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in the Sons of The American Legion

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Biden taps ‘butt-kicking’ fighter pilot Gen. C. Q. Brown for Joint Chiefs Chairman

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U.S. Air Force photo

President Joe Biden on Thursday officially nominated Gen. Charles “CQ” Brown, the Air Force chief of staff and a career fighter pilot with extensive command experience, as his choice to serve as the nation’s next top military officer.

In a Rose Garden ceremony at the White House, Biden highlighted Brown’s intellect, his experience commanding troops in Europe, the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific, and his even-keeled manner as he formally introduced the general as the nominee to become the 21st chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Brown, who is the first African American to lead a U.S. military service, appeared alongside the president, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin during the announcement.

“Gen. Brown is a proud butt-kicking American airman — first and always. He’s gained respect across every [military] service from those who have seen him in action and have come to depend on his judgment,” Biden said. “Gen. Brown has built a reputation across the force as an unflappable and highly effective leader — as

someone who creates an environment of teamwork, trust and executes with excellence.”

If confirmed, Brown, 60, would replace the often-brash Army Gen. Mark Milley, who has served as Joint Chiefs chairman since October 2019 and is slated to retire in October. He would become the second Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The late Army Gen. Colin Powell was the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, though he never served as Army chief of staff.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the nation’s top military officer charged with advising the president and defense secretary on military and national security issues. While the chairman is not in the direct chain of command and is not charged with commanding troops, he is instrumental in shaping Pentagon policy and planning U.S. military operations worldwide.

In Biden’s remarks Thursday, he also highlighted Brown’s composed nature by sharing the story of how the general’s F-16 caught fire during a training mission over Florida in 1991.

“CQ had to eject at more than 300 miles an hour, landing in the Everglades,” Biden said. “I’ll tell you what — he was back in the cockpit the next week.”

Brown is a 1984 graduate of Texas Tech University and was commissioned through the school’s ROTC program. He has commanded a fighter squadron, the Air Force Weapons School, two fighter wings, and he has served as an adviser to past top Air Force uniformed and civilian leaders.

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A Memorial Day weekend march to fight veteran suicide

[Andy Proffet](#) | May 28, 2023

Mark and Sandy Landvick could have been forgiven for missing the inaugural “McHenry Marches for the 22” on May 28.

“My wife and I are on our anniversary trip; we came back from Michigan to make sure we could be part of this,” said Mark Landvick, who along with Sandy are coaches of the American Legion Baseball team sponsored by Post 491 in McHenry, Ill.

Post 491 sponsored “McHenry Marches for the 22” to “align our awareness efforts with The American Legion national ‘Be The One’ campaign,” said post adjutant Rob Johnson.

The event, which references the oft-cited statistic that 22 veterans die by suicide each day, saw participants marching 22 miles, 22 kilometers or 2.2 miles around McHenry County.

Approximately 50 veterans, current servicemembers, Legion Baseball players and other veterans’ supporters participated. The bulk of them started early Sunday morning from Veteran’s Memorial Park in McHenry, with others joining in at different stops around the county.

About a half dozen players from Post 491’s Legion Baseball team joined the Landvicks on the march.

“The boys, some of their family have served; my wife and I, our two boys are active Army right now, so we just laid it out to them about how important it is to celebrate the community and support the community and make sure they recognize all the sacrifices that have been made for us to be able to play the game of baseball,” Mark Landvick said.

Before the march, Post 491 Commander Joe Kalisek spoke to the crowd. “We are here today to conduct an event to not only raise awareness of veteran suicide ... but through your donations, we raise money for our veterans causes, and we get to enjoy a day together helping each other accomplish a great personal challenge.”

Many of those participating noted the need to raise awareness of veteran suicide.

“We do a great job of getting our soldiers ready to fight; we do a horrible job of getting them ready to be a civilian. And when we can do something to bring awareness to that, we should,” said veteran and combat brain trainer Tim “Coach Papa” Stewart. “... Being out here to support those who are struggling is just a powerful opportunity.”

“I think a big part of suicide awareness is making it more known to how big of an issue it is,” said Melissa Downey, a chief warrant officer with the Illinois Army National Guard who also works with the state’s Department of Veterans Affairs.

Downey, like many other walkers, recognize the importance of The American Legion’s “Be The One” campaign.

“What that means to me is ‘Be The One’ that sticks up for and talks for other people that may not have the strength to say what they’re going through. ‘Be The One’ to be there for somebody. ‘Be The One’ that actually helps somebody out of their darkness,” Downey said.

“‘Be The One’ means it doesn’t matter if you’re a servicemember ... you can do something about (suicide awareness),” said Illinois National Guard Sgt. First Class Leo Quicho, the pacesetter for the ruck march. Quicho said when he was a company first sergeant with the Virginia National Guard, he lost two soldiers to suicide within a couple of weeks.

“It has a huge impact on me. So anytime I do something like this, I march for those guys and all the veterans who lost their lives to this disease,” Quicho said. Johnson said the decision to hold the event on Memorial Day weekend just made sense.

“Memorial Day weekend is a tribute to veterans to begin with. So, it aligns perfectly with Memorial Day weekend,” Johnson said.

Legionnaire and Illinois state Sen. Craig Wilcox was impressed with the turnout.

“For The American Legion, they’re always out and involved, but more so for McHenry and this area up here, a VFW, an American Legion, a PLAV (Polish Legion of American Veterans), we don’t find many towns in America that still have all of them, and the fact that they all work together ... that’s what makes these three posts so special,” Wilcox said.

The marchers were led out of Veteran’s Memorial Park by a horse from [Operation Wild Horse](#), an area non-profit that receives financial assistance from Post 491 and other area Legion posts. “We really like what they do, so we’ve been fundraising for them the last year or so,” Johnson said.

And the marchers were escorted by police from the towns they walked through as well as the county sheriff’s department.

“The police support has been amazing,” Johnson said. Post 491 leadership were pleased with the event’s success, including the support of local businesses who sponsored the march.

“All of this is because of great planning,” said post first vice commander Phil Sweeney.

“We plan to do this again,” Johnson said. “It will get bigger, and the impact is we spread the word. That’s the plan.”



June at the Museum

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

Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

Some quit when they almost reach their goals because the path gets too hard, while others obtain victory by exerting more effort than before. No one can fault the effort that we have all put in thus far in reaching our membership goal, the question is, who is willing to go the extra mile??

We are less than 2000 members away from 100%. Don't quit....don't ever quit!!

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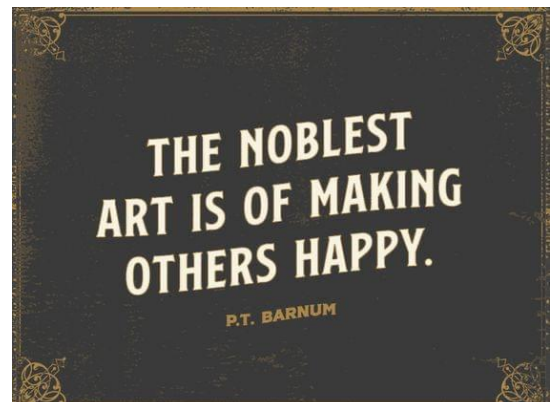
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



In Yvonne's memory

The American Legion | June 1, 2023

SAL National Vice Commander Michael Kirschner affectionately refers to his late wife, Yvonne, as a “Navy brat.”

“Growing up in a patriotic family, she always cared about the men and women that serve this great country of ours and the children of America,” Kirschner said.

Yvonne (Barela) Kirschner, a member of Ovie Vernon Auxiliary Unit 2 in Pueblo, Colo., died Jan. 8.

“When she passed away, the kids and I sat down and tried to think of the best way to honor her memory,” Kirschner said. “Being that she lived her life via the Auxiliary motto of ‘service over self,’ we felt it was appropriate to have folks give money in her honor to a great cause.”



After some discussion, the Kirschner family settled on the Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) because of

its emphasis on helping veterans and their children, as well as it being the top fundraising project of American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola and SAL National Commander Christopher Carlton.

Family and friends raised \$3,000 in Yvonne’s honor for VCF, which Kirschner announced at the SAL National Executive Committee’s Spring Meetings.

But that wasn’t all.

“The vice commanders this year had challenge coins made, and we’ve been collecting donations from the challenge coins for the VCF,” NVC Ernie Laberge announced at the meetings. “And on behalf of the national vice commanders, and in memory of Yvonne Kirschner, the national vice commanders have collected so far \$11,140.”

“I was totally shocked, honored and humbled when my fellow NVCs chose to make the donation from funds raised for our challenge coin in her name,” Kirschner said. “It truly made me tear up and feel the pride of serving with these great men.

“This is what the American Legion Family is truly about. Taking care of one another, our communities, our veterans, and the children of this nation. ... If each one of the 2 million-plus American Legion Family members do something similar, what a huge impact we as an organization could make to our veterans, community, and youth.”

Kirschner said his wife of 23 years would be “embarrassed” by the attention. But he hopes the example set by those contributing to honor her echoes throughout the Legion Family.

“(We) have always held on to the belief that we do what we do because we want to and it’s the right thing, not because we want recognition,” Kirschner said. “There is a great quote from Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Francis S. Currey: ‘There are two kinds of people in this world — those who get things done and those who take credit for getting things done. Belong to the first group, there is much less competition.’

“(Yvonne) lived life by that motto and should be an inspiration to us all.”



Sons of the American Legion announce massive American Flag installed overlooking Route 417

Andrew Harris | May 29, 2023



PHOTOS: The new 15×25-foot flag can be viewed while traveling East on 417 from Bolivar NY

Fred Roberts is back in the news today! The Commander of the Sons of the American Legion at Post 702 in Wellsville is Fred Roberts IV.

Roberts led a group of fellow patriots into the hills outside of Bolivar NY on a mission: Raise a massive American Flag that will be visible, night and day, to those who are traveling on Route 417.

The group really wanted to have the flag installed by Memorial Day: Mission Accomplished!

The location is on private property just past the Baldwin Lumber Company. The Baldwin family graciously provided the perfect hilltop location and prepared the site for the “Sons” to install the flag.

Locals who live that “neck of the woods,” helped Roberts and his crew with the installation which required some specialized help.

The Sons of the American Legion purchased the flag, equipment for hanging the flag, and solar powered lighting with the proceeds of the annual Ham and Leek Dinner.

Memorial Day; Kettering, OH

Russell Powel, OHSAL D3 Commander | June 1, 2023

Here are some pictures of the Memorial Day ceremony conducted by Kettering, OH Post 598 at Beavertown Cemetery.

