



# Congress agrees to scrap military coronavirus vaccine mandate, advances largest troop pay increase in 20 years

Svetlana Shkolnikova | December 7, 2022

Lawmakers in Congress agreed Tuesday night to scrap the military's coronavirus vaccine mandate in a \$847 billion compromise defense policy bill that also boosts pay for troops.

The agreement, hammered out during months of bicameral negotiations, adds \$45 billion to the fiscal 2023 budget request from the White House for defense programs, and notably rebukes the administration's stance on coronavirus vaccinations for service members.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin enacted the vaccine mandate in August 2021 and remains strongly supportive of the policy. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters this week that Austin and President Joe Biden opposed repealing the requirement, calling it "a health and readiness issue for the force."

Still, lawmakers moved to end mandatory shots after fervent lobbying by Republicans, who blamed the requirement for exacerbating the military's recruiting and retention woes. Though 98% of active-duty service members are vaccinated against the coronavirus, some 8,000 have been dismissed for refusing to get the shot, according to the Defense Department.

"We are pleased that the final conferenced bill includes language mirroring our... efforts to protect troops from being fired due to Biden's COVID vaccine mandate without fair appeal and to the harm of service readiness," 11 Republican senators said in a statement.

The provision to end the vaccine mandate is rolled into the mammoth 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which outlines defense priorities for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

The House is set to take up the bill this week, followed by a vote in the Senate. If approved, the legislation will move to the White House for Biden's signature.

Lawmakers in the House and Senate negotiated a \$45 billion overall increase to the bill to account for inflation and additional expenses, matching the budget hike proposed by the Senate Armed Services Committee in a vote in June. The House signed off on a smaller boost — \$37 billion — later in the summer.

"This year's agreement continues the armed services committees' 62-year tradition of working together to support our troops and strengthen America's national security," the committees' leaders said in a statement on Tuesday night.

A 4.6% pay increase for troops and the Defense Department's civilian employees is included in the final version of the legislation, marking the largest department-wide raise in 20 years. It would take effect Jan. 1.

Other provisions for troops include wider eligibility for the military's Basic Needs Allowance for low-income service members, a new pilot program to reimburse families for child care costs related to a permanent change of station, extra aid for children with severe disabilities, and more flexibility in housing allowances for high-cost areas.

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Hope this finds you all well. First off, I want to say you are all doing one heck of a job on membership. Thank you so much for all of your continued efforts. We are nowhere close to the finish line yet so don't let your foot off the gas. I have all the faith that will be #1 in membership this year. In case you didn't receive the latest report, you can find it here: [https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2023%20SAL%20Membership%20Report%20as%20of\\_December\\_8\\_2022\\_0.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/2023%20SAL%20Membership%20Report%20as%20of_December_8_2022_0.pdf).

If you have a friend or family member that hasn't renewed yet, why not give them the gift of membership for the holiday!!!!

We will not be having a regional call this month. I'm sure with the holidays rapidly approaching we are all pretty busy. We will be holding a call in January on the 3rd. Agenda and reminder will come out a few days before. On a personal note, I would like to congratulate NVC Laberge on his recent marriage and here's to a very happy and joyous life together with your new bride!!!!

As we move through this festive time of year with friends a family, please remember those men and women who can't be with theirs because they are protecting our freedoms. Also please keep a look out for those veterans or family members of veterans who might be struggling. Even during the holiday season, we all still have to opportunity to "BE THE ONE" and make sure that they feel needed and important.

Take care of each other and have a very happy, safe, and blessed holiday season!



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Congress also wants the Pentagon to report on the rate of suicide in the military since Sept. 11, 2001, breaking down rates by occupation specialty, service, and grade. Service members stationed in Alaska, a focal point of the military's

suicide crisis, would get special duty pay for cold-weather climate conditions and airfare reimbursement for trips home, according to the bill.

The legislation authorizes the number of troops for each service — 452,000 for the Army, 354,000 for the Navy, 325,344 for the Air Force, 177,000 for the Marine Corps and 8,600 for the Space Force.

A provision requiring women to register for the draft, which was featured in the Senate Armed Services Committee's version of the bill, was nixed. Lawmakers in both chambers had included the measure in a draft of the 2022 annual defense authorization bill before scrapping it.

"I fought to ensure for a second year that the 'women in the draft' provision was left out of the final agreement," said Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, the top Republican on the committee. "We should not force our daughters and granddaughters to register for the Selective Service."

This year's defense policy bill is named after Inhofe, who is retiring in January.

The legislation also bolsters support for Ukraine as it nears a year of fighting Russia's invasion. Lawmakers want to authorize \$500 million more for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative than requested by the White House, bringing total funding to \$800 million. The program allows the Pentagon to purchase weapons for the war-torn country.

Nearly \$3 billion is being earmarked for procuring new munitions to backfill equipment sent to Ukraine and expanding production capacity for future needs. The Pentagon will be given temporary waivers to go around certain restrictions on munitions contracts, according to the bill.

Lawmakers are asking the Defense Department to produce reports on its plans for security assistance to Ukraine in the short and medium term and how it is overseeing that aid. The White House last month asked Congress to allocate an additional \$37.7 billion for Ukraine.

The \$45 billion overall increase to the defense bill adds \$7 billion for funding military construction projects, \$5 billion to purchase additional Air Force and Navy aircraft, \$5 billion to expand the Navy's fleet, \$1.5 billion for Space Force programs and billions more for advanced technology research.

Congress is refusing to allow the Navy to retire 12 vessels, according to the bill. It is also blocking the Biden administration's plans to kill the development of the nuclear sea-

launched cruise missile, an initiative the White House had criticized as costly and redundant despite support from top military leaders.

In addition to the defense policy bill, Congress still needs to pass appropriations legislation for the 2023 fiscal year to provide the Pentagon with the authorized funds.



## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Fundraiser for Alex

[Rusty Myers](#), Special Contributor | December 4, 2022

Belleville, NJ – Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 105, following a fundraiser held in August, presented a check this week to 9-year-old Alex. Recently in remission from leukemia, SAL 105 proudly raised \$6,000 to help with his family's expenses during his fight with cancer.

On the first Sunday in December 2022, Alex finally was in a place where he was comfortable dropping by to meet his new friends at the Post, and to take a photo with 'the big check'. To his surprise, Ol' Saint Nick was also there waiting for him, toys in hand.

Back over the summer, SAL 105 Commander Steve Sangemino and Erica Portee, whose father was a Post 105 Legionnaire, got together and decided to put the full resources of the 105 Family into helping Alex and his family out. Alex is Erica's nephew, and he was diagnosed with leukemia when he was six. After beating cancer and "ringing the bell" in November 2021, he hit a relapse in February in 2022 which was much more difficult. Post and Squadron 105 decided to make it their mission to raise money to help him get through his treatment, which included 12 rounds of chemotherapy and T-cell immunotherapy.

The fundraiser was held in the Post parking lot at a benefit BBQ on August 28. With attendees making a \$15 donation at the door, donations came from all over the area – among them American Legion Post 299, Belleville Mayor Melham, Councilman Vinny Cozarelli, plus many other organizations and individuals from the area. In a very emotional Facebook Post, SAL Commander Steve Sangemino wrote "Oh my God every single time I get down on my SAL brother's they step up and amaze me ... With all your help we were able to

raise \$6,000 to give to his family [who] surely need our help.”

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary interest group, which is going through the chartering process at Post 105, were also indispensable with their help.



