



ROUND-UP

A weekly digest of happenings in the Sons of The American Legion

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March 15, 2023

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National Commander Troiola asks South Carolina legislature to 'Be the One'

[John Raughter](#) | March 9, 2023



Photo by Gary Schacher

Fresh off his congressional testimony from a week earlier, American Legion National Commander Vincent "Jim" Troiola asked a joint assembly of South Carolina lawmakers to assist in preventing veteran suicide during an address at the state capitol March 8.

"Every member of this legislature...indeed, every American, can help us with this effort," Troiola told state senators and representatives before describing the organization's "Be the One" campaign. "Be the one to discuss a topic that for years went unmentioned in polite society. Be the one to reach out to a veteran who may be struggling. Be the one to encourage the veteran to seek help. Be the one to follow-up with the veteran to let him or her know that they are not forgotten. Be the one to convince a veteran that life is worth living and that suicide is absolutely not an option. In other words, be the one to save one."

Troiola asked members of the legislature to advance the services that are available to veterans in crisis. "As elected officials and leaders in your districts, you have a large

platform," he said. "Please use it so share the new crisis hotline number, 9-8-8. We need to ensure that 9-8-8 is as widely known as 9-1-1. In fact, a 9-8-8 call today can help prevent a 9-1-1 call tomorrow.

Addresses to the South Carolina General Assembly have become an annual tradition for American Legion national commanders at the historic state house in Columbia. It is the only state legislature that consistently schedules remarks from the leader of the nation's largest veterans organization.

Troiola praised the legislature for its passage of a law last year which exempted military pensions from the state's income tax. "This sends exactly the right message to veterans searching for a state to call home after a career of military service," he said. "Even before the governor signed the Workforce Enhancement and Military Recognition Act on May 13, the Palmetto State earned a well-deserved reputation as a welcoming community for America's heroes."

On Tuesday, Troiola received briefings from military leaders at Shaw Air Force Base and Fort Jackson. Disparities over basic housing allowances and a lack of affordable daycare options were concerns that Troiola heard from military members, which he also shared during his remarks to the legislature.

Troiola concluded his remarks by recognizing South Carolina State Sen. George "Chip" Campsen, III, and State Rep. Matthew W. Leber as The American Legion Department of South Carolina 2023 Outstanding Members of the Legislature.



ROUND-UP

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PNVC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

All information must be submitted by noon each Friday



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www.legion.org/membership/standings



**RENEW
ONLINE
TODAY**



**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
TARGET DATE**

March 15, 2023



**CHRIS CARLTON
NATIONAL COMMANDER
2022 – 2023**



Chris Carlton, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion

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

**PURPOSE
PASSION**



DAVID MENNEL
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
CENTRAL REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Third Thursday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(720) 527-5854 | 202 4742#



ERNIE LABERGE
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EASTERN REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(605) 313-4388 | 346 8542#



MICHAEL KIRSCHNER
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
MIDWEST REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

First Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
(605) 313-5379 | 830 520

Gentlemen,

This year, 2022-2023, has simply been outstanding. National shows that there are three Detachments over the 100% and 10 over the 90% mark. We are now over 25,000 members ahead of last year at this time.

With that being said, National Membership Chairman Thom Skelley stated, "What can we do to make this an even better year?" Thom wants Detachments to look at the correlation between each Detachment's renewal percentage and their overall ranking. The next question would be how to get the renewals up?

"BELIEVE AND SUCCEED" can make it happen. Phone calls, emails, talking about our Legion Family and what we do for our veterans and our community and programs. We all can be very impressive, and we must always remember that "MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY" according to Thom Skelly.

I salute the Central Region's Detachments and their Officers for their tremendous work in membership. The Detachments have turned in a total of 1,018 memberships from March 6 to March 9. This turn in has kept the Central Region in 2nd place, and increased the lead from .11% to .22%. The Central Region even gained the 1st place Southern Region from 1.57% to now 1.20%.

"BELIEVE AND SUCCEED" and we will make it happen! Keep those "BUDDY CHECKS" going! Stay #SALSTRONG, and keep the memberships and renewals coming in.

Robert L Bristo,
Central Region Membership Chairman

Hope this finds you well. First off I'd like to say thank you for your service to our great organization but also for your flexibility on our Midwest regional calls. Our rescheduled call will be on Monday March 20th.

The agenda will come out along with a reminder a few days before. On this month's call we will cover Children and Youth and CWF. Seems appropriate with April being Children and Youth Month. Please have a short report available on what your Detachment and or Squadrons are doing. We can all learn from each other and maybe help each other out as well.

Attached you will find the latest and greatest membership report.

https://mcusercon-tent.com/6ef10721cb8936b95f6130579/files/7361a09f-2de6-0310-1016-3b2aa053d744/2023_SAL_Membership_Report_as_of_March_9_2023.pdf

As a region we are doing well but we do have some work to do. If we could get all Detachments above the 80% we would be darn close to leading the regions. I know each and every one of you is out there beating the bushes but don't let up. Keep checking on those members that haven't renewed. Maybe encourage your squadrons to pay a members dues that hasn't renewed and mail their card along with a letter saying that they are important and you want them to still be part of our great organization. I know at my own squadron we have done this a few times and it works. Heck 90% of the

time they come in and pay themselves to reimburse us. It's that simple!

Have a great weekend and keep up the good work!



RON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
SOUTHERN REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Second Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Central
(945) 218-0044 | 472 0682



JACK YOUNGS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
WESTERN REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 847 2013 6661 | 697 464



NATIONAL
COMMISSIONS
& COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee

Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman

Americanism Commission

Chris Casey (NE), Chairman
Fourth Thursday of Bi-monthly
7:30 p.m. Eastern

[Join Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 956 9846 2868 | 840 830 | (877) 853-5257

March 23, 2023 | May 25 | July 27



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As of March 9, 2023, **12,694**
flags have been placed and
reported to honor our veterans
since **September 1, 2022**

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman

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Second Thursday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Meeting ID: 974 1352 0429 | 473 385 | (877) 853-5257

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Meeting ID: 989 9129 8443 | 967 563
(877) 853-5257

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Wednesday of Each Month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Meeting ID: 934 1509 0014 | 403 800 | (877) 853-5257

BE THE ONE



Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Meeting ID: 957 1342 7326 | 44846 | (877) 853-5257

April 13 | May 6 (NEC) | July 13

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

First Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 917 1243 8217 | 914 458 | (877) 853-5257

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Third Thursday of ODD Months

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Member Training and Development Committee

Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

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Meeting ID: 918 2414 1981 | 777 490 | (877) 853-5258

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of Each Month

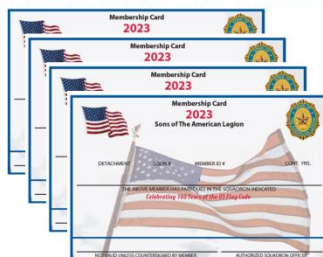
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time | (605) 472-5756 | 771 7294

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additional membership information appears later in this edition

