



ROUND-UP

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

WE ARE QUOTA!

Next Goal

105%

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Fledgling Virginia post's Flag Day Display a part of its effort to 'be a light' in its community

The American Legion | June 22, 2023



Post 62 Facebook photo

Brian Keaton Sr. served in the U.S. Army from 1993 to 2015 before being critically injured by a bomb while deployed to Iraq. His injuries forced him to spend more than three years at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Around six years later Keaton started American Legion Post 62 in Moneta, Va., as a way to continue his service and show his community what veterans are capable of doing. His effort has been a success; the post already has nearly 120 members, with another 25 set to sign up later this summer.

"This is a mission from God for me. I needed a good mission," said Keaton, a vice commander with the post. "We're trying to show our town we're not broken. We're back. We went to the greatest leadership school in the world: the United States military. And we're here to be a light in our community and a force to be reckoned with, and we want to set the example by our actions. We're here to be boots on the ground. This is our mission."

Those actions included the post's recent "Military Veterans and First Responders Field of Honor," which was

erected on Flag Day. In a 100-yard tract of land near Smith Mountain Lake, members of Post 62 placed 200 3x5-foot U.S. flags on 10-foot poles. Members of the community also purchased more than 500 ribbons placed within the field in honor of their loved ones. The display stayed up until June 18.

Keaton said during a meeting last December the post talked about staging some type of event in June. The idea of a field of honor was presented and accepted, and the post was able to find a donor for the flags and land. The post also came up with \$1,500 for the project.

"We did it for a chance for (community members) to come by and honor their loved ones and show some respect for the past and present," Keaton said. "We want to set an example not only for them, but for our youth. And we wanted to do it big. We wanted to bring Americanism and patriotism and pride during Flag Day to our community. And we were hoping that our community would be proud and love it. And they did."

Community members who purchased ribbons had the name of their loved one written on it, and it was then placed on a flagpole. "We took them out to the flag and took pictures of them and their families with them with their phones," Keaton said. "We escorted them out there, and then we left them alone. And we let them come out and get their ribbons on (June 18). You wouldn't believe how many people came back for their ribbons."

Keaton said they heard some incredible stories about the people honored on the ribbons, including a U.S. prisoner of war during World War II who escaped and was hidden by the Dutch for a month and a half.

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July 26, 2023



CHRIS CARLTON

NATIONAL COMMANDER

2022 – 2023



**Chris Carlton, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion**

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

PURPOSE PASSION



DAVID MENNEL
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Third Thursday of Each Month
 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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Gentlemen,

The Central Region still has only 5 Detachments over 100%. The Detachment of MICHIGAN continues to show it's amazing ability at bringing membership in. This Detachment has surpassed all 7 of the other Detachments and continues to increase the gap in membership percentage, now at almost 106%. The closet Detachment is WISCONSIN being 3.06 behind them. The Detachment of INDIANA is just 1.01% away from 100% being at 98.99%.

We now have 24 days left to make that 105%. All five Regions are over 100%. "BELIEVE AND SUCCEED" is what is creating the success that all five Regions have seen, and shown how this is having an effect, on our membership success. We have 32 Detachments that are over 100% and 12 Detachments over 105%.

Since the last report, the Central Region increased its membership by 1,000 members, keeping the us in 3rd place. We are now only 4,292 members away from all time. Can all 5 Regions make this happen? I say we can and even do better than that by just RECRUIT-RE-NEW-REINSTATE.

Remember to do your "BUDDY CHECKS " and if you haven't done them, remember tomorrow is not promised and it could be too late, and never take it as a given! We should "BE THE ONE" knowing that caring about others makes them care about you. We are #SALSTRONG in our commitment and we continue to make our American Legion Family flourish for God and Country.

Robert L Bristo,
 Central Region Membership Chairman



ERNIE LABERGE
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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



MICHAEL KIRSCHNER
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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

Leaders of the Midwest,

WAY TO GO!!!!!! Welcome to the 100% club. We have done it but there is still more membership to go and get. Let's not forget our brothers that have yet to renew their membership. To the Detachments that are still below 100% don't give up there is still time and as Chairman Skelley has stated...Even though we are about to embark on 2024 membership let's go and get the remainder of 2023 that can technically still renew until Dec. 31, 2023.

Also, way to go South Dakota and Colorado!!!!!! It appears that you have both achieved the Triple Nickel Award!!!!!!

Gentleman thanks for all of your hard work not only on membership but also working all the other great programs of the Sons of The American Legion.

"Let's arrive at 105." "BE THE ONE"



RON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

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



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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month

7:00 p.m. Mountain Time

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Meeting ID: 847 2013 6661 | 697 464

From the National Adjutant

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart to regretfully inform you of the passing of Kathleen Hartline, wife of PNC Fred Hartline, Sr.

A celebration of life will be held at American Legion Post 566 on July 14, 2023, from 6-10 pm. American Legion Post 566 is located at 2974 Cormany Road, Akron, Ohio 44319.

Cards may be sent to:

Fred Hartline
303 E. Tuscarawas Ave. Apt. 206
Barberton, OH 44203-3248

Kathy's obituary is available at this link:
<https://www.heritagecremationsociety.com/obituaries/kathleen-hartline/>

Anthony W. Wright, National Adjutant
Sons of The American Legion
awright@legion.org

BE THE ONE

If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255.

Wear 'Be the One' on July 1

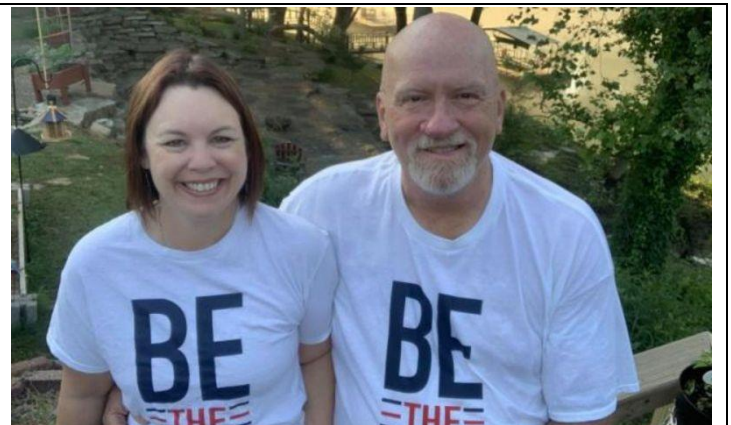
The American Legion | June 22, 2023

July 1 is the next "Be the One Days" – a resolution passed by the National Executive Committee during the American Legion's Spring Meetings in May that

calls on Legion Family members to gear up and bring awareness to the Legion's Be the One veteran suicide prevention initiative on the first day of every month.

[Resolution 13](#) urges Legion Family members to wear a Be the One item on the first day of every month to show their commitment to reducing the stigma around mental health issues among veterans and servicemembers. The other goal is to start a conversation about what Be the One is and how to save the life of a veteran. Legion posts should also promote Be the One on the first day of every month.

Leading candidate for 2023-2024 Department of Arkansas Commander Patrick "Doc" Phillips and his wife Jammie showed their Be the One Days support on June 1 by [taking a photo and sharing it on Legiontown.org](#).



Leading candidate for 2023-2024 Department of Arkansas Commander Patrick "Doc" Phillips and his wife Jammie.

Legiontown photo

"Jammie and I are deeply vested in this cause," Phillips said. "I have seen the effects, at a young age, when a WWII veteran and a close friend of my father's (also a WWII veteran), took his own life with my father present. I've seen the terrible effects of PTSD on veterans who haven't sought out treatment and constantly fear that they might become a statistic. Reaching out to veterans through Buddy Checks at least lets them know someone cares and might someday have to 'Be the One' for that veteran."

Support "Be the One Days" and wear your Be the One gear on Saturday, July 1. You can purchase a [Be the One shirt](#) or [tack](#) through American Legion [Emblem Sales](#).

For American Legion posts, there are many resources available to use to promote Be the One at [the resources web page](#). These resources include Be the One posters, customizable brochures, a banner, wallet cards and

more. To help in your promotional efforts, this [video is a great tutorial](#) of how a Legionnaire in Arizona used Be the One promotional materials at his post's successful event.

We want to see your support of Be the One Days. [You can share at legiontown.org](#) under the Be the One category.

You can make a donation to Be the One [here](#). You can also mail a check made payable to "American Legion Charities, Note: Be the One."

Mail to:

American Legion Charities
Be the One
P.O. Box 7077
Indianapolis, IN 46207

Legion staffer on suicide: 'We, as a society, need to do better'

The American Legion | June 21, 2023

In a very personal and emotional testimony before a House Committee on Veterans' Affairs (HVA) subcommittee, Tiffany Ellett shared her own experiences losing friends and loved ones to suicide, why it's so critical to stem this tide in the veteran community and beyond, and how The American Legion is working toward that goal.

Addressing HVA's Subcommittee on Health on June 21, The American Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division director named four people close to her who have taken their own lives in the past three years, including two veterans. "Mental health and suicide do not just affect one community in one way," Ellett said as she teared up. "This is a complex problem that needs a multifaceted solution. We, as a society, need to do better."

Ellett shared 2021 statistics from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that show an estimated 12.3 million adults in the U.S. seriously considered suicide, 3.5 million planned an attempt and 1.7 million attempted. "(The) Veterans Health Administration is the largest integrated health care network in the United States," she said. "If any organization has the ability to pull together the means to create a multifaceted solution to the mental health epidemic plaguing the United States and its veteran population, it is VA."

Ellett expressed support for both the [VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Act of 2023](#) and the [PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act](#), noting the Legion's efforts on both fronts.

"In 2021, The American Legion started its Be The One movement to destigmatize and encourage the discussion of mental health, suicide and seeking help," Ellett said. "This movement, in combination with our Buddy Check Program created in 2019 and adopted by VA through 2023 legislation, are examples of The American Legion's constant vigorous support of peer-to-peer solutions for veterans' mental health complexities."