“I’m so appreciative of how many people are so giving and humble with their hearts – not knowing my nephew, but just knowing his situation,” stated Portee. “Everyone came out to give their support ... not just financially, but emotionally.”

Fun-loving Alex, who is on his way back to doing all of the things he loves – riding his bike, playing the piano, taekwondo, and watch-

ing wrestling to name a few – came down to Post 105 four months after the fundraiser to say thanks. The same day he visited, the 716<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company of the US Army was having their Christmas Party at the Post hall. On his way to the kids upstairs at the party from the North Pole, Santa took a slight detour and visited Alex and the rest of the kids at the club to wish them a Merry Christmas and hand out presents.

Outside taking a photo with his new SAL 105 buddies, Alex’s mom Lydia Alvarez stated “...I’m humbled and thankful for this surprise you have all done for us ... and more importantly that you have treated us like family. You guys have taken us in without knowing us, so my heart is full. Once we settle our job will be paying it forward, because of you all.”



## Post & Squadron 105 honored for service

[Rusty Myers](#), Special Contributor | November, 2022

BELLEVILLE, NJ – American Legion Post 105 and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 105 were honored in two ceremonies in early November for contributions to the community – the first, by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners, and the following week by the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce.

With an invitation received by Commissioner Vice President Carlos Pomares, American Legion Post 105 was informed that it would be one of the honorees at their Veterans Observance Event on November 9 2022. Held during the week before Veterans Day, the “event is held yearly to honor veterans for their sacrifices and patriotism in defense of our nation, and to recognize veterans from Essex County and their contributions to the community.” The veteran honorees this year were U.S. Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill of Montclair, Montclair Police Officer Scott McGrath, Julio Aponte of East Orange, and Post 105. Belleville’s American Legion being honored as a group, as opposed to an individual being recognized, was considered very rare.



“Tonight, we honor those who have sacrificed their time, effort and – in some cases – their very lives so that we as civilians can enjoy a life of liberty.” Commissioner Vice President Pomares stated.

“I was very honored that our Post was chosen out of all of the posts in the county and New Jersey ... it shows people are seeing what we are doing,” Post Commander Cobiauchi noted. Commander Joe also insisted that members of the SAL attend the event, acknowledging their contribution to the success of Post 105 – “I always say we are a team ... we work together. The SAL can't exist without the Legion, and the Legion couldn't exist without the SAL”

“We are here to support all the veterans and all the Posts,” spoke SAL Commander Steve Sangemino, who was very proud that the Post and Sons received recognition for their work.



(l to r) Rusty Myers, SAL 105 Adjutant; Joe Cobiauchi, Post 105 Commander; Scott Higgins, Post 105 Second Vice Commander; Walter LaBar, Post 105 First Vice Commander; Steve Sangemino, SAL 105 Commander; James Elsmore, SAL 105 First Vice Commander; Vincent DeNotaris, Post 105 Third Vice Commander.

At the Commissioners' Chambers in Newark, the 105 Family received a plaque from the County Commissioners, as well as a citation from the New Jersey State Senate and Congressman Sherill herself; in a certificate noting that it is “in gratitude for their dedicated service to the United States and their community” 105 was awed by receiving laud from a congressman. Commander Cobiauchi accepted the awards and spoke on behalf of the Post, with Legionnaires and Sons surrounding him.

The second event, which sent its invitation a few weeks earlier, came from the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce. As an honoree at their Awards Dinner held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Post 105 Family learned that both the Legion and the Sons would receive recognition. Dressed all in their blue stars-and-stripes uniform and wearing their garrison caps, Post 105 accepted the award along with a contingent of other local veteran's organizations. Held at the

Brookside Banquet hall, the event annually showcases the achievements of member-businesses in Bloomfield, Belleville, and Glen Ridge. This year, veterans were among the award recipients as well.

Essex County DEC (Detachment Executive Committeeman) Darrel Collins learned of the events shortly afterwards. As the Legionnaire who represents all things American Legion in Essex County at the state level, Collins proudly stated “It's an honor and a pleasure to know you guys and see the work you do for the county” – a sentiment which was echoed by Essex County Executive Committee Commander Terence Scantlebury by simply saying “We're proud of you.”





THE SENATE  
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

SENATE RESOLUTION  
By Senator RUIZ

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of New Jersey is pleased to acknowledge American Legion Post No. 105, highly esteemed in the Township of Belleville and throughout the Garden State, which will be honored by the Essex County Board of Commissioners during its Annual Veterans Observance on November 9, 2022; and,  
WHEREAS, American Legion Post No. 105 is recognized for its outstanding service in behalf of our nation's veterans, their families, and the community-at-large since its establishment more than one hundred years ago; and,  
WHEREAS, The leaders and members of American Legion Post No. 105 have given generously of their time and resources to their fellow veterans and to a host of benevolent endeavors in support of worthy causes, and for this we record our profound debt of gratitude; and,  
WHEREAS, By repeatedly demonstrating its commitment to veterans and the community, American Legion Post No. 105 has earned the respect and admiration of all who know of its meritorious deeds and steadfast efforts; and,  
WHEREAS, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey and the effectiveness of our American society depend, in great measure, upon dedicated organizations, exemplified by American Legion Post No. 105, which use their considerable resources in furtherance of the common good; and,  
WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and right for the members of this Legislature to join with the Essex County Board of Commissioners and the citizenry of this State to salute American Legion Post No. 105 and to acknowledge its extraordinary members, who have sacrificed greatly to protect and defend this nation, which we hold most dear; now, therefore,  
*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*  
That this House hereby joins in honoring American Legion Post No. 105, pays tribute to its exceptional record of service and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued vigor in all the years to come; and,  
*Be It Further Resolved,* That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to American Legion Post No. 105.



*Nicholas P. Scutari*  
Nicholas P. Scutari  
President of the Senate

Attest:  
*Linda Metzger*  
Linda Metzger  
Secretary of the Senate

referral and support services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

And while the dances are meant to be enjoyed by the Arc citizens, they've also become a highlight for Post 141's Legion Family, serving as a collaborative effort between the Post, Auxiliary Unit, Sons of The American Legion, and the Legion Riders that brings smiles to all their members' faces. "It's a huge deal for not only all the members of Post 141, but their families, too," said Sons of The American Legion Squadron 141 member Reg VanWulfen. "This dance is not just a party. It's life experiences, even for the Legion members. In the Sons, we have a family that comes in, and they have young sons: 9, 12 and 14. And they help out. They learn to help people. They do it as a family.

"We enjoy it. We have fun. And we don't just have the Arc come in and have dances. We have members that get up and dance, party, joke, do different things to interact and talk. Social acts. It's very unique."

Post 141 had hosted similar dances years ago before they stopped. They were resumed around six years ago under then-post commander and current finance officer Jim Grimes. The pandemic brought a halt to them temporarily, but they resumed this year.

Post 141 Commander Bobby Brite, who also is a Legion Rider, said the success of the Arc dances is a credit to the teamwork of the post's Legion Family and the view each brings to the project.

"The Legion, we have one perspective of looking at things. The Sons have a totally different perspective, and of course the Auxiliary bring a totally different perspective," Brite said. "There are no egos involved here. It's just a meeting of minds. We allow our veterans and our family members to come up with the best ideas to move forward on things.

"We utilize all of our resources and all of our talent to create the same type of party atmosphere that we do on every other event. That family atmosphere that we push at our facility, it's just a natural progression for the Arc citizens to come in and enjoy it with us."

