

California Sons of The American Legion Squadron leads effort to assist homeless veterans



Post 184 Facebook photo

The American Legion | November 3, 2022

California American Legion Auxiliary member Dawn Anzack started the nonprofit Joseph's Gift after her nephew, U.S. Cpl. Joseph Anzack, was killed while serving in Iraq in 2007. Anzack's combat team was ambushed and captured; his body was found 11 days later.

Dawn formed the nonprofit to honor her nephew, doing so by providing holiday gifts to the children of severely injured servicemembers and supporting military families in financial need.

The nonprofit also has begun helping the homeless veterans receiving either emergency or long-term housing at the U.S. VETS-Inland Empire March Veterans Village located next to March Air Reserve Base. And that effort has received full support from Sons of The American Legion Squadron 184 in Redondo Beach, Calif.

A recent effort by Squadron 184 resulted in the collection of more than 1,000 pounds of hygiene products,

supplies and non-perishable food. An additional \$1,000 was raised to purchase perishable food at the homeless facility's commissary.

"We adopted Joseph's Gift as our main charity," Squadron 184 Commander Ed Mannes said. "Joseph is an alum at a local high school. I went to that high school, and he was there when my daughters were there. We said, 'This is an organization that's really trying to help and do things.' That's No. 1. And No. 2, it's a local connection. It's not giving blindly to some national group type of thing. We wanted more of a hands-on type of approach."

Dawn, a member of Auxiliary Unit 184, said Joseph's Gift is a one-person operation. Assistance like that provided by Squadron 184 and the rest of the post's Legion Family "gives me credibility. And the guys down there are very helpful and very supportive. I'd come up with (the idea for the collection drive), and they helped me run with it."

Items collected during the drive included toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shaving cream and razors, shampoo, laundry detergent and packaged foods.

Squadron 184 does regularly BBQs as fundraisers, which helped pay for the food purchase at the commissary. Squadron 184 also has helped with the cost of shipping care packages to servicemembers through Joseph's Gift.

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PNVC 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

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE

November 9, 2022



CHRIS CARLTON

NATIONAL COMMANDER

2022 – 2023

"Purpose is why we journey;
passion is the flame that lights the way."



DAVID MENNEL

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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Third Thursday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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7:00 p.m. Mountain Time

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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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 7:00 p.m. Central
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
 7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
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VETERANS DAY

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

PULLED PORK, HOTDOGS, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, MAC SALAD, POTATO SALAD, & CHIPS

VETERANS WITH ID = FREE
VETERANS WITH ID + SPOUSE = FREE
NON-VETERANS & CHILDREN = \$5 PER PERSON

26100 LEGION RD. LANGSVILLE, OH
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Dawn said it took four trips to deliver all of the collected items. "After that, I went and talked to the veterans," she said. "The ones that I met, they were Vietnam vets, there were Desert Storm vets. They were older veterans who are off the street for the first time in a long time, and there was one guy who was on the verge of going on the street when he found this transitional housing. I'm all in now that I've talked to these guys."

Dawn praised Squadron 184 and the rest of the post for what they've meant to her charity. "This post has been so supportive," she said. "I have nothing but good things to say about this post. Every time I come up with an idea, these guys are like, 'We're in.'"

"It really is life-changing to know that you can help somebody through something as simple as this. People want to help. We just don't know how, because our military goes, 'We're fine. We're fine. We don't need anything.' And that's not true."



VETERANS DAY 2022

Honor Guard at Valhalla Monuments/Gazebo 0800 - 1100
 Veterans Day Ceremony 1100 (11:00 AM)

★ **Friday, November 11th**
 Immediately following the 11:00 AM ceremony, weather permitting, there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on our lawn.

★ **American Legion Adolph Pfister Post 1038**
 27 Legion Drive, Valhalla, NY

Hot dogs and beverages will be served. Bring a lawn chair.

★ **We welcome all to attend**
 Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and Family,
 All local Boy/Cub and Girl Scouts
 Post 9/11 Veterans, OIF/OND/OEF, War on Terror, Desert Storm, Desert Shield,
 Veterans and Family, and Community are invited.

★ **ARMY - NAVY - MARINES - AIR FORCE - COAST GUARD - SPACE FORCE**
 WWW.ALPOST1038NY.ORG



NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee

Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman

Americanism Commission

Chris Casey (NE), Chairman
Fourth Thursday of Each Month
7:30 p.m. Eastern
(508) 924 3315

The Americanism Commission discussed the Detachment goals for Flying Flags for Heroes at our last business meeting. We decided to utilize the 2022 Sons of The American Legion membership numbers to determine a per capita amount.

The per capita is 4.12 (4.118729...) and the attached PDF has the goals for each Detachment after multiplying their 2022 membership number by the per capita amount.

The Americanism Commission is asking for your assistance to ensure success of the program this year. Please get your flag placement events registered on the FFFH website. Remember to return to the website after your event and record the number of flags placed. You can also upload any pictures you may have as well.

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com



Flying Flags For Heroes Goals

Detachment	2022	FFFH Goal
	Membership	for 2022-2023
Alabama	2,044	8,421
Alaska	1,609	6,629
Arizona	8,045	33,145
Arkansas	440	1,813
California	10,628	43,787
Colorado	2,736	11,272
Connecticut	1,852	7,630
Delaware	2,422	9,979
Dist. of Columbia	113	465
Florida	21,359	87,999
France	153	630
Georgia	4,436	18,276
Hawaii	75	309
Idaho	639	2,633
Illinois	13,198	54,376
Indiana	35,693	147,055
Iowa	4,825	19,879
Kansas	5,815	23,958
Kentucky	2,549	10,502
Louisiana	1,752	7,218
Maine	2,592	10,679
Maryland	15,991	65,883
Massachusetts	5,447	22,442
Mexico	31	128
Michigan	24,226	99,811
Minnesota	11,215	46,206
Mississippi	721	2,971
Missouri	3,190	13,143
Montana	1,083	4,462
Nebraska	6,886	28,370
Nevada	359	1,479
New Hampshire	5,715	23,546
New Jersey	9,279	38,229
New Mexico	1,483	6,110
New York	29,675	122,261
North Carolina	2,694	11,099
North Dakota	1,048	4,318
Ohio	30,010	123,641
Oklahoma	1,318	5,430
Oregon	1,412	5,817
Pennsylvania	60,220	248,106
Phillipines	68	280
Puerto Rico	121	499
Rhode Island	330	1,360
South Carolina	1,476	6,081
South Dakota	1,354	5,578
Tennessee	1,677	6,909
Texas	5,546	22,850
Utah	442	1,821
Vermont	3,810	15,697
Virginia	4,056	16,711
Washington	2,496	10,284
West Virginia	2,385	9,826
Wisconsin	4,162	17,147
Wyoming	1,289	5,311
Totals	364,190	1,500,461



as of November 4, 2022

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

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman
jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman
 Third Wednesday of Each Month
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
 (605) 472-5332 | 808 417
 Online Meeting ID:

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

At the Child Welfare Foundation Board Fall NEC meeting the following grants were awarded for the 2023 Year:

- The American Legion Children and Youth National Programs - 2023 \$500,000
- The American Legion Auxiliary (Scholarships) \$65,000

No external (non-Legion family organizations) were awarded at the meeting. Remaining funds available to be awarded were tabled due to possible future economic concerns. The Board requested for the National Judge Advocate to review the original trust that set up the Child Welfare Foundation to ensure that grant applications submitted are in align with the trust's intentions. The American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons will also review the trust.

