



“Quality over quantity”: Army’s top general says lowering requirements to boost recruiting could be dangerous

Douglas D. Ware/Stars and Stripes | January 19, 2023

The Army’s top general warned Wednesday that lowering entry requirements for recruits is dangerous as the U.S. military looks for ways to attract troops who want to serve and can pass the physical and academic tests.

Gen. James McConville, the Army’s chief of staff, said the challenges to increase recruiting numbers are formidable. By the end of 2022, the Army was hoping to have 473,000 troops, but ended up with about 465,000 after lowering its goal twice.

It’s not just the Army. The other service branches are also having difficulty finding recruits who can meet physical and academic requirements.

“Here’s what we do know. We have a lot of young men and women who want to serve — and they can’t pass the academic requirements or they can’t pass the physical requirements,” said McConville, who became the Army’s chief of staff in 2019.

To join the Army, a recruit must be between the ages of 17 and 35, medically and physically fit, and in good moral standing. Further, they must be a high school graduate, or the equivalent, and pass the Army’s placement exam known as the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. According to Pentagon data, 23% of Americans between the ages of 17 and 24 meet all eligibility requirements.

“We are facing unprecedented challenges recruiting new soldiers. Among a myriad of causes, America’s youth are less qualified for service than ever before,” said Army Brig. Gen. Patrick Michaelis, commander at Fort Jackson, S.C. “Since the all-volunteer force was established in 1973, this is the hardest Recruiting Command has had to work to meet recruiting goals.”

Army officials have said the coronavirus pandemic has also made recruiting more difficult, as ASVAB test scores are down almost 10% since the start of the crisis.

“They just can’t pass it,” McConville said. “It’s harder for people today to pass it than it was before.”

He also pointed to a university study done that found about half of high school ROTC students are also failing the ASVAB test. But despite these recruiting hurdles, he said he remains opposed to relaxing entry requirements because the standards are there for a reason.

“This could be a very dangerous time and unimaginable things can happen,” McConville said, stressing the importance of troops’ intellect and physical capabilities during conflict.

“What we are not willing to do is ... we don’t want to lower standards,” he said, noting Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin shares his opinion. “We think that quality is more important than quantity.”

“What we are willing to do is we’re willing to invest in young men and women. We have started what we call the Future Soldier’s Prep Course at Fort Jackson, and we’re getting ready to stand one up at Fort Benning [in Georgia].”

The pilot prep course started last year, and its chief goal is to train young Americans to pass the entry requirements when they’re ready to join. To test its effectiveness, the Army put about 3,000 young men and women through the prep course and saw remarkable improvement.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE

February 15, 2023



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"Purpose is why we journey;
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"It got about a 95% success rate. Either they are improving their scores, or they are losing body fat," McConville said. "When they go into initial military training, they have got a heads up on their peers."

He said the prep course could save the Pentagon money by helping to weed out recruits before they get to the stage where the military starts investing in their futures.



DoD image

"I think we are going to have to do this if we don't want to lower standards," McConville said. "We want to give people an opportunity to do great things."

"In fact, we want them to be all they can be," he added, harking back to the Army's "Be All You Can Be" slogan from the 1980s and 1990s — a slogan so fondly remembered that [the service is bringing it back in 2023](#) as part of its evolving recruiting plans.

Another avenue that the Army wants to follow, McConville said, is finding recruits in families that don't have a lot of military connections. He emphasized more than 80% of recruits have traditionally come from military families.

"We really need to make it not a military family business — but an American family business," he said.



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BE THE ONE

New materials for Be the One promotions

The American Legion | January 19, 2023

Additional resources have been created for posts, districts and departments to support The American Legion's [Be the One initiative](#).

Among them:

- Sample press release: A template for a press release to promote your event. [Download the Word document](#), update it with your specific event information, and distribute it local media, community partners and others.
- Wallet cards: A collection of printable business-card sized with Be the One branding and QR codes. They can be used as single-sided cards, combined for double-sided cards, or added to the back side of a personal business card.

If you have suggestions for other materials to promote Be the One, please email magazine@legion.org.



NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee

Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman

Here is the final Schedule of Events for the Wild Willy's Western Rendezvous IX. I have updated it with the room names where everything will be located. The CENTCOM Focus Group will meet in the Florentine E Room. I have made the final arrangements with the Tuscany staff, and I believe we are ready to go next week.

Always in Service,

Jim Stewart
Wild Willy's Western Rendezvous Event Coordinator
Past National Vice-Commander
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		Wild Willy's Western Rendezvous Western Region Sons of The American Legion	
Schedule of Events			
Friday, January 27th, 2023			
6:00 pm	10:00 pm	Social Gathering <i>(No Host Bar)</i>	Pub 365, Casino Floor, Tuscany Casino Back Party Room
Saturday, January 28th, 2023			
8:30 am	9:00 am	Registration & Opening	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
9:00 am	9:50 am	Be the One <i>Suicide Prevention Training Session</i> <i>Abe Abrahamson & Matt Wrobel</i>	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
9:50 am	10:00 am	Break	
10:00 am	10:30 am	Team Building Exercise 1	Florentine F Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
10:30 am	11:30 am	Be the One (Continued) <i>Suicide Prevention Training Session</i> <i>Abe Abrahamson & Matt Wrobel</i>	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
11:30 am	1:00 pm	Luncheon <i>(Hosted)</i>	Siena Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
1:00 pm	1:50 pm	Making Meetings Work <i>Using Parliamentary Procedures</i> <i>NVCS Ron Roberts</i>	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
1:50 pm	2:00 pm	Break	
2:00 pm	2:30 pm	Team Building Exercise 2	Florentine F Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
2:30 pm	3:20 pm	Resolutions <i>It's About the Form!</i> <i>NVCS Ron Roberts</i>	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
3:20 pm	3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	4:00 pm	Team Building Exercise 3	Florentine F Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
4:00 pm	5:30 pm	Implementing Change <i>Easy Right? Not That Easy!</i> <i>NVCS Ron Roberts</i>	Tuscany Room, 2 nd Floor, Tuscany Casino
7:30 pm	????	Dinner <i>(No Host Dinner)</i>	Fogo de Chao Restaurant 360 East Flamingo Road

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Volunteers needed for 2023 National Oratorical Finals

The American Legion | January 9, 2023

American Legion National Headquarters is looking for volunteers to help with the 2023 National High School Oratorical Contest Finals in Indianapolis, April 21-23. Needed volunteer positions include judges, escorts, and holding room and assigned topic room monitors.