SAL Squadron 141 Commander and Chapter 141 Legion Rider Chris Jones said as a part-time driver for a community transportation system, he deals with many of the Arc citizens on a regular basis. "I get to hear a lot of conversations," he said. "The No. 1 they talk about when it comes to these dances is they say they get to come and get to see their friends. We have made it to (where) it's not just a place



Post 141 Facebook photo

## Michigan post's Legion Family forming friendships through Arc dances

The American Legion

For around the past six years, the American Legion Family of Devereaux Post 141 in Howell, Mich., has hosted dances every two months for users of The Arc of Livingston's programs. The Arc provides advocacy, information and


where they come. We've made it a place where their friends are at, and they get to hang with their friends."

This year, at the urging of Jones, the Riders became involved. Chapter 141 members staged their motorcycles outside of the post that the Arc citizens were able sit on during the event.

"We want to make it better for them each time they come visit with us," Jones said. "One of the concepts was that let's get involved with more members of the Legion Family. So, I reached out to the Riders to see if they were willing, and the Riders came out."


For Past Auxiliary Unit 141 President Terrie Harter, the Arc dances are special because of their effect on both the guests and the members. "The smiles on the kids' faces are the best things, though," she said. "You get out there and dance with them. They talk to you, and they want to take pictures together. We just become one big happy family. And the smiles on their faces when you're out there dancing together, it melts your heart. It's just breathtaking. I love every minute of it."


Jones said the dances give the Arc citizens an opportunity to interact with people who view them simply as friends. "Let's be honest: with some of their disabilities, they can't just walk out ... and visit people. They can't go some places because of their limitations," he said. "With that being said, when they come to our place, we do not look at them as any kind of special needs people or with disabilities. We look at them as our friends. They get to spend three hours not being stereotyped by our members. Our members truly want to be there and enjoy their time there."



# OPERATION A.L.F.

Detachment of Colorado  
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Detachment of \_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant)



**RECEIPT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Received of \_\_\_\_\_

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### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF) - DONATIONS REPORT

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DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,050	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 555.00	27.1%	\$ 0.27
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,621	\$ 1,621.00	\$ 1,603.00	98.9%	\$ 0.99
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,054	\$ 8,054.00	\$ 9,895.00	122.9%	\$ 1.23
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 6,842.48	4,400	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 200.00	45.5%	\$ 0.45
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 23,235.00	10,700	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 1,108.56	10.4%	\$ 0.10
CO - COLORADO	\$ 1,580.82	2,766	\$ 2,766.00	\$ 3,630.00	131.2%	\$ 1.31
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,950.00	1,854	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,100.00	59.3%	\$ 0.59
DE - DELAWARE	\$ -	2,428	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	113	\$ 113.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,456	\$ 21,456.00	\$ 18,410.00	85.8%	\$ 0.86
FR - FRANCE	\$ -	155	\$ 155.00	\$ 100.00	64.5%	\$ 0.65
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,449	\$ 4,449.00	\$ 1,320.00	29.7%	\$ 0.30
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,208	\$ 13,208.00	\$ 2,671.78	20.2%	\$ 0.20
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,758	\$ 35,758.00	\$ 25.00	0.1%	\$ 0.00
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,832	\$ 4,832.00	\$ 154.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,842	\$ 5,842.00	\$ 365.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,564	\$ 2,564.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,768	\$ 1,768.00	\$ 1,410.00	79.8%	\$ 0.80
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,592	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,027	\$ 16,027.00	\$ 580.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,474	\$ 5,474.00	\$ 121.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
MX - MEXICO	\$ -	31	\$ 31.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,280	\$ 24,280.00	\$ 5,085.00	20.9%	\$ 0.21
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,279	\$ 11,279.00	\$ 6,827.75	60.5%	\$ 0.61
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	723	\$ 723.00	\$ 137.00	18.9%	\$ 0.19
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,195	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 350.00	11.0%	\$ 0.11
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,075	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 100.00	9.3%	\$ 0.09
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,905	\$ 6,905.00	\$ 4,745.00	68.7%	\$ 0.69
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,776	\$ 5,776.00	\$ 2,488.78	43.1%	\$ 0.43
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,319	\$ 9,319.00	\$ 270.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,497	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 4,800.00	320.6%	\$ 3.21
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,796	\$ 29,796.00	\$ 9,606.00	32.2%	\$ 0.32
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,696	\$ 2,696.00	\$ 443.00	16.4%	\$ 0.16
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,049	\$ 1,049.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,089	\$ 30,089.00	\$ 6,803.80	22.6%	\$ 0.23
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,321	\$ 1,321.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,425	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 212.00	14.9%	\$ 0.15
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,423	\$ 60,423.00	\$ 5,535.98	9.2%	\$ 0.09
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	1,481	\$ 1,481.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,360	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,451.85	106.8%	\$ 1.07
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,681	\$ 1,681.00	\$ 911.61	54.2%	\$ 0.54
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,568	\$ 5,568.00	\$ 9,884.00	177.5%	\$ 1.78
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 400.00	90.5%	\$ 0.90
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,823	\$ 3,823.00	\$ 1,950.00	51.0%	\$ 0.51
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,074	\$ 4,074.00	\$ 11,100.00	272.5%	\$ 2.72
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,503	\$ 2,503.00	\$ 600.00	24.0%	\$ 0.24
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,398	\$ 2,398.00	\$ 2,727.25	113.7%	\$ 1.14
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,163	\$ 4,163.00	\$ 605.00	14.5%	\$ 0.15
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,290	\$ 1,290.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,699.91		
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 349,789.25</b>	<b>365,412</b>	<b>\$ 365,412.00</b>	<b>\$ 124,142.27</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.34</b>

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,854	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,100.00	59.3%	\$ 0.59
DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,428	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
DIST OF COL	\$ -	113	\$ 113.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ -	155	\$ 155.00	\$ 100.00	64.5%	\$ 0.65
MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,592	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,027	\$ 16,027.00	\$ 580.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,474	\$ 5,474.00	\$ 121.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,776	\$ 5,776.00	\$ 2,488.78	43.1%	\$ 0.43
NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,319	\$ 9,319.00	\$ 270.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,796	\$ 29,796.00	\$ 9,606.00	32.2%	\$ 0.32
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,423	\$ 60,423.00	\$ 5,535.98	9.2%	\$ 0.09
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,823	\$ 3,823.00	\$ 1,950.00	51.0%	\$ 0.51
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,398	\$ 2,398.00	\$ 2,727.25	113.7%	\$ 1.14
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 91,331.91</b>	<b>140,508</b>	<b>\$ 140,508.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,629.01</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>\$ 0.18</b>

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,208	\$ 13,208.00	\$ 2,671.78	20.2%	\$ 0.20
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,758	\$ 35,758.00	\$ 25.00	0.1%	\$ 0.00
IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,832	\$ 4,832.00	\$ 154.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,280	\$ 24,280.00	\$ 5,085.00	20.9%	\$ 0.21
MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,279	\$ 11,279.00	\$ 6,827.75	60.5%	\$ 0.61
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,195	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 350.00	11.0%	\$ 0.11
OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,089	\$ 30,089.00	\$ 6,803.80	22.6%	\$ 0.23
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,163	\$ 4,163.00	\$ 605.00	14.5%	\$ 0.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 82,641.55</b>	<b>126,804</b>	<b>\$ 126,804.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,522.33</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>\$ 0.18</b>