EVERY CARD COUNTS



#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 80% TARGET 3/15/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSH	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-26	88	114.29%	94.74
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-33	131	106.50%	68.85
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-349	1,439	105.65%	84.67
4	FRANCE	158	-29	155	98.10%	87.82
5	FLORIDA	21,519	-2,537	19,752	91.79%	75.03
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-168	1,346	91.38%	76.93
7	DELAWARE	2,430	-276	2,220	91.36%	78.01
8	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-261	2,151	91.07%	75.46
9	MARYLAND	16,058	-1,668	14,514	90.38%	81.38
10	GEORGIA	4,490	-457	4,049	90.18%	76.33
11	OREGON	1,414	-140	1,271	89.89%	70.80
12	VIRGINIA	4,109	-381	3,668	89.27%	76.49
13	OHIO	30,636	-2,833	27,342	89.25%	81.95
14	WISCONSIN	4,187	-378	3,728	89.04%	77.86
15	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-512	5,054	89.03%	78.46
16	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-94	939	88.92%	77.99
17	MICHIGAN	24,271	-2,164	21,581	88.92%	78.60
18	KANSAS	5,919	-521	5,256	88.80%	79.29
19	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	-5,197	53,839	88.55%	81.32
20	VERMONT	3,818	-325	3,379	88.50%	80.36
21	TENNESSEE	1,718	-140	1,514	88.13%	71.15
22	ILLINOIS	13,398	-991	11,709	87.39%	78.81
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-506	6,118	87.21%	83.00
24	MISSOURI	3,219	-227	2,802	87.05%	76.61
25	LOUISIANA	1,790	-126	1,558	87.04%	78.14
26	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-188	2,370	86.91%	71.40
27	IOWA	4,857	-321	4,207	86.62%	76.17
28	RHODE ISLAND	336	-22	291	86.61%	74.55
29	NEVADA	357	-22	308	86.27%	66.30
30	COLORADO	2,729	-166	2,349	86.08%	73.59
31	ALASKA	1,608	-97	1,383	86.01%	68.64
32	ALABAMA	2,066	-122	1,775	85.91%	73.68
33	INDIANA	36,387	-2,074	31,184	85.70%	78.25
34	IDAHO	644	-35	550	85.40%	69.08
35	CONNECTICUT	1,867	-90	1,584	84.84%	75.70
36	ARIZONA	8,004	-333	6,736	84.16%	67.24
37	MONTANA	1,108	-44	930	83.94%	77.66
38	WASHINGTON	2,485	-92	2,080	83.70%	65.78
39	NEW YORK	29,864	-1,046	24,937	83.50%	76.21
40	OKLAHOMA	1,348	-46	1,124	83.38%	66.51
41	MAINE	2,617	-78	2,172	83.00%	71.81
42	MISSISSIPPI	722	-18	596	82.55%	70.80
43	NEW JERSEY	9,386	-208	7,717	82.22%	73.19
44	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	-112	4,466	82.07%	72.56
45	MINNESOTA	11,378	-207	9,309	81.82%	74.89
46	CALIFORNIA	10,714	-103	8,674	80.96%	67.69
47	MEXICO	31	0	25	80.65%	38.71
48	WYOMING	1,298	14	1,024	78.89%	69.21
49	NEW MEXICO	1,483	17	1,169	78.83%	63.11
50	PHILIPPINES	70	1	55	78.57%	77.94
51	TEXAS	5,569	93	4,362	78.33%	64.16
52	UTAH	449	40	319	71.05%	58.55
53	KENTUCKY	2,609	428	1,659	63.59%	54.39
54	ARKANSAS	447	75	283	63.31%	53.29
55	DIST OF COL	114	25	66	57.89%	46.02
Grand Totals:		367,798	-25,069	319,307	86.82%	77.06

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
HAWAII	77	88	114.29%	
OREGON	1,414	1,271	89.89%	
NEVADA	357	308	86.27%	
ALASKA	1,608	1,383	86.01%	
IDAHO	644	550	85.40%	
ARIZONA	8,004	6,736	84.16%	
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,080	83.70%	
CALIFORNIA	10,714	8,674	80.96%	
PHILIPPINES	70	55	78.57%	
UTAH	449	319	71.05%	
Totals:	25,822	21,464	83.12%	

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,439	105.65%	
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	939	88.92%	
KANSAS	5,919	5,256	88.80%	
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,118	87.21%	
COLORADO	2,729	2,349	86.08%	
MONTANA	1,108	930	83.94%	
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,124	83.38%	
MEXICO	31	25	80.65%	
WYOMING	1,298	1,024	78.89%	
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,169	78.83%	
TEXAS	5,569	4,362	78.33%	
Totals:	28,918	24,735	85.53%	

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
OHIO	30,636	27,342	89.25%	
WISCONSIN	4,187	3,728	89.04%	
MICHIGAN	24,271	21,581	88.92%	
ILLINOIS	13,398	11,709	87.39%	
MISSOURI	3,219	2,802	87.05%	
IOWA	4,857	4,207	86.62%	
INDIANA	36,387	31,184	85.70%	
MINNESOTA	11,378	9,309	81.82%	
Totals:	128,333	111,862	87.17%	

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
FRANCE	158	155	98.10%	
DELAWARE	2,430	2,220	91.36%	
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,151	91.07%	
MARYLAND	16,058	14,514	90.38%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,054	89.03%	
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	53,839	88.55%	
VERMONT	3,818	3,379	88.50%	
RHODE ISLAND	336	291	86.61%	
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,584	84.84%	
NEW YORK	29,864	24,937	83.50%	
MAINE	2,617	2,172	83.00%	
NEW JERSEY	9,386	7,717	82.22%	
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	4,466	82.07%	
DIST OF COL	114	66	57.89%	
Totals:	140,932	122,545	86.95%	

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal	
PUERTO RICO	123	131	106.50%	
FLORIDA	21,519	19,752	91.79%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,346	91.38%	
GEORGIA	4,490	4,049	90.18%	
VIRGINIA	4,109	3,668	89.27%	
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,514	88.13%	
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,558	87.04%	
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,370	86.91%	
ALABAMA	2,066	1,775	85.91%	
MISSISSIPPI	722	596	82.55%	
KENTUCKY	2,609	1,659	63.59%	
ARKANSAS	447	283	63.31%	
Totals:	43,793	38,701	88.37%	

SAL Online Renewal - members can login and renew direct via www.myLegion.org or quick renew by clicking here [SAL Online Renewal](#)

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

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Meeting ID: 961 5391 3982 | 690 337 | (877) 853-5257

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

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Meeting ID: 963 1528 2340 | 075 079 | (877) 853-5257

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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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 941 4100 3972 | 378 079 | (646) 931-3860

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 935 4405 3884 | 786 114 | (877) 853-5257



BUDDY CHECK

LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

Nation Salute to Veteran Patients week at Cincinnati VA Hospital

Ron Wissman, Detachment of Ohio

The Fourth District American Legion Family dropping off food and gifts for the VA Hospital CLC/Unit patients, to the Staff.



l to r - Ron Wissman SAL 4th District Adjutant & VA&R Chair, Liz Castle Auxiliary VA&R Chair Unit 484, Chuck Castle Detachment Assistant Adjutant & SAL VAVS Rep, Donna Ray Auxiliary VAVS Rep & Coordinator of event with Michelle and Amanda VA CLC/Staff.



Central Region Extravaganza



2023 marks the first year that a gathering of members in the Central Region is officially taking place. Being held the weekend of April 21 – 23, 2023, 2023CREI has a jam-packed line-up of great presenters and speakers. Attendees will learn, participate, have fun, and most importantly, come together to further the mission of the American Legion Family.

The Embassy Suites Airport in Columbus, Ohio is the location of the Extravaganza, and an evening of fun is planned for Saturday night, as there are tentative plans to visit American Legion Posts in the area.

Attendance is open to Sons, as well as to Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The event flyer appears later in this edition.

To register, please email jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com. Please register early, as there is a limit of fifty participants, and spots are filling up fast.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

Here is the line-up of our topics and speakers:

Keeping Members Involved

Chuck Castle, Assistant Adjutant
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio

Building an Effective Youth Program

The American Legion Auxiliary

Obtaining Discharge Documents

Dan Finnell, Past Commander
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio

CENTCOM Update

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Past National Vice-Commander
Sons of The American Legion

Public Speaking

Joe Mayne, Past National Commander
Sons of The American Legion

Honoring Veterans in Health Care Facilities

Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Chaplain

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio

Being a Military Kid & Working with the Media

Stacia Naquin, Anchor, WSYX ABC 6 & WTE Fox 28

Columbus, Ohio

Servant Leadership

Joseph Paviglianti, Past National Commander

Sons of The American Legion

Be the One

Suicide: Knowing the Signs, Prevention, & Support

Dr. Amberle Prater, PhD, LPCC-S

Suicide Prevention Clinical Lead Supervisor

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Columbus, Ohio

The full agenda will be published in the next few weeks.



**AMERICAN
LEGION
RIDERS**



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LEGION
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Vickie Koutz, National President
The American Legion Auxiliary

**Don't Forget to
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Sunday, March 12, 2023
**Replace Batteries in Smoke
& CO Detectors**

SPORTS

SQUADRON EVERLASTING

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

With a heavy sad heart, I share this information regarding the passing of CO Squadron 103 Commander Harry P. Ciruli Jr. Harry was 77 years old. Harry was a dual member who served in US Army in Viet Nam with the 7th Air Calvary.

Upon leaving the service, Harry was a successful businessman working with computers. Harry joined The American Legion in 2009, and held numerous positions, including Commander and Adjutant for six years. He was also a Past Detachment Chaplain. Harry was awarded "Legionnaire of the year award" by the Department of Colorado. For the past several years, Harry was Sons of the Commander for Sons of The American Legion Squadron 103.

Mark A Kilstrom, Adjutant
Detachment of Colorado

Darren C. Bigelow



Darren C. Bigelow, 31, of County Road 31A passed away on March 6, 2023. He was born August 3, 1991 in Olean, the son of Max William Bigelow and Kimberly Anne Aylor.

Darren was a 2010 graduate of Genesee Valley High School. He was formerly employed by Bigelow Excavating in Belmont, and Pike Construction Services in Rochester. He was currently employed as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Foreman by Zoladz Construction Company, Inc. of Alden, NY.

He was a former member of the Amity Rescue Squad. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding side by sides, and snowmobiles. He was a proud uncle to his two beautiful nieces, who he called "his munchkins" and "his girls" He was a beloved

big brother who loved his four sisters. He was a member of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 808, and Off Duty in Belmont.

