

Operation A.L.F. dogs give comfort to children

The American Legion | October 12, 2022



The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin is ensuring comfort is provided to children of deployed parents or hospitalized children with its Operation A.L.F. (American Legion Family) puppy. Operation A.L.F. is the premier program of the Detachment of Wisconsin.

More than 2,000 of the soft, cuddly brown dogs wearing a red American Legion Family shirt have been given to children since March 2020 “to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.” A few weeks ago, nearly 300 dogs were given to children at a Wisconsin National Guard deployment ceremony of more than 260 servicemembers.

“There are times when being at a deployment is very emotional. Kids, especially the little ones, aren’t always sure what is going on around them,” said Robert Sirovina Jr., Detachment of Wisconsin Children and Youth chairman and past detachment commander. “When we reach out to hand them a dog, sometimes they are a little shy about taking it. But as soon as they hold him and hug him, the smiles are so big.”

Unlike the GI Josh dog that Sons of Wisconsin members used to hand out at deployments before the program ended in 2019, Operation A.L.F. dogs do not come with a name in effort to give kids “an opportunity to name the little guy whatever they wanted so they could relate to him a little more personally,” Sirovina said.

The dogs are given to children and their families at no cost. The Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion are happy to provide an Operation A.L.F. puppy to children who need a companion to help them through a hard time. For more information on receiving a dog, please email Sirovina at wisalcmdrbob@att.net.

“We have been told many times that these comfort animals become so important to the kids that they sleep with them while the parent is deployed, and long after. For us it is such an honor to spend this little time with these young heroes and bring smiles to their faces.”

To learn more about the Operation A.L.F. program and how to support it, [click here](#).

An A.L.F. dog flyer appears later in this edition.



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PNCV Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

All information must be submitted by noon each Friday



The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at

www.legion.org/membership/standings

BE THE ONE

DATE REVISED TO OCTOBER 19, 2022



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE

October 13, 2022



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2022 – 2023



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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Third Thursday of Each Month

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Second Tuesday of Each Month
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MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
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Videos of Service contest among resolutions approved by SAL NEC

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The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion approved two resolutions as their Fall Meetings closed Oct. 9 in Indianapolis.

Videos of Service, a contest similar to the SAL's Snapshots of Service, is being established "to facilitate public relations, brand awareness, and promotion of the Sons of The American Legion on social media platforms."

Under the approved resolution, the Videos of Service contest will be open to all members of the SAL; requires the videos to contain SAL members with their covers or identifiable clothing on during the activity or event; and the videos must fall under one of three categories: program support, community engagement, or membership and recruitment.

The videos must also be no more than five minutes long, published on social media and a link must be submitted to the SAL's Public and Media Communications Commission. The commission will judge the videos on video quality, content, and branding, and the top two entries in each of the three categories will receive awards.

The SAL NEC also approved a resolution allowing the SAL's national Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representative to approve certifications of SAL members as VAVS and deputy VAVS representatives.



REGIONAL UPDATES

Sons of Legion looking for stuffed animals

October 8, 2022

The New Ulm (MN) Sons of the American Legion is collecting donations of new or gently used stuffed animals to hand out to children during its Halloween Community Treat Night.

Donations can be dropped off prior to Oct. 19 at the Legion Clubroom in downtown New Ulm. Volunteers are also needed to help bag candy and decorate the Legion, along with help for the night of the event.

The bagging and decorating will be at the Legion Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. Volunteers coming to help with the Halloween night event at the Legion should come about 4:30 pm.

Sign-up sheets are at the Legion.

The Halloween Community Treat Night takes place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at the New Ulm American Legion.

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SAL supports Champions of Youth

[Kevin Green](#) | October 11, 2022

GREENSBURG, IN - The local Sons of The American Legion Squadron 129 recently sponsored a golf tournament with proceeds going to Greenburg's Champions of Youth.

The Sons and the Champions of Youth extended their gratitude to North Branch Golf Course and the following businesses and individuals for making the tournament a success:

William Smith, Rolland Rose Trucking, American Legion District #10, American Legion Post 129, Tax Services & More, Greensburg Motorsports, CP Tavern, Linkel Company LLC,

Fireside Inn, Green Signs, Cook Performance LLC, Burkhart's Automotive, Carriage on the Square, House of Ink, Leising Excavation & Mulch, Jennifer Hamilton - Keller, Williams Realty, Stonebridge Trucking, Needful Things, Frisch's Big Boy, Kevin's Storage, Stone's Farm Equipment, Hampton Inn, Expression Florist, Wyaloosing Golf Course, Double M Ranch, Walpe's Keg.

With the help of these groups, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 129 was able to raise \$1,500 for the Champions of Youth!

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POOL
Tournament
October 22, 2022

Starts @ 6pm
No late Entry

American Legion
Willard Post 342
10037 S State Hwy 1
Grayson, KY 41143

Registration \$10
Potluck Meal-
Please Bring a Dish

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 Prizes are processed at Canaan Meats • Wooster, Ohio • 330-804-0240

To purchase tickets, please contact
Detachment of Ohio Second Vice-Commander
Tim Conway at truckertim622001@yahoo.com



Sons of the American Legion
Stitt Post 232
Bone In Ribeye Steak Dinner

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6TH

 **1:00 PM UNTIL SOLD OUT** 
STEAK DINNER ~ \$18.00

 **INCLUDES SIDES**
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Nascar Championship Race
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OPERATION A.L.F.

American Legion Family



Providing caring comfort to children whenever and wherever needed

Whether it be a child hospitalized for a serious medical issue or the children of deploying parents, the Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion are proud to provide an A.L.F. puppy to children who need a soft cuddly companion to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.



If you would like to partner with us in this great project, we will gratefully accept whatever cash donation you would like to make.

