

Share your plans to celebrate SAL's 90th anniversary

The American Legion | September 11, 2022

It's a momentous week in the history of the Sons of The American Legion, as the program celebrates its 90th anniversary.



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During the American Legion National Convention in Portland, Ore., the week of Sept. 12-15, 1932, the Sons of The American Legion was authorized, following three years of study by national committees.

The idea of a junior American Legion organization had actually been suggested by the Department of Kansas in 1921. Although there was no official national program, by the late 1920s American Legion posts around the country had started to create their own junior organizations. Those included Legion-Heirs, Junior Legion, Sons of American Legionnaires,

Sons of The American Legion, and Sons of World War Veterans.

The American Legion created a committee at the 1930 national convention to study the feasibility of a junior Legion, and the organization was approved in 1932. Bruce P. Robinson Squadron 133 in Indianapolis is credited as the first local Sons of The American Legion squadron, established in June 1933.

Over the course of the next year, we'll be sharing highlights of the SAL's first 90 years. And we want to know what your detachments and squadrons are planning to recognize the SAL's 90th anniversary. Share your stories on [Le-giontown](#).





ROUND-UP

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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings

BE THE ONE



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE
October 13, 2022



CHRIS CARLTON
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2022 – 2023



DAVID MENNEL
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CENTRAL REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
 Third Thursday of each month
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2022 – 2023

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MICHAEL KIRSCHNER
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2022 – 2023

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 First Tuesday of each Month



RON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
SOUTHERN REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING TBA



JACK YOUNGS
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WESTERN REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING TBA



REGIONAL UPDATES

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

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Please contact Detachment of Ohio
Second Vice-Commander Tim Conway
to purchase tickets
truckertim622001@yahoo.com

Tim Conway was misidentified last week as Ohio's First Vice-Commander. David Dilts is the Detachment's First Vice-Commander, and Tim Conway is the Second Vice-Commander. We apologize for our error.

13 Flags for 13 Heroes Ceremony



Lest we forget. Yesterday we planted 13 flags for 13 heroes, first planted 1 year ago and in over 30 patriotic locations since, for the 13 young service members killed by a suicide bomber August 26, 2021. Behind is a wall covered by banners with the names of the troops that rose to the call and gave the ultimate sacrifice. There are over 7,000 names on the banner that was paid for and respectfully installed by Squadron 291.

Hank Elder, First Vice-Commander
Ronald Regan Palisades Post
Sons American Legion Squadron 283
Detachment of California

	<p>AMERICAN LEGION POST #7 <i>Presents</i> Mark Shelton featuring the music of Elois Presley HARDWICK AMERICAN LEGION 15 NORTH MAIN ST. HARDWICK, VT 05843</p>
<p>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH 1:00 – 3:00PM Doors open at 12:30</p>	
<p>★ Kitchen will be open & serving with cash bar ★</p>	<p>ONLY 125 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ★ ★ ★ \$15.00 Advanced Purchase</p>
<p><small>To purchase tickets in advance please contact the American Legion Post #7 at 802-472-6143 or Corinna E. Colson at 802-274-8333 \$1.00 of proceeds will go to support Mark's biggest fan Caitlin's jumpsuit fund!</small></p>	



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Americanism Commission
Chris Casey (NE), Chairman
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Mark Nave (PA), Chairman
Third Wednesday of each month
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(605) 472-5332 | 808 417
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 Second Monday of each month
 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Meeting ID: 851 8948 4607 | xZztq6

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additional membership information appears later in this edition

Great job to the 34 Detachments that have met or exceeded the 10% target date, as well as to the South, Central, Midwest and West Regions for the same. Special shout out to the South for already surpassing 20%!! The game is on!!

RECRUIT-RENEW-REINSTATE

2023 SAL 10% TARGET DATE REPORT AS OF: SEPTEMBER 14, 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	-49	57	74.03%	71.05
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-53	65	52.85%	44.63
3	LOUISIANA	1,790	-702	881	49.22%	45.94
4	FRANCE	158	-46	62	39.24%	39.87
5	GEORGIA	4,490	-835	1,284	28.60%	25.32
6	ILLINOIS	13,398	-2,433	3,773	28.16%	27.48
7	ALABAMA	2,066	-341	548	26.52%	22.64
8	MEXICO	31	-5	8	25.81%	16.67
9	WISCONSIN	4,187	-657	1,076	25.70%	23.33
10	MISSISSIPPI	722	-103	175	24.24%	22.08
11	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-177	312	23.15%	20.44
12	FLORIDA	21,519	-2,403	4,555	21.17%	16.55
13	MISSOURI	3,219	-359	681	21.16%	19.64
14	IDAHO	644	-67	131	20.34%	16.74
15	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-255	528	19.36%	15.69
16	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-103	239	17.55%	12.35
17	MARYLAND	16,058	-1,057	2,663	16.58%	14.77
18	ARKANSAS	447	-27	72	16.11%	13.21
19	DELAWARE	2,430	-141	384	15.80%	11.62
20	TENNESSEE	1,718	-99	271	15.77%	12.09
21	OREGON	1,414	-76	217	15.35%	11.13
22	MONTANA	1,108	-53	164	14.80%	13.59
23	WYOMING	1,298	-54	184	14.18%	12.63
24	NEBRASKA	7,015	-237	938	13.37%	12.82
25	COLORADO	2,729	-88	361	13.23%	12.75
26	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-33	139	13.16%	8.98
27	VIRGINIA	4,109	-113	524	12.75%	10.61
28	IOWA	4,857	-128	614	12.64%	10.65
29	INDIANA	36,387	-582	4,221	11.60%	10.16
30	CALIFORNIA	10,714	-156	1,227	11.45%	9.37
31	VERMONT	3,818	-55	437	11.45%	10.20
32	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-19	166	11.27%	8.42
33	OHIO	30,636	-341	3,405	11.11%	9.83
34	TEXAS	5,569	-38	595	10.68%	7.89
35	ARIZONA	8,004	50	750	9.37%	6.29
36	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	15	221	9.36%	7.43
37	MICHIGAN	24,271	211	2,216	9.13%	6.97
38	KANSAS	5,919	76	516	8.72%	7.42
39	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	80	464	8.53%	7.77
40	NEW JERSEY	9,386	149	790	8.42%	7.92
41	WASHINGTON	2,485	44	205	8.25%	5.43
42	UTAH	449	8	37	8.24%	6.83
43	CONNECTICUT	1,867	35	152	8.14%	6.75
44	NEVADA	357	7	29	8.12%	6.69
45	NEW YORK	29,864	811	2,175	7.28%	6.10
46	KENTUCKY	2,609	74	187	7.17%	5.99
47	ALASKA	1,608	48	113	7.03%	5.29
48	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	212	356	6.27%	5.29
49	MINNESOTA	11,378	500	638	5.61%	5.16
50	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,968	3,112	5.12%	4.09
51	NEW MEXICO	1,483	101	47	3.17%	2.57
52	PHILIPPINES	70	5	2	2.86%	1.47
53	MAINE	2,617	189	73	2.79%	1.32
54	DIST OF COL	114	11	0	0.00%	0.00
55	RHODE ISLAND	336	34	0	0.00%	0.00
Grand Totals:		367,798	-6,260	43,040	11.70%	9.99

FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES



www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

as of September 14, 2022

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Flags have been placed and reported to honor our veterans since September 1, 2022

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman
 Fourth Thursday of each month
 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 (605) 313-6050 | 344590

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 Third Thursday of ODD months
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Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman
 First Monday of each month
 8:00 p.m. Eastern
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PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	57	74.03%
IDAHO	644	131	20.34%
OREGON	1,414	217	15.35%
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NEVADA	357	29	8.12%
ALASKA	1,608	113	7.03%
PHILIPPINES	70	2	2.86%
Totals:	25,822	2,768	10.72%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MEXICO	31	8	25.81%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	312	23.15%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	239	17.55%
MONTANA	1,108	164	14.80%
WYOMING	1,298	184	14.18%
NEBRASKA	7,015	938	13.37%
COLORADO	2,729	361	13.23%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	139	13.16%
TEXAS	5,569	595	10.68%
KANSAS	5,919	516	8.72%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	47	3.17%
Totals:	28,918	3,593	12.11%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
ILLINOIS	13,398	3,773	28.16%
WISCONSIN	4,187	1,076	25.70%
MISSOURI	3,219	681	21.16%
IOWA	4,857	614	12.64%
INDIANA	36,387	4,221	11.60%
OHIO	30,636	3,405	11.11%
MICHIGAN	24,271	2,216	9.13%
MINNESOTA	11,378	638	5.61%
Totals:	128,333	16,624	12.95%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	62	39.24%
MARYLAND	16,058	2,663	16.58%
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WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	221	9.36%
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PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	3,112	5.12%
MAINE	2,617	73	2.79%
DIST OF COL	114	0	0.00%
RHODE ISLAND	338	0	0.00%
Totals:	140,932	10,889	7.73%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	65	52.85%
LOUISIANA	1,790	881	49.22%
GEORGIA	4,490	1,284	28.60%
ALABAMA	2,066	548	26.52%
MISSISSIPPI	722	175	24.24%
FLORIDA	21,519	4,555	21.17%
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ARKANSAS	447	72	16.11%
TENNESSEE	1,718	271	15.77%
VIRGINIA	4,109	524	12.75%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	166	11.27%
KENTUCKY	2,609	187	7.17%
Totals:	43,793	9,256	21.14%

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coats (NY), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The inspirational message is Kindness

What Brings You Back? Certain relationships draw veterans back for similar reasons. There is something there that makes them feel good. One such quality that attracts veterans is kindness. It's natural to desire kindness. It makes us feel good and we seek out that which makes us feel good. So, veterans are drawn to relationships where they find the comfort of kindness. If you want to build strong bonds, make sure you have plenty of kindness in them.

Kindness takes the form of greeting others with a warm smile, pausing long enough to genuinely listen, helping without expecting anything in return, and so much more. The comfort others find will make them go right passed all of the other options in the stack and choose you.

Sons of the American Legion, BE THE ONE

"Love is kind." 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

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Pro Deo Et Partia
For God and Country

Minister Jeffrey L. Gibson, Sr.
National Chaplain

Be The One

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Fourth Monday of Each Month

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

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4500 to discuss a special gift to the Mission Endowment Fund.

ALA Junior Members
 Congratulations,
 2022-2023
 Honorary National Division
 Vice Presidents!

Congratulations to our young leaders!

ALA Juniors elected five Honorary National Junior Division Vice-Presidents. Congratulations to:

- Central - Hayden Freeman, Illinois
- Eastern - Mackenzie McDaniels, New York
- Northwestern - Samantha Stai, Minnesota
- Southern - Jasmine Harris, Florida
- Western - Audrina Rosales, Arizona

SPORTS

Johnson caps year of improvement with strong finish at Laguna Sec

Bruce Martin | September 12, 2022

Jimmie Johnson can enter the offseason feeling proud of the effort he gave in Sunday's Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey at WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca.

For the second year in a row, Johnson had his best road course race at the fabled Coastal California racing facility that includes the famed "Corkscrew."

