 6, 7, 8 Q	136,233	138,197	(1,964)	101.44%	357	QUOTA
3 Southern 3, 4, 5, 6 Q	42,593	42,879	(286)	100.67%	39	QUOTA
4 Central 4, 6, 8 Q	124,977	125,345	(368)	100.29%	166	QUOTA
5 Midwest 3, 4	28,508	28,231	277	99.03%	4	
TOTALS	356,725	359,999	(3,274)	100.92%	566	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	24,031	(2,046)	109.31%	-	9 Q
2 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	3,914	4,146	(232)	105.93%	26	14 Q
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	4,571	4,809	(238)	105.21%	-	17 Q
4 Minnesota 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,091	11,155	(64)	100.58%	77	34 Q
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	29,946	29,744	202	99.33%	51	39
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,211	3,125	86	97.32%	4	44
7 Indiana 1	36,657	35,327	1,330	96.37%	8	45
8 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	13,602	13,008	594	95.63%	-	48
TOTALS	124,977	125,345	(368)	100.29%	166	Q

Q = Quota

- 1 Met 09/22/21 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/14/21 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/10/21 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/08/21 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/21/22 goal of 60%

- 6 Met 02/09/22 goal of 75% - DATE REVISED TO 02/16/22
- 7 Met 03/09/22 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/13/22 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/11/22 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/28/22 goal of 105%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,914	4,146	(232)	105.93%	3.31%
Iowa	4,571	4,809	(238)	105.21%	3.84%
Missouri	3,211	3,125	86	97.32%	2.49%
TOTALS	7,782	7,934	(152)	101.95%	6.33%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,091	11,155	(64)	100.58%	8.90%
Illinois	13,602	13,008	594	95.63%	10.38%
TOTALS	24,693	24,163	530	97.85%	19.28%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Michigan	21,985	24,031	(2,046)	109.31%	19.17%
Ohio	29,946	29,744	202	99.33%	23.73%
Indiana	36,657	35,327	1,330	96.37%	28.18%
TOTALS	88,588	89,102	(514)	100.58%	71.09%

2022 Central Region Renewal Report

		07/28/22
	Detachment	Renewal %
1	Iowa	95.05%
2	Wisconsin	93.83%
3	Michigan	91.65%
4	Ohio	90.21%
5	Minnesota	89.93%
6	Indiana	87.75%
7	Illinois	87.61%
8	Missouri	84.45%
	NATIONAL	88.34%



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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	2,406	107.94%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,183	2,339	107.15%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,074	5,388	106.19%
VERMONT	3,576	3,780	105.70%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,336	5,566	104.31%
RHODE ISLAND	316	329	104.11%
MAINE	2,482	2,566	103.38%
MARYLAND	15,533	15,743	101.35%
PENNSYLVANIA	58,902	59,611	101.20%
NEW YORK	29,246	29,278	100.11%
CONNECTICUT	1,820	1,813	99.62%
NEW JERSEY	9,211	9,113	98.94%
FRANCE	233	153	65.67%
Totals:	136,233	138,197	101.44%

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2021 – 2022

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2021 – 2022



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MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL

First Tuesday of Each Month
 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time | 8:00 p.m. Central
 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 Call in # (605) 313-5379
 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	1,349	128.23%
NEW MEXICO	1,261	1,468	116.42%
MEXICO	26	30	115.38%
NORTH DAKOTA	916	1,046	114.19%
COLORADO	2,632	2,675	101.63%
TEXAS	5,425	5,460	100.65%
WYOMING	1,273	1,260	98.98%
NEBRASKA	6,959	6,811	97.87%
OKLAHOMA	1,380	1,309	94.86%
MONTANA	1,160	1,076	92.76%
KANSAS	6,424	5,747	89.46%
Totals:	28,508	28,231	99.03%

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Southern Region - Jason S. Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	88	121	137.50%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,382	1,458	105.50%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,619	2,674	102.10%
GEORGIA	4,316	4,402	101.99%
FLORIDA	20,745	21,097	101.70%
ALABAMA	2,020	2,025	100.25%
VIRGINIA	4,023	4,028	100.12%
TENNESSEE	1,681	1,668	99.23%
LOUISIANA	1,808	1,738	96.13%
KENTUCKY	2,648	2,533	95.66%
ARKANSAS	468	434	92.74%
MISSISSIPPI	795	701	88.18%
Totals:	42,593	42,879	100.67%

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Idaho, We are Family

My last official detachment visit as the Western Region National Vice-Commander was to the wonderful State of Idaho. The Department of Idaho had their Department and Detachment conventions from July 14 to July 17, 2022 in Moscow, Idaho, just south of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. What beautiful country!

