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Legion now sponsoring veteran gaming community

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Since first collaborating for [an online Call of Duty tournament in late 2021](#), The American Legion and REGIMENT Gaming have teamed up multiple times, including an [in-person Memorial Day tournament](#) and REGIMENT setting up a gaming station display [during the 2022 National Convention](#) in Milwaukee. REGIMENT also teamed with Paradox Customs [to provide a gaming station](#) to American Legion Post 3 in Moundsville, W.Va.

But the relationship between the nation's largest veterans service organization and the nation's largest veteran gaming community has now reached a new level. On July 1, it was announced that The American Legion is now the official veteran service organization of REGIMENT Gaming.

"This is a great opportunity for The American Legion to team with a growing entity in the veteran community, and one with a younger demographic," said Dean Kessel, The American Legion's Chief Marketing Officer. "While they joined as gamers, members of REGIMENT also are about looking out for each other and supporting each other. That's the mission of The American Legion, especially through our [Be the One](#) suicide-prevention initiative, so this is a great

way to share that mission across both organization's platforms."

REGIMENT co-founder and CEO Chris Earl said having the Legion partnered with his creation "is surreal. Everyone knows who The American Legion is and having them watching our six brings a lot of validity to what we're doing here. We are beyond grateful and excited for this opportunity.

"REGIMENT has done an amazing job at uniting veterans through the power of gaming, but now it's time to get these guys and girls to put down the controller and go outside and connect with veterans in person. Working with The American Legion and their posts is going to help us accomplish that."

Similar thoughts were shared by Regiment co-owner and President Brandon Hatfield, who called the partnership "a huge accomplishment for REGIMENT and something we have been working towards since the start of the organization. The American Legion is a name that I've known since I was young, so it's personally really cool to see our brands working together. "The American Legion was a brand on our radar since the start of REGIMENT, so I was hopeful to see an official partnership working together. We are working towards some of the same goals, and it's cool to see the Legion recognize gaming as a viable tool to unite veterans and servicemembers."

Earl said the average age of a REGIMENT member is 24 years old; both he and Hatfield feel the relationship between the gaming community and The American Legion can assist in the Legion's effort to bring in younger members.

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BE THE ONE

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Putting Be the One first

[Henry Howard](#) | July 3, 2023

American Legion Post 180 in Vienna, Va., celebrated the nation's birthday while conducting outreach to support those who swore to protect our nation with their lives.

More than 35 American Legion Family members and community supporters participated in the post's third annual Celebrate America 5K, which was combined with [The American Legion Be the One initiative](#). The July 1 run-walk event was among the initial post events held on the first of the month, intended to be a specific day to raise awareness in communities throughout the nation, per [Resolution 13](#), approved by the National Executive Committee.

The Be the One initiative's goal is to reduce the rate of veteran suicide by raising awareness about the issue, empowering everyone to take appropriate action, and connecting veterans with fitness and wellness opportunities. American Legion National Commander Vincent "James" Troiola has made the initiative a priority, encouraging posts and members to find ways to raise awareness in whatever way fits best in their communities.

"Fitness and wellness go hand-in-hand with the Be the One campaign," Post 180 First Vice Commander Dave Wallace said. "Be the One to listen. Be the One to reach out. Be the One to stop one veteran from committing suicide. Having the wellness side has been proven to be the key factor in an individual's mindset. So having this event just made sense."

Past National Commander Dan Dellinger was among the participants.

"Post 180 has taken to heart the program by National Commander Troiola," he said. "Be the One is very important to help stop veterans suicides. If you see something or hear something, say something."

Dellinger noted the post is aiming to bang a continuous drumbeat of spreading the word throughout the community.

"We have a large veterans community here," he explained. "We are going to try to do something on the first Saturday of every month to promote (Be the One.) We are going to try to continue to do this as much as possible."

After all, Dellinger concluded, Be the One drives toward the heart of The American Legion's dedication to helping fellow veterans.

"Every servicemember had a battle buddy. We stood beside them in battle. We need to make sure we stand beside them today."

Post member Mike Paruti organized the 5K, which started and ended at the post. Participants received information packets about the Be the One, which was also highlighted on the keepsake T-shirt. (Visit, access and download promotional materials at the [Be the One resources page](#).)

"Be the One is, of course, a very special message," said Paruti, noting that this year's 5K is the first held since 2019. "It's very special that we rebirth this event with the Be the One message. Hopefully, they take away that message and understand how easy it is to Be the

One. If you see any signs of where the message might apply, act on it."

Paruti was pleased with the turnout.

"It was great to have everyone come out, a mix of young, old, fast, slow, veterans, non-veterans. Everyone supports the military, which is great. But it's great to know that there are so many people who support our military, The American Legion, and our post in this community."

Vienna Mayor Linda Colbert was among Legion Family members and others from the community who walked the 5K.

"I love to support The American Legion and whatever event they are doing, and I love to be here and support them," she said. "I'm all about being healthy and doing things to support our town. I also love seeing people here being so patriotic."

Post 180 is the service organization with the longest tenure in its town, Wallace said. That dedication to community is seen in its various community events not just for the Fourth of July but throughout the year.

"This also allows us to show how we educate the children, our different programs that can reach out to them with Boys State, Junior Law Cadet program and others, and remind everyone who we are and what we can bring to the community," he explained.



Pentagon report: Military suicides rose in 1st quarter of 2023 compared to same time last year

Doug G. Ware/Stars and Stripes | July 7, 2023

Suicides in the active-duty military increased in the first three months of 2023 compared to the same time

last year, according to a newly released Pentagon report.

The Defense Suicide Prevention Office revealed in its quarterly report that the overall number of active-duty suicides — 94 — from January through March was up 25% compared to the number of troops — 75 — who took their own lives in the first three months of 2022.

“Every death by suicide is a tragedy,” according to the report. “Data includes all known or suspected suicides (both confirmed and pending) as of March 31, 2023.”

The Army had the greatest increase in suicide deaths, from 37 to 49. The Marine Corps increased from eight to 14. The Air Force had one additional suicide compared to 2022 and there was no change for the Navy or Space Force, the Defense Department report states. The 94 active-duty suicides are the most that the military has seen since 97 were reported in the second quarter of 2021. Among reserve troops and the National Guard, the report said suicide figures did not change between the first quarter of 2022 and the same period this year.

Pentagon data have shown a rise in military suicides in the past decade, including a significant spike in 2020 during the coronavirus pandemic, and the Defense Department has spent millions of dollars on efforts to try to prevent them.

In May, the department enacted the long-awaited [Brandon Act](#) to let troops seek mental health services confidentially and any time that they need it. It’s named after Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Caserta, who committed suicide in 2018. According to Defense Department data, there were almost 29 suicides per 100,000 troops in 2020 — up from 17.5 per 100,000 in 2010. That figure fell to 24.3 per 100,000 in 2021, but it still represented a serious uptick in suicides compared to most of the 2000s and 2010s.

“There is still a gradual increasing trend for suicide in the military over a 10-year period, and we need to see a sustained long-term reduction in suicide rates to know if we’re really making progress,” Beth Foster, executive director of the Pentagon’s Force Resiliency Office, said when the 2021 Annual Report on Suicide in the Military came out in the fall.