The amount of the American Legion Children and Youth National Programs award was based on an anticipated \$500,000 deficit in Children activity. The amount previously requested was \$425,000. The Auxiliary award is based on the amount designated for scholarships.

This will be revisited at the Spring 2023 NEC. I will keep the membership updated as information is available.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CWF - DONATIONS REPORT

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,046	\$ 2,046.00	\$ 55.00	2.7%	\$ 0.03
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,611	\$ 1,611.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,045	\$ 8,045.00	\$ 7,395.00	91.9%	\$ 0.92
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 6,842.48	440	\$ 440.00	\$ 200.00	45.5%	\$ 0.45
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,671	\$ 10,671.00	\$ 1,108.56	10.4%	\$ 0.10
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,737	\$ 2,737.00	\$ 3,630.00	132.6%	\$ 1.33
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,852	\$ 1,852.00	\$ 100.00	5.4%	\$ 0.05
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,426	\$ 2,426.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	113	\$ 113.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,383	\$ 21,383.00	\$ 18,130.00	84.8%	\$ 0.85
FR - FRANCE	\$ -	153	\$ 153.00	\$ 100.00	65.4%	\$ 0.65
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,769.00	4,438	\$ 4,438.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	639	\$ 639.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,201	\$ 13,201.00	\$ 1,886.78	14.3%	\$ 0.14
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,717	\$ 35,717.00	\$ 25.00	0.1%	\$ 0.00
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,825	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 150.00	3.1%	\$ 0.03
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,815	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 365.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,564	\$ 2,564.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,754	\$ 1,754.00	\$ 1,260.00	71.8%	\$ 0.72
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,592	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,007	\$ 16,007.00	\$ 580.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,459	\$ 5,459.00	\$ 121.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,234	\$ 24,234.00	\$ 2,585.00	10.7%	\$ 0.11
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,218	\$ 11,218.00	\$ 4,521.75	40.3%	\$ 0.40
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	721	\$ 721.00	\$ 137.00	19.0%	\$ 0.19
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,190	\$ 3,190.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,083	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 100.00	9.2%	\$ 0.09
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,890	\$ 6,890.00	\$ 4,745.00	68.9%	\$ 0.69
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	359	\$ 359.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,755	\$ 5,755.00	\$ 2,488.78	43.2%	\$ 0.43
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,281	\$ 9,281.00	\$ 270.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,483	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 4,300.00	290.0%	\$ 2.90
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,707	\$ 29,707.00	\$ 7,106.00	23.9%	\$ 0.24
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,694	\$ 2,694.00	\$ 443.00	16.4%	\$ 0.16
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,049	\$ 1,049.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,037	\$ 30,037.00	\$ 3,230.00	10.8%	\$ 0.11
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,318	\$ 1,318.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,423	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 112.00	7.9%	\$ 0.08
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,247	\$ 60,247.00	\$ 3,970.98	6.6%	\$ 0.07
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	68	\$ 68.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ 10.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,480	\$ 1,480.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,354	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 1,451.85	107.2%	\$ 1.07
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,678	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 911.61	54.3%	\$ 0.54
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,546	\$ 5,546.00	\$ 1,525.00	27.5%	\$ 0.27
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 400.00	90.5%	\$ 0.90
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,812	\$ 3,812.00	\$ 1,950.00	51.2%	\$ 0.51
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,067	\$ 4,067.00	\$ 10,800.00	265.6%	\$ 2.66
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,497	\$ 2,497.00	\$ 600.00	24.0%	\$ 0.24
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,385	\$ 2,385.00	\$ 2,727.25	114.4%	\$ 1.14
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,162	\$ 4,162.00	\$ 105.00	2.5%	\$ 0.03
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,289	\$ 1,289.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,699.91		
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	364,514	\$ 364,514.00	\$ 93,446.47	25.6%	\$ 0.26

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EASTERN REGION						
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NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,707	\$ 29,707.00	\$ 7,106.00	23.9%	\$ 0.24
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RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,812	\$ 3,812.00	\$ 1,950.00	51.2%	\$ 0.51
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,385	\$ 2,385.00	\$ 2,727.25	114.4%	\$ 1.14
Total:	\$ 91,331.91	140,119	\$ 140,119.00	\$ 19,564.01	14.0%	\$ 0.14

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OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,037	\$ 30,037.00	\$ 3,230.00	10.8%	\$ 0.11
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,162	\$ 4,162.00	\$ 105.00	2.5%	\$ 0.03
Total:	\$ 82,641.55	126,584	\$ 126,584.00	\$ 12,503.53	9.9%	\$ 0.10

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HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
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Total:	\$ 38,784.81	25,830	\$ 25,830.00	\$ 9,615.56	37.2%	\$ 0.37

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ARKANSAS	\$ -	440	\$ 440.00	\$ 200.00	45.5%	\$ 0.45
FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,383	\$ 21,383.00	\$ 18,130.00	84.8%	\$ 0.85
GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,438	\$ 4,438.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,564	\$ 2,564.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,754	\$ 1,754.00	\$ 1,280.00	71.8%	\$ 0.72
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TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,678	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 911.61	54.3%	\$ 0.54
VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,067	\$ 4,067.00	\$ 10,800.00	265.6%	\$ 2.68
Total:	\$ 68,780.20	43,386	\$ 43,386.00	\$ 31,946.61	73.6%	\$ 0.74

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,737	\$ 2,737.00	\$ 3,630.00	132.6%	\$ 1.33
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,815	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 365.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
MEXICO	\$ -	31	\$ 31.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,083	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 100.00	9.2%	\$ 0.09
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,890	\$ 6,890.00	\$ 4,745.00	68.9%	\$ 0.69
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NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,049	\$ 1,049.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,318	\$ 1,318.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,354	\$ 1,354.00	\$ 1,451.85	107.2%	\$ 1.07
TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,546	\$ 5,546.00	\$ 1,525.00	27.5%	\$ 0.27
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,289	\$ 1,289.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 64,074.78	28,595	\$ 28,595.00	\$ 16,116.85	56.4%	\$ 0.56

NATIONAL HQ:	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -	\$ 3,699.91		
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 349,789.25	364,514	\$ 364,514.00	\$ 93,446.47	25.6%	\$ 0.26
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SAL DONATIONS AS OF: NOVEMBER 4, 2022

2022 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman
Second Wednesday of Each Month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

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November is NATIONAL RENEWAL MONTH

RENEW TODAY!