The convention was hosted by Moscow Post 6, who did a magnificent job! Thank you so much. The really cool part of this trip is that I actually have family members that are associated with The American Legion in Idaho. Additionally, I have several friends that are in The American Legion in Idaho! There is my fellow Past Department Commander Eugene Brown. Gene and I both served together for two years during the pandemic shutdown. Jack Youngs, the Leading Candidate for the Western Region SAL National Vice-Commander and his wonderful wife, Idaho Past Department Auxiliary President Sue Barnett, were my escorts. Wow, it is totally different to visit a Department that I already know so many people.



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

The first thing that the Detachment organized was a Flying Flags For Heroes activity at the local cemetery in Moscow. Department Commander Jinny Cash, Detachment Commander Matt Wrobel, and SAL NEC Jack Youngs were my companions for this event. Amazingly, there were a number of Civil War veterans located throughout the cemetery.

The really cool thing was that this was also a class reunion of the 2015 American Legion College. Jinny Cash, Matt Wrobel, and I were all classmates; in fact, Matt and I were in the same District at College! To participate in this FFFH activity with them was a great honor!

Western Region - L. Jim Stewart (NV)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	49	75	153.06%
WASHINGTON	2,086	2,460	117.93%
OREGON	1,317	1,400	106.30%
NEVADA	334	350	104.79%
IDAHO	606	631	104.13%
ARIZONA	7,566	7,847	103.71%
PHILIPPINES	66	68	103.03%
CALIFORNIA	10,338	10,504	101.61%
ALASKA	1,560	1,576	101.03%
UTAH	492	436	88.62%
Totals:	24,414	25,347	103.82%

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Dept Commander Cash & Det Commander Wrobel



Convention Joint Session

A project that Detachment Commander Wrobel started when he was a student at the American Legion College is to properly and respectfully dispose of the cremated remains of the tattered and worn U.S. Flags. However, he always wonderred, what do you do with the the brass grommets from the cremated flags? So, his project is to melt down the brass grommets and then cast the molten brass into ceremonial bells. The Department of Idaho has received one of these ceremonial bells and they used it during their convention. What a fabulous ring it produces! Great work, Matt!





Moscow Post 6 hosted a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home BBQ. This was to honor all of our veterans from the Vietnam era. All of the “White Caps” and National Officers were servers and bussers for this event. Yep, that included myself and the National Commander! The Moscow Post 6 Cabin is a fantastic Post Home. Their Post walls are loaded with historical pictures and military memorabilia. The “Cabin”, as it is called, also has two awesome and impressive fireplaces. The Moscow Post 6 Cabin is so inviting and comfortable.



The Commander’s Banquet concluded my visit to the Department of Idaho. While this dinner was Department Commander Jinny Cash’s last hoorah, it was also the new incoming Department Commander Matt Wrobel’s opportunity to outline his coming year as Commander. Yes, that is correct, the outgoing SAL Detachment Commander is now the new Department Commander for Idaho! The real cool thing is that I was a Department Commander from 2019 to 2021, Jinny was a Department Commander from 2021 to 2022, and now Matt will be a Department Commander from 2022 to 2023...four years in a row, all from the same 2015 Legion College Class! Class 2015 really Rocks!



