



# ROUND-UP

a publication of Sons of The American Legion



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## Legion invited to America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday party



America 250 Foundation Advisory Council Chief Manager David Harmon speaks during Day 2 of The American Legion 103rd National Convention at the Milwaukee Center in Milwaukee on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Photo by Hilary Ott/The American Legion

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[Jeff Stoffer](#) | August 31, 2022

America's 250th birthday is less than four years away, and plans are taking shape to celebrate in communities large and small, across the map, through events and activities led prominently by veterans and the military community.

David Hamon, advisory council liaison to the [America250 Foundation](#), made it clear Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the 103rd American Legion National Convention that "we need your help.

"The Legion's storied and cherished place in American history, its unique program on Americanism and the valued and trusted role each of the posts play in every community make you a critical asset as we plan this national commemoration," Hamon told thousands of veterans and family members at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. "The Legion's exemplary record of bringing national issues to the attention of the citizenry is needed as we plan for 2026. So, please join us in this journey."

The foundation, formed in support of the congressionally established U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission, is guided by 12 advisory councils. American Legion Past Department Commander Autrey James of California serves on the Veterans, Military Affairs & Family Members Advisory Council, which will provide counsel about how best to engage veterans and the military community through to the 250th anniversary and beyond.

Council members, Hamon said, "are the pathfinders in establishing national recognition for service, sacrifice and the role that military service plays in modeling the traits of leadership, citizenship and everyday contributions of veterans, military and family members who help build their own local communities."

He added that the council aims to "officially recognize in a material way every living veteran during the commemoration and further, to create and ensure meaningful, special service tribute paid to all active-duty, reserve component service and military families. To accomplish this, we need the advice, guidance and contributions of all veterans service and military service organizations. It is our vision that on July 4, 2026, every community across the United States will have a celebration organized and led by veterans and military members – a hometown celebration unlike any other. With the aid of the Department of Defense, every continental U.S. military base, every overseas base and all the ships at sea will hold their own celebratory events."

Hamon discussed three general directions the commission seeks to pursue:

- Diversity of American life "and our common humanity"
- Deepen understanding of American history and the nation's highest ideals
- Inspire a new movement of civics and civics education



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National Membership Reports are available [here](#)

The American Legion has long supported advances in civics education in schools and communities through its Americanism Commission.

Hamon said the Legion is uniquely positioned to help the commission and America250 Foundation put the 250th birthday plans in motion across the states, in local communities, tribal nations and U.S. territories.

“We are counting on local governments and organizational programs to be the primary entry point for many Americans in this engagement and celebration,” Hamon said, noting that networks of nonprofit, government and commercial partners are critical to the semi quincennial plans. “We will engage as many Americans as we can.”

Hamon said that by the end of 2022, 30 states will have established programs of their own in connection with the commission’s vision. They are now setting up state offices, drafting proclamations and legislation to honor the milestone. “It is hoped that the state organizations will develop their own community networks and begin the conversation among their own citizens. Each state will be unique in how it sets up its own programming and milestones.”



## NATIONAL POW ★ MIA RECOGNITION DAY

September 16, 2022



# BE THE ONE



**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL  
TARGET DATE  
September 14, 2022**





**CHRIS CARLTON**  
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**ERNIE LABERGE**  
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MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
 Fourth Tuesday of each Month  
 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time



**MICHAEL KIRSCHNER**  
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 2022 – 2023

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# REGIONAL UPDATES

**BULL, SHRIMP,  
& OYSTER  
ROAST**

**NOV 5** **\$55 EACH**

**PIT BEEF & TURKEY • RAW OYSTERS • STEAMED SHRIMP  
SAUSAGE & PEPPERS, OYSTER STEW, PENNE PASTA  
MEATBALLS • VEGGIE TRAYS • FRIED CHICKEN  
DESSERTS & COFFEE  
DJ • RAFFLES • 50/50 • LIQUOR • MONEY WHEELS & MORE!!!**

5:00 - 9:00 P.M. • American Legion Post 116  
1090 Westminster Pike, Reisterstown, MD 21136  
A Portion of the Proceeds benefit the Southern Maryland Youth Camp

**OHIO**

**Homecoming Celebration Honoring  
Detachment Commander Dennis K. Albright**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**  
American Legion Joseph W. Hoffman Post 757  
289 Cooks Hill Road | Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Social Hour 4:30 p.m.  
includes two (2) drink tickets & hors d'oeuvres

Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Salad, Prime Rib or Chicken Monterrey, Baked Potato Bar, Vegetable, & Dessert

Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club Raffle & Karaoke to follow

**\$30.00 per person**

Hotel rooms are available for \$94.95 + tax | Deadline for reservations is October 1 | CODE: Sons of The American Legion  
Quality Inn Christopher Inn  
20 N Plaza Bl. | Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 30 N Plaza Bl. | Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
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**Beefsteak Dinner**  
and  
**Dancing Under the Stars**  
**\$65.00 per person**

Featuring:  
All-You Can Eat

**Sliced Filet Mignon served on Garlic Bread**  
French Fries, Salad, Dessert & Coffee  
(Vegetarian Option Available)  
Includes Beer, Wine and Soda

**Dancing All Night Long!!**  
DJ MUSIC by Big Dog Entertainment

Saturday September 17, 2022 6:00pm - 12 midnight  
Reservations in advance only. Limited to 100 persons  
Leo Laders Post 130 American Legion  
130 American Legion Way, Thiells, NY 10984  
Call for reservations: 845-429-2112 | 845-671-9870

**2022 – 2023 OHIO DETACHMENT 2ND VICE RAFFLE**



Drawing to be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in January of 2023

- 1st Prize – 1/2 Beef Processed the Way You Want
- 2nd Prize – 1/2 Hog Processed the Way You Want
- 3rd Prize – Steak Bundle
- 4th Prize – Meat Bundle

**\$10 DONATION**

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Please contact Detachment of Ohio  
First Vice-Commander Tim Conway  
to purchase tickets  
[truckertim622001@yahoo.com](mailto:truckertim622001@yahoo.com)

**Minster men to be honored**

MINSTER, OH — The Minster Sons of American Legion wish to invite the public to a dedication ceremony honoring the four men from Minster who were killed in military action over the years. The ceremony will take place Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the village at the Centennial Veterans Memorial Park on East Fourth Street.

The dedication is in Honor of the four soldiers from Minster who were killed in military action over the years. The soldiers being honored are Cpl. Walter J. Schulte, World War I, 1896-1919; Pfc. William Thieman Jr., World War II, 1922-1944; Sgt. Anthony L. Knapke, World War II/Korea 1925-1950; and

Cpl. Vernon J. Seger, Vietnam, 1949-1969, all serving in the U.S. Army.

Family members of these men have been located with the help of the Minster Historical Society and have been invited to attend by personal invitation.

Each soldier will have their individual black granite marker placed atop the existing veterans' memorial. The customary 21-gun salute will be given by the Minster American Legion Post 387 and the Minster Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6432.

The national anthem will be sung by the St. Augustine Men's Choir and Taps will be performed by the Kuenning family. Any veterans in attendance are welcome to wear their military hats so as to be recognized during the ceremony.

Several speakers have been confirmed and the dedication is expected to conclude by 2:30 p.m.

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## VanEyck named Young Son of the Year

September 8, 2022



Shown from left to right are, front row, Brody VanEyck's parents, Matthew and Megan VanEyck; Past Michigan Legion Commander Richard Dubai; Brody's grandpa, Steve VanEyck; Young Son Award Winner Brody VanEyck; 5th Zone Sons Commander John Pickard. Back Row, Michigan Sons of the American State Commander Victor Fisher.