The Defense Suicide Prevention Office was created by a Pentagon task force in 2011 to find more effective suicide prevention methods. Earlier this year, the Pentagon’s Suicide Prevention and Response

Independent Review Committee, after studying the problem for a year, made several recommendations, including restricting troops’ access to firearms, imposing waiting periods for gun and ammunition purchases and raising the minimum age for buying both to 25. Firearms are used in about two-thirds of all active-duty military suicides, according to the Defense Department. The Pentagon is reviewing the recommendations.

The second quarter ended June 30 and the Defense Suicide Prevention Office traditionally doesn’t issue an updated suicide report covering that period until October. The Pentagon’s comprehensive yearly study on military suicides also is typically released in October. This year’s will analyze 2022.

“The numbers presented in this report are preliminary and subject to change as previously unknown suicide cases are reported and some known cases are further investigated,” the four-page report states. “Caution should be used when making comparisons across groups and/or interpreting changes in suicide counts across time.”

In addition to Pentagon-wide programs, each of the military services has its own suicide program designed to provide help for troubled troops. Further, the national suicide prevention hotline was [streamlined last year and became available by dialing 988](#). Pressing “1” after calling the number takes callers to the Veterans Crisis Line. Service members and veterans can also text 838255 or visit [VeteransCrisisLine.net](#) for help.

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Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

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You may or may not have heard, but The American Legion has finally granted our request to allow the Sons of The American Legion to Certify our own VAVS Representatives and Deputies at VA Hospitals and Medical Centers across the Country! This resolution was passed by the SAL at the Fall 2022 NEC Meeting, with subsequent approval by TAL at their Spring meetings. This has been a major undertaking by our VA&R Commission over the last couple of years, and is a major accomplishment for all of us with The Sons of The American Legion!

There is a large untapped need at every VA across the Country for volunteers, support, and the fulfillment of needs for our Veterans. This is now our opportunity to fill those needs without time delays, unnecessary red tape, and extraneous levels of approval that only delay our mission. Simply stated, a VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) Representative and/or Deputy appointment allows our Organization to have a "liaison" to a VA facility. That individual then communicates what needs there are to fill and what ways there are that we as Sons can help, in each and every VA.

Attached is a short brochure describing the role of a VAVS Representative and/or Deputy. It is a volunteer position that is available at EVERY VA FACILITY, with over 155 facilities in the U.S. Each VA can have 1 Representative from the SAL and multiple Deputies. The Sons of The American Legion is currently 1 of only 41 Veteran and/or Community Service Organizations that is authorized by the Dept. of Veteran Affairs to be a member of the National Advisory Council, providing these positions and services at VA facilities.

It has been a cumbersome process to appoint VAVS Representative and Deputies up to this point, but that has now ended with our new ability to certify these positions across the Country. A Certification form is also attached to this email. An appointment to a Representative or Deputy now only requires the approval of the Detachment Adjutant and Detachment VA&R Chairman. Note: Associate positions are for a Representative or Deputy who will be at a VA that is in a neighboring State from his Detachment.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, identify 1 or 2 individuals to serve in these capacities at your neighboring VA. If you have 5 facilities within your Detachment, then line-up members for each of the 5. This is such an important role, and is so important that we build on what we have. We currently have Representatives and/or Deputies in 31 VA facilities across the Country. **That means we need to fill the other 124!**

Please let us know if you have any questions, or need further assistance in making this happen.

Sincerely,

Gabe Cinquegrana, National VAVS Representative
National VA&R Commission Vice-Chairman

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Submit nominations for SAL George B. Evans Award by July 20

The American Legion | July 5, 2023

Nominations are due July 20 for the SAL George B. Evans Grassroots Veterans Advocate of the Year Award. If there is a winner, they will be announced at the SAL National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 25-27.

The award recognizes an SAL member who has performed outstanding service and made significant

contributions in time and effort to grassroots veterans advocacy work.

Award nominations may be submitted by any individual, squadron, district, or detachment. Nominees must have current good standing membership in the SAL for at least one year.

The nomination form is available [here](#).



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Sports

Palou's incredible roll continues with win at Mid-Ohio

The American Legion | July 3, 2023



Just when it seemed Chip Ganassi Racing's (CGR) Alex Palou couldn't look any more dominant, he did. And the result was another win in the No. 10 American Legion Honda.

In Sunday's Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, it was again Palou controlling the end of the race, to the point where the television broadcast was more focused on closer battles for positions eight and lower.

He wound up finishing 5.0242 seconds ahead of CGR teammate Scott Dixon, leading the final 24 laps of the race.

It was Palou's third straight win and fourth in five NTT INDYCAR SERIES races – three of those in Legion's Be the One No. 10. Only twice since 2016 has a driver won three straight races in the series, with the last being Dixon in 2020.

"Third win in a row for the No. 10 car, super special to do it here at Mid-Ohio where we've been good in the past," Palou said via CGR media. "We needed that win, and it's a special weekend for Honda. We had all the power and fuel mileage we needed to make our strategy work. We went long and just ran really fast lap times to get to Victory Lane. We did it and we're going to keep it going with The American Legion."

Palou took his first lead on lap 28, led again laps 31-53, and then took his final lead on lap 53 after passing polesitter Colton Herta and No. 2 qualifier Graham Rahal. His lead grew to as many as eight seconds the rest of the way.

"I had a good car and good strategy, honestly," Palou said. "We've got a really fast car, (but) we knew we needed to try something different to the guys starting up front – that's why we started on primary (tires). Everything went well. The strategy, the pit stops, and our pace was pretty good."

Palou's lead in the INDYCAR SERIES points standings ballooned to 110 points over the second-place Dixon. Also worth noting is the past three times an INDYCAR driver won three races in a row – Dixon in 2013 and 2020, and Simon Pagenaud in 2016 – they went on to take the series championship.

"I know we can have some good couple of races coming up now, and we'll still try and maximize (points), do the best we can and win when we can," Palou said. "So, yeah, try and get (the car) on top."

Rookie Marcus Armstrong had another strong weekend while carrying American Legion branding on his No. 11 Ridgeline Lubricants Honda. After qualifying 18th, he was able to move up nine spots by the close of the race, increasing his lead in the INDYCAR SERIES rookie points race.

"It was a good race," Armstrong said. "In the end, we made up a lot of track position there by just staying out and doing fast laps. We did that for the rest of the day, that same strategy, and it paid off. The team did a great job in pit lane. Blair, Eric, and the rest of the

crew did a great job on pit wall. I just drove as fast as I could, it turned out well, but we can do better next time."

Also carrying American Legion branding was Marcus Ericsson, who entered the race second in the points standings. But Ericsson was involved in an on-track incident with Felix Rosenqvist on the opening lap of the race that forced the No. 8 Huski Ice Spritz Honda back to the garage for repairs. After briefly returning to the race track at the halfway mark, the No. 8 car was forced to retire as a result of the damage sustained in the first lap crash, leading to a 27th-place finish. Ericsson still sits at fourth in the series championship.