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman
Third Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(605) 472-5756 | 771 7294#

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

Very nice improvement over the last few weeks; let's keep it going. Congratulations to NVC Kirschner and Regional Chairman Harris, along with the Midwest Region, for joining the South at 35%!!

Honor the Veteran that gave you your eligibility to join the Sons. It's not the price of your membership that matters, it's the sacrifice of those that gave you the privilege!!

RECRUIT-RENEW-REINSTATE

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: NOVEMBER 3, 2022

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 35% TARGET 11/9/2022	2023 ACTUAL MBRSH	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-54	81	105.19%	93.42
2	LOUISIANA	1,790	-560	1,186	66.26%	61.74
3	PUERTO RICO	123	-25	68	55.28%	26.23
4	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-267	739	54.82%	45.46
5	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-259	736	54.04%	42.21
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-718	2,289	50.98%	44.79
7	MISSISSIPPI	722	-94	347	48.06%	43.49
8	WISCONSIN	4,187	-542	2,007	47.93%	43.42
9	ALABAMA	2,066	-195	918	44.43%	38.13
10	FRANCE	158	-14	69	43.67%	43.79
11	ILLINOIS	13,398	-1,037	5,726	42.74%	40.25
12	MARYLAND	16,058	-779	6,399	39.85%	36.08
13	IOWA	4,857	-168	1,868	38.46%	34.63
14	IDAHO	644	-22	247	38.35%	32.86
15	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-85	1,039	38.10%	31.47
16	VERMONT	3,818	-99	1,435	37.59%	34.26
17	FLORIDA	21,519	-526	8,058	37.45%	30.04
18	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-25	395	37.41%	31.36
19	MISSOURI	3,219	-59	1,186	36.84%	31.44
20	MONTANA	1,108	-20	408	36.82%	34.29
21	DELAWARE	2,430	-40	890	36.63%	30.58
22	OREGON	1,414	-11	506	35.79%	28.38
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-25	2,480	35.35%	34.01
24	TENNESSEE	1,718	3	598	34.81%	27.35
25	KANSAS	5,919	30	2,042	34.50%	31.13
26	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	13	503	34.15%	28.93
27	TEXAS	5,569	72	1,877	33.70%	28.24
28	ALASKA	1,608	25	538	33.46%	27.68
29	CONNECTICUT	1,867	50	603	32.30%	28.73
30	MEXICO	31	1	10	32.26%	16.13
31	OHIO	30,636	1,080	9,643	31.48%	28.60
32	INDIANA	36,387	1,284	11,451	31.47%	28.35
33	COLORADO	2,729	97	858	31.44%	27.84
34	NEVADA	357	13	112	31.37%	27.30
35	NEW JERSEY	9,386	433	2,852	30.39%	27.49
36	VIRGINIA	4,109	192	1,246	30.32%	25.71
37	CALIFORNIA	10,714	502	3,248	30.32%	25.27
38	WYOMING	1,298	62	392	30.20%	26.39
39	ARKANSAS	447	22	134	29.98%	25.28
40	UTAH	449	24	133	29.62%	21.67
41	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	296	1,609	29.57%	26.49
42	NEW YORK	29,864	1,864	8,588	28.76%	25.86
43	RHODE ISLAND	336	24	94	27.98%	24.24
44	MICHIGAN	24,271	1,798	6,697	27.59%	23.37
45	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	455	1,532	26.99%	24.60
46	MAINE	2,617	220	696	26.60%	21.83
47	MINNESOTA	11,378	1,076	2,906	25.54%	24.16
48	ARIZONA	8,004	1,078	1,723	21.53%	15.94
49	KENTUCKY	2,609	355	558	21.39%	18.44
50	NEW MEXICO	1,483	211	308	20.77%	16.72
51	WASHINGTON	2,485	371	499	20.08%	14.62
52	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	388	439	18.59%	15.33
53	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	10,104	11,177	18.38%	15.89
54	DIST OF COL	114	23	17	14.91%	11.50
55	PHILIPPINES	70	23	2	2.86%	1.47
Grand Totals:		367,798	16,567	112,162	30.50%	26.77

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	81	105.19%
IDAHO	644	247	38.35%
OREGON	1,414	506	35.79%
ALASKA	1,608	538	33.46%
NEVADA	357	112	31.37%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	3,248	30.32%
UTAH	449	133	29.62%
ARIZONA	8,004	1,723	21.53%
WASHINGTON	2,485	499	20.08%
PHILIPPINES	70	2	2.86%
Totals:	25,822	7,089	27.45%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
OKLAHOMA	1,348	739	54.82%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	736	54.04%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	395	37.41%
MONTANA	1,108	408	36.82%
NEBRASKA	7,015	2,480	35.35%
KANSAS	5,919	2,042	34.50%
TEXAS	5,569	1,877	33.70%
MEXICO	31	10	32.26%
COLORADO	2,729	858	31.44%
WYOMING	1,298	392	30.20%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	308	20.77%
Totals:	28,918	10,245	35.43%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,187	2,007	47.93%
ILLINOIS	13,398	5,726	42.74%
IOWA	4,857	1,868	38.46%
MISSOURI	3,219	1,186	36.84%
OHIO	30,636	9,643	31.48%
INDIANA	36,387	11,451	31.47%
MICHIGAN	24,271	6,697	27.59%
MINNESOTA	11,378	2,906	25.54%
Totals:	128,333	41,484	32.33%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	69	43.67%
MARYLAND	16,058	6,399	39.85%
VERMONT	3,818	1,435	37.59%
DELAWARE	2,430	890	36.63%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	603	32.30%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	2,852	30.39%
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MAINE	2,617	696	26.60%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	439	18.59%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	11,177	18.38%
DIST OF COL	114	17	14.91%
Totals:	140,932	36,400	25.83%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,186	66.26%
PUERTO RICO	123	68	55.28%
GEORGIA	4,490	2,289	50.98%
MISSISSIPPI	722	347	48.06%
ALABAMA	2,066	918	44.43%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	1,039	38.10%
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ARKANSAS	447	134	29.98%
KENTUCKY	2,609	558	21.39%
Totals:	43,793	16,944	38.69%