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,621	\$ 1,621.00	\$ 1,603.00	98.9%	\$ 0.99
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,054	\$ 8,054.00	\$ 9,895.00	122.9%	\$ 1.23
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,700	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 1,108.56	10.4%	\$ 0.10
HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,425	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 212.00	14.9%	\$ 0.15
PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	68	\$ 68.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 400.00	90.5%	\$ 0.90
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,503	\$ 2,503.00	\$ 600.00	24.0%	\$ 0.24
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 38,784.81</b>	<b>25,893</b>	<b>\$ 25,893.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,818.56</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>\$ 0.53</b>

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2023 CWF GOAL	2023 DONATIONS (TO-DATE)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>						
ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,050	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 555.00	27.1%	\$ 0.27
ARKANSAS	\$ -	440	\$ 440.00	\$ 200.00	45.5%	\$ 0.45
FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,456	\$ 21,456.00	\$ 18,410.00	85.8%	\$ 0.86
GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,449	\$ 4,449.00	\$ 1,320.00	29.7%	\$ 0.30
KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,564	\$ 2,564.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,768	\$ 1,768.00	\$ 1,410.00	79.8%	\$ 0.80
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	723	\$ 723.00	\$ 137.00	18.9%	\$ 0.19
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,696	\$ 2,696.00	\$ 443.00	16.4%	\$ 0.16
PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ 10.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,481	\$ 1,481.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,681	\$ 1,681.00	\$ 911.61	54.2%	\$ 0.54
VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,074	\$ 4,074.00	\$ 11,100.00	272.5%	\$ 2.72
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 68,780.20</b>	<b>43,503</b>	<b>\$ 43,503.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,496.61</b>	<b>79.3%</b>	<b>\$ 0.79</b>

<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,766	\$ 2,766.00	\$ 3,630.00	131.2%	\$ 1.31
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,842	\$ 5,842.00	\$ 365.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
MEXICO	\$ -	31	\$ 31.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,075	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 100.00	9.3%	\$ 0.09
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,905	\$ 6,905.00	\$ 4,745.00	68.7%	\$ 0.69
NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,497	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 4,800.00	320.6%	\$ 3.21
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,049	\$ 1,049.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,321	\$ 1,321.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,360	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,451.85	106.8%	\$ 1.07
TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,568	\$ 5,568.00	\$ 9,894.00	177.5%	\$ 1.78
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,290	\$ 1,290.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 64,074.78</b>	<b>28,704</b>	<b>\$ 28,704.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,975.85</b>	<b>87.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.87</b>

NATIONAL HQ.	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -	\$ 3,699.91		
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 349,789.25</b>	<b>365,412</b>	<b>\$ 365,412.00</b>	<b>\$ 124,142.27</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>\$ 0.34</b>

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: DECEMBER 1, 2022

2022 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 1, 2022

## Illinois SAL to promote CWF on their feet

The American Legion | December 8, 2022

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Illinois is getting creative with ways to meet its Child Welfare Foundation goal of \$1 per member. Soon, Illinois Legion Family members will have an opportunity to promote the CWF on their feet.

The detachment will be selling dress socks featuring the CWF logo as a fundraiser for around \$20-25. As well as promoting its slogan to go along with the socks – Stand Up for Kids.



“We are really excited about this because we think it’s going to be successful,” said Butch Ray, vice chairman of the Detachment of Illinois Children & Youth Committee and a past detachment commander. “Our detachment is goofy enough to have all the guys walk around

with their pant legs pulled up so everyone can see the socks.”

The idea for the socks came from past detachment commander Phil Shipley. It was after he and Ray spoke earlier this summer that the idea came to fruition. Ray received approval from American Legion Emblem Sales to use the CWF logo on socks that are produced by [Spirit Sox USA](#). As

part of purchases, the California-based woman-owned company donates socks to the homeless.

To start, the Detachment of Illinois purchased 250 socks. And members are interested.

“We just had our detachment meeting this past Saturday (Dec. 3) and showed everyone the image of the socks. I could have sold 20 pair that day alone. There’s a lot of excitement brewing about it.”

Additional promotional efforts will be on Facebook, at all Illinois detachment meetings, in the squadron monthly newsletter, during the department’s annual membership caravan in January and more.

“We hope this becomes an annual thing,” Ray said. “If we sell what we purchased this year maybe next year we will put Illinois at the top with a year so you can build a set. You can buy a different pair every year and have a drawer full of CWF socks.

“If we do it on an annual basis, it will be a really neat way to keep the momentum going.”

If other detachments are interested in purchasing socks or creating their own, you can contact Ray for more information by email at [butch.ilsal@gmail.com](mailto:butch.ilsal@gmail.com).

The CWF provides grants to nonprofits that support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. [Learn more here.](#)

## Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman  
 Second Wednesday of Each Month  
 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 748 3803 9406 | 3fkNJ5

## Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
[Join Zoom meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 931 8495 9980 | 171 635

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

## Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman  
 Fourth Thursday of Each Month  
 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
 (605) 313-6050 | 344 590

## Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman  
 Third Thursday of ODD Months  
 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
 (267) 807-9601 | 988 284 103#

## Member Training and Development Committee

Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman  
 First Monday of Each Month  
 8:00 p.m. Eastern  
 (605) 468-8772 | 625 2764#

## 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](http://www.legion.org/membership/standings)

additional membership information appears later in this edition

Nothing succeeds like SUCCESS!! The latest membership report shows how successful our efforts to recruit, renew, and reinstate have been. With 39 detachments ahead of goal, the numbers are phenomenal.

Don't let up!! Do your buddy checks!! Helping one person may not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person.



#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 45% TARGET 12/14/2022	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-47	82	106.49%	94.74
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-454	1,067	78.34%	62.97
3	LOUISIANA	1,790	-555	1,360	75.98%	69.12
4	FRANCE	158	-41	112	70.89%	68.39
5	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-313	920	68.25%	56.93
6	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	79	64.23%	35.25
7	WISCONSIN	4,187	-789	2,673	63.84%	58.49
8	MONTANA	1,108	-198	697	62.91%	58.96
9	ALABAMA	2,066	-349	1,279	61.91%	54.00
10	MISSISSIPPI	722	-116	441	61.08%	53.04
11	GEORGIA	4,490	-648	2,668	59.42%	51.73
12	IOWA	4,857	-649	2,835	58.37%	52.77
13	MARYLAND	16,058	-2,057	9,283	57.81%	52.94
14	ILLINOIS	13,398	-1,681	7,710	57.55%	53.74
15	OREGON	1,414	-163	799	56.51%	46.28
16	FLORIDA	21,519	-2,362	12,046	55.98%	46.42
17	DELAWARE	2,430	-264	1,357	55.84%	48.23
18	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-295	1,522	55.81%	45.05
19	MISSOURI	3,219	-344	1,793	55.70%	49.01
20	VERMONT	3,818	-330	2,048	53.64%	49.31
21	NEVADA	357	-28	189	52.94%	46.11
22	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-84	559	52.94%	45.90
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-493	3,650	52.03%	49.99
24	WYOMING	1,298	-87	671	51.69%	45.46
25	KANSAS	5,919	-376	3,040	51.36%	47.09
26	COLORADO	2,729	-171	1,399	51.26%	45.19
27	OHIO	30,636	-1,815	15,601	50.92%	46.99
28	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-83	746	50.64%	43.66
29	NEW JERSEY	9,386	-501	4,725	50.34%	45.24
30	VIRGINIA	4,109	-196	2,045	49.77%	43.14
31	INDIANA	36,387	-1,637	18,011	49.50%	45.39
32	MEXICO	31	-1	15	48.39%	16.13
33	MICHIGAN	24,271	-729	11,651	48.00%	42.21
34	CONNECTICUT	1,867	-54	894	47.88%	42.83
35	TENNESSEE	1,718	-49	822	47.85%	39.24
36	TEXAS	5,569	-92	2,598	46.65%	39.42
37	NEW YORK	29,864	-324	13,763	46.09%	42.11
38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-52	2,607	45.92%	41.62
39	IDAHO	644	-2	292	45.34%	37.67
40	UTAH	449	1	201	44.77%	37.02
41	CALIFORNIA	10,714	129	4,692	43.79%	36.81
42	MINNESOTA	11,378	157	4,963	43.62%	41.13
43	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	89	2,360	43.37%	38.98
44	RHODE ISLAND	336	13	138	41.07%	32.73
45	MAINE	2,617	111	1,067	40.77%	35.06
46	ALASKA	1,608	87	637	39.61%	33.09
47	ARKANSAS	447	27	174	38.93%	33.71
48	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	3,968	23,393	38.47%	34.89
49	WASHINGTON	2,485	185	933	37.55%	28.17
50	ARIZONA	8,004	619	2,983	37.27%	29.38
51	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	201	862	36.49%	31.57
52	NEW MEXICO	1,483	180	487	32.84%	27.25
53	DIST OF COL	114	16	35	30.70%	22.12
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	472	702	26.91%	23.45
55	PHILIPPINES	70	30	2	2.86%	1.47
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>367,798</b>	<b>-12,169</b>	<b>177,678</b>	<b>48.31%</b>	<b>43.18</b>