He is survived by his father Bill Bigelow of Belmont, four sisters, Darien (Cory) Fanton, Kayci Bigelow, and Kendra Bigelow all of Belmont, and Raelynn Bigelow of Richburg, two nieces, Quinn and Sawyer Fanton, his maternal grandparents, Darrell and Jan Aylor, his paternal grandparents, Marlene and Steve Cartwright, and Max and Deborah Bigelow, as well as several Aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his mother, Kimberly, in 1999.

Friends are invited to call on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12 noon at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home Inc. 17 Schuyler Street in Belmont. The burial will be at the discretion of the family. Please consider memorial donations to the Amity Rescue Squad. To leave online condolences, please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

Wayne L. Houseman



Wayne L. Houseman, 88 years of age, of Beatrice, NE passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Homestead House in Beatrice. He was born on August 28, 1934 in Barneston to Peter and Gladys (Cook) Houseman. Wayne attended Beatrice High School. He married Janet Wilson on January 31, 1953 in Beatrice. Wayne owned and

operated a Conoco Station at 8th and Court in Beatrice before moving to Iowa and working for I and I News. In 1972, Wayne and Jan moved back to Beatrice and owned and operated Houseman's One Hour Cleaners from 1972 to 1979 and Jan's Cleaners from 1977 to 2003. Wayne drove for Twin Rivers for 10 years and helped at Orange Bowl for 15 years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and a past member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #531 where he was a Golden Eagle, Trustee, and bartender. Wayne enjoyed Husker sports, gambling, going to burger night at the Eagles, gardening, yardwork, fishing and traveling with his grandchildren.

Wayne is survived by his sons, Robert Houseman and wife Deb, John Houseman; daughter, Jan Werner and husband Lyle, all of Beatrice; grandchildren, Stephanie Meyerle and husband Mike, Chad Houseman and friend Megan, Kirk Houseman and wife Kimberly, Nichole White and friend Eric, Joshua Houseman and wife Crystal, Whitney Grabouski and husband Jordan, Tara Jo Balvin and husband Sonny, Ashley

Russell and husband Cody, Cody Grabouski; step-grandchildren, Jacob Werner and wife Patience, Joshua Werner; 26 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; brother-in-law, Larry Wilson and wife Edie of Scottsbluff; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janet on November 18, 2019; sister, Twila Jurgens; brother, Keith Houseman and wife Jo; and brother-in-law, Darrell Wilson and wife Katie.

A joint memorial graveside service for Wayne and Janet will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Pleasantview Cemetery near Pickrell with Chaplain Sharon Schuster officiating. A register book will be available to sign from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday, March 13, 2023 at Harman-Wright Mortuary in Beatrice. Memorials are suggested to the family's choice in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left online at www.harmanwrightmortuary.com.

Harman-Wright Mortuary & Crematory in Beatrice in charge of arrangements.



FROM THE EDITOR

End of an era. For over twenty years, Bill Towns has provided the Ohio American Legion Family with a weekly email blast containing information like coming events, reports, activities of interest, etc.

Due to increasing costs, Bill has decided to end this service. The last edition of "Your Towns News" was sent on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Although this email has ended, Bill's work has not, and he will remain a very active SAL member.

I want to personally thank Bill for his hard work and dedication, and for the thousands of hours he spent on this endeavor. You made a difference Bill, and I hope that you will return the email blast in the future. GREAT JOB!

SAL NEWSLETTER

Looking for a few good writers

Are you interested in writing for the Sons of The American Legion's National Update newsletter?

We're looking for several SAL members who are good writers, know how to research, write news and feature stories well, and is willing to volunteer their skills in an effort to help us improve the quality of the newsletter.

This is not a paid position.

As a writer for the National Update, you will be given story assignments with deadlines, and provided with suggested story angles and contact information of potential sources from whom you can acquire information, quotes and photos.

Newsletters for organizations like the Sons need to contain a fair number of basic, standard news stories. We want our members to know what's going on and what might be on the horizon. To that end, there will always be stories that are just about the facts, however, we also want to begin publishing more feature articles that go beyond mere facts. These will be stories that shine a light on the hearts and souls of SAL members who are doing great deeds every day.

This story is being reprinted from National Update, Spring/Summer, 2018. As you can see, there was a need for members to serve as writers for the newsletter to help with the publication.

Although this article is almost five-years old, the case is the same for Round-Up. If you are interested in becoming a reporter, photographer, artist, etc. please feel free to email me at jeffvrbelsr@gmail.com.

Like in National Update, this is an unpaid, volunteer position that will require time and effort. As a weekly publication, it is often difficult to have appropriate content, and with the addition of some staff, we can improve this publication to

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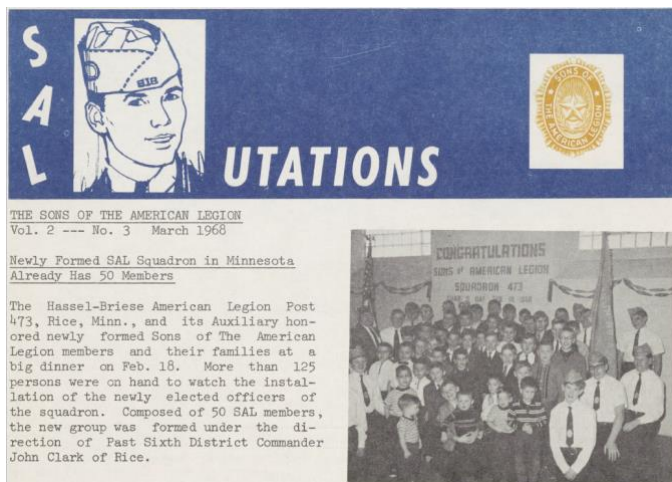
Meeting of the Jeffs



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.




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The American Legion | March 9, 2023

More than 1,400 pages of [Sons of The American Legion newsletters](#) are now available through the American Legion Digital Archive. Digitization of this material was made possible by the Sons organization to support their upcoming centennial. The newly available newsletters focus on national SAL activities, particularly national meetings. For the first time, early activities of squadrons and detachments can be explored in the *Legion Heir* newsletter.

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Meeting of the Jeffs

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Local Attractions





03/09/23		2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS					
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	43,793	38,701	(5,092)	88.37%	190	
2	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	128,333	111,862	(16,471)	87.17%	1,018	
3	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7	140,932	122,545	(18,387)	86.95%	977	
4	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	28,918	24,735	(4,183)	85.53%	181	
5	Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	25,822	21,464	(4,358)	83.12%	190	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	367,798	319,307	(48,491)	86.82%	2,556	

03/09/23		2023 CENTRAL REGION STANDINGS David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	30,636	27,342	(3,294)	89.25%	152	81.95%	13	
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,187	3,728	(459)	89.04%	17	77.86%	14	
3	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7	24,271	21,581	(2,690)	88.92%	336	78.60%	17	
4	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	13,398	11,709	(1,689)	87.39%	6	78.81%	22	
5	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,219	2,802	(417)	87.05%	25	76.61%	24	
6	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,857	4,207	(650)	86.62%	17	76.17%	27	
7	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	36,387	31,184	(5,203)	85.70%	415	78.25%	33	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7	11,378	9,309	(2,069)	81.82%	50	74.89%	45	
TOTALS 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7		128,333	111,862	(16,471)	87.17%	1,018			

03/09/23		2023 WESTERN REGION STANDINGS Jack Youngs (ID) National Vice-Commander							
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	88	11	114.29%	-	94.74%	1	10/10/22
2	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,414	1,271	(143)	89.89%	8	70.80%	11	
3	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7	357	308	(49)	86.27%	-	66.30%	29	
4	Alaska 3, 6	1,608	1,383	(225)	86.01%	3	68.64%	31	
5	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	644	550	(94)	85.40%	9	69.08%	34	
6	Arizona 5, 6, 7	8,004	6,736	(1,268)	84.16%	82	67.24%	36	
7	Washington 7	2,485	2,080	(405)	83.70%	11	65.78%	38	
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7	10,714	8,674	(2,040)	80.96%	74	67.69%	46	
9	Phillippines	70	55	(15)	78.57%	-	77.94%	50	
10	Utah 5	449	319	(130)	71.05%	3	58.55%	52	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7		25,822	21,464	(4,358)	83.12%	190			