The ceremony was attended 50-60 people, both young and old, from the surrounding area and residential neighborhood. The immediate past mayor of Kettering was also in attendance. There was a wreath laying, prayer, a reading, and rifle salute. A few of the youngsters assisted the Color Guard in looking for the 'spent brass' from the rifle volley as well as a souvenir for their efforts. Afterwards, there was food, fun and music back at Kettering Post 598 for the members and guests.



Gavin Long, Kettering Post 598 Commander, with 'Greetings'; Post 598 Chaplain Larry Thokey, and SAL Third District Chaplain Robin Peck.



Russell Powell, SAL Third District Commander and Gavin Long, Kettering Post 598 Commander.

NJ's American legion Family on FOX News Channel for National Poppy Day

Rusty Myers | May 26, 2023

New York, NY – *“We are the dead. Short days ago, we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved, and were loved, and now we lie, in Flanders Fields.”*

“In Flanders Fields,” 1915

The American Legion Family of NJ was showcased on FOX News Channel’s FOX and Friends First on National Poppy Day, the Friday before Memorial Day. The segment, which aired at around 4:50 am on Friday the 26th of May, featured around 30 members of the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).



The segment focused on National Poppy Day and the poppy itself, which has been a program of the American Legion Auxiliary since the early 1920’s. It is the familiar red paper flower handed out by veteran’s organizations with a tag simply stating, “IN MEMORIAM.”

FOX hosts Todd Piro and Ashley Strohmier interviewed three members of the Department and Detachment of New Jersey, the state level organizations of the American Legion. The interview, which lasted about 4 minutes, spoke about the poppy, what it means, and why during Memorial Day we see them handed out at supermarkets and street corners. American Legion Department Executive Committeeman (DEC) Larry Bishop, SAL Detachment Commander Mark Natale, and ALA Department President Colleen Breen-Lopez all spoke about the importance of Memorial Day, and how the poppy has come to symbolize service and sacrifice.

“It’s a remembrance of the fallen ... this is a special day” said DEC Bishop, when asked why we wear the poppy.

When asked what wearing the poppy means to her, President Breen-Lopez remarked succinctly that “it’s an honor.”

Standing behind the hosts and those being interviewed were members of the American Legion Family of Post 105 of Belleville, NJ, who all loaded up into cars at 2:45 am to be at the Midtown FOX News studios on the Avenue of the Americas in New York City. They all came dressed in uniform, which included red, white, and blue shirts with stars on them. Before the segment, in the greenroom, the group – very excited to be at FOX – chatted with some of the on-air talent and took pictures. In a Facebook post teasing the segment, Legionnaire and purple heart veteran Jim Feeney posts a picture of everyone with smiles using the greenroom coffee machine enthusiastically writing “Good Morning New York!”

Also present were members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 366, which meets at Post 105 in Belleville.



Following the interview, host Todd Piro tossed to the other side of the studio where Commander Joe Fricker and Chaplain Bob Maggio of the American Legion Passaic County Ritual Team stood ready to recite the poem “In Flanders Fields.” That poem, written in 1915 by Canadian doctor Lt. John McCrae, notes how following the detritus of war, the poppy flower grew in the battlefields and cemeteries of France.

While reading the poem, video of flags and poppies was shown, ending the segment in very somber manner

fading to black before the break rolled – conveying the dignity and reverence of Memorial Day and its deep importance to the American Legion.

Rusty Myers is the Adjutant of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 105 in Belleville, NJ.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



New Legacy Run gear available as online registration continues

The American Legion | May 30, 2023

[Online registration](#) remains ongoing for the 2023 American Legion Legacy Run and will go through Aug. 9. So far, 172 registrants for the five-day, 1,100-mile motorcycle ride, which will leave American Legion Post 6 in Kokomo, Ind., on Aug. 20 and travel through Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee before the final stop at the Hendrick Motorsports campus in Concord, N.C., on Aug. 24.

The annual motorcycle ride is in the final year of raising money for [The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund](#), which provides financial assistance with college for children of U.S. military personnel killed while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, as well as for children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Last year's ride raised a record \$1,324,548 – the eighth time the Legacy Run has surpassed \$1 million.

As the start of the Legacy Run gets closer, Emblem Sales has created both a commemorative short- and long-sleeved T-shirt available for purchase. Click [here](#) to see both shirts and to order them by July 15 to have them in time for the Legacy Run.

Keep checking the [Resources](#) page for the latest Legacy Run documents. For additional information, email legacyrun@legion.org.

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Sports



Alex Palou's pit crew performs a nose cone change on the No. 10 American Legion Honda after Palou's car was pinned to the wall by Rinus VeeKay during a pit stop in the Indianapolis 500. Palou dropped to 28.

Ericsson 2nd, Palou 4th in Indianapolis 500

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | May 29, 2023

After Chip Ganassi Racing's (CGR) Alex Palou was pinned into the wall by Rinus VeeKay during a pit stop on Lap 95 Sunday, the Indianapolis 500 polesitter's No. 10 American Legion Honda needed a new nose cone. Though it was quickly repaired, it dropped Palou – who had been running in the top 5 and had led 36 laps at that point – all the way down to 28th.

Over the final 100 or so laps of the Indianapolis, Palou battled back and showed exactly why he was so successful in the Legion car during the month of May.

Just over two weeks from winning the GMR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's road course, Palou would make his way back to a fourth-place finish in the car that has prominently shared the Legion's ["Be the One"](#) suicide-prevention initiative on the national stage since he won the pole May 21.

Meanwhile, Palou's CGR teammate Marcus Ericsson – driving the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Honda that also carried American Legion branding – moved up from the 10th starting spot to lead 30 laps, taking the lead a final time on lap 196. But a three-car incident brought up a yellow flag that became a red – the third competition-related red flag of the day, an Indy 500 record – and

meant the cars would have a one-lap finish for the checkered flag.

Ericsson held the lead through Turns 1 and 2, but Josef Newgarden passed Ericsson on the back straightaway and held him off to win the race by .0974 seconds, the fourth-closest finish in Indianapolis 500 history. It was the 52nd lead change of the race, the third-most all-time.

Afterward, Ericsson said he was disappointed with the decision to go to a red flag, rather than ending the race under a caution, calling it an "unfair and dangerous end to the race. I don't think there were enough laps to do what we did. We don't get our tires up to temperature."

But he also said the effort was there. "I think we did everything right today," Ericsson said. "I'm proud of the No. 8 crew and everyone at Chip Ganassi Racing. I think I did everything right behind the wheel. I did an awesome last restart. I think I caught Josef completely off guard and got the gap and kept the lead into Turn 1. I just couldn't hold it on the back. I was flat. I just couldn't hold it."

Palou was one of the top cars on the track until the pit stop incident in which VeeKay – exiting his pit behind Palou's – began to spin right and then turned left, pushing the No. 10 American Legion Honda into the wall. It was an uphill battle from there, but Palou nearly made it to the summit.

"It's a big shame, because I think it was going to be a good race for the 10 car," Palou said outside of his garage after the race. "I know (VeeKay) didn't do it on purpose, but still, we had to go from like fourth to 30th, and our day was really tough after that. We had to go flat-out after that."

Palou hoped to win the race and amplify even further the Legion's "Be the One" campaign that he'd been doing the month of May on the NTT INDYCAR SERIES' biggest stage.

"Obviously, we wanted to do more, because I felt like we had more, and it was going to be awesome for The American Legion 'Be the One' initiative," he said. "But it is what it is. It's racing. We still made it a different way, I think, by winning the Grand Prix, winning the pole, and making a good comeback to the top four. So, overall, I feel really, really happy."

"It just makes me feel different winning a race when I see people telling me they've had family that's been helped by The American Legion because of what we do."

We'll keep on doing it. We'll keep on spreading the 'Be the One' initiative and The American Legion, and we'll keep on trying to help veterans."

It was another strong showing for Chip Ganassi. In addition to Ericsson and Palou. CGR teammates Scott Dixon (sixth) and Takuma Sato (seventh) gave the Ganassi four top-seven finishes, far and away the best showing of any team.

Palou will take a 219-199 NTT INDYCAR SERIES points lead into the June 4 Chevrolet Grand Prix of Detroit presented by Lear on a new circuit on the streets of Detroit.



Armstrong to drive American Legion livery this weekend in Detroit

The American Legion | June 1, 2023

Fresh off a month that saw Chip Ganassi Racing's (CGR) Alex Palou drive the No. 10 American Legion Honda [to a GMR Grand Prix win](#), and [the pole and a fourth-place finish in the Indianapolis 500](#) – and saw teammate Marcus Ericsson narrowly miss out on repeating as 500 champ – the NTT INDYCAR SERIES now shifts to Michigan, with The American Legion "Be the One" livery moving over to CGR rookie Marcus Armstrong.

Armstrong will drive the No. 11 American Legion Honda in this weekend's unveiling of the new Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix street course, while both Palou and Ericsson also will display American Legion branding.

Despite starting in only the four road- and street-course races this season, Armstrong remains in first place in the INDYCAR SERIES rookie standings, leading second-place Agustin Canapino 77-61. He's 19th in

the overall series standings and has three top-11 finishes so far. He's had a net gain of +17 positions during that span, fourth-best in the four races.

"It's going to be a hot weekend, which I actually like because I feel I deal with the heat inside the car quite well," Armstrong said via CGR media. "Obviously with the track, it's a bit of an unknown. I've seen the track just a bit walking around, and it looks to be challenging and quite bumpy in some areas. It's going to provide some challenges and a lot of options on race lines.

"In general, I like the layout of the circuit and think the racing will be quite good with a big, long straight into a tight left hand. It's going to be fun."

Coming off his impressive month, Palou enters this weekend in first place in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES points standings, leading the second-place Ericsson 219-199. He's been the most consistent performer this season, with at least a top-10 finish in every race and three top-fives.

"I'm very excited for Detroit after a really positive month for the whole team, but especially the 10 car," Palou said. "We just had really good results, and we've been really competitive. I can't wait to try and get the best result of the season on a street course. Looking forward to the new track and it will be challenging for all the drivers and teams. Nobody has any information other than what we've learned from the simulator. It's looking challenging, but we love challenges, and we're looking forward to that."

Ericsson took the lead on the 196th lap of the 500, but after a three-car accident produced a red flag on lap 199, Ericsson was passed on the back straightaway by Josef Newgarden, who held on for the win. Ericsson also has finished in the top ten in every race, including three top-fives.