Courtesy photo

**MENOMINEE, MI** — The Sons of the American Legion Young Son of the Year has been awarded to Menominee-native Brody VanEyck.

VanEyck has been actively assisting the Menominee Sons of the American Legion Squadron #146 since he was 2 years old. He is now 8 years old and continues to assist in various activities throughout the year.

His activities include, placing American flags on veteran graves; placing evergreen wreaths during the winter; reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, handing out flags on the 4th of July; marching in the Veterans Day parade with his grandpa, Steve VanEyck; decorating for the annual Army-Navy Game; shagging baseballs at American Legion baseball games.

He also signs and sends Christmas and Veterans Day cards to overseas troops. In school, he participates in baseball, soccer, and basketball. He is also a member of the DAR Boys and Girl Club, where he is a Youth of the Month award winner.

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. Sons of the American Legion members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

Menominee Sons of the American Legion Squadron congratulates VanEyck for representing the four pillars of the American Legion Family.

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**PERRYVILLE FIRE COMPANY &  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GUN & CASH RAFFLE  
Saturday September 17, 2022  
AT PERRYVILLE FIRE HOUSE: 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, Md. 21903  
FROM NOON – 5PM RAIN OR SHINE  
Event is outside, bring chairs, canopy, etc. if you like  
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**\$10.00 DONATION**

COST OF TICKET INCLUDES FOOD. \$1.00 OF TICKET DONATION GOES TOWARD DRAFT BEER & SODA WATER. ADDITIONAL RAFFLES & GUNS TO BE GIVEN AWAY ON DAY OF EVENT.  
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7. Ruger 57 - 5.7x28mm
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9. Tri-Star Viper G2 Turkey - 12Gauge
10. Impala Plus Field Camo – 12 Gauge
11. Wicked Ridge Rampage Crossbow Package
12. CVA Optima V2 Camo w/scope – 50 cal
13. \$50.00 Cash & 5 tickets entered in drawing
14. Glock G19 – 9mm
15. SDS imports 1911 Duty SS – 45ACP
16. Savage Axis II w/scope – 6.5CR
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18. S&W M&P15-22 – 22LR
19. Hi Point Carbine w/grip & Light – 9mm
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## NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

### Advisory Committee

Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman

### Americanism Commission

Chris Casey (NE), Chairman

Fourth Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern | 6:30 p.m. Central

5:30 p.m. Mountain | 4:30 p.m. Pacific

Call in # (508) 924 3315

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### Century Committee (CENTCOM)

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[jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com)

### 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:

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### Earn the CWF 100% per capita banner

The American Legion | September 6, 2022



American Legion posts, Legion Riders chapters, Auxiliary units, Sons of The American Legion squadrons, and Eight & Forty salons are eligible for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) 100% per capita banner for the 2022-23 membership year. To qualify for the banner, a post, unit, squadron, or salon must donate at least \$1 per member based upon respective official membership total for the 2022-23 year.

[Download the CWF 100 percent per capita banner.](#) The form must be submitted by May 31, 2023, along with CWF donations.

The Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth through programs, research, and resources. One hundred percent of all money raised for the foundation is used exclusively for grants.

### Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189484607?pwd=MTkvT09XYkdvZlM0eW5RTG4dW94QT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607

Passcode: xZztq6

### Finance Commission

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## FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

[www.flyingflagsforheroes.com](http://www.flyingflagsforheroes.com)

Tim Aboudara, Sr.,

National Service Project Coordinator

As of September 8, 2022

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### 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

Third Thursday of ODD months

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (267) 807-9601

Access Code 988 284 103#

## Member Training and Development Committee

Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman  
 First Monday of each month  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern  
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## Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman  
 Third Tuesday of each month  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
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 Access Code 771 7294#

The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at [www.legion.org/membership/standings](http://www.legion.org/membership/standings)

additional membership information appears later in this edition

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	49	63.64%
IDAHO	644	106	16.46%
OREGON	1,414	203	14.36%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	1,029	9.60%
UTAH	449	37	8.24%
ARIZONA	8,004	650	8.12%
ALASKA	1,608	99	6.16%
WASHINGTON	2,485	152	6.12%
NEVADA	357	16	4.48%
PHILIPPINES	70	2	2.86%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,822</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>9.07%</b>

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
OKLAHOMA	1,348	268	19.88%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	195	14.32%
MONTANA	1,108	153	13.81%
WYOMING	1,298	135	10.40%
NEBRASKA	7,015	718	10.24%
COLORADO	2,729	275	10.08%
TEXAS	5,569	527	9.46%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	82	7.77%
KANSAS	5,919	254	4.29%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	33	2.23%
MEXICO	31	0	0.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,918</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>9.13%</b>

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
ILLINOIS	13,398	3,526	26.32%
WISCONSIN	4,187	635	15.17%
MISSOURI	3,219	426	13.23%
IOWA	4,857	499	10.27%
OHIO	30,636	2,848	9.30%
INDIANA	36,387	3,284	9.03%
MICHIGAN	24,271	1,685	6.94%
MINNESOTA	11,378	341	3.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>128,333</b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>10.32%</b>

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	62	39.24%
MARYLAND	16,058	2,140	13.33%
DELAWARE	2,430	310	12.76%
VERMONT	3,818	361	9.46%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	356	6.54%
NEW YORK	29,864	1,521	5.09%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	89	4.77%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	240	4.23%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	394	4.20%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,350	3.86%
MAINE	2,617	71	2.71%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	28	1.19%
DIST OF COL	114	0	0.00%
RHODE ISLAND	336	0	0.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>140,932</b>	<b>7,922</b>	<b>5.62%</b>

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,790	789	44.08%
GEORGIA	4,490	1,231	27.42%
ALABAMA	2,066	477	23.09%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	504	18.48%
FLORIDA	21,519	3,846	17.87%
ARKANSAS	447	69	15.44%
TENNESSEE	1,718	248	14.44%
VIRGINIA	4,109	441	10.73%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	150	10.18%
KENTUCKY	2,609	179	6.86%
MISSISSIPPI	722	28	3.88%
PUERTO RICO	123	0	0.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>43,793</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>18.18%</b>