The driver of the No. 48 Carvana/American Legion Honda once again saw plenty of action in the "Corkscrew" and used it to his advantage to make some key passes and come out ahead.



Jimmie Johnson/Carvana Racing photo

Johnson started 25th and finished 16th. It equaled his career-high on a road course that he set on the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on July 3.

In that race, Johnson started 27th and finished 16th.

In addition to Past American Legion Department of California Commander Autrey James as the Grand Marshal and waving the green flag to start the race, Johnson invited a close friend and former teammate to watch Sunday's race. It was former NASCAR Cup Series winner and former CART and Indy Lights driver Casey Mears. Both Mears and his wife were special guests of Jimmie and Chandra Johnson, with Casey watching the race from the No. 48 team's pit stand.

"To be on the box and really see and hear everything he did today, everybody on the team is pretty proud of what he has done, for sure," Mears said. "It's been a huge undertaking. He has done an amazing job. You have to be behind the scenes to see the work and improvement that was really done for a solid day like this. It's pretty impressive, early. He made a lot of good passes and overcame some adversity early.

"The last time I was here, I was in Indy car filling in for Alex Zanardi. Sitting here watching, makes me want to hop back in watching my buddy do it. It's been really cool and brings back a lot of memories. I can't believe the number of people in the paddock that I haven't seen in 20 years that are still here. It's been quite a reunion."

Mears and Johnson were formerly teammates at Hendrick Motorsports in NASCAR.

Was Mears his "Good Luck Charm?"

"We'll see how tonight goes," Johnson quipped. "He might be my 'Bad Luck Charm.'"

Johnson loves the nature of racing that comes at the 2.238-mile, 11-turn road course that has steep elevation changes. "I believe the tracks with high tire deg really suit my style and help me out quite a bit," Johnson said. "I had a great run here last year. I was optimistic coming back, but the test session wasn't as sporty as I hoped. Even in practice and stuff the last two days, it was hard to know where we were with the tire deg.

"Once we on equal tires and going, I had great pace and was right there in the mix."

In the very early laps of the race, Johnson had some wheel-banging contact with Dalton Kellett of AJ Foyt Racing in the "Corkscrew." Kellett ran into him on one lap and Johnson returned the favor by nudging Kellett's car off course on the following lap.

INDYCAR Race Control said Johnson had to yield the position back to Kellett, but it wasn't long before Johnson left the Canadian in his dust.

"No damage to the car, but he was blocking like crazy, on one of his blocks, we touched, and he spun, and I got called for avoidable contact," Johnson said. "I had to drop all the way back behind him and start all over, which I disagree with.

"He was 10 seconds back, so I had to wait 10 seconds on him and give up that time."

After that, however, Johnson and race engineer Eric Cowdin believed fresh tires would be the key to the car's advancement. The team entered the race with a three pit stop strategy but changed that to a five-stop strategy to keep fresh tires on the No. 48.

"I really think Eric's aggression on pit strategy and trying to keep fresh tires on, was the key," Johnson said. "They found the right gaps to bring me in for fresh tires, and I had great pace and was able to eat away at the deficit and get right in this thing."

Although this was Johnson's second season in INDYCAR, 2022 was Johnson's first full season in the series.

"All in all, an amazing year," Johnson said. "I'm thankful for the support of all of our partners, Carvana and The American Legion and for Chip Ganassi Racing for all they have done for me. It's been humbling in some respects, but it's also been a ton of fun.

“It was a bucket-list year. I was able to run a full season of INDYCAR, do the Indianapolis 500, have a top-five finish. The high spots of this year were really, really high and I'm thankful for that.”

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

to have a member's information listed here,
please send to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

Gordon J. King



AKWESASNE, NY – Gordon J. King, 62, of Drum Street Road, unexpectedly and peacefully passed away Friday, September 9, 2022, in his sleep at his home.

Gordon was born on August 6, 1960 in Cornwall, the son of the late Louis E and Irene (Swamp) King and graduated from General Vanier in Cornwall. On December 22, 2012, he married Denean Cook at the Hogansburg United Methodist Church.

Gordon was a journeyman ironworker with Local #440. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Akwesasne Death Benefits. He enjoyed working outdoors, skating and skiing, and cherished the times he was able to play with his grandchildren.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Denean; his children, Danielle (Landon) Mitchell, Quinn King (Herta Norton), Keena King, Carlee Rose King, Gordon King (Kristin Ransom), Feryn King, Mary Jacobs (Kristian Smoke), Tiara Oakes, Corey (Mindy) Oakes, and Carlee (Larry) Roundpoint; his beloved grandchildren, RayLynn, Lila, L.J., Tye, Cora, Cree, Billie, Toni, Angel, Ratatenwehniio, Kayden, Kyden, Ayven, Jett, Letti, Gavin, Garin, Gracelyn, Noah, Laney, Brynlee, Brenna, and Brooklyn; and his aunts, Annie King and Mary Mattice. He is also survived by his sisters, Janice (Larry) Greenfield, Delores (Steve) Connors, Donna (Harris) Cole, Elaine (Leslie) Thompson, and Catherine Rourke; his brothers, Eugene P. (Diane) King, Ernest T. (Alice) King, Larry A. (Sheila) King, Bennett (Renee) King; his godchildren, Bobbi Lee King and Kenia Cole; his father-in-law, Carl B. Cook; his brother and sister-in-law, Darren and Francine Cook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant granddaughter, Adelina King; his sisters, Amy, and JoAnne King; a brother-in-law, Larry Rourke; and his mother-in-law, Jeannette Cook.

Friends may call at the Akwesasne Homemakers beginning at 5:00 PM on Sunday until 2:00 PM Tuesday, when his funeral service will be held at the Homemakers. Cremation will follow.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, where friends and family may share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

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John “Jack” Morgan, Jr.