03/09/23		2023 SOUTHERN REGION STANDINGS Ron Roberts (MS), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	123	131	8	106.50%	8	68.85%	2	03/02/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	21,519	19,752	(1,767)	91.79%	73	75.03%	5	
3	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,473	1,346	(127)	91.38%	17	76.93%	6	
4	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,490	4,049	(441)	90.18%	14	76.33%	10	
5	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7	4,109	3,668	(441)	89.27%	30	76.49%	12	
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,718	1,514	(204)	88.13%	1	71.15%	21	
7	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,790	1,558	(232)	87.04%	1	78.14%	25	
8	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,727	2,370	(357)	86.91%	4	71.40%	26	
9	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,066	1,775	(291)	85.91%	27	73.68%	32	
10	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	596	(126)	82.55%	1	70.80%	42	
11	Kentucky	2,609	1,659	(950)	63.59%	10	54.39%	53	
12	Arkansas 1	447	283	(164)	63.31%	4	53.29%	54	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		43,793	38,701	(5,092)	88.37%	182			

03/09/23		2023 MIDWEST REGION STANDINGS Michael Kirschner (CO), National Vice-Commander							
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, 9, Q, 10	1,362	1,439	77	105.65%	3	84.67%	3	02/09/23
2	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7	1,056	939	(117)	88.92%	-	77.99%	16	
3	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	5,919	5,256	(663)	88.80%	55	79.29%	18	
4	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7,015	6,118	(897)	87.21%	9	83.00%	23	
5	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,729	2,349	(380)	86.08%	28	73.59%	30	
6	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,108	930	(178)	83.94%	24	77.66%	37	
7	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,348	1,124	(224)	83.38%	4	66.51%	40	
8	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	31	25	(6)	80.65%	-	38.71%	47	
9	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,024	(274)	78.89%	4	69.21%	48	
10	New Mexico	1,483	1,169	(314)	78.83%	43	63.11%	49	
11	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5	5,569	4,362	(1,207)	78.33%	11	64.16%	51	
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		28,918	24,735	(4,183)	85.53%	178			

03/09/23		2023 EASTERN REGION STANDINGS Ernie LaBerge (MA) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	158	155	(3)	98.10%	-	87.22%	4	
2	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,220	(210)	91.36%	43	78.01%	7	
3	West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,362	2,151	(211)	91.07%	42	75.46%	8	
4	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	16,058	14,514	(1,544)	90.38%	107	81.38%	9	
5	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7	5,677	5,054	(623)	89.03%	54	78.46%	15	
6	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7	60,803	53,839	(6,964)	88.55%	389	81.32%	19	
7	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,818	3,379	(439)	88.50%	41	80.36%	20	
8	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	291	(45)	86.61%	5	74.55%	28	
9	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7	1,867	1,584	(283)	84.84%	51	75.70%	35	
10	New York 4, 5, 6, 7	29,864	24,937	(4,927)	83.50%	124	76.21%	39	
11	Maine 5, 6, 7	2,617	2,172	(445)	83.00%	82	71.81%	41	
12	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	9,386	7,717	(1,669)	82.22%	11	73.19%	43	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7	5,442	4,466	(976)	82.07%	28	72.56%	44	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	66	(48)	57.89%	-	46.02%		
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7		140,932	122,545	(18,387)	86.95%	977			

03/09/23		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, 7, 8	21,519	19,752	(1,767)	91.79%	73	75.03%	5	
2	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	30,636	27,342	(3,294)	89.25%	152	81.95%	13	
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5	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	36,387	31,184	(5,203)	85.70%	415	78.25%	33	
6	New York 4, 5, 6, 7	29,864	24,937	(4,927)	83.50%	124	76.21%	39	
TOTALS		203,480	178,635	(24,845)	87.79%	1,489			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	367,798	319,307	(48,491)	86.82%	2,556	77.06%		
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| 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10% | 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75% |
| 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25% | 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80% |
| 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35% | 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90% |
| 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45% | 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100% |
| 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60% | 10 Met 07/16/23 goal of 105% |



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Sons Shoot In Official Rifle Match

Schedule More Teams to
Contest for the 1938
Championship

The 1938 junior marksmanship activity promises to be the greatest in Legion history, according to James W. Woolley, of Canon City, Colorado, National Marksmanship Director of The American Legion. The Federal Government has already promised to furnish sufficient .22 caliber rifles and ammunition for 400 Junior Rifle Clubs to be sponsored by The American Legion.

As a direct result of this development, 1938 is expected to see a great expansion in the powder-burning activity of The Sons of The American Legion, with more squadrons entering this field and more detachments holding state-wide shoots. During 1937 eight detachments conducted extensive S. A. L. elimination schedules to select their champion entries for the National Sons of The American Legion Rifle Match. The match was won by the crack rifle team of Squadron No. 50 of Phoenix, Arizona, with a score of 951 points out of a possible 1,000.

S. A. L. Matches

The 1938 S. A. L. Rifle Team Match for the National Rifle Association Trophy will be fired during the month of April. Teams will shoot their scores on their home ranges, either outdoors or indoors. All targets fired in official matches must be forwarded to the National Marksmanship Director of The American Legion for scoring.

In 1937 a total of 15 Junior Rifle Clubs sponsored by American Legion posts participated in the annual match conducted by the National Rifle Association. The Legion Rifle Club of Post No. 15, Youngstown, Ohio, was the winner.

Stork Derbies Illustrate Value Placed on S.A.L. Membership

All the gold in the world cannot buy membership in The Sons of The American Legion for a boy unless he is eligible through birth. He must be a son, stepson, adopted son or grandson of a member of The American Legion, or a male descendant of a veteran who died in service during the World War, or subsequent to the honorable discharge from such service.

The fact that this heritage is appreciated by fathers as well as sons is shown by the Cradle Roll of S. A. L. One of the latest and youngest additions to membership is David Ernest Sponsel, who was born January 29, 1938, at the Coleman Hospital in Indianapolis.

Joins All-Legion Family

Young David was signed up as a member of the S. A. L. Squadron of Garfield Park Post No. 88, Indianapolis, by his father, Robert C. Sponsel, who is post commander. The new arrival steps into a Legion family—his mother being chairman of the child welfare committee of her unit; his sister, Clarice, is president of the Junior Auxiliary, and his brother, Robert, is past captain of his S. A. L. Squadron.

For a few days last month, Woodland Post Squadron No. 173, Chicago, could claim the youngest member for 1938. Thomas Joseph Healy, born on January 20, was enrolled in S. A. L. before he was twelve hours old.

So frequent has the signing of

"Pack Up Your Troubles"



"Smile," said the National Commander of The American Legion to the chaplain of Yarno-Devere Squadron No. 469, Chicago. Melvin M. Dicker, 10, the S. A. L. officer did smile, making it unanimous. The National Commander, Daniel J. Doherty, stopped in Chicago recently, and, among other things, he discussed the activities of The Sons of The American Legion. "1938 should be the greatest year for the S. A. L., remarked Commander Doherty. "I agree," replied Chaplain Dicker.

Veterans in Hospitals Cheered by S.A.L. Choir

Squadron No. 21, Kenosha, Wisconsin, has organized an S. A. L. choir which has become such a success that a director has been engaged. The choir has brought joy to veterans in hospitals and has broadcast over the radio.

Squadron No. 21 has a fifty-piece drum and bugle corps which participated in the Wisconsin Department Convention last year, and it has high hopes of going to Los Angeles.

Buy American Slogan Urged

Argo-Summit Squadron
Launches Campaign
with Bonfire

"Buy American" was the slogan of 300 Summit and Argo, Illinois boys led by the members of Squadron No. 735 in a Chicago demonstration January 22. Foreign products were destroyed in a bonfire at 62d Place and Archer Avenue to signalize the beginning of a campaign to buy American goods.

Cecil T. Anderson, S. A. L. chairman of Argo-Summit Post, The American Legion, spoke during the demonstration. "England practiced the policy of buying home-made goods, with the result that there is practically no unemployment there," he said. "Why not America? Such a campaign will assure you of employment after school years."

The S. A. L. "Buy American" demonstration received much publicity in all of the Chicago newspapers.

Bronx Squadron Enters Police Athletic League

Squadron No. 1172, of Interborough Post, Bronx, New York, has been entered in the Police Athletic League of New York City as a unit. This entry entitles the boys to the use of the indoor and outdoor playgrounds located throughout the city, and their games are under the supervision of the League.

The Police Athletic League was organized for the purpose of guiding the youth of New York City toward athletic activities, keeping the boys off the streets, and as a crime prevention measure. All the activities, boxing, baseball, basketball, swimming and field sports, are under the direction of the New York Police Department. By this entry members of the squadron are entitled to compete in all events.

Mike Moskowitz, of Interborough Post No. 1172, is coach of the team.

It's Up to You Members To Build the Program Of S.A.L., Says Kasper

Suggest Activities in Program for February

Special Squadron meetings may be held in February as an observance of the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. Individual S. A. L. members should offer to take part in school observances on these dates also. A bird-house building contest may be started this month. Occupational introduction as described in the Squadron Handbook is a good activity for February. This is also an appropriate time to discuss the possibility of organizing a ritual team if your Squadron does not have one.