### 2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 10% TARGET 9/14/2022	2023 ACTUAL MBSP.	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-41	49	63.64%	64.47
2	LOUISIANA	1,790	-610	789	44.08%	41.14
3	FRANCE	158	-46	62	39.24%	39.87
4	GEORGIA	4,490	-782	1,231	27.42%	24.36
5	ILLINOIS	13,398	-2,186	3,526	26.32%	25.67
6	ALABAMA	2,066	-270	477	23.09%	19.92
7	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-133	268	19.88%	18.20
8	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-231	504	18.48%	14.92
9	FLORIDA	21,519	-1,694	3,846	17.87%	14.13
10	IDAHO	644	-42	106	16.46%	14.60
11	ARKANSAS	447	-24	69	15.44%	13.21
12	WISCONSIN	4,187	-216	635	15.17%	13.70
13	TENNESSEE	1,718	-76	248	14.44%	10.83
14	OREGON	1,414	-62	203	14.36%	10.53
15	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-59	195	14.32%	9.25
16	MONTANA	1,108	-42	153	13.81%	12.60
17	MARYLAND	16,058	-534	2,140	13.33%	11.92
18	MISSOURI	3,219	-104	426	13.23%	11.67
19	DELAWARE	2,430	-67	310	12.76%	9.27
20	VIRGINIA	4,109	-30	441	10.73%	8.91
21	WYOMING	1,298	-5	135	10.40%	9.03
22	IOWA	4,857	-13	499	10.27%	8.47
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-17	718	10.24%	9.69
24	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-3	150	10.18%	8.16
25	COLORADO	2,729	-2	275	10.08%	9.96
26	CALIFORNIA	10,714	42	1,029	9.60%	7.81
27	TEXAS	5,569	30	527	9.46%	6.93
28	VERMONT	3,818	21	361	9.46%	8.23
29	OHIO	30,636	216	2,848	9.30%	8.29
30	INDIANA	36,387	355	3,284	9.03%	7.83
31	UTAH	449	8	37	8.24%	6.86
32	ARIZONA	8,004	150	650	8.12%	5.45
33	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	24	82	7.77%	4.01
34	MICHIGAN	24,271	742	1,685	6.94%	5.23
35	KENTUCKY	2,609	82	179	6.86%	5.63
36	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	188	356	6.54%	6.00
37	ALASKA	1,608	62	99	6.16%	4.41
38	WASHINGTON	2,485	97	152	6.12%	3.86
39	NEW YORK	29,864	1,465	1,521	5.09%	4.11
40	CONNECTICUT	1,867	98	89	4.77%	3.74
41	NEVADA	357	20	16	4.48%	3.07
42	KANSAS	5,919	338	254	4.29%	3.59
43	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	328	240	4.23%	3.58
44	NEW JERSEY	9,386	545	394	4.20%	3.67
45	MISSISSIPPI	722	44	28	3.88%	3.99
46	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	3,730	2,350	3.86%	3.01
47	MINNESOTA	11,378	797	341	3.00%	2.72
48	PHILIPPINES	70	5	2	2.86%	1.47
49	MAINE	2,617	191	71	2.71%	1.28
50	NEW MEXICO	1,483	115	33	2.23%	1.76
51	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	208	28	1.19%	0.64
52	DIST OF COL	114	11	0	0.00%	0.00
53	MEXICO	31	3	0	0.00%	0.00
54	PUERTO RICO	123	12	0	0.00%	0.00
55	RHODE ISLAND	336	34	0	0.00%	0.00
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>367,798</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>34,111</b>	<b>9.27%</b>	<b>7.87</b>



Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). We have reports from 1,552 of our 5,912 Sons of The American Legion squadrons that have submitted their data for a completion rate of 26.3%.

Congratulations to the detachment of VT for obtaining 100% CSR reporting. That is they were recognized on stage at SAL national convention.

2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron Report as of September 9, 2022

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
VERMONT	36	36	100.0%
DELAWARE	14	11	78.6%
PUERTO RICO	7	5	71.4%
OHIO	317	212	66.9%
INDIANA	294	157	53.4%
MARYLAND	113	56	49.6%
NEW MEXICO	33	15	45.5%
COLORADO	58	26	44.8%
SOUTH CAROLINA	26	11	42.3%
ILLINOIS	277	114	41.2%
TENNESSEE	47	18	38.3%
SOUTH DAKOTA	38	14	36.8%
NEBRASKA	161	57	35.4%
IOWA	151	53	35.1%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	1	33.3%
GEORGIA	115	38	33.0%
IDAHO	40	13	32.5%
VIRGINIA	90	29	32.2%
NEVADA	14	4	28.6%
WISCONSIN	117	33	28.2%
CONNECTICUT	50	14	28.0%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	20	27.8%
HAWAII	11	3	27.3%
LOUISIANA	79	20	25.3%
OREGON	41	10	24.4%
WYOMING	25	6	24.0%
MISSISSIPPI	43	10	23.3%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	63	14	22.2%
CALIFORNIA	210	46	21.9%
MAINE	72	15	20.8%
TEXAS	254	52	20.5%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%
ALABAMA	68	13	19.1%
NEW YORK	581	111	19.1%
ARIZONA	81	15	18.5%
NEW JERSEY	213	36	16.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	48	8	16.7%
NORTH DAKOTA	43	7	16.3%
WASHINGTON	69	11	15.9%
KANSAS	125	19	15.2%
MASSACHUSETTS	211	31	14.7%
FLORIDA	188	26	13.8%
ALASKA	22	3	13.6%
FRANCE	15	2	13.3%
MISSOURI	120	16	13.3%
PENNSYLVANIA	462	59	12.8%
MINNESOTA	265	32	12.1%
MONTANA	50	6	12.0%
MICHIGAN	212	23	10.8%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
OKLAHOMA	96	9	9.4%
KENTUCKY	79	5	6.3%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5912</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>26.3%</b>

Regional Breakdown as of September 9, 2022

Central NVC Vrabel (OH)				Eastern NVC Huntley (ME)			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	317	212	66.9%	VERMONT	36	36	100.0%
INDIANA	294	157	53.4%	DELAWARE	14	11	78.6%
ILLINOIS	277	114	41.2%	MARYLAND	113	56	49.6%
IOWA	151	53	35.1%	DISTRICT OF COL	3	1	33.3%
WISCONSIN	117	33	28.2%	CONNECTICUT	50	14	28.0%
MISSOURI	120	16	13.3%	NEW HAMPSHIRE	63	14	22.2%
MINNESOTA	265	32	12.1%	MAINE	72	15	20.8%
MICHIGAN	212	23	10.8%	NEW YORK	581	111	19.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	NEW JERSEY	213	36	16.9%
				WEST VIRGINIA	48	8	16.7%
				MASSACHUSETTS	211	31	14.7%
				FRANCE	15	2	13.3%
				PENNSYLVANIA	462	59	12.8%
				RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>1893</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>20.8%</b>

Midwest NVC Torres (TX)				Southern NVC Roberts (GA)			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEW MEXICO	33	15	45.5%	PUERTO RICO	7	5	71.4%
COLORADO	58	26	44.8%	SOUTH CAROLINA	26	11	42.3%
SOUTH DAKOTA	38	14	36.8%	TENNESSEE	47	18	38.3%
NEBRASKA	161	57	35.4%	GEORGIA	115	38	33.0%
WYOMING	25	6	24.0%	VIRGINIA	90	29	32.2%
TEXAS	254	52	20.5%	NORTH CAROLINA	72	20	27.8%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%	LOUISIANA	79	20	25.3%
NORTH DAKOTA	43	7	16.3%	MISSISSIPPI	43	10	23.3%
KANSAS	125	19	15.2%	ALABAMA	68	13	19.1%
MONTANA	50	6	12.0%	FLORIDA	188	26	13.8%
OKLAHOMA	96	9	9.4%	ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	KENTUCKY	79	5	6.3%
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>23.5%</b>

Western NVC Stewart (NV)				Comparison			
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%	Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
IDAHO	40	13	32.5%	2021-2022	5912	1553	26.3%
NEVADA	14	4	28.6%	2020-2021	6211	1163	18.72%
HAWAII	11	3	27.3%	2019-2020	6211	1353	21.78%
OREGON	41	10	24.4%	2018-2019	6211	1638	26.37%
CALIFORNIA	210	46	21.9%	2017-2018	6211	1723	27.74%
ARIZONA	81	15	18.5%				
WASHINGTON	69	10	15.9%				
ALASKA	22	3	13.6%				
UTAH	42	4	9.5%				
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>21.7%</b>				

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Words to Live By...

People are often unreasonable and self-centered, forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives, be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you, be honest anyway. The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow, do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough, give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It never was between you and them anyway. – Mother Teresa

Pro Deo Et Partia – For God and Country with Grace & Peace,

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# SPORTS

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## Crash put Johnson in 24th place at Portland race

Bruce Martin | September 6, 2022

Jimmie Johnson was on a cruise around the 12-turn, 1.964-mile road course at Portland International Raceway in Sunday's Grand Prix of Portland before Rinus VeeKay inexplicably put him in the outside wall entering Turn 1.

It happened on Lap 84 in what had been an all-green flag race. The contact ended Johnson's day in the No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing as he finished 24th.