John "Jack" Morgan, Jr., 68, of Rochelle Park, NY, passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2022, after a heroic cancer battle.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Jack attended Saint Nicholas of Tolentine High School where he met many of his life-long friends. After high school, he attended Columbia University where he was an accomplished swimmer. Before retiring, Jack worked at IBM for over 40 years where he managed many successful teams.

Jack loved Rochelle Park, where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a past officer of the Sons of the American Legion Post 170 and served as Mayor for a Day.

An active man, he enjoyed running, swimming, and playing golf. He was a huge sports fan and rooted for the Yankees, Giants, the Boston Celtics, or any team his family was playing on or that he was coaching. An avid music lover, Jack enjoyed listening to “good” music like the Grateful Dead and Commander Cody.

Jack is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathleen “Kitty” Morgan (nee Hassett), his children, Lindsey Leber and husband Pat, Shannon Morgan and fiancé Vlad Stashchyshyn, and Caitlin Morgan. Among the many names he was called in his life, his favorite title was Pop. He was beloved by his grandchildren Morgan, Quinn, Riley, and Connor. Jack was a natural leader as the oldest of seven. He was a big brother to Kevin, Dennis (Cheryl), George

(Colleen), Richard (Rosalie Kiel), Michael (Denise), and the late Timothy (Donna). He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and his first friend Joey Connors. Jack is predeceased by his parents John Morgan Sr. and Gloria Morgan.

A Celebration of Jack's Life will include a visitation on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Vander Plaat Memorial Home, 113 South Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. An 11:00 am Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at Sacred Heart R.C. Church 12 Terrace Avenue Rochelle Park. Entombment immediately following at the Garden of Memories, Township of Washington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jack's name may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Lung Cancer Research 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10131-0112 giving.mskcc.org To leave an online condolence or for further information visit www.vanderplaat.com.

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Robert Earl Rush



Robert Earl Rush, 68, of West Bethlehem, PA left our world on September 8, 2022, peacefully alongside his loving family. He was the only son of the late Winwood Earl Rush and Mary H. (Hagenbaugh) Rush -- both of Bethlehem. He was known as "Bob" to his friends and colleagues. He was always quick with a joke or anecdote; followed by an

unmistakable laugh.

Bob was a 1972 graduate of Liberty High School (Bethlehem), and a 1975 graduate of Sacred Heart School of Nursing (Allentown). It was at nursing school he met the love of his life, Gina M. (Valletta) Rush. He later completed Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) course work at Delaware County Community College.

Bob was employed directly out of nursing school as a surgical nurse at Allentown Hospital. He was later employed privately by the late Dr. Peter M. Anson M.D., who's practice quickly evolved into Lehigh Valley Orthopedics. The practice later merged with Coordinated Health Systems, where he worked in orthopedic surgery until his retirement. Bob enjoyed his colleagues and patients alike. He was very proud to mentor young Physician Assistants in the operating room and beyond.

Bob was a member of the former Saint Peter's UCC on Allentown's Eastside. He spent several years on the church consistory.

Bob was very proud of his years of service with Boy Scouts of America. He attended The 1969 National Jamboree in Idaho, as a member of Troop 22 Eastside of Allentown. As an adult leader, he was a den leader of Pack 360 West Bethlehem and subsequently an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 318 West Bethlehem. Bob also served as a committee member and committee chairman of Troop 318. Bob set the example for many boys from his beloved West Bethlehem neighborhood.

Bob was a lifetime member of the Westside Republican Club, Rosemont Fire Company, and Guthsville Rod & Gun Club. He was a member of the North End Republican Club. He was also a member of The Sons of the American Revolution (Philadelphia) -- an organization for descendants of Revolutionary War Veterans. He was duly proud of his membership at the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 331 of Stone Harbor, NJ.

Bob is survived by his loving and admiring wife, Gina M. (Valletta) Rush of 44 years; sons, Jeffrey Robert Rush and wife Stephanie of Emmaus and Aaron Robert Rush and his wife Holly of Philadelphia; grandson, Ethan Winwood Rush of Bethlehem.

Services: A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in the James Funeral Home, 527 Center Street, Bethlehem. Viewings will be held Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM and Wednesday morning from 10-11 AM in the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at Bethlehem Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 331, PO Box 331, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247.

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Joseph A. Parma



Joseph A. Parma, age 68 of Conneaut, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, September 10, 2022.

Joe was born on April 12, 1954, in Conneaut, Ohio the son of Andrew J. and Sylvia J. (Sardella) Parma. Joe was a 1972 Conneaut High School graduate and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in 3 years from California State in Washington, PA. and

he also earned his master's degree from Edinboro University.

Joe worked for Chardon High School for two years as the Metal Shop teacher. Joe was hired at Conneaut High School as Shop and Metal teacher where he taught for 10 years and then became the Conneaut High School Guidance Counselor for the next 22 years, until his retirement in 2005 after a 32-year teaching career.

Joe thoroughly enjoyed his retirement years. Joe loved wood working, classic car Street Rods and he built seven hot rods of his own. He played golf, enjoyed boating, camping, and hunting small game and deer. He rode a Harley Davidson for years and later his scooter. For many years he enjoyed wine making and vacationing in Hudson, Florida. Joe was a member of the Conneaut Moose Club, Sons of the American Legion, the Eagle Club and Light House Cruisers. Joe always had a smile on his face and was everyone's friend. He cherished his time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Carol Izzi Parma (1994).