Jackson Boone of Kentucky is a participant in the 2022 American Legion National Oratorical Finals in Indianapolis.

Photo by Alan Petersime/The American Legion

Please note that National Headquarters will not provide any financial compensation for time or travel expenses associated with volunteer support. All expenses related to volunteering with the contest, such as travel, housing, and food, are paid for by the volunteer.

The contest is held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West hotel where more than 53 high school youth from across the country deliver prepared speeches on the U.S. Constitution. The support of many volunteers is needed to conduct the

contest, which will provide more than \$203,500 in college scholarships. [Fill out the volunteer form here.](#)

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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 (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,053	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 555.00	27.0%	\$ 0.27
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,627	\$ 1,627.00	\$ 1,678.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,076	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 10,504.00	130.1%	\$ 1.30
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 441.00	441	\$ 441.00	\$ 200.00	45.4%	\$ 0.45
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 1,183.56	11.0%	\$ 0.11
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,784	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 5,130.00	184.3%	\$ 1.84
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,856	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 1,100.00	59.3%	\$ 0.59
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,433	\$ 2,433.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ 113.00	113	\$ 113.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 19,010.00	88.1%	\$ 0.88
FR - FRANCE	\$ 156.00	156	\$ 156.00	\$ 100.00	64.1%	\$ 0.64
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 1,360.00	30.5%	\$ 0.31
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00	400.0%	\$ 4.00
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ 200.00	31.0%	\$ 0.31
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,348	\$ 13,348.00	\$ 2,671.78	20.0%	\$ 0.20
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 225.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,836	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 154.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 365.00	6.2%	\$ 0.06
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 2,586.00	2,586	\$ 2,586.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 1,510.00	85.2%	\$ 0.85
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,596	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,051	\$ 16,051.00	\$ 580.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 121.00	2.2%	\$ 0.02
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,311	\$ 24,311.00	\$ 5,158.00	21.2%	\$ 0.21
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,289	\$ 11,289.00	\$ 6,827.75	60.5%	\$ 0.60
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	725	\$ 725.00	\$ 137.00	18.9%	\$ 0.19
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,197	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 350.00	10.9%	\$ 0.11
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,076	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 850.00	79.0%	\$ 0.79
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,913	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 4,845.00	70.1%	\$ 0.70
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ 75.00	20.8%	\$ 0.21
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,811	\$ 5,811.00	\$ 2,488.78	42.8%	\$ 0.43
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,364	\$ 9,364.00	\$ 270.00	2.9%	\$ 0.03
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 4,800.00	319.1%	\$ 3.19
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 9,993.00	33.4%	\$ 0.33
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,698	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 2,293.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,051.00	1,051	\$ 1,051.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,144	\$ 30,144.00	\$ 6,842.80	22.7%	\$ 0.23
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ 1,343.00	1,343	\$ 1,343.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,428	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 587.00	41.1%	\$ 0.41
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 6,370.98	10.5%	\$ 0.11
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ 75.00	111.9%	\$ 1.12
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	1,485	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 400.00	26.9%	\$ 0.27
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,360	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,451.85	106.8%	\$ 1.07
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,683	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 911.61	54.2%	\$ 0.54
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,584	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 9,884.00	177.0%	\$ 1.77
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 475.00	107.5%	\$ 1.07
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,830	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 1,950.00	50.9%	\$ 0.51
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,079	\$ 4,079.00	\$ 11,700.00	286.8%	\$ 2.87
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,504	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 675.00	27.0%	\$ 0.27
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 2,727.25	113.4%	\$ 1.13
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 605.00	14.5%	\$ 0.14
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,295	\$ 1,295.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00	-	\$ -	\$ 3,699.91	-	\$ -
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	366,511	\$ 366,511.00	\$ 133,550.27	36.4%	\$ 0.36

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Total:	\$ 91,331.91	140,961	\$ 140,961.00	\$ 25,851.01	18.3%	\$ 0.18

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Total:	\$ 64,074.78	28,800	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 27,325.85	94.9%	\$ 0.95

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GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 349,789.25	366,511	\$ 366,511.00	\$ 133,550.27	36.4%	\$ 0.36

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: JANUARY 13, 2023						
2022 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 31, 2022 (FINAL)						

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
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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

Training Tuesday on introduction to MyLegion

The American Legion | January 17, 2023

The virtual Training Tuesdays, hosted by the Internal Affairs & Membership Division, will resume on Jan. 31. The training will be on how to register for a [MyLegion.org](#) account and use the program for individual and post success.

Listen to the training Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. Eastern by [clicking here](#). Or visit the Training Tuesday web page at [le-union.org/training/training-Tuesdays](#).

The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff and other leadership present 60- to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants.

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman
 Third Thursday of ODD Months
 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
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 888 475 4499 US Toll-free

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

additional membership information appears later in this edition

Fellow Sons,

I wish I knew the word to accurately describe our membership numbers thus far, but I am speechless! 49 Detachments have made the 60% goal, 3 regions are already over 70%, we are 42,343 members ahead of schedule and 18 Detachments have already hit the 75% target date of February 15!!

Teamwork + dedication = success, and as we all know....NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.

Job well done!!