The transition from the military to the civilian workforce can also be a stressor for mental health, said Ellett, noting "a veteran's perceived loss of identity or mission. One of the solutions for this empty space is to immediately provide a new mission to the veteran. This is just one of the reasons we support the Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2023, which assists in building a direct path for a corpsman or medic to become an Intermediate Care Technician (ICT), augmenting the VA medical workforce. That being said, we would like to see the Department of Homeland Security included in this legislation so that the Coast Guard Health Services Technicians may be included in the recruitment database. We think the VA ICT program is one that with increased use could not only assist in amplifying personnel for our veterans, but could also provide much-needed transition assistance to those exiting the service by giving them a mission to move directly into.

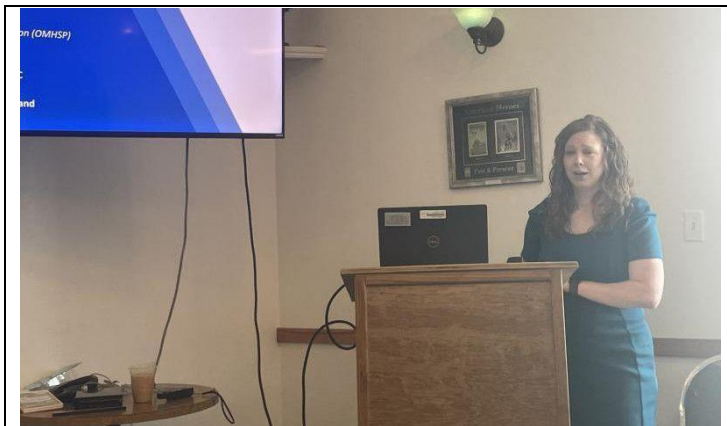
Ellett closed by discussing legislation being considered to expand care for veterans through improving long-term care, home services and living conditions, and community care.

"The American Legion believes that veterans, and their families, are best served when their long-term care needs are promptly met while also honoring their self-autonomy and giving them the choice to remain within their local communities," she said. "We support the introduced legislation that not only calls for an increase in funding to support housing improvements for disabled veterans so they may retain self-autonomy in the comfort of their own home, but also that which calls for codifying community care access standards to ensure veterans will receive timely, quality health care."

Ellett also stressed the importance of caring for those who care for others. "Often the caregivers of veterans, be they spouses, siblings, even children, carry a burden that many of us don't see," she said. "They do such a good job of holding up the veteran that no one sees the

cracks in the foundation. As a disabled veteran, the spouse of a disabled veteran, and an advocate for our veterans and their families, I have witnessed the demons that lay in wait in the dark for each of us. The American Legion calls on Congress to pass legislation such as those discussed today to assist in evolving care and support for our nation's veterans and their families.

Read Ellett's submitted testimony [here](#). Watch Ellett's oral testimony beginning at the 1:05:28 mark [here](#).



Kaitlynn Tredway, community engagement and partnership coordinator for Watertown VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in New York, provides VA S.A.V.E. suicide prevention training at Post 904 in Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

Legion post educates how to 'Be the One' with VA S.A.V.E. training

The American Legion | June 23, 2023

When Dean Erck returned home from The American Legion's 103rd national convention in Milwaukee last August, he turned his focus to how he and his Legion post could answer National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola's call to "Be the One."

"Just like the race car at the national level, (John B. Lyman American Legion Post 904 in Alexandria Bay, N.Y.) was going to draw eyes to the issue to try to destigmatize someone struggling asking for help," said Erck, Post 904 adjutant and service officer.

To answer the call to Be the One, Post 904 recently held a [VA S.A.V.E.](#) training class at the post home. The acronym stands for:

S - Signs of suicidal thinking should be recognized.

A - Ask the most important question of all,
"Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

V - Validate the veteran's experience.

E - Encourage treatment and expedite getting help.

"The training reviews the scope of veteran suicide within the United States, how to identify a veteran who may be at risk for suicide, and then what to do when you identify a veteran who may be at risk for suicide," said Kaitlynn Tredway, community engagement and partnership coordinator for Watertown VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in New York, who taught the training.

Attendees of the training included Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion and Auxiliary members from Post 904 and other nearby posts, Department of New York Commander Dave Riley and his wife Laurie, and community members.

"A great cross-section of people with different reasons for attending but all focused on the mission of reducing suicide," said Erck, who added that he was impacted by something someone at a suicide prevention walk said when he was talking about destigmatizing the asking for help.

The person said, "We don't ask for help! No one asks for help for lots of things. But when we see an elderly man struggling to shovel his sidewalk or a mom struggling to open her car door to get her kids and groceries in, we just help them.' I thought a lot about the truth of that statement and thought, what is preventing us from offering help? What is preventing us from noticing, reaching out, knowing what to say and being the one for someone struggling?"

"It came down to the fact that, you know, people don't recognize the signs. They don't know what to do if they do recognize the signs or what to say, and they don't know where to get help. This VA training is geared towards you recognizing the signs and giving you some tools to speak to people about it."

For Riley, the VA S.A.V.E. training "reiterated to me again what to ask for, how to talk, how to listen. That's the main thing of you want to let that veteran talk to so you get an idea of what's going on with them at that particular moment. It's going to make people more comfortable asking that difficult question, 'Are you going to commit suicide?' because you have to be straight up about it and that's not an easy question to ask somebody.

"Just verbalizing those words makes a difference to make it more comfortable for you, because the more you verbalize it, the easier it is you can ask that that hard question."

The hour-long training includes role-playing where attendees asked the person across from them, “Are you thinking of killing yourself?”

“I was struck by how hard it was to look someone in the eye and ask, ‘Are you thinking about hurting yourself?’ Even when you’re role playing it’s hard to actually get that out,” Erck said. “So, this definitely gives you an opportunity to practice something that you hope you don’t have to use. But if you ever do, you want to feel confident that you’re able to do it.”

“We need to just get more people educated about the impact (of VA S.A.V.E. training).”

Riley agreed.

“This is a training that we need across the country at the post level,” he said, adding that he is looking to host a training class during the Department of New York’s convention.

American Legion posts interested in hosting a VA S.A.V.E. training class can facilitate it through their local VA Medical Center’s suicide prevention team. A post can locate contact information for their local suicide prevention team through the [Veterans Crisis Line Resource using this link](#). Once on the website, enter a ZIP code and press search. Then select the box next to Suicide Prevention Coordinators and press search again. Once completed, you will be provided with the closest suicide prevention coordinator and their contact information.

“Making this training available to staff and membership of American Legions nationwide, as well as our communities at large, will directly support the Legion’s Be the One suicide prevention initiative because the training will provide the individuals who attend with the knowledge and resources needed to ensure that a veteran at risk for suicide gets connected with appropriate services and resources needed to help them through their time of crisis,” Tredway said.

Erck likened the VA S.A.V.E. training to CPR certification training.

“CPR doesn’t work if only one person’s trained in it,” he said. “After so many years of people being trained in CPR, people are being saved by bystanders, right? That’s what the VA S.A.V.E. training is. Past Carthage Post Commander Janice Gravely said it well, ‘We are each other’s keepers and S.A.V.E. empowers us with tools to Be the One who makes a difference.’”

“I’m really happy that we were able to answer the call to Be the One. It helped not only the call to action locally but modeled what American Legion posts do. They make community and country better by leading in difficult things. I am very proud of John B. Lyman American Legion Post 904 for leading in this way.”

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Fourth Thursday of Bi-monthly

7:30 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom meeting](#)

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July 27



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flags have been placed
and reported to
honor our veterans
since September 1, 2022



Century Committee CENTCOM

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman

Second Thursday of Each Month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 974 1352 0429 | 473 385

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The Century Committee

Unlocking Our Future



Child Welfare Foundation Committee

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8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Third Thursday of ODD Months

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Member Training and Development Committee

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8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 918 2414 1981 | 777 490

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Membership Committee

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8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

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

Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

[How to use the Online Transmittal Process](#)

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12 DETACHMENTS at or OVER 105%
4,292 AWAY FROM AN ALL TIME HIGH
LET'S FINISH #SALSTRONG
and ARRIVE AT "105"

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Meeting ID: 961 5391 3982 | 690 337
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Subcommittee on National Appointments

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Fourth Monday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

VA police to start using bodycams and dashcams

The American Legion | June 16, 2023



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced June 16 that its police officers will begin to use in-car and body-worn cameras. All VA police officers will be using body-worn and in-car cameras by the end of 2023, beginning with police officers in VA's Desert Pacific Healthcare Network on June 20.

The cameras will automatically record video and audio when an officer draws their issued firearm from their duty belt holster or when an officer activates the emergency lights in their police vehicle. Officers will also manually turn on their body cameras when conducting investigations and during enforcement encounters. In-car cameras will be turned on for traffic stops, calls for service and while transporting those in custody.

VA has taken steps to ensure that the use of these cameras does not infringe upon the privacy of those who use their services or VA employees. VA police officers and privacy officers are undergoing extensive training to prepare for this policy. Footage from these cameras will only be used for police investigations and court proceedings, or for limited other purposes as allowed under federal law.

"Our great police officers keep veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors safe at VA facilities every day," VA Secretary Dennis McDonough said. "Using dashcams and bodycams will make our facilities even safer – building trust in our great police force while increasing transparency and promoting de-escalation."

VA is implementing this policy as a part of President Biden's [Executive Order 14074](#), "Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety," as well as the bipartisan [Cleland-Dole Act of 2022](#).

The executive order requires all federal law enforcement agencies to use body-worn cameras. The bipartisan Cleland-Dole act requires all VA police officers to wear body cameras that record and store video and audio.



William Carraway/Georgia National Guard

House committee OKs bill that boosts disability pay for many medically retired veterans

Corey Dickstein/Stars and Stripes | June 22, 2023

Some 50,000 medically retired veterans would receive increased service-related payments under a bill advanced Wednesday for a House vote by the chamber's Armed Services Committee.

The Major Richard Star Act would allow veterans medically retired from the military for combat-related injuries before serving 20 years to receive full retirement pay and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure was passed by the House Armed Services Committee by unanimous voice vote just before the committee took up the [Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act](#), the annual bill that sets Congress' policy and spending priorities for the Pentagon.

Under current law, veterans who are medically retired for service-related injuries before 20 years and received a less than 50% disability rating from the VA are forced to forfeit a portion of their benefits. The Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit advocacy group, estimated those dollar-for-dollar offsets between military retirement pay and VA disability payments could cost a veteran at least "hundreds of dollars" every month.