Please note: Our puppy cannot be sold for profit or used as a fundraiser.

Suggested donation is \$10 per puppy/25 dogs per case

For more information contact Bob Sirovina, 414-881-0721, email: wisalcmdrbob@att.net

SQUADRON/POST/UNIT NAME & NUMBER _____	
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ADDRESS _____	
CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE _____	PHONE _____
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SAL-WI SEND TO: Bob Sirovina, 9428 W Eden Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53228

“We need to reach out to all the various school systems that are out there. And try to get in the door with all of them,” he said. For homeschool students, Reale said each county should have a homeschool point of contact. “You can reach out to that individual and they have the rosters of all the homeschool students in that county. We need to use every means available to get into every type of school system that’s out there.”

Reale shared the following ways that can help promote the program:

- Visit high schools at the beginning of the year and bring Oratorical Contest flyers or brochures (available on legion.org/publications) to history, English and speech educators. And discuss the scholarship money that students can earn through the program to help with college education – scholarships are available at the post, district, and department level. The national competition awards over \$203,000.
- Introduce yourself to the school principal, counselors and JROTC instructors.
- Invite educators to your post oratorical competition. “They get to see it live, hopefully feel good about it, and they will then become your spokesperson at the high school level and get more interested in it,” Reale said.
- Advertise in the school newspaper and the local paper and radio.
- Attend PTA meetings to share with parents the scholarship benefits of the oratorical program.
- Invite oratorical winners to speak at your post about their experience with the program. “Use them as your best sales representatives at the schools that they come from,” Reale said. “No one is going to be more enthusiastic than they are to tell their friends and other students what this meant to them.”
- Invite other civic organizations to your post to meet oratorical winners and disseminate program information. Or take your oratorical winner to other organizations to speak, like the Kiwanis.

Attendees at the oratorical conference also shared their best practices. They advised others to:

- Use social media to promote the program, including creating a separate LinkedIn profile just for the oratorical contest.
- Attend eighth grade graduations where parents will be to speak about the program, so they are aware of it as their child prepares for high school.
- Ask high school student government presidents to read a quick blurb about the oratorical program during morning announcements to generate more interest.



NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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Fourth Thursday of Each Month
7:30 p.m. Eastern
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Promote the oratorical contest with these tips

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During the American Legion Oratorical Conference with department program chairmen in September, Department of North Carolina Oratorical Chairman Joseph Reale Sr., shared a few ways to promote the Legion's Constitutional speech contest among high school students.

This is what Department of Florida Oratorical Chairman Mary West has done in Jacksonville.

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman
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Third Wednesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(605) 472-5332 | 808 417
Online Meeting ID:

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



Members of the CWF Committee were hard at work promoting the Foundation and collecting donations during the NEC Fall Meetings last weekend.

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 | xZztq6

Finance Commission

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December 8 | February 9 | April 13
May 6 (NEC) | July 13



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as of October 14, 2022

146

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6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(605) 313-6050 | 344 590

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Third Thursday of ODD Months
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Third Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings

additional membership information appears later in this edition

Gentlemen,

We may be slightly behind the percentage mark for this year, but we are almost dead even based on total membership from last year at this time. Weekly reports are showing

a steady increase in membership, and we will continue to grow.

The 25% target date has been extended to October 19, so you still have time to make goal.

Congratulations to the Southern Region for an outstanding start, and to the Detachment of Hawaii for being the first to reach 100%.

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: OCTOBER 13, 2022

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 25% TARGET 10/19/2022	2023 ACTUAL MBSP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-61	80	103.90%	93.42
2	LOUISIANA	1,790	-617	1,064	59.44%	55.05
3	PUERTO RICO	123	-34	65	52.85%	26.23
4	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-273	610	45.25%	37.70
5	FRANCE	158	-30	69	43.67%	43.79
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-797	1,919	42.74%	38.12
7	WISCONSIN	4,187	-553	1,600	38.21%	34.91
8	ALABAMA	2,066	-266	782	37.85%	32.27
9	ILLINOIS	13,398	-1,606	4,955	36.98%	35.19
10	MISSISSIPPI	722	-83	263	36.43%	32.87
11	MEXICO	31	-2	10	32.26%	16.13
12	MISSOURI	3,219	-226	1,031	32.03%	28.03
13	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-89	429	31.50%	24.91
14	IDAHO	644	-41	202	31.37%	25.98
15	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-142	824	30.22%	24.52
16	NEVADA	357	-14	103	28.85%	25.35
17	IOWA	4,857	-181	1,395	28.72%	25.39
18	FLORIDA	21,519	-558	5,938	27.59%	21.59
19	MARYLAND	16,058	-405	4,419	27.52%	24.42
20	TENNESSEE	1,718	-18	447	26.02%	19.86
21	OREGON	1,414	-5	358	25.32%	18.97
22	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-3	267	25.28%	20.02
23	DELAWARE	2,430	11	597	24.57%	19.08
24	ARKANSAS	447	9	103	23.04%	18.45
25	TEXAS	5,569	109	1,283	23.04%	18.60
26	KANSAS	5,919	121	1,359	22.96%	20.60
27	VERMONT	3,818	83	872	22.84%	20.59
28	NEBRASKA	7,015	164	1,590	22.67%	21.62
29	COLORADO	2,729	67	615	22.54%	20.75
30	VIRGINIA	4,109	110	917	22.32%	18.75
31	WYOMING	1,298	36	289	22.27%	19.32
32	INDIANA	36,387	1,339	7,758	21.32%	19.00
33	OHIO	30,636	1,201	6,458	21.08%	18.75
34	MONTANA	1,108	45	232	20.94%	19.26
35	UTAH	449	18	94	20.94%	17.05
36	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	62	306	20.77%	16.43
37	NEW JERSEY	9,386	398	1,949	20.78%	18.64
38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	315	1,104	19.45%	17.81
39	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	316	1,045	19.20%	17.39
40	MICHIGAN	24,271	1,451	4,617	19.02%	15.65
41	CALIFORNIA	10,714	651	2,028	18.93%	15.40
42	ALASKA	1,608	104	298	18.53%	15.13
43	RHODE ISLAND	336	25	59	17.56%	15.20
44	CONNECTICUT	1,867	144	323	17.30%	14.86
45	MAINE	2,617	206	448	17.12%	13.50
46	NEW YORK	29,864	2,497	4,969	16.64%	14.60
47	DIST OF COL	114	12	17	14.91%	11.50
48	MINNESOTA	11,378	1,153	1,692	14.87%	14.04
49	WASHINGTON	2,485	263	358	14.41%	9.90
50	ARIZONA	8,004	966	1,045	13.06%	8.80
51	NEW MEXICO	1,483	181	190	12.81%	10.32
52	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	307	284	12.02%	9.62
53	KENTUCKY	2,609	374	278	10.66%	9.01
54	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	8,751	6,450	10.61%	8.80
55	PHILIPPINES	70	16	2	2.86%	1.47
Grand Totals:		367,798	15,491	76,459	20.79%	17.96