Joe is survived by his wife Danica VanDyke Parma, whom he married July 9, 1997, son Nicholas and Kelly Parma of Conneaut, daughter Joey Lynn and Danny Allds of Conneaut, brother Andrew and Terri Parma of Jefferson, brother-in-law Carmen and Shelly Izzi of Jessup, MD, two granddaughters Gianna and Briella Allds, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

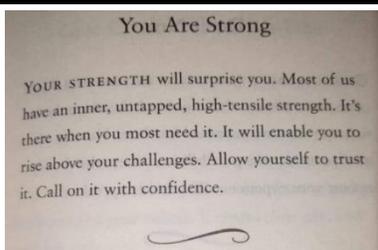
Private funeral services for Joe will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, with Fr. Philip Miller and Deacon Nicholas Iarocci. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Ashtabula.

Memorial contributions can be made in Joe's memory to the charity of one's choice.

The Raisian Funeral Home has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Condolences at www.raisianfuneralhome.com.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Recently, Florida NEC Bill Kelly, Jr. emailed me a copy of the detachment's newsletter, The Source. It is a very good publication, and I like how informative it is.

On page six of that publication, there is a graphic that I really liked, so I "borrowed" it, reformatted it, and am providing it here for you to use. I am not sure who came up with it, but thank you! It is perfect for our Family.



YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you have ideas for graphics, don't be shy. Let me know what you are thinking, and I will see what I can come up with.

Have an awesome week!

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AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion national commander expresses condolences to United Kingdom for loss of 'Legendary Queen'

The American Legion | September 8, 2022



American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola issued the following statement regarding the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

"The relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom has often been characterized as 'special.' The strength, grace, and class that Elizabeth II exhibited as a princess during World War II and later as queen, has only deepened the affection that our veterans have for our allies in the United Kingdom. The passing of this legendary queen saddens The American Legion, but we will always be inspired by her many decades of service to humanity and her commitment to freedom for all. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and the people of Great Britain."



V.E.T.S.: A theme and a vision

September 14, 2022

The sleeve of The American Legion 2022-2023 membership shirt includes a familiar word: V.E.T.S.

It isn't just a description of who we are. When used as an acronym, it is my theme for the year and a recipe for operating a successful American Legion post.

Through this concept, those who served (Veterans), will train (Education) Legionnaires about our advocacy, programs, and remarkable history. We will work together (Teamwork) to grow and accomplish great things, as we mentor (Sponsor) the next generation of Legionnaires.

Programs that enjoy the greatest success are rarely the result of one person's efforts. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act was not passed because of any one of us. It was passed because thousands of Legionnaires contacted their representatives and senators before key votes.

An informed Legionnaire is a more effective Legionnaire. By working as a knowledgeable team and preparing our successors to improve on our accomplishments and innovate for future achievements, we can bequeath an even stronger American Legion than we inherited.

This vision only works with a strong membership base. I will proudly send any post that achieves a 90 percent retention rate this year a pin, which includes my V.E.T.S. theme. Those that achieve 95 percent will receive a V.E.T.S. coin. Membership-Excellence pins will go to posts that recruit five members from expired rosters.

I will also be signing national commander's license plates for posts that achieve the "excellence" designation. Finally, departments will receive numbered V.E.T.S. coins to be given to Legionnaires of their choice who have gone above and beyond for membership.

Our membership demographics are shifting. This is a welcome development. The American Legion has always believed that a veteran is a veteran, but at the same time we cannot ignore the fact that one size does not fit all. Diversity means that tastes differ when it comes to entertainment, food, and activities. The needs and priorities of a 20-year-old female veteran might be very different than what is important to her 75-year-old male counterpart. As far as this national commander is concerned, you are all to be equally valued.

Veterans Strengthening America,

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion



National Commander Troiola's priorities

The American Legion | September 12, 2022

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola was elected the 2022-23 national commander of The American Legion on Sept. 1, at the 103rd National Convention in Milwaukee. He pledged to make the Legion's "Be the One" suicide prevention initiative his biggest focus during the upcoming year.

"My platform and No. 1 priority for my year as national commander will be tackling the toughest challenge facing veterans: veteran suicide," Troiola said. "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."

A life member of American Legion Post 1682 in Rockland County N.Y. – and a member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 1682 – Troiola has set a goal of raising \$2 million for the Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation.

Troiola praised immediate Past National Commander Paul E. Dillard for his advocacy in gaining passage of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act, as

well as the Legionnaires responsible for sending more than 34,000 messages of support for the legislation to their senators.

"For some members of Congress, this may have been the first time seeing the full effect and unity of our voices," Troiola said. "But it will not be the last. We must take the spirit and message of our 'Be the One' campaign and pass comprehensive mental health care legislation for veterans, including establishing a national Buddy Check week. We must never forget that suicide continues to be a problem in the active-duty ranks as well. Every Legion post located near a military base should provide a welcoming environment to those still serving."

Troiola will also continue the Legion's push for U.S. citizenship through military service. "We must honor immigrants who have worn the uniform of the U.S. military. They took an oath to die for this country if called upon. Those who serve honorably should receive their citizenship before leaving active duty. Veterans and spouses who have not committed serious felonies should not be deported."

And coming off the one-year anniversary of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, Troiola called for remembering those who assisted U.S. troops during their mission there.

"We must remind Congress that America always stands by its allies for freedom," he said. "Bipartisan support exists to codify the safety of our evacuated Afghan allies. It is imperative that we offer them immediate passage to the United States. On these issues and more, we must carry the burden of leadership as America's largest veteran service organization and most powerful voice for veterans, national security, and 100 percent Americanism. I ask that you join me in this fight."

Troiola served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves from 1969 to 1974. He spent his entire professional career in the automotive service industry, retiring in 2017 as director of service and parts at a New York Metro Mercedes Benz dealership. After a brief time at home, he began an entirely new career as a school bus driver for the Falmouth School District and part-time motor coach operator.