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 20, 2023

TO: National Officers, Detachment Commanders and Adjutants
 FROM: Anthony W. Wright (PA), National Adjutant
 SUBJECT: 60% - Membership Target Date

“CONGRATULATIONS”

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 60% membership target date (1-19-2023) are posted below:

2023 Membership Goal: **367,798**
 Total Membership: **263,022**
 Percentage Of Goal: **71.51%**
 2023 Renewal Rate: **64.30%**
 Detachments Making Goal: **49**

ALABAMA	FRANCE	LOUISIANA	MISSOURI	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA
ALASKA	GEORGIA	MAINE	MONTANA	OHIO	TENNESSEE
ARIZONA	HAWAII	MARYLAND	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS
CALIFORNIA	IDAHO	MASSACHUSETTS	NEVADA	OREGON	UTAH
COLORADO	ILLINOIS	MEXICO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	PENNSYLVANIA	VERMONT
CONNECTICUT	INDIANA	MICHIGAN	NEW JERSEY	PUERTO RICO	VIRGINIA
DELAWARE	IOWA	MINNESOTA	NEW YORK	RHODE ISLAND	WEST VIRGINIA
FLORIDA	KANSAS	MISSISSIPPI	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN

GREAT JOB!!

Many detachments should achieve this membership goal soon!

Next scheduled renewal notice to be mailed: **February 24, 2023** (2ND OF 3)

Next membership target date: **February 15, 2023** 75%

RENEWAL IS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS
 MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 60% TARGET 1/19/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-36	82	106.49%	94.74
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-452	1,269	93.17%	75.77
3	FRANCE	158	-40	135	85.44%	82.05
4	LOUISIANA	1,790	-425	1,499	83.74%	75.93
5	PUERTO RICO	123	-26	100	81.30%	47.54
6	WISCONSIN	4,187	-901	3,413	81.51%	72.86
7	MEXICO	31	-5	24	77.42%	35.48
8	FLORIDA	21,519	-4,103	17,014	79.07%	65.95
9	MARYLAND	16,058	-2,924	12,559	78.21%	71.39
10	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-222	1,031	76.48%	62.13
11	OREGON	1,414	-256	1,104	78.08%	62.12
12	GEORGIA	4,490	-734	3,428	76.35%	65.80
13	ALABAMA	2,066	-334	1,574	76.19%	66.31
14	MONTANA	1,108	-168	833	75.18%	70.69
15	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-236	1,120	76.04%	65.23
16	IOWA	4,857	-871	3,785	77.93%	70.35
17	DELAWARE	2,430	-397	1,855	76.34%	66.54
18	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-419	2,055	75.36%	62.54
19	VERMONT	3,818	-565	2,856	74.80%	68.79
20	MISSISSIPPI	722	-102	535	74.10%	63.77
21	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	-8,347	44,829	73.73%	68.43
22	MISSOURI	3,219	-501	2,432	75.55%	67.22
23	INDIANA	36,387	-4,595	26,427	72.63%	67.09
24	NEBRASKA	7,015	-848	5,057	72.09%	68.77
25	MICHIGAN	24,271	-3,014	17,577	72.42%	64.48
26	ALASKA	1,608	-195	1,160	72.14%	59.42
27	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-112	746	70.64%	61.60
28	VIRGINIA	4,109	-572	3,037	73.91%	64.10
29	OHIO	30,636	-3,506	21,888	71.45%	66.29
30	RHODE ISLAND	336	-45	247	73.51%	63.84
31	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-762	4,168	73.42%	65.91
32	KANSAS	5,919	-612	4,163	70.33%	63.74
33	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-246	1,663	70.41%	59.56
34	NEW YORK	29,864	-2,387	20,305	67.99%	62.59
35	COLORADO	2,729	-264	1,901	69.66%	60.54
36	CONNECTICUT	1,867	-137	1,257	67.33%	60.40
37	ILLINOIS	13,398	-1,453	9,492	70.85%	65.08
38	ARIZONA	8,004	-711	5,513	68.88%	56.78
39	MAINE	2,617	-187	1,757	67.14%	58.27
40	TENNESSEE	1,718	-77	1,108	64.49%	52.70
41	NEVADA	357	-22	236	66.11%	55.83
42	WYOMING	1,298	-62	841	64.79%	57.16
43	CALIFORNIA	10,714	-280	6,708	62.61%	52.14
44	TEXAS	5,569	-142	3,483	62.54%	52.58
45	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	-166	3,431	63.05%	56.55
46	IDAHO	644	-16	402	62.42%	52.56
47	UTAH	449	-4	273	60.80%	52.82
48	MINNESOTA	11,378	-446	7,273	63.92%	60.17
49	NEW JERSEY	9,386	-99	5,731	61.06%	54.72
50	WASHINGTON	2,485	139	1,352	54.41%	41.89
51	ARKANSAS	447	41	227	50.78%	43.67
52	NEW MEXICO	1,483	102	788	53.14%	43.50
53	DIST OF COL	114	7	61	53.51%	41.59
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	364	1,201	46.03%	39.01
55	PHILIPPINES	70	25	17	24.29%	23.53
Grand Totals:		367,798	-42,343	263,022	71.51%	64.30

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	82	106.49%
OREGON	1,414	1,104	78.08%
ALASKA	1,608	1,160	72.14%
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UTAH	449	273	60.80%
WASHINGTON	2,485	1,352	54.41%
PHILIPPINES	70	17	24.29%
Totals:	25,822	16,847	65.24%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,269	93.17%
MEXICO	31	24	77.42%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,031	76.48%
MONTANA	1,108	833	75.18%
NEBRASKA	7,015	5,057	72.09%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	746	70.64%
KANSAS	5,919	4,163	70.33%
COLORADO	2,729	1,901	69.66%
WYOMING	1,298	841	64.79%
TEXAS	5,569	3,483	62.54%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	788	53.14%
Totals:	28,918	20,136	69.63%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,187	3,413	81.51%
IOWA	4,857	3,785	77.93%
MISSOURI	3,219	2,432	75.55%
INDIANA	36,387	26,427	72.63%
MICHIGAN	24,271	17,577	72.42%
OHIO	30,636	21,888	71.45%
ILLINOIS	13,398	9,492	70.85%
MINNESOTA	11,378	7,273	63.92%
Totals:	128,333	92,287	71.91%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	135	85.44%
MARYLAND	16,058	12,559	78.21%
DELAWARE	2,430	1,855	76.34%
VERMONT	3,818	2,856	74.80%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	44,829	73.73%
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MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	3,431	63.05%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	5,731	61.06%
DIST OF COL	114	61	53.51%
Totals:	140,932	100,854	71.56%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,499	83.74%
PUERTO RICO	123	100	81.30%
FLORIDA	21,519	17,014	79.07%
GEORGIA	4,490	3,428	76.35%
ALABAMA	2,066	1,574	76.19%
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TENNESSEE	1,718	1,108	64.49%
ARKANSAS	447	227	50.78%
KENTUCKY	2,609	1,201	46.03%
Totals:	45,793	32,898	75.12%