"I'm very excited to get to Detroit with the new track, which will be super cool. Street courses have been good to us so far this year, winning in St. Petersburg and then the podium in Long Beach," Ericsson said. "I know we're going to have a good package for this street course. I think INDYCAR has done a great job building up the hype around Detroit. Obviously, we're coming off a strong month of May, so we have a lot of motivation to go and try to win this race. It's going to be a good weekend."

The 100-lap, 170-mile Detroit Grand Prix returns to its original home on the streets of downtown Detroit, with a new 1.7-mile, 10-turn street circuit.

In the INDY NXT SERIES, CGR developmental driver Kyffin Simpson also will carry American Legion branding in both of the INDY NXT by Firestone Detroit Grand Prix races. Simpson currently sits in 10th place in the INDY NXT point standings and is coming off his first podium finish of the season, when he took third in the INDY NXT by Firestone Grand Prix in Indianapolis.

The INDY NXT races this weekend are 76.5 miles over 45 laps on a 1.7-mile, 9-turn course.

The complete weekend broadcast schedule:

- **Friday** – 3-4:30 p.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice 1, Peacock.
- **Saturday** – 9:05-10:05 a.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice 2, Peacock; 11:55 a.m.-1:05 p.m., INDY NXT Race 1, Peacock; 1:20-2:50 p.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES qualifications, Peacock.
- **Sunday** – 10-10:30 a.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES warmup, Peacock; 12:40-1:55 p.m., INDY NXT Race 2, Peacock; 3-6 p.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES Detroit Grand Prix, NBC.

Detroit Grand Prix notes (via INDYCAR)

- There have been five different winners in six NTT INDYCAR SERIES races to start the 2023 season. Marcus Ericsson (Streets of St. Petersburg), Josef Newgarden (Texas Motor Speedway and Indianapolis 500), Kyle Kirkwood (Streets of Long Beach), Scott McLaughlin (Barber Motorsports Park), and Alex Palou (Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course-1) have all won in 2023. The record for the most different winners in a season is 11 in 2000, 2001 and 2014.
- The Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear will be the first INDYCAR SERIES race held on the new nine-turn, 1.7-mile downtown Detroit street circuit and the 33rd INDYCAR SERIES race held in the Motor City. A 2.5-mile street circuit in downtown Detroit hosted CART events from 1989-1991 before the event moved to Belle Isle Park in 1992.
- Will Power, Scott Dixon, and Helio Castroneves each won three times at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park and are tied for most wins by an INDYCAR SERIES driver in the Detroit Grand Prix. In addition to Power, Castroneves and Dixon, other previous Detroit Grand Prix race winners entered include Pato O'Ward (2021 Race #2), Marcus Ericsson (2021 Race #1) Josef Newgarden (2019 Race #1), Simon Pagenaud (2013 Race #2) and Graham Rahal (2017 Race #1 and Race #2).

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He also served as the No. 2 general for U.S. Central Command from July 2016 to July 2018, before taking command of U.S. Pacific Air Forces, his last assignment before becoming Air Force chief of staff, according to his biography.

He has a longstanding relationship with Austin, the first Black Pentagon leader, that dates back to Austin's days in an Army uniform. The former four-star general told reporters Thursday that Brown was a good choice for Joint Chiefs chairman.

"He is an incredibly capable and professional officer," Austin said at the Pentagon ahead of the White House ceremony. "What he brings to the table — to any table — is that professionalism, and that deep experience in war fighting — and I have personal knowledge of that." Brown was easily confirmed to his job leading the Air Force in a 98-0 Senate vote, but he could face some opposition in his next vote after making diversity and equity central issues while leading the service — a topic that has rankled some conservative Republicans in Congress.

After George Floyd's killing in 2020 by a Minneapolis police officer sparked a nationwide reckoning on race, Brown released a video speaking frankly about the impact of racism on his military life.

"I'm thinking about some of the insensitive comments made by others without awareness," the general said in the five-minute video in which he details often being the only Black officer in his units. "I'm thinking about wearing the same flight suit with the same wings on my chest as my peers, and then being questioned by another military member, 'Are you a pilot?'"

Biden referenced the video in his remarks Thursday, calling Brown "a fearless leader" for providing his unvarnished experiences for the world to see.

"It took real backbone to strike a chord not only with our military members, but with Americans all across the country," the president said.

But a vote on Brown's confirmation could be delayed. Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., has [blocked votes on top level military nominations](#) in an unprecedented move over his objections to a Pentagon policy that provides travel money for reproductive health care, including abortions, to troops stationed in states that have recently banned abortion access.

“He’s a great officer,” Milley said. “In my personal view, he has all the knowledge, skills and attributes to do this job, and he has the appropriate demeanor and he’s got a great chemistry with the president, the [defense secretary] and others.”

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., the committee's chairman, labeled Brown a "trailblazer."

The committee's top Republican, Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, said Brown was "exceptionally qualified" to be chairman.

Brown's experience commanding all Air Force troops in the Pacific in recent years will prove critical to his role as chairman as the Pentagon has made countering Chinese military ambitions in the region its top priority. As Air Force chief of staff, Brown also has been instrumental in efforts to train and supply Ukrainian forces in their fight against Russian invaders.

Most importantly, Brown has a long reputation for providing leaders unedited feedback, Biden said.

"I'll be able to rely on him as a thoughtful, deliberate leader who is unafraid to speak his mind, someone who will deliver an honest message that needs to be heard, and will always do the right thing when it's hard," he

Brown, when he was [sworn in as Air Force chief of staff in 2020](#), said he never intended to make the service a career, and he could have never foreseen rising so high in the military.

But Brown fell in love with flying fighter jets. During his career, he's flown some 20 different airplanes and helicopters, primarily F-16 Fighting Falcons, racking up some 3,000 flight hours including about 130 hours in combat, according to his service biography.

"I can think of no one better suited and ... more qualified to lead our force through the challenges and responsibilities ahead," Biden said. "And I look forward to having you on my side, advising me as the next chairman — helping keep the American people safe."

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George H. Lamb, Jr.



POTSDAM, New York (WWNY) - George H. Lamb, Jr., 73, of Mayfield Drive in Potsdam, passed away Tuesday afternoon, May 30, 2023 at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

George was born on August 18, 1949 in Potsdam, the son of the late George and Leola (Duval) Lamb. He attended rural schools in Unionville before graduating from Potsdam High School. On October 11, 1980, he married Debra Ann Fefee at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Potsdam with Rev. William Argy officiating.

Throughout his life, George worked for Loblaw's, Potsdam State, P&C Foods and delivered newspapers for Watertown Daily Times. He was a communicant of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Norwood, and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Norfolk where he once served as a Grand Knight. He was also a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 282, enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and was a fan of the NY Rangers and NY Yankees.

George is survived by his wife, Debra and his mother-in-law, Beverly Fefee of Canton.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a half-brother, Harris Duval.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson-Seymour Funeral Home, Potsdam where funeral services will be held Monday at 2:00 PM. His family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 1:00 PM. Burial will follow in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may consider memorial contributions to be made in his memory to the Knights of Columbus in Norfolk.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldson-seymour.com.

Richard D. Rector



Richard D. (Rick) Rector of Carmel, IN, peacefully passed away on May 18, 2023, after a brief battle with lung cancer. He was 69.

A 1971 graduate of Anderson High School, Rick was a proud member of the Golf Team. He later graduated from Indiana State University, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. In pursuit of his passion for the game, Rick worked as a Golf Pro at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida. Returning to Indiana to start a family, Rick pursued various careers, most recently he worked as a Courier / Driver for Mill Supplies Inc.

In addition to golf, Rick was passionate about spending time with friends at Lake Tippecanoe, at the Carmel American Legion #155 where he was a 29-year member of the Sons of The American Legion, or at the Carmel VFW #10003. He was known among family and friends for his uncanny recall of everyone's birthdays off the top of his head. Only recently he had started writing these down. As it turned out, the list he'd kept in his head for so many years actually totaled over 200 names, dates, and ages.

Born to Rebecca and Richard Rector (September 13, 1953) both parents preceded Rick in death. He is survived by daughter, Courtney Rector (Cicero, Indiana), sister, Beth Meyer (Carmel, Indiana), one aunt, Dorothy Webb (Anderson, Indiana) and many cousins.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, June 24 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Carmel American Legion Post 155, located at 852 W. Main St.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Post 155.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

Donald Kevin Maginn



Donald Kevin "Cotten" Maginn, age 59, of Newton, Illinois, passed away at 2:30 PM - Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at his home.

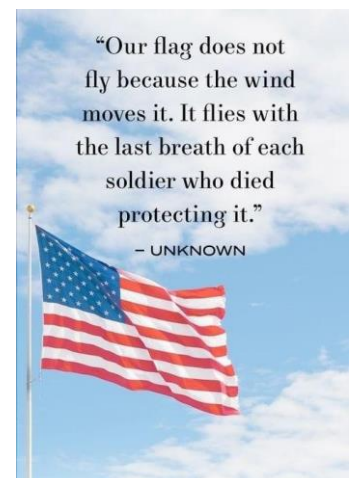
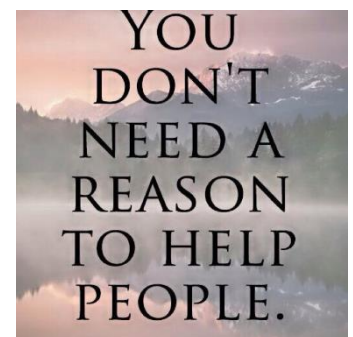
Funeral services celebrating Cotten's life will be held at 7:00 PM - Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Meyer Funeral Home in Newton, Illinois, with Fr. Mark Stec officiating. Visitation will be held 5:00 to

7:00 PM - Thursday, June, 8, 2023, at the funeral home. The family requests casual attire be worn. In loving memory of Cotten, memorials may be made to the Jasper County Cancer Support Fund. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Meyer Funeral Home in Newton, Illinois. The obituary can be viewed, and condolences left [by clicking here](#).

Donald Kevin, better known as "Cotten" was born on June 1, 1963, in Olney, Illinois, the son of Donald J. and Marilyn D. (Ochs) Maginn. He married his best friend of 30 years, Kathy (Wiseman) Stennett on December 7, 2022. Cotten graduated from Newton Community High School with the Class of 1981. He worked in concrete construction and excavating for Smithenry Trenching for several years. Cotten was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Wendelin, Illinois, Knights of Columbus #1704, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #932 in Sainte Marie, Illinois.