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

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Selection Committee

James Hartman (MD), Chairman

Public and Media Communications Commission

Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



Videos of Service Contest



1. Record a video showing SAL members promoting the following categories

- American Legion Program Support
- Membership and Recruitment
- Community Engagement

2. Post to any of your social media platforms

3. Send us a link to your published video at sons.public.media+videos@gmail.com

Rules and submission forms are available at www.legion.org/sons/publications

Sons of The American Legion National Public & Media Communications Commission

Sons of The American Legion Videos of Service Contest Rules

Contest name

Sons of The American Legion Videos of Service

Categories

Membership & Recruitment

Videos that encourage new members and renewals

Program Support

Videos that highlight, promote, encourage, or display participation in our Legion programs

Community Engagement

Videos that show detachments or squadrons involved in work in our communities

Eligible social media platforms

- Facebook
- You Tube
- Instagram
- Any emerging platform deemed appropriate by a vote of the PMCC

Rules

- The SAL Video Contest is open to all members of The Sons of The American Legion.
- Videos must contain members of the SAL with their covers or identifiable clothing on during the activity or event.
- Videos shall fall under one of these three categories: Program Support, Community Engagement, or Membership and Recruitment.
- Videos should be under 5 minutes and be published to one of the approved social media platforms.
- Videos must be published and a link to its published location emailed to the PMCC using the downloaded fillable pdf application form.
- The contest will run annually with an end and start date of the 100% membership target date.

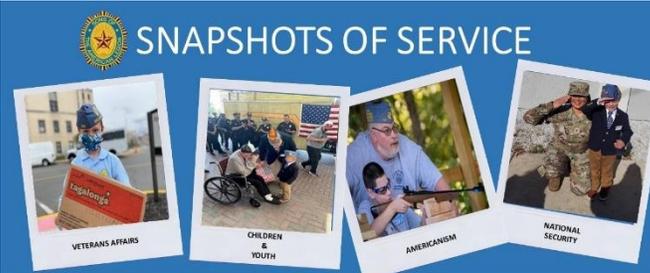
Judging

Judging will be conducted by the PMCC on the following criteria:

- Video Quality
- Content
- Branding

Awards

Awards will be given for the 1st and 2nd place entries in each of the 3 categories.



SNAPSHOTS OF SERVICE

Sons of The American Legion Snapshots of Service Contest
Send your photos to: sons.public.media+snapshots@gmail.com

Click [here](#) for entry & release forms

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Subcommittee on National Appointments

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Fourth Monday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1668 0686

Passcode: 243945

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coats (NY), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Minister Jeffrey L. Gibson Sr.

National Chaplain

Sons of The American Legion



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Video of Service Contest

Entry Submittal Form for 20 22

This form and a brief description and link to video URL must be sent with your entry.

Name of Submitter:

Membership ID:

Squadron Number:

Detachment:

Category of submitted application:

Membership & Recruitment:

Program Support:

Community Engagement:

What Social Media Platform Used?

URL address:

Brief description of the event and identification of participants:

Email this completed form to Kevin Chaplin at "sons.public.media+video@gmail.com"

Click [here](#) for a fillable version of this form

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Legion Family crossed Florida to help hurricane victims

The American Legion | November 2, 2022

After missing the brunt of Hurricane Ian, Legion Family in Florida's 16th District moved quickly to help their comrades. On Oct. 8, Legion Riders and others from the 16th District delivered items collected at Post 104 in Pinellas Park to Post 25 in Lake Placid, a 300-mile round trip.

"We raised about \$30,000 with cash donations and items," said District 16 Commander Eric Nestler, who noted that he and the district's Legion Riders chairman, Bob Ordner, "did everything to pull this thing together and get all these donations and items down there as fast as possible."

They also collected six generators to help posts who had lost power.

"When we got there, the mighty 16th District had their own manpower and we all unloaded all of the trucks and moving trucks and trailers," Nestler added.

In a thank-you message on the district Legion Riders' [Facebook page](#), leadership noted "it took an enormous amount of brainstorming, planning, putting together and then going out and actually making it happen."



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SPORTS

Legion Baseball flashback: Arizona's champion coach

Richard Walker | November 2, 2022



Before Jim Brock became a national championship-winning college coach, he guided Phoenix Post 1 to the only American Legion World Series title in Arizona history.

That came in 1961 when the team sponsored by Kerr Sporting Goods overcame early losses in the Arizona state tournament and the ALWS sandwiched around an

unbeaten run to the Western Regional title to finish 39-3 overall and claim its historic title.

At the time, Brock had just turned 25, had been coaching American Legion Baseball for eight years and was three years away from beginning a college head coaching career that would eventually result in 1,262 victories, four national championships and a 2007 induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Before coaching Mesa, Ariz., Community College to two National Junior College Athletic Association titles and Arizona State to two College World Series titles, Brock built Phoenix into an American Legion Baseball power.

First coaching in 1954 when he was 17, Brock guided Post 1 to five state titles and two ALWS appearances in a six-year stretch from 1956 to 1961.

During the 1961 season, Phoenix was fortunate to advance into national American Legion Baseball tournament competition.

After a 6-5 win in the opening round of the double-elimination Arizona state tournament, Tucson beat Phoenix 6-0. It was the second loss Post 1 had suffered against Tucson during the season and left Phoenix facing a daunting task over the next two days.

Post 1 was up to the challenge as it would win three straight one-run games including two straight against Tucson to claim Arizona's berth in the national tournament. After a 5-4 victory over Chandler, Phoenix beat Tucson twice — 5-4 in 13 innings and 8-7.

In the 5-4 victory over Tucson, Post 1 scored once in the bottom of the 9th to tie the score at 2 and tallied two runs in the bottom the 10th to tie the score at 4 before Greg Sorenson's squeeze bunt in the bottom of the 13th drove in the game-winner.

In the winner-take-all finale, Dan Swingle made his fourth pitching appearance of the event, and he threw 5 1-3 innings of relief for the victory that earned him tournament MVP honors. Gary Wolf, Larry Martin, Dan Swingle, and Sorenson were Phoenix's offensive standouts.

The Western Regional was a much easier task as Post 1 rolled to four straight victories at Bend, Ore., capped by a 4-2 victory over Hawthorne, Nev., in the finals. Joe Swingle hit .500 in the regional and Bucky Staley threw a 5-hitter with 11 strikeouts in the title game.

The ALWS presented a chance at redemption for Brock and six of his players — Wolf, Martin, Sorenson, Bob Conner, Jim Myers and Rich Chiate — as Phoenix had gone 0-2 to finish fourth in a four-team ALWS in 1959.