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

National Executive Committee

Liaison Committee

Jim Stewart (NV), Chairman

National Vice-Commander Selection Committee

James Hartman (MD), Co-Chairman

David Stephens (IN), Co-Chairman

Public and Media Communications Commission

Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Dear TALMA members,

It's that time of the year for entries for the annual American Legion Media Alliance contest. The contest is now open for you to submit entries at legion.org/talma/contest. There are seven categories: websites, publications, visual media, social media campaigns, editorial/news writing, editorial/informational writing, and public relations/community outreach.

As a reminder, all entries must have been published during the 2022 calendar year. The contest is free and only open to members of TALMA. This is a valuable benefit of TALMA membership! If you need to renew your TALMA membership, you can easily [do so here](#). And if you know someone who would benefit from a TALMA membership, especially with the contest, please let them know they can join at legion.org/talma/join.

Deadline for submissions is April 15. Don't wait! Start

submitting your work now for us to recognize your efforts in publicizing the good that The American Legion does at the department, post, and district level.

In addition to bragging rights, contest award winners will receive a plaque and free admission to the annual TALMA banquet/luncheon at national convention. (Details of the luncheon will be forthcoming.)

The Innovation Award and Chairman's Award will once again be presented for this year's contest. Winners of the awards get a plaque, \$50 Emblem Sales credit and a seat on the TALMA task force for the coming year. More about the awards:

Innovation Award: This rewards innovation in media. Nominees may submit for this but don't have to for consideration. Judges will consider the award winners and other nominees to select a winner that demonstrated true innovation.

Chairman's Award: A "Best in Show" award. Nominees don't submit specifically for this. The judges consider award winners and select one that goes above and beyond the others.

As we prepare for our next TALMA training session, I want to remind you that the December training was pre-recorded instead of live to allow TALMA members to listen at their convenience. The training focused on resources to promote Be the One; how to create a TALMA contest award-winning newsletter; and ways to promote a membership revitalization effort. To listen, [just click this link](#) and enter the Passcode: Ws71BF+G.

I look forward to seeing your entries in the TALMA contest.

Thank you for your membership in TALMA.

Dave Wallace, Chairman
The American Legion
Media & Communications Commission

Subcommittee on Resolutions

Ned Fox (CA), Chairman

Subcommittee on National Appointments

Donald Allisot, Jr. (ME), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman
Fourth Monday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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OCW grants: over \$360,000 help servicemembers, veterans

The American Legion | January 10, 2023

In 2022, The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program provided 62 grants totaling \$363,349. OCW supports servicemembers and veterans recovering from wounds and illnesses with items to aid in their rehabilitation that are not normally provided by the federal government. OCW grants have helped wounded warriors and veterans in their recovery with fitness equipment, sports therapy equipment, electronic devices, clothing, games, art supplies and more.

Of the OCW grants issued in 2022, 38 went to servicemembers, 10 to American Legion posts/districts, nine to veteran-related events and five to VA medical facilities. A few grants include:

- [\\$29,500 worth of gaming equipment](#) to help the non-profit Stack Up update Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Warrior Zone that includes a gaming area for servicemembers.
- a paddle board to help injured Afghanistan veteran James Gafney stay active and healthy. "I can't thank this (American Legion OCW) program enough. I think it's a great program to help a lot of veterans," he said.

- \$4,950 to provide food and drinks for those attending an Indianapolis screening of Irreverent Warriors' movie "The Hike Back Film." Irreverent Warriors provides a community for veterans across the nation through local therapeutic events, as well as works with other veteran organizations who provide services such as job placement, training, housing, service dogs and more.
- \$10,000 grant to provide meals to those who attended the the 2022 Team River Runner (TTR) Adaptive Paddling Conference, which provides classroom and hands-on training to assist disabled veterans through TRR programs.

Learn more about how to apply for an OCW grant or donate to the program at legion.org/ocw. One hundred percent of donations go toward grants.



Operation Comfort Warriors

his program provides comfort items for wounded, injured or ill military personnel. All donations to this fund go directly towards the purchase of these comfort items.

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman
Third Wednesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (508) 924-3315

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/x19ct26>



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Pro Deo Et Partia – For God and Country

Minister Jeffrey L. Gibson Sr., National Chaplain
Sons of The American Legion



How to commemorate Four Chaplains Sunday

The American Legion | January 12, 2023

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide commemorate the selfless acts of the Four Chaplains on or near Feb. 3, designated Four Chaplains Day by Congress in 1948. This year, Four Chaplains Sunday is Feb. 5.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport Dorchester tragically sunk while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men.

As the Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

The following is an example of how to conduct a Four Chaplain's service. Additional information is available in our [Four Chaplains Sunday guide](#).

Location: The service can be held at a post, fraternal hall, auditorium, church, synagogue, or chapel.

Media: Spread the word about your Four Chaplains service through local newspapers, radio and TV stations, and social

media. Encourage reporters to write about the upcoming service or to do a follow-up story.

Program: Printed programs add to the dignity and importance of the occasion.