Ft. Wayne Sons Organize New Degree Team

The Sons of the Legion Squadron to Post 47, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has recently organized a degree team that will exemplify the ritualistic work of the junior organization at future meetings when new members are taken into the fold, according to announcement of Grover H. Turner, chairman of the S. A. L. for the Fourth Indiana district. Boys on the team are: Jack Dunifon, captain; George Crickmore, James Druggner, Louis Stocker, Jimmy Turner and Robert Vervallin. Within the next few months these boys will conduct an initiation at Decatur, Bluffton and Angola, as new squadrons are formed in those cities.

Invites Stamp Collectors to Use FIDAC Exchange Service

Good news for stamp collectors has come to S. A. L. members from Nathaniel Spear, Jr., vice-president of the FIDAC for the United States, in the form of an invitation to use its new Stamps Exchange Department.

FIDAC is the abbreviated name of The International Federation of ex-Service Men, of which The American Legion is a member. The official publication of the organization, The FIDAC Review, has had so many requests for the names of persons in foreign countries with whom they may exchange postage stamps, that it now sponsors a co-operative stamp exchange.

Exchanges Arranged

Sons of The American Legion who desire to arrange exchanges with collectors of other countries are invited by Mr. Spear on behalf of FIDAC to send their names and addresses together with the names of the countries in which they desire correspondents. There will be no charge for this service. The address of The FIDAC Review, Stamps Exchange Department, is 39, Bd. Maichebier, Paris (Se) France. Members of S. A. L. should remember when sending a letter to France that the postage will be five cents instead of the three cents charged to send a letter within the borders of the United States.

Only seventy-five years ago a Boston newspaper called stamp collecting a "young ladies' sport, an elegant and curious mania." But today it is the hobby of presidents, kings, and millions of other men

Chairman Urges Goal of 100,000 Members for 1938

By T. C. KASPER,
National Chairman, Sons of The
American Legion Committee

The year 1938 should be one of outstanding accomplishment for The Sons of The American Legion. One of the factors which should help us to reach a new high is our new publication, The Legion Heir.

Many fine comments have already been received on the January issue of The Legion Heir. This publication, mailed direct to all 1938 members, is bound to bring about an increased interest in the organization work of Squadrons, and a more widespread knowledge of the program. Let me urge every Squadron Captain and Adjutant to re-enroll immediately all 1937 members for 1938. If this is done, and The Legion Heir subscription card is mailed by the Squadron Adjutant direct to National Headquarters, the member will be placed immediately on our mailing list.

Membership Increases

The 1938 membership for Sons of The American Legion has been coming along in fine shape. Already we have noticed a nice increase in paid-up membership over the same date one year ago. The year 1937 closed with 51,862 members in our organization. As you know, our plans for 1938 are for a membership of 100,000 Sons. The first big job of all Squadrons is to

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and women throughout the world. Collections started in boyhood may become worth thousands of dollars in later years and the pleasure of accumulating stamps may be worth all the trouble and expense required.

New Flashy Issue

According to authorities, 1938 will be an excellent year for anyone to start a collection. It is predicted that this year postage stamps which have been in use since 1922 will be replaced with a new and flashy set.

Several foreign stamps celebrating the birthday of the United States Constitution have been issued recently. Ecuador, Guatemala, Brazil and El Salvador are among the countries honoring this anniversary.

Washington and Lincoln Observance Scheduled

Resolutions were passed by Squadron No. 60, Homestead, Pennsylvania, at a meeting held on January 11 thanking the National Commander of The American Legion for his interest in starting The Legion Heir, official publication of S. A. L.

On February 8, the squadron will entertain the Dads and Mothers. Arrangements have already been made for a Lincoln and Washington Birthday program.

Homestead Squadron is planning many activities which have not appeared on the program in the past.

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Start Series Of Cartoons

Ten Lessons Will Be Given to Readers of The Legion Heir

Beginning with this issue, The Legion Heir will run a series of ten lessons on cartooning. Chas. H. Kuhn, cartoonist of The Indianapolis News, is the artist who has been engaged to teach our readers. Mr. Kuhn, a Legionnaire, is very much interested in The Sons of The American Legion. When a boy of 15 he took a course in drawing. He improved until he became good enough to earn money with his cartoons. He believes that some of our readers may become successful cartoonists.

Mr. Kuhn will take a personal interest in drawing the kind of pictures you will like. When S.A.L. artists have developed their talents until they can draw an original cartoon The Legion Heir will publish the best ones submitted from time to time.

Col. Chamberlin Recounts Story Of Epic Flight

Colonel Clarence D. Chamberlin, noted trans-Atlantic flier, and Eric K. Diehl, of the Eichelberger Senior High School faculty, were the speakers at the Parents' Night meeting of Squadron No. 14, Hanover, Penna., at the Legion hall, Carlisle street, Wednesday evening, December 8, 1937. Approximately 300 persons were present.

Colonel Chamberlin related interesting items concerning the flight he made without a stop from New York to Eisleben, Germany, ten years ago, while Mr. Diehl spoke on "The Flag," pointing out its significance to citizens.

HERE'S CHANCE TO LEARN CARTOONING

LESSON NO. 1.

FOR THIS LESSON, MAKE YOUR DRAWINGS ABOUT 4 INCHES HIGH.

NOTE HOW ONE OR TWO LINES CAN MAKE THE FACE SCOWL OR SMILE.

EXPRESSION

NOTICE THE LINES THAT MAKE UP THE DIFFERENT SMILES AND FROWNS.

MAKE AS MANY DRAWINGS OF FACES AS YOU CAN, USING AS FEW LINES AS POSSIBLE TO BRING OUT THE DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS.

STUDY THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE YOU MEET AND NOTICE WHAT LINES PRODUCE A SMILE, FROWN, ETC.

Kings County Champion Bugler

At a contest to determine the best bugler in The Sons of The American Legion Squadrons, the Kings County, New York, American Legion sponsored a recent contest in the 105th Field Artillery Armory. Sergeant Paul Brandt, of Squadron 179, Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, won first place from a large field of contestants, winning the honors with an average of 95.5 per cent.

Young Brandt, Brooklyn, who resides at 393 Cornelia Street, and attends Halsey Junior High School, becomes now the first official Sons of The American Legion bugler of Kings County, and it is anticipated that a contest to choose the official bugler will be held each year among the many buglers in the junior groups.

The Heisser Post Squadron of The Sons of The American Legion was organized in 1934 by Milton Brandt, a past commander of Heisser Post and father of Paul. The corps is under the instruction of Prof. Charles Passut. Sixty boys and girls, fully uniformed and recognized as one of the finest playing and appearing corps of the borough, have won many competitions. The clubhouse of Heisser Post, 637 Knickerbocker Avenue, where almost 50 cups and other trophies are on display, attests to the many accomplishments of the squadron in music and drilling.



Post Gives Stag Party For Sandusky Squadron

The holiday stag party given by Commodore Denig Post No. 83, of The American Legion, Sandusky, Ohio, for their S. A. L. squadron was held on December 26. Fifty young guests played games, sang songs and exchanged gifts.

James Sidel, Squadron Commander, was in charge of the affair, which was also attended by Post Commander Charles Carroll. Plans are under way for a new drum and bugle corps which is to be organized in January.

The squadron is entering into the national program of activities and expects to go over its membership quota this year.

Bronx Leader Explains Ideals in S.A.L. Program

The installation ceremonies of Samuel H. Young Squadron No. 620, New York City, was attended by 140 Legionnaire guests on January 14. Past Bronx County Commander Arthur Price presided.

The following officers were installed: Ray Stripling, captain; Wayne Holbrook, 1st lieutenant; Joe Russo, 2d lieutenant; Harry Gilmore, adjutant; Jimmy Threlkeld, finance officer; Ellis Diersing, sergeant-at-arms; John Dutton, chaplain, and Richard Smith, historian.

Squadron No. 620 is making a study of the official S.A.L. Handbook.

10 S.A.L. QUESTIONS

How Many Can You Answer?

1 The picture shown at the right is of a member of S. A. L. who received the first membership card in the history of the organization. Who is he?



2 What activities are there in the program of The Sons of The American Legion in which boys of from four to nine years of age can take part?

3 Should the squadron divide its membership into two different age groups, and will this build for greater interest?

4 What can squadron members do in helping carry on the activities of the sponsoring post?

5 What was the total S. A. L. membership in 1937?

6 How should a member of the S. A. L. salute the Flag of the United States of America when wearing the S. A. L. cap?

7 How many squadrons composed The Sons of The American Legion in 1937? How many detachments in the organization last year?