### 2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
HAWAII	77	82	106.49%	
OREGON	1,414	799	56.51%	
NEVADA	357	189	52.94%	
IDAHO	644	292	45.34%	
UTAH	449	201	44.77%	
CALIFORNIA	10,714	4,692	43.79%	
ALASKA	1,608	637	39.61%	
WASHINGTON	2,485	933	37.55%	
ARIZONA	8,004	2,983	37.27%	
PHILIPPINES	70	2	2.86%	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,822</b>	<b>10,810</b>	<b>41.86%</b>	

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,067	78.34%	
OKLAHOMA	1,348	920	68.25%	
MONTANA	1,108	697	62.91%	
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	559	52.94%	
NEBRASKA	7,015	3,650	52.03%	
WYOMING	1,298	671	51.69%	
KANSAS	5,919	3,040	51.36%	
COLORADO	2,729	1,399	51.26%	
MEXICO	31	15	48.39%	
TEXAS	5,569	2,598	46.65%	
NEW MEXICO	1,483	487	32.84%	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,918</b>	<b>15,103</b>	<b>52.23%</b>	

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
WISCONSIN	4,187	2,673	63.84%	
IOWA	4,857	2,835	58.37%	
ILLINOIS	13,398	7,710	57.55%	
MISSOURI	3,219	1,793	55.70%	
OHIO	30,636	15,601	50.92%	
INDIANA	36,387	18,011	49.50%	
MICHIGAN	24,271	11,651	48.00%	
MINNESOTA	11,378	4,963	43.62%	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>128,333</b>	<b>65,237</b>	<b>50.83%</b>	

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
FRANCE	158	112	70.89%	
MARYLAND	16,058	9,283	57.81%	
DELAWARE	2,430	1,357	55.84%	
VERMONT	3,818	2,048	53.64%	
NEW JERSEY	9,386	4,725	50.34%	
CONNECTICUT	1,867	894	47.88%	
NEW YORK	29,864	13,763	46.09%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	2,607	45.92%	
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	2,360	43.37%	
RHODE ISLAND	336	138	41.07%	
MAINE	2,617	1,067	40.77%	
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	23,393	38.47%	
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	862	36.49%	
DIST OF COL	114	35	30.70%	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>140,932</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>44.45%</b>	

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,360	75.98%	
PUERTO RICO	123	79	64.23%	
ALABAMA	2,066	1,279	61.91%	
MISSISSIPPI	722	441	61.08%	
GEORGIA	4,490	2,668	59.42%	
FLORIDA	21,519	12,046	55.98%	
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	1,522	55.81%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	746	50.64%	
VIRGINIA	4,109	2,045	49.77%	
TENNESSEE	1,718	822	47.85%	
ARKANSAS	447	174	38.93%	
KENTUCKY	2,609	702	26.91%	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>43,793</b>	<b>23,884</b>	<b>54.54%</b>	

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## National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

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## National Executive Committee

### Liaison Committee

Jim Stewart (NV), Chairman

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## National Vice-Commander

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James Hartman (MD), Chairman

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## Public and Media Communications Commission

Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman  
Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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## When to use the Legion emblem and brand mark

The American Legion | December 6, 2022

When it comes to designing products for American Legion events and programs, National Headquarters has developed a style guide to help you create designs that match our existing brand and brand mark. This guide walks you through color, font, and layout specifications, among others. It also will walk you through when to use the emblem versus the brand mark. To access the style guide visit [le-  
gion.org/brand](https://www.legion.org/brand).



The brand mark is to be used in all marketing communications applications (e.g., lifestyle apparel, fundraising, sponsorships, digital media, social media, and event announcements). While the emblem should be reserved for official documents and communications (e.g., press releases, business cards, post signage and official letterhead).

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### Pennsylvania Legion Riders chapter engaging community while honoring veterans

The American Legion | December 6, 2022

In 2013, members of Shiloh American Legion Riders Chapter 791 in York, Pa., began placing wreaths on the gravesites at

veterans buried in Shiloh Lutheran Cemetery. Initially, the chapter placed around 50 wreaths, but heading into last year Post Commander Marc Firestone and fellow post member Carrie Kwiatkowski decided they wanted to cover every veteran's grave.

In 2021, the post's American Legion Family was able to fundraise enough to provide a wreath on every veteran's grave. And on Dec. 11, the chapter will join others in the community in again hitting that goal – placing wreaths on 247 graves – at the cemetery.

“(They) were placing wreaths on the graves and said, ‘It really looks pretty, but wouldn't it be great to put a wreath on every veteran's grave,’ said Tiffani Yeager, a charter member of Chapter 791 and the first sergeant-at-arms for Auxiliary Unit 791. “I think it's important to honor these people and show them we haven't forgotten them. And to teach the next generation.”

It costs around \$2,800 to buy the wreaths and the bows. A member of Chapter 791 has taken on the responsibility of locating all the veteran's graves in the cemetery. The oldest dates back to the War of 1812, while the newest are from the Vietnam War.

“We have one guy who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam,” said Yeager, who served as Chapter 791's treasurer for seven years. “We have fathers, grandfathers, and sons. Fathers and daughters, husbands and wives. We have all the branches of service covered, other than the Space Force. And there are at least three women. We're working to find records to see if there are any more. But it's a nice range.”

The chapter has included members of the community to be involved, including youth from local baseball and softball teams who assist in both assembly and placing of the wreaths. Each wreath has a red bow on it, along with a tag on the wreath's stand that states the wreath is from the Shiloh American Legion Family.

Yeager said the placing of the wreaths by the local youth serves as a teaching moment. “I stress that this isn't something that we're going to rush through. This is to honor and respect those people, and to show them some respect,” she said. “I tell them, ‘When you lay that wreath, pause a minute, say a prayer, thank them for their service, at least say their name.’ We encourage everyone to take a picture of the wreath they've laid and put it on Facebook as well. Sometimes the families (of the deceased veterans) are from out of the area, or they're just unable to come to the gravesite.

So, it's kind of cool they're able to see that gravesite even if they're not able to go there."