The Major Richard Star Act would allow all medically retired service members who receive Combat Related Special Compensation — VA benefits for those specifically injured in combat — to collect their full disability benefits and retirement pay.

But lawmakers warned new budget caps passed as part of a debt limit deal enacted this month could keep the bill from being passed. Because of the spending caps imposed by the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, some

\$8 billion must be removed from spending plans for the Star Act to be approved, said Rep. Adam Smith of Washington, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., chairman of the committee, said he would work with the other committee members on finding such a spending offset.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., said the bill's advancement was a step closer to rectifying "an injustice that keeps combat disabled veterans from receiving full military benefits." Bilirakis earlier this year introduced the bill, which he said had 324 co-sponsors.

"The brave men and women who return from serving our country should be able to receive the benefits promised to them," Bilirakis said. "Military retirement pay, and service-connected disability compensation are two completely different benefits. One does not diminish the merits of the other."

The bill is named for Maj. Richard Star, an Army veteran, father, and husband who was medically retired after suffering combat injuries, according to Bilirakis' office. Star died in 2021 of cancer linked to toxic exposure from burn pits on deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Wounded Warrior Project and other veterans organizations have championed the bill for more than two years. The bill also has been introduced in the Senate, where it has 66 co-sponsors. It was not clear Wednesday, however, when or if the bill would be considered by the upper chamber.

Wounded Warrior Project "strongly believes that collecting both benefits should never be considered 'double dipping,' and no retiree should be subject to the offset," according to the organization's fact sheet on the bill. "For this reason, WWP will continue to support legislation to eliminate the offset for all retirees and considers the Major Richard Star Act one step towards achieving that goal."

The American Legion supports the Major Richard Star Act and has encouraged its members [to contact Congress](#) in support of the legislation.



Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 935 4405 3884 | 786 114

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**



Vietnam War veteran Herman Halmon receives the urn holding the remains of his wife from SAL member Matthew Paul and Lee Nantz, who found the urn four years ago.

Photo by Melvin Brown

‘Carolyn’ is now home

The American Legion | June 21, 2023

Matthew Paul was in a building across the street from the World Trade Center while working for Verizon on Sept. 11, 2001. The now nearly 20-year member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 13 in Bennington, Vt., remembers vividly what he witnessed. And

those memories are why Paul worked diligently over the past two years to return to her family the remains of a woman killed on that same day at the Pentagon.

On June 16, Paul was on hand for a small, private ceremony at Kenneth H. Nash DC Post No. 8 in Washington D.C., where remains of Carolyn Halmon were returned to her husband, Vietnam War combat veteran Herman Halmon. The couple had been married nearly 30 years before Carolyn was killed while working as a budget analyst in the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

Paul, who lives in Fairfield, Ct., knew what he needed to do when he took possession of the urn from a friend – driven by what he saw across the street from him in Manhattan nearly 22 years ago. “I saw the west side of the building blow out with fire,” he said. “I watched a lot of people jump, and those families never saw those people again. I just knew I needed to make it my best effort to return that urn.

“My experience in New York City that day was very upfront and personal, and I’ve got nothing but bad memories. This allows me to put a better spin on that day and feel good about something around that day.”

Paul had come into possession of the urn through Lee Nantz, whom he is friends with through Nantz’s wife. Nantz was operating a scrap metal business and came across the urn around four years ago. After struggling to find any Halmon family members, he reached out to Paul.

“When we discovered that it was from 9/11 at the Pentagon, we felt that we were in some way obligated but not obligated, but wanted to have an attempt as best as we could to try to get it to the right people who could at least put it where it should be,” Nantz said. “We kept finding it was very difficult to do. We kept running into a brick wall until we thought of Matt. Knowing that he loves ... The American Legion would maybe be a way this could get through to the right people. And dag-gone it, it worked.”

Paul also ran into struggles trying to locate Carolyn’s surviving family. At someone’s urging, he shared the story of the urn on an Instagram 9/11 memorial site. Shortly thereafter, he was contacted by someone who had worked at Dover Air Force Base following 9/11 and had helped process the names of some of the victims of the Pentagon attack. The employee had come to know the Halmon family, who came to 9/11 memorial services at the Pentagon every year. Paul was able to reach out to Halmon through a letter and received a phone call within a week.

Halmon and his family already had received Carolyn's remains and had held a funeral and interment in the fall of 2001. The second set of remains were found later and processed at Dover, but were later stolen when a storage facility was broken into and the thieves attempted to sell the urn to Nantz, who kept it in an attempt to return to the family.

Halmon was shocked to learn the stolen remains had been located. "I couldn't believe it," he said. "I just said, 'What?' I called my daughter and she said, 'are you sure?' I'm speechless. I just can't believe it. It's breathtaking. It was like I had a second closure."

Paul worked with The American Legion's Washington, D.C., office, and the Department of D.C. to schedule a meeting with Halmon to return the urn to him at Post 8, which was honored to host the event.

"When I heard the story that it went through so many hands and so many people trying to find the home where it belongs to, I said, 'We need to be a part of this,'" Post 8 Commander David Carmichael said. "A lot of folks were trying to do the right thing. And finally, the mission has been accomplished. We got to the end of the road."

In addition to members of Post 8, Halmon and Paul, American Legion national staff attended the event, as did Nantz and his wife. Lee said seeing Halmon finally receive the urn was "hard to put into words ... to finally get it to the right person that should have it. It's a great feeling to have it for this long and finally hand it over and know it's at home."

Halmon said he'll never forget Paul's commitment to get him the urn. "I call him the bounty hunter. He did a lot going out of his way to make sure the family got this urn back," he said. "This guy will be close to my heart until I die. My family's all going to know about this man."

But Paul wants to share the credit. "I'm in this role virtually by the hand of God," he said. "All of these other people stepped up, they heard the story and were moved, they opened their hearts, and they did whatever they could to make this happen. And Carolyn is now home."



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It's another P1 for Palou and 'Be the One'

The American Legion | June 20, 2023

There is no doubt who the hottest driver in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES is right now. And his results have helped Chip Ganassi Racing's (CGR) Alex Palou continue to elevate the public's knowledge of The American Legion's ["Be the One"](#) suicide-prevention initiative.

Over his past four races – three of those in the No. 10 American Legion Honda – Palou has picked up three wins and a fourth-place finish. His most recent effort was an impressive victory Sunday in the Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR. Palou overcame a bad wreck just before qualifications on Saturday to take the lead from Josef Newgarden on lap 49 Sunday and pull away, winning the 55-lap road course race by 4.5610 seconds.

"What an amazing job by these guys and girls," Palou said in Victory Lane while motioning to CGR's No. 10 Honda crew. "It's been an amazing weekend, great comeback, and another win for The American Legion 'Be the One.' I cannot thank the team and the sponsors enough. We're going to keep it rolling into Mid-Ohio now."

Palou's dominant performance since May has allowed him to build a 74-point lead in the INDYCAR points standings. And this win came despite a hard crash in Turn 14 during Saturday's morning practice. CGR's crew had just 90 minutes to get the car ready for

qualifications. And they did, with Palou capturing the No. 3 spot in the starting grid.

"We started with a lot of speed," Palou said. "Big mistake by my part in practice two. We went back on track, and it (car) was even better than in practice two. We have an amazing team behind us."

It was the second win of his career at Road America for Palou. "It's my favorite road course on the calendar and probably in the States," he said via CGR media. "I got my first podium here and now my second win. It's been an amazing weekend."

"We had a lot of speed, and our Honda was very good on fuel mileage, honestly. That gave us the win today. It's still early, but you obviously want those points in your camp instead of other ones. We're not going to lose the focus. We know we have a great team, and that we can continue winning races and being consistent."

With the win, Palou picked up a \$10,000 bonus that is split with Chip Ganassi Racing and his chosen charity, The American Legion, as part of the PeopleReady Force For Good Challenge. He has won two of the three legs needed to earn a \$1 million bonus, with a win on the road courses at IMS and Road America and the street circuit at Detroit. Palou can secure the bonus with a win in any of the three remaining three oval races.

It was Chip Ganassi Racing's 250th victory. Team owner Chip Ganassi was asked about the accomplishment after the race. "A lot of people have a lot of blood and sweat and tears and money in those 250 wins," he said on USA Network. "The great partners we've had over the years have contributed to every one of those. It's all about the team."

Ganassi was the only team to place two drivers in the top five. Scott Dixon started 23rd but was able to make up 19 spots for a fourth-place finish.

Two other CGR drivers featured American Legion branding also ran in the Sonsio Grand Prix. Marcus Ericsson drove the No. 8 Huski Ice Spritz Honda to a sixth-place finish, giving him a top-10 finish in every race this season. He remains in second behind Palou in the series point standings.

"It was an eventful day to say the least," Ericsson said. "There was a lot of pushing and shoving out there, but I think we were really fast. We had really good pace in the car. Unfortunately, we had a couple of issues today, and you know in racing sometimes that happens."

We had to fight back, but the pace was really good to get back to P6. I think it was a really good effort.

"Could've, would've, should've, but still a decent points day and Alex winning the 250th race for Ganassi is incredible, so a good day for the whole team."

And NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie Marcus Armstrong started eighth in the No. 11 Ridgeline Lubricants and led five laps before finishing 24th. He holds a 20-point lead in the series rookie.

"We had a good start and picked up about five spots," Armstrong said. "The car was really good for the first stint, and we were just fuel saving and tire saving. The car was mega. We had a few wobbles in the second stint but still it was okay. Unfortunately, we didn't box with the rest of the field on the second safety car. But nevertheless, we're going to learn from it and come back even stronger."

The next NTT INDYCAR SERIES race is The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio presented by the 2023 Accord Hybrid on Sunday, July 2, at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Columbus, Ohio.

CGR developmental driver Kyffin Simpson had a strong weekend leading up to Sunday's INDYNXT SERIES by Firestone Grand Prix at Road America.

In the No. 21 car that features American Legion "Be the One" branding, Simpson had the top spot in Friday's practice session, and then won the pole Saturday with a top lap of 1 minute, 49.1028 seconds – nearly three seconds quicker than the previous record set by Colton Herta in 2017.