"At the start, I thought I had more grip there, but bumped into Felix's tire and went over his car," Ericsson said. "It's very disappointing for the No. 8 car and crew, as well as Felix. It was never my intention, obviously, so I feel really bad for him. Congrats to the team on the 1-2 finish."

In the INDY NXT race earlier in the day, Chip Ganassi Racing developmental driver Kyffin Simpson recorded his best finish of the season and put together maybe his best overall weekend behind the wheel of the No. 21 HMD Motorsports/Ridgeline Lubricants featuring American Legion branding. After topping the weekend's second practice session, Simpson was able to qualify third for the Firestone Grand Prix at Mid-Ohio.

Simpson ran near the top of the field the entire race and then used a late restart to pass Christian Rasmussen and score a second-place finish behind Louis Foster. The performance moved Simpson from 13th to ninth in the INDY NXT points standings.

"The HMD crew gave me a great car this weekend," Simpson posted on Instagram. "I felt comfortable from the first lap and even with all the safety cars, rain, and the pressure from behind, we didn't make any mistakes. Hard but fair racing all round and I gave it everything chasing Louis down for the win. Didn't quite have enough laps to get there... P2."

Next up for CGR and the rest of INDYCAR is the Honda Indy Toronto street course on Sunday, July 16.

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"Gaming is a powerful industry that brings people together, and this community helps people overcome obstacles in their life," Hatfield said. "It's a unique way to allow REGIMENT to grow The American Legion. REGIMENT started from nothing just a few years ago to becoming one of the largest gaming communities in the industry, and we aim to help bridge the gap for the Legion and veteran gamers.

"The Legion's resources and connections will help REGIMENT expand and offer even better support for our veterans. I look forward to the collaboration of our two brands and can't wait to see veteran lives changed because of this partnership."

Already, members of REGIMENT have taken to social media to share news of them joining a local American Legion post. The goal, Earl said, is to grow that relationship.

"Both organizations are extremely different, but at the end of the day, we all have the same mission," Earl said. "I look forward to working with post commanders to bring gaming to posts across the country."

While growing membership is one goal of the Legion within this partnership, it's also an opportunity to share the mission and work of the Legion across a new audience.

"REGIMENT will be sharing American Legion-related messaging across their social channels as a way of amplifying the important work of The American Legion and our Be The One mission, while encouraging veterans and servicemembers to join us," Kessel said. "This is a win-win for both sides of this partnership, and we look forward to seeing it flourish."



Squadron Everlasting

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Robin W. "Rob" Brewer



Robin W. Brewer, known to his friends and family as Rob, unexpectedly departed this world for

the big Shoe in the sky on July 1, 2023. If the kind of man he was determined his seat, then Rob is surely in a VIP box, looking down on us playing this game of life and cheering our every big gain.

For all his gruff and sarcastic exterior, Rob was above all else a supporter, someone who would give every ounce of his time and his energy to the people and things he loved. Yes, Rob loved the Buckeyes like a religion and bled scarlet and gray, but Ohio State football was only one of his many loves. For over twenty years, he volunteered with the American Legion raising money for causes such as The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and the Special Olympics. He held national, state, and district office positions for the Sons of The American Legion, and was Detachment of Ohio Commander in 2007-2008. He was also a member of the Elks, Polish, and Grafton VFW.

The reason Rob put so much heart into their success was to honor his father. When Rob loved you, or even liked you, he'd give you all the effort he could give. He knew that the best way to show how much you care is to simply show up when you're really needed. Maybe he learned that from all the Hallmark Christmas movies he binged every year.

Those who knew Rob also know he was a grill-master without compare, someone who had his own cult following for his regionally famous Brewer Burgers. Making burgers was a way to connect with the people he loved. Every Brewer Burger was a token of just how much Rob cared, even when it seemed like he was the coolest, most cavalier guy in the room.

If you were in Rob's inner circles, you had to expect that he'd shoot some sarcastic arrows at you, but you also knew there was nothing he wouldn't do for you when the chips

were down. It was a trait that made him someone everyone loved. It was what made him a great son, a great father, a great husband, a great Papa, and a great friend. It was what made him a good man, and why he's in that VIP box in the sky right now.

Rob is survived by his mother, Ruth Nichols; wife, Barbara (nee: Nutter); children, Joe (Brenda); Justin (Emily), Blake (Dana), Erin (Kurt) Fawver, Abby (Anthony) Earl, and 15 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father, Lemuel Brewer and stepfather Gordon (Pepaw) Nichols.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 4 PM until the time of service at 7 PM at the Laubenthal Mercado Funeral Home, 38475 Chestnut Ridge Road, (at St RT 57) Elyria, OH 44035.

The Sons of American Legion will officiate. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.laubenthalmercado.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Laubenthal Mercado Funeral Home in Elyria.

To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Robin W. "Rob" Brewer, please [visit our floral store](#).

Roger John Michael



Roger John "Kat" Michael, age 74, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., died on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at his home.

Born February 13, 1949 in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., he was the son of the late Paul Roger and Mary Catherine Weaver Michael.

He was a Christian.

Kat was a 1967 class graduate of Berkeley Springs High School.

He was a mechanic at Crown Cork & Seal in Winchester, Va. and retired after 39 years of service.

He was a 39-year member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #60 in Berkeley Springs, where he was serving as the current commander. He was past WV SAL Detachment Commander. Kat is

best known for every patriotic holiday by putting up flags in Berkeley Springs and volunteering at his local post with helping the veterans. He was a member of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1483 in Berkeley Springs, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #9760 in Berryville, Va., Williamsport Red Men Conococheague Tribe 84 in Williamsport, Md., Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4244 in Berkeley Springs, where he served as past worthy president. Kat was also a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 694 in Hagerstown, Md., Sorry Souls Motorcycle Club, where he was a founding member and the International Association of Machinist & Aero Space Worker Lodge #10.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren, watching television, socializing, and watching football and NASCAR.

Kat is survived by his wife of 47 years, Deborah Kay Shaw Michael, at home, his four sons, Eric James Michael and his wife Lea of Williamsport, Md., Christian Paul Michael and his wife, Jenny, Lucius Todd Michael and his wife, Heather and Josh William Michael and his wife, Gretchen, all of Berkeley Springs, two sisters, Shirley Esther Waugh of Berkeley Springs and Ann Lucille McKinney of Inwood, W.Va., 13 grandchildren, Deven Morris, Lucius Michael, Jr., Casey Michael, Charli Michael, Clara Michael, Andi Michael, Lilly Michael, Maddie Close, Lily Close, all of Berkeley Springs, Laken Michael and Lucas Michael, both of Williamsport, Cody Michael of Hagerstown, Md. and Josh Michael II of Camp Lejeune, N.C., one great grandson, Camden Morris of Berkeley Springs and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 95 Union Street, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., with Andrew J. Berens officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kat's memory may be made to Sons of the American Legion Detachment of West Virginia, c/o Scholarship Committee, PO Box 3191, Charleston, WV 25332.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com.