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	80	103.90%
IDAHO	644	202	31.37%
NEVADA	357	103	28.85%
OREGON	1,414	358	25.32%
UTAH	449	94	20.94%
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ALASKA	1,608	298	18.53%
WASHINGTON	2,485	358	14.41%
ARIZONA	8,004	1,045	13.06%
PHILIPPINES	70	2	2.86%
Totals:	25,822	4,568	17.69%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
OKLAHOMA	1,348	610	45.25%
MEXICO	31	10	32.26%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	429	31.50%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	267	25.28%
TEXAS	5,569	1,283	23.04%
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WYOMING	1,298	289	22.27%
MONTANA	1,108	232	20.94%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	190	12.81%
Totals:	28,918	6,874	23.77%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,187	1,600	38.21%
ILLINOIS	13,398	4,955	36.98%
MISSOURI	3,219	1,031	32.03%
IOWA	4,857	1,395	28.72%
INDIANA	36,387	7,758	21.32%
OHIO	30,636	6,458	21.08%
MICHIGAN	24,271	4,617	19.02%
MINNESOTA	11,378	1,692	14.87%
Totals:	128,333	29,506	22.99%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	69	43.67%
MARYLAND	16,058	4,419	27.52%
DELAWARE	2,430	597	24.57%
VERMONT	3,818	872	22.84%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	1,949	20.78%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	1,104	19.45%
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NEW YORK	29,864	4,969	16.64%
DIST OF COL	114	17	14.91%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	284	12.02%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	6,450	10.61%
Totals:	140,932	22,605	16.04%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
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LOUISIANA	1,790	1,064	59.44%
PUERTO RICO	123	65	52.85%
GEORGIA	4,490	1,919	42.74%
ALABAMA	2,066	782	37.85%
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ARKANSAS	447	103	23.04%
VIRGINIA	4,109	917	22.32%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	306	20.77%
KENTUCKY	2,609	278	10.66%
Totals:	43,793	12,906	29.47%

2022 Squadron Commander of the Year receives new cap

Detachment of Oklahoma Qualate-Pritchard Squadron 178 Commander Steven Charles Thomas II is presented with his Sons of The American Legion Commander of the Year cover, along with a certificate and plaque. Commander Thomas participated in over 400 events throughout the community, raising over \$7,500 for local charities. As well as being an active member of his Squadron, Thomas II volunteers with his church and the Rotary Club.



Pictured in the front row are Steven Thomas II; Reagan Thomas; Susan Engstrom. In the back row are Detachment Commander Chris Sherborn; Kathryn Thomas; Steven Thomas II; Department Vice Commander East Lee Cathey; Detachment NEC Chris Cook.

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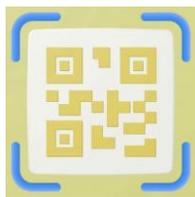
James Hartman (MD), Chairman

Public and Media Communications Commission

Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman
Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Nine Legion QR codes to download and use

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QR codes are everywhere – on business cards, in restaurants for contactless menus, flyers, etc. – to drive people to websites, social media platforms and more. Department of New York Commander Dave Riley put a QR code on the back of his wrapped American Legion vehicle that links to the department's membership join page.

Nine QR codes that direct to Legion.org pages were created for posts, districts, and departments to use for flyers, brochures, and other marketing purposes.

[Download the QR codes here](#)

The QR codes drive people to the following Legion web pages: join, renew, Be the One, donate, find a post, find a service officer, The American Legion Media Alliance, Veterans & Children Foundation and Legion.org.

Additionally, the following information on how to create and use a QR code was shared by Holly Soria, visual arts manager for the national Media and Communications Division, during The American Legion Media Alliance virtual training session Oct. 5.

How to scan a QR code

1. Open the built-in camera app on your phone

2. Point the camera at the QR code
3. Tap the banner that appears on the screen

Sites to create a QR code

- QR Code Monkey, qrcode-monkey.com
- QR Code Generator, goqr.me/
- QR Stuff, qrstuff.com/
- Beaconstac, beaconstac.com/qr-code-generator
- Canva, canva.com/ (Canva users can use the app within the software to generate QR codes in their designs.)

Ways to use QR codes in your post

- Give members window decals or magnets for their vehicles that link to the post website or social media profiles.
- Print a code on a brochure or restaurant receipt to send users to your membership or events page.