"I was just trying to be polite and make my way around the track at the end, but unfortunately the No. 21 did a fade in the braking zone into Turn 1 after I gave him the position," Johnson explained. "We made some contact which put us in the wall and took us out."

Prior to that, Johnson was just trying to keep up with the hectic pace of a race that pole winner and race leader Scott McLaughlin of Team Penske was setting.

Johnson spun earlier in the race in Turn 6 but was able to continue without making contact with anything.

A few times, the No. 48 threatened to venture out of the 20s, but the crash doomed the recently inducted Sons of The American Legion member to 24th place for the third time this season.

"We were just unfortunate today," Johnson said. "We didn't have the pace that I was looking for today. With the sun being out today, I don't think the set-up in the car correctly compared to yesterday's sessions."

Johnson and The American Legion team at Chip Ganassi Racing wrap up their second season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Sunday in the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey at WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. Team Penske's Will Power finished second to his race-winning teammate McLaughlin and was able to increase his lead in the championship to 20 points over teammate Josef Newgarden. Six-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Scott Dixon of Chip Ganassi Racing is also 20 points out, but Newgarden gets the position based on tiebreaker – five wins to Dixon's two.

Dixon remains solidly in the battle for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship.

"That was definitely a fun race," Dixon said. "We've got to work on qualifying and stop making it so difficult on us. The PNC Bank No. 9 had pretty good pace throughout the race today. The fuel mileage was exceptionally easy, which was a huge positive. The drivability was fantastic, so kudos to Honda as it made my day a lot easier. We're still in the title hunt and we can definitely get this."

Marcus Ericsson, this year's Indianapolis 500 winner for Chip Ganassi Racing, also remains in the battle for the championship. He is fourth in the standings, 39 points out after finishing 11th.

"Starting from 18th, it was going to be a difficult task," Ericsson said. "On Lap 1, I unfortunately got off-track and lost a few spots which was not ideal. From there on, the No. 8 PNC Bank crew did a good job to get us back up there in the field. We tried a few things with the strategy to get off-sequence. When we were in free air, we were really strong. The pace was pretty good in the No. 8 car. We made some good calls and made our way back up."

"On the re-start, we started from 16th and made our way to 11th and really showed our potential. It's a bit disappointing result but it was a decent race."

As for Alex Palou, the reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion who has carried The American Legion colors in selected races this season, he was eliminated from the championship with a 12th-place finish.

"Starting fourth, we were running okay in the beginning and then lost a bit of pace," Palou said. "We'll check on what went on today and recover next week in Laguna."

"We still have one race to go, and we will try to win it."



## Johnson heads to Laguna Seca for INDYCAR Series season finale

Bruce Martin | September 7, 2022

Jimmie Johnson ends his second season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES by reuniting with the famed "Corkscrew" at WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca for the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey.

"The Corkscrew" is one of the most unique series of turns in racing and is the iconic feature of the 2.238-mile, 11-turn road course that features a hair-raising 180 feet in elevation change.

It comes at the end of the Rahal Straight and is on the other side of a blind hill, where the high-speed Indy cars fly over the crest, then make a downhill plunge into turns 8 and 8A, which are twisting turns. It was nicknamed the "Corkscrew" in honor of the many wineries in this beautiful Central Coastal region of California.

As an NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie driver in 2021, Johnson was able to master the "Corkscrew" at the end of last year's race, passing such drivers as four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves and James Hinchcliffe in that area of the track.

It was one of Johnson's best races in 2021 when he started 25th in the 27-car field and finished 17th.

The newly inducted Sons of The American Legion member is ready to complete his second season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in the No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing in Sunday's final race of the season.

That means a return to "The Corkscrew."

"There is nothing like it," Johnson said. "The ascent up to the Corkscrew is much steeper than TV would ever suggest, then you have this short, little flat section to get the car stopped."

"Once you turn in, you blindly take a guess at where you are going to position the car based on an Oak Tree that is sitting on the outside of the final turn of the Corkscrew, then add the element of trying to pass a car in there, it's a compressed area to get stuff done."

"It's really a lot of fun to drive, especially when you make a competitive pass up there."

In 2021, Johnson was a 45-year-old INDYCAR rookie after becoming a NASCAR Cup Series legend with seven series championships.

His first race was at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama in April 2021 and quickly realized the huge difference between NASCAR and INDYCAR.

In 2022, the 46-year-old Johnson competed in every race on the INDYCAR schedule and made significant improvement.

"I'm light years ahead of that first race at Barber in 2021, but I still have a long way to go," Johnson said. "I feel like I'm in a better place now. I feel the car correctly, give the right input, know where the turns are, know where to park my rental car when I show up at the track."

"There are many elements of this that are much easier now and I feel a part of INDYCAR."

By competing in every INDYCAR race in 2022, Johnson was able to help spread the word for The American Legions "Be The One" campaign to help prevent veteran suicide.

It also helped him become closer to the INDYCAR community.

"It's been great," Johnson said. "I've honestly had a great time to run the full schedule. To be embedded with Chip Ganassi Racing week-in and week-out, my teammates, this paddock, to be a part of this community has really been fun. I got to experience the Indy 500, the weeks being there, the buildup and the pageantry that goes into it. All in all, it's been a great experience."

"I have made some gains behind the wheel on street and road courses, although I wish they were a bit more significant, but I'm still making gains. To introduce the ovals this year, to be in the top-five and finish in the top-10 and be in the mix, that was a lot of fun as well."

Two of Johnson's teammates at Chip Ganassi Racing are in serious contention for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship. Six-time INDYCAR champion Scott Dixon enters Sunday's race third in the standings, 20 points behind Team Penske's Will Power. Another Ganassi driver, Marcus Ericsson, is fourth in the standings, 39 points out of the lead. The championship finale will be televised on NBC Sunday beginning at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

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## SQUADRON EVERLASTING

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### John R. Hannah



John R. Hannah, 59, of Manchester, MA, passed peacefully on August 27, 2022.

He lived in Manchester most of his life and was educated in the Manchester school system.

He was talented carpenter, starting his career working for Maine Post & Beam, then later running his own successful business.

John loved golfing, fishing, bowling, and he loved to cook. He catered for many friends and events. He was a member of the Manchester Club and the Sons of the American Legion, Post 113.

He leaves behind his mother, Marie Bennett. Brothers James Hannah, Robert N. Hannah and his wife, Terri, Patrick Hannah and his wife, Lynne, and a sister Gail Demaine and her husband, Stan. He also leaves several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind, beloved friends. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Kaplan Family Hospice House (Care Dimensions), 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923.

John's family will have a private service and there will be a

celebration of life at the American Legion Hall on Sunday, September 25, at 1 p.m. for family and friends.

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### Michael H. Christman



Michael H. Christman, 73, of North Manchester, Indiana, passed away at 7:02 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, Indiana after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on May 2, 1949, to Herbert and Shirley (Driscoll) Christman in Wabash, Indiana.

Michael was a 1967 graduate of Wabash High School. He retired from Container in Wabash. He was a member of the North Manchester Sons of the American Legion. Michael loved the outdoors and loved to smoke meat.

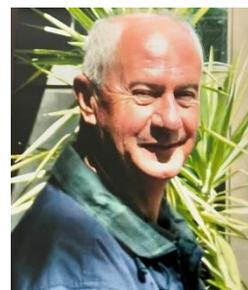
Michael is survived by his mother, Shirley Christman of Wabash, Indiana; one son, Andrew (Shannon) Christman of Muncie, Indiana; two daughters, Susan (Andrew) Younce of Somerset, Indiana, Lori (Lance) Rosencrans of Wabash, Indiana; two stepsons, Jeffrey Allen of Kimberly, Alabama, Chad Mills of Huntersville, North Carolina; three brothers, Robert (Sandra Allen) Christman of Wabash, Indiana, Richard (Toni) Christman of Brownsburg, Indiana, Bernard (Jenny) Christman of Hometown, Indiana; two sisters, Carol (Rex) Hansen of Fishers, Indiana, Connie (Steve) Crabtree of Somerset, Indiana; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father and one sister, Cheryl Adams.

