



ROUND-UP

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

Next Goal

90%

April 19, 2023

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Let's keep surpassing our SAL membership goals

March 20, 2023



Greetings, Sons of The American Legion,

We all know how vital our membership numbers are. The more voices we have in the Sons of The American Legion, the greater we are as one voice supporting our veterans and communities with full-throated enthusiasm.

I'm proud to congratulate you on surpassing our 80% membership target goal. As of March 17, the SAL is now at 326,330 members. That's 88.73% of our membership goal for the year. We had fifty detachments that met this target goal, and four detachments are already above 100%.

I appreciate the hard work you all have done to help us get to this point. But let's not ease up now. I encourage you to reach out to former SAL members and invite them back into the fold. Please get out into your communities and find potential SAL members who may not be aware of all that we do.

We are on track but let's make sure we not only make, but surpass, our 100% membership goal.

I encourage you to support The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF). VCF is not only my project this year, but it is such an important part of supporting our veterans and their families.

Donations to VCF help provide food and shelter to children of veterans and servicemembers facing unexpected hardships. It also helps fund training and accreditation for American Legion service officers, who fill a vital role in assisting veterans and their families apply for disability benefits, survivor assistance, GI Bill opportunities and more.

Contributions are tax-deductible and can be made safely online at [Legion.org/VCF](https://legion.org/VCF).

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All information must be submitted by noon each Friday



The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings



RENEW ONLINE TODAY



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

TARGET DATE

April 19, 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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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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



MICHAEL KIRSCHNER
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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



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

BE THE ONE

SILENT BATTLE; Veterans PTSD & Suicide Awareness Memorial Monument



FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 8:00 pm
 Light Up the Darkness Candlelight Vigil
 Armory Square Lawn 241 Front Street, Marietta

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 10:00 am
 Walk the Walk
 Armory Square Lawn 241 Front Street, Marietta

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 2:00 pm
 Silent Battle Dedication Ceremony
 Eyes of Freedom Outdoor Display
 Gold Star Park, 801 Lancaster Street, Marietta



COURAGE TO HEAL

www.facebook.com/SilentBattleOfGoldStarPark



Hilary Ott/The American Legion

Six steps to a successful 'Be the One' event

The American Legion | March 21, 2023

American Legion posts, districts and department are finding creative and impactful ways of delivering the Be the One message to their communities. Since the campaign to reduce the rate of veteran suicide was launched less than a year ago, American Legion events have included hikes and ruck marches, symposiums and outreach initiatives [such as this one](#) at a Portland Trail Blazers NBA game.

Here are six steps to creating, promoting, and hosting a successful Be the One event in your community:

1. Determine what type of event fits your community best. Once you decide whether it is an awareness hike, educational program, or other event, determine the best options for a location, date, and external partners.
2. Get internal support. Engage with and rally other members of your post, squadron, Auxiliary, Legion Riders, district and/or department. There are likely people who are passionate about preventing veteran suicide who would be willing to contribute to the overall effort. Work on a timeline, build a list of tasks and make assignments to those involved in the effort.
3. Visit the [Be the One resources page](#) at the national website. There are a wide range of promotional resources available for your use. Those include videos, customizable brochures, a sample press release, banners and more. Learn how to download and customize a brochure like [this Legionnaire from Arizona](#) did for an event at his post.
4. Look outside your Legion Family for support. Discuss with community partners about how they can support this initiative to save the lives of veterans. That could mean utilizing the space at a community center. Or having guests from other community service partners present and/or speak at the event. It could also mean donations to the Be the One initiative.
5. Promote the event internally and externally. Send a press release and reach out to local media and encourage them to advance the event and cover it. National headquarters has created a sample template for a press release, [which can be downloaded here](#). Once you open the Word document, you can update it with your event information and distribute it to local media, community partners and others. Additionally, National Headquarters is always on the lookout for good Be the One stories to share. Submit your event, before and/or after, with a story on [the Legiontown web page](#).
6. Do an after-action report. Note what was successful and what could be improved upon for next time. And know that your contribution to the Be the One initiative likely saved the life of at least one veteran.



**Membership is
no laughing
matter.
PLEASE
RENEW
TODAY!!!**




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

May 25 | July 27



**FLYING FLAGS
FOR HEROES**
www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

As of March 26, 2023, **15,423**
flags have been placed and
reported to honor our veterans
since September 1, 2022

Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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



Deadline for Legacy Scholarship application is April 1

The American Legion | March 22, 2023

Children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active military duty on or after 9/11, as well as children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating of 50% or higher, are eligible to apply for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship.