What to avoid when using QR codes

- Don't place codes in locations without wi-fi or cellular data access. Without a signal, users won't be able to scan the code.
- Going too big or too small with the QR code can cause scanning errors. Research what size is best for your media.
- Don't put it on the web. Visitors on your site are already there and scanning a QR code is harder than tapping a link. The same applies for email.
- Don't send users to a page that is cluttered. Make sure your site is optimized for mobile.
- Warn users before directing them to pages with auto-play media so they can adjust volume.

Subcommittee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Subcommittee on National Appointments

Donald Allisot, Jr. (ME), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman
Fourth Monday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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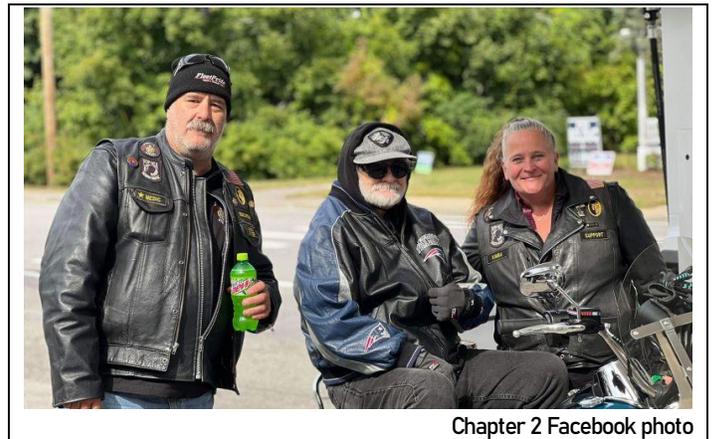
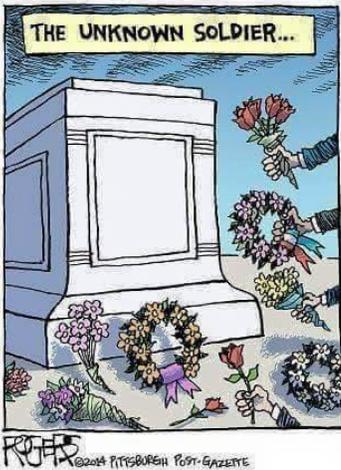
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Jim Coats (NY), Chairman
Third Wednesday of Each Month
6:00 p.m. Mountain Time/8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Chapter 2 Facebook photo

New Hampshire ALR chapter gives 'final ride' to longtime motorcyclist

The American Legion | October 11, 2022

Various health issues took their toll on longtime motorcyclist Rob Tomes, forcing him to give up riding. But thanks to Henry J. Sweeney American Legion Riders Chapter 2 in Manchester, N.H., Tomes was able to get out on a motorcycle again for a special ride.

Kenneth Gray, a member of Post 2 who serves as its chapter's safety officer and a road captain, had been friends with Tomes for years. They met on the job, and the friendship blossomed.

"I've known him for 15, 20 years," Gray said. "I had to have a couple of surgeries over time, and he's always been the one to give me a ride to and from, made sure I had food when I needed it. When I needed a job, he helped me find a job. He's bent over backwards to help me. He's also let me use his motorcycle on numerous occasions when I didn't have one."



Gray said that Tomes has been dealing with severe medical issues recently, including multiple strokes “which made it impossible for him to ride ever again. He had been hinting at me that he wished he could ride and feel the wind in his face. He had been riding longer than I’ve known him.”

Gray doesn't have a trike but said another Rider in Chapter 2, James Ronan, did. “I went up to him and asked if he would help out and put (Tomes) on the back seat of his trike,” Gray said. “Rob does not have the strength or the balance to get up on two wheels.”

Once Ronan said yes, Gray asked other members of the chapter to take part “as a favor to me,” he said. “Several members of the chapter showed up to give a 45-minute to an hour ride. For me, it meant a lot to say thank you to (Tomes) for everything he’s done for me over the years.”

But the bigger reward for Gray was seeing Tomes’ reaction to the ride. “Two weeks later he’s still smiling,” Gray said. “He was grateful, and he was crying when we got done with the ride.”



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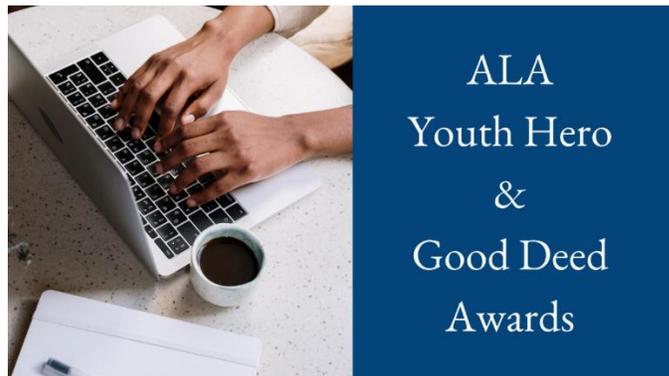
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Junior members who have celebrated their 8th birthday or older may attend the national Junior meetings. Many activities will be taking place that are fun and interactive. We hope that by bringing these meetings closer to our Juniors, many more will be able to attend the one-day events over a weekend.

Is a national Junior meeting right for your Junior?

- ✓ Yes — if they are interested in meeting other Junior members and national leaders outside of their local area who share their passion for helping veterans!
- ✓ Yes — if they want to share great ideas with other Junior members across the country and learn more about what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary!

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Nomination forms now online

Part of the ALA Children & Youth Program, these awards are presented throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18. Youth Hero Awards are given to those who demonstrate a physical act of valor. Good Deed Awards are presented to those who donate time and/or money for a worthy cause. [Read more](#) about award criteria and [complete an online nomination form](#).



Mary is a member of Mahoning Valley Unit 15 in Poland, Ohio



SPORTS



Kanaan represents American Legion well at Ironman championship

[Henry Howard](#) | October 10, 2022

Indianapolis 500 champion Tony Kanaan is an Ironman, again.