8 When and how is the birthday of The American Legion celebrated?

9 Is there an official uniform for the S. A. L.?

10 Which was the first squadron in the United States chartered by National Headquarters?

(Answers on page three)

Hoosiers After Higher Record In Membership

Squadron No. 11, of Lafayette, Indiana, was chartered in 1935 with a membership of 27. During the following two years membership was about the same, but this year it has taken a sudden jump. Already 82 members have been signed up for 1938 and more are expected to join from day to day.

Every member of the Squadron has his S. A. L. cap which he wears to meetings. The regular meetings are held at the Legion Home every other Saturday afternoon, with an average attendance of 55. This large turnout is encouraged by the giving of S. A. L. shirts and lapel buttons as attendance prizes.

After the business session the boys are divided into groups, one group being organized into a rifle team, being instructed in the handling and care of the rifle by Everett Timmons, a member of Post 11 Rifle Team. Another group is being formed into a firing squad and instructed by Joe Smith, vice commander of the Post. All the boys are being taught the manual of arms with regulation army rifles.

SQUADRON CAPS



This latest Squadron cap is beautifully tailored from special French blue uniform cloth of an improved quality. Attractively trimmed with red, white and blue piping. The official SAL insignia, which is applied on the left side of the cap, is beautifully embroidered in colors.

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HERE AND THERE WITH SQUADRONS AND DETACHMENTS

Sports Events On Schedule

Lancaster Squadron Plans Activities for New Year

Squadron No. 34, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, enters its fifth year of service. This squadron was originally organized in 1933 and has been in active service ever since.

In sports, the squadron has gone in for baseball, softball, basketball and track. Last year the team put a baseball and softball team on the field. This is the second season for the basketball team and the team has been completely uniformed. Each year the squadron holds several track meets besides an annual picnic, which is held on the grounds of Volture No. 42, Lancaster Volture of the 40 and 8, and includes a complete program of sports.

Award Winner

In membership, the squadron has gone over the top for the past four years, placing second in the Detachment of Pennsylvania in 1936 and 1937, and winning the award for the greatest increase in membership in 1936. The present membership of the squadron is 191, being attached to a post of about 500 members.

Three members of the squadron were presented with Five-Star Award Medals at the January meeting of Lancaster Post No. 34, The American Legion. Several other members have all of the points of the program completed.

Emergency Corps

The squadron has a Junior Emergency Relief Corps whose members are on instant call in case of disaster or emergency.

Other activities of the Sons include a drill squad, a drum and bugle corps, assisting in the sale of poppies on Memorial Day, participation in all patriotic holidays, which includes taking part in the parades on those days and an Americanism program being put on in the local schools.

Young Detroit Hero Receives Legion Award



William Chunderlik, 11, member of the school patrol, of Cooper School in Detroit, is shown with the medal and certificate presented by Metropolitan Post No. 185.

Officially, young Chunderlik was on duty at a switch crossing when a train bore down on a group of youngsters who did not heed his warnings. With rare presence of mind he ran in front of the locomotive and pushed the others to safety, only to find that he, him-

self, was inextricably caught in the tracks.

More remarkable even than his action in saving his fellow students was his quick decision to lay prone between the rails and let the locomotive pass over his body.

Emerging scratched and bruised, but with no serious injuries, the courageous youngster could gain some idea of the narrow margin by which death had twice been cheated through his actions.

Wallace Howells, welfare officer of Metropolitan Post, first heard of the incident and proposed the post's recognition. Result was that presentation of the certificate and medal was made at an assembly of Cooper School, where Legionnaire Duncan Hodges is principal.

Young Chunderlik was also awarded a free trip to Washington, D. C. He appeared on the radio program, "We the People," on January 18, sponsored by Phillips Lord.

Florida Sons Stage Drive

Set Goal at 200 Members for Largest Squadron in Detachment

Palm Beach Squadron No. 12, Detachment of Florida, has 175 members for 1938 and is pointing toward a goal of 200 members for this year. This registration is 80 more than the next largest in the state.

Under the leadership of several Legionnaires a rifle club has been formed. A class to study the Five-Point Program of Service has been organized and great interest is being shown by its members. A Squadron newspaper, the Palm Beach Son and Heir, is published each month by members of the Squadron. In it is published all news of the Squadron; and it is sent to all members, so that even if they are unable to attend a meeting they can learn what happened by reading the newspaper.

Operate Concession

A group of the Sons operates the concession at The American Legion arena on fight nights, thus aiding materially the operating funds of the Squadron. Every evening at sundown a member of The Sons of The American Legion retires the colors at the Legion home while another son blows retreat. This most impressive ceremony is well received and much favorable comment has been heard on it.

Albany Park Squadron Forms Basketball Team

Albany Park Squadron No. 124, Chicago, has organized a basketball team. Members of the team are Jack Kalk, Bernard Schneider, Sidney Shall, Bert Resnick and Jack Nichols.

The new S.A.L. Drum and Bugle Corps is making progress by practicing every Saturday.

S.A.L. 1938 Total Membership

Detachment	Total Dec. 31, 1937	Advance Feb. 4, 1938
Alabama	141	...
Arizona	288	...
Arkansas	37	...
California	2,387	...
Colorado	376	123
Connecticut	884	440
District of Columbia	307	92
Florida	517	368
France	81	...
Georgia	358	57
Hawaii	62	...
Idaho	100	...
Illinois	2,018	1,311
Indiana	412	...
Iowa	2,074	...
Kansas	492	120
Kentucky	469	120
Louisiana	516	...
Maine	596	...
Maryland	677	245
Massachusetts	3,057	611
Michigan	1,674	335
Minnesota	583	130
Mississippi	223	...
Missouri	1,623	186
Montana	339	175
Nebraska	258	82
Nevada	101	...
New Hampshire	688	134
New Jersey	2,123	732
New Mexico	118	99
New York	8,139	1,585
North Carolina	298	180
North Dakota	334	35
Ohio	1,917	634
Oklahoma	460	...
Oregon	446	1,878
Pennsylvania	8,280	...
Rhode Island	308	...
South Carolina	221	...
South Dakota	89	27
Tennessee	406	130
Texas	939	199
Utah	177	...
Vermont	256	...
Virginia	525	35
Washington	409	48
West Virginia	328	...
Wisconsin	1,327	...
Wyoming	215	...
	51,862	10,437

S. A. L. Newspaper

The Squadron News is a monthly paper published by the 23d district, California S. A. L. Ralph Kelly, Los Angeles, is captain of the district and editor of the paper, which tells of the activities of S. A. L. in the district.

New York Sons Entertain with Installation

Squadron No. 203, of Beacon, New York, installed the following officers on December 17:

Captain, Paul Anthony Kormondy; 1st lieutenant, George S. Mitchell; 2d lieutenant, Duncan MacLeod; adjutant, Robert O'Donoghue; finance officer, Robert Thorn; historian, Roger Warner; chaplain, Edward J. Kormondy; sergeant-at-arms, Eugene Fody.

After the meeting the squadron entertained those present by serving them coffee cake and cocoa. The orchestra, made up of squadron members, and assisted by Mrs. Martin Munzer, entertained the crowd with several selections and dancing music, which was enjoyed, especially by the grownups. The younger members of the squadron entertained by singing songs.

LAZY

A man went wearily into a barber's shop and slumped down into a chair. "Give me a shave," he said.

The barber told him that he was too far down in the chair for a shave.

"All right," said the customer, wearily, "give me a haircut."
—Barnes and Mortlake Herald.

Answers to 10 Questions

(See page two for questions)

1. S. A. L. membership card No. 1 was issued on June 6, 1933, to Robert Daniel Ragsdale, of Indianapolis, whose picture is shown in the question box on page 2. "Bob" was the first member of the Bruce P. Robison Squadron No. 133, Indianapolis, the first squadron to be chartered. He is now finance officer of his squadron and carried the colors in the parades of St. Louis, Cleveland and New York National Conventions.
2. There are a number of activities for the younger members of squadrons, among which are soap sculpture, whittling and carving contests, toy bands, roller-skating and ice-skating contests, top-spinning contests, marble tournaments, toy-balloon races, kite flying, and hobby and pet shows.
3. Yes, the National Committee of The Sons of The American Legion recommends that the boys under twelve years of age be placed in one activities group and the boys over twelve years in another one. By doing this it will be easier to develop a program of activities which will be of interest to the greatest majority of the members.
4. Boys can assist in caring for the post clubroom. They can help out in home-talent shows sponsored by the post, or pageants or carnivals, by selling tickets and running errands. Members can collect books, puzzles, magazines, etc., to be sent to veterans' hospitals. They can also try for a place on the safety patrols of their school. They can help the sponsoring

post on Memorial Day by taking a part in the program and the parade, and by placing flowers and the American Flag on the graves of deceased war veterans.