He has served in many offices and positions within The American Legion, including department commander of New York and chairman of the National Security Commission, Legislative Commission, Veterans Employment and Education Commission and the Membership and Post Activity Committee. He served as a national vice commander for 2016-17.

SAL and Auxiliary. For 2022-23, Chris Carlton of Indiana was elected Sons of The American Legion national commander, and Vickie Koutz of Indiana was elected Auxiliary national president.

National vice-commanders elected for 2022-23

The American Legion | September 12, 2022



The following five national vice commanders were elected Sept. 1 during The American Legion's 103rd national convention in Milwaukee. Visit www.legion.org/vicecommanders.

Central Region: Kenneth C. Hylton is a life member of American Legion St. Joseph Post 464 in St. Leon, Ind. After his service in the U.S. Army (1970-73), Hylton worked for the U.S. Postal Service from 1973 to 2006. He served as commander of the Department of Indiana in 2014, and as department vice commander in 2008. Hylton has served as county veterans service officer for Ripley County, Ind., since 2007, raising awareness of veteran services in local areas.

Northeast Region: Paul M. Kennedy is a life member of American Legion Post 80 in Pittsburgh who has held every office in his post. He also served as the 32nd District commander, department western vice commander (2013-14), department membership chairman (2015-17), Pennsylvania department commander (2017-18) and alternate NEC member (2018-22). Kennedy joined the U.S. Army in August 1968 and retired as a chief warrant officer-4 in September 2008. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Joint Task Force Award with V Device, Bronze Order of Mercury, and Combat Rifle Governors Twenty Badge.

Western Region: Douglas R. Uhrig is a Paid Up for Life member of American Legion Archie Hay Post 24 in Rock Springs, Wyo. Uhrig served in the U.S. Army (1971-74) and National Guard (1976-80). Uhrig has served as post, district, and department commander, and was named Wyoming's 2017 Legionnaire of the Year. He served as Wyoming's Alternate National Executive Committeeman and the National Executive Committeeman, served on the Department Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, chaired the Americanism and Boy Scout Committees and served as director of

Wyoming Boys State. Nationally, Uhrig served on the Americanism Commission, Eagle Scout of the Year Selection Committee and National Convention Committee for Constitutional Amendments.

Midwest Region: Glenn Wahus is a member of American Legion Carl E Rogen Post 29 in Watford City, N.D., and is a U.S. Navy veteran (1983-87). Wahus served as Department of North Dakota commander (2018-19) and has served on several post, department, and national committees, including the National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission (2015-22). He was instrumental in bringing the "courage carries on" suicide awareness and prevention program to veterans and youth in North Dakota.

Southeast Region: Patricia A. Harris is a member of American Legion Post 157 in Raleigh, N.C., a Legion Riders Chapter 116 member and a member of the Auxiliary. She is a retired Gulf War veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. Harris is a 2007 National Legion College graduate who has served as the Department of North Carolina commander and Alternate National Executive Committeeman. She founded and served as executive director of a nonprofit advocacy organization for women veterans and homelessness, domestic violence/sexual assault, empowerment, and employment. She is passionate about ending domestic violence.

National constitutional officers appointed for 2022-23

The American Legion | September 12, 2022



The following national constitutional officers were appointed Sept. 1 during The American Legion's 103rd national convention in Milwaukee. Visit www.legion.org/constitutional.

National Chaplain: Mark Antal is a member of American Legion Post 156 in Edinburg, N.D. Antal is veteran of the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard, who served in various chaplain positions throughout his 26 years of military service. He also served as chaplain for the Department of North Dakota for seven years. As an American Legion Rider, Antal has traveled by motorcycle to all U.S. regions,

totaling more than 250,000 miles. He is a graduate of Valley City State College in North Dakota and the Association Free Lutheran Bible School and Seminary in Plymouth, Minn.

National Historian: Deborah “Deb” Davis is a member of Colorado’s first all-female American Legion Post 206 in Aurora. She joined the U.S. Army in 1975 and retired in 2001. As a 2017 National American Legion College graduate, Davis served as secretary for the National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion, and chair of the Department of Colorado Female Veterans Action Committee and Centennial Committee. She also has served as the commander, adjutant, finance officer and historian for Post 206. She is the Auxiliary DEC for District 6 and historian of Unit 1 in Denver. Davis is involved in the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado Legislative Committee and is a peer mentor for the 1st Judicial District of Veterans Treatment Court – Drug and Alcohol Convictions.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Michael T. Byrnes is a member of American Legion Post 859 in Suffern, N.Y. Byrnes served in the U.S. Navy (1980–89) and was trained as a nuclear propulsion engine room supervisor, serving aboard the USS Scamp SSN-588, USS Trepang SSN-674 and USS Fulton AS-11. He is a 2019 National American Legion College graduate who has served as post commander, county vice commander, district membership chairman and department membership vice chairman. He was appointed to the National Americanism Council and the Veterans Employment and Education Commission.



REMEMBERING THE GREATEST GENERATION

Sailor killed at Pearl Harbor
is laid to rest, at last

Don Babwin | September 13, 2022



This undated image provided by the U.S. Navy shows sailor Herbert “Bert” Jacobson, from Grayslake, Ill.

U.S. Navy via AP

CHICAGO — A 21-year-old sailor was laid to rest Tuesday following a decades-long effort to identify remains pulled from Pearl Harbor, more than 80 years after he was killed in [the attack that propelled the United States into World War II](#).

Members of Herbert “Bert” Jacobson’s family waited all their lives to attend a memorial for the young man they knew about but never met. Jacobson was among the more than [400 sailors and Marines killed on the USS Oklahoma during the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor](#).