There will be a Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date.

Preferred memorials can be directed to Stillwater Hospice Home Foundation 5910 Homestead Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

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### Delmer Donoho



Delmer W. Donoho, 76, of Gibson City, IL passed away Friday September 2, 2022 at his home in Gibson City. Visitation will be held 1:00-2:00 pm Monday September 12, 2022 at Rosenbaum Funeral Home in Gibson City. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 2:00

pm with The Rev. John McIntosh officiating. Burial will be in Bellflower Township Cemetery in Bellflower, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to The Shepherd's Closet in Gibson City.

Delmer was born December 24, 1945 in Mt. Vernon a son of Bennie and Violet Eline Anderson Donoho. He married Sherry I. Harland on July 11, 1964 in Farmer City. She passed away April 17, 2017.

He is survived by two children Brenda (Eric) Timm of Gibson City and Darren (Dianne) Donoho of Gibson City. Seven grandchildren Danielle Borders, Lindsay (Eric) Hewitt, Ericka (Keith) Lipka, Bryan Timm, Courtney (Scott) Kristovich, Drew Donoho and Jillian (Mark) Golden and eight great grandchildren. Two sisters Eva (Francis) Ribbe of Kentucky and Sue Nelson of Gibson City also survive.

Delmer was the quality control manager of Revere Copper and Brass in Clinton for many years, he was then employed for M & W Gear Company in Gibson City retiring in 2008. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Moose. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and riding around on his golf cart visiting his family and many friends.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

For over nearly three years, Round-Up has been provided to Sons across the country and around the world as an added tool to get our message out, to provide important updates on the happenings of not only Sons of The American Legion but the entire American Legion Family, and to promote coming events. Today's edition also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> edition of Round-Up. It's hard to believe that many editions have been put out there.

Although creating the newsletter and storing it on my Google site is free, the email distribution costs have increased. To date, I have covered this expense, but it is now time to ask for help. If we are going to continue to provide this quality publication, as well as expand our distribution list, funds will need to be raised.

I am also considering advertisements to help offset expenses. Ads would need to be tasteful, supportive of

veterans and our programs, and promote Sons and veteran-owned businesses. If anyone would like to make a donation, or needs additional information on ads, please email me and we will discuss options.

For those of you who were not able to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Convention, I wanted to make sure you all got a chance to read my final report, as delivered during the Friday, August 26, 2022 session.

Click [HERE](#) for the link to the video that was shown.

"For the past year, I have had the honor of serving the Central Region as your National Vice-Commander. During these twelve months, I have had the opportunity to travel the country spreading the message of the American Legion Family. I have met people who I now call my friends, and I have worked for our veterans and our children, all in the name of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty. I had the opportunity to see how things are done in different areas and different states. I learned things that I didn't know, and I hope I was able to help those who asked.

For those of us who hold national office, we do not do it for ourselves, and we do not do it to wear a different colored cap. We do it because we want to help make our beloved Sons become a better organization. We want to see how ideas become reality, and how that reality has a positive impact. It's not for fame or glory, it's to make sure that we help provide programs for our veterans and children that will make their lives better, to support our communities in any way we can, and to remember those who sacrificed so much to give us the freedoms we as a grateful nation enjoy today.

We also do it as a way of saying thank you to our members who go out and work hard on our programs every day. There may be different colored caps and badges, but we are all the same, we are all proud possessors of a priceless heritage. We all work hard to support the Four Pillars of The American Legion; Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. And we all work to make sure we have the strongest membership program we can as we renew our current members, and are always recruiting new ones to join this great family.

As of Wednesday (08/24/22), the Central Region has done some remarkable things. On the membership front, 125,742 members are paid for the 2021-2022 program year. This represents 100.61% of our goal. Keep up that tremendous work. You have given 67¢ per member, raising \$82,641.55 that was donated to The American Legion Child Welfare

Foundation. This represents 66.50% of our goal. Central Region Sons lead the nation with 37.90% of Squadrons submitting the mandatory Consolidated Squadron Reports. National Commander Michael Fox created the Flying Flags For Heroes program where you placed and reported 293,388 flags on the graves of veterans, and fifty-two editions of the newsletter, Round-Up, were provided to highlight not only Central Region Sons, but Sons across the nation. You worked hard and you worked proud, and you should all be pleased with your accomplishments.

I have had the opportunity to visit seven detachments, and made many “unofficial” visits to Posts across the country. The hospitality and comradery were incredible, and I thank everyone for welcoming me. It really means a lot to know that no matter where I go, I will always have some new friends to get in touch with. This will be a year that I will never forget. Thank you for everything!

I also want to thank National Commander Michael Fox and National Vice-Commanders Jim Stewart, Dickie Huntley, Jason Roberts, and Juan Torres for their leadership, wisdom, knowledge, and vision. The Fox Squad did things a little differently this year, and I am very honored to have had the opportunity to serve with these fine gentlemen. Thank you all. I cannot wait to see what the future brings for this group.

Speaking of the future, there is still a lot of work to do. I want to see our membership grow. I want to see our fundraising efforts for the Veteran and Children Foundation grow. I want to see over three-million flags placed on the graves of veterans in support of our Flying Flags For Heroes national service project, and I want to see us surpass \$12 million in donations to the Child Welfare Foundation. None of these things can be done without your help, and let me assure you, I will be here to do my part and to help you in any way I can.

I would not be here if it were not for my parents. My mom, Nadene, has always been very supportive, and is excited to see what I do next. I honor the veteran who made me eligible every day by my membership. My dad, Joe Vrabel was a United States Army veteran during the Korean War and earned my eligibility. I wish he were here to see what we have accomplished, but I know he is looking down as a proud father of a proud Son.

I must also thank my wife, Mary, for all her support, especially over the past couple of years. When I am gone on Sons business, she holds down the fort and makes sure everyone has what they need. Thanks cupcake! Kenneth and Phillip also get a big thank you for traveling with me on

some of my trips, and for being ready to help when they can. And to Jeff, Jr., thanks for your perspective, advice, and for listening to me vent at times. I can't wait to see what you can accomplish, not only as a Son, but in your life.

Thank you to the members of the American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 Family in Poland, Ohio, and to the entire American Legion Department of Ohio Family for your support and encouragement. You were all part of my year as National Vice-Commander.

I want to leave you with something that I read this past summer. It's a simple quote, but it means so much. New York Yankee great Yogi Berra once said, “You can observe a lot, just by watching.” So, take time to watch, to enjoy, and to learn because life goes by faster each year. If you're not careful, you may miss something.

May God bless you and your families, may God bless the American Legion Family, and may God bless the United States of America.

Thank you!”



If you were at the 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Milwaukee and saw my final report as NVC, you may have seen this picture in my video presentation.

I want to thank my friend [Josh Trolie](#) of [Marked Society Tattoo](#) in Poland, Ohio for his beautiful work. I had the red pentagon to honor my father as it was his patch in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team in Korea. The emblem and flag are new, and I really love how it came out.

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## Unfinished Business

Although the 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention is over, there is some unfinished business that needs to be taken care of. If you recall, the following challenges were made:

- 2022 National Membership Committee Chairman Thom Skelley if we reach 100% in membership nationally by the close of the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, he will have his head shaved on stage.
- 2022 Fox Squad Chief of Staff Bob Brown will allow the Detachment with the most flags placed per capita in the Flying Flags For Heroes program to shave his head.