Suggested format:

- Posting of the colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- "America the Beautiful" (assembly or solo)
- Welcome
- Invocation
- Introduction of guests
- Message (focused on the Four Chaplains and sacrificial service)
- Tributes to the Four Chaplains (wreath laying or candle lighting by four clergy, one of each faith)
- "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (assembly)
- Benediction
- Retirement of colors

To symbolize the tragic sinking of the Dorchester, there can be any number of focal points for the service such as four lifejackets or four empty seats.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Start planning for national convention

The American Legion | January 17, 2023

Department hotel assignments for the 104th American Legion National Convention, set for Aug. 25-31 in Charlotte, N.C., have been posted [online](#).

Hotel reservations and convention registrations must go through each department's headquarters; contact information is included with the listings. Also available is a [map](#) of the hotels relative to the Charlotte Convention Center.

New information about the convention will be posted at legion.org/convention/resources.

Deep River (IA) Sons of The American Legion to host pine car derby

January 13, 2023

A pine car derby will be hosted by Sons of the American Legion Squadron 296 of Deep River at the Deep River Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Check-in will start at 8 a.m. with cut off no later than 9:30 a.m. Races will begin by 10 a.m. Cars must not weigh more than five ounces. The entry fee for legion family members is \$10. Non-members entry fee is \$15. Sign up to be a

Legion family member at any post and the car and entry fee will be free.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Test and tune will be held at the community center on Friday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. You can also sign up for the derby at that time.

A sign up and workshop will be held at Bob Wilhelms' house at 408 Church St. in Deep River on Friday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Car kits are \$5. Cutting will be available.

For more information, text or call 641-891-4598.

Reprinted from [Southeast Iowa Union](#)

Sons of the American Legion donate to local Shriners

January 13, 2023



The local Sons of The American Legion recently donated to the local Shriners. Making the donation for Sons of the American Legion is Cmdr. Cary Barksdale. Also at the donation presentation are (from left) Wayne Bales, Mike Harris, Cary Barksdale, Chip Slate, and Junior Fallen.

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SPORTS

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

The American Legion | January 13, 2023



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.

Legion Baseball team registration is open

The American Legion | January 13, 2023

Registration for the 2023 American Legion Baseball season is open at baseball.legion.org.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 may be subject to a department late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Teams may begin to pay registration fees and insurance premiums beginning Feb. 15.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, [contact your department chairmen](#).

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must complete the Abuse Awareness course either through Protect Youth Sports or USA Baseball. All coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must also have a completed and passed background check. Click [here](#) to download the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook.

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

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

Gregory Bretz

LUCAS — Gregory Bretz, age 69, passed away on Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023, after a very long and tough battle with cancer at the Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan.

Greg was born on Sept. 3, 1953, in Lucas, the son of John Jacob Bretz and Fern Reh Bretz. He graduated high school and went to work for R.E.A. and Midwest Energy. They moved to Topeka, KS and he worked as a carpenter building houses. Then later he moved back to Lucas and went to work for the City of Lucas and then Topps Mechanical and later retired.

Greg enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was a hunter, fisherman and an avid birdwatcher. He was also a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 267.

He was preceded in death by his father Jake Bretz and mother Fern Reh Bretz. Greg is survived by his two sons, Lee (Robin) Bretz of Great Bend, Kan. and Brent Bretz of Great Bend, Kan; two brothers, Gordon (Cheryl) Bretz of Lucas, Kan., and Gary (LaRee) Bretz of Lucas, Kan.; five grandchildren, Brodie, Braylin, Mackenzie, Korbin and Beau; one great grandchild, Krew.

Celebration of life graveside services will be held on Saturday Jan. 14, 2023, at the Lucas Cemetery in Lucas, KS. The family has requested memorial contributions be made to the Sons of the American Legion Post #267 and can be sent in care of the mortuary. Arrangements have been

entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries www.rfmortuaries.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by:
Rentschler Family Mortuaries
111 S. Fairview Avenue
Lucas, KS. 67648

Reprinted from [Great Bend, KS Tribune](#)

Simple home safety solutions

By Jim Miller/via Crescendo | January 9, 2023

[LEARN HOW YOUR PLANNED GIFT CAN HELP THE AMERICAN LEGION](#)

I worry about home safety for my parent who lives alone. Do you have any suggestions on what I can do to help keep them safe from hazards such as falls and fires?

There are several small adjustments and modifications you can make to help protect from falls and fires, both of which cause thousands of injuries and deaths each year. Here are some tips to get you started.

Eliminate tripping hazards Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is to assess the layout of the home. If there are throw rugs, a common tripping hazard, use carpet tacks or double-sided tape to secure them, or remove them entirely. Ensure the furniture is placed so there are clear pathways to walk through, and position any electrical or phone cords along walls and out of the way.

For hardwood stairs, consider attaching a nonslip tread to each step to provide traction and help your parent see the edge of the step. For added protection in the bathroom, purchase some nonskid rugs for the floors. Place adhesive nonslip treads or a mat with rubber suction inside the tub or shower stall to prevent slips.

Improve the lighting. Proper lighting is essential for safety. Check the wattage ratings on the lamps and light fixtures and install the brightest bulbs allowed. Adding supplemental lighting to eliminate dark areas is also helpful.

You should also purchase some dusk-to-dawn nightlights for the bathroom and hallways. It is also a good idea to mount motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway that automatically come on after dark.



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Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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Get grab bars Grab bars can significantly reduce the risk of bathroom falls. Install them at the entry to the shower or tub and on a wall inside the stall, but do not use grab bars that attach with suction. Instead, have wall-mounted bars installed by a professional who can affix them to the wall studs. It is also best to choose bars with surfaces that are slightly textured and easier to grip.

Ensure railings are stable: Wherever there are steps – stairways, entryways or basements – it is essential to have sturdy railings. Ideally, the railings should be on both sides of the steps.

Prevent cooking fires There are several affordable products you can purchase to help prevent home cooking fires. There are discs that attach to a stove's knob that will continuously blink or beep after the stove has been in use for a pre-set amount of time, and "smart knobs" that can control a stove's heating settings from a mobile device. In addition, there are higher-tech options, such as stove sensors that shut off the stove when they do not detect motion for a certain number of minutes or that send an alert if unsafe cooking temperatures are reached.