Kanaan, who drove the No. 1 American Legion / Be the One INDYCAR to a third-place finish in the 2022 Indianapolis 500, finished the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, in a time of 12:39:53 on Sunday. An Ironman triathlon is a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run to the finish line.

During the biking segment, Kanaan promoted The American Legion's [Be the One initiative](#). The 2013 Indy 500 champion donned American Legion red, white and blue "Be the One" gear and rode a specially made tri bike adorned with the logo.

In May, [Kanaan helped launch the program](#), which aims to reduce the rate of veteran suicide by reducing the stigma associated with mental health counseling. "It's such a good cause - 'Be the One,'" Kanaan said April 20 during a press event at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "I made the pledge to the veterans to advocate that ... if you need help, ask."

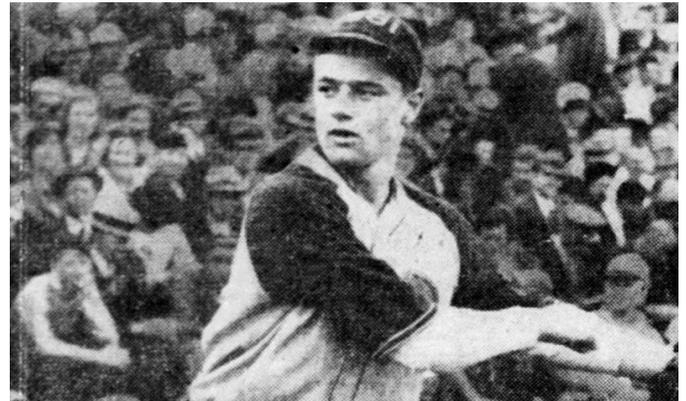
Fellow driver Jimmie Johnson, who like Kanaan, represents The American Legion, sent congratulations via Twitter. "Well done brother, you're a mad man."

In response, Kanaan, simply tweeted, "[@JimmieJohnson](#) you are next."

In 2011, Kanaan also completed Kona, which is regarded as the Indy 500 of the Ironman world.

Catch up with Kanaan's activities in Kona via The American Legion's [Twitter account](#), [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

You can also follow Kanaan on his [Twitter page](#) and his [Instagram account](#).



Legion Baseball flashback: A perfect season for Massachusetts ace

[Richard Walker](#) | October 12, 2022

Massachusetts has been crowning American Legion Baseball state champions since the first year of national competition in 1926.

Only one of the Bay State's champions has ever won the American Legion World Series, doing so behind a pitcher who completed a perfect season playing high school and American Legion Baseball for the same coach and alongside five of the same teammates.

Ray Bessom, a 5-foot-8, 177-pound right-hander, had a perfect 27-0 pitching record with 282 strikeouts for Lynn English High and East Lynn Post 291 teams that went 51-1 during the spring and summer of 1937.

His high school and ALB teammates were George Bontaites, Jim Hegan, Bob Kelley, Angelo Nicketakis and Tom Whelan Jr.

That group guided Lynn English to a 13-0 high school record that included state playoff tournament victories at each of the major league stadiums in Boston — the Red Sox's Fenway Park and the Braves' Beehive (also called Braves Park) — under the direction of Tom Whelan Sr.

Whelan Sr. also coached the Post 291 team. He had played Major League Baseball for the Boston Braves and in the NFL for the Canton Bulldogs, both in 1920, before embarking on a long coaching and scouting career.

In the American Legion Baseball season, East Lynn won its second state title in three years as Bessom was a dominant hitter and pitcher, Hegan was emerging as a hitting and catching star and Post 291 lost only once in a 38-1 season. After going 14-0 to win its Essex County league title, East Lynn defeated Somerville two games to one and swept Milford and Pittsfield two games to none to win the Massachusetts state title. Only a 3-1 loss in the second game of the Somerville series kept Post 291 from an unbeaten season. And in national American Legion Baseball tournament competition, East Lynn won all seven of its games by four or more runs with three wins by 10 or more runs.

Bessom led the way at the plate and on the mound with a .555 batting average that earned him the Louisville Slugger Award for highest average in national competition in addition to a 5-0 record with 55 strikeouts in 45 innings during national competition.

In the ALWS, a best-of-five series against host New Orleans, Bessom threw back-to-back five-hitters with 22 strikeouts in 12-1 and 5-0 victories to give East Lynn a commanding 2-0 series lead. Then he struck out four more batters in three innings of relief to close out a 13-5 title-clinching victory for the series sweep.

Bessom finished the American Legion Baseball season with a 17-0 pitching record after going 10-0 in high school baseball that spring.

Whelan Sr. would again coach Bessom and Jim Hegan at Lynn English the following year. As a scout for the Cleveland Indians, he convinced that franchise to sign both of his stars in June 1938 before each had long pro careers that were interrupted by World War II military service.

Bessom had a 45-45 pitching record in six seasons with the Cleveland organization from 1938 to 1941 and again in 1946 and 1947. He died at 92 in 2013 after spending most of his retirement years in Ashland, N.H.

Hegan would spend 20 years in professional baseball, including 17 in the major leagues. He caught no-hitters from Don Black, Bob Lemon and Bob Feller and was starting catcher for the Cleveland Indians' 1948 World Series championship team as well as the 111-win 1954 team that finished as World Series runner-up. Hegan, whose son Mike Hegan

also played in the major leagues, died at 63 in 1984 in Lynn, Mass.

One other Post 291 player played professionally as pitcher-infielder George Mara spent one season in the St. Louis Cardinals organization as a shortstop.