"I was just really hoping that today would be the day that I would finally get my first pole," Simpson said afterward. "It was, so it's truly incredible. We weren't able to improve on that last lap, but no one else did, so that worked out well for us."

But starting from the top spot Sunday, Simpson went wide in Turn 1, launching all four wheels into the air after hitting a curb on the exit of the first turn. He slipped to seventh place after the incident and wound up eighth. It was still his second-best finish of the season and moved him up to 13th in the INDY NXT points standings.

"I ran wide at the start and caught a huge bump... small mistake, big consequences," Simpson said in an Instagram post. "It's hard to take after such a good Saturday, but at least the car came home in one piece. Really frustrating to miss out on a good result here. Thanks

to the team for all their hard work, hopefully Mid-Ohio is kinder to us. I appreciate the support from everyone this weekend."



In Wisconsin, softball players are 'making history'

[Andy Proffet](#) | June 22, 2023

The day's drizzly weather had moved on as softball supporters from around the area arrived at Sunny Vale Softball Complex in Wausau, Wis., on June 13, eager to see a bit of history.

"It's definitely a big talk of the town right now, which is great," said Claire Cushman, an incoming senior at Wausau East High School and a member of the first Legion Softball team sponsored by the city's Montgomery-Plant-Dudley American Legion Post 10.

This year is the first season for the [Department of Wisconsin's Legion Softball](#) program. But the program has been in the works for a while.

"Coming out of COVID, hearing all the (success) stories from North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, I thought it was maybe time we try (a Legion Softball program)," said Roger Mathison, the department's state commissioner for Legion Baseball and Legion Softball.

"We've had a lot of success with the baseball (program)," Department Commander Julie Muhle said. "There were a lot of people that were asking us, what are the next steps? So, we decided that softball would be the logical next step to bring in the girls so they would have the opportunity to play ball as well."

The inaugural season of Wisconsin Legion Softball includes 30 teams; department officials call it a successful start and have high hopes for the program's growth. "There's a big demographic of girls that are getting kind of missed between travel ball and once they age

out of the 14U programs,” said state program coordinator Jen Swenson. “I think this is going to be great for the girls who can’t do the time commitment of travel ball, or the financial commitment of it.”

The softball program also expands The American Legion’s presence and recognition in the community.

“I heard my friends and family talking about (Legion Softball) and my coach brought it up to me. I thought it would be a great opportunity,” said Mackenzie Herdt, an incoming freshman who plays for the Whitteley Lions of Post 147.

“Americanism at its simplest form is love of America,” Muhle said. “Baseball embodies that, and softball is the next logical step to encompass more children into the Americanism program, and what we hope to do with Americanism is of course to teach our young people citizenship and rules and how to act as adults. Sports is a great way to do that, it’s rules-based, it helps them with discipline, and it also helps them with their skills.”

The June 13 event in Wausau brought together six teams to celebrate the kickoff of the inaugural season. “It’s one of those things that blew up into something bigger than we thought it would be,” said incoming Post 10 Commander Tony Nardi.

A member of Post 10’s Children & Youth Committee, Nardi volunteered to organize the kickoff celebration, which included the post’s color guard and comments from Muhle, Mathison and outgoing Post 10 Commander Bob Weller.

“This (program) gives them a chance to not be watching history, but making history on their own,” Weller said.

While other departments have created Legion Softball programs, Wisconsin officials acknowledged there are challenges that come with creating a program from scratch.

“We have an incredible softball committee who put countless hours into traveling to district conferences, monthly Zoom calls, reaching out to coaches and athletic directors across the state to get the word out further, and hours of behind the scenes work on the structure of the program,” Swenson said. “Derrick Standke, Josh Navis and Jim Wickert have been instrumental in getting this program off the ground.”

“The biggest challenge we faced was how much it would cost the department, how we could afford it.

The other thing was getting the word out,” Mathison said. “Once we got that established, and found it wasn’t going to be that expensive to get a team organized — we got insurance coverage to mirror what we have with Legion Baseball, from the same company, and keep the registration fees very affordable.”

At the post level, Nardi emphasized the need to start planning right away when the drive to create a Legion Softball program arises.

“As soon as we heard about this last summer, we started planning. And our main goal was to give the girls the opportunity to play, so our post committed to fully funding the team for two years. We paid for everything,” Nardi said.

By taking on the costs — as well as setting up friendly schedules — it provides more opportunities to play for more girls, Nardi said.

“There’s a lot of travel softball and AAU softball that takes place in the summer. So, what we decided to do with our program was make it a weekday program, where our players are going to play on weeknights, and still be able to compete with their travel teams on weekends, and we received a great response to that. We filled our roster in our first year, which was beyond our hopes,” Nardi said.

That turnout enabled Post 10 to essentially field two teams this summer — one for the older players, and a “futures” team for younger players to develop.

“We don’t want to be a one-time shot,” Weller said.

“This being the first year, I’m just really honored to be a part of it, because in how many years is it just going to grow and get bigger and bigger and represent softball, it’s going to be great to see how it’s going to impact youth in sports in our community and communities throughout Wisconsin,” Cushman said.

Officials said the program has drawn support from high school coaches, who can see their players get extra time playing together during the Legion season.

“One of the advantages of having a Legion program, instead of having kids splinter off in different travel teams, they can stay together as a team after they’ve been through the high school season and grow, create more teamwork, more sportsmanship, build character, get the strong work ethic going into the next season,” Mathison said.

“We’re just looking forward to getting this going,” Muhle said. “We have great support from our Legion posts in the area, they’re out here helping. ... I think it’s going to be an opportunity to grow for the posts and the community.”

The inaugural Wisconsin Legion Softball season will culminate with regionals July 21-23 and state finals July 28-30 in DeForest, Wis.



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When he made it back to the United States he lived on the streets in New York and Philadelphia before getting his life back together, getting married and starting a family.

“We just had story after story,” Keaton said. “Emotional contacts after emotional contacts. Hugging and caring and honoring. We had all of our first responders at the lake. We’re trying to build morale, comradeship, teamwork, and pride in what we do and who we are.”



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Jarold Lindholm



Jarold "Jerry" Warren Lindholm, 70, of Canton, KS, and formerly of Lindsborg, KS, passed away peacefully on Thursday,

June 15, 2023, surrounded by family at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. Jerry had worked as a maintenance technician at Vanguard Plastics.

Jerry was born on March 21, 1953, in McPherson, KS, the son of Victor Warren and Faye Charlene (Clark) Lindholm. He took auto mechanics training at Salina Area Vocational Technical School. On May 26, 1984, Jerry was united in marriage to Terri Lea Coker at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg. This union was blessed with two daughters, Brittany and Jessica. Terri preceded Jerry in death on March 22, 2015.

Jerry was an Eagle Scout and a member of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 140.

Survivors include: two daughters, Brittany Waite (Josh) of Valley Center, KS and Jessica Lindholm of Overland Park, KS; a sister, Charlene Martin of Lindsborg, KS; three grandchildren, Gabriel, Quinton, & Aveyana; nieces, Debra Marsh (Jeff) of Baldwin City, KS, Darlene Gadson of Lindsborg, KS and Dorene Schultz (Brian) of Olathe, KS; and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother, Dan Lindholm.

The memorial service will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at New Gottland Covenant Church with Pastor Daniel Parry officiating.

Memorial donations may be given to Lindsborg American Legion Post 140 in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.stockhamfamily.com.

Jeffery J. Jordan



Belmont, NY – Jeffery J. Jordan, 63, of Greenwich Street, passed away on June 18, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. He was born June 3, 1960, in Wellsville, the son of the late John and Mary (Knapp) Jordan.

Jeff was a life-long resident of Belmont, graduating from Belmont Central School in 1978. While in school he played Sousaphone in the school band. While growing up he was also an altar boy at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Upon graduating he worked for his father as a contractor for several years. He was a 15-year employee of the Village of Belmont, he also worked at the Genesee Valley Nursery.

Outside of his employment he was heavily involved with Sons of The American Legion, both local and national chapters. Locally, he was a charter member of Herbert W. DeLong Squadron 808, serving as the first Commander, and was a member for 40 years; on the county level he was a member of the 8th District Sons, holding most offices at some point, especially Adjutant and Commander; for the state he was member of both the 7th and 8th districts, serving on many committees, as Vice Commander and Commander from 1988 – 1989; nationally, he served as an Alternate National Executive Committee-man, and attended many national conventions. Locally, he was also an active member of the Belmont Fire Department for many years, joining on August 10, 1978, and serving as president from 1985 – 1990; he also was a longtime member of the Belmont Conservation Club.

He is survived by: a sister, Marilyn Jordan of Johnson City; nephews, Jon Paxhia, Jake Paxhia, Anthony (Sarah) Paxhia, and Vincent Paxhia; as well as several cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a nephew, William Jordan.

Friends are invited to call on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 11 am – 1 pm at the J.W. Embser Sons Funeral Home of Belmont, 17 Schuyler Street. His funeral will follow at 1 pm in the Funeral Home with the Sons of the American Legion presiding.

Please consider memorial donations to the Herbert DeLong American Legion 808, 29 Schuyler Street, Belmont, NY 14813, or to the Belmont Fire Department, 80

Schuyler Street, Belmont, NY 14813.

To leave online condolences please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

Roger D. Schunke

Paxton, IL — Roger D. Schunke, 69, of Paxton, died at 2:33 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023, at his home. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Baier Family Funeral Services, 406 E. Pells St., Paxton, followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m.

Mr. Schunke was born April 26, 1954, in Watseka, the son of Raymond A. and Mildred A. Stoup Schunke. He married Sandra "Suni" Petticord on Dec. 25, 1988, in Martinsville, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Mildred Schunke of Gilman; two daughters, Tabatha (Mike) Fish of Brush Creek, Tenn., and Chantelle (Ray) MacKay of Lebanon, Tenn.; two sons, Richard Douglas (Tracie) Hull of Ansonia, Ohio, and Mark Allen (Kathy) Hull of Sebring, Fla.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Virginia (Bob) Blair of Bunker Hill, Ind., and Irma Wesley of Van Buren, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Raymond Schunke; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Schunke graduated from Gilman High School in 1972. He was a motorcycle mechanic and owned and operated Suni's Plain to Insane Cycles for 40 years.