Derek E. Reep



Derek E. Reep, 71, of Fairview, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023, while under the care of UPMC Shadyside with his loved ones by his side.

Born on July 3, 1951, he was the son of the late Claire "Tay" Reep and the late Margaret (Edwards) Reep.

He graduated from Karns City High School in 1969 and attended both Westminster College and Butler County Community College. Derek spent his life running his own excavation business. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing whenever he could and was a lifetime member and director of the VDSSA (Valley Dam Sportsman Snowmobile Association), as well as a member of the West Sunbury Sons of The American Legion.

Derek was a renowned and respected local musician and loved playing music of all genres. He shared his talent with the local music scene for more than 50 years, where he touched the lives of many.

Surviving are his children, Brandon (Nikki) of Hooker, Pa., Ryan "Packy" (Nicole) of Harmony and Jason (Jackie) of Street, Md.; his brothers and sisters, Linda of Petrolia, Carl (Carla) of North Washington, Pa., Karen (Dave) of North Washington, Pa., and Paul (Diane) of West Sunbury; his girlfriend, Donna Taylor of Norwich, N.Y.; and his grandchildren, Hunter, Parker, Cameron, Madysen, Rayne, Hope, Cash, Cruze, McKenzie, Cole and Lucas.

Derek was preceded in death by his longtime furry companion, Zeb.

Honoring his wishes, the family is planning a small private memorial service, but plans to have a celebration of life for Derek in the near future for all friends and family.

In lieu of expressions of sympathy, the family has asked that anyone who may have videos, pictures or stories of Derek playing over the years to email them to picsof-derekreep@yahoo.com.

Condolences may be offered at www.spencerdgeibel.com.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Joseph Michael Fuller



Joseph "Joe" Michael Fuller, 69, of Montrose, IA passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023.

Joe was born on August 20, 1953 to John Michael "Mickey" and Peggy Fuller.

Joe was a graduate of Keokuk High School class of 1971 and Southeastern Community College. On October 1, 1976 he married Jeanne Morgan in Keokuk, Iowa. Together they raised their son, Jeremiah (Jay).

Joe worked as a car salesman the majority of his adult years at various stores but ending at Jim Baier, Inc. He then started his own business, Chip Shot, and continued working at various dealerships in Quincy and Ft. Madison.

Joe was an avid boater and NAS-CAR fan. He enjoyed vacationing in Isla Mujeres, Mexico and made many lifelong friends there. Joe was a member of the Keokuk Yacht Club, Southside Boat Club, Elks Lodge 106, Knights of Columbus, and Sons of The American Legion.

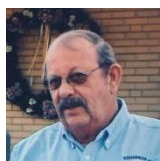
Joe is survived by his wife, Jeanne of forty-six years, his adored son, Jay (Tracey), three grandchildren that were his world, Emily (Isaiah), Kennedy (Evan aka... Devin, Kevin, Derrick) and Brody. He is also survived by his brother, Jeff (Louise) Fuller and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John "Mickey" and Peggy Fuller and one brother, Christopher Fuller.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, July 7, 2023 at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa with Father Joe Roost officiating. A procession will leave the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA at 3:45 p.m. Following the graveside, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Keokuk Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Southeastern Iowa Regional Hospice, St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Daniel R. Barefoot



Daniel R. Barefoot, 75, of Bedford, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at his home.

He was born on November 21, 1947, son of Joseph Earl Barefoot and Pauline May (Hostetler) Barefoot.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother Dr. James Earl Barefoot Sr.; sister Dorothy Jean (Barefoot) Windham; sister Lola Mae (Barefoot) Felton; and sister Mary Jane "Janie" (Barefoot) Rizzo.

Daniel is survived by his wife Elizabeth (McGill) Barefoot; his children, Ray Gerald Barefoot of Erie; Kimberly Sue Barefoot of Fishertown; Christopher Klemstine and Wife Christine of Delmont, PA; brothers Joseph Robert Barefoot of New Paris and Arthur Jay Barefoot of Alum Bank; sister Martha Kay (Barefoot) Dull of Alum Bank; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Daniel was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 113 Bedford; Free and Accepted Masons Hollidaysburg Lodge 220; Jaffa Shriners; Redmen Club 507, Everett; VFW Auxiliary Fort Bedford Post 7527.

Daniel worked at New Enterprise Stone and Lime for 44 years as a heavy equipment operator.

A celebration of life is to be scheduled by the family at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.jedwardblackburnfh.com.

Arrangements by the J. Edward Blackburn Funeral Home.

James Allen Livers

James "Jim" Allen Livers, age 69, of Osgood, passed away on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at his residence. Jim was born on December 30, 1953, in Tell City, Indiana. The son of the late Amos Livers and Ada (Hawkins) in Tell City, Indiana.

Jim was a carpenter by trade. There was nothing he couldn't build. He and his crew built many homes in the area.

Anyone who knew Jim knew he was most comfortable riding his Harley and being with his friends and family. He was a (25 year) member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a (25 year) member of The Sons of the

American Legion, a (40 year) member of Harley of Cochran, and a longtime member of Indiana Abate Region 7.

He will be missed by his two sons; Jim Livers of Osgood, IN; and Brian Livers of Frankfort, IN; his stepson Thad (Carie) Rigdon of Milan, IN; brother Bob (Carol) Livers of Brookville, IN; sisters Sharon (Charlie) Kohlman of Napoleon, IN; Sheila (Cliff) King of St Peters, IN; and stepsister Melody Nicholson- Gault (Dennis Gault); several grandchildren and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Judy Livers, his parents, Amos Livers and Ada (Hawkins); stepfather Raymond Nicholson, brothers Joe and Gerald Livers, and stepson Mark Rigdon.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, from 3-5 pm with funeral services starting at 5 pm at Neal's Funeral Home in Osgood, IN. Memorials can be made to the Harley of Cochran Scholarship Fund in the care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be placed at www.Nealsfuneralhome.net.

Daniel I. Isley

Daniel I. Isley, 69, of Delphi, passed away unexpectedly at 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi, where he had resided for the past three years.

Dan was born Jan. 26, 1954, in Lafayette, to Vernon and Eva Bougher Isley. He graduated from Delphi Community High School in 1972. He was formerly married to Linda S. Dubes of Delphi; they married on Jan. 14, 1989, and she survives.

In his early working years, Dan was employed by McCormick Farms of Delphi. He then owned and operated, The Office Tavern in Delphi for 32 years, before retiring.

He was a lifetime member of Delphi American Legion Post 75 and a member of the Delphi VFW 9383, the Sons of The American Legion, and the Monticello Eagles Lodge.

Dan loved auto racing and had a modified race car, #17. He raced at Benton County Speedway and was known as "Digger Dan." He enjoyed living on the river, boating, fishing, and other river activities. He loved hosting fish fries at his home and during the Christmas holiday making eggnog was always his thing to do. He enjoyed cruising the horn with his family and friends and loved to be outdoors.

Dan dearly loved his family and many friends.