5. Total 1937 S. A. L. membership—51,862.

6. A member of the S. A. L., when wearing the cap, should salute the Flag of the United States of America the same as if he were wearing a military uniform; that is, the right-hand salute. If not wearing the S. A. L. cap, then the ordinary rules for civilian dress would govern and the proper salute would be to remove the hat and hold it at the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart.

7. Number of S. A. L. squadrons in 1937—2,602. Detachments—52.

8. The American Legion's birthday is celebrated on March 15, and posts arrange for special birthday parties to observe the day. There is also a national American Legion radio program on which the National Commander speaks to all members.

9. No, the only official part of a uniform is the regulation S. A. L. cap. It is tailored, in French blue uniform cloth, trimmed with red, white and blue piping, and The Sons of The American Legion insignia is embroidered on the left side of the cap. These can be purchased through the Emblem Division at National Headquarters at 95c each.

10. The Bruce P. Robison Squadron No. 133, of Indianapolis, Indiana. It was chartered on June 6, 1933.

Build Your Own Program Says Kasper

Chairman Urges Goal of 100,000 Members for 1938

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re-enroll immediately the membership for 1938 and interest other boys who are eligible to membership, and who have not yet joined our outfit. With our membership enrolled we can then devote more time to other activities in our program.

The year 1938 should be full of accomplishments for every Squadron. I am sure the Supervisory Committee of every American Legion Post which has a Squadron will assist the Squadron leaders in planning activities which will keep every member interested and busy.

Your publication will carry news of important happenings throughout the nation—yes, even stories about Squadrons in other lands. Your organization exists in each one of the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia. Then, beyond our shores, there are Squadrons in Alaska, Hawaii and France.

Suggested Program

In the January issue of The Legion Heir we carried a calendar of activities for each month of the year. In this issue and each succeeding issue, we will carry in detail a suggested program for the current month. Many Squadrons will find many other activities suitable to carry on besides those mentioned. At any rate, I am sure that every Squadron can find plenty of work to do.

Your parent organization, The American Legion, and its members are for you and will help whenever called upon. But after all it is up to you and to each of your members to build The Sons of The American Legion. Let me express my wish that every Squadron may have a most successful year.

Missouri Sons Launch Drive For Members

A drive to reach a 1938 membership goal of 100 for the recently-organized Sons of The American Legion Squadron of Post No. 6, Mobile, Missouri, will be started with a meeting at the post Home February 15.

The meeting will also mark the start of practice for an S. A. L. drum and bugle corps.

The local chapter of Legionnaires ended 1937 with 48 members and hope for a 100 per cent increase in membership this year.

Teams are to be named at the meeting to compete in the forthcoming membership drive, with the agreement that the losing team will entertain the winners at the close of the campaign.

The Moberly membership drive is part of a state-wide campaign for 3,000 new members. Moberly's new organization is one of 65 Squadrons in Missouri. It meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month. Richard O. Britt, 116 Wightman Street, is Squadron captain for 1938.

Five S. A. L. Members Rehearse for Movies



At the Grand National Studios in Culver City, California, the five Sons of The American Legion, who were chosen for minor roles in the film production "23 Hours Leave," rehearse a scene. Douglas MacLean, who played the lead in the silent version of the story, is the director of the talking production of this wartime comedy. The lucky members of Hollywood Squadron shown in the picture are: Richard Magee, John Allen, Edward Rogers, Clifford C. McKee and Bob Satterfield.

Squadron Tickles and Chuckles

ECONOMY

Customer—"I notice you're using chicken in your chicken salads."

Manager—"Yes, the price of pork and veal has gone up."

HALF-BROTHERS

"Do you know what all that bother was about outside the movie theater?"

"Yes, two boys were trying to get in on the same ticket, on the ground that they were half-brothers."

HORSE SENSE

Friend—"Why have you given the general such a peculiar pose?"

Sculptor—"You see, it was started as an equestrian statue, and then the committee found they couldn't afford the horse."

—Annapolis Log.

"Pat, I am going to make you a present of this calf."
"Ah, sure, and it's just like you, son."

Brain Teaser

Get pencil and paper . . . then try this one out

Take your age
Multiply by 2
Add 5
Multiply by 50
Subtract 365
Add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar
Add 115

Note: The first two figures is the answer to your age and the last two the change in your pocket.

Louisiana Drum Corps Entertains Disabled

The newly-organized drum and bugle corps of the Lake Charles, Louisiana, Squadron No. 1 entertained the patients at the United States Veterans' Hospital in Alexandria during January.

Led by Commander Fred Schroeder and Mrs. T. L. Herlong, acting for Mrs. G. W. Cline, Auxiliary president, members of the Lake Charles delegation were luncheon guests of Dr. T. F. Moore, manager of the hospital, beginning their program at 2 o'clock.

Songs by those assembled and several selections by The Sons of The American Legion drum and bugle corps, under Director Glenn Slaughter, featured the program.

Numberless magazines, jigsaw puzzles, cigarettes, boxes of candy and decks of playing cards were presented to the ex-soldiers by the Auxiliary, with the assistance of Mrs. T. V. Pearso.

Detachment Commanders Act in 1938

List of Fifty-one Names and Addresses of S. A. L. Leaders

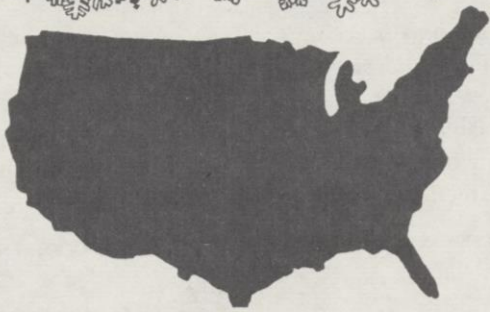
The detachment commanders are close to the heart of The Sons of The American Legion. Upon their leadership success of the organization may depend.

The following were listed as detachment commanders at national headquarters on January 1, 1938:

Mr. C. N. Wesson, 549 South 59th St., Birmingham, Alabama.
Mr. Chas. S. Slough, 32 N. 1st Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.
Mr. E. E. Stanberry, Old Post Office Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.
Mr. Thos. E. Howerton, 1605 Mountain Ave., Upland, Calif.
Mr. John M. Hadden, R. 1, Box 576, Edgewater, Colo.
Mr. George J. Getz, 39 Warwick St., Middletown, Conn.
Mr. Wu. J. Regan, 421 S. Rodney St., Wilmington, Del.
Mr. W. H. Clifford, 5435 Kansas Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Mr. Rupert Caviness, Ocala, Florida.
Mr. J. P. Gilechrist, Thomas, Georgia.
Mr. Thomas H. Cason, Thomas, Georgia.
Dr. Jos. K. S. Chang, Hawaii Bldg., Bethel St., Honolulu, T. H.
Mr. W. V. Nobles, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Mr. Joseph R. Dorfman, 3222 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois.
Mr. Edward Bonham, 1102 S. Anderson St., Elwood, Ind.
Mr. Joe A. Rosenburg, 517 B. & 1 Bldg., Dubuque, Iowa.
Mr. Willard Biegle, Emporia, Kansas.
Mr. Chas. G. Black, Barboursville, Kentucky.
Mr. Earl Wilkinson, Route 2, Baton Rouge, La.
Mr. Leonie J. John, 99 Congress St., Hartford, Maine.
Mr. Herbert L. Rhodes, 3029 Overland Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Michael T. Ketcher, 89 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Mr. Arthur H. Clarke, 208 Center St., South Haven, Mich.
Mr. H. G. Carlson, Stillwater, Minnesota.
Mr. Ben M. Stevens, Richman, Mississippi.
Mr. Walter Drake-Smith, 8140 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Mr. B. P. Hughes, Missoula, Montana.
Mr. C. A. McVicker, Gethenburg, Nebraska.
Mr. Fred H. Loman, Boulder City, Nevada.
Mr. Gillman C. Gunn, 17 Roxbury St., Keene, N. H.
Mr. Edwin Joiner, Station A, Trenton, N. J.
Mr. H. C. Neuffer, 2017 E. Oak, Albuquerque, N. M.
Mr. Joe E. Caviness, Lillingdon, North Carolina.
Mr. A. B. Johnson, Flora, North Dakota.
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Mr. Patrick Haley, Yankton, South Dakota.
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47th annual SAL convention

Minneapolis shares its Twin City recognition with St. Paul, the two separated only by the Mississippi River. The city is filled with parks, lakes and cultural districts, and in late August it will be a destination for hundreds of Sons of The American Legion (SAL) members who will be attending the SAL's 47th annual National Convention.

Minneapolis is also the site of The American Legion's first national convention 100 years ago, and this year will kick off the Legion's 15-month Centennial Celebration with special events, exhibits and more.

