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The end may be near

Jeff Vrabel Sr., Editor

For 194 weeks, *Round-Up* has been sent out to Sons and American Legion Family members across the country as a way to get additional information into the hands of our members, and in hopes that it would be shared with the general public.

A lot of hard work has gone into this weekly publication, and there has been help from many contributors. It has been very successful so far, and people look forward to receiving their copy each week-end.

There are currently nearly 2,500 email addresses in the database who receive *Round-Up* each week. Many of our readers forward the newsletter to their friends and other members, while others post it to their detachment websites. The distribution numbers cannot be accurately measured, but we are definitely getting our message out!

Although there is no cost to produce *Round-Up*, there are costs for the email service. As the number of subscribers increases, so do the costs to email the newsletter. With the exception of a few sponsors/advertisers, I have covered the cost

for nearly 4 years. This project was put together to get our name and our message out, and I love being the editor of the SAL “unofficial” newsletter, but the time is coming where publication will have to be suspended.

Without sponsorship and advertisers, the last edition of *Round-Up* will be the Sunday before the National Convention; August 20, 2023. I hate to see it go, and things could change if we cut the email list to under five hundred, but to continue as we are today is not feasible any more.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or advertising can email me at jef-fvrabelsr@gmail.com and we can discuss the options available.

Thank you to every reader for the support over the last 194 weeks. We will go as long as possible, but the end may be near.



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**July 16 marks one-year anniversary
 of 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
 debut**

The American Legion | July 13, 2023

Saturday, July 16, marks the one-year anniversary of the launching of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Prior to that, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline required dialing a 10-digit number, but the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act –signed into law after

the passage of bipartisan legislation in 2020 – authorized 988 as a new three-digit number for suicide and mental health crisis.

The lifeline is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Communications Commission, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline links to the [Veterans Crisis Line](#); veterans who dial 988 have the option to press 1 and then speak, text or live chat with a responder.

According to Salon, more than 4.5 million calls were made to the 988 lifeline in the 11-month period ending May 31, 2023. In May alone, more than 460,000 routed contacts were made through the 988 lifeline, while 66,259 of those were routed to the Veterans Crisis Line.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. Suicide rates increased 30% between 2000–2018, declined in 2019–2020, and increased again in 2021.

Remembering the Greatest Generation

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Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti



Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti, eldest priest of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, whose priesthood spanned 70 years at several parishes and who headed the Office of Family Life for 20 years, died July 12, 2023. He would have celebrated his 102nd birthday on July 23. He lived at O'Hara Residence for retired clergy in Tonawanda.

Born in Buffalo, the son of parents from Italy, he was a graduate of Hutchinson Central High School. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, fulfilling assignments in Africa and Italy, 1941–45. When he returned, he began studies at Christ the King Seminary, then located at St. Bonaventure University, and was ordained on May 30, 1953.

While pastor of Holy Cross Church in Buffalo, he welcomed the fledgling Head Start federally funded early childhood development program to open there in 1969. Holy Cross Head Start developed into one of the most successful, longest-running school readiness programs in the nation, having served many thousands of children. It has expanded into six current Buffalo locations, including the first site at Holy Cross, 150 Maryland St.

Msgr. Lorenzetti was a longtime pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Orchard Park. He led efforts to purchase a former West Seneca school building to establish the parish school. It thrived to rank among the largest grade schools in the diocese. He also served at St. Mark's in Rushford, Christ the King in Snyder, St. Martha's in Depew, and Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary of Sorrows, and St. Louis in Buffalo. As Family Life director, he oversaw programs and educational resources for parents, children, young adults and the bereaved. In 1975, Pope Paul VI appointed him spiritual advisor to the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, which he served until 1983. He was invited to India to address the 1978 world conference of physicians, when Mother Teresa and he were award recipients. In the 1970s, he lectured on family life education for the U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy in the Alaskan Command.

There were nine popes and 10 bishops of Buffalo during his lifetime.

Known for his warmth, enthusiasm and upbeat personality, Msgr. Lorenzetti valued time with families. He was a respected colleague and mentor to fellow priests. "Dino loved being a priest," said Father Richard A. Reina, a close friend. "His compassion and humanity drew others to Christ, who was at the heart of his life. The joy he expressed was an inspiration to many young men considering priesthood. I know it was for me."

In 2015, he co-authored "The Agony of Betrayal," about losing his life savings to a con man who had gained his trust. Book sales benefitted Catholic Charities.

After retiring at age 75 in 1996, he continued ministry throughout Western New York, saying Mass and administering sacraments. Until shortly before his death, he offered weekly Masses at both St. John the Baptist Church in Kenmore and at St. Martha's in Depew.

He especially treasured being invested in the Franciscan Friars habit and affiliation with their Holy Name

Province. Among other honors are the Curé of Ars Award, the Bishop's Medal, St. John Neumann Award, Judge John D. Hillery Foundation Award, and the Christopher Award from the Catholic Youth Organization. His name is on the Wall of Honor at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park.



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With Naval Park Board Chairman Don Alessi by his side Msgr. Dino J. Lorenzetti, speaks during a ceremony where he was inducted into The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park Wall of Honor in 2017.

Photo by Dan Cappellazzo

He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Msgr. Lorenzetti will lie in repose at St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave., Kenmore on Sunday, July 16, from 3-6 p.m. and then again on Monday, July 17, from noon-1:15 p.m. followed by a funeral Mass with Bishop Michael W. Fisher as the main celebrant.

Dear Sons of The American Legion members,

On behalf of the National Children and Youth Committee, I would like to challenge you to help National Commander Carlton and American Legion National

Commander Troiola achieve the \$2 million goal for the Veteran's and Children's Foundation. Funds raised go to feed and houses children of military personnel and veterans facing urgent, unexpected hardships. It prevents eviction, keeps the power on, and fulfills basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times. Every squadron is being asked to assist with this goal. We would like to see all the donations by the time of National Convention so we may share in National Commander Carlton's reaction to achieving this goal. I know we have so many great programs to donate to but, we would ask that you take some special consideration to help us achieve the Commander's goal.

If you are wondering what the Veteran's and Children's Foundation is, don't worry. I have attached a link below providing information to assist you with spreading the word to each of your Detachments, Districts, and Squadrons.

www.legion.org/vcf

Thank you,

John Sansoucie,
National C&Y Committee



Buckeye Boys State hosts another successful blood drive

The American Legion | July 6, 2023

The motto of The American Legion's Boys State programs is "a week to shape a lifetime." Delegates at Buckeye Boys State in Ohio are helping shape others' lives.

"We always hold a blood drive on the Saturday before graduation," said Christie White, Americanism, and Children & Youth Coordinator for the Department of Ohio, who noted that Buckeye Boys State has teamed

up with the American Red Cross for the event for over 15 years. "We choose this day because it is also parents' day, and we encourage parents to donate as well."

At this year's blood drive at Buckeye Boys State, 163 people donated a total of 192 units, including a record 46 power red donations. In power red donations, a special machine allows someone to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation.

Jean Richardson, an account manager with the