Each person who lays a wreath is given a laminated sheet of paper that has a photo of the veteran, if possible, and a picture of the gravestone or marker; the veteran's obituary, and their branch of service and job they performed in the military.

"It's so they can read a little about who they were and know that person," Yeager said. "And we've got nine (veterans) who are Purple Heart recipients, and another five we're trying to confirm. We've got a special Purple Heart background on those laminated sheets. That's new for this year."

Yeager said Chapter 791's work at the cemetery is part of a bigger effort to engage and assist others in the area. "We all live in the same community. You've got to help each other and teach each other," she said. "We'll team up with other organizations in the community and help with their events. We've already sponsored a family for Christmas through one of the homeless shelters. Another family we sponsored their Christmas through another veterans organization. We just try to help out whenever we can."



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## SPORTS



Verlander, Realmuto, Scherzer  
named to All-MLB Team

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Three American Legion Baseball alumni were named to Major League Baseball's 2022 All-MLB Team, announced Dec. 5.

Fan voting accounted for 50 percent of the vote totals for the team, with a panel of experts handling the other 50 percent. MLB introduced the All-MLB Team in 2019 as a way to complement the All-Star Game selections with a more comprehensive full-season honor.

Two Legion alums, Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto (Post 170/Midwest City, Okla.) and Astros pitcher Justin Verlander (Post 201/Powhatan, Va.) were selected to the first team, while Mets pitcher Max Scherzer (Post 397/Creve Coeur, Mo.) was selected to the second team.

Verlander capped off his comeback season with his third Cy Young Award, the American League Comeback Player of the Year Award, and his second selection to the All-MLB Team (2019).

Realmuto earned his third All-MLB Team selection — he was first team in 2019 and second team in 2020 — after becoming just the second catcher in history with 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases in a single season. Realmuto hit 22 HRs and stole 21 bases to join Ivan Rodriguez in the 20-20 catcher club. Realmuto was also a Gold Glove Award and Silver Slugger Award winner this season.

Scherzer was a first team All-MLB Team selection in 2019 and 2021. He started just 23 games this season because of injury but was effective when he did pitch, with a 2.29 ERA and 173 strikeouts in 145 1/3 innings.

The complete All-MLB Teams:

#### FIRST TEAM

C: J.T. Realmuto, Phillies  
1B: Paul Goldschmidt, Cardinals  
2B: Jose Altuve, Astros  
SS: Trea Turner, Dodgers  
3B: Manny Machado, Padres  
OF: Aaron Judge, Yankees  
OF: Mookie Betts, Dodgers  
OF: Mike Trout, Angels  
DH: Yordan Alvarez, Astros  
SP: Sandy Alcantara, Marlins  
SP: Shohei Ohtani, Angels  
SP: Justin Verlander, Astros  
SP: Framer Valdez, Astros  
SP: Alek Manoah, Blue Jays  
RP: Edwin Díaz, Mets  
RP: Emmanuel Clase, Guardians

#### SECOND TEAM

C: Will Smith, Dodgers  
1B: Freddie Freeman, Dodgers  
2B: Andrés Giménez, Guardians  
SS: Francisco Lindor, Mets  
3B: Nolan Arenado, Cardinals  
OF: Julio Rodríguez, Mariners  
OF: Kyle Schwarber, Phillies  
OF: Kyle Tucker, Astros  
DH: Shohei Ohtani, Angels  
SP: Julio Urías, Dodgers  
SP: Dylan Cease, White Sox  
SP: Max Fried, Braves  
SP: Aaron Nola, Phillies  
SP: Max Scherzer, Mets  
RP: Ryan Helsley, Cardinals  
RP: Ryan Pressly, Astros



## McGriff to become 84th Legion Baseball alum in Cooperstown

The American Legion | December 5, 2022

Fred McGriff will become the 84th American Legion Baseball player to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame after his unanimous selection by the Contemporary Baseball Era Players Committee.

McGriff, who played Legion Baseball for Post 248 in Tampa, Fla., spent 19 seasons in the major leagues from 1986 through 2004.

Nicknamed “the Crime Dog,” McGriff was a member of the 1995 World Series champion Atlanta Braves, one of six teams he played for in MLB. A five-time All-Star and three-time Silver Slugger Award winner, McGriff finished his career with 493 home runs, 1,550 RBIs and a .284 batting average.

In addition to the Braves, McGriff played for Toronto, San Diego, Tampa Bay, the Cubs, and the Dodgers.

McGriff was one of eight players on the Contemporary Era Hall of Fame ballot, a group under consideration for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame who had failed to be voted in during their initial 10-year eligibility period after retirement. As with the Baseball Writers Association of America’s ballot, a player must be selected on 75 percent of the ballots to be elected.

Five of the eight players—McGriff, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Don Mattingly, and Dale Murphy—played American Legion Baseball. Albert Belle, Rafael Palmeiro, and Curt Schilling were also on the ballot.

McGriff received votes on all 16 ballots, followed by Mattingly (8 votes), Schilling (7) and Murphy (6). The others each received fewer than four votes.

McGriff's selection ensures at least one Legion Baseball alumnus in the Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2023. Three more alumni—Jeff Kent, Scott Rolen and Gary Sheffield—are on the baseball writers' ballot. Voting by the writers takes place through Dec. 31, with results announced on Jan. 24, 2023. The Class of 2023 will be inducted in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 23, 2023.



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## Chip Ganassi Racing, American Legion announce multi-year partnership extension

The American Legion | December 5, 2022

Chip Ganassi Racing and The American Legion announced a multi-year partnership extension today that features primary sponsorship of the No. 10 Honda driven by 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES Champion Alex Palou. The American Legion will be featured prominently across Chip Ganassi Racing's INDYCAR program, including 2022 Indianapolis 500 Winner Marcus Ericsson, as well as development driver Kyffin Simpson in the INDY NXT Series.

This partnership announcement continues to expand The American Legion's support of the sport, as the Indianapolis-based non-profit organization is also an official charity partner of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. In addition to its on-track objectives, Chip Ganassi Racing will continue its promotion of The American Legion's "Be The One" initiative that is focused on reducing veteran suicide.

"Supporting our nation's veterans is of immense importance to our organization and we are humbled to continue supporting The American Legion's mission in ending veteran suicide," said Team Owner Chip Ganassi. "We will do absolutely everything we can to help veterans get the support they need while raising public awareness of the 'Be The One' platform."

The partnership has delivered measurable results for The American Legion over the last two years including new memberships, fundraising and overall media reach, far surpassing previous marketing goals for The American Legion. "We have received an overwhelming amount of support from fans, active-duty military members and veterans as a result of this partnership and we're pleased to see it grow," said Dean Kessel, Chief Marketing Officer at The American Legion. "Thanks to the continuous collaboration with the team's other partners, and the promotion of the 'Be The One' initiative, we are discovering more ways to engage with the military community than ever before. We want all veterans to know that it's okay to ask for help."

With the holidays approaching and veteran health and support at the forefront of the partnership, Chip Ganassi Racing has launched the "10 Days of #VetsGiving with The American Legion." Starting on Monday, Dec. 5, the team will reveal an exciting new auction item every day for 10 days to help raise funds that will directly support veterans in need. Visit [10 Days of #VetsGiving](#) to learn more or follow the team on social media.

## Bids being sought for 2024, '25 Legion Baseball regional sites

The American Legion



The national Americanism Commission is seeking bids to host the American Legion Baseball regional tournaments in 2024 and 2025.

The bids may be for one year or both years.