Cotten is survived by: Wife and Best Friend - Kathy Maginn of Newton, Illinois Children - Steve Maginn of Oblong, Illinois; Rachel (Jason) Mann of Lausanne, Switzerland; and Wayne (Melissa) Stennett of Boyleston, Illinois Grandchildren - Kalissa Maginn, Nevaeh Maginn, Journey Maginn, Kevin Maginn, Kaelynn Stennett, Liana Stennett, Isaac Mann, and Ava Mann. Aunts - Evelyn Parisot of Bettendorf, Iowa; Addie Jo Maginn of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Rose Wetzel of Noblesville, Indiana Uncle - Joseph (Mary Lu) Maginn of Fishers, Indiana Brother-in-law - George Wiseman of Walker, Louisiana; and Glen (Michelle) Wiseman of Browns, Illinois Sister-in-law - Sara Chiarello of Mt Carmel, Illinois.

Cotton was preceded in death by his parents, brother Michael Maginn, grandparents, and several uncles and aunts.





FROM THE EDITOR

With Memorial Day behind us, and for many students school being out, we have reached the unofficial start to summer. Activities will increase, people will go on vacation, and conventions will be held.

This will be a crucial time for membership, not only for 2023, but as we start 2024. We need to make sure we get all of our outstanding members paid so we can hit our 105% mark by the end of July. As we continue that, we must begin renewing members of 2024, as those membership cards will be in our hands in just a few short weeks.

As I have said for the past few years, July is our **Membership Independence Month**, and we need to renew as many members as possible by August 1. Our members will pay anyway, let's get them to honor the veteran who made them eligible by renewing early. This is also a great time to promote our online renewal. By doing so, we may see an increase in renewals in July, and we may even hit a goal or two rather quickly. It's up to all of us to try to get this done. Will you help? **Who's next?**

This week, certificates from CRE23 went out to attendees, presenters, and sponsors. IT is these people that made the event a success, and I again want to thank them all. Plans are already underway for CRE24, and big improvements are in the works. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

When you look through *Round-Up*, you see a page each week for sponsors. These sponsors not only promote their business, etc., but help offset the costs of providing this newsletter. Although it's free to members, and only costs time to produce, the email system price has risen, and as members are added to the list, the cost will increase.

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WWI combat veteran Alvin Owsley, of Texas, fifth National Commander of The American Legion

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“The beauty of the Coast Guard — even without pay — is that a lot of us joined to serve,” she said. “Each day was a challenge, knowing that members weren’t getting paid, but we made the best of it. We still answered the call and supported the call.”

That is admirable for sure. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

That’s why The American Legion supports legislation that would ensure Coast Guard members receive their pay during a government shutdown. Rep. Hillary Scholten, D-Mich., has introduced [HR 2693](#), the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023.

You can support our Coast Guard members by [contacting your member of Congress today](#) to call for passage of the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act. (Additionally, visit the Legion’s [Grassroots Action Center](#) to stay informed on current issues and access tools to communicate directly with lawmakers.)

Thank you for what you do every day to improve the lives of our fellow veterans, servicemembers and their families.

Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion



Mario Marquez, director of the American Legion National Security Division, and American Legion National Vice Commander Paul Kennedy participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, May 29.

Sarah Silbiger

‘They are all brothers and sisters’

[Henry Howard](#) | May 30, 2023

American Legion National Vice Commander Paul M. Kennedy, a member of Post 80 in Pittsburgh, placed a wreath at the Vietnam Wall during the annual



How to help the Coast Guard

May 31, 2023

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

During my travels, I’ve had the pleasure to meet face-to-face with men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. These are not customary meet-and-greets with a simple exchange of pleasantries.

I have been to sit and engage with them, learn about their commitment to serving our nation, and understand the issues they and their families face. Those conversations help shape The American Legion’s policy, drive our advocacy messages, and embolden our organization to support today’s servicemembers and their families.

While meeting members of the Coast Guard in Oregon, I was reminded how critical it was for The American Legion to raise more than \$1 million for Coasties during the record-setting 2019 government shutdown. The Coast Guard is under the Department of Homeland Security, not the Department of Defense, so it is the only military branch that is not funded during shutdowns.

That meant some junior members faced financial distress while continuing to serve their nation. Krystyna Duffy, now a boatswain’s mate at the Coast Guard station in Coos Bay, Ore., [told me how her crew](#) in San Francisco kept their commitment.

Memorial Day observance. He then turned and reached out to some of the 58,000-plus names etched on the wall.

“There must be 200 people up here that I knew,” said Kennedy, who served from 1968 to 2008, retiring from the Army as a chief warrant officer. “Whether I knew them or not, they are all brothers and sisters.”

Kennedy has been a Legion member for 47 years.

“This was the highlight of my whole American Legion career, to represent the largest veterans organization, to go to the wall where I have quite a few of my friends on the wall, this was everything,” he said. “I won’t forget this. It was a great experience.”

His military tenure corresponds to a dramatic shift in the public perception of servicemembers. “There is quite the difference. People now realize what really went on there (Vietnam) and what we originally got blamed for isn’t really what happened.”

Even today, the healing continues for many Vietnam veterans. That’s why Kennedy handed out American Legion [Be the One](#) information, letting veterans know about the resources available as part of the initiative to reduce veteran suicide.

“Be the One is the greatest program The American Legion has come up with for all veterans and their families, I’ve talked with a lot of families that are being helped by Be the One,” he said. “I’ve never hugged so many people before today.”

It was a ray of hope in an otherwise dreary day in the nation’s capital. At one point, a pause in the rain showers ushered in a profound moment. Upon drying, the names began to become visible once again, signifying the deep meaning of Memorial Day to the families of those 58,000 servicemembers.

Before the wreaths were laid, several speakers shared their memories.

Among them was Susan Kramer O’Neill, who served as an Army nurse during the Vietnam War. Speaking on behalf of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, O’Neill described falling in love with the wall and finding solace in touching the names.

“When you’re a nurse, you don’t see a glorious war, you see the results of the war,” she said. “Because I was an operating room nurse, I don’t know any of the names on the wall. We didn’t track the names. We never

heard them in most cases. And if we did, we forgot them because the next case was coming in.”

Retired Air Force Col. Dennis “Bud” Traynor received the Air Force Cross for his heroic efforts to save 176 lives April 4, 1975, during the first flight of “Operation Babylift.” The operation aimed to rescue orphaned babies and infants from Vietnam. After climbing to 23,000 feet, the rear cargo door of Traynor’s C5 Galaxy broke off, forcing him to crash land in a rice paddy field. Among the 138 killed in the crash were 11 of his crew, whose names are inscribed on the wall.

“Few wanted to go to war,” he said. “Some did it for patriotism, some did it for love of country. Some gave all, and I salute them and their families.”

Details of Traynor’s heroic landing of the C5 [are detailed here](#).



American Legion Post 257 Facebook photo

How to create Legion post, community engagement

The American Legion | June 1, 2023

The American Legion Training Tuesday session on May 30 welcomed Brian Mohlman, Department of Michigan membership director and a member of SSG Michael A. Dickinson II Post 257 in Battle Creek, Mich. Mohlman presented on how American Legion posts can get involved in their community and in return, get the community involved in their post.

“That’s very, very important because once the community becomes involved in your post, what you’re doing means something to that community,” he said. “Then it’s all about visibility. It’s all about letting the community know what you’re doing and letting them see the valuable contributions that you’re making.”

In 2017, Post 257 had 55 members. Since then, the post has grown each year thanks to its community outreach and engagement efforts. For 2023, Post 257 has about 268 members.

“As far as your own local post, look at the needs of your community,” Mohlman said. “Also importantly, do anything that gets the family involved in your post because once you've got the family involved, everything else is easy.”

Mohlman shared a few events that has helped the post grow during the Training Tuesday. [Listen to the training here.](#) These events include:

- Adopting a highway to clean up. “This is a great opportunity for our younger veterans and older veterans to become a part of the community and to be visible out there.”
- Building ramps for disabled veterans. “We’ve built a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and we have built several ramps for disabled veterans in the community.”
- Hosting a family day for a local Army Reserve unit. “Once you start interacting with the local military, you know they talk to each other and we’ve been successful in recruiting younger, currently serving members.”
- Raising the flag at high school football games on Friday nights. “Our post namesake graduated from that same school back in 1998. So, we built a very, very close relationship with the school, and they appreciate that we’re continually running into people who either had an influence on Staff Sergeant Dickinson's life or vice versa.”
- Hosting a farmers market at the post. “In 2021, we started what we call a farmers market, and it created so much activity at the post that it drew the nickname ‘the member market.’ We had everything from fruits, vegetables to small plants, birdhouses.”
- Having a trunk-or-treat for kids on Halloween. About 400 kids come to the post for this event. “It’s just a steady line of kids coming through and just having a lot of safe fun for Halloween.”
- Hosting drivers training for high school students during the pandemic. “The opportunity that we had to have these students at the post every day gave us the opportunity to educate them about programs, about scholarship opportunities, about Boys State, Girls State. This was a great opportunity. Not only for the students but for the community to let them know that, you know, we’re just pitching in, we’re helping out where we can.”

“You have to go out into the community and let them know what you're doing or else you're not going to attract new members,” Mohlman said. “If you don't go out in the community, your community doesn't see you.”

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A graphic of the American flag, with the stars and stripes flowing to the right, positioned behind the text "PRAY FOR AMERICA".

Memorial Day with the American Legion Family

The American Legion | June 1, 2023



Members of Leland J Thompson Post 647 and Post 9 in Alameda, Calif. celebrated 2023 Memorial Day along with members of their community in Alameda Veteran's Memorial Park in Alameda, Calif.

Photo by Jeric Wilhelmsen

In the nation's capital, Memorial Day observances received national coverage. And there for a few of them were representatives of The American Legion.

During a ceremony that included President Joe Biden, American Legion National Vice Commander Glen Wahus' [first visit to Arlington National Cemetery](#) included Wahus laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

And American Legion National Vice Commander Paul M. Kennedy [placed a wreath at the Vietnam Wall](#) during the annual Memorial Day observance.

But across the nation, Memorial Day was properly commemorated in the appropriate way in local communities, thanks in part to the American Legion family.

The following are examples of how American Legion Family members commemorated Memorial Day. Please feel free to share how your post, district or department observed the holiday at www.legion-town.org.

Alaska. American Legion Post 20 hosted two ceremonies Monday in partnership with the City of Kenai. The first was held at the Kenai Cemetery where a few dozen attendees gathered between the graves to honor the fallen. The second, at Leif Hansen Memorial Park, included appearances by government officials and their representatives.