Additionally, to qualify for the Legacy Scholarship a parent or legal guardian must be a member in good standing of The American Legion or was a member at the time of their passing.

[Eligible applicants can apply online here.](#) Deadline to apply is April 1.

The Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship awarded for undergraduate study, graduate study, and trade schools at an accredited institution of higher education. The grant amount that eligible scholarship recipients may receive is based on financial need after all federal and state aid is exhausted. Recipients will have a year to use the grant and may reapply to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship up to six times.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the scholarship and eligibility requirements.

The 2023 American Legion Legacy Scholarship recipients will be selected by The American Legion's Committee on Youth Education during the organization's annual Spring Meetings in May. All applicants, whether recipients of the Legacy Scholarship or not, will be notified immediately thereafter.

Legacy Scholarship awards are made possible from donations to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. [Donate here.](#) Since the Legacy Scholarship's first grant in 2004, more than 500 military children of the fallen and disabled have received over \$4 million in aid.

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Join Zoom meeting](#)

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

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



★ ★ ★ ADVOCACY ALERT ★ ★ ★

The American Legion supports bipartisan legislation to repeal the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs), and this week the Senate will bring the legislation (S.316) to a vote. We need your voice to make this repeal happen.

The 1991 and 2002 AUMFs—which passed 32 and 21 years ago, respectively—authorized the use of force for the Gulf and Iraq wars, but Congress has failed to repeal these AUMFs to prevent potential misuse by future presidents. These bills would also enhance the relationship the United States now has with a sovereign, democratic Iraq, now a key partner in the Middle East.

The vast majority of ongoing military actions overseas rely on the 2001 AUMF for approval. Thus, the Iraq War AUMF is legally irrelevant for any modern operations, and allowing it to stay on the books allows for future abuse. Too often, the Executive Branch interprets congressional authorizations in a way that maximizes executive power while minimizing congressional responsibility. This is contrary to Congress's constitutional role of deciding when the country goes to war.

[Urge your members of Congress to support S. 316.](#)

Member Training and Development Committee

Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman
First Monday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: MARCH 23, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 90% TARGET 4/19/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSH	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-22	91	118.18%	100.00
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-236	1,462	107.34%	85.61
3	PUERTO RICO	123	-20	131	106.50%	83.47
4	MEXICO	31	-4	32	103.23%	51.61
5	FRANCE	158	-13	155	98.10%	87.82
6	FLORIDA	21,519	-1,052	20,419	94.89%	77.09
7	DELAWARE	2,430	-100	2,287	94.12%	79.85
8	OREGON	1,414	-54	1,327	93.85%	74.29
9	MICHIGAN	24,271	-851	22,695	93.51%	82.30
10	MARYLAND	16,058	-491	14,943	93.06%	83.42
11	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-44	1,370	93.01%	78.23
12	VIRGINIA	4,109	-114	3,812	92.77%	79.02
13	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-65	2,191	92.76%	76.47
14	GEORGIA	4,490	-84	4,125	91.87%	77.63
15	OHIO	30,636	-524	28,096	91.71%	83.81
16	ILLINOIS	13,398	-177	12,235	91.32%	82.14
17	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	-731	55,454	91.20%	83.33
18	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-60	5,169	91.05%	79.65
19	WISCONSIN	4,187	-44	3,812	91.04%	78.96
20	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-11	961	91.00%	79.89
21	TENNESSEE	1,718	-13	1,559	90.75%	73.27
22	VERMONT	3,818	-26	3,462	90.68%	82.15
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-28	6,341	90.39%	85.81
24	IDAHO	644	0	580	90.06%	72.35
25	MISSOURI	3,219	-1	2,898	90.03%	78.97
26	KANSAS	5,919	5	5,322	89.91%	80.10
27	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	3	2,451	89.88%	73.26
28	IOWA	4,857	6	4,365	89.87%	78.96
29	WASHINGTON	2,485	8	2,229	89.70%	69.91
30	MAINE	2,617	13	2,342	89.49%	77.38
31	ALASKA	1,608	10	1,437	89.37%	71.15
32	ARIZONA	8,004	62	7,142	89.23%	70.88
33	ALABAMA	2,066	16	1,843	89.21%	75.74
34	COLORADO	2,729	22	2,434	89.19%	76.01
35	NEVADA	357	3	318	89.08%	67.13
36	LOUISIANA	1,790	22	1,589	88.77%	79.34
37	INDIANA	36,387	582	32,166	88.40%	80.43
38	NEW YORK	29,864	565	26,313	88.11%	80.21
39	MISSISSIPPI	722	17	633	87.67%	74.55
40	RHODE ISLAND	336	8	294	87.50%	75.45
41	MONTANA	1,108	28	969	87.45%	81.19
42	OKLAHOMA	1,348	49	1,164	86.35%	67.83
43	NEW MEXICO	1,483	62	1,273	85.84%	68.58
44	CONNECTICUT	1,867	82	1,598	85.59%	76.11
45	MINNESOTA	11,378	532	9,708	85.32%	77.72
46	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	267	4,631	85.10%	75.07
47	NEW JERSEY	9,386	471	7,976	84.98%	75.42
48	CALIFORNIA	10,714	571	9,072	84.67%	70.66
49	WYOMING	1,298	100	1,068	82.28%	72.14
50	TEXAS	5,569	473	4,539	81.50%	66.74
51	PHILIPPINES	70	8	55	78.57%	77.94
52	UTAH	449	69	335	74.61%	60.39
53	ARKANSAS	447	102	300	67.11%	56.92
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	659	1,689	64.74%	55.20
55	DIST OF COL	114	37	66	57.89%	46.02
Grand Totals:		367,798	90	330,928	89.98%	79.53