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

to have a member's information listed here,
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Stephen James McIntyre



Stephen James McIntyre, 60, Duncansville, PA died Thursday, October 6, 2022, at home unexpectedly. He was born in Altoona, a son of James W. McIntyre and the late Carole (Richardson) McIntyre.

Surviving is his father and stepmother, James W., and Kathy McIntyre of Duncansville; a daughter, Ashly McIntyre of Duncansville; two sons, Steven McIntyre of Duncansville, and Dustin McIntyre in New Jersey; two grandchildren, Kadin and Sarenity McIntyre; a brother, Michael McIntyre of East Freedom; a stepsister, Rebecca Martin Krug (Steve) of West Chester; and a stepbrother, Michael A. Martin (Lori) of Northumberland. Stephen raised twin daughters of his companion, Kim Ray, of 17 years: Holly Lenglet (Cody) and Heather Beckwith (Dustin), who together gave him five wonderful honorary grandchildren.

He attended Hollidaysburg Senior High School and was in the Army National Guard. Steve was one of the best drywall hangers and finishers in Blair County. He worked for various contractors for more than 30 years.

Steve was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, VFW, Allegheny Club, Lilly Sokols Club, Portage Moose, Jamestown Rod & Gun, and the Benscreek Social Club.

He attended Hick's Memorial United Methodist Church, Duncansville.

Steve enjoyed hunting, gardening, and working on his vintage Mustang. He loved having family, friends, and neighbors over for his famous chicken BBQ. Steve was also very generous with his time; helping family, friends, and

neighbors. And he always made time to help his father in the gun shop and with other various projects.

Friends will be received from 5 until the 8 p.m. memorial service Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc., Duncansville. The Rev. Rich Morris will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations goes out to the Detachment of Hawaii for reaching quota, and coming in at 103.90% as of the October 10, 2022 membership report. Keep up the awesome work!
Who's next?

For 155 weeks, Round-Up has provided information to not only members of Sons of The American, but to members of the entire American Legion Family. Designed as a membership tool, Round-Up has grown into a publication that members across the Family look forward to each week.

From S.A.L. membership, to coming events, to articles from The American Legion, and much more. Members have submitted photos, obituaries, and other valuable information that has helped spread the word of Sons of The American Legion.

Each week, over 2,000 members receive Round-Up via email, with many members sharing the newsletter with their contacts. Many detachments also post the publication to their websites. In no way was Round-Up meant to replace the organization's newsletter, National Update. It was and will continue to be a tool for members to receive information on a weekly basis.

It was announced at the National Executive Committee Fall Meeting that the Public and Media Communications Commission that it would like to return to a national newsletter, with a quarterly distribution planned.

[Sign-Up for the Sons of The American Legion E-newsletter](#)

The following article from The American Legion also provides information on how to receive other resources.

Enhanced Digital Dispatch to replace printed version in '23

The American Legion | October 10, 2022

Effective January 2023, The American Legion Dispatch goes to a digital-only format, reaching more officers and leaders of the organization more frequently with a greater portfolio of resources. The last printed version will be the December 2022 issue.

The Digital Dispatch currently has more than 30,000 subscribers and growing. Enhancements to the monthly e-newsletter and a more robust web platform is now in production to make the Digital Dispatch a more valuable tool for post, district, and department leadership.

The digital format also allows Legionnaires at every level of the organization to receive information on such topics as membership recruitment and retention, program delivery and guidance for officers at every level. The printed Dispatch has been mailed only to post adjutants, department leadership and district commanders. The printed publication has about half the circulation of the digital version. The ability to go fully digital expands the audience reach to ensure that more officers – such as committee chairpersons and program managers – have access to information they need. It also offers the ability to deliver important information in a more timely manner.

An emailed Digital Dispatch is now sent monthly to subscribers, featuring a roundup of top headlines with clickable links to the stories that are housed on the Dispatch landing page, legion.org/dispatch. This will be the standard format moving forward with enhanced features now in development. The Digital Dispatch is free of charge for anyone who registers to receive it.

Don't miss out on receiving the Digital Dispatch now and in the future. Subscribe at legion.org/newsletters. You will be directed to sign in to your MyLegion.org account. Then you will opt in to receive the Digital Dispatch.

As always, anyone wishing to submit something to Round-Up is encouraged to do so. There is information on events all across the country, articles, and a host of other related items, that readers will find of interest. The information submitted does not have to be Sons of The American Legion specific. I will run appropriate information as it relates to

the American Legion Family, as well as events, etc. that support the goals and mission of The Family.

Thanks you for your continued support!!!

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October 12, 2022

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

This past summer's historic passage of the PACT Act didn't happen by accident. The legislation didn't become law merely because it was the right thing to do. Nor did it become law by wishful thinking.

Instead, the law — which will bring meaningful change to millions of veterans exposed to toxic fumes — is in place today due to the efforts of American Legion members

across the nation. Among those are the 535 who make up the National Legislative Council.

[APPLY FOR THE 118th CONGRESS NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL](#)

The American Legion is starting to rebuild its National Legislative Council for the 118th Congress, which begins in January. Each department will submit their recommendations for the council where there is a new member of Congress, or the current liaison is no longer available for reappointment.

National Legislative Council members help reinforce The American Legion's overall legislative efforts. This is especially critical when immediate and personal contact with lawmakers is necessary.

[Learn more about the council here](#)

As a matter of routine, council members call, email, or write to their designated congressional member or their staff regarding veterans legislation. They should also visit the lawmaker's local office at least monthly to discuss The American Legion's legislative goals.

These appointments require more than being a strong Legionnaire. It requires someone who can articulately communicate the views of The American Legion with their member of Congress and develop a relationship of respect. They must also be leaders in their own right, and effectively serve as champions of American Legion legislative engagement in their communities.