At both ceremonies, Post 20 Chaplain Mike Meredith led a series of prayers and invocations, and also read a poem. In addition, American Legion Post 20 Commander Ron Homan shared stories of fallen soldiers.

"Americans, we do not forget," [Homan said](#). "Whether it is an hour ago or a century ago, we remember."

At the second ceremony, a wreath-laying ceremony honored the fallen, and attendees were invited to affix poppies to them to honor loved ones.

Arkansas

- In Siloam Springs, American Legion Post 29 conducted its annual Memorial Day program at the Siloam Springs Community Building. The program featured speeches from Arkansas State Sen. Tyler Dees and Siloam Springs Mayor Judy Nation.
- In Carlisle ahead of Memorial Day, American Legion Post 133 placed flags on the gravesite of all known veterans buried at Carlisle Cemetery, Hamilton Cemetery and Watson Chapel Cemetery. The post invited the community to assist.

California

- In Alameda, a Memorial Day ceremony at Alameda Veterans Memorial Park was hosted by American Legion Post 647 and Post 9, in collaboration with Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 400 and Alameda Elks Lodge 1015. Representatives from Post 647 and Post 9 took part in a wreath-laying ceremony, while Post 647 Chaplain Kurt Winkowsky delivered the invocation.
- In Cambria, American Legion Post 432 hosted the community Memorial Day program in the Veterans Memorial Hall parking lot.
- In Woodland, American Legion Post Yolo Post 77 sponsored the Memorial Day ceremony at Woodland Cemetery. Post 77 organized volunteers to set up flags along Main Street and at the cemetery. An estimated 150 large flags were set up in the cemetery and about 2,500 smaller ones on the gravesites of the fallen.

Florida. In North Port, American Legion Post 254 joined with the city, as well as the [North Port Police Department](#) and North Port Fire Rescue, to conduct a Memorial Day observance at the City Center Front Green.

Georgia. In Gainesville, Paul E. Bolding American Legion Post 7 hosted the 19th annual Memorial Day parade.

Idaho. In Post Falls, American Legion Post 143 teamed with the city to conduct a Memorial Day program that included remarks from John and Lorie Goldsmith, whose son Wyatt was a U.S. Army Green Beret who died in a firefight in Afghanistan in 2011.

Illinois

- In Salem, American Legion Post 128 sponsored the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in East Lawn Cemetery. The guest speaker was retired U.S. Marine Mike Gasperini, who now works with the Global War on Terrorism Wall of Remembrance for those who lost their lives in the Middle East.
- In Sandwich, Brown Miller American Legion Post 181 conducted a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, where the new Middle East Conflict Memorial was dedicated. The monument was sponsored by American Legion Riders Chapter 181. Post 181 also teamed with VFW Post 1486 to perform ceremonies at multiple locations.
- In Normal, American Legion Post 635 rendered military funeral honors for Harry Sidney Scott and Roger J. Vogel on Memorial Day at Evergreen Cemetery. The two soldiers hadn't previously received the honors. The Memorial Day ceremony also included a flag folding, flyover, musical salute, guest speaker, 21-gun salute and taps.

Indiana

- In Merrillville, the Department of Indiana First District conducted a Memorial Day ceremony in Calumet Park Cemetery's veterans section.
- In Westville, American Legion Post 21 conducted Memorial Day services at four different locations and then provided food afterward for those coming to the post.

Iowa. In Washington, American Legion Post 29 staged multiple public events on Memorial Day. At one of those, [Post 29 Commander Mike York delivered a speech, saying](#), "It is our responsibility to pass down, to the next generation, the true purpose of Memorial Day. To honor the memory of those who gave their lives ... not forgetting the cost of these freedoms."

Kansas. In Hutchinson, Lysle Rishel Post 68's American Legion Riders chapter attended programs at Reno County Memorial and Fairlawn Burial Park, while also doing ride-throughs at Memorial Park and East Side Cemetery.

Kentucky

- In Murray, the community gathered at Billy Lane Lauffer American Legion Post 73 for the annual

Memorial Day ceremony. Post 73's honor guard also delivered a rifle salute at four local cemeteries.

- In Versailles, members of Woodford Post 67 placed flags on veterans' graves in the city's cemeteries prior to Memorial Day and then conducted a ceremony on Memorial Day in the veteran section of Versailles Cemetery. The post hosts a lunch following the ceremony.

Maryland. In Annapolis, Lt. Governor Miller participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at Maryland World War II Memorial, joined by members of American Legion Cook-Pinke Post 141.

Massachusetts. In Tisbury, American Legion Post 257's annual Memorial Day parade included veterans, emergency response personnel and Scouts. Following the parade, spectators and participants proceeded to Oak Grove Cemetery's Avenue of Flags for a ceremony.

Post 257 Commander Jo Ann Murphy read a list of veterans who died over the past year, and the ceremony concluded with wreaths being placed on the various monuments before participants returned to Post 257.

"People forget that's why we have a three-day weekend, for all of the men and women who lost their lives," [Murphy told MVTimes.com](#).

Michigan

- In Ada, McDonald-Osmer American Legion Post 451 hosted the Cascade Township Memorial Day ceremony in front of the Cascade Township Library. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Trisha Torres was the guest speaker.
- In Petoskey, members of American Legion Post 194 took part in the annual parade and remembrance ceremony; Post 194 Commander Steve Sutton and Adjutant Brian Morrison led the ceremony, which included reading the names and branches of soldiers from Emmet County who died while in active duty.
- In Harbor Springs, thousands turned out for the Memorial Day parade down Main Street, which was followed by a memorial service hosted by Smith-Hoover American Legion Post 281 in Zorn Park. The names of local veterans who died in the line of service were read and taps was played.
- In Hancock, Alfred Erickson American Legion Post 186 conducted Memorial Day observances at several locations, including the Catholic and Protestant cemeteries, the Houghton County Marina, Houghton Veterans Park, Forest Hill

Cemetery, Liminga Cemetery, Lakeside Cemetery and Post 186.

- In Holt, American Legion Post 238 Legionnaire Bill Jordan was featured on a [WILX 10 Mid-Michigan Matters segment](#) to discuss the importance of Memorial Day and promote Post 238's Memorial Day parade.
- In Clawson, David E. Cleary Post 167 conducted a Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Park.

Minnesota. American Legion Post 212's Legion Family conducted Memorial Day ceremonies at the Park Rapids-Area High School, Red Bridge Park, and the All-Veterans Memorial in Park Rapids.

Montana. In Lewistown, American Legion Post 16 conducted a ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park that included a fly-over of eight aircraft by members of the Central Montana chapter of the Montana Pilots Association.

"Over time, wars changed," [Post 16 Honor Guard Commander Dean Martin said](#). "However, the duties of the men and women serving in our military never changed. This call to duty and bravery, to sacrifice everything, to give the ultimate measure is what we honor today."

Post 16 Vice Commander John Koch served as emcee and spoke of the diminishing numbers of U.S. citizens serving in the military. "When Decoration Day was first celebrated, one in 50 of the U.S. population had perished while serving in the Civil War," he said. "That ratio changed to one in 3,000 when the Vietnam War ended. In the most protracted armed conflict of our history, the Iraq-Afghanistan war, it was 1 in 44,000. We are asking for a nearly impossible task — honoring those you do not know for something you cannot fully understand."

- In Libby, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 97 hosted a Memorial Day event at the Libby Cemetery. Prior to the ceremony members of Unit 97 joined with Austin Reedy Post 97 Legionnaires in placing U.S. flags and flowers on veterans' graves.

Nevada. In Laughlin, the annual Memorial Day program took place at the Avenue of Flags, which was erected by American Legion Post 60 in 1992.

The program featured a variety of speakers, including American Legion Auxiliary Unit 60 President Kathleen Hoss. "You tell them you love them and watch them head out into the unknown," [Hoss said](#). "You will face the possibility that a uniformed military officer and

chaplain will show up at your doorstep and deliver that devastating news."

Post 60 Commander Pam Walker shared of the stories of fallen stories, spanning from World War I to last March. "Whether it's an hour ago or a century ago, we remember," Walker said.

New Jersey. In Hackettstown. American Legion Post 164 hosted the 155th Annual Hackettstown Memorial Day Parade, which finished up with a community Memorial Day ceremony at Union Cemetery. A variety of antique vehicles were available for veterans to ride the parade route.

New York

- In North Fork, Mattituck American Legion Post 861 hosted a Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Southold. Post 861 Commander Rob DeVito led the ceremony, discussing the meaning of Memorial Day. "We must always be grateful for true Americans who paid the ultimate sacrifice," [DeVito said](#).
- In Cassadaga, American Legion Post 1280's honor guard paid tribute to fallen veterans in 12 cemeteries on Memorial Day. The final stop was at Cassadaga Cemetery, where a special service was held by members of Post 1280's American Legion Family.
- In Watertown, American Legion Post 61 conducted its annual Memorial Day program and [received strong media coverage from 7 News](#).

North Carolina

- In Bowling, forecasts of weather moved the Memorial Day event to American Legion Post 256. The program's guest speaker was Ret. Navy Vice Admiral Sean Pybus.
- In Franklin, American Legion Post 108 hosted a community Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park. Ceremonial wreaths to honor those who gave their lives for the country were presented by American Legion Auxiliary 108 President Jan Stough and VFW Auxiliary 1339 President Shirley Fouts, Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Victoria Baker and Service to Veterans Chairman Dee Shendel.
- In Morehead City, around 70 Carteret County area veterans and residents gathered for a Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post 46 at the Veterans Memorial in Bayview Cemetery. "Today, observances just like this are happening in communities across America. Yet too few people pause to remember the sacrifices of veterans who gave their tomorrows for our todays. Thank you all for being here to take part in this ceremony," [Post](#)

[46 Adjutant John Sotirkys said](#). “As we pause to place the memorial wreath today, let us remember that more than 1 million American servicemembers have died in wars that our nation has been involved in since the first colonial soldiers took up arms in 1775. Many of these soldiers died protecting one another, but they served to preserve that thing most sacred — freedom. By remaining true to the principles of honor, courage, and sacrifice, we honor these men and women.”

Ohio

- In Van Wert, American Legion Post 178 conducted a Memorial Day ceremony at Woodland Cemetery, where more than 2,100 flags were placed prior to the ceremony. “Today should be a solemn day but also a day of joy,” [Post 178 Commander Ken Myers said during the ceremony](#). “Today is not about every servicemember or veteran, it’s about the ones that died defending the flag, this country, and the people they loved. We, as veterans, proudly and respectfully placed the colors that paved the way for all of us to gather and remember the ultimate sacrifice they paid for our forefathers and for us.” Post 178 hosted a free lunch after the ceremony.
- In Mariett, American Legion Post 64 conducted the Memorial Day parade, which finished at Oak Grove Cemetery for a ceremony. American Legion Post 5108 co-hosted a lunch afterward.
- In Bluffton, American Legion Post 382 decorated 501 graves in Maple Grove Cemetery head of Memorial Day.