American Legion College Class of 2015

I was given the chance to speak to the Department during the banquet. I mentioned that while I already have actual family and personal friends in the Department of Idaho, I now have even more friends in Idaho. I feel like I am now a member of the Idaho famy. Department Commander Wrobel’s theme for his year is Family Ties...Family First. When Matt had a difficult period last year when he lost one of his daughters, the Department came together to support him through it all. When this happened, Matt claims that his family immediately grew to include his Legion Family. He is so grateful, he is giving back by making that his Commander’s theme. As I stated in the beginning and as Commander Wrobel is promoting...**We are Family!**



NVC Jim Stewart and National Commander Dillard

Sports



Johnson and Palou prepare for Brickyard weekend at IMS

Bruce Martin | July 28, 2022

It's Brickyard weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and for most of Jimmie Johnson's 20-year NASCAR Cup Series career, the venue was site of some of his greatest success.

Johnson, who won a NASCAR Cup Series record-tying seven championships, excelled on the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval. He had four Brickyard 400 wins in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2012. He also won the pole in 2008.

He was denied one last attempt at racing around the 2.5-mile oval in the No. 48 NASCAR Cup Series car in 2020 when Johnson tested positive for COVID the weekend of the race.

That was then, this is now.

Johnson is no longer in NASCAR. He switched to the NTT IndyCar Series in 2021 with Chip Ganassi Racing. Brickyard weekend is also no longer on the 2.5-mile oval.

The action has shifted to the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course that incorporates part of the IMS oval along with a large portion of the infield.

Johnson is coming off a career-best fifth-place finish in Sunday's Hy-Vee Salute to Farmers 300 at Iowa Speedway. The driver of the No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda is confident that success on a short oval will boost him in Saturday's road course event at IMS, the Gallagher Grand Prix.



Jack Youngs and Jim Stewart at Moscow Post 6 Cabin



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“These cars reward confidence,” Johnson said. “The thing I keep learning and discovering each and every week, I come to a new level of confidence and aggression and realize there is still more out there, so I can build on this.”

All three races this weekend, including the NASCAR Xfinity Series on Saturday afternoon and the Cup Series on Sunday afternoon, will be on the 2.439-mile road course.

Johnson finished 19th in this contest last year. He was 24th in the 2021 GMR Grand Prix and 22nd in the GMR Grand Prix this past May.

“I’ve had more laps there than anywhere, so hopefully I can race in the top 15 on the road course there,” Johnson said. “That would be really nice.”

It may not be the oval where Johnson finds himself this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but there is plenty of history and atmosphere on the road course.

A second INDYCAR road course race was added to the IMS schedule in 2020 to create the first INDYCAR/NASCAR “Tripleheader” – three races, one weekend at the same venue.

“I’m really looking forward to getting to Indianapolis and racing on the road course track, where I have the most experience and laps on,” Johnson said. “Coming off a great weekend in Iowa, I’m looking forward to building on that and hopefully having a career best on the road course this weekend. I’m also very excited to see my friends from NASCAR with the doubleheader. Race fans will have a great weekend with all these things coming their way.”

Johnson is the face and centerpiece of The American Legion’s “Be The One” campaign to ending veteran suicide, but Saturday’s race will feature Alex Palou in the No. 10 American Legion Honda.

Palou is the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion. “I’m so excited to get back to the Indianapolis Road Course,” Palou said. “Iowa didn’t work quite well for us, but we kept fighting and got the car back home in one piece. It’s time to push hard. This road course at the beginning of the year was good for us in terms of performance, so can’t wait to go there and show what we’ve got. We’re getting to the end of the season almost; it’s going to go by quick. It’s time to push hard and get that No. 10 American Legion in victory lane this weekend.”

Johnson, Palou, and the rest of the INDYCAR drivers hit the track Friday morning for first practice from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Eastern Time.

That is the only practice on Friday. From 1-2:15 p.m. ET is INDYCAR “Knockout” qualifying culminating in the Firestone Fast Six.

On Saturday at 8:15 a.m. ET is INDYCAR Warmup – a 30-minute session.

The Gallagher Grand Prix telecast begins at noon on NBC with the green flag set for 12:30 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard is Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 at the Brickyard is Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is just a few miles to the west of The American Legion National Headquarters. For any Legion members attending the race, be sure to get there early and stop by Speedway American Legion Post 500 this weekend and have breakfast.

Breakfast will be served to Legion members and other race fans from 7-11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday for \$12. Parking and camping are still available at American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Road in Speedway.