The casket containing his remains was carried Tuesday morning on a horse-drawn caisson led by a military escort before his burial at Arlington National Cemetery, said Amber Vincent, a cemetery spokeswoman.

“This has kind of been an unsolved mystery and it gives us closure to finally know what happened to Bert, where he is and that he’s being finally laid to rest after being listed as an unknown for so long,” said Brad McDonald, a nephew.

The service at Arlington was the latest chapter in the story of the man from the small northern Illinois town of Grayslake, for the family that never had a body to bury when he was killed and the scientific quest to put names to the remains of hundreds of personnel from the battleship who lay buried anonymously for decades in a dormant volcanic crater near Pearl Harbor.

It is a story of waiting.

The battleship remained submerged for two years before it was refloated, and bodies were recovered. A few years later, the graves of men on the Oklahoma were reopened in the hopes that dental records might lead to their names. But 27 sets of remains were not identified and had to be reinterred at the crater, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, commonly known as the Punchbowl. Another effort to identify about 100 sets of remains came up empty in 2003.

In 2015, [the Department of Defense announced plans to exhume the remains again](#).

“We now have the ability to forensically test these remains and produce the identifications,” Debra Prince Zinni, a forensic anthropologist and laboratory manager at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Hawaii, told The Associated Press at the time.

That gave new hope to Jacobson family members, who had been disappointed by each failed effort. They told the AP that Jacobson’s mother cried every Dec. 7, at least in part because she never knew where he was.

“She always had the hope the phone would ring, and it would be Bert,” McDonald said.

The 2015 effort, [Project Oklahoma](#), has led to the [identification of 355 men](#) — including Jacobson — who were killed when their ship was hit by at least nine torpedoes. That leaves 33 sets of remains still to be identified. To mark the 80th anniversary of the attack, those unidentified remains were reinterred, said Gene Hughes, a public affairs officer with Navy Personnel Command. He has worked with the families of those killed on the Oklahoma, including Jacobson’s relatives.

For Jacobson’s family, any hope they would know exactly what happened on Dec. 7, 1941, faded long ago. All they

knew from talking to Jacobson’s shipmates was that he had just come off duty after spending several hours ferrying men to shore.

McDonald said a good friend of his uncle from the Navy said he was pretty sure Jacobson “was asleep in his bunk and died before he even knew a war was going on. But we don’t really know.”

That left one final question: What happened to Bert Jacobson’s body?

The answer came in 2019, when McDonald said the family was notified that Jacobson’s remains had been identified. Hoping the burial could take place the next year, they were forced to wait, in large part because the COVID-19 pandemic delayed most gatherings, funerals included.

Now, they have gotten the closure that Jacobson’s parents and other family members never had.

“I wish they could have seen this,” McDonald said of his grandparents, parents, and others.

For him, seeing the funeral for the uncle he never met take his place at Arlington is especially significant.

“When Bert joined the Navy, he ran into a fella from South Dakota who was an orphan,” McDonald said. “When they got a weekend pass, Bert took him home and the orphan met his [Bert’s] younger sister.”

Orville McDonald and Norma Jacobson dated and later married, giving McDonald a favorite ending to that story. “That orphan was my dad, and Bert’s sister was my mom,” he said. “So, I wouldn’t be here without Bert.”

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS
FROM: ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT
SUBJECT: 10% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

“CONGRATULATIONS”

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS SO FAR THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. OUR STANDINGS AS OF OUR 10% MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE (9-14-2022) ARE POSTED BELOW:

2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: **367,798**
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: **43,040**
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL: **11.70%**
DETACHMENTS MAKING GOAL: **34**

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE
ARKANSAS	HAWAII	MEXICO	OHIO	TEXAS
CALIFORNIA	IDAHO	MISSISSIPPI	OKLAHOMA	VERMONT
COLORADO	ILLINOIS	MISSOURI	OREGON	VIRGINIA
DELAWARE	INDIANA	MONTANA	PUERTO RICO	WISCONSIN
FLORIDA	IOWA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH CAROLINA	WYOMING
FRANCE	LOUISIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH DAKOTA	

GREAT JOB!!

MANY DETACHMENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE THIS MEMBERSHIP GOAL SOON!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: **SEPTEMBER 30, 2022** (1ST OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: **OCTOBER 13, 2022** (25%)

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09/14/22		2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS				
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1	43,793	9,256	(34,537)	21.14%	497	
2 Central 1	128,333	16,624	(111,709)	12.95%	1,303	
3 Midwestern 1	28,918	3,503	(25,415)	12.11%	129	
4 Western 1	25,822	2,768	(23,054)	10.72%	87	
5 Eastern	140,932	10,889	(130,043)	7.73%	1,180	
TOTALS 1	367,798	43,040	(324,758)	11.70%	3,196	

09/14/22		2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Illinois 1, 2	13,398	3,773	(9,625)	28.16%	222	27.48%	6	
2 Wisconsin 1	4,187	1,076	(3,111)	25.70%	406	23.33%	9	
3 Missouri 1	3,219	681	(2,538)	21.16%	11	19.64%	13	
4 Iowa 1	4,857	614	(4,243)	12.64%	-	10.65%	28	
5 Indiana 1	36,387	4,221	(32,166)	11.60%	222	10.16%	29	
6 Ohio 1	30,636	3,405	(27,231)	11.11%	64	9.83%	33	
7 Michigan	24,271	2,216	(22,055)	9.13%	103	6.97%	37	
8 Minnesota	11,378	638	(10,740)	5.61%	294	5.16%	49	
TOTALS 1	128,333	16,624	(111,709)	12.95%	1,303			