Mr. Schunke was a member of the American Legion Riders organization and the Sons of the American Legion. He had a passion for motorcycles and loved his family and friends. He did not know a stranger, had a super sense of humor and was a great prankster. He also loved animals and was known to many as the "animal whisperer." Memorials may be made to his family.

Condolences and memories can be shared at www.baierfuneralservices.com.

James Lewis Fralin



James Lewis Fralin, 75, of Beatrice, NE, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 7, 1947 at Pawnee City and attended Wymore Southern High School.

Jim then enlisted in the Army National Guard where he served his country from May 10, 1967 until May 9, 1975. He married Ruby Johnsen on February 15, 1969 at St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice.

He worked at Petersen Manufacturing for 34 years, retiring in 2007. Jim was a member of Biting-Norman Post 27 of the Beatrice American Legion where he served as Commander several times, he also served on the Executive Board and the House Committee. He was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, the Color Guard and enjoyed helping with the annual Easter egg hunt. He was also a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice where he served as an usher. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, coloring, fishing, deer hunting, gardening, working with his tractor, attending his grandchildren's activities, and sitting and visiting with friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years Ruby Fralin of Beatrice; daughter, Lori (Doug) Coon of Beatrice; son, Bryan (Deb) Fralin of Beatrice; four grandchildren, Brianna (Ross) Meissen of Lincoln, Caleb and McKenna Fralin, and Evan Coon all of Beatrice; two great-grandchildren; Huxlee and Bowen Meissen of Lincoln; brothers, Richard (Pam) Fralin of DeWitt and William (Karen) Fralin of Lampasas, TX; sisters, Patricia Podendorf of Beatrice, Janet Baxa of Seward, and Gloria (John) Cook of Oketo, KS; brother-in-law, Gary (Shelly) Johnsen of Beatrice; sister-in-law, Glenda Johnsen of Beatrice; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Ida Mae (Eitzen) Fralin; parents-in-law, Wilbur and Elsie Johnsen; brothers-in-law, Roger Johnsen and Carroll "Butch" Podendorf; nieces, Jennifer Parde and Jennifer Fralin.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice with Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler officiating. Interment will be at the Evergreen Home Cemetery of Beatrice with military rites conducted by the Nebraska Army National Guard and Biting-Norman Post #27 of the Beatrice American Legion. A family prayer service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday in the chapel at the church. The body will lie in state at the Fox Funeral Home on Tuesday from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. with the family greeting relatives and friends from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. A memorial has been established to the family for future designation with Ron and Gloria Paben in charge.

Arrangements entrusted to Fox Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Beatrice.

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John R. Mitchell



Waverly, IL – John R. Mitchell, age 65, of Waverly, IL, died early Thursday (June 15, 2023) at Prairie Village in Jacksonville, IL.

He was born September 29, 1957 in Jacksonville, IL. son of the late Glenn V. and Jane Bertoux Mitchell. He married Barbara A. Sims on October 29, 1979 in Waverly, IL. and she preceded him in death on June 14, 2000.

Surviving is a daughter, Stevi "Stephani" Mitchell (Nathan Graham) of Bloomington, IL.; grandchildren, Keaton and Olivia; siblings Gerald Mitchell (Kathy) of Auburn, IL. and Janice Watkins (Walter) of Batchtown, IL.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

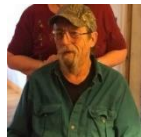
John was a 1975 graduate of Waverly High School and attended SIU in Carbondale, IL. He was a service manager at Westown Ford in Jacksonville, IL. for many years. He also owned and operated Mitchell Auto Repair in Waverly. Later in life John worked for the City of Waverly. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Waverly Post, a past member and chief of Waverly Fire Department, and was a member of Waverly United Methodist Church. John played for many years in the Casual County band in Waverly, IL. He enjoyed playing rugby and was a member of the Celts Rugby Club in Springfield, IL.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday (June 21, 2023) at Neece-Airsmen-Hires Funeral Home in Waverly, IL. Private burial will be in Sims Cemetery in Macoupin County. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Waverly Fire and Rescue Squad c/o Neece-Airsmen-Hires Funeral Home, 349 E. Tanner, Waverly, IL. 62692. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.airsmen-hires.com.

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Michael Perley Swift



Michael Perley Swift, 70, of Groveton, died peacefully on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Weeks Medical

Center in Lancaster, after a sudden illness, with his loving family by his side.

Mike was born on July 1, 1952, in Lancaster, NH the son of the late Millard "BoBo" Allen and Geraldine "Gerry" Mae (Johnson) Swift. He was a lifelong resident of the Groveton/Stark area.

Perley, as he was known, was a graduate of Groveton High School class of 1971. He was a huge NASCAR and New York Yankees fan. He loved spending time with his family and friends whether at camp; family reunions; or on his Harley-Davidson.

Perley was a member of the Local 131 Plumbers and Pipe-fitters Union; he had worked at the local paper mill for ten years.

He was a Gilkey F&AM Masonic Lodge 101 member in Groveton and the Sons of the American Legion, post 17.

Perley is survived by his "birthday present" sister Lori Hibbard and husband Maurice "Moe" of Stark; two nephews Kienan Hibbard, wife Mary, and children Nolin and Emilie; and Nolan Hibbard and his children Cyrus and Kinley; one aunt Janice "Niece" Hoppps; numerous cousins; his ex-wife Brenda Whipple; and extended family members.

There will be no calling hours. Graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Center Cemetery in North Stratford, with Fr. Timothy Brooks of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lancaster officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Armstrong-Charron Funeral Home in Groveton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Country Home Health and Hospice; 536 Cottage St.; Littleton, NH 03561

To send the family your condolences via the online register book or for directions to the service, please visit, www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com.

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Larry Peter Kolakoski

South Deerfield, MA - Larry Peter Kolakoski, 66 of North Hillside Road, South Deerfield, died at home on Friday, June 9, 2023. He was the son of Edward and Sylvia Greenbush Kolakoski. He was born in Greenfield, August 9, 1956. He was educated in Deerfield schools and graduated from Frontier Regional High School in 1975.

He worked as a mechanical handyman at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

He was a life member of the South Deerfield Polish American Citizens Club and a member of the Sons of American Legion Post 81 in Greenfield.

Larry is survived by a brother Thomas Kolakoski and his partner Cindy Phillips of South Deerfield and several cousins. He was predeceased by a brother James Kolakoski.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wrisley Funeral Home in South Deerfield.

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Richard Kenneth Smith



Richard "Dick" Kenneth Smith, 80, of Middletown passed away on Tuesday June 20, 2023.

He was born in Anderson on June 30, 1942 to the late Virgil and Martha (Layton) Smith.

A 1960 graduate of Middletown High School, Dick went on to Ball State University where he got a bachelor's degree in business. In 1998 He retired from General Motors in Anderson after 34 years of service.

Dick was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, he enjoyed bowling, golf and playing cards. Janis and Dick loved traveling together and spending time with family.

He is survived by his four children,

Sheri Rudig of Anderson, Rick (Sheila) Smith of Middletown, Debbi Smith of Anderson and Michael Smith of Anderson; grandchildren, Tina Rains, Brandy Smith, Jerry (Amanda) Rudig, Ashley (Jason) Reed, Cory (Macy) Smith, Taylor (Fiancé Jeff) Bell and Nick Bell; ten great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents Dick was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Janis Smith; brother, Douglas Smith; son-in-law, Gary Rudig. Services will be at 11:00 am Friday June 23, 2023 at Ballard and Sons Funeral Home in Middletown with Pastor Tony Darling officiating. Burial will follow at Miller Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday June 22, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

In Lieu of flowers the family ask that memorial contributions be made to the National [Alzheimer's Association](#) or the charity of your choosing.

You may share a memory or express a condolence for Dick at www.ballardandsons.com.

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Bryan Douglas Griffith



Bryan Douglas Griffith, 60, died suddenly on June 18, 2023, Father's Day, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident.

Born April 30, 1963, at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, he was the son of Sharon (Tracey) Holtz. He was the fiancé of Stacey Whalen Kyker, and they were to be married September 9, 2023. Bryan graduated from Westminster High School in 1981 and continued his education at Carroll Community College, earning an AA degree.

He worked at Random House for several years. He also worked for 1st Centrum before becoming self-employed operating Long Oak Management and SRD Services.

Bryan was a proud member of The American Legion Post 31 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and was currently serving as 1st Vice Commander. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, AF & FM in Westminster, and the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite of Maryland. He was a member of the Molleville Farm Post VFW 467 and the Westminster

Moose Lodge. Bryan was also a former member of Boy Scout Troop 381.

You often saw Bryan driving his blue Corvette in the annual Memorial Day Parade. He helped with many functions at the American Legion and made Smash Burgers on Monday nights.

Surviving Bryan, in addition to his mother, are his "adopted" children Brooks Kyker, Kyle Kyker and his wife Erin and daughter Finley, and Joseph and Tessa Streett; brother Keith Hooper of Hanover, PA.; and his aunt, Carilee Streett. He is also survived by his dear friend, Ian Forrest.

Bryan was predeceased by his wife Susan Dolan-Griffith in 2016.

Family will welcome friends on Sunday, June 25, 2023, from 3 to 8 pm at the American Legion Post 31, 2 Sycamore St., Westminster. A Memorial Service will be held at 5:00 pm at the American Legion. Masonic Services will follow immediately after.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bryan's name to the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Post 31, 2 Sycamore St., Westminster, MD 21157.

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Independence Day

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FROM THE EDITOR

As Independence Day celebrations are under way, and parades will be happening for the next week or so, now is the time to get involved, march, and use it as a multi-pronged tool to recruit new members, get the American Legion Family out in the public, and promote the Bee the One initiative.

Banners on floats, handouts, applications should all be used as we celebrate our nation's independence. People love to be handed things, and this should not be an opportunity we miss.

Don't forget that when we celebrate, safety must be on our minds, especially if we are using fireworks. Be cognizant of where spectators will be watching from, especially young children. Be mindful that many veterans have a hard time with fireworks, and we must be sensitive to their needs. And if you have consumed alcohol, you probably should not be the person lighting the fireworks. Let's just be smart about it.