If you think you have what it takes, [I would encourage you to apply here](#) before the Nov. 8 election. Positions on the National Legislative Council are highly competitive, and submitting an application does not guarantee selection.

Our key legislative priority right now is getting Congress to pass the [Major Richard Star Act](#). The act would support more than 50,000 combat-injured veterans by allowing concurrent receipt of vested longevity pay and VA disability.

[Click here to support the Major Richard Star Act](#)

This legislation would end an unjust "tax" on medically retired veterans who are currently subject to an offset in retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability received. These medically retired veterans are the only class of employees forbidden from receiving their full retirement pay and disability compensation.

Whether you express interest in the council or not, we could use your support in getting Congress to approve the Major Richard Star Act.

Thank you for your support and your contributions toward making The American Legion the leader in...

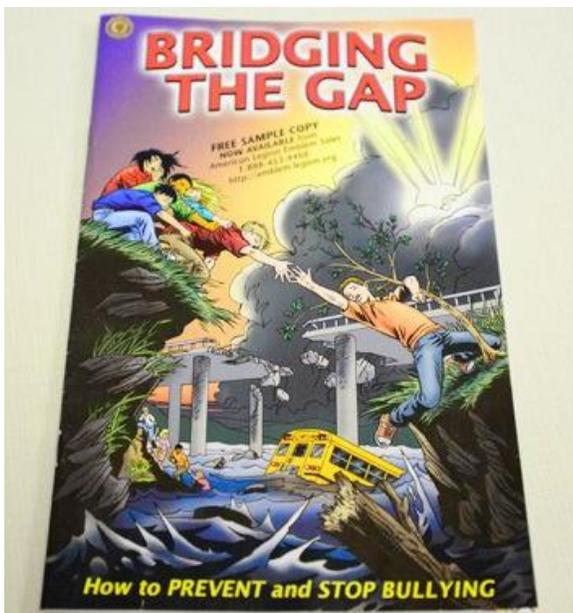
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Vincent "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

Recognize, prevent, and stop bullying

The American Legion | October 10, 2022



October is National Bully Prevention Month. And The American Legion has an educational comic book to help middle school age children recognize, prevent, and stop bullying.

"Bridging the Gap" features six main characters and includes two stories that are interwoven throughout the book. One story focuses on physical bullying and the other on cyberbullying.

Each story focuses on how to:

- Define and recognize bullying behavior
- Understand and protect the rights of others
- Prevent and stop bullying of yourself
- Prevent and stop bullying of others
- Stop cyberbullying

The comic book can be purchased through Emblem Sales, emblem.legion.org, Item No. 755.305. Cost is 75 cents apiece, or 59 cents apiece for the purchase of 100 or more.

Leadership Matters

Patricia A. Harris (NC), National Vice Commander
The American Legion | October 12, 2022



As a National American Legion College graduate and a past facilitator, the word leadership always sticks out to me. Why? Because leadership matters! A day before going on convention stage in Milwaukee for the election of national vice commanders, I remembered an im-

promptu meeting I had with a past national commander who was national commander when I was a district vice commander. We went down memory lane on leadership and membership. Everything that was said during my first encounter still to this day is true. The two ships sail together.

This year National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola has given national vice commanders our charge in V.E.T.S.

Veterans. We are veterans in leadership, and we are responsible for being accountable to ourselves and those who place us in leadership roles. We are responsible for being the example by ensuring our walk reflects our position.

Education. Our leadership also requires that we educate and prepare ourselves in areas of responsibility. An example is The American Legion's suicide prevention campaign, "[Be the One](#)," which encourages all of us to Be the One to save the life of a veteran by asking how they are, listening and reaching out when they are struggling. The VA also has a course called [VA S.A.V.E. Training](#) that is designed to help you with care and compassion if you encounter a veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the essential steps in suicide prevention: signs of suicidal thinking, ask the important questions, validate the veteran's experience, and encourage treatment and expedite getting help. We need to know what to look for, especially as we move into the holiday season. Safety is the key for all of us. Training resources from The American Legion and the VA can provide the necessary tools we need in our toolbox.

Teamwork. There is no secret that working together works! As leaders, we can access our national staff for direction and guidance on any subject. We have access in our home departments with the VA that can team up with us for training. So together, we can effectively take a safe position in helping our fellow veterans with suicide prevention, crisis information and engagement. Our programs and advocacy on military and veteran issues sell our membership. Many times, our leadership affects the retention of our gains.

Sponsor. As our membership grows, sponsorship is paramount. Many of us remember sponsorship's importance during a PCS (permanent change of station) move. There was nothing like having a member of your new unit welcome you, take you around and introduce you to your new team. Also, if you had family traveling at the same time, the support of everyone was pleasant and questions were answered. Welcoming new members should be met with the same enthusiasm when talking about our programs and post activities. Care and genuine concern go a long way. We lead by example.

As we move forward in this membership year, remember that your leadership matters!

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Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1, 2	43,793	12,906	(30,887)	29.47%	598	
2 Midwestern 1	28,918	6,874	(22,044)	23.77%	501	
3 Central 1	128,333	29,506	(98,827)	22.99%	2,028	
4 Western 1	25,822	4,568	(21,254)	17.69%	280	
5 Eastern	140,932	22,605	(118,327)	16.04%	2,103	
TOTALS 1	367,798	76,459	(291,339)	20.79%	5,510	

10/13/22		2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3	4,187	1,600	(2,587)	38.21%	70	34.91%	7	
2 Illinois 1, 2, 3	13,398	4,955	(8,443)	36.98%	107	35.19%	9	
3 Missouri 1, 2	3,219	1,031	(2,188)	32.03%	7	28.03%	12	
4 Iowa 1	4,857	1,395	(3,462)	28.72%	586	25.39%	17	
5 Indiana 1	36,387	7,758	(28,629)	21.32%	327	19.00%	32	
6 Ohio 1	30,636	6,458	(24,178)	21.08%	554	18.75%	33	
7 Michigan	24,271	4,617	(19,654)	19.02%	356	15.65%	40	
8 Minnesota	11,378	1,692	(9,686)	14.87%	21	14.04%	48	
TOTALS 1	128,333	29,506	(98,827)	22.99%	1,958			