Surviving are his brother, George Isley of Delphi; bonus daughter, Debbie Barnard (Cory) of Fishers; granddaughters, Mia and Harper Barnard; cousin Steve Isley, niece Kim Isley, nephew Eric Isley, great-niece, Mady Isley; and great-nephew Tristin Isley, all of Delphi; and his good friend, John McFadden of Delphi. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Abbott Funeral Home, Inc., Delphi, is assisting the family with arrangements.

To view his obituary or send an online condolence to the family, visit www.abbottfuneralhome.com.

Lester C. Cronk



Lester C. Cronk, 70, died Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Born in Hackensack, NJ, Mr. Cronk resided in

Elmwood Park for the last 46 years. He had been employed and retired from the Cedar Grove Board of Education. Previously, he was employed at Farenkopf Chevrolet and Ray Catena Chevrolet as a master mechanic. He was also employed at DeLuxe Check Printers. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed attending car shows and driving his '62 Corvette.

Mr. Cronk was a parishioner of St. Mary's Assumption RC Church, Passaic and was a member of the Sons of The American Legion, Post #136 of Lodi.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lester H. and Mary (nee Tichacek) Cronk.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Corinne Carriero; his three children, Brian Cronk and his wife, Alison of Saddle Brook, Paul Cronk and his wife, Livia of Ridgewood and Jamie Joannides and her husband, Evan of Hawthorne; and his five grandchildren, Emma, Luke, Joan and Charles Cronk and Amelia Joannides.

Visitation will be 2-6 pm Sunday at Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home, 515 Lexington Ave., Clifton. Funeral 9:15 am Monday from the funeral home and 10:00 am at St. Mary RC Church, 63 Monroe St., Passaic. Entombment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Saddle Brook, NJ. Memorial contributions may be made to: NYU

Langone Alzheimer's Research Center or by mail: NYU Langone Health (<https://shorturl.at/doqvP>), Office of Development and Alumni Relations, One Park Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Please write this info on your check: AP ND22F35E AL SOM0153C2310055555NYUPRJ.

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William J. Bender III

Christine Barirad | July 6, 2023



William Joseph Bender III, lifelong resident of the Village of Babylon and member of the Babylon Fire Department died on May 16, 2023. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Bender grew up on Park Avenue in Babylon Village. His family said he loved the close-knit community and the people from his adopted family and cared for him as if he was one of their own, particularly the Kalpins, Mastros, Griesmers, Albaneses, and Culberts. He grew up playing Little League Baseball for Babylon and also enjoyed wiffleball games, pool parties and the way everyone on Park Avenue put up Christmas lights, said his family. "He knew Babylon was a special place," said his wife, Karen Bender. "He appreciated every part of living there."

Mr. Bender was a 1978 graduate of Babylon High School where he was a member of the band, Varsity football and baseball teams. Two years after graduation, he joined the Babylon Village Fire Department. He worked at Babylon Central Fire Alarm as a dispatcher, and then in 1982 began working for New York City EMS, becoming a paramedic as a member of the New York City EMS Bellevue Class #3, in 1985. After leaving New York City EMS, he worked for Suffolk County Medical Control as Operator #17, first at Good Samaritan Hospital, then moving to Stony Brook University Hospital in 1992 until his retirement in 2017. "My dad was always proud that he was one of the first six paramedics in Suffolk County when they started the pilot program," said his son William IV.

Mr. Bender remained an active paramedic in Suffolk County and was a member of the Babylon Fire Department for 43 years up until he was diagnosed with Lymphoma in 2022. "He was one of the best paramedics I have ever known," said Chief Matthew Arundale. "He was

the first one to step up and he was always there if anyone needed any help or advice about anything." Mr. Bender was a firefighter, paramedic, ex-captain of the Babylon Fire Patrol, ex-captain of the Rescue Squad and served as a warden for the Fire Council for many years. "It's a huge loss on all levels," said Arundale.

He also served as the Department of EMS coordinator for Babylon Village and on multiple committees during his tenure with the department. "He lived a life of service," said Mrs. Bender. "He could often be found at the firehouse, spending time visiting, "holding court" and giving advice to younger members. He wanted them all to do well in life, always encouraged them and tried to help them get good jobs. He was always willing to help anyone who needed it."

Mr. Bender was a 9/11 first responder along with many other volunteers from the Town of Babylon. His wife said his greatest legacy was instilling a sense of community into his four sons, who are following the example of service that he first set. "He was dedicated to our family, but his Stonybrook and the Babylon Fire Department families were his second loves," she said, adding, "He was very passionate about the Babylon Rescue Squad's mission of caring for people."

He was an active member of St. Joseph's Church, and a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 94 in Babylon. When he was not working, he enjoyed traveling on vacations with his family to Lake George, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida and would reach out to former Babylon friends when he visited those places. He loved going to the movies and driving around the Village "on patrol," with friends and family, just enjoying where he lived.

He was a lifelong New York Mets fan and enjoyed all things from the 1970s era, especially the music and classic muscle cars. When he was in high school, he played the trumpet in the school band and also in a rock band for Babylon High School Presents, the annual talent show. Since he could read music, he later taught himself how to play the bass guitar. He was also a part of the band for the Babylon Fire Department. "He loved music so much," said his wife. "His favorite group was Chicago for the big band sound, and he would always sing the bass lines in his other favorite 70s songs."

His wife Karen said he passed on his love for music as well as

baseball to his sons and grandsons. "He loved watching his sons grow up in the town he loved, playing on the same fields he played on," said his wife adding that he could often be found watching their practices from the sidelines and would never miss a game. "Watching his children play baseball, football, wrestle and play soccer was such a joy, and he was looking forward to watching his grandsons play," she said. "I am sure now he will always be watching them from above."

He is survived by his wife Karen A. Bender of Babylon; sons: William J. Bender IV and his wife Vicky of Babylon, Joseph Bender and his girlfriend Alyse of Staten Island, James Bender of Babylon and Michael Bender of Babylon; grandsons William J. Bender V and Justin Bender, his sister Ruth Davis, and her husband David of Colts Neck, New Jersey, his brother-in-law William Costanzo of Babylon, and his sister-in-law Gina Polites of Wantagh. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

William J. Bender III was predeceased by his sister, Susan Costanzo, and his brother Andrew Polites.

He reposed at Claude R. Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home, 448 West Main Street in Babylon on May 20 and 21, 2023. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Babylon on May 22, 2023. Burial will be private.

Donations in his honor may be made c/o Babylon Fire Department Rescue Squad, 153 West Main Street, Babylon, NY 11702.



Sons of the American Legion Membership Application

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Or (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

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IMPACT REPORT: Legion claims reps on torrid pace

The American Legion | July 6, 2023

The American Legion's accredited service officers and appeals representatives are delivering for the nation's disabled veterans. After a 2022 that saw caseloads and compensation spike, the Legion's claims experts were on pace for another record year, assisting veterans free of charge, in their applications for disability benefits and cases when VA decisions are disputed.

The Legion also finished the 2022-23 membership year with more than 77,000 new faces, recruited traditionally into local posts. That number exceeded the goal set by American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola when he was elected last September.

Scholarship dollars, flag queries and congressional testimony on the need to reduce veteran suicide rates topped the June 2023 Membership Impact Report.