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman
Third Tuesday of Each Month

7:00 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

CONGRATULATIONS to the SOUTH, CENTRAL and EASTERN REGIONS and the 25 DETACHMENTS that have already surpassed the April 19th 90% membership target. The National Renewal Percentage is starting to climb, and we are 17,724 members ahead of last year at this time.

Success is a team effort; thank you all for what you do.

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	91	118.18%
OREGON	1,414	1,327	93.85%
IDAHO	644	580	90.06%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,229	89.70%
ALASKA	1,608	1,437	89.37%
ARIZONA	8,004	7,142	89.23%
NEVADA	357	318	89.08%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	9,072	84.67%
PHILIPPINES	70	55	78.57%
UTAH	449	335	74.61%
Totals:	25,822	22,586	87.47%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,462	107.34%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	961	91.00%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,341	90.39%
KANSAS	5,919	5,322	89.91%
COLORADO	2,729	2,434	89.19%
MONTANA	1,108	969	87.45%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,164	86.35%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,273	85.84%
WYOMING	1,298	1,068	82.28%
TEXAS	5,569	4,539	81.50%
Totals:	28,918	25,565	88.41%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	22,695	93.51%
OHIO	30,636	28,096	91.71%
ILLINOIS	13,398	12,235	91.32%
WISCONSIN	4,187	3,812	91.04%
MISSOURI	3,219	2,898	90.03%
IOWA	4,857	4,365	89.87%
INDIANA	36,387	32,166	88.40%
MINNESOTA	11,378	9,708	85.32%
Totals:	128,333	115,975	90.37%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	155	98.10%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,287	94.12%
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NEW YORK	29,864	26,313	88.11%
RHODE ISLAND	336	294	87.50%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,598	85.59%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	4,631	85.10%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	7,976	84.98%
DIST OF COL	114	66	57.89%
Totals:	140,932	126,881	90.03%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	131	106.50%
FLORIDA	21,519	20,419	94.89%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,370	93.01%
VIRGINIA	4,109	3,812	92.77%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,125	91.87%
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NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,451	89.88%
ALABAMA	2,066	1,843	89.21%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,589	88.77%
MISSISSIPPI	722	633	87.67%
ARKANSAS	447	300	67.11%
KENTUCKY	2,609	1,689	64.74%
Totals:	43,793	39,921	91.16%

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

SAL New Member Kit is now online and ready for purchase.
[New Member Kit \(SAL\) - American Legion Flag & Emblem](#)

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

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National Executive Committee

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Jim Stewart (NV), Chairman

National Vice-Commander Selection Committee

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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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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



Alyssa Schukar/The American Legion

VA announces survivors of veterans can soon reapply for benefits under PACT Act

The American Legion | March 22, 2023

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that dependent family members of veterans who died from illnesses now covered by the PACT Act will soon be able to reapply for survivor benefits if their claim was previously denied.

The PACT Act provides additional benefits for exposures to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan, additional presumptive conditions for Agent Orange exposure, and provisions for victims of water contamination at Camp Lejeune. [Read more about those benefits here.](#) For Vietnam-era veterans, the PACT Act added two additional Agent Orange presumptive conditions: high blood pressure (hypertension) and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS). Additionally, five new presumptive locations were added for Vietnam-era veterans.