Oklahoma. In Byng, American Legion Post 72 marked Memorial Day with ceremony in Ron Parks Memorial Park that was attended by Byng Mayor Jeff Sibble, Boy Scout Troop 13, and members of the community.

Oregon. In Sisters Country, American Legion Post 86 teamed with VFW Post 8138 and Sisters Band of Brothers hosted a Memorial Day tribute in Village Green that honored the fallen of America's conflicts, from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terror.

Pennsylvania

- In Clearfield County, the community gathered for a graveside service at Morningside Cemetery in Dubois hosted by American Legion Post 17. [Post 17 Legionnaire Joseph Glazer was the main speaker, saying](#), “Once again, we gather here as free Americans to remember our honored dead of all wars. The United States has existed for 247 years, and many a young man has marched off to war to

defend our freedom. Most of them returned; some did not. The ones that didn’t, we honor on this Memorial Day.”

- In Punxsutawney, American Legion Post 62 hosted a Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Parade units marched down Union Street to Barclay Square where the public gathered for a ceremony following the parade.
- In Towanda, American Legion Post 42 hosted its annual Memorial Day service that included a special guest speaker, poetry recitals and musical performances. “It’s an honor to pay respect to our fallen comrades that didn’t make it home,” [said Post 42 Chaplain Reg Douglas](#).
- In Beech Creek, the annual Bitner-Bechdel American Legion Post 623 parade traversed multiple communities and included a short memorial ceremony and wreath laying service at the Baptist Cemetery, a 21-gun salute at the Church of Christ Cemetery in Blanchard and at the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Beech Creek, before finishing at Post 623. At the post, a ceremony was held, and a wreath placed at the granite Community Service Monument, which features the names of community leaders, veterans and first responders who have served their country and the community.
- In Kutztown, American Legion Hoch-Balthaser Post 480 sponsored the Kutztown Memorial Day parade and ceremonies. The parade stopped at Fairview Cemetery for a ceremony to honor fallen veterans. The route then backtracked to Hope Cemetery for a ceremony. Kutztown Mayor Jim Schlegel, vice commander at Post 480, led the ceremony.

South Dakota. In Meade County, Rock Creek American Legion Post 324 hosted the Native American Veterans Memorial Service at Black Hills National Cemetery. The post’s honor guard presented the colors, while Department of South Dakota Alternate National Executive Committeeman Fred Nelson was a guest speaker.

Texas

- In The Colony, Holley-Riddle Post 21 hosted at ceremony at Grandscape that focused on paying tribute to deceased veterans. The public also was given the opportunity to their loved ones who served were honored individually one by one.
- In San Antonio, representatives of the 20th district of the Department of Texas read the names of all those interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery over the past year on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Vermont. In Barre, American Legion Post 10 teamed with the City of Barre and other members of the Barre Area Veterans Council to conduct a Memorial Day parade.

Virginia. In Newport News, [American Legion Braxton-Perkins Post 25](#) hosted a [Memorial Day Ceremony and picnic](#) that was attended by U. S. Rep. Bobby Scott, City of Newport News Councilwoman Dr. Patricia Woodbury, and Menchville High School Air Force JROTC members.

Washington. In Wapato, Wapato American Legion 133 conducted a Memorial Day observance on the Wapato Reservation Cemetery on Monday as visitors walked the rows of graves. The post put on the ceremony in conjunction with the Yakama Warriors Association. Before the ceremony, volunteers placed small white crosses on the graves of fallen soldiers, made by students at Wapato High School.

Post 133 Legionnaire James Alexander, a U.S. Army and Army Reserves retiree and Yakama Nation police officer, [read a Memorial Day speech provided by American Legion National Headquarters](#), saying, “The men and women who died for our freedom represent the diverse patchwork that is the United States of America. They were rich and poor; Black and white; male and female. They were from cities, farms, and suburbs. They came from every ethnicity, background, and political spectrum. In short, they looked like anyone of us. Their one common characteristic is that they all took an oath to die for America if called upon.

“So let us take this time to remember and honor the men and women who have given their lives for this great country. Let us reflect on their courage, their sacrifice, and their dedication to a cause greater than themselves.”

West Virginia

- In Elkins, American Legion H.W. Daniels Post 29 hosted its annual Memorial Day observance, moving the event from the All-Veterans Memorial to Post 29 due to inclement weather. The program featured keynote speaker Ret. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Johnnie Ross, who served with the 561st Corps Support Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Post 29 Commander John Miller was the emcee for the program, while Elkins Mayor Jerry Marco also spoke.
- In Williamstown, American Legion Post 159 headed the Williamstown Memorial Day parade, which stopped at Riverview Cemetery for a wreath laying for deceased veterans by Auxiliary Unit 159. A flag disposal ceremony and lunch followed.

- In Parkersburg, American Legion Post 15 and VFW Post 1212 held a Memorial Day observance at the veterans plaza at City Park. Wreaths were laid for deceased veterans and an honor guard fired three rifle volleys in their honor. “We don’t know them all, but we owe them all,” American Legion [Post 15 Chaplain Joe Thorpe said during the ceremony](#). Post 15 Commander Lee Starcher and VFW State Inspector David George also read the names of 36 local veterans who have died in the past year.
- In Follansbee, Emrys Watkins American Legion Post 45’s Memorial Day service included remarks from Mayor David Velegol Jr. and American Legion Department of West Virginia Vice Commander Keith Brown, the chaplain at Post 45. [Brown spoke of Post 45’s namesake and also of Salvatore Stillitano](#), who were both killed in action while serving in France during World War I. “It’s because of heroes like them, that we’re here today,” said Brown, who read the names of local veterans who lost their lives while serving their country.

Wisconsin

- In Whitewater, American Legion William Henry Graham Post 173 conducted a Memorial Day parade, which was followed by an observance at the Armory gym.
- In Sparta, American Legion Post 100 took part in a mass at Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, provided honors at two additional cemeteries, took part in the Memorial Day parade, and then hosted a lunch.
- In Rice Lake, American Legion Post 87 conducted graveside services before hosting an observance at Veterans Memorial City Park.

Commander commences trip to Normandy and Germany

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American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola is commencing a trip that will take him to Normandy to honor World War II heroes, engage with NATO leadership in Brussels and visit U.S. military bases in Germany.

“I am honored to visit Normandy and pay tribute to the brave men and women who fought and died in World War II,” said Troiola, who will lay a wreath at the D-Day ceremony. “I am also looking forward to meeting with our allies in NATO to discuss the security situation in Europe and thank our troops stationed in Germany for their service and sacrifice.”



The statue of Theodore Roosevelt Jr. was unveiled at dedication of the Statues of Liberation in Ste. Mere-Eglise, Normandy France, on Monday, June 6.

Jeff Stoffer/The American Legion

National security will be a top priority for the commander during his visits. "This trip is important for several reasons," he said, noting that national security was among the four pillars the Legion was founded on. "It will allow me to get a better understanding of the rapidly evolving security challenges in Europe and how The American Legion can support those efforts. After all, national security has been an integral part of the organization since its founding in 1919."

Another aspect of national security is quality of life for servicemembers and their families. The commander's visits to military bases in Germany will help give him a first-hand look at how our troops and their families are being supported.

"The importance of military life cannot be overstated," Troiola said. "It is a unique and honorable journey that offers unparalleled experiences, opportunities, and lessons. However, there can be immense sacrifices, not just for the brave individuals who serve in the military, but also for their families. Frequent relocations, long deployments and emotional stress can be challenging to military families. Ensuring the wellbeing of our servicemembers and their families isn't just a moral imperative, but also a strategic necessity for maintaining a mission-ready force. We owe it to them for their selfless service, and to uphold the values we stand for as the nation's largest veterans service organization."

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DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,053	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 3,399.00	165.6%	\$ 1.66
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,627	\$ 1,627.00	\$ 1,978.00	121.6%	\$ 1.22
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,076	\$ 8,076.00	\$ 46,849.00	580.1%	\$ 5.80
AR - ARKANSAS		441	\$ 441.00	\$ 1,460.00	331.1%	\$ 3.31
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 4,480.56	41.8%	\$ 0.42
CO - COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,784	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 26,105.20	937.7%	\$ 9.38
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	\$ 1,910.00	78.5%	\$ 0.79
DC - DIST OF COL		113	\$ 113.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 41,980.00	194.6%	\$ 1.95
FR - FRANCE		156	\$ 156.00	\$ 100.00	64.1%	\$ 0.64
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 4,004.00	89.9%	\$ 0.90
HI - HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ 830.00	1106.7%	\$ 11.07
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ 200.00	31.0%	\$ 0.31
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,348	\$ 13,348.00	\$ 11,446.72	85.8%	\$ 0.86
IN - INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 26,414.31	73.7%	\$ 0.74
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,300.00	4,836	\$ 4,836.00	\$ 2,004.00	41.4%	\$ 0.41
KS - KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 6,602.20	112.7%	\$ 1.13
KY - KENTUCKY		2,586	\$ 2,586.00	\$ 50.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 3,177.50	179.2%	\$ 1.79
ME - MAINE	\$ 2,610.00	2,596	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 3,501.00	134.9%	\$ 1.35
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,100.00	16,051	\$ 16,051.00	\$ 5,432.00	33.8%	\$ 0.34
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 4,011.00	5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,879.00	106.9%	\$ 1.07
MX - MEXICO		31	\$ 31.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,688.33	24,311	\$ 24,311.00	\$ 9,212.00	37.9%	\$ 0.38
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,289	\$ 11,289.00	\$ 9,281.91	82.2%	\$ 0.82
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	725	\$ 725.00	\$ 5,143.90	709.5%	\$ 7.10
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,332.00	3,197	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 2,153.61	67.4%	\$ 0.67
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,076	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 1,717.00	159.6%	\$ 1.60
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,913	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 5,735.00	83.0%	\$ 0.83
NV - NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ 8,938.00	2482.8%	\$ 24.83
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,634.00	5,811	\$ 5,811.00	\$ 4,376.78	75.3%	\$ 0.75
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,364	\$ 9,364.00	\$ 9,105.00	97.2%	\$ 0.97
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 5,400.00	359.0%	\$ 3.59
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 14,281.00	47.8%	\$ 0.48
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,698	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 4,931.75	182.8%	\$ 1.83
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,051	\$ 1,051.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 6,646.25	30,144	\$ 30,144.00	\$ 38,070.80	126.3%	\$ 1.26
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,343	\$ 1,343.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,428	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 3,201.00	224.2%	\$ 2.24
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 32,377.72	53.4%	\$ 0.53
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ 175.00	261.2%	\$ 2.61
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ 185.00	152.9%	\$ 1.53
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ 100.00	30.3%	\$ 0.30
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,485	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 3,500.00	235.7%	\$ 2.36
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	\$ 1,693.44	100.6%	\$ 1.01
TX - TEXAS	\$ 17,953.97	5,584	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 15,199.14	272.2%	\$ 2.72
UT - UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 475.00	107.5%	\$ 1.07
VT - VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,830	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 10,036.00	262.0%	\$ 2.62
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,079	\$ 4,079.00	\$ 16,977.00	416.2%	\$ 4.16
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,504	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 2,175.00	86.9%	\$ 0.87
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 4,227.25	175.8%	\$ 1.76
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 2,385.00	57.2%	\$ 0.57
WY - WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,295	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 8,678.00	670.1%	\$ 6.70
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -	\$ 4,674.91		
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 349,789.25	366,511	\$ 366,511.00	\$ 424,760.55	115.9%	\$ 1.16