[To see the whole report, as well as those from previous months, click here.](#)



Left to right: Post 167 Vice Commander Gary Woodring, Commander Larry Morrison, Sheriff Davenport, and Service Officer Bruce Kendrick.

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Georgia Legion post helps law enforcement provide life-saving care

The American Legion | July 6, 2023

American Legion Post 167 in Chatsworth, Ga., wanted to help the local law enforcement with an immediate need they had. Post Commander Larry Morrison called Sheriff Jimmy Davenport and asked what his officers needed – 47 advanced trauma kits for each officer’s vehicle was the answer.

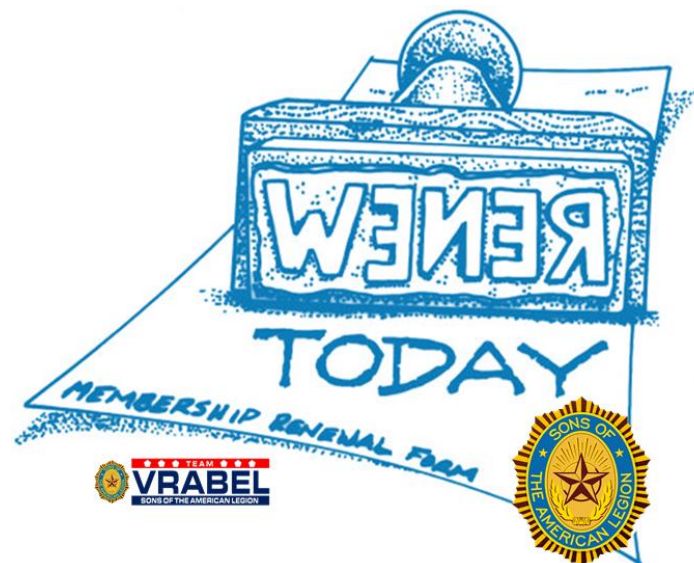
At a cost of \$8,200, Post 167 recently presented Davenport the 47 trauma kits.

“We couldn’t think of a better institution in our local community to support,” Morrison said. “About 60% of the time, they’re (police officers) there before the ambulance gets there so it was imperative that they have this training and that they had the equipment to accomplish their mission” of providing life-saving care.

The 47 deputies who will benefit from the trauma kits have received advanced training in first aid and will soon complete training equivalent to that of emergency medical technicians, Morrison said, adding that Davenport was very grateful for the donation.

“When (Davenport) told me how much money it was going to be (per kit) he didn’t expect me to say, ‘let’s go ahead and order them,’” said Morrison, who served as a military policeman in the Army. “He was kind of astonished.

“We really couldn’t think of a better charity to give to that would help our citizens.”



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#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 7/26/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-38	119	154.55%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-163	1,593	116.96%	90.13
4	PHILIPPINES	70	-5	78	111.43%	110.29
5	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-87	2,567	108.68%	87.16
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-123	4,837	107.73%	88.70
7	OREGON	1,414	-33	1,518	107.36%	81.34
8	NEVADA	357	-8	383	107.28%	80.49
9	ALASKA	1,608	-31	1,719	106.90%	82.40
10	COLORADO	2,729	-41	2,906	106.49%	85.99
11	MICHIGAN	24,271	-360	25,845	106.49%	91.14
12	ARIZONA	8,004	-88	8,492	106.10%	81.90
13	FLORIDA	21,519	-160	22,755	105.74%	83.81
14	VIRGINIA	4,109	8	4,306	104.79%	86.54
15	WASHINGTON	2,485	7	2,602	104.71%	79.23
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	9	1,538	104.41%	86.06
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	35	5,926	104.39%	88.73
18	NEW MEXICO	1,483	14	1,543	104.05%	80.01
19	DELAWARE	2,430	26	2,526	103.95%	86.34
20	OKLAHOMA	1,348	17	1,398	103.71%	79.89
21	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
22	FRANCE	158	3	163	103.16%	92.95
23	CALIFORNIA	10,714	218	11,032	102.97%	83.10
24	WISCONSIN	4,187	90	4,306	102.84%	86.80
25	MAINE	2,617	63	2,685	102.60%	86.67
26	MARYLAND	16,058	440	16,421	102.26%	89.65
27	TENNESSEE	1,718	51	1,753	102.04%	80.08
28	TEXAS	5,569	194	5,653	101.51%	79.64
29	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
30	MISSOURI	3,219	117	3,263	101.37%	84.74
31	OHIO	30,636	1,175	30,993	101.17%	90.88
32	NEW JERSEY	9,386	393	9,462	100.81%	87.19
33	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,603	61,240	100.72%	90.12
34	IDAHO	644	30	646	100.31%	79.11
35	NEW YORK	29,864	1,428	29,929	100.22%	89.35
36	ILLINOIS	13,398	651	13,417	100.14%	88.61
37	MISSISSIPPI	722	39	719	99.58%	80.25
38	INDIANA	36,387	2,105	36,101	99.21%	88.56
39	VERMONT	3,818	222	3,787	99.19%	88.29
40	KANSAS	5,919	353	5,862	99.04%	86.90
41	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	177	2,686	98.50%	78.22
42	LOUISIANA	1,790	118	1,762	98.44%	85.60
43	IOWA	4,857	332	4,768	98.17%	84.63
44	ALABAMA	2,066	141	2,028	98.16%	82.36
45	CONNECTICUT	1,867	150	1,810	96.95%	84.19
46	MINNESOTA	11,378	934	11,013	96.79%	86.80
47	NEBRASKA	7,015	580	6,786	96.74%	90.94
48	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	456	5,258	96.62%	83.19
49	MONTANA	1,108	104	1,059	95.58%	87.31
50	UTAH	449	42	429	95.55%	71.55
51	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	101	1,008	95.45%	82.89
52	WYOMING	1,298	151	1,212	93.37%	80.92
53	ARKANSAS	447	75	394	88.14%	72.34
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	529	2,210	84.71%	70.10
55	DIST OF COL	114	32	88	77.19%	60.18
Grand Totals:		367,798	13,068	373,120	101.45%	87.59

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	119	154.55%
PHILIPPINES	70	78	111.43%
OREGON	1,414	1,518	107.36%
NEVADA	357	383	107.28%
ALASKA	1,608	1,719	106.90%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,492	106.10%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,602	104.71%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	11,032	102.97%
IDAHO	644	646	100.31%
UTAH	449	429	95.55%
Totals:	25,822	27,018	104.63%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,593	116.96%
COLORADO	2,729	2,906	106.49%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,543	104.05%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,398	103.71%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
TEXAS	5,569	5,653	101.51%
KANSAS	5,919	5,862	99.04%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,786	96.74%
MONTANA	1,108	1,059	95.58%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,008	95.45%
WYOMING	1,298	1,212	93.37%
Totals:	28,918	29,052	100.46%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,845	106.49%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,306	102.84%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,263	101.37%
OHIO	30,636	30,993	101.17%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,417	100.14%
INDIANA	36,387	36,101	99.21%
IOWA	4,857	4,768	98.17%
MINNESOTA	11,378	11,013	96.79%
Totals:	128,333	129,706	101.07%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,567	108.68%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,926	104.39%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,526	103.95%
FRANCE	158	163	103.16%
MAINE	2,617	2,685	102.60%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,421	102.26%
RHODE ISLAND	336	341	101.49%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,462	100.81%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,240	100.72%
NEW YORK	29,864	29,929	100.22%
VERMONT	3,818	3,787	99.19%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,810	96.95%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,258	96.62%
DIST OF COL	114	88	77.19%
Totals:	140,932	142,203	100.90%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,837	107.73%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,755	105.74%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,306	104.79%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,538	104.41%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,753	102.04%
MISSISSIPPI	722	719	99.58%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,686	98.50%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,762	98.44%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,028	98.16%
ARKANSAS	447	394	88.14%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,210	84.71%
Totals:	43,793	45,141	103.08%