Hopefully, we can take care of these challenges and close the books on 2022 at the Fall meetings in Indianapolis. All we need is for someone to bring the clippers, and for Mr.

Skelley and Mr. Brown to let their hair grow a little.

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## Camp Lejeune ads misleading, veterans warn

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September 4, 2022

The executive directors of Mahoning and Trumbull counties' veterans services commissions say they've been inundated with telephone inquiries ever since commercials advertising lawsuits about contaminated water at Camp Lejeune began airing.

Nearly all of the callers are not entitled to sue the federal government for damages, but the phones continue to ring, they said.

"The TV ads are harmful to veterans and leading them down the path of misinformation," Herm Breuer, the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission's executive director, said. "Some of the ads are deceiving. We're seeing a broad brush with people on TV. Attorneys can be predatory on TV. They said, 'If you were in Camp Lejeune, you're eligible and you can get money now.' We've received hundreds of calls since the commercials started."

It's not just television. The commercials are on the radio, on the internet and through direct mail with some overselling what veterans can receive, Breuer said. The first several links when doing an online search for "Camp Lejeune lawsuit" are paid ads for law firms.

"With the ads, we're getting hundreds of calls from relatives of those who were at Camp Lejeune asking if they're eligible to sue," Susan Krawchyk, the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission's executive director, said. "I'd hate to see someone go to an attorney because they'll lose money. If there's a valid claim, we can help them. But we're getting a lot of invalid claims."

About 5 percent of the calls received at the Mahoning commission's office are legitimate claims, she said.

Breuer warned "veterans who sign a retainer can have that attorney turn (the claim) over to another law firm and veterans could be on the hook to the first attorney and the other."

Because of attorney fees, veterans could end up losing money, he said.

Breuer and Krawchyk said veterans need to do research to find reputable lawyers.

"I'm seeing a commercial, and I say, 'That's not true,'" Breuer said. "Do your due diligence and don't pick up the phone because you saw an ad on TV. A veteran shouldn't sign a retainer with an attorney unless they understand what they're signing."

**A NEW ACT.** President Joe Biden on Aug. 10 signed the Sgt. 1st Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The act expands Department of Veterans Affairs health care and benefits to veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. Burn pits were used in Iraq and Afghanistan to dispose of chemicals, cans, tires, plastics, medical equipment, and human waste. Before the law was signed, about 70 percent of disability claims involving exposure to the pits had been denied by the VA.

The law directs VA officials to assume that certain respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to exposure to burn pits and help veterans get disability payments without having to prove the illness was the result of their service.

Part of that bill adds hypertension to the list of ailments for Vietnam War veterans likely caused by exposure to Agent Orange as well as to those who served in other countries during that war.

Also in the bill is a provision allowing veterans — and their dependents — stationed at Camp Lejeune, a Marine base in Jacksonville, N.C., or the Marine Corps Air Station New

River between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, the rare ability to sue the federal government directly for civil damages caused by contaminated water at the base. The water was contaminated by trichloroethylene (a degreaser), perchloroethylene (a dry-cleaning solvent) and benzene (used to make numerous other chemicals).

More than 1 million people could be covered by the provision.

“We’re not getting many calls on burn pit victims,” Krawchyk said. “It’s almost all about Camp Lejeune, and most aren’t valid claims. Just because you had a cousin there doesn’t make you an eligible claimant.”

**CONDITIONS.** For the past few years, veterans and family members who lived at Camp Lejeune were permitted to receive health care funding assistance only for specific health conditions.

According to the VA, those conditions are adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, breast cancer, esophageal cancer, female infertility, hepatic steatosis, kidney cancer, leukemia, liver cancer, lung cancer, miscarriage, multiple myeloma, neurobehavioral effects, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, Parkinson’s disease, renal toxicity, and scleroderma.

Because those veterans now can sue the federal government for medical conditions caused by contaminated water at Camp Lejeune as part of the PACT Act, we’re seeing numerous commercials about potential lawsuits, Breuer said. “Veterans can already obtain VA disability for conditions related to contaminated water,” he said. “This would allow those same veterans to obtain possible damages for those same conditions. They should seek the help of someone skilled in personal injury law and not necessarily one they saw on a TV commercial.”

Krawchyk said: “The commercials are kind of misleading. It’s all about verbiage — ‘you might be eligible.’ People think they’ll write me a check, and that’s not the case. The commercials put it in a way that make it seem getting money will be easy.”

Also, in order to prove your case, she said, people need evidence.

“A married couple there with a miscarriage would need a medical receipt,” Krawchyk said. “Who has that documentation from 50 years ago?”

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## You can ‘Be the One’

September 7, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

In my year as national commander of The American Legion, I can think of no greater goal than to reduce the number of veterans who die by suicide each day.

I made this a priority during my speech when I accepted the honor of being elected commander during our 103rd national convention last week in Milwaukee.

“My platform and No. 1 priority for my year as national commander will be tackling the toughest challenge facing veterans: veteran suicide,” [I said in my acceptance remarks](#). The American Legion is asking you to ‘Be the One’. And by you, I include every one of us, military and civilian alike. We all need to ‘Be the One’ to begin thinking, talking, and acting to save just one life.”

What does it mean to Be the One?

For a veteran, it means reaching out for help to assist a loved one, or calling a help line in times of crisis. The new 988 emergency suicide hotline is a valuable resource. You can also [chat online at this webpage](#) or text 838255.

For a spouse, family member or caretaker, it means recognizing when the veteran is struggling and getting them the help they need. You are in a position to not only see the risk but have the trust of the veteran in his or her time of crisis.

For fellow veterans, friends, and other civilians, it also means being proactive to get the veteran the help they need. Don't assume someone else will act. Take the initiative.

In the coming months, National Headquarters will roll out resources, stories of how posts and members are demonstrating how they are working to minimize the veteran suicide rate. For now, you can [find additional information here](#). I also encourage you to listen or watch The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcasts this month as they are all dedicated to the topic of suicide prevention. The episodes are published each Tuesday morning and [can be found here](#).

As part of this initiative, I encourage you to share how you or your post is promoting Be the One, supporting programs that help those suffering from PTSD and similar initiatives. Share your stories on our [Legiontown website](#).

Together, we can all make a difference in the lives of veterans. That is why The American Legion is known as...

Veterans Strengthening America.

James Troiola, National Commander  
The American Legion

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## How will you 'Be the One'?

The American Legion | September 6, 2022

As the American Legion Family national conventions came to an end, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month was starting. This September is a perfect opportunity for Legion Family members to spread the word about the Legion's "[Be the One](#)" suicide prevention initiative.

On the final day of the Legion's 2022 National Convention, newly elected National Commander Vincent J. Troiola [said veteran suicide prevention would be his No. 1 priority](#). "The American Legion is asking you to 'Be the One,'" he said. "And by you, I include every one of us, military and civilian alike. We all need to 'Be the One' to begin thinking, talking, and acting to save just one life."

We want to know how you will 'Be the One.' Individuals and American Legion posts, American Legion Auxiliary units, Sons of The American Legion squadrons, and American Legion Riders chapters who are promoting the 'Be the One' message and implementing its goals are asked to share with us how you're doing so. We've created [a new section on Legiontown](#) to share your suicide-prevention stories.