For more information about the PACT Act and how to file a claim, visit va.gov/PACT. American Legion service officers stand ready to assist veterans with their VA claims at no charge. To find a service officer in your area, please [visit this web page](#).

Since the PACT Act was signed into law Aug. 10, 2022, the March 17 copy of the [VA PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#) shows there have been:

- 362,934 PACT Act claims filed (352,922 are veterans/10,012 are survivors)
- 151,843 PACT Act claims completed (149,035 are veterans/2,810 are survivors)
- 2,174,087 toxic exposure screenings (41.5% of the screenings showed veterans had at least one potential exposure)

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman
Third Wednesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

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, CRE23 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 plans to visit American Legion Posts in the area have been confirmed, and transportation has been arranged.

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. Use code LDO.

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 & WTTE 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 appears later in this edition.



First Annual
Central
Region

EXTRAVAGANZA

April 21 - 23, 2023

LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS - PLEASE REGISTER EARLY



EMBASSY
SUITES
by Hilton

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport
Reservations (614) 536-0500
Reservation Code: LDO
Suite Rate: \$129.00 per night

Friday evening Social Gathering & Networking
Saturday Training, Presentations, and Guest Speakers
Saturday evening visit local American Legion Posts

Topics include:

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

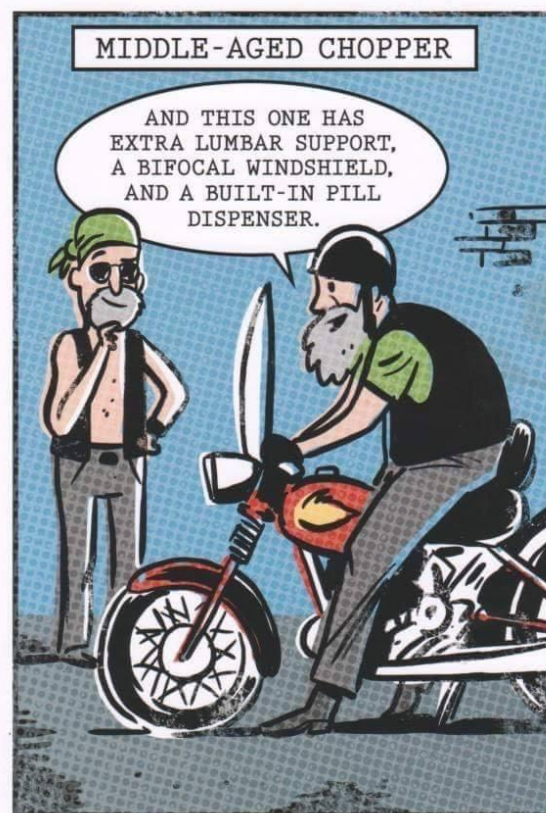
Meeting of the Jeffs

For more information and to reserve your spot at the conference,
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hotel reservations own your own

Local Attractions



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SPORTS

Japan edges USA in World Baseball Classic

The American Legion | March 22, 2023

Shohei Otani struck out Los Angeles Angels teammate Mike Trout to close out Team Japan's 3-2 victory over Team USA in the championship game of the World Baseball Classic on Tuesday night in Miami.



Japan completed an undefeated record in this year's WBC and prevented the Americans from repeating as champions.

Two American Legion Baseball alumni were part of Team USA's roster. Catcher J.T. Realmuto (Post 170/Midwest City,

Okla.) batted .500 (6-of-12) in four games, with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored.

Pitcher Daniel Bard (Post 337/Pineville, N.C.) made three relief appearances, allowing eight runs and five hits in 1 2/3 innings.

Here's a look at how Team USA fared in the World Baseball Classic:

- March 11: USA 6, Great Britain 2. Kyle Schwarber's three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth broke the game open in the first game of pool play.
- March 12: Mexico 11, USA 5. Joey Meneses homered twice for Team Mexico.
- March 13: USA 11, Canada 1. Team USA scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning and cruised from there.
- March 15: USA 3, Colombia 2. Mike Trout drove in all three runs to lead Team USA in the pool play finale.
- March 18: USA 9, Venezuela 7. Trea Turner's eighth-inning grand slam propelled Team USA into the semi-finals ...
- March 19: USA 14, Cuba 2. ... where Turner hit two more home runs to help send Team USA back to the championship game.
- March 21: Japan 3, USA 2. Kazuma Okamoto's solo home run in the bottom of the fourth inning proved to be the winning run for Team Japan.