The tournament dates are Aug. 7-11, 2024, and Aug. 6-10, 2025.

Bid packets are due to American Legion National Headquarters by Feb. 1, 2023. Selections will be made at the Spring NEC Meetings in Indianapolis in May 2023.

Bid details are available on the [American Legion Baseball Resources](#) page.

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## ALWS champions honored at World Series

[Henry Howard](#)



While they may not have been together since celebrating their American Legion World Series (ALWS) championship in August, Troy (Ala.) Post 70 members picked up right there they left off.

“They have a brotherhood, a camaraderie,” said first-year coach Ross Hixon, whose team finished the season with a 32-6 record. “They are a really fun group to be around.”

The reigning ALWS champions were honored Saturday night during Game 2 of the Major League World Series at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The Astros won 5-2 to even the series.

After the first inning, the public address announcer welcomed the team as players and coaches were shown on the Jumbotron.

On the field, there was [a strong contingent of American Legion Baseball alumni](#). Among them: Houston’s Alex Bregman, who homered in the game; manager Dusty Baker and Game 1 starter Justin Verlander. Bryce Harper, J.T. Realmuto, Alec Bohm, and Brad Hand are Phillies who also played Legion Baseball.

Wearing a Bryce Harper jersey, Troy Cavanaugh beamed when he learned of the common bond he shares with his favorite player. “That’s crazy. I didn’t know that. It’s pretty cool that I’ve shared the field with those people.”

Cavanaugh, who played on Post 70 for four years, has an understanding of the sacrifices veterans make. After all, his dad served in the Army.

“It means everything, we see all the stuff they put in to help us. It doesn’t go unnoticed,” he said. “To everyone in The American Legion, thank you. It’s awesome. To anyone thinking of playing American Legion Baseball, I would say do it.”

Post 70 won three consecutive come-from-behind games to take the American Legion World Series championship at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C. In the deciding game, [Troy defeated Idaho Falls \(Idaho\)](#) Post 56, 6-5, which was seeking to become the first team to win three straight ALWS titles.

[The George W. Rulon Player of the Year](#), Brooks Bryan, collected three hits in the deciding game.

“Post 70 never gave up,” he said. “We just thought we were always going to win. Some teams when they got down, they didn’t believe. But we always believed we were going to win. The mentality of our team was that we were always going to win.”

Bryan knows credit for the team’s success goes beyond the players and coaches. He appreciates American Legion members who supported the program and the Post 70 team. “It means a lot, knowing what the veterans went through,” he said. “They are the only reason we are here today. They put their lives on the line for us to have some freedom.”

Post 70 joins Tuscaloosa’s 1967 team as the only ALWS champions in Alabama American Legion Baseball history. For Bryan, the entire ALWS left an impression.

“American Legion Baseball has done a lot for me. Going into Shelby, you really don’t know the experience. But when we went there, it was amazing.”

Hixon has a long history with American Legion Baseball. He played for Dothan (Ala.) Post 12 in 2009-10.

“Back when I played, you want to look around for the best thing to play — team, atmosphere, whatever is going to push you to be a better person and player. For me, Dothan Post 12 was that team growing up. I was a Legion guy from the start as a player,” he explained. “Now as a coach, we want to set them up to be successful and create that team atmosphere. When you do that and they buy into it, you can create something really special. American Legion Baseball has shown that you can get a college scholarship offer. What The American Legion stands for is what is what we base our team on: working together as a team.”

Hixon also points to the impact Legionnaires have on the players.

“The biggest thing about American Legion Baseball is the history and getting educated on it,” he said. “Our guys are going to respect the flag, enjoy everything that comes with being able to play in a free country, stuff that they may not think is a big deal until they play American Legion Baseball.” Walker Stallworth relishes the off-field lessons.

“It’s an honor to be a part of the Legion,” said the second year Post 70 player, whose grandfather was a Navy veteran. “They give back to us and we sometimes give back to them.”

Seeing the smiles on their faces is just an honor. It's truly special."

Stallworth will apply the lessons learned to wherever he goes in the future.

"The American Legion has helped me become a better person," he said. "I learned a lot from everybody. I learned how to manage myself and be responsible. They teach us how to respect."

Early Sunday, the team left Houston and went their separate ways once again. But their bond and gratitude for their supporters will firmly remain.

"Thank you, American Legion," Stallworth said. "None of us have ever been to the World Series or Houston. This is a great experience, all the way from the state tournament to regionals to the (American Legion) World Series. It's been awesome. I'll never forget it."

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### Steven S. Wickard

Steven S. Wickard, 59, of North Baltimore (OH), passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022, at his residence. He was born on October 23, 1963, in Bowling Green to the late Tommie and Margaret (Mathias) Wickard.

Steve is survived by his brothers: Terry (Doni) Wickard of North Baltimore and Doug (Sherry) Wickard of North Baltimore; nieces: Heather (Tyler) Fremont and Jaymie Wickard; nephews: Jayson Wickard, Justin (Jesse) Kaufman and Matt (Brooke) Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Vicki Wickard.

Steve was a 1982 graduate of North Baltimore High School, and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2633 and Sons of the American Legion Post 539.

All services will be private. Burial will be in New Maplewood Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by SMITH-CRATES FUNERAL HOME, North Baltimore.

Memorial contributions may be made to Smith-Crates Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.smithcrates.com](http://www.smithcrates.com).

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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You continue to do a remarkable job on our membership program, surpassing last year's totals and meeting goals early. As we renew current members and recruit new ones, please don't forget to contact members who may not have renewed last year, and see if you can get him to renew. Our veterans and the children & youth of our communities need them, and I know you will do whatever you can to help in this area.

I received an email on Wednesday from Mailchimp. Effective January 1, 2023, they will be increasing their pricing for all users. For some businesses or organizations, it may mean that they have to look elsewhere for their email and marketing needs.

With the increased cost comes the news that if we don't get some sponsors and advertisers, Round-Up will have to be suspended. It is an unfortunate situation to be in, but without help, it cannot continue to be distributed as it currently is.

There is an option to continue Round-Up, but not email it out, and rather post it to my Google site. I don't think that's

very effective for our communication needs. We will see what happens.

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## Scholarship and award deadlines in January

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### JANUARY

- 1 American Legion Legacy Scholarship application for 2023 is online at [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships).

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is available to children whose parents died while honorably serving on active military duty on or after 9/11, as well as children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher. This is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized.

### 15 Veterans Employment and Education awards deadline

- National Employer of Veterans Award. This award is offered in three categories: Category I – Employers of more than 200 employees (Large); Category II – Employers of 51-200 employees (Medium); Category III – Employers of 1-50 employees (Small).
- National Employment Service Award. This award is offered in three categories: Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year; Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) of the Year; Employment Service (ES) Local Office of the Year.
- Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award. A Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered for this award.
- National Employer of Older Worker Award. The American Legion provides an Employer of Older Worker

Award for a company that consistently hires older workers, especially veterans.

- Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award. Any Legion project or program with a goal of ending homelessness among veterans will be considered for this award.

Nomination forms for the Veterans Employment and Education awards are available through American Legion department headquarters or at [legion.org/careers/awards](http://legion.org/careers/awards). All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form with no more than two pages of narrative, along with supporting documents.

Departments will send reminders to all posts about nominations. The department then selects one nominee as its winner and sends the nomination form for the winning employer. That nomination form must be signed by either the department adjutant or department employment chairman. Selection of the national winners will be made by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission during the annual Washington Conference. The national winners will receive a stipend for travel expenses and are presented award plaques at the National Convention.