Some of the things Legionnaires or Legion Family members have already done or planned:

- On Sept. 24 in Hoover, Ala., Ryan Winslow Post 911's American Legion Riders have scheduled a motorcycle and Jeep ride in north Shelby County to help bring awareness to veteran suicide. The ride is being called Operation S.A.V.E (Suicide Awareness for Veterans Everywhere). A portion of the proceeds from the ride will go to Vet Force Multiplier, a suicide prevention and emergency services portal created by the Krulak Marine Alliance of Alabama. "Suicide is a significant issue for veterans," ALR Chapter 911 Director Barry Nance said in a news release. "We want our brothers and sisters to know there is help."
- On Sept. 25 in Yelm, Wash., American Legion 164 is hosting Suicide Stand Down 2022. The event will bring together the community and local mental health resources in the mission to combat veteran suicide.
- On its Facebook page, SSG Michael W. Hosey Post 205 in Clay, Ala., posted a simple but effective message on its page, complete with a photo of the September American Legion Magazine: This month's front cover on the Legion Magazine is titled "Be The One"! September is Suicide Prevention Month! I encourage everyone to complete at least one Buddy Check this month! A simple 5 min phone call can change the life of an individual! What impact are you making in the community???

While this month is focused on suicide prevention and awareness, the 'Be the One' initiative is ongoing. Please help us get the word out to your local communities about this critical issue.

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# BE THE ONE





## Impact Report: An August for the history books

The American Legion | September 7, 2022

President Biden's Aug. 10 signing of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act stands as history's most comprehensive development to provide help and relief to veterans exposed to contamination in the service. The American Legion-supported measure stands to assist some 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits in the Global War on Terrorism, along with others who have been previously denied government recognition.

Meanwhile, a record-setting Legacy Run that brought more than \$1.32 million to the stage of the 103rd American Legion National Convention for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, the first American Legion World Series championship for an Alabama team since 1967, one couple's shattered goal in the 100 Miles for Hope challenge and much more filled August with accomplishments and milestones.

[To view the August 2022 American Legion Membership Impact report and those of previous months, click here.](#)

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## Legion posts: share how you will remember 9/11

The American Legion | September 6, 2022

Sunday marks the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It's a time in history that The American Legion will never forget.

For two decades, American Legion posts have conducted ceremonies on 9/11 to ensure that their communities don't forget the lives lost that day or those lost while fighting the global war on terrorism prompted by the attack. The American Legion wants to hear how posts are remembering the 21st anniversary of Sept. 11. Please share your stories and photos on [Legiontown](#).

- American Legion Post 140 in Atlanta is hosting its annual [RPM 911 5K](#) on Sept. 10. The race is named in honor of local resident Ryan P. Means, who enlisted in the U.S. Army Special Forces after his best friend, Adam White, died in the North Trade Tower. Means passed away in 2009 following surgery to remove a cancerous tumor. The race starts and ends at Post 140 located at 3905 Powers Ferry Road, Atlanta.
- American Legion Post 1980 of Woodland Park, Colo., and VFW Post 6051 are conducting a 9/11 memorial ceremony at Lions Park. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 11.
- American Legion Post 153 in Poplar Bluff, Mo., will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the post on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- American Legion Post 95 in North Conway, N.H., will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Schouler Park on Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.



Last year, The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcast did a special series of 20 memorable, inspiring, and captivating stories related to the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. [Listen to those stories here.](#)



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# REMEMBERING THE GREATEST GENERATION

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## Joseph Warren Hoffman

September 3, 1917 – December 7, 1941



Musician 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joseph Warren "Hope" Hoffman, age 24, passed away December 7, 1941, while serving aboard the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Joseph was among 429 sailors on that ship who perished, of which only 35 were identified. His remains

were recovered during World War II, but could not be identified until 2020 when scientists used anthropologic and DNA analysis to confirm his identity. It is ironic that Joseph may be known not only as the first casualty of World War II from Ross County, but also the last to be accounted for and returned home for burial.

He was born on September 3, 1917, in Ross County, Ohio, the son of Lloyd Harry and Donna E. (Wornstaff) Hoffman.

In 1948 the American Legion Post 757, 289 Cooks Hill Rd, Chillicothe, Ohio was chartered and named in honor of Joseph W. Hoffman.

He was a 1936 graduate of Chillicothe High School and member of the Tyler Memorial United Brethren Church (now United Methodist Church). Joseph was a multi-instrumentalist and talented musician who performed regularly in church and as part of the school band, orchestra, and News Carrier Boy's Band.

Prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy in January of 1938, he delivered newspapers and worked as a soda jerk at the Sulzbacher and Erdmann Drug Store.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ada in 1919.

At the time of Joseph's death, he was survived by his brother, Victor (passed away 1983); his mother (passed away 1948); and his father (passed away 1968).

Joseph's cousin, Jerry Moomaw of Texas, has acted as the liaison for all funeral arrangements for him.

Funeral service was at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Ross County Veterans Memorial Park, 225 Park Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Burial followed in the Greenfield Cemetery with Military rites provided by the U.S. Navy.

The Murray-Fettro Funeral Home in Greenfield is served the family.

Condolences may be sent to [www.murrayfettro.com](http://www.murrayfettro.com)

To plant trees in memory of Joseph Warren Hoffman, please [click here to visit our Sympathy Store](#).

### SERVICES

Funeral Service

Saturday, August 20, 2022

11:00 AM

Ross County Veterans Memorial Park

225 Park Street

Chillicothe, OH 45601

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## Leo F. Gratz

April 19, 1924 – September 3, 2022



Leo F. Gratz, 98, of Poland, OH passed peacefully Saturday September 3, 2022, at the Inn at Poland Way with his family by his side.

Leo was born on April 19, 1924, the son of Oscar and Anna Simon Gratz.

He was a South High School graduate and attended Kenyon College.

Leo achieved the rank of 2nd Lt. serving in WWI and Korean War as a navigator/bombardier. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying cross. He flew his last mission on Christmas Eve 1952.

He married the love of his life Mary Agnes Myers on August 13, 1949.

Leo worked in the Youngstown Sheet & Tube steel mill and upon returning home from service, worked his way up to

Manager of General Accounting for Youngstown Sheet & Tube. Upon retiring, he worked for Spike Industry maintaining their books.

He was a lifelong resident of Struthers and served as an adult server for St. Nicholas Church and also assisted with maintaining their finances. Over the last 10 years, he became a member of Holy Family Church in Poland.

Leo leaves behind his son, Gerald Gratz of Poland and a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia & Robert Kalasky of Struthers. Six grandchildren, Michelle, Jerry and James Gratz, Caitlin (Taylor) Dunnivant, Kelsey (Anthony) Moreton, Carleen Kalasky and fiancée, Chris Staley. He also leaves behind six great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Archer, and Ranger Gratz and James, Maren and Lilo Moreton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a son Bernard, a daughter, Mary Patricia, daughter-in-law, Mary Helen Gratz, and a granddaughter, Kathleen Gratz. He was also preceded by his brothers, Jerome and his twin, Joseph and his sisters, Dorothy Malone, Delores Thornton, Thelma Thornton, Anna Schmitt, Rita Rozum, Bertha Amendol.

He was well known for his pie baking and his ability for building or fixing anything around the house. He liked waterskiing and fishing trips to Canada, and he loved going dancing with his wife. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and treating everyone to Sunday breakfast or going out for dinner.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Inn at Poland Way for going above and beyond taking care of Leo over the past 10 months. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that monetary donations to be made to Buckeye Hospice & Palliative Care, 3379 South Main St. Suit A&B Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440, or American Legion Post 15, 44 Centennial Dr. Poland, Ohio 44514.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday September 7, at the Fox Funeral Home 4700 Market St. Boardman.

Prayers were at 9:15 a.m. at the Funeral Home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Holy Family church, 2729 Center Rd. Poland.