Major League Baseball's spring training schedule wraps up March 27, with the regular season opening March 30.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to travel with Detachment of Ohio Commander Dennis Albright to Indianapolis to attend National Commander Chris Carlton's Homecoming Celebration Weekend.

We had a great time visiting Post 495 on Friday for a dinner at Chris' home Post. On Saturday, it was off early to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the Indianapolis 500. The next stop was to Speedway Post 500 for lunch, then downtown to the Indiana War Memorial.

The Memorial is a great stop anytime a visit is made to the Hoosier State's capital city. There is a video available about the Memorial, but unfortunately the viewing room was not available during our visit. Anyone wishing to see the video can click [here](#).

After a quick stop back at the hotel, we traveled to Post 64 for the Commander's Homecoming Banquet. There was great representation from across the nation, with great fellowship, great food, and a good time by all.

Congratulations Commander Carlton for an awesome year, and best wishes during the rest of your year!

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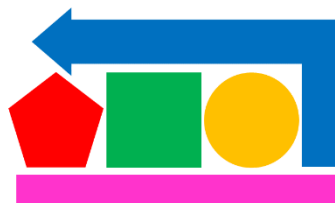
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Meeting of the Jeffs

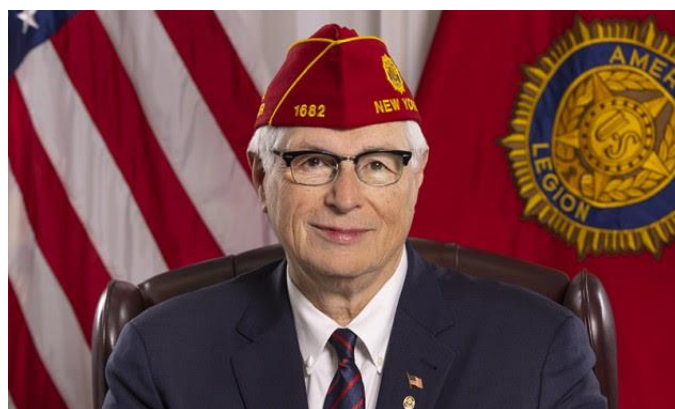


There will be a Meeting of the Jeffs on Saturday, April 22, 2023 during the Central Region Extravaganza.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION



Welcome home Vietnam vets

March 22, 2023

On March 29, 1973, Army Master Sgt. Max Bielke boarded a C-130 in Saigon and headed home. Like so many other Vietnam vets, Bielke's service did not end there. He continued to work as a civilian employee with the Retirement Services Division until Sept. 11, 2001. That day, he lost his life during a meeting, when terrorists slammed into the nation's military headquarters. Bielke saw the end of what was the longest war in American history and the beginning of what would become an even longer one.

The Vietnam War's place in our national story is remembered March 29, a day when most schools and workplaces will stay open, and observances are typically kept among those of my wartime generation. We, of that generation, and The American Legion know the significance of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which has been observed since 2017, when President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the day the last U.S. combat troops departed from Vietnam, closing the curtain on a long and complicated time in world history.

The first known American fatality from the Vietnam War was Air Force Tech. Sgt. Richard B. Fitzgibbon, who made the ultimate sacrifice on June 8, 1956. On Sept. 7, 1965, his son, Marine Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, would make the same sacrifice. They both rest eternally at Blue Hill Cemetery in Braintree, Mass. The names of more than 58,000 Americans would eventually be etched for eternity on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington.

Even after Saigon fell, we continued – and still continue – to lose more of our brothers and sisters. Agent Orange-related illnesses, PTSD and other wounds of war take their toll more and more as the years pass. I am proud to say that more than 1 million Vietnam veterans belong to The American Legion, making them the largest segment of our membership. We honor their service. We advocate on behalf of their needs. We defend their legacy.

While historians continue to debate and second-guess the strategies and decisions of America's political leaders during the Vietnam War, the noble service of the men and women who served there should not be forgotten.

It is still not too late to heal old wounds. The next time you see a Vietnam veteran, say, "Thank you for your service." And if you are one, welcome home! To hundreds of thousands of others, like Max Bielke, we respect and remember you, though we cannot be together in person just now.

Vincent "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion



Actor and Legionnaire Paul Sorvino

Commentary: Do the right thing, Hollywood

Jeff Daly | March 20, 2023

The Oscars have their way of scandalizing into post-show public relations challenges. This year's March 12 ceremony was no different. For some unfathomable reason, they found a way to omit a legendary entertainment icon from the "In Memoriam" part of the program.