The 2023 National Convention is in Charlotte.

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Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1, 2, 3, 4	43,793	23,884	(19,909)	54.54%	644	
2 Midwestern 1, 3, 4	28,918	15,103	(13,815)	52.23%	252	
3 Central 1, 3, 4	128,333	65,237	(63,096)	50.83%	986	
4 Eastern	140,932	62,644	(78,288)	44.45%	1,612	
5 Western 1	25,822	10,810	(15,012)	41.86%	152	
<b>TOTALS 1, 4</b>	<b>367,798</b>	<b>177,678</b>	<b>(190,120)</b>	<b>48.31%</b>	<b>3,646</b>	



12/08/22		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	2,673	(1,514)	63.84%	127	58.49%	7	
2 Iowa 1, 3, 4	4,857	2,835	(2,022)	58.37%	-	52.77%	12	
3 Illinois 1, 2, 3	13,398	7,710	(5,688)	57.55%	4	53.74%	14	
4 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4	3,219	1,793	(1,426)	55.70%	225	49.01%	19	
5 Ohio 1, 4	30,636	15,601	(15,035)	50.92%	159	46.99%	27	
6 Indiana 1, 3, 4	36,387	18,011	(18,376)	49.50%	236	45.39%	31	
7 Michigan 4	24,271	11,651	(12,620)	48.00%	193	42.21%	33	
8 Minnesota	11,378	4,963	(6,415)	43.62%	42	41.13%	42	
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4</b>	<b>128,333</b>	<b>65,237</b>	<b>(63,096)</b>	<b>50.83%</b>	<b>859</b>			

12/08/22		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	82	5	106.49%	-	94.74%	1	10/10/22
2 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4	1,414	799	(615)	56.51%	26	46.28%	15	
3 Nevada 4	357	189	(168)	52.94%	-	46.11%	21	
4 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4	644	292	(352)	45.34%	4	37.67%	39	
5 Utah	449	201	(248)	44.77%	-	37.02%	40	
6 California 1	10,714	4,692	(6,022)	43.79%	81	36.81%	41	
7 Alaska 3	1,608	637	(971)	39.61%	-	33.09%	46	
8 Washington	2,485	933	(1,552)	37.55%	8	28.17%	49	
9 Arizona	8,004	2,983	(5,021)	37.27%	33	29.38%	50	
10 Phillipines	70	2	(68)	2.86%	-	1.47%	55	
<b>TOTALS 1</b>	<b>25,822</b>	<b>10,810</b>	<b>(15,012)</b>	<b>41.86%</b>	<b>152</b>			

12/08/22		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, 6	1,790	1,360	(430)	75.98%	12	69.12%	3	
2 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	123	79	(44)	64.23%	-	35.25%	6	
3 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	2,066	1,279	(787)	61.91%	24	54.00%	9	
4 Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5	722	441	(281)	61.08%	7	53.04%	10	
5 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4	4,490	2,668	(1,822)	59.42%	50	51.73%	11	
6 Florida 1, 3, 4	21,519	12,046	(9,473)	55.98%	386	46.42%	16	
7 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4	2,727	1,522	(1,205)	55.81%	46	45.05%	18	
8 South Carolina 4	1,473	746	(727)	50.64%	8	43.66%	28	
9 Virginia 4	4,109	2,045	(2,064)	49.77%	101	43.14%	30	
10 Tennessee 1, 3, 4	1,718	822	(896)	47.85%	8	39.24%	35	
11 Arkansas 1	447	174	(273)	38.93%	-	33.71%	47	
12 Kentucky	2,609	702	(1,907)	26.91%	2	23.45%	54	
<b>TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4</b>	<b>43,793</b>	<b>23,884</b>	<b>(19,909)</b>	<b>54.54%</b>	<b>632</b>			

12/08/22		2023 MIDWESTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,362	1,067	(295)	78.34%	37	62.97%	2	
2 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,348	920	(428)	68.25%	5	56.93%	5	
3 Montana 1, 3, 4, 5	1,108	697	(411)	62.91%	28	58.96%	8	
4 North Dakota 1, 3, 4	1,056	559	(497)	52.94%	7	45.90%	22	
5 Nebraska 1, 3, 4	7,015	3,650	(3,365)	52.03%	15	49.99%	23	
6 Wyoming 1, 4	1,298	671	(627)	51.69%	4	45.46%	24	
7 Kansas 3, 4	5,919	3,040	(2,879)	51.36%	65	47.09%	25	
8 Colorado 1, 4	2,729	1,399	(1,330)	51.26%	5	45.19%	26	
9 Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4	31	15	(16)	48.39%	-	16.13%	32	
10 Texas 1, 3, 4	5,569	2,598	(2,971)	46.65%	59	39.42%	36	
11 New Mexico	1,483	487	(996)	32.84%	27	27.25%	52	
<b>TOTALS 1, 3, 4</b>	<b>28,918</b>	<b>15,103</b>	<b>(13,815)</b>	<b>52.23%</b>	<b>215</b>			

12/08/22		2023 EASTERN REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	158	112	(46)	70.89%	-	68.39%	4	
2 Maryland 1, 3, 4	16,058	9,283	(6,775)	57.81%	254	52.94%	13	
3 Delaware 1, 3, 4	2,430	1,357	(1,073)	55.84%	23	48.23%	17	
4 Vermont 1, 3, 4	3,818	2,048	(1,770)	53.64%	126	49.31%	20	
5 New Jersey 2, 3, 4	9,386	4,725	(4,661)	50.34%	32	45.24%	29	
6 Connecticut 4	1,867	894	(973)	47.88%	6	42.83%	34	
7 New York 4	29,864	13,763	(16,101)	46.09%	192	42.11%	37	
8 New Hampshire 4	5,677	2,607	(3,070)	45.92%	56	41.62%	38	
9 Massachusetts	5,442	2,360	(3,082)	43.37%	23	38.98%	43	
10 Rhode Island	336	138	(198)	41.07%	6	32.73%	44	
11 Maine	2,617	1,067	(1,550)	40.77%	-	35.06%	45	
12 Pennsylvania	60,803	23,393	(37,410)	38.47%	891	34.89%	48	
13 West Virginia	2,362	862	(1,500)	36.49%	3	31.57%	51	
14 Dist. of Columbia	114	35	(79)	30.70%	-	22.12%	53	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140,932</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>(78,288)</b>	<b>44.45%</b>	<b>1,612</b>			

12/08/22		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1, 3, 4	21,519	12,046	(9,473)	55.98%	386	46.42%	16	
2 Ohio 1, 4	30,636	15,601	(15,035)	50.92%	159	46.99%	27	
3 Indiana 1, 3, 4	36,387	18,011	(18,376)	49.50%	236	45.39%	31	
4 Michigan 4	24,271	11,651	(12,620)	48.00%	193	42.21%	33	
5 New York 4	29,864	13,763	(16,101)	46.09%	192	42.11%	37	
6 Pennsylvania	60,803	23,393	(37,410)	38.47%	891	34.89%	48	
<b>TOTALS 4</b>	<b>203,480</b>	<b>94,465</b>	<b>(109,015)</b>	<b>46.42%</b>	<b>2,057</b>			

<b>National Membership Totals 4</b>	<b>367,798</b>	<b>177,678</b>	<b>(190,120)</b>	<b>48.31%</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>43.18%</b>		
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- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/16/23 goal of 105%





# American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

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## 100% Per Capita Banner Program

### Request Form

2022 – 2023

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2022-2023 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2022. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2022:

Total enclosed: \$

#### Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

**ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2023**