After beating Billings, Mont., 5-3 in its 1961 ALWS opener in Hastings, Neb., Post 1 lost 5-3 to Cincinnati, Ohio, to fall into the loser's bracket.

But just as Phoenix had done in its state tournament, the team showed its championship resolve.

Post 1 eliminated Billings 5-4 in 11 innings, then knocked off Brooklawn, N.J., 4-3 before beating Cincinnati twice — 2-0 and 4-1 — to take its title.

Staley won the James F. Daniel Jr., Memorial Sportsman-ship Award after pitching two complete-game victories. Other standouts were Dan Swingle (two pitching wins), Wolf

and Martin. Wolf and Martin had back-to-back triples in a two-run eighth that overcame an early 1-0 deficit in the championship game.

Three years later, Brock would begin an eight-year head coaching career at Mesa that was capped by 1970 and 1971 NJCAA championships.

Then, when Bobby Winkles left the Arizona State coaching job to become a major league assistant coach, Brock began what would become one of the winningest college baseball coaching tenures in history. He guided the Sun Devils to a 1099-441-1 record from 1972 to 1994 with 1977 and 1981 College World Series titles and 13 CWS appearances.

Brock's last game as head coach came just days before he died of liver and colon cancer on June 12, 1994.

Brock coached 112 all-conference honorees, 48 first team All-Americans, 190 major league draft picks (15 1st-rounders) and 60 eventual major league players, among them seven-time National League MVP and all-time major league home run leader Barry Bonds and future major league standouts Floyd Bannister, Bump Wills, Ken Landreaux, Bob Horner, Hubie Brooks, Alvin Davis, Kevin Romine, Oddibe McDowell and Mike Kelly.



FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations to the Detachment of Hawai'i for surpassing the 105% goal. Keep up the awesome work!

As we celebrate Veterans Day this coming Friday, please take pictures, of your ceremonies, events, and activities. I would love to show how you honored our veterans in the coming weeks, but cannot do it without your help. Thanks in advance!

I also want to thank our new subscribers and to the members who share this publication. It's great to get information out, and you help make it happen. Past National Historian Bill Towns always says, "If we don't tell them, how will they know?" Be redistributing Round-Up, you are helping tell our story.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday. It's another way to honor our veterans who served and fought for our right to be able to vote. And ask a veteran if he or she may need a ride to their polling place.

Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible. Renew Today!

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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Let our numbers be known

November 2, 2022

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

American Legion members around the world logged no less than 13,775,339 volunteer community-service hours in the 2021-22 membership year. I say “no less” because only about 67% of our more than 12,200 local posts submitted reports for the year.

Legionnaires also raised more than \$10.7 million for local charities, in addition to the dollars put to work for the National Emergency Fund, Legacy Scholarships, the Veterans

& Children Foundation and simply to provide cash assistance – nearly \$1 million – for local VA hospitals.

Consolidated Post Reports are the mechanism we use to measure The American Legion’s impact in local communities. We simply count and report the hours, dollars, and numbers of participants to show in quantifiable ways how our organization lives up to its motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.”

The CPR is how we know that more than 3,700 posts conducted Buddy Check operations in 2020 and 2021. The report quantifies flag-education activities, Scouting sponsorships, jobs obtained for veterans and their families, units of blood donated (nearly 74,000 in 2021-22, a good year, by the way), Veterans Day events, American Legion Boys State participants and many other forms of service.

It all adds up, and it adds up to a lot, even when over 30% of posts don’t send in their numbers.

The CPR is not just another report to send to National Headquarters. It is a tool that can be used in local and state media to show how posts or departments fulfill important responsibilities, from disaster relief plans to nonpartisan “Get Out the Vote” activities.

National Headquarters posts highlights from the CPRs in the [“By the Numbers” section of the national website](#), and often uses CPRs as a source for the monthly [Membership Impact Reports](#). These figures are quoted in testimony before Congress and submitted as part of our federal charter reporting responsibility.

I strongly encourage all members to keep track of their hours, dollars and community members assisted and keep a running tally through the year on MyLegion.org or by [using a fillable PDF document](#), saving it and sending it to Headquarters at the end of the year.

Especially now, with Veterans Day coming right up, Legionnaires everywhere will be performing great duties, inviting the public to ceremonies, and sharing the ways in which they are strengthening the nation, one community at a time. This is truly a time to shine, but no will know about it if we don’t report it.

The American Legion story can’t always be told in numbers alone, but they really do make a difference when we talk about measurable performance – so often counted in the millions and tens of millions – when others may wonder what it is we do and how that all adds up to Veterans Strengthening America.

Consolidated American Legion Post Reports and Sons of The American Legion Consolidated Squadron Reports for the year ending June 30, 2023, are now posted on www.myLegion.org and ready for completion and submission by the Aug. 31, 2023, deadline.

Vincent “Jim” Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

Court rules that VA must reimburse veterans for emergency care at non-VA facilities

The American Legion | November 3, 2022

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit invalidated a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulation prohibiting VA from reimbursing veterans with health insurance for certain out-of-pocket expenses for emergency medical care at non-VA facilities.

The ruling marks the third time a court has invalidated a VA regulation prohibiting reimbursement of a veteran’s liability to non-VA emergency health care providers for copays not covered by insurance.

The court determined that VA is required to reimburse veterans for insurance copays where the veteran would be responsible under their private insurance policies for emergency care. The ruling also dictated that VA must expedite the process of issuing a new rule, setting a deadline of Feb. 22, 2023.

“The court’s ruling today is a huge victory for veterans and their families. It finally puts to rest any ambiguity regarding reimbursement of coinsurance expenses for emergency care at non-VA facilities,” said National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) Co-Founder and Special Counsel Bart Stichman. “We greatly appreciate the court directing the VA to process claims during the rulemaking process. Veterans have waited long enough and endured great financial hardships waiting to be reimbursed for these expenses.”

NVLSP, along with pro bono counsel Sidley Austin LLP, filed a petition on behalf of Joshua Kimmel and Amanda Wolfe challenging VA’s regulation prohibiting reimbursement for emergency medical care expenses at non-VA facilities. This was the same regulation that was at issue in [Wolfe v. Wilkie](#).

“Based on prior VA estimates regarding compliance with [Wolfe v. Wilkie](#), this ruling will require VA to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to veterans who file

reimbursement claims for emergency medical care reimbursements,” said Stichman.

The American Legion supports this change through [Resolution No. 182](#): Non-Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Care. Resolution No. 182 stipulates that The American Legion support legislation urging VA to promptly pay non-VA providers for emergency care furnished and that VA conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payments of claims for emergency medical care furnished by non-VA medical providers.