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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	\$ 1,910.00	78.5%	\$ 0.79
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	\$ 3,501.00	134.9%	\$ 1.35
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NEW JERSEY	\$ 13,902.00	9,364	\$ 9,364.00	\$ 9,105.00	97.2%	\$ 0.97
NEW YORK	\$ 4,620.00	29,905	\$ 29,905.00	\$ 14,281.00	47.8%	\$ 0.48
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 38,798.86	60,612	\$ 60,612.00	\$ 32,377.72	53.4%	\$ 0.53
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 350.00	330	\$ 330.00	\$ 100.00	30.3%	\$ 0.30
VERMONT	\$ 8,875.23	3,830	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 10,036.00	262.0%	\$ 2.62
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,900.00	2,404	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 4,227.25	175.8%	\$ 1.76
Total:	\$ 91,331.91	140,961	\$ 140,961.00	\$ 92,425.75	65.6%	\$ 0.66

CENTRAL REGION						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,697.83	13,348	\$ 13,348.00	\$ 11,446.72	85.8%	\$ 0.86
INDIANA	\$ 32,645.05	35,836	\$ 35,836.00	\$ 26,414.31	73.7%	\$ 0.74
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MINNESOTA	\$ 17,625.09	11,289	\$ 11,289.00	\$ 9,281.91	82.2%	\$ 0.82
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WISCONSIN	\$ 707.00	4,173	\$ 4,173.00	\$ 2,385.00	57.2%	\$ 0.57
Total:	\$ 82,641.55	127,134	\$ 127,134.00	\$ 100,968.35	79.4%	\$ 0.79

WESTERN REGION						
ALASKA	\$ 3,200.00	1,627	\$ 1,627.00	\$ 1,978.00	121.6%	\$ 1.22
ARIZONA	\$ 12,170.00	8,078	\$ 8,078.00	\$ 46,849.00	580.1%	\$ 5.80
CALIFORNIA	\$ 6,842.48	10,728	\$ 10,728.00	\$ 4,480.56	41.8%	\$ 0.42
HAWAII	\$ 1,016.00	75	\$ 75.00	\$ 830.00	1106.7%	\$ 11.07
IDAHO	\$ 1,001.00	645	\$ 645.00	\$ 200.00	31.0%	\$ 0.31
NEVADA	\$ 4,326.00	360	\$ 360.00	\$ 8,938.00	2482.8%	\$ 24.83
OREGON	\$ 8,214.33	1,428	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 3,201.00	224.2%	\$ 2.24
PHILIPPINES	\$ 350.00	67	\$ 67.00	\$ 175.00	0.0%	\$ 2.61
UTAH	\$ 185.00	442	\$ 442.00	\$ 475.00	107.5%	\$ 1.07
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,480.00	2,504	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 2,175.00	86.9%	\$ 0.87
Total:	\$ 38,784.81	25,952	\$ 25,952.00	\$ 69,301.56	267.0%	\$ 2.67

DETACHMENT	2022 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL)	2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL)	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
SOUTHERN REGION						
ALABAMA	\$ 2,786.00	2,053	\$ 2,053.00	\$ 3,399.00	165.6%	\$ 1.66
ARKANSAS	\$ -	441	\$ 441.00	\$ 1,460.00	331.1%	\$ 3.31
FLORIDA	\$ 23,230.00	21,568	\$ 21,568.00	\$ 41,980.00	194.6%	\$ 1.95
GEORGIA	\$ 11,789.00	4,452	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 4,004.00	89.9%	\$ 0.90
KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,586	\$ 2,586.00	\$ 50.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
LOUISIANA	\$ 4,692.20	1,773	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 3,177.50	179.2%	\$ 1.79
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 6,476.00	725	\$ 725.00	\$ 5,143.90	709.5%	\$ 7.10
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,921.00	2,698	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 4,931.75	182.8%	\$ 1.83
PUERTO RICO	\$ 263.00	121	\$ 121.00	\$ 185.00	152.9%	\$ 1.53
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,106.00	1,485	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 3,500.00	235.7%	\$ 2.36
TENNESSEE	\$ 2,985.00	1,683	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 1,693.44	100.6%	\$ 1.01
VIRGINIA	\$ 6,532.00	4,079	\$ 4,079.00	\$ 16,977.00	416.2%	\$ 4.16
Total:	\$ 68,780.20	43,664	\$ 43,664.00	\$ 86,501.59	198.1%	\$ 1.98

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 23,235.00	2,784	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 26,105.20	937.7%	\$ 9.38
KANSAS	\$ 5,800.00	5,859	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 6,802.20	112.7%	\$ 1.13
MEXICO	\$ -	31	\$ 31.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,550.00	1,078	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 1,717.00	159.6%	\$ 1.60
NEBRASKA	\$ 7,638.00	6,913	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 5,735.00	83.0%	\$ 0.83
NEW MEXICO	\$ 200.00	1,504	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 5,400.00	359.0%	\$ 3.59
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	\$ 15,199.14	272.2%	\$ 2.72
WYOMING	\$ 6,250.00	1,295	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 8,678.00	670.1%	\$ 6.70
Total:	\$ 64,074.78	28,800	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 70,888.39	246.1%	\$ 2.46

NATIONAL HQ:	\$ 4,176.00		\$ -	\$ 4,674.91		
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 349,789.25	366,511	\$ 366,511.00	\$ 424,760.55	115.9%	\$ 1.16
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SAL DONATIONS AS OF: MAY 31, 2023 (FINAL)

2022 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: DECEMBER 31, 2022 (FINAL)



**PROUD POSSESSORS OF
A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

**2022-2023 Consolidated Squadron Report as
of May 31, 2023**

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	5	35.7%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	9	26.5%
TENNESSEE	46	12	26.1%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	8	19.5%
FLORIDA	188	33	17.6%
MARYLAND	102	17	16.7%
MONTANA	51	7	13.7%
OHIO	307	41	13.4%
WISCONSIN	124	16	12.9%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	9	12.5%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	7	11.3%
INDIANA	294	33	11.2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11.1%
ARIZONA	78	8	10.3%
ALABAMA	68	6	8.8%
WYOMING	25	2	8.0%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
IDAHO	26	2	7.7%
GEORGIA	119	9	7.6%
MISSISSIPPI	44	3	6.8%
VIRGINIA	88	6	6.8%
CALIFORNIA	210	14	6.7%
COLORADO	63	4	6.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
KANSAS	128	7	5.5%
UTAH	42	2	4.8%
ALASKA	22	1	4.5%
NEBRASKA	161	7	4.3%
OKLAHOMA	96	4	4.2%
CONNECTICUT	50	2	4.0%
MICHIGAN	207	8	3.9%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	18	3.9%
NEW JERSEY	211	7	3.3%
TEXAS	253	8	3.2%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
VERMONT	35	1	2.9%
ILLINOIS	284	8	2.8%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
LOUISIANA	73	2	2.7%
IOWA	152	4	2.6%
NEW YORK	581	14	2.4%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	3	1.5%
MINNESOTA	267	4	1.5%
MAINE	72	1	1.4%
ARKANSAS	29	0	0.0%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
FRANCE	11	0	0.0%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
MISSOURI	118	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Total	5872	373	6.4%

Regional Breakdown as of May 31, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	307	41	13.4%
WISCONSIN	124	16	12.9%
INDIANA	294	33	11.2%
MICHIGAN	207	8	3.9%
ILLINOIS	284	8	2.8%
IOWA	152	4	2.6%
MINNESOTA	267	4	1.5%
MISSOURI	118	0	0.0%
Totals	1753	114	6.5%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	8	19.5%
MONTANA	51	7	13.7%
WYOMING	25	2	8.0%
COLORADO	63	4	6.3%
KANSAS	128	7	5.5%
NEBRASKA	161	7	4.3%
OKLAHOMA	96	4	4.2%
TEXAS	253	8	3.2%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
Totals	852	48	5.6%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	9	26.5%
ARIZONA	78	8	10.3%
IDAHO	26	2	7.7%
CALIFORNIA	210	14	6.7%
UTAH	42	2	4.8%
ALASKA	22	1	4.5%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
Totals	1800	105	5.8%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	5	35.7%
MARYLAND	102	17	16.7%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	7	11.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
CONNECTICUT	50	2	4.0%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	18	3.9%
NEW JERSEY	211	7	3.3%
VERMONT	35	1	2.9%
NEW YORK	581	14	2.4%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	3	1.5%
MAINE	72	1	1.4%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
FRANCE	11	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	78	4.2%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	46	12	26.1%
FLORIDA	188	33	17.6%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	9	12.5%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	3	11.1%
ALABAMA	68	6	8.8%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
GEORGIA	119	9	7.6%
VIRGINIA	88	6	6.8%
MISSISSIPPI	44	3	6.8%
LOUISIANA	73	2	2.7%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
ARKANSAS	29	0	0.0%
Totals	837	89	10.6%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5872	373	6.4%
2021-2022	5827	1553	26.70%
2020-2021	6211	1163	18.72%
2019-2020	6211	1353	21.78%
2018-2019	6211	1638	26.37%
2017-2018	6211	1723	27.74%