07/06/23		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	27,018	1,196	104.63%	124	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,141	1,348	103.08%	38	05/17/23
3	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,706	1,373	101.07%	185	06/12/23
4	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,203	1,271	100.90%	253	06/15/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,052	134	100.46%	31	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	373,120	5,322	101.45%	507	06/08/23

07/06/23		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	25,845	1,574	106.49%	7	91.14%	11	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,306	119	102.84%	2	86.80%	24	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,263	44	101.37%	-	84.74%	30	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,993	357	101.17%	57	90.88%	31	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,417	19	100.14%	2	88.61%	36	06/15/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,101	(286)	99.21%	12	88.56%	38	
7	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,768	(89)	98.17%	-	84.63%	43	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	11,013	(365)	96.79%	105	86.80%	46	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,706	1,373	101.07%	185		3	06/12/23

07/06/23		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	119	42	154.55%	-	100.00%	1	10/10/22
2	Phillippines 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	1,518	104	107.36%	1	81.34%	7	04/17/23
4	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	383	26	107.28%	8	80.49%	8	05/08/23
5	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,719	111	106.90%	-	82.40%	9	06/05/23
6	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,492	488	106.10%	107	81.90%	12	05/15/23
7	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,602	117	104.71%	1	79.23%	15	06/01/23
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	11,032	318	102.97%	3	83.10%	23	06/01/23
9	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Q	644	646	2	100.31%	-	79.11%	34	06/22/23
10	Utah 5	449	429	(20)	95.55%	4	71.55%	50	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	27,018	1,196	104.63%	124		1	05/29/23

07/06/23		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	4,837	347	107.73%	2	88.70%	6	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,755	1,236	105.74%	11	83.81%	13	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,306	197	104.79%	17	86.54%	14	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,538	65	104.41%	7	86.06%	16	05/15/23
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1,718	1,753	35	102.04%	-	80.08%	27	
7	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	719	(3)	99.58%	-	80.25%	37	
8	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,686	(41)	98.50%	1	78.22%	41	
9	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,762	(28)	98.44%	-	85.60%	42	
10	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,028	(38)	98.16%	-	82.36%	44	
11	Arkansas 1	447	394	(53)	88.14%	-	72.34%	53	
12	Kentucky	2,609	2,210	(399)	84.71%	-	70.10%	54	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,141	1,348	103.08%	38		2	05/17/23

07/06/23		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	1,593	231	116.96%	1	90.13%	3	02/09/23
2	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,906	177	106.49%	-	85.99%	10	05/15/23
3	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,543	60	104.05%	14	80.01%	18	06/15/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,398	50	103.71%	-	79.89%	20	05/11/23
5	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	21	03/13/23
6	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,653	84	101.51%	12	79.64%	28	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,862	(57)	99.04%	2	86.90%	40	
8	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,786	(229)	96.74%	2	90.94%	47	
9	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,059	(49)	95.58%	-	87.31%	49	
10	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,008	(48)	95.45%	-	82.89%	51	
11	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,212	(86)	93.37%	-	80.92%	52	
	TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,052	134	100.46%	16		5	

07/06/23		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	2,567	205	108.68%	2	87.16%	5	04/17/23
2	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,926	249	104.39%	10	88.73%	17	06/09/23
3	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,526	96	103.95%	2	86.34%	19	05/08/23
4	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	158	163	5	103.16%	-	92.95%	22	06/26/23
5	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,685	68	102.60%	-	86.67%	25	05/22/23
6	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,421	363	102.26%	51	89.65%	26	05/17/23
7	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	29	05/08/23
8	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,462	76	100.81%	140	87.19%	32	07/06/23
9	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,240	437	100.72%	20	90.12%	33	06/12/23
10	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	29,929	65	100.22%	27	89.35%	35	06/29/23
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,787	(31)	99.19%	1	88.29%	39	
12	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,810	(57)	96.95%	-	84.19%	45	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,258	(184)	96.62%	-	83.19%	48	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	88	(26)	77.19%	-	60.18%	55	
	TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,203	1,271	100.90%	253		4	06/15/23

07/06/23		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	25,845	1,574	106.49%	7	91.14%	11	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,755	1,236	105.74%	11	83.81%	13	04/24/23
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,993	357	101.17%	57	90.88%	31	06/12/23
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,240	437	100.72%	20	90.12%	33	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	29,929	65	100.22%	27	89.35%	35	06/29/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,101	(286)	99.21%	12	88.56%	38	
	TOTALS	179,209	181,018	1,809	101.01%	127			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	373,120	5,322	101.45%	631	87.59%		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 July 7, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
OHIO	307	147	47.9%
TENNESSEE	46	21	45.7%
MARYLAND	102	35	34.3%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
OREGON	34	11	32.4%
WYOMING	25	8	32.0%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
IOWA	152	44	28.9%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	17	27.4%
ALASKA	22	6	27.3%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
MONTANA	51	12	23.5%
NEW MEXICO	34	8	23.5%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	17	23.3%
WISCONSIN	125	29	23.2%
FLORIDA	190	44	23.2%
IDAHO	26	6	23.1%
INDIANA	294	67	22.8%
ALABAMA	68	15	22.1%
MISSISSIPPI	44	9	20.5%
CONNECTICUT	50	10	20.0%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
ARIZONA	78	15	19.2%
CALIFORNIA	210	40	19.0%
ILLINOIS	284	52	18.3%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
COLORADO	63	9	14.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	7	14.3%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	65	13.9%
OKLAHOMA	96	13	13.5%
GEORGIA	119	16	13.4%
KANSAS	128	17	13.3%
NEW YORK	581	74	12.7%
NEBRASKA	161	19	11.8%
MICHIGAN	209	24	11.5%
NEW JERSEY	211	22	10.4%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
MAINE	72	7	9.7%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
TEXAS	253	24	9.5%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
LOUISIANA	73	6	8.2%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
MINNESOTA	267	19	7.1%
WASHINGTON	71	5	7.0%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	11	5.6%
MISSOURI	118	6	5.1%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	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	5878	1028	17.5%