250 years for America, coming soon

The American Legion | October 26, 2022

The [America250 Foundation](#), formed in support of the congressionally established U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, is looking for American Legion assistance in coordinating the national observance – on every level – of the United States’ 250th birthday in 2026.

As commission representative David Hamon reported in Milwaukee in August, Past Department of California Commander Autrey James serves on the Veterans, Military Affairs & Family Members Advisory Council, one of 12 national councils. On a state level, Legion departments and even posts can reach out to be part of the celebration through state commissions. Below is a list of states with commission contacts, states without commission contacts, and states with no announced commissions yet.

States with established commissions and contacts:

- Kentucky - Tyler McDaniel, tyler.mcdaniel@ky.gov
- Maryland - Angela Berard, angela.berard@maryland.gov
- Massachusetts - Jonathan Lane, jlane@masshist.org
- Ohio - Todd Kleismit, tkleismit@ohiohistory.org
- Pennsylvania - Cassandra Coleman, ccoleman@america250pa.org
- Rhode Island - Nick Edwards, nedwards@sos.ri.gov
- South Carolina - Molly Fortune, mfortune@southcarolina250.com
- Virginia - Cheryl Wilson, cheryl.wilson@jyf.virginia.gov

States with established commissions without contacts:

Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

For questions regarding commissions that do not yet have contacts or states that have not yet established a commission, contact Shawn McBurney, America250's senior manager of state outreach, at smcburney@america250.org, or Grace LeFevre, coordinator of state outreach, at glefevre@america250.org. For questions on veterans and/or military-related issues, contact David Hamon at dhamon@america250.org.



Stars and Stripes photo

'Someone has to do it': American vets in Ukraine train front-line medics as war rages with Russia

Svetlana Shkolnikova /Stars and Stripes | November 3, 2022

Bathed in red light and surrounded by the booming sound of explosions, Ukrainian soldiers and civilians raced against the clock to stanch wounds before their comrades bleed out.

White strobe lights flashed in the darkness, and a woman screamed as they strapped tourniquets on limbs, checked for labored breathing and ran through smoke to evacuate casualties to safety.

The simulated scene repeats on a regular basis in the basement of a run-down military training school near the outskirts of Ukraine's capital city, where instructors with the Ukrainian outfit KoLeSo and the American nonprofit Task Force Yankee Ukraine teach soldiers and civilians the basics of combat medical care.

"It's one thing to know how to put a tourniquet on and how to stuff a wound but to save a life in chaos is a whole

different thing, and that's what you've got to learn," said Mike Postupak, 56, who served as a U.S. Marine corporal and now leads Kyiv operations for the American group.

Founded by four U.S. veterans in the early days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, [Task Force Yankee Ukraine](#) has crisscrossed the country to prepare more than 12,000 Ukrainians to treat the unique injuries of war.

They offer an unmatched American military export: training in [Tactical Combat Casualty Care](#), or TCCC, which is considered the gold standard for trauma life support on the battlefield. The set of guidelines developed by the Pentagon aims to identify and stop massive bleeding, respiratory impairment and other ailments caused by serious injury until a casualty can be transported to a hospital.

[KoLeSo](#) adapted the methodology for its own training system in 2014, after Russia's first incursion into Ukraine, and regularly works with Americans to supplement its teaching staff. Members of the all-volunteer Task Force Yankee Ukraine step in several times a week to teach classes and hold their own trainings to meet high demand. The makeup of the group changes frequently. Most are veterans, others are either paramedics or first responders. Some are not Americans.

"We keep this going every day," American veteran Angel Luna said as he watched a class practice wrapping casualties in foil to retain heat and lessen blood loss. "Most of the people we get have never held a weapon in their hand, so this is doing a great deal; and the people we train, they use their knowledge, and they train other soldiers. It's a ripple effect."

Luna, who was a specialist with the North Carolina National Guard, quit his job in a Walmart warehouse in Nebraska to join Task Force Yankee Ukraine in May.

He said he was inspired by the words tattooed on his upper arm: "Protect freedom, not just for your country, but for all." He had been following Ukraine's plight since 2016 and flew the country's blue-and-yellow flag in his yard alongside America's.

"I truly believe in these people's freedoms," said Luna, 30. "I feel I have a purpose."

That zeal prompted him to drive to Washington, D.C., at the end of February to stand at attention in front of the Ukrainian Embassy where he was arrested for having firearms in his car.

Luna pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, and he said he served 40 hours of community service.

“What I wanted to do was show the world that America was at the ready to help,” he said.

Recent missile and drone strikes in Kyiv, where the organization’s operations are based and where there is a hostel where all volunteers stay, have not deterred Luna from his mission. The group’s members also travel widely throughout Ukraine to wherever unit commanders need them, including the Kharkiv, Luhansk, Odesa, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia and Lviv regions.

“I understand the risks, and I accept them,” Luna said. “Any one of us here can die any second, but it doesn’t scare me, I’m going to go out there and help.”

The attacks on the capital in mid-October after months of relative calm rattled the civilian population so much that Task Force Yankee Ukraine is now largely training government employees and other nonmilitary city residents, Postupak said.

“It seems to me that they’re kind of feeling the reality of it,” he said. “I stress the point, especially to a lot of the government workers, that you are probably a target on someone’s map and what happened Monday can happen to you here today and maybe your dear friend who you loved is bleeding out in front of you so please learn this.”

Postupak arrived in Kyiv from Oregon in September after itching to come to Ukraine’s aid for months. He is the son of a Ukrainian immigrant father and has family in the country he helped advise as they fled their homes for a cottage in the woods at the start of the war.

“My heart just goes out to the Ukrainian people,” he said.

As Postupak watched Russia’s invasion unfold, he took stock of the skills that he gained through six years of service with the 11th Marine Regiment in the 1980s and decided to put them to use. He was given leave from his private security job, left his wife and two children in the U.S. and tapped into his savings to work as an instructor for no pay until his authorized 90-day stay in Ukraine expires in December.

“It’s fulfilling to see some of the appreciation on people when they’re done,” Postupak said. “Soldiers, for instance, they think they know what to do, but we’ll run a scenario and let them do it and when you point out all the things, they missed they realize, ‘Oh crap everybody would’ve been dead

with what I knew at this time.’ When they see the difference, they’re so appreciative of that.”

Oleksandr, a 54-year-old freshly minted soldier from the occupied port city of Berdiansk, watched intently as his comrades acted out a casualty simulation on the broken pavement of a parking lot on a recent evening. He had dutifully recited the steps of trauma care hours earlier, straining to recall their correct order as a Ukrainian KoLeSo instructor prodded him.