Vietnam-era Army veteran Paul Sorvino, arguably most famous for starring in "Goodfellas," was in hundreds of movies throughout his career. Sorvino was successful on stage, being nominated for a Tony Award, and on TV as a cast member of "Law & Order." But he was more than just an actor. He was also a trained operatic singer, sculptor, author and businessman, just to name a few of the accomplishments that made him what his wife [Dee Dee Sorvino](#) calls "a true Renaissance man."

The Oscars are about the film industry though. So, let's focus on some facts about the man that was snubbed by the Academy Awards:

- He appeared in three films that were nominated for the Best Picture Oscar: "A Touch of Class," (1973); "Reds," (1981) and "Goodfellas," (1990).
- He worked with seven Oscar-winning directors: Mike Nichols, "The Day of the Dolphin," (1973); John G. Avildsen, "Cry Uncle," (1971); "Slow Dancing in the Big City," (1978); William Friedkin, "The Brink's Job," (1978); "Cruising," (1980); Warren Beatty, "Reds," (1981), "Dick Tracy," (1990) and "Bulworth," (1998); Martin Scorsese, "Goodfellas," 1990; Sydney Pollack, "The Firm," (1993); and Oliver Stone, "Nixon," (1995).
- Always keeping himself busy, Sorvino performed in more than 100 theatrical movies and over 30 TV movies throughout his career. Those include a dynamic and under-appreciated portrayal of Henry Kissinger in "Nixon," (1995), as Fulgencio Capulet in the updated

"Romeo + Juliet," (1996); and in the Las Vegas thriller "The Cooler" in 2003. At the time of his death in 2022, there were three more films in which he appeared yet to be released, including "The Ride" in which he worked alongside his wife.

For more details on these performances and his other career highlights visit [his IMDB page](#).

His silver screen credentials, are impressive. So is his dedication to The American Legion.

I was present for Sorvino's induction as a member of Hollywood Post 43. Unlike some other celebrities he didn't want to be inducted in a private setting nor did he want to be singled out. This man with countless accolades also possessed a humility that would seem improbable for all of the fame and success he achieved. He wanted to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other new members, replicating that military experience of being a part of something bigger than himself. As a Legionnaire, he was as proud to be a member as we were to have him as one.

He mentioned The American Legion often. His widow Dee is a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well, and she too supports The American Legion.

Dee reported in an interview on "Inside Edition" that she would like to have a screening and Q&A of "Goodfellas" at The Hollywood Legion Theater at Hollywood American Legion Post 43, as a fundraiser for the post.

That dedication to his service and to others that served is a piece of the story that riles me up when I think about him being disrespected "In Memoriam." When Dee asked to use the theater at Hollywood Post 43, I double-checked for any conflicts on the schedule. Being none, I quickly and excitedly said, "Of course." An affirmative answer was the only acceptable answer.

I'm calling on those who served to help give this brother-in-arms the support he has earned. He represented the best of us; thus, I believe that we should now represent him. I think awareness and a bit of activism online are due here. His career clearly deserved respect. He's one of us. It's not OK to disrespect one of our own. Post photos of him proudly wearing his American Legion cover and share the story of his inspiring Hollywood career. Speak of his patriotism and pride of service. Talk about his diverse skillset. Finally, let it be known that the Oscars didn't treat this lifelong artist with due respect at the Academy Awards.

Do note that this was not simply a mistake or an unfortunate oversight. After the "In Memoriam" presentation, they flashed a QR code so that those "others" who died, would have their names in text with a thumbnail photo on a website. Let that be proof that this was no accidental omission; it was an unfathomable choice. I think it's only right that we stand up and demand respect and simple decency here.

Please do the right thing [Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#).

Jeff Daly is a Marine Corps veteran and commander of American Legion Post 43 in Hollywood, Calif.

NJ Celebrates the Legion Birthday and 'Be the One'

Rusty Myers | March 22, 2023

American Legion Post's across the nation celebrated the American Legion Birthday on 15 March, as many have in years past. It's a day that honors 104 years of service to community, state, and nation, and celebrates the evolution of the organization into an entity that has stood the test of time and will last at least 100 more years. But this year's birthday celebrations focused on addressing a much more ominous problem which today's veterans are facing – veteran's suicide.