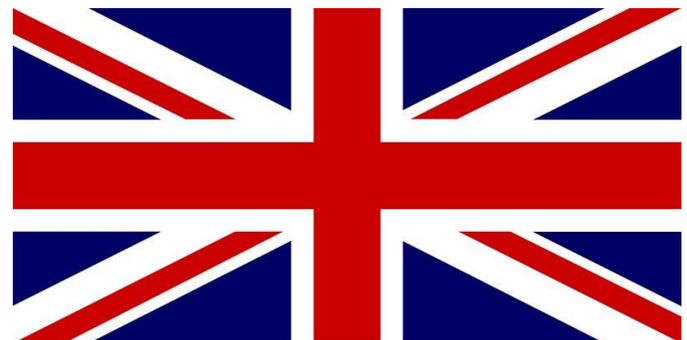
Interment was at Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Edward J. Fox & Sons Funeral Home 4700 Market St. Boardman, Ohio 44512.

Family and friends of Leo may visit [www.foxfuneralhome.org](http://www.foxfuneralhome.org) to view this obituary and to leave condolences for the Gratz family.

To [plant a tree](#) in memory of Leo F. Gratz, please [visit our floral store](#).

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## 2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1	Southern 1	43,793	7,962	(35,831)	18.18%	7,962	
2	Central 1	128,333	13,244	(115,089)	10.32%	13,244	
3	Midwestern	28,918	2,640	(26,278)	9.13%	2,640	
4	Western	25,822	2,343	(23,479)	9.07%	2,343	
5	Eastern	140,932	7,922	(133,010)	5.62%	7,922	
	TOTALS	367,798	34,111	(333,687)	9.27%	34,111	

09/07/22

## 2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS

	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Illinois 1	13,398	3,526	(9,872)	26.32%	3,526	25.67%	5	
2	Wisconsin 1	4,187	635	(3,552)	15.17%	635	13.70%	12	
3	Missouri 1	3,219	426	(2,793)	13.23%	426	11.67%	18	
4	Iowa	4,857	499	(4,358)	10.27%	499	8.47%	22	
5	Ohio	30,636	2,848	(27,788)	9.30%	2,848	8.29%	29	
6	Indiana	36,387	3,284	(33,103)	9.03%	3,284	7.83%	30	
7	Michigan	24,271	1,685	(22,586)	6.94%	1,685	5.23%	34	
8	Minnesota	11,378	341	(11,037)	3.00%	341	2.72%	47	
	TOTALS	128,333	13,244	(115,089)	10.32%	13,244			

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## 2023 WESTERN REGION STANDINGS

	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Hawaii 1	77	49	(28)	63.64%	49	64.47%	1	
2	Idaho 1	644	106	(538)	16.46%	106	14.60%	10	
3	Oregon 1	1,414	203	(1,211)	14.36%	203	10.53%	14	
4	California	10,714	1,029	(9,685)	9.60%	1,029	7.81%	26	
5	Utah	449	37	(412)	8.24%	37	6.86%	31	
6	Arizona	8,004	650	(7,354)	8.12%	650	5.45%	32	
7	Alaska	1,608	99	(1,509)	6.16%	99	4.41%	37	
8	Washington	2,485	152	(2,333)	6.12%	152	3.86%	38	
9	Nevada	357	16	(341)	4.48%	16	3.07%	41	
10	Phillipines	70	2	(68)	2.86%	2	1.47%	48	
	TOTALS	25,822	2,343	(23,479)	9.07%	2,343			

09/07/22		2023 SOUTHERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Louisiana 1	1,790	789	(1,001)	44.08%	789	41.14%	2	
2 Georgia 1	4,490	1,231	(3,259)	27.42%	1,231	24.36%	4	
3 Alabama 1	2,066	477	(1,589)	23.09%	477	19.92%	6	
4 North Carolina 1	2,727	504	(2,223)	18.48%	504	14.92%	8	
5 Florida 1	21,519	3,846	(17,673)	17.87%	3,846	14.13%	9	
6 Arkansas 1	447	69	(378)	15.44%	69	13.21%	11	
7 Tennessee 1	1,718	248	(1,470)	14.44%	248	10.83%	13	
8 Virginia 1	4,109	441	(3,668)	10.73%	441	8.91%	20	
9 South Carolina 1	1,473	150	(1,323)	10.18%	150	8.16%	24	
10 Kentucky	2,609	179	(2,430)	6.86%	179	5.63%	35	
11 Mississippi	722	28	(694)	3.88%	28	3.99%	45	
12 Puerto Rico	123	-	(123)	0.00%	-	0.00%	54	
TOTALS	43,793	7,962	(35,831)	18.18%	7,962			

09/07/22		2023 MIDWESTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Oklahoma 1	1,348	268	(1,080)	19.88%	268	18.20%	7	
2 South Dakota 1	1,362	195	(1,167)	14.32%	195	9.25%	15	
3 Montana 1	1,108	153	(955)	13.81%	153	12.60%	16	
4 Wyoming 1	1,298	135	(1,163)	10.40%	135	9.03%	21	
5 Nebraska 1	7,015	718	(6,297)	10.24%	718	9.69%	23	
6 Colorado 1	2,729	275	(2,454)	10.08%	275	9.96%	25	
7 Texas	5,569	527	(5,042)	9.46%	527	6.93%	27	
8 North Dakota	1,056	82	(974)	7.77%	82	4.01%	33	
9 Kansas	5,919	254	(5,665)	4.29%	254	3.59%	42	
10 New Mexico	1,483	33	(1,450)	2.23%	33	2.23%	1.76	
11 Mexico	31	-	(31)	0.00%	-	0.00%	53	
TOTALS	28,918	2,640	(26,278)	9.13%	2,640			



09/07/22		2023 EASTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 France 1	158	62	(96)	39.24%	62	39.87%	3	
2 Maryland 1	16,058	2,140	(13,918)	13.33%	2,140	11.92%	17	
3 Delaware 1	2,430	310	(2,120)	12.76%	310	9.27%	19	
4 Vermont	3,818	361	(3,457)	9.46%	361	8.23%	28	
5 Massachusetts	5,442	356	(5,086)	6.54%	356	6.00%	36	
6 New York	29,864	1,521	(28,343)	5.09%	1,521	4.11%	39	
7 Connecticut	1,867	89	(1,778)	4.77%	89	3.74%	40	
8 New Hampshire	5,677	240	(5,437)	4.23%	240	3.58%	43	
9 New Jersey	9,386	394	(8,992)	4.20%	394	3.67%	44	
10 Pennsylvania	60,803	2,350	(58,453)	3.86%	2,350	3.01%	46	
11 Maine	2,617	71	(2,546)	2.71%	71	1.28%	49	
12 West Virginia	2,362	28	(2,334)	1.19%	28	0.64%	51	
13 Dist. of Columbia	114	-	(114)	0.00%	-	0.00%	52	
14 Rhode Island	336	-	(336)	0.00%	-	0.00%	55	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140,932</b>	<b>7,922</b>	<b>(133,010)</b>	<b>5.62%</b>	<b>7,922</b>			

09/07/22		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1	21,519	3,846	(17,673)	17.87%	3,846	14.13%	9	
2 Ohio	30,636	2,848	(27,788)	9.30%	2,848	8.29%	29	
3 Indiana	36,387	3,284	(33,103)	9.03%	3,284	9.03%	30	
4 Michigan	24,271	1,685	(22,586)	6.94%	1,685	6.94%	34	
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6 Pennsylvania	60,803	2,350	(58,453)	3.86%	2,350	3.86%	46	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>203,480</b>	<b>15,534</b>	<b>(187,946)</b>	<b>7.63%</b>	<b>15,534</b>			



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- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/16/23 goal of 105%





# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

**Please check war era and branch of service below:**

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

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

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  Birth - 17  18 and older

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

Previous Unit City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

#### Veteran served: (check all that apply)

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

#### Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

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

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer  
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_