09/14/22		2023 WESTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	77	57	(20)	74.03%	8	71.05%	1	
2 Idaho 1	644	131	(513)	20.34%	18	16.74%	14	
3 Oregon 1	1,414	217	(1,197)	15.35%	8	11.13%	21	
4 California 1	10,714	1,227	(9,487)	11.45%	37	9.37%	30	
5 Arizona	8,004	750	(7,254)	9.37%	7	5.43%	41	
6 Washington	2,485	205	(2,280)	8.25%	9	5.43%	41	
7 Utah	449	37	(412)	8.24%	8	6.83%	42	
8 Nevada	357	29	(328)	8.12%	-	6.69%	44	
9 Alaska	1,608	113	(1,495)	7.03%	-	5.29%	47	
10 Phillipines	70	2	(68)	2.86%	-	1.47%	52	
TOTALS 1	25,822	2,768	(23,054)	10.72%	87			

09/14/22		2023 SOUTHERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4	123	65	(58)	52.85%	65	44.63%	2	
2 Louisiana 1, 2, 3	1,790	881	(909)	49.22%	23	45.94%	3	
3 Georgia 1, 2	4,490	1,284	(3,206)	28.60%	11	28.60%	5	
4 Alabama 1	2,066	548	(1,518)	26.52%	35	22.64%	7	
5 Mississippi 1	722	175	(547)	24.24%	74	22.08%	10	
6 Florida 1	21,519	4,555	(16,964)	21.17%	204	16.55%	12	
7 North Carolina 1	2,727	528	(2,199)	19.36%	12	15.69%	15	
8 Arkansas 1	447	72	(375)	16.11%	3	13.21%	18	
9 Tennessee 1	1,718	271	(1,447)	15.77%	3	12.09%	20	
10 Virginia	4,109	524	(3,585)	12.75%	47	10.61%	27	
11 South Carolina	1,473	166	(1,307)	11.27%	19	8.42%	32	
12 Kentucky	2,609	187	(2,422)	7.17%	1	5.99%	46	
TOTALS 1	43,793	9,256	(34,537)	21.14%	497			

09/14/22		2023 MIDWESTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Mexico	31	8	(23)	25.81%	8	25.81%	8	
2 Oklahoma 1	1,348	312	(1,036)	23.15%	31	20.44%	11	
3 South Dakota 1	1,362	239	(1,123)	17.55%	3	12.35%	16	
4 Montana 1	1,108	164	(944)	14.80%	-	13.59%	25	
5 Wyoming 1	1,298	184	(1,114)	14.18%	6	12.63%	23	
6 Nebraska 1	7,015	938	(6,077)	13.37%	34	12.82%	24	
7 Colorado 1	2,729	361	(2,368)	13.23%	-	12.75%	25	
8 North Dakota 1	1,056	139	(917)	13.16%	45	8.98%	26	
9 Texas 1	5,569	595	(4,974)	10.68%	501	7.89%	34	
10 Kansas	5,919	516	(5,403)	8.72%	-	7.42%	38	
11 New Mexico	1,483	47	(1,436)	3.17%	-	3.17%	51	
TOTALS 1	28,918	3,503	(25,415)	12.11%	628			



09/14/22		2023 EASTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 France 1, 2	158	62	(96)	39.24%	-	39.87%	4	
2 Maryland 1	16,058	2,663	(13,395)	16.58%	199	14.77%	17	
3 Delaware 1	2,430	384	(2,046)	15.80%	19	11.62%	19	
4 Vermont 1	3,818	437	(3,381)	11.45%	33	10.20%	31	
5 West Virginia	2,362	221	(2,141)	9.36%	-	9.36%	36	
6 Massachusetts	5,442	464	(4,978)	8.53%	32	7.77%	39	
7 New Jersey	9,386	790	(8,596)	8.42%	372	7.92%	40	
8 Connecticut	1,867	152	(1,715)	8.14%	53	6.75%	43	
9 New York	29,864	2,175	(27,689)	7.28%	231	6.10%	45	
10 New Hampshire	5,677	356	(5,321)	6.27%	60	5.29%	48	
11 Pennsylvania	60,803	3,112	(57,691)	5.12%	181	4.09%	50	
12 Maine	2,617	73	(2,544)	2.79%	-	1.32%	53	
13 Dist. of Columbia	114	-	(114)	0.00%	-	0.00%	54	
14 Rhode Island	336	-	(336)	0.00%	-	0.00%	55	
TOTALS	140,932	10,889	(130,043)	7.73%	1,180			

09/12/22		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1	21,519	4,555	(16,964)	21.17%	204	16.55%	12	
2 Indiana 1	36,387	4,221	(32,166)	11.60%	222	10.16%	29	
3 Ohio 1	30,636	3,405	(27,231)	11.11%	64	9.83%	33	
4 Michigan	24,271	2,216	(22,055)	9.13%	103	6.97%	37	
5 New York	29,864	2,175	(27,689)	7.28%	231	6.10%	43	
6 Pennsylvania	60,803	3,112	(57,691)	5.12%	181	4.09%	50	
TOTALS	203,480	19,684	(183,796)	9.67%	1,005			



Q Quota

- 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%





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THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP _____

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

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

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

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

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

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

_____ Date _____

_____ Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

_____ Recruiter's name _____

_____ Recruiter's signature _____

_____ Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

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

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

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

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

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

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\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

_____ Squadron No. _____

_____ Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City State ZIP _____

Home phone Cell phone _____

Email Unit # and Location _____

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

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

Previous Unit City/State ALA ID# _____

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

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

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

WWII (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

Global War on Terror 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 _____

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

_____ Date _____

_____ Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

_____ Recruiter's name _____

_____ Recruiter's signature _____

_____ Recruiter's phone # _____