Nearly everything was new to him.

“I knew almost nothing that I learned today — how to use a tourniquet, how to stop heavy bleeding, how to administer first aid,” Oleksandr said, declining to provide his last name for security reasons. “I didn’t know any of this until today.”

Prior to the war, he tended to a 20-acre farm with 10 cows and other livestock. He was in Russia when the fighting began and spent months getting home to the southern Zaporizhzhia region as sanctions sealed off borders, ultimately traveling back through Crimea.

Oleksandr returned to a city under stifling Russian occupation.

“You can’t breathe there, you can’t live there,” he said.

Oleksandr continued moving toward Ukrainian-held territory, paying people to help him evade certain Russian checkpoints as he crossed through the front line. As soon as he could, he headed to a military recruitment office to volunteer for the army.

“My only wish is to run the occupants from our lands, that’s what we all constantly think about and train for,” Oleksandr said.

In addition to training, Task Force Yankee Ukraine has produced first-aid kits for soldiers deploying to the front, transported about 25 tons of medical supplies and humanitarian aid, evacuated wounded civilians, and housed some 300 refugees who flooded into Poland in March, said Joe Meacham, 41, the group’s director of operations and security.

Meacham, a 15-year Army veteran based in Alaska, said the organization is modeled on the structure of an Army or Marine Corps battalion, with staff sections and a command-and-control cell but without “rank or yelling.”

“We have to be delicate because everybody’s a volunteer,” he said.

Most members served in the military, and the group particularly seeks out those with medical training or command experience. Jason Rhind, a 36-year-old from Bermuda, was among the first wave of volunteers with Task Force Yankee Ukraine and had previously served as a teacher and medic in the Royal Bermuda Regiment.

“TCCC is probably one of the most valuable skills you can learn in the military,” he said.

Lidiya Todoraschko, a 42-year-old homemaker, has no intentions of fighting in battle, but she signed up for a first-aid class at the urging of a friend who fought in the country’s eastern Donbas region in 2014 and 2015.

“This is the kind of information that every Kyivan needs to know now,” she said, recovering in the cold air after participating in the red-soaked mass casualty simulation in the basement.

She brought her 18-year-old son, Bohdan, along for the eight-hour day. He is eager to enlist in the Ukrainian army, and she wants him to be prepared in case her efforts to dissuade him fail.

“I’m not sure I’ll be able to keep him at home and in case of an emergency, I want to be confident that he can put on a tourniquet and take care of himself,” Todoraschko said.

Postupak said Task Force Yankee Ukraine tailors training to fit its wide range of students. Service members learn how to establish perimeters for evacuations, for example, while civilians might be taught how to check whether areas are safe to enter and, if need be, how to drag a casualty to a safe place, he said.

Masha had little faith that she would be able to do any of the latter. The 28-year-old survived and escaped the siege of Mariupol and, though hardened by the experience, believes she will be just as distraught if faced with a similar situation.

For three weeks, she hunkered down with her family in their fifth-floor apartment as windows were blown out, and the city burned. She avoided sleeping in her bed for two weeks. When she decided finally to spend the night in her bedroom, she woke up to debris narrowly missing her head. “The state of shock as shards of glass and debris are flying is something I’ve never been in,” Masha said, declining to

provide her last name. “You become overwhelmed and lost and don’t know what to do.”

She came to KoLeSo hoping to gain more practice in high-stress situations. Her parents remain in Russian-occupied Mariupol, lucky to be among the few city residents whose home was not significantly damaged or destroyed.

“At least one person in the family should know how to do this,” Masha said.

Postupak has big dreams for the future of Task Force Yankee Ukraine as more Ukrainians see the value of preparing for the bloody realities of war even far from the front lines. He wants to add training modules on demining or maybe what to do in the event of a nuclear catastrophe. He would like to expand operations to Zaporizhzhia, but that requires more people.

“We’re a hand-to-mouth organization, the more money we get, the more impact we have,” said Meacham, who was a noncommissioned officer in the service.

The group’s personnel, donations and support have dwindled from peaks in the spring and summer as “Ukraine fatigue” sets in, Postupak said. Volunteers constantly come and go, rotating in and out in 90-day cycles to adhere to the country’s visa laws.

“It’s harder to get people to come over here,” Postupak said. “It’s hard to keep things going.”

Task Force Yankee Ukraine is now working with a skeleton crew of six to eight men and will probably scale down further over the bitter Ukrainian winter, he said. Postupak said he anticipates revving back up again in the spring, though he is not certain whether finances will permit him to come back himself.

Postupak said his mission in Ukraine will not feel complete until he has fine-tuned the training and poured all his knowledge into making it the best it could be. Only then will he be comfortable stepping away.

“This program is good, it’s toward the top notch right now, but you can always do better,” he said. “I’d really like to come back and finish the job. Someone has to do it.”

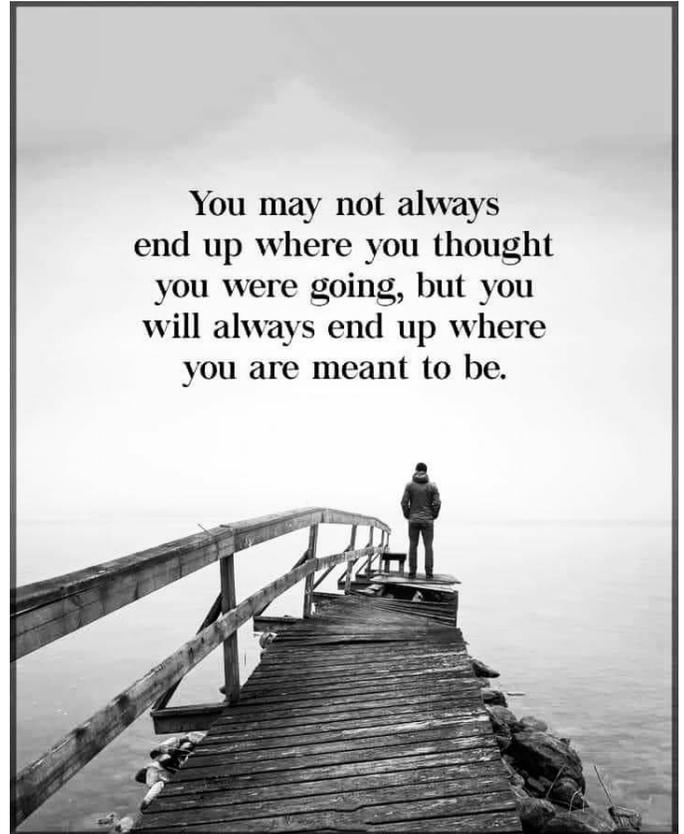
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11/03/22		2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS				
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1, 2, 3	43,793	16,944	(26,849)	38.69%	1,204	
2 Midwestern 1, 3	28,918	10,245	(18,673)	35.43%	752	
3 Central 1	128,333	41,484	(86,849)	32.33%	4,098	
4 Western 1	25,822	7,089	(18,733)	27.45%	1,062	
5 Eastern	140,932	36,400	(104,532)	25.83%	4,416	
TOTALS 1	367,798	112,162	(255,636)	30.50%	11,532	