Regional Breakdown as of July 7, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	307	147	47.9%
IOWA	152	44	28.9%
WISCONSIN	125	29	23.2%
INDIANA	294	67	22.8%
ILLINOIS	284	52	18.3%
MICHIGAN	209	24	11.5%
MINNESOTA	267	19	7.1%
MISSOURI	118	6	5.1%
Totals	1756	388	22.1%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
WYOMING	25	8	32.0%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
MONTANA	51	12	23.5%
NEW MEXICO	34	8	23.5%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
COLORADO	63	9	14.3%
OKLAHOMA	96	13	13.5%
KANSAS	128	17	13.3%
NEBRASKA	161	19	11.8%
TEXAS	253	24	9.5%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
Totals	644	106	16.5%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OREGON	34	11	32.4%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
ALASKA	22	6	27.3%
IDAHO	26	6	23.1%
ARIZONA	78	15	19.2%
CALIFORNIA	210	40	19.0%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
WASHINGTON	71	5	7.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
Totals	1802	273	15.1%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
MARYLAND	102	35	34.3%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	17	27.4%
CONNECTICUT	50	10	20.0%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	7	14.3%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	65	13.9%
NEW YORK	581	74	12.7%
NEW JERSEY	211	22	10.4%
MAINE	72	7	9.7%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	11	5.6%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	263	14.1%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	46	21	45.7%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	17	23.3%
FLORIDA	190	44	23.2%
ALABAMA	68	15	22.1%
MISSISSIPPI	44	9	20.5%
GEORGIA	119	16	13.4%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
LOUISIANA	73	6	8.2%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
Totals	840	153	18.2%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5878	1028	17.5%
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%



Types of Volunteers

- Regular Scheduled Volunteers – Individuals that participate on a regularly scheduled assignment under VA supervision and have completed the background check process.
- Occasional Volunteers – Those that do not meet the requirements of Regular Scheduled, ie; special events or patient activities helpers.

Traditional Volunteer Assignments

- Patient escort
- VTN drivers
- Red Coat Ambassadors
- Friendly visits/Hospice Care
- Clerical positions
- Chaplain Services
- Pharmacy
- Recreation therapy

Other Volunteer Assignments

- Fundraisers off/on station
- Gardening
- Monthly Birthdays
- Audiology/Pharmacy helpers
- Bingo or other activities

Services rendered for functions performed other than those assigned by the VA in the Volunteer assignment given, are not credited hours for the VA's records, but may be accounted for by the affiliated Organization of the Volunteer



VAVS REPRESENTATIVE & DEPUTY HANDBOOK

The U.S. Veterans Administration Center for Development & Civic Engagement Office or formerly Voluntary Service (VAVS), operates the largest volunteer program in the federal government supplementing staff and resources in all areas of patient support.

VAVS Purpose and Structure

Purpose: To assist with the coordination of plans and policies for community participation in VA's Programs, and provide support for its needs. Membership: 1 Representative and up to 3 Deputy Representatives per certified Organization.

Member Selection Process

The source for appointment nominations may vary in each Organization. Many originate at a local level, or at other levels of the Organization that are deemed responsible for a VA territory or region.

- Individuals are nominated using that Organization's nomination forms at the local and state-level as defined by that Organization.
- Final Certification is by the National Certifying Official of the Organization.

VA is not involved in the nomination process unless a nominee is rejected after a background check or is considered unacceptable. Appointments are not official or in effect until notice is received by letter to the specific CDCE Manager from the Organization's National Certifying Official.

Membership Qualifications

- Be a Registered Regular Scheduled (RS) Volunteer at the VA facility.
- A sincere interest in the welfare of hospitalized and other Veterans, and a desire to help them
- The ability to work with others
- Knowledge of your organization and the ability to communicate and disseminate information
- Attend Regularly Scheduled Quarterly Meetings

VAVS Hospital/Medical Center Representative Certification Form - Sons of The American Legion

Date _____

Detachment of: _____

Mail To:

**National VAVS Representative
Sons of The American Legion
208 Ferris Hills at West Lake
Canandaigua, NY 14424**

The following SAL member has been recommended to be the VAVS Representative, Deputy, or Associate Representative at the following VA Hospital/Medical Center:

NAME & ADDRESS OF VA FACILITY: _____

A. VAVS COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____ Member #: _____
Mailing Address _____
Email Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Squadron # _____
Telephone Number: Home _____ Work/Cell _____

B. VAVS COMMITTEE - DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____ Member #: _____
Mailing Address _____
Email Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Squadron # _____
Telephone Number: Home _____ Work/Cell _____

C. VAVS COMMITTEE – ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____ Member#: _____
Mailing Address _____
Email Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Squadron # _____
Telephone Number: Home _____ Work/Cell _____

Additional Information---Optional _____

Term of appointment will be **indefinite**, except upon non-performance of minimal guidelines, or written advice of the Sons of The American Legion National VAVS Representative.

Detachment VA&R Commission Chair

Detachment Adjutant

Associate Detachment VA&R(if applicable)

Associate Detachment Adjutant (if applicable)

SAL National VAVS Representative

INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this form is to certify members of The Sons of The American Legion to represent the SAL at local VA Hospitals and Medical Centers for the purpose of informing all members of volunteer opportunities and donation needs. The SAL member nominated should be familiar with the VAVS program and have the intent of serving in this vital position. A Deputy and/or Associate representative can also be appointed to assist an SAL VAVS Representative. The Associate (if applicable) is an SAL member serving the local VA in one State, but residing in a neighboring State.

PROCEDURES:

1. The VAVS nominee must be at least 21 years of age as of the date of application. This does not affect the age of volunteers in hospitals as they are governed by the Director of the VAVS program at the VA medical facility.
2. **The term of this appointment is indefinite**, but will be terminated upon non-performance of minimal guidelines. Appointments may be made at any time with the appropriate nomination form signed by the **Detachment Adjutant and VA&R Chair**. Upon all approvals, the nomination form should be sent to the **SAL National VAVS Representative**, for final approval. Approval will also be needed from the VA&R Chair from the neighboring State, if the applicant will be an Associate Representative to the VA from that neighboring State.
3. Upon all approvals, the SAL National VAVS Representative will notify the appointee, all signatory, and CDCE Chief of the respective VA facility. Appointee will ensure that he be given from the VA the assignment **VAVS Committee-Representative or VAVS Committee-Deputy in the case of a Deputy appointment or VAVS Committee-Associate in the case of an Associate appointment**, and that his **Primary Organization** be affiliated with the **Sons of The American Legion**.
4. A Deputy or Associate VAVS representative is optional, but, if nominated will assist the SAL VAVS Representative in his duties as described by the Director of the VAVS program at the medical facility.

FORM:

1. Complete all items applicable. The section “Additional Information” should be completed on nominees as to past experience or qualifications if any.
2. The form must be signed as indicated, with final approvals by the Sons of The American Legion National VAVS Representative.
3. A copy of this form should be kept by the Detachment for record purposes. **Each Detachment, and the SAL National VAVS Representative**, is responsible for maintaining records of their hospital representatives.

June 2023 Revision

TAL Convention Information

The 104th National Convention will take place in Charlotte, NC, August 25 - 31, 2023.
Save the Date!

For any questions or concerns, please contact convention@legion.org.

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