Finally, let's see how many members we can get renewed during Membership Independence Month. When our new cards come out next month, urge members to renew now. July can see many great things, and with the success we have had in membership this year, there is no reason that we can't keep that momentum rolling into 2024.



And don't forget, there is still time to renew any delinquent 2023 members. We still need to work hard to get to 10% in membership for this year, and I know that with your help, we will do it.

Have a great week as we head to America's birthday!

Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible. Renew Today!

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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A helping hand to Be the One

June 21, 2023

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

During my travels around this great nation of ours, I have been awestruck by the outpouring of support for The American Legion [Be the One initiative](#).

American Legion posts have rallied to the campaign to reduce the rate of suicide among veterans and servicemembers. They have held symposiums and other awareness events, conducted hikes and walks, and reached out to their comrades who may be struggling. These are all wonderful ways to support Be the One by raising awareness.

For posts that have not started yet, there are plenty of resources available at The American Legion's dedicated web page for this campaign. [Review and download resources here](#). Staff will continue to update this page and create additional materials. If there is something you don't see available, email your idea to the [Media & Communications staff](#).

Another available resource is from our partners at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

VA has a [PTSD Coach app](#) that allows users to cope with symptoms and help others do the same. The free

app provides relaxation exercise, soothing sounds, and the ability to upload pictures, track progress and more. American Legion member John Kirby is among those who are successfully using the app, which is available in both English and Spanish.

"PTSD Coach helps me reflect on my trauma by journaling and having the ability to release my story and work through the healing process for myself," [he explained in this story](#). "It's helped me a lot just by reading some of the tips and completing daily tasks built into the app. The ability to add pictures and songs has been really helpful for me," he said.

The app offers:

- Reliable information on PTSD and treatments that work.
- Tools for screening and tracking your symptoms.
- Easy-to-use tools to help you handle stress.
- Direct links to support and help.

It doesn't matter how we get veterans in crisis the assistance they need. It just matters that we recognize the issue, act accordingly and provide the resources they need, whether they come from us, VA, or another agency.

Thank you for what you do every day to fulfill our obligation to our veterans, servicemembers, their families and the communities in which they live.

Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

Long lost dog tag repatriated

[Jeff Stoffer](#) | June 20, 2023

Jackson E. McGill, like so many of his generation, did not talk much about it. His time as an Army Air Force radio operator and mechanic in the European Theater of World War II was largely a puzzle that members of his family have never fully put together, more than two decades after his death.

A tangible piece of that puzzle arrived Monday, June 19, on what would have been the former staff sergeant's 100th birthday.

McGill's dog tag, discovered in a garden in northern France some 30 years ago, was presented to the family in a ceremony near his grave at Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson, Ind. The repatriation attracted state

officials, American Legion representatives, and other veterans, as well as Indianapolis media.

“I am a veteran myself,” said American Legion Department of France Vice Commander Valerie Prehoda, a retired U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, after presenting the dog tag to Karen Young (McGill), eldest daughter of the soldier. “I have my dog tag. I knew how important it would be for it to come back to the family in America. We veterans ... our dog tags are very special to us.”



Karen Young (McGill) displays her father's World War II dog tag, delivered from northern France to Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson, Ind., at a June 19 ceremony.

Photo by Jeff Stoffer

The journey of McGill's dog tag from Monchy-Cayeux in the Pas-de-Calais department of northern France began on Aug. 31, 2021. That's when Prehoda, a resident of that area, was surprised at a barbecue when a chateau owner and neighbor said her gardener wished to speak with her. “He said he had something to give me. He pulls out this little old dog tag. He said that for 30 years he had it in his wallet, waiting to find an American to give it to who might be able to find the family to bring it back.” She soon called a friend who is a noted historian and director of the Office of Archaeology, Patrimony and Tourism in the nearby city of Arras, who traced Jackson McGill to Anderson, Ind., and Maplewood Cemetery, and connections were quickly made.

The shy, elderly gardener – who Prehoda knows only as “Monsieur Luce” – explained that he had unearthed the dog tag near the citadel of Doullens where an aid station had operated during the war. Only through letters as recounted by McGill's brother did the family know that the patriarch had survived three plane crashes in World War II, two of which he was the only soldier to walk away from them.

“We really didn't know for sure where he was or what he did (in the war),” his daughter said. “He wrote to

my uncle and told him about being in the wrecks but never said anything about any injuries or any of that.”

Grandson Matt McGill said, “My grandpa never really talked about life in the military. But from what we could tell, it was important to him.” He had served from Dec. 10, 1942, through an honorable discharge in 1945. As a radio operator, he enabled pilot-to-pilot communication and occasionally tended to wounded crew members. He did not speak of the plane crashes or those who did not come home alive. “It's not a wonder why this man was so secretive.”

Instead, also like so many of his generation, McGill married, went to college, and raised a family. His daughter remembers him as a hard worker and devoted provider. “He had a full-time job and a part-time job for as long as I can remember,” his daughter said.

Martin Baier, Honorary Consul of France to Indiana, explained to the crowd at the ceremony what Jackson McGill and his fellow World War II veterans mean to those they liberated. “Jackson McGill was a soldier of freedom who left everything behind, risked everything, to liberate France and the world. In serving America during World War II, he saved the country of France. France is what it is today – a free and sovereign country – thanks to the bravery of such veterans as Jackson McGill ... They are France's heroes, and will be, forever to this day.”

“He was a hero to us, even without his service,” Karen said.

Sixteen-year-old Remi Trolle, whose family farms in the Monchy-Cayeux area, accompanied Prehoda in the presentation and shared gratitude on behalf of his family and others who honor U.S. sacrifices during World War II. “I'm very happy and privileged as a French man to accompany Valerie Prehoda today (to remember McGill) who fought for our freedom.”

The barbecue that started the dog tag's journey to Indiana was prepared by Americans living in France – including Prehoda and other Legionnaires – who had volunteered to help a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency project with Colorado State University to search for the remains of B17 pilot Lt. George Wilson. Wilson heroically crashed his plane into the farm field on July 8, 1944, near Monchy-Cayeux in order to spare destruction of the village, and searchers have spent two summers looking for his remains.

Through history, dog tags have been used to identify fallen U.S. military personnel, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Director Dennis Wimer explained at

the ceremony. He said they first appeared during the Civil War where “at one of the battlefields, there are 15,000 gravesites, and 13,000 are unknown soldiers. So, many of them died without anyone knowing who they were. They are in unmarked graves, as an unknown soldier.”

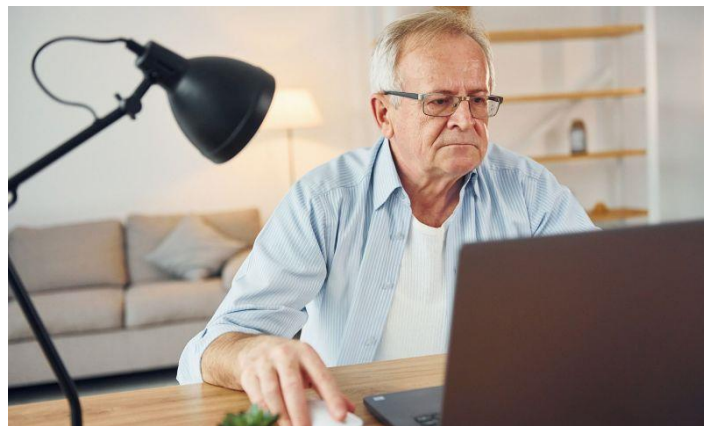
Today’s technology, he explained, has reduced that use, but it hasn’t changed the meaning of a dog tag. “Dog tags have varied quite a bit over the years. But it’s something that ... binds us together. We all have them. We can look at them and share, and see who we are, where we came from.”

Wimer, who sang the national anthem to open the ceremony, presented a certificate to Prehoda from Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, officially declaring her an “Honorary Hoosier” for having brought the McGill dog tag back to the family in Anderson.

After a rifle salute and taps from the Daleville American Legion Honor Guard and “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes by Denise James, the cemetery’s manager, Ray Sabol, made an important point about the gathering: “This ceremony reminds me of something I read several years ago, and it’s simply that when a deceased person’s name is spoken from time to time, their memory never really dies. I think we have done a marvelous job today keeping Sgt. Jackson McGill’s memory alive.”

growth in new traditional membership is proof,” Troiola said. “I am proud of the efforts by Legionnaires nationwide to ensure veterans have camaraderie and a place to continue their service. These 77,704 new Legionnaires now have a voice on Capitol Hill to ensure the best health care and benefits are afforded to veterans. They can help ‘Be the One’ to save the life of a veteran and end veteran suicide. They can help shape future leaders through our Americanism programs. And they can serve their community alongside their fellow brothers and sisters.

“I know the recruiting efforts of our members for 2023 are not done. This number will grow as veterans want to be a part of The American Legion.”



Protect yourself from AI senior scams

via Crescendo | June 23, 2023

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is advancing rapidly and will have dramatic effects on society. While AI has potential benefits in many areas, including health care and education, there are also potential drawbacks. Haywood Talcove, chief executive of a major cybersecurity organization, cautions seniors that new AI capabilities are being used for romance scams, ransom efforts, and IRS or government collection scams.

Talcove stated, “You have all of these people building this technology for good and they are working really, really hard. And you have another group working equally hard at applying their craft on the bad side.” The bad actors use AI to enhance their scams and victimize seniors. Many scams have taken millions of dollars from seniors who did not protect themselves from romance scams, requests for ransom or false claims that they owe payments to the IRS.



Troiola’s goal for new traditional members has been beat

The American Legion | June 23, 2023

For the 2023 membership year, Legionnaires have recruited 77,704 new traditional members at the post level, beating American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola’s goal of 75,000.

“I’ve had no doubt that when a task is set forth before our Legionnaires, that they will succeed. And this

An excellent protection method is for a senior to have a trusted family member who will co-manage their

The American Legion's Planned Giving program is a way of establishing your legacy of support for the organization while providing for your current financial needs. Learn more about the process, and the variety of charitable programs you can benefit, at legion.org/plannedgiving. Clicking on "Learn more" will bring up an "E-newsletter" button, where you can sign up for regular information from Planned Giving.