Install smoke alarms Install a "smart" smoke alarm in the house (one for each floor) that will alert your parent when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected. These smart devices will also send alerts to your phone to let you know when a problem is detected.

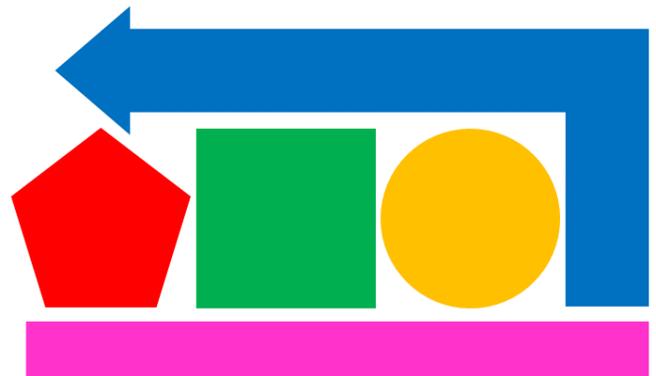
Add fire extinguishers Get portable multipurpose fire extinguishers for each level of the house and the garage.

Consider a medical alert device To provide you some peace of mind, consider getting a medical alert device that comes with a wearable SOS button that will allow your parent to call for help in case they fall or need assistance.

Many organizations publish tips and checklists to help ensure a safe living space. You can search for these on the internet using the key phrase "home safety checklist." You will find many suggestions that can help make your parent's home safer and easier to live in.

"Savvy Living" is written by Jim Miller, a regular contributor to NBC's "Today Show." The column, and others like it, is available to read via The American Legion's Planned Giving program, a way of establishing your legacy of support for the organization while providing for your current financial needs. Learn more about the process, and the variety of charitable programs you can benefit, at legion.org/plannedgiving. Clicking on "Learn more" will bring up an "E-newsletter" button, where you can sign up for regular information from Planned Giving.

Meeting of the Jeffs



There will be a Meeting of the Jeffs on Saturday, April 22, 2023 during the Central Region Extravaganza.

All Jeffs planning to attend the meeting must email jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com.

Jeffs do not need to attend the conference to attend this very important meeting.



AMERICAN LEGION



Legion Family Day can be a life saver

The American Legion | January 18, 2023

“Family” is a word that we use frequently in The American Legion. As far as this organization is concerned, it’s right up there with “veteran.”

Nothing can devastate a family like the loss of a veteran. It’s yet another reason why The American Legion has made suicide prevention its top priority. The National Executive Committee unanimously passed [Resolution No. 7: American Legion Family Day](#) at its meeting October 12-13, 2022, in Indianapolis. It establishes American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Among the goals is education.

Let visitors to your Family Day event know the issues that are important to The American Legion. Tell them about our [Be the One program](#) and our [efforts to de-stigmatize the courageous decision to seek mental wellness](#). Include an information table at your post so veterans know that resources and help are available to cover all kinds of needs through American Legion Charities and other great programs. Brochures can be downloaded at [legion.org/publications](#) and [betheone.org](#).

Too many veterans take their lives while feeling isolated and alone. Some have no close relatives to whom they can reach out. It is a mistake for them to believe they have no family. Whether they know it or not, they have an American Legion Family. We care about them. Legionnaires have also worn the uniform of the U.S. military and many of us have endured similar experiences.

Veterans don’t often advertise their personal crises. Prevention requires listening. Even trained professionals sometimes miss the signs. If you know a veteran who may be struggling, encourage a call to the 988 national crisis line. Follow up and ensure that the veteran knows that you are available as a friend and as a listener. In short, let him or her know that you are family.

Vincent “Jim” Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

REMEMBERING THE GREATEST GENERATION

To honor a World War II Veteran,
please send information to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

Kenneth K. Kopp



Dad crossed the finish line in the early morning of January 15th, 2023 listening to what he loved most, “hillbilly” music. How fitting, the last song he was to hear “I’m Going to Live Forever,” sung by the Highwaymen; a song of eternal life.

Dad was raised on Youngstown’s Eastside by his parents, John and Lola Kopp. He graduated from Scienceville High School and began a career with New York Central Railroad. Then the war broke out, and like all young men that loved our country, he enlisted in the armed forces. He joined the United States Navy and with pride for his country, served upon the USS Battleship Missouri. He was onboard in Tokyo Bay, and along with him, the world would celebrate the Japanese surrender. If you ever saw dad out and about, he was never without his USS Missouri hat atop his head.

Dad then returned to the railroad, and while attending church one Sunday, met his "Alice." She would end up being his wife of 67 years. They settled in Struthers where it became "home" to them for the remainder of their lives. That union blessed them with five children, Kerry of Florida, Johnny (Betsy) of Struthers, Susan (Sam) Ferreri of Poland, Kenny (Julie) of Struthers, and Christa (Paul) of Colorado. The family continued to grow as the grandkids came along, John, Deanna, Jennifer, Daniel, Brittany, Jessica, Kristina, Philly, Kenny, Thomas, and Jonathan. It grew more with the great-grandkids, Megan, Ryan, William, Josh, Brandon, Tyler, Logan, Jordan, Brayden, Daniel, Stella, Rubi, Dahlia, and Scout. Then if you live long enough to be a centurion (dad's life goal of celebrating his 100th birthday), you are blessed with a "double great," named Brady. What a legacy dad has left, and we will all honor him the remainder of our days by sharing stories of him.

Dad was a member of the Poland Masonic Lodge, Grotto of North America, United Transportation Union, and he worshipped as an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Struthers.

Dad was simple. He loved meat and potatoes, jelly bread, and Jell-O with bananas. He loved watching the Cleveland Indians, scratch-off tickets, and the yearly family trips to the Outer Banks. What he loved and missed the most the past seven years was his Alice. When dad traded this life for eternal life, we are sure his beloved was waiting to greet him with her beautiful smile, the same smile that caught his eye that day in church when he was just 25 years old. The smile he held in his heart for 75 years.

Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home in Poland. A funeral service will be held Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Reid Lamport officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Boardman.