In New Jersey, various Facebook posts reported that on March 11th, the Department of New Jersey celebrated with an American Legion birthday cake and a renewed commitment to the 'Be the One' Campaign. As you would recall, National Commander Vincent Troiola wrote in his March message that "The American Legion is elevating its commitment to Buddy Checks, as part of Be the One, the national initiative to reduce the rate of veteran suicide ... Whether your post engages veterans in your community as part of a Legion birthday event or at other times of the year, there are useful resources available."

Department of NJ Commander Stephen Fisher, along with his staff, plus guests National Vice Commander Paul M. Kennedy and acting Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno, cut the cake at Joyce-Kilmer Post 25 Milltown, NJ. Each guest took an opportunity to speak to the attendees about the importance of the American Legion, its rich history, and its role in addressing the problem of veteran's suicide. Following the luncheon, attendees spoke about the importance of making 'Buddy Checks,' making some calls right then and there. On the heels of last years '22 a Day' initiative, which brought to light the 22 vets on average who succumb to suicide each day, 'Be The One'

speaks to us as members of the American Legion Family about how we can make a difference in that one veterans life who is struggling. The American Legion Birthday gave not just New Jersey, but the rest of the American Legion Family a chance to renew their commitment to their fellow veterans and Legionnaires.



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Saturday, April 22, 2023

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Registration

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening & Announcements

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Keeping Members Involved

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

Building an Effective Youth Program

The American Legion Auxiliary

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Obtaining Discharge Documents

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

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch

CENTCOM Update

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

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Public Speaking

Joe Mayne, Past National Commander, Sons of The American Legion

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Honoring Veterans in Health Care Facilities

Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Chaplain, Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Being a Military Kid & Working with the Media

Stacia Naquin, Anchor, WSYX ABC 6 & WTTE Fox 28, Columbus, Ohio

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Servant Leadership

Joseph Paviglianti, Past National Commander, Sons of The American Legion

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Be the One – Suicide: Knowing the Signs, Prevention, & Support

Dr. Amberle Prater, Ph.D, LPCC-S, Suicide Prevention Clinical Lead Supervisor

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

4:30 p.m.

Announcements & Closing

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Jeffs

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Central Region Extravaganza

Columbus, Ohio

03/23/23		2023 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS				
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1 Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	43,793	39,921	(3,872)	91.16%	279	
2 Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	128,333	115,975	(12,358)	90.37%	612	
3 Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	140,932	126,881	(14,051)	90.03%	1,622	
4 Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	28,918	25,565	(3,353)	88.41%	79	
5 Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	25,822	22,586	(3,236)	87.47%	138	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	367,798	330,928	(36,870)	89.98%	2,730	



03/23/23		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 Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	24,271	22,695	(1,576)	93.51%	76	82.30%	9	
2 Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,636	28,096	(2,540)	91.71%	44	83.81%	15	
3 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	13,398	12,235	(1,163)	91.32%	69	82.14%	16	
4 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,187	3,812	(375)	91.04%	17	78.96%	19	
5 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,219	2,898	(321)	90.03%	8	78.97%	25	
6 Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,857	4,365	(492)	89.87%	55	78.96%	28	
7 Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	36,387	32,166	(4,221)	88.40%	315	80.43%	37	
8 Minnesota 5, 6, 7	11,378	9,708	(1,670)	85.32%	28	77.77%	45	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	128,333	115,975	(12,358)	90.37%	612			

03/23/23		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	91	14	118.18%	-	100.00%	1	10/10/22
2 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,414	1,327	(87)	93.85%	11	74.29%	8	
3 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	644	580	(64)	90.06%	14	72.35%	24	
4 Washington 7	2,485	2,229	(256)	89.70%	4	69.91%	29	
5 Alaska 3, 6	1,608	1,437	(171)	89.37%	7	71.15%	31	
6 Arizona 5, 6, 7	8,004	7,142	(862)	89.23%	27	70.88%	32	
7 Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7	357	318	(39)	89.08%	6	67.13%	35	
8 California 1, 5, 6, 7	10,714	9,072	(1,642)	84.67%	60	70.66%	48	
9 Phillippines	70	55	(15)	78.57%	-	77.94%	51	
10 Utah 5	449	335	(114)	74.61%	9	60.39%	52	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	25,822	22,586	(3,236)	87.47%	138			