A friend sent this to me. and I thought it was a part of Americanism that I believe in. Perhaps this could be sent out to our members.

Thank You!

Perry Lombardo
Detachment of Ohio

FROM A FRIEND:

Those who love Life and Liberty cannot be complacent in this turmoil that we are living in.

The Constitution will not and cannot defend itself. It is required to have a champion.

The Constitution is not just a piece of paper. It is a set of values, agreed upon because of the need for a system of government that guarantees Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of self-determination which is the basis for the happiness outlined in the written document.

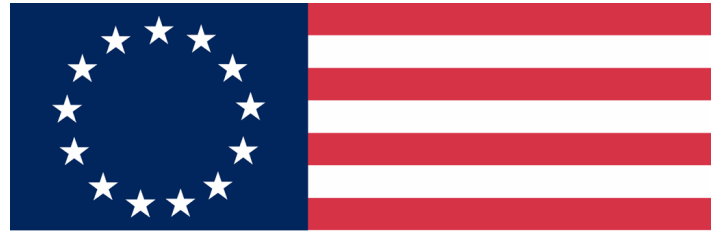
We, you and me are the constitution. This means the values in the constitution reflect the values of you and me.

Because we are the constitution. We are its champions. I am its champion; you are its champion. We have more control and input into the survival of this set of values than we have been led to believe. We are as powerless as we allow ourselves to be. On the other side of that coin, we are as powerful and self-determining as we allow ourselves to be.

It has been said the constitution is outdated. It is impossible for values to be outdated. Values are values, there is only, values that promote the wellbeing, and self-determination of all peoples, and values that promote envy, lust, and enslavement of others to feed narcissism. Either way values be they for serving others, or are self-serving are the foundation of our very lives. Values are what we build our lives around. Only those with corrupted and narcissistic values believe the Constitution is outdated. Those with values that align with the Constitution in its present form will defend this hollowed statement of rules to build our society, and If called upon, to defend it unto the point of death. For it is better to die free, than to live as a slave.

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#	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	-33	114	148.05%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-161	1,591	116.81%	89.99
4	PHILIPPINES	70	-5	78	111.43%	110.29
5	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-85	2,565	108.59%	87.08
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-120	4,834	107.66%	88.63
7	OREGON	1,414	-28	1,513	107.00%	81.27
8	ALASKA	1,608	-26	1,714	106.59%	82.21
9	COLORADO	2,729	-22	2,887	105.79%	85.74
10	MICHIGAN	24,271	-160	25,645	105.66%	90.61
11	FLORIDA	21,519	-92	22,687	105.43%	83.56
12	NEVADA	357	0	375	105.04%	78.57
13	ARIZONA	8,004	46	8,358	104.42%	81.01
14	WASHINGTON	2,485	20	2,589	104.19%	78.91
15	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	51	5,910	104.10%	88.52
16	VIRGINIA	4,109	44	4,270	103.92%	85.79
17	OKLAHOMA	1,348	19	1,396	103.56%	79.82
18	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	23	1,524	103.46%	85.26
19	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
20	NEW MEXICO	1,483	29	1,528	103.03%	79.75
21	DELAWARE	2,430	51	2,501	102.92%	85.61
22	WISCONSIN	4,187	100	4,296	102.60%	86.63
23	MAINE	2,617	63	2,685	102.60%	86.67
24	CALIFORNIA	10,714	315	10,935	102.06%	82.46
25	MARYLAND	16,058	499	16,362	101.89%	89.43
26	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
27	TEXAS	5,569	225	5,622	100.95%	79.41
28	MISSOURI	3,219	131	3,249	100.93%	84.78
29	OHIO	30,636	1,273	30,895	100.85%	90.66
30	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,784	61,059	100.42%	89.90
31	IDAHO	644	30	646	100.31%	79.11
32	ILLINOIS	13,398	654	13,414	100.12%	88.60
33	NEW JERSEY	9,386	479	9,376	99.89%	86.77
34	TENNESSEE	1,718	92	1,712	99.65%	79.14
35	NEW YORK	29,864	1,649	29,708	99.48%	88.81
36	FRANCE	158	9	157	99.37%	89.10
37	MISSISSIPPI	722	41	717	99.31%	79.97
38	INDIANA	36,387	2,185	36,021	98.99%	88.41
39	VERMONT	3,818	247	3,762	98.53%	87.79
40	KANSAS	5,919	383	5,832	98.53%	86.46
41	LOUISIANA	1,790	124	1,756	98.10%	85.32
42	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	195	2,668	97.84%	77.99
43	ALABAMA	2,066	149	2,020	97.77%	82.05
44	IOWA	4,857	376	4,724	97.26%	84.62
45	NEBRASKA	7,015	599	6,767	96.46%	90.70
46	CONNECTICUT	1,867	164	1,796	96.20%	83.65
47	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	490	5,224	95.99%	82.85
48	MINNESOTA	11,378	1,052	10,895	95.75%	85.89
49	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	101	1,008	95.45%	82.89
50	MONTANA	1,108	106	1,057	95.40%	87.22
51	WYOMING	1,298	158	1,205	92.84%	80.38
52	ARKANSAS	447	75	394	88.14%	72.34
53	UTAH	449	84	387	86.19%	69.15
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	531	2,208	84.63%	70.05
55	DIST OF COL	114	33	87	76.32%	59.29
Grand Totals:		367,798	14,939	371,249	100.94%	87.26

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	114	148.05%
PHILIPPINES	70	78	111.43%
OREGON	1,414	1,513	107.00%
ALASKA	1,608	1,714	106.59%
NEVADA	357	375	105.04%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,358	104.42%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,589	104.19%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	10,935	102.06%
IDAHO	644	646	100.31%
UTAH	449	387	86.19%
Totals:	25,822	26,709	103.44%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,591	116.81%
COLORADO	2,729	2,887	105.79%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,396	103.56%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,528	103.03%
TEXAS	5,569	5,622	100.95%
KANSAS	5,919	5,832	98.53%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,767	96.46%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,008	95.45%
MONTANA	1,108	1,057	95.40%
WYOMING	1,298	1,205	92.84%
Totals:	28,918	28,925	100.02%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,645	105.66%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,296	102.60%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,249	100.93%
OHIO	30,636	30,895	100.85%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,414	100.12%
INDIANA	36,387	36,021	98.99%
IOWA	4,857	4,724	97.26%
MINNESOTA	11,378	10,895	95.75%
Totals:	128,333	129,139	100.63%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,565	108.59%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,910	104.10%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,501	102.92%
MAINE	2,617	2,685	102.60%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,362	101.89%
RHODE ISLAND	336	341	101.49%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,059	100.42%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,376	99.89%
NEW YORK	29,864	29,708	99.48%
FRANCE	158	157	99.37%
VERMONT	3,818	3,762	98.53%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,796	96.20%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,224	95.99%
DIST OF COL	114	87	76.32%
Totals:	140,932	141,533	100.43%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,834	107.66%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,687	105.43%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,270	103.92%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,524	103.46%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,712	99.65%
MISSISSIPPI	722	717	99.31%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,756	98.10%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,668	97.84%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,020	97.77%
ARKANSAS	447	394	88.14%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,208	84.63%
Totals:	43,793	44,943	102.63%

06/22/23		NATIONAL Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander					
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1	Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	26,709	887	103.44%	91	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	44,943	1,150	102.63%	45	05/17/23
3	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,139	806	100.63%	263	06/12/23
4	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	141,533	601	100.43%	294	06/15/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	28,925	7	100.02%	94	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	371,249	3,451	100.94%	696	06/08/23



06/22/23		CENTRAL REGION David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	24,271	25,645	1,374	105.66%	42	90.61%	10	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,296	109	102.60%	18	86.63%	22	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,249	30	100.93%	-	84.78%	28	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,895	259	100.85%	182	90.66%	29	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,414	16	100.12%	1	88.60%	32	06/15/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,021	(366)	98.99%	5	88.41%	38	
7	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,724	(133)	97.26%	7	84.62%	44	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	10,895	(483)	95.75%	8	85.89%	48	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,139	806	100.63%	263		3	06/12/23

06/22/23		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	114	37	148.05%	4	100.00%	1	10/10/22
2	Philippines 8, 9, Q	70	78	8	111.43%	-	110.29%	4	04/10/23
3	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,513	99	107.00%	-	81.27%	7	04/17/23
4	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,714	106	106.59%	47	82.21%	8	06/05/23
5	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	375	18	105.04%	7	78.57%	12	05/08/23
6	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,358	354	104.42%	10	81.01%	13	05/15/23
7	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,589	104	104.19%	3	78.91%	14	06/01/23
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	10,935	221	102.06%	12	82.46%	24	06/01/23
9	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	644	646	2	100.31%	8	79.11%	31	
10	Utah 5	449	387	(62)	86.19%	-	69.15%	53	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	26,709	887	103.44%	91		1	05/29/23

06/22/23		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%	-	95.08%	2	03/02/23
2	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	4,490	4,834	344	107.66%	6	88.63%	6	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,687	1,168	105.43%	12	83.56%	11	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,270	161	103.92%	-	85.79%	16	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,524	51	103.46%	1	85.26%	18	05/15/23
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1,718	1,712	(6)	99.65%	1	79.14%	34	
7	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	717	(5)	99.31%	5	79.97%	37	
8	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,756	(34)	98.10%	2	85.32%	41	
9	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,668	(59)	97.84%	4	77.99%	42	
10	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,020	(46)	97.77%	2	82.05%	43	
11	Arkansas 1	447	394	(53)	88.14%	2	72.34%	52	
12	Kentucky	2,609	2,208	(401)	84.63%	10	70.05%	54	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	44,943	1,150	102.63%	45		2	05/17/23

06/22/23		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	1,591	229	116.81%	-	89.99%	3	02/09/23
2	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,887	158	105.79%	29	85.74%	9	05/15/23
3	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,396	48	103.56%	7	79.82%	17	05/11/23
4	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	19	03/13/23
5	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,528	45	103.03%	44	79.75%	20	06/15/23
6	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,622	53	100.95%	7	79.41%	27	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,832	(87)	98.53%	3	86.46%	40	
8	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,767	(248)	96.46%	-	90.70%	45	
9	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,008	(48)	95.45%	-	82.89%	49	
10	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,057	(51)	95.40%	1	87.22%	50	
11	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,205	(93)	92.84%	3	80.38%	51	
TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		28,918	28,925	7	100.02%	58		5	