Condolences may be sent at www.beckerobits.com.



Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ 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)

00-001 (2013)



RECEIPT

Date _____

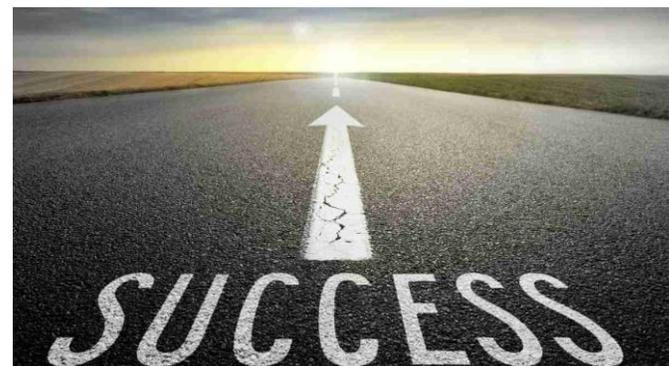
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Keeping Members Involved | Building an Effective Youth Program
Honoring Veterans in Health Care Facilities
Public Speaking | Being a Military Child | Working with the Media
Be The One - Suicide: Knowing the Signs, Prevention, & Support**

Meeting of the Jeffs

**For more information and to reserve your spot at the conference,
please contact Jeff Vrabel Sr. | jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com
hotel reservations own your own**

Local Attractions





01/19/23		2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS				
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	43,793	32,898	(10,895)	75.12%	625	
2 Central 1, 3, 4, 5	128,333	92,287	(36,046)	71.91%	2,389	
3 Midwestern 1, 3, 4, 5	28,918	20,136	(8,782)	69.63%	385	
4 Eastern 4, 5	140,932	100,854	(40,078)	71.56%	3,789	
5 Western 1, 4, 5	25,822	16,847	(8,975)	65.24%	837	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5	367,798	263,022	(104,776)	71.51%	8,025	

01/19/23		2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	4,187	3,413	(774)	81.51%	57	72.86%	6	
2 Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	4,857	3,785	(1,072)	77.93%	157	70.35%	16	
3 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3,219	2,432	(787)	75.55%	108	67.22%	22	
4 Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5	36,387	26,427	(9,960)	72.63%	2,289	67.09%	23	
5 Michigan 4, 5	24,271	17,577	(6,694)	72.42%	618	64.48%	25	
6 Ohio 1, 4, 5	30,636	21,888	(8,748)	71.45%	132	66.29%	29	
7 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5	13,398	9,492	(3,906)	70.85%	617	65.08%	37	
8 Minnesota 5	11,378	7,273	(4,105)	63.92%	510	60.17%	48	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	128,333	92,287	(36,046)	71.91%	4,488			

01/19/23		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, 5, 6	1,414	1,104	(310)	78.08%	25	61.12%	11	
3 Alaska 3	1,608	1,160	(448)	72.14%	20	56.42%	26	
4 Arizona 5	8,004	5,513	(2,491)	68.88%	663	56.78%	38	
5 Nevada 4, 5	357	236	(121)	66.11%	-	55.83%	41	
6 California 1, 5	10,714	6,708	(4,006)	62.61%	118	52.14%	43	
7 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	644	402	(242)	62.42%	3	52.56%	46	
8 Utah 5	449	273	(176)	60.80%	1	52.82%	47	
9 Washington	2,485	1,352	(1,133)	54.41%	7	41.69%	50	
10 Philippines	70	17	(53)	24.29%	-	23.53%	55	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5	25,822	16,847	(8,975)	65.24%	837			

01/19/23		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, 7	1,790	1,499	(291)	83.74%	8	75.93%	4	
2 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	123	100	(23)	81.30%	-	47.54%	5	
3 Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	21,519	17,014	(4,505)	79.07%	375	65.95%	8	
4 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	4,490	3,428	(1,062)	76.35%	28	65.80%	12	
5 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2,066	1,574	(492)	76.19%	2	66.31%	13	
6 South Carolina 4, 5, 6	1,473	1,120	(353)	76.04%	13	65.23%	15	
7 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2,727	2,055	(672)	75.36%	22	62.54%	18	
8 Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5	722	535	(187)	74.10%	4	63.77%	20	
9 Virginia 4, 5	4,109	3,037	(1,072)	73.91%	145	64.10%	28	
10 Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5	1,718	1,108	(610)	64.49%	23	52.70%	40	
11 Arkansas 1	447	227	(220)	50.78%	2	43.67%	51	
12 Kentucky	2,609	1,201	(1,408)	46.03%	3	39.01%	54	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	43,793	32,898	(10,895)	75.12%	617			

01/19/23		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, 7, 8	1,362	1,269	(93)	93.17%	12	75.77%	2	
2 Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	31	24	(7)	77.42%	-	35.48%	7	
3 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,348	1,031	(317)	76.48%	1	62.13%	10	
4 Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,108	833	(275)	75.18%	-	70.69%	14	
5 Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5	7,015	5,057	(1,958)	72.09%	4	67.77%	24	
6 North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5	1,056	746	(310)	70.64%	-	61.60%	27	
7 Kansas 3, 4, 5	5,919	4,163	(1,756)	70.33%	198	63.74%	32	
8 Colorado 1, 4, 5	2,729	1,901	(828)	69.66%	32	60.54%	35	
9 Wyoming 1, 4, 5	1,298	841	(457)	64.79%	48	57.16%	42	
10 Texas 1, 3, 4, 5	5,569	3,483	(2,086)	62.54%	48	52.58%	44	
11 New Mexico	1,483	788	(695)	53.14%	42	43.50%	52	
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5	28,918	20,136	(8,782)	69.63%	373			