03/23/23		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%	-	83.47%	3	03/02/23
2 Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	21,519	20,419	(1,100)	94.89%	97	77.09%	6	
3 South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,473	1,370	(103)	93.01%	7	78.23%	11	
4 Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,109	3,812	(297)	92.77%	74	79.02%	12	
5 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,490	4,125	(365)	91.87%	5	77.63%	14	
6 Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1,718	1,559	(159)	90.75%	21	73.27%	21	
7 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,727	2,451	(276)	89.88%	31	73.26%	27	
8 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,066	1,843	(223)	89.21%	8	75.74%	33	
9 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,790	1,589	(201)	88.77%	4	79.34%	36	
10 Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	633	(89)	87.67%	7	74.55%	39	
11 Arkansas 1	447	300	(147)	67.11%	9	56.92%	53	
12 Kentucky	2,609	1,689	(920)	64.74%	16	55.20%	54	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	43,793	39,921	(3,872)	91.16%	279			

03/23/23		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	1,462	100	107.34%	7	85.61%	2	02/09/23
2	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	51.61%	4	03/13/23
3	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	961	(95)	91.00%	19	79.89%	20	
4	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,341	(674)	90.39%	12	85.81%	23	
5	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	5,919	5,322	(597)	89.91%	9	80.10%	26	
6	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,729	2,434	(295)	89.19%	1	76.01%	34	
7	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,108	969	(139)	87.45%	-	81.19%	41	
8	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,348	1,164	(184)	86.35%	1	67.83%	42	
9	New Mexico	1,483	1,273	(210)	85.84%	-	68.58%	43	
10	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,068	(230)	82.28%	-	72.14%	49	
11	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5	5,569	4,539	(1,030)	81.50%	30	66.74%	50	
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		28,918	25,565	(3,353)	88.41%	72			

03/23/23		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%	-	87.82%	5	
2	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,287	(143)	94.12%	6	79.85%	7	
3	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	16,058	14,943	(1,115)	93.06%	113	83.42%	10	
4	West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,362	2,191	(171)	92.76%	2	76.47%	13	
5	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	60,803	55,454	(5,349)	91.20%	501	53.33%	17	
6	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,677	5,169	(508)	91.05%	15	79.65%	18	
7	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,462	(356)	90.68%	7	82.15%	22	
8	Maine 5, 6, 7	2,617	2,342	(275)	89.49%	12	77.38%	30	
9	New York 4, 5, 6, 7	29,864	26,313	(3,551)	88.11%	916	80.21%	38	
10	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	294	(42)	87.50%	-	75.45%	40	
11	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7	1,867	1,598	(269)	85.59%	7	76.11%	44	
12	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7	5,442	4,631	(811)	85.10%	33	75.02%	46	
13	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	9,386	7,976	(1,410)	84.98%	10	75.42%	47	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	66	(48)	57.89%	-	46.02%	55	
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		140,932	126,881	(14,051)	90.03%	1,622			

03/23/23		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	20,419	(1,100)	94.89%	97	77.09%	6	
2	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	24,271	22,695	(1,576)	93.51%	76	82.30%	9	
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,636	28,096	(2,540)	91.71%	44	83.81%	15	
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8	60,803	55,454	(5,349)	91.20%	501	83.33%	17	
5	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	36,387	32,166	(4,221)	88.40%	315	80.43%	37	
6	New York 4, 5, 6, 7	29,864	26,313	(3,551)	88.11%	916	80.21%	38	
TOTALS		203,480	185,143	(18,337)	90.99%	1,949			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	367,798	330,928	(36,870)	89.98%	2,730	79.53%		
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- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
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Are you a member of the American Legion: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Member number

TERMS OF PLEDGE

I am supporting the 1919 Society with a pledge total of: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Today with a single payment <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next year, beginning on (date): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next _____ years, beginning on (date): _____ Please bill me <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT(S)

<input type="checkbox"/> Check - Make checks payable to: American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation - 1919 Society	
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> AmEx <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	
Credit Card Number	Exp. Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Gifts and Stock - Please contact The American Legion Office of Charitable Gifts toll free at 833-257-0955 or by email at CharitableGiving@legion.org	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Matching gift enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Matching gift form will be sent	

By electronically signing this 1919 Society Pledge Commitment (pledge commitment) I/we agree that this is a legally binding contract to give the amount(s) specified above to the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, doing business as American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (ALVCF) and the ALVCF accepts such pledge/donation. I/we agree that the terms of this pledge commitment is legally binding upon and enforceable against me/us and my/our respective successors and heirs, including without limitation, my/our estate(s) and executor(s). This pledge commitment shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of Indiana. The ALVCF is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). The ALVCF's federal tax identification number is 35-6039680. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Donor Signature	Date
Donor Signature	Date

Thank you for your charitable contribution.

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