06/22/23		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	2,565	203	108.59%	34	87.08%	5	04/17/23
2	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,910	233	104.10%	127	88.52%	15	06/09/23
3	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,501	71	102.92%	1	85.61%	21	05/08/23
4	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,685	68	102.60%	2	86.67%	23	05/22/23
5	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,362	304	101.89%	1	89.43%	25	05/17/23
6	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	26	05/08/23
7	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,059	256	100.42%	82	89.90%	30	06/12/23
8	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,376	(10)	99.89%	3	86.77%	33	
9	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,708	(156)	99.48%	34	88.81%	35	
10	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	158	157	(1)	99.37%	-	89.10%	36	
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,762	(56)	98.53%	1	87.79%	39	
12	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,796	(71)	96.20%	8	83.65%	46	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,224	(218)	95.99%	1	82.85%	47	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	87	(27)	76.32%	-	59.29%	55	
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		140,932	141,533	601	100.43%	294		4	06/15/23

06/22/23		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS							
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	24,271	25,645	1,374	105.66%	42	90.61%	10	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,687	1,168	105.43%	12	83.56%	11	04/24/23
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,895	259	100.85%	182	90.66%	29	06/12/23
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,059	256	100.42%	82	89.90%	30	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,708	(156)	99.48%	34	88.81%	35	
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,021	(366)	98.99%	5	88.41%	38	
TOTALS		179,209	180,370	1,161	100.65%	315			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	371,249	3,451	100.94%	1,241	87.26%		06/08/23
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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%



2022-2023 Consolidated Squadron Report as
of June 21, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	6	42.9%
TENNESSEE	46	15	32.6%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	10	29.4%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	7	25.9%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	10	24.4%
MARYLAND	102	24	23.5%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
ALABAMA	68	13	19.1%
FLORIDA	190	36	18.9%
ARIZONA	78	14	17.9%
MONTANA	51	9	17.6%
OHIO	307	52	16.9%
WISCONSIN	124	20	16.1%
INDIANA	294	42	14.3%
CONNECTICUT	50	7	14.0%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	8	12.9%
WYOMING	25	3	12.0%
CALIFORNIA	210	25	11.9%
IDAHO	26	3	11.5%
COLORADO	63	6	9.5%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
GEORGIA	119	11	9.2%
ALASKA	22	2	9.1%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
MISSISSIPPI	44	4	9.1%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	37	7.9%
KANSAS	128	10	7.8%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
IOWA	152	10	6.6%
MICHIGAN	207	13	6.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
NEBRASKA	161	9	5.6%
OKLAHOMA	96	5	5.2%
TEXAS	253	13	5.1%
NEW YORK	581	28	4.8%
ILLINOIS	284	13	4.6%
LOUISIANA	73	3	4.1%
NEW JERSEY	211	8	3.8%
MINNESOTA	267	10	3.7%
ARKANSAS	29	1	3.4%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	6	3.1%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
MAINE	72	2	2.8%
MISSOURI	118	3	2.5%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Total	5874	544	9.3%

Regional Breakdown as of June 21, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	307	52	16.9%
WISCONSIN	124	20	16.1%
INDIANA	294	42	14.3%
IOWA	152	10	6.6%
MICHIGAN	207	13	6.3%
ILLINOIS	284	13	4.6%
MINNESOTA	267	10	3.7%
MISSOURI	118	3	2.5%
Totals	1753	163	9.3%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	10	24.4%
MONTANA	51	9	17.6%
WYOMING	25	3	12.0%
COLORADO	63	6	9.5%
KANSAS	128	10	7.8%
NEBRASKA	161	9	5.6%
OKLAHOMA	96	5	5.2%
TEXAS	253	13	5.1%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
Totals	852	66	7.7%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	10	29.4%
ARIZONA	78	14	17.9%
CALIFORNIA	210	25	11.9%
IDAHO	26	3	11.5%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
ALASKA	22	2	9.1%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
Totals	1800	151	8.4%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	6	42.9%
MARYLAND	102	24	23.5%
CONNECTICUT	50	7	14.0%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	8	12.9%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	37	7.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
NEW YORK	581	28	4.8%
NEW JERSEY	211	8	3.8%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	6	3.1%
MAINE	72	2	2.8%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	132	7.1%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	46	15	32.6%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	7	25.9%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
ALABAMA	68	13	19.1%
FLORIDA	190	36	18.9%
GEORGIA	119	11	9.2%
MISSISSIPPI	44	4	9.1%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
LOUISIANA	73	3	4.1%
ARKANSAS	29	1	3.4%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
Totals	839	117	13.9%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5874	544	9.3%
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%



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Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
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DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,020	\$ 2,020.00		0.0%	\$ -
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,714	\$ 1,714.00		0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,358	\$ 8,358.00	\$ 3,000.00	35.9%	\$ 0.36
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	394	\$ 394.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	10,935	\$ 10,935.00	\$ 500.00	4.6%	\$ 0.05
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,887	\$ 2,887.00		0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,796	\$ 1,796.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,501	\$ 2,501.00		0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL		87	\$ 87.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,687	\$ 22,687.00		0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 100.00	157	\$ 157.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,834	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	114	\$ 114.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	646	\$ 646.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,414	\$ 13,414.00	\$ 750.00	5.6%	\$ 0.06
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,021	\$ 36,021.00		0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,724	\$ 4,724.00		0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,832	\$ 5,832.00		0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,208	\$ 2,208.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,756	\$ 1,756.00		0.0%	\$ -
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,685	\$ 2,685.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,362	\$ 16,362.00		0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,224	\$ 5,224.00		0.0%	\$ -
MX - MEXICO		32	\$ 32.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,645	\$ 25,645.00	\$ 3,293.00	12.8%	\$ 0.13
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	10,895	\$ 10,895.00		0.0%	\$ -
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	717	\$ 717.00		0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,249	\$ 3,249.00		0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,057	\$ 1,057.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,767	\$ 6,767.00		0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	375	\$ 375.00		0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,910	\$ 5,910.00		0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,376	\$ 9,376.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,528	\$ 1,528.00		0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,708	\$ 29,708.00		0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,668	\$ 2,668.00		0.0%	\$ -
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,008	\$ 1,008.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	30,895	\$ 30,895.00	\$ 50.00	0.2%	\$ 0.00
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,396	\$ 1,396.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,513	\$ 1,513.00		0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	61,059	\$ 61,059.00	\$ 1,174.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	341	\$ 341.00	\$ 350.00	102.6%	\$ 1.03
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,524	\$ 1,524.00		0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,591	\$ 1,591.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,712	\$ 1,712.00		0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,622	\$ 5,622.00		0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	387	\$ 387.00	\$ 300.00	77.5%	\$ 0.78
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,762	\$ 3,762.00		0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,270	\$ 4,270.00	\$ 250.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,589	\$ 2,589.00		0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,565	\$ 2,565.00	\$ 500.00	19.5%	\$ 0.19
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,296	\$ 4,296.00		0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,205	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -			
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 424,760.55	371,249	\$ 371,249.00	\$ 10,484.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03

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DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
EASTERN REGION						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,796	\$ 1,796.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,501	\$ 2,501.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	87	\$ 87.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ 100.00	157	\$ 157.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,685	\$ 2,685.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,362	\$ 16,362.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,224	\$ 5,224.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,910	\$ 5,910.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,376	\$ 9,376.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,708	\$ 29,708.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	61,059	\$ 61,059.00	\$ 1,174.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	341	\$ 341.00	\$ 350.00	102.6%	\$ 1.03
VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,762	\$ 3,762.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,565	\$ 2,565.00	\$ 500.00	19.5%	\$ 0.19
Total:	\$ 92,425.75	141,533	\$ 141,533.00	\$ 2,149.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02

CENTRAL REGION						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,414	\$ 13,414.00	\$ 750.00	5.6%	\$ 0.06
INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,021	\$ 36,021.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,724	\$ 4,724.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,645	\$ 25,645.00	\$ 3,293.00	12.8%	\$ 0.13
MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	10,895	\$ 10,895.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,249	\$ 3,249.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	30,895	\$ 30,895.00	\$ 50.00	0.2%	\$ 0.00
WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,296	\$ 4,296.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 100,968.35	129,139	\$ 129,139.00	\$ 4,093.00	3.2%	\$ 0.03

WESTERN REGION						
ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,714	\$ 1,714.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,358	\$ 8,358.00	\$ 3,000.00	35.9%	\$ 0.36
CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	10,935	\$ 10,935.00	\$ 500.00	4.6%	\$ 0.05
HAWAII	\$ 830.00	114	\$ 114.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 200.00	646	\$ 646.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	375	\$ 375.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,513	\$ 1,513.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 475.00	387	\$ 387.00	\$ 300.00	77.5%	\$ 0.78
WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,589	\$ 2,589.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 69,301.56	26,709	\$ 26,709.00	\$ 3,800.00	14.2%	\$ 0.14

DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
SOUTHERN REGION						
ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,020	\$ 2,020.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	394	\$ 394.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,687	\$ 22,687.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,834	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,208	\$ 2,208.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,756	\$ 1,756.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	717	\$ 717.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,668	\$ 2,668.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,524	\$ 1,524.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,712	\$ 1,712.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,270	\$ 4,270.00	\$ 250.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
Total:	\$ 86,501.59	44,943	\$ 44,943.00	\$ 320.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,887	\$ 2,887.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,832	\$ 5,832.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MEXICO	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,057	\$ 1,057.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,767	\$ 6,767.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,528	\$ 1,528.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,008	\$ 1,008.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,396	\$ 1,396.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,591	\$ 1,591.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,622	\$ 5,622.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,205	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
Total:	\$ 70,888.39	28,925	\$ 28,925.00	\$ 122.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00

NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ -		
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 424,760.55	371,249	\$ 371,249.00	\$ 10,484.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: JUNE 23, 2023

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: JUNE 22, 2023 (CURRENT)



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