10/13/22		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, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	77	80	3	103.90%	-	93.42%	1	10/10/22
2 Idaho 1, 2	644	202	(442)	31.37%	12	25.98%	14	
3 Nevada	357	103	(254)	28.85%	-	25.35%	16	
4 Oregon 1	1,414	358	(1,056)	25.32%	28	18.97%	21	
5 Utah	449	94	(355)	20.94%	40	17.05%	35	
6 California 1	10,714	2,028	(8,686)	18.93%	148	15.40%	41	
7 Alaska	1,608	298	(1,310)	18.53%	12	15.13%	42	
8 Washington	2,485	358	(2,127)	14.41%	304	9.90%	49	
9 Arizona	8,004	1,045	(6,959)	13.06%	20	8.80%	50	
10 Phillipines	70	2	(68)	2.86%	-	1.47%	55	
TOTALS 1	25,822	4,568	(21,254)	17.69%	564			



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10/13/22		2023 SOUTHERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4	1,790	1,064	(726)	59.44%	40	55.05%	2	
2 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4	123	65	(58)	52.85%	-	23.23%	3	
3 Georgia 1, 2, 3	4,490	1,919	(2,571)	42.74%	111	38.12%	6	
4 Alabama 1, 2, 3	2,066	782	(1,284)	37.85%	27	32.27%	8	
5 Mississippi 1	722	263	(459)	36.43%	-	32.87%	10	
6 North Carolina 1, 2	2,727	824	(1,903)	30.22%	23	24.52%	15	
7 Florida 1	21,519	5,938	(15,581)	27.59%	225	21.59%	18	
8 Tennessee 1	1,718	447	(1,271)	26.02%	25	19.86%	20	
9 Arkansas 1	447	103	(344)	23.04%	1	18.45%	24	
10 Virginia	4,109	917	(3,192)	22.32%	118	18.75%	30	
11 South Carolina	1,473	306	(1,167)	20.77%	15	16.43%	36	
12 Kentucky	2,609	278	(2,331)	10.66%	13	9.01%	53	
TOTALS 1	43,793	12,906	(30,887)	29.47%	558			

10/13/22		2023 MIDWESTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4	1,348	610	(738)	45.25%	35	37.70%	4	
2 Mexico 1, 2	31	10	(21)	32.26%	-	16.13%	11	
3 South Dakota 1, 2	1,362	429	(933)	31.50%	23	24.91%	13	
4 North Dakota 1	1,056	267	(789)	25.28%	2	20.02%	22	
5 Texas 1	5,569	1,283	(4,286)	23.04%	64	18.60%	25	
6 Kansas	5,919	1,359	(4,560)	22.96%	280	20.60%	26	
7 Nebraska 1	7,015	1,590	(5,425)	22.67%	4	21.62%	28	
8 Colorado 1	2,729	615	(2,114)	22.54%	31	20.75%	29	
9 Wyoming 1	1,298	289	(1,009)	22.27%	39	19.32%	31	
10 Montana 1	1,108	232	(876)	20.94%	23	19.26%	34	
11 New Mexico	1,483	190	(1,293)	12.81%	-	10.32%	51	
TOTALS 1	28,918	6,874	(22,044)	23.77%	466			



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10/13/22		2023 EASTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 France 1, 2, 3	158	69	(89)	43.67%	-	43.79%	4	
2 Maryland 1	16,058	4,419	(11,639)	27.52%	444	21.95%	19	
3 Delaware 1	2,430	597	(1,833)	24.57%	39	17.75%	22	
4 Vermont 1	3,818	872	(2,946)	22.84%	135	17.33%	31	
5 New Jersey	9,386	1,949	(7,437)	20.76%	81	17.78%	28	
6 New Hampshire	5,677	1,104	(4,573)	19.45%	64	16.73%	35	
7 Massachusetts	5,442	1,045	(4,397)	19.20%	62	16.37%	37	
8 Rhode Island	336	59	(277)	17.56%	-	15.20%	39	
9 Connecticut	1,867	323	(1,544)	17.30%	3	14.75%	42	
10 Maine	2,617	448	(2,169)	17.12%	86	10.49%	46	
11 New York	29,864	4,969	(24,895)	16.64%	767	12.33%	45	
12 Dist. of Columbia	114	17	(97)	14.91%	5	7.96%	52	
13 West Virginia	2,362	284	(2,078)	12.02%	-	9.70%	51	
14 Pennsylvania	60,803	6,450	(54,353)	10.61%	417	9.92%	54	
TOTALS	140,932	22,605	(118,327)	16.04%	2,103			

10/13/22		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1	21,519	5,938	(15,581)	27.59%	225	21.59%	18	
2 Indiana 1	36,387	7,758	(28,629)	21.32%	327	19.00%	32	
3 Ohio 1	30,636	6,458	(24,178)	21.08%	554	18.75%	33	
4 Michigan	24,271	4,617	(19,654)	19.02%	356	15.65%	40	
5 New York	29,864	4,969	(24,895)	16.64%	1,705	14.60%	46	
6 Pennsylvania	60,803	6,450	(54,353)	10.61%	417	8.80%	54	
TOTALS	203,480	36,190	(167,290)	17.79%	3,584			

National Membership Totals	367,798	76,459	(291,339)	20.79%	5,510	17.96%		
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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%





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)

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

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

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

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 # _____