11/03/22		2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4	4,187	2,007	(2,180)	47.93%	120	43.42%	8	
2 Illinois 1, 2, 3	13,398	5,726	(7,672)	42.74%	125	40.25%	11	
3 Iowa 1, 3	4,857	1,868	(2,989)	38.46%	155	34.63%	13	
4 Missouri 1, 2, 3	3,219	1,186	(2,033)	36.84%	50	31.44%	19	
5 Ohio 1	30,636	9,643	(20,993)	31.48%	1,497	28.60%	31	
6 Indiana 1	36,387	11,451	(24,936)	31.47%	871	28.35%	32	
7 Michigan	24,271	6,697	(17,574)	27.59%	814	23.37%	44	
8 Minnesota	11,378	2,906	(8,472)	25.54%	466	24.16%	47	
TOTALS 1, 2	128,333	41,484	(86,849)	32.33%	3,978			

11/03/22		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, 10	77	81	4	105.19%	1	93.42%	1	10/10/22	
2 Idaho 1, 2, 3	644	247	(397)	38.35%	12	32.86%	14		
3 Oregon 1, 3	1,414	506	(908)	35.79%	45	28.38%	22		
4 Alaska	1,608	538	(1,070)	33.46%	161	27.68%	28		
5 Nevada	357	112	(245)	31.37%	-	27.30%	34		
6 California 1	10,714	3,248	(7,466)	30.32%	550	25.27%	37		
7 Utah	449	133	(316)	29.62%	1	21.67%	40		
8 Arizona	8,004	1,723	(6,281)	21.53%	273	15.94%	48		
9 Washington	2,485	499	(1,986)	20.08%	19	14.62%	51		
10 Phillipines	70	2	(68)	2.86%	-	1.47%	55		
TOTALS 1	25,822	7,089	(18,733)	27.45%	1,062				

11/03/22		2023 SOUTHERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,790	1,186	(604)	66.26%	36	61.74%	2	
2 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4	123	68	(55)	55.28%	-	26.23%	3	
3 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4	4,490	2,289	(2,201)	50.98%	35	44.79%	6	
4 Mississippi 1, 3, 4	722	347	(375)	48.06%	12	43.49%	7	
5 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4	2,066	918	(1,148)	44.43%	24	38.13%	9	
6 North Carolina 1, 2, 3	2,727	1,039	(1,688)	38.10%	62	31.47%	15	
7 Florida 1, 3	21,519	8,058	(13,461)	37.45%	610	30.04%	17	
8 Tennessee 1	1,718	598	(1,120)	34.81%	55	27.35%	24	
9 South Carolina	1,473	503	(970)	34.15%	57	28.93%	26	
10 Virginia	4,109	1,246	(2,863)	30.32%	109	25.71%	36	
11 Arkansas 1	447	134	(313)	29.98%	18	25.28%	39	
12 Kentucky	2,609	558	(2,051)	21.39%	186	18.44%	49	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3	43,793	16,944	(26,849)	38.69%	1,168			

11/03/22		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	739	(609)	54.82%	36	45.46%	4	
2 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4	1,362	736	(626)	54.04%	14	42.21%	5	
3 North Dakota 1, 3	1,056	395	(661)	37.41%	62	31.36%	18	
4 Montana 1, 3	1,108	408	(700)	36.82%	31	34.29%	20	
5 Nebraska 1	7,015	2,480	(4,535)	35.35%	256	34.01%	23	
6 Kansas	5,919	2,042	(3,877)	34.50%	59	31.13%	25	
7 Texas 1	5,569	1,877	(3,692)	33.70%	182	28.24%	27	
8 Mexico 1, 2	31	10	(21)	32.26%	-	16.13%	30	
9 Colorado 1	2,729	858	(1,871)	31.44%	55	27.84%	33	
10 Wyoming 1	1,298	392	(906)	30.20%	20	26.39%	38	
11 New Mexico	1,483	308	(1,175)	20.77%	37	16.72%	50	
TOTALS 1, 3	28,918	10,245	(18,673)	35.43%	716			

11/03/22		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%	10	
2 Maryland 1, 3	16,058	6,399	(9,659)	39.85%	844	36.08%	12	
3 Vermont 1, 3	3,818	1,435	(2,383)	37.59%	206	34.26%	16	
4 Delaware 1, 3	2,430	890	(1,540)	36.63%	71	30.58%	21	
5 Connecticut	1,867	603	(1,264)	32.30%	161	28.73%	29	
6 New Jersey	9,386	2,852	(6,534)	30.39%	260	27.49%	35	
7 Massachusetts	5,442	1,609	(3,833)	29.57%	193	26.49%	41	
8 New York	29,864	8,588	(21,276)	28.76%	1,190	25.86%	42	
9 Rhode Island	336	94	(242)	27.98%	6	24.24%	43	
10 New Hampshire	5,677	1,532	(4,145)	26.99%	143	24.60%	45	
11 Maine	2,617	696	(1,921)	26.60%	186	21.83%	46	
12 West Virginia	2,362	439	(1,923)	18.59%	70	15.33%	52	
13 Pennsylvania	60,803	11,177	(49,626)	18.38%	1,086	15.89%	53	
14 Dist. of Columbia	114	17	(97)	14.91%	-	11.50%	54	
TOTALS	140,932	36,400	(104,532)	25.83%	4,416			

11/03/22		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1, 3	21,519	8,058	(13,461)	37.45%	610	30.04%	17	
2 Ohio 1	30,636	9,643	(20,993)	31.48%	1,497	28.60%	31	
3 Indiana 1	36,387	11,451	(24,936)	31.47%	871	28.35%	32	
4 New York	29,864	8,588	(21,276)	28.76%	1,190	25.86%	42	
5 Michigan	24,271	6,697	(17,574)	27.59%	814	23.37%	44	
6 Pennsylvania	60,803	11,177	(49,626)	18.38%	1,086	15.89%	53	
TOTALS	203,480	55,614	(147,866)	27.33%	6,068			

National Membership Totals	367,798	112,162	(255,636)	30.50%	11,532	26.77%		
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