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: JUNE 1, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 7/26/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-24	105	136.36%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-137	1,567	115.05%	89.19
4	GEORGIA	4,490	-70	4,784	106.55%	88.02
5	OREGON	1,414	-15	1,500	106.08%	80.77
6	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	7	2,473	104.70%	84.59
7	FLORIDA	21,519	110	22,485	104.49%	83.04
8	MICHIGAN	24,271	353	25,132	103.55%	89.08
9	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
10	ARIZONA	8,004	160	8,244	103.00%	80.20
11	VIRGINIA	4,109	92	4,222	102.75%	85.15
12	COLORADO	2,729	61	2,804	102.75%	84.27
13	OKLAHOMA	1,348	32	1,383	102.60%	78.99
14	DELAWARE	2,430	71	2,481	102.10%	84.99
15	NEVADA	357	12	363	101.68%	76.10
16	MARYLAND	16,058	657	16,204	100.91%	88.81
17	RHODE ISLAND	336	14	339	100.89%	85.76
18	WISCONSIN	4,187	172	4,224	100.88%	85.76
19	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	63	1,484	100.75%	84.17
20	MAINE	2,617	112	2,636	100.73%	85.71
21	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	251	5,710	100.58%	86.07
22	CALIFORNIA	10,714	498	10,752	100.35%	81.35
23	WASHINGTON	2,485	120	2,489	100.16%	76.79
24	PHILIPPINES	70	4	70	100.00%	100.00
25	OHIO	30,636	1,584	30,584	99.83%	89.89
26	MISSOURI	3,219	169	3,211	99.75%	84.02
27	FRANCE	158	9	157	99.37%	89.10
28	ALASKA	1,608	92	1,596	99.25%	76.90
29	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	3,615	60,228	99.05%	89.01
30	TEXAS	5,569	340	5,507	98.89%	78.14
31	MISSISSIPPI	722	49	709	98.20%	79.81
32	ILLINOIS	13,398	925	13,143	98.10%	87.07
33	NEW MEXICO	1,483	103	1,454	98.04%	76.97
34	NEW YORK	29,864	2,077	29,280	98.04%	87.74
35	INDIANA	36,387	2,567	35,639	97.94%	87.65
36	NEW JERSEY	9,386	670	9,185	97.86%	85.23
37	VERMONT	3,818	275	3,734	97.80%	87.25
38	KANSAS	5,919	435	5,780	97.65%	85.88
39	IDAHO	644	50	626	97.20%	77.11
40	TENNESSEE	1,718	135	1,669	97.15%	77.11
41	LOUISIANA	1,790	145	1,735	96.93%	84.34
42	IOWA	4,857	395	4,705	96.87%	84.41
43	ALABAMA	2,066	173	1,996	96.61%	81.31
44	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	255	2,608	95.64%	76.74
45	NEBRASKA	7,015	658	6,708	95.62%	89.95
46	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	528	5,186	95.30%	82.60
47	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	104	1,005	95.17%	82.61
48	CONNECTICUT	1,867	192	1,768	94.70%	82.90
49	MINNESOTA	11,378	1,173	10,774	94.69%	85.03
50	MONTANA	1,108	123	1,040	93.86%	85.93
51	WYOMING	1,298	174	1,189	91.60%	79.16
52	ARKANSAS	447	83	386	86.35%	71.43
53	UTAH	449	92	379	84.41%	68.71
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	556	2,183	83.67%	69.51
55	DIST OF COL	114	33	87	76.32%	59.29
Grand Totals:		367,798	20,301	365,887	99.48%	86.28

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	105	136.36%
OREGON	1,414	1,500	106.08%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,244	103.00%
NEVADA	357	363	101.68%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	10,752	100.35%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,489	100.16%
PHILIPPINES	70	70	100.00%
ALASKA	1,608	1,596	99.25%
IDAHO	644	626	97.20%
UTAH	449	379	84.41%
Totals:	25,822	26,124	101.17%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,567	115.05%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
COLORADO	2,729	2,804	102.75%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,383	102.60%
TEXAS	5,569	5,507	98.89%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,454	98.04%
KANSAS	5,919	5,780	97.65%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,708	95.62%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,005	95.17%
MONTANA	1,108	1,040	93.86%
WYOMING	1,298	1,189	91.60%
Totals:	28,918	28,469	98.45%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,132	103.55%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,224	100.88%
OHIO	30,636	30,584	99.83%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,211	99.75%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,143	98.10%
INDIANA	36,387	35,639	97.94%
IOWA	4,857	4,705	96.87%
MINNESOTA	11,378	10,774	94.69%
Totals:	128,333	127,412	99.28%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,473	104.70%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,481	102.10%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,204	100.91%
RHODE ISLAND	336	339	100.89%
MAINE	2,617	2,636	100.73%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,710	100.58%
FRANCE	158	157	99.37%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	60,228	99.05%
NEW YORK	29,864	29,280	98.04%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,185	97.86%
VERMONT	3,818	3,734	97.80%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,186	95.30%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,768	94.70%
DIST OF COL	114	87	76.32%
Totals:	140,932	139,468	98.96%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,784	106.55%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,485	104.49%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,222	102.75%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,484	100.75%
MISSISSIPPI	722	709	98.20%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,669	97.15%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,735	96.93%
ALABAMA	2,066	1,996	96.61%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,608	95.64%
ARKANSAS	447	386	86.35%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,183	83.67%
Totals:	43,793	44,414	101.42%

06/01/23		NATIONAL Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander				
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	44,414	621	101.42%	161	05/17/23
Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	26,124	302	101.17%	173	05/25/23
Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	128,333	127,412	(921)	99.28%	539	
Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	140,932	139,468	(1,464)	98.96%	520	
Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	28,469	(449)	98.45%	125	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	367,798	365,887	(1,911)	99.48%	1,518	



05/29/23	CENTRAL REGION David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	24,271	25,132	861	103.55%	51	89.08%	8	04/27/23
Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,224	37	100.88%	6	85.76%	18	05/17/23
Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,636	30,584	(52)	99.83%	64	89.89%	25	
Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,219	3,211	(8)	99.75%	3	84.02%	26	
Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	13,398	13,143	(255)	98.10%	100	87.07%	32	
Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	35,639	(748)	97.94%	176	87.65%	35	
Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,705	(152)	96.87%	60	84.41%	42	
Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	10,774	(604)	94.69%	79	85.03%	49	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	128,333	127,412	(921)	99.28%	539			

06/01/23		WESTERN REGION 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	105	28	136.36%	-	100.00%	1	10/10/22
2	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,500	86	106.08%	5	80.77%	5	04/17/23
3	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,244	240	103.00%	48	80.20%	10	05/15/23
4	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	363	6	101.68%	-	76.10%	15	05/08/23
5	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	10,752	38	100.35%	97	81.35%	22	06/01/23
6	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,489	4	100.16%	20	76.79%	23	06/01/23
7	Phillippines 8, 9	70	70	-	100.00%	-	100.00%	24	04/10/23
8	Alaska 3, 6, 8	1,608	1,596	(12)	99.25%	1	76.90%	28	
9	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	644	626	(18)	97.20%	2	77.11%	39	
10	Utah 5	449	379	(70)	84.41%	-	68.71%	53	
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		25,822	26,124	302	101.17%	173			05/29/23

06/01/23		SOUTHERN REGION 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	153	30	124.39%	1	95.08%	2	03/02/23
2	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	4,490	4,784	294	106.55%	4	88.02%	4	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,485	966	104.49%	97	83.04%	7	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,222	113	102.75%	17	85.15%	11	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,473	1,484	11	100.75%	2	84.17%	19	05/15/23
6	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	709	(13)	98.20%	-	79.81%	31	
7	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1,718	1,669	(49)	97.15%	3	77.11%	40	
8	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,735	(55)	96.93%	7	84.34%	41	
9	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	1,996	(70)	96.61%	9	81.31%	43	
10	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,608	(119)	95.64%	10	76.74%	44	
11	Arkansas 1	447	386	(61)	86.35%	3	71.43%	52	
12	Kentucky	2,609	2,183	(426)	83.67%	8	69.51%	54	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q		43,793	44,414	621	101.42%	160			05/17/23

06/01/23		MIDWEST REGION 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	1,567	205	115.05%	5	89.19%	3	02/09/23
2	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	9	03/13/23
3	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,804	75	102.75%	39	84.27%	12	05/15/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,348	1,383	35	102.60%	4	78.99%	13	05/11/23
5	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8	5,569	5,507	(62)	98.89%	18	78.14%	30	
6	New Mexico 8	1,483	1,454	(29)	98.04%	-	76.97%	33	
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,780	(139)	97.65%	27	85.88%	38	
8	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,708	(307)	95.62%	23	89.95%	45	
9	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,005	(51)	95.17%	9	82.61%	47	
10	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,040	(68)	93.86%	-	85.93%	50	
11	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,189	(109)	91.60%	-	79.16%	51	
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		28,918	28,469	(449)	98.45%	120			

06/01/23		EASTERN REGION Ernie LaBerge (MA) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,362	2,473	111	104.70%	2	84.59%	6	04/17/23
2	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,481	51	102.10%	8	84.99%	14	05/08/23
3	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,204	146	100.91%	17	88.81%	16	05/17/23
4	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	339	3	100.89%	1	85.76%	17	05/08/23
5	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,636	19	100.73%	1	85.71%	20	05/22/23
6	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,710	33	100.58%	8	86.07%	21	
7	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	158	157	(1)	99.37%	-	89.10%	27	
8	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	60,803	60,228	(575)	99.05%	202	89.01%	29	
9	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,280	(584)	98.04%	230	87.74%	34	
10	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,185	(201)	97.86%	21	85.23%	36	
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,734	(84)	97.80%	3	87.25%	37	
12	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,186	(256)	95.30%	23	82.60%	46	
13	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,768	(99)	94.70%	3	82.90%	48	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	87	(27)	76.32%	1	59.29%	55	
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		140,932	139,468	(1,464)	98.96%	520			

06/01/23		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, 9, Q	21,519	22,485	966	104.49%	97	83.04%	7	04/24/23
2	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	24,271	25,132	861	103.55%	51	89.08%	8	04/27/23
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,636	30,584	(52)	99.83%	64	89.89%	25	
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8	60,803	60,228	(575)	99.05%	202	89.01%	29	
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,280	(584)	98.04%	230	87.74%	34	
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	35,639	(748)	97.94%	176	87.65%	35	
TOTALS		203,480	203,348	(132)	99.94%	820			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	367,798	365,887	(1,911)	99.48%	1,518	86.28%		
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Q Quota

- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%

- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/26/23 goal of 105%