01/19/23		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, 6, 7	158	135	(23)	85.44%	-	82.05%	3	
2 Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	16,058	12,559	(3,499)	78.21%	256	71.39%	9	
3 Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	2,430	1,855	(575)	76.34%	41	66.54%	17	
4 Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5	3,818	2,856	(962)	74.80%	36	68.79%	19	
5 Pennsylvania 4, 5	60,803	44,829	(15,974)	73.73%	2,363	68.43%	21	
6 Rhode Island 4, 5	336	247	(89)	73.51%	-	63.64%	30	
7 New Hampshire 4, 5	5,677	4,168	(1,509)	73.42%	268	65.91%	31	
8 West Virginia 4, 5	2,362	1,663	(699)	70.41%	119	59.56%	33	
9 New York 4, 5	29,864	20,305	(9,559)	67.99%	475	62.59%	34	
10 Connecticut 4, 5	1,867	1,257	(610)	67.33%	-	60.40%	36	
11 Maine 5	2,617	1,757	(860)	67.14%	213	58.27%	39	
12 Massachusetts 4	5,442	3,431	(2,011)	63.05%	200	56.55%	45	
13 New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5	9,386	5,731	(3,655)	61.06%	27	54.72%	49	
14 Dist. of Columbia	114	61	(53)	53.51%	4	41.59%	53	
TOTALS 4, 5	140,932	100,854	(40,078)	71.56%	4,002			

01/19/23		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS						
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1 Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	21,519	17,014	(4,505)	79.07%	375	65.95%	8	
2 Pennsylvania 5	60,803	44,829	(15,974)	73.73%	2,363	68.43%	21	
3 Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5	36,387	26,427	(9,960)	72.63%	190	67.09%	23	
4 Michigan 4, 5	24,271	17,577	(6,694)	72.42%	618	64.48%	25	
5 Ohio 1, 4, 5	30,636	21,888	(8,748)	71.45%	132	66.29%	29	
6 New York 4, 5	29,864	20,305	(9,559)	67.99%	475	62.59%	34	
TOTALS	203,480	148,040	(55,440)	72.75%	4,153			

National Membership Totals 4, 5	367,798	263,022	(104,776)	71.51%	8,025	64.30%		
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Q Quota

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



2023

**The American Legion Washington Conference
Sons of The American Legion
Memorial Wreath Laying Schedule**



Meet at: Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009

9:00 am - Receive tickets for lunch, bus seat and tram by Detachment

At 9:00 am SAL National Commander Chris Carlton will address attendees.

Pictures of Wreaths with SAL National Commander Chris Carlton can be taken between

9:15 and 9:30 am.

Board Busses and load Wreaths at 9:30 am

Depart: Bus will leave from lower level of hotel promptly at 9:30 am,
Sunday, February 26, 2023

Leave Washington Hilton at 9:30 am

1st Stop: **Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery at 9:50 am**

1. Tour of Tomb Guards Quarters if available
2. Group photograph of all participants
3. Prayer by National Chaplain
4. Wreath laying Ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier 11:15 am
5. Depart the Arlington National Cemetery at 12:30 pm

2nd Stop: **Arrive at Vietnam Wall Memorial at 12:45 pm**

1. Lunch
2. Group photograph of all participants
3. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at the Vietnam Wall Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
1. Depart the Vietnam Wall Memorial at 2:00 pm

3rd Stop: **Arrive at the World War II Memorial at 2:30 pm**

1. Group photograph of all participants with Detachment wreath placement with National Commander
2. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at the WWII Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
3. Depart the World War II Memorial at 3:30 pm

Return: Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009 @4:00 pm

The National Organization will again this year rent two buses to transport individuals to and from the wreath laying ceremonies. In an effort to fully take advantage of this we will be taking **requests** for seats on the buses with the wreath order. It is very important, if you reserve a seat that you be in attendance and if you cannot, please contact Thomas Deal ASAP (Cell # 443-206-0402).

We will also again this year order box lunches for on the bus “it is highly recommended that individuals take advantage of this as it is a long period to go without eating.” The cost will be \$9.00 each - you will have a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef. Payment and choice will be needed along with the wreath order.

Everyone who wishes to attend MUST fill out a form and submit, National does not reserve for anyone.

If you need further information or have questions, I can be contacted by phone during the day at 443-206-0402 or by email tom.deal@verizon.net

WREATH & LUNCH ORDER FORM - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WREATH LAYING

on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Deadline for submissions to be received is February 4, 2023

DETACHMENT		CONTACT NAME	
ADDRESS			
CELL PHONE #		E-MAIL	

Wreath Request (\$150) – (Name of Detachment)		Total \$	
Box Lunch (\$9.00 each) Turkey #		Ham #	
		Roast Beef #	
		X \$9.00	Total \$

Arlington National Cemetery General Admission Group Rate

Total Arlington tickets		x \$13.95 each	Total \$	
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Total Paid for Wreath, Lunch and Arlington Tram: **Total enclosed \$** []

Number of Seats Requested for Bus - # []

Name of others attending and Cell # (Please fill out completely to allow for better communication) -

Name	[]	Cell #	[]
Name	[]	Cell #	[]
Name	[]	Cell #	[]
Name	[]	Cell #	[]

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!!

Make check payable to: Thomas Deal and mail to: Thomas Deal, 1434 Clayton St., Perryville, Md. 21903

Sons of The American Legion National Commander

Christopher Carlton



Homecoming



BE THE ONE

March 24 & 25, 2023

Friday Night Dinner at the Commanders home Post #495 with entertainment.

Number of guests X \$20.00 =

Saturday visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum Followed by lunch at Post #500 and trip to Indiana War Memorial.

Number of guests X \$45.00 =

Saturday night Homecoming Dinner at Post #64, buffet style Program and Entertainment to follow.

Number of guests X \$55.00 =

Total Amount =

Count me in!

Name: Guests:

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Hotel Reservations are available until **2/24/2023**

Hotel Airport Shuttle Available, 24/7 Call Hotel

Transportation to all events, entertainment and breakfast will be provided at hotel listed above.

Breakfast Buffet Available at Hotel listed above Saturday & Sunday with advance order check "X" for yes and list number of people below.

Saturday: Guests: Sunday: Guests:

You may pay by Check or Credit/Debit Card

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Raymond Giehl, Jr.

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Homecoming Reservations RSVP By **3/18/2023**