The Sons convention gets underway on Friday, Aug. 25, with committee meetings and the pre-convention National Executive Committee meeting. SAL National Commander Danny Smith will call the convention to order inside the Minneapolis Convention Center. Once underway, the general session will continue throughout the afternoon on Friday, then start up again early on Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26. See the agenda at www.legion.org/convention/resources.

Throughout the convention, SAL officers and chairmen will provide end-of-year reports, and special guests will address convention attendees. On

Sunday, convention delegates will elect the organization's 2018-2019 national officers, including the SAL national commander.

American Legion Family members are encouraged to attend the annual Patriotic Memorial Service on Sunday. This year's memorial service will take place on Level One in the Minneapolis Convention Center at 11 a.m.

SAL's National Convention will conclude on Sunday afternoon prior to the American Legion National Convention Parade in downtown Minneapolis. The parade route and more is online at www.legion.org/convention.

Delegates and guests to the convention are registered in advance through their respective detachments. Representatives of each detachment can pick up credentials at the SAL convention office inside the convention center beginning Thursday, Aug. 24.

No specific dress code is required during the convention, however, there are some guidelines. Delegates who expect to be on stage to receive an award are expected to wear a coat and tie. Otherwise, slacks and a dress shirt look nice when dignitaries and special guests pay a

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Victims, heroes of natural disasters

Natural disasters that have occurred throughout the United States this past year have held important implications for members of the Sons of The American Legion.

First, the importance of keeping one's Sons membership current cannot be understated. In order to be eligible for financial assistance from American Legion programs like the National Emergency Fund (NEF), one's membership must be in good standing. In addition to the NEF, many detachments have their own emergency funds that also require membership to be current in order to be eligible if assistance is needed during a time of a natural disaster. Not only must membership dues be current, but squadrons and detachments must deliver the paperwork as quickly as possible. Procrastination could jeopardize a member's ability to apply for, and receive, relief if a disaster hits.

Another important lesson learned is that Sons are an integral contributor to The American Legion's overall relief efforts. In the wake of the hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and wildfires that have struck over the past year, Sons in every detachment throughout the country have played important roles in providing monetary donations and supplies. They also assisted with transportation needs and delivery of those supplies.

Since August 2017, Sons have been both the victims of and heroes during natural disasters in Texas, Florida, California and Puerto Rico. Many lost homes or belonged to Legion posts that were destroyed. But many more went to work putting together caravans of water, food and clothing that were taken into the disaster areas and distributed, often using Legion post parking lots as staging areas. Still others helped raise the money needed to meet the needs of those

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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	\$ 700.00	34.1%	\$ 0.34
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	\$ 12,304.00	152.4%	\$ 1.52
AR - ARKANSAS		441	\$ 441.00	\$ 200.00	45.4%	\$ 0.45
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 1,383.56	12.9%	\$ 0.13
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	\$ 250.00	10.3%	\$ 0.10
DC - DIST OF COL		113	\$ 113.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 19,421.00	90.0%	\$ 0.90
FR - FRANCE		156	\$ 156.00	\$ 100.00	64.1%	\$ 0.64
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 1,560.00	35.0%	\$ 0.35
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	\$ 3,863.78	28.9%	\$ 0.29
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 825.00	2.3%	\$ 0.02
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,836	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 304.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 425.00	7.3%	\$ 0.07
KY - KENTUCKY		2,586	\$ 2,586.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 2,410.00	135.9%	\$ 1.36
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	\$ 830.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,621.00	102.2%	\$ 1.02
MX - MEXICO		31	\$ 31.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,311	\$ 24,311.00	\$ 6,680.00	27.5%	\$ 0.27
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	\$ 187.00	25.8%	\$ 0.26
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,197	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 750.00	23.5%	\$ 0.23
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,076	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 867.00	80.6%	\$ 0.81
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	\$ 1,850.00	513.9%	\$ 5.14
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	\$ 3,350.00	35.8%	\$ 0.36
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 4,900.00	325.8%	\$ 3.26
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 11,543.00	38.6%	\$ 0.39
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,698	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 4,523.00	167.6%	\$ 1.68
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,051	\$ 1,051.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,144	\$ 30,144.00	\$ 8,177.80	27.1%	\$ 0.27
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,343	\$ 1,343.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,428	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 1,087.00	76.1%	\$ 0.76
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 12,460.44	20.6%	\$ 0.21
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	\$ 1,500.00	101.0%	\$ 1.01
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	\$ 1,443.44	85.8%	\$ 0.86
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,584	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 10,843.00	194.2%	\$ 1.94
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	\$ 1,675.00	66.9%	\$ 0.67
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 3,227.25	134.2%	\$ 1.34
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 705.00	16.9%	\$ 0.17
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	\$ 167,997.56	45.8%	\$ 0.46

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF) - DONATIONS BY REGION

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DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
EASTERN REGION						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,580.82	1,856	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 1,100.00	59.3%	\$ 0.59
DELAWARE	\$ 1,950.00	2,433	\$ 2,433.00	\$ 250.00	10.3%	\$ 0.10
DIST OF COL	\$ -	113	\$ 113.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ -	156	\$ 156.00	\$ 100.00	64.1%	\$ 0.64
MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,596	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 100.00	3.9%	\$ 0.04
MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,051	\$ 16,051.00	\$ 830.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,621.00	102.2%	\$ 1.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,811	\$ 5,811.00	\$ 2,488.78	42.8%	\$ 0.43
NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,364	\$ 9,364.00	\$ 3,350.00	35.8%	\$ 0.38
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 11,543.00	38.6%	\$ 0.39
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 12,460.44	20.6%	\$ 0.21
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,830	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 1,950.00	50.9%	\$ 0.51
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 3,227.25	134.2%	\$ 1.34
Total:	\$ 91,331.91	140,961	\$ 140,961.00	\$ 43,020.47	30.5%	\$ 0.31

CENTRAL REGION						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,348	\$ 13,348.00	\$ 3,863.78	28.9%	\$ 0.29
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 825.00	2.3%	\$ 0.02
IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,836	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 304.00	6.3%	\$ 0.06
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,311	\$ 24,311.00	\$ 6,680.00	27.5%	\$ 0.27
MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,289	\$ 11,289.00	\$ 6,827.75	60.5%	\$ 0.60
MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,197	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 750.00	23.5%	\$ 0.23
OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,144	\$ 30,144.00	\$ 8,177.80	27.1%	\$ 0.27
WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 705.00	16.9%	\$ 0.17
Total:	\$ 82,641.55	127,134	\$ 127,134.00	\$ 28,133.33	22.1%	\$ 0.22

WESTERN REGION						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,627	\$ 1,627.00	\$ 1,678.00	103.1%	\$ 1.03
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,076	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 12,304.00	152.4%	\$ 1.52
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 1,383.56	12.9%	\$ 0.13
HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00	400.0%	\$ 4.00
IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ 200.00	31.0%	\$ 0.31
NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,850.00	513.9%	\$ 5.14
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UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 475.00	107.5%	\$ 1.07
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,504	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 1,675.00	66.9%	\$ 0.67
Total:	\$ 38,784.81	25,952	\$ 25,952.00	\$ 21,027.56	81.0%	\$ 0.81

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
SOUTHERN REGION						
ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,053	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 700.00	34.1%	\$ 0.34
ARKANSAS	\$ -	441	\$ 441.00	\$ 200.00	45.4%	\$ 0.45
FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 19,421.00	90.0%	\$ 0.90
GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 1,560.00	35.0%	\$ 0.35
KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,586	\$ 2,586.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 2,410.00	135.9%	\$ 1.36
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TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,683	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 1,443.44	85.8%	\$ 0.86
VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,079	\$ 4,079.00	\$ 11,700.00	286.8%	\$ 2.87
Total:	\$ 68,780.20	43,664	\$ 43,664.00	\$ 43,654.44	####	\$ 1.00

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,784	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 5,130.00	184.3%	\$ 1.84
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 425.00	7.3%	\$ 0.07
MEXICO	\$ -	31	\$ 31.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,076	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 867.00	80.6%	\$ 0.81
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,913	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 4,845.00	70.1%	\$ 0.70
NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 4,900.00	325.8%	\$ 3.26
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,051	\$ 1,051.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,343	\$ 1,343.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,447.81	1,360	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,451.85	106.8%	\$ 1.07
TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,584	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 10,843.00	194.2%	\$ 1.94
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,295	\$ 1,295.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 64,074.78	28,800	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 28,461.85	98.8%	\$ 0.99

NATIONAL HQ:	\$ 4,176.00	\$ -	\$ 3,699.91			
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 349,789.25	366,511	\$ 366,511.00	\$ 167,997.56	45.8%	\$ 0.46
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SAL DONATIONS AS OF: MARCH 10, 2023						
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2022 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 31, 2022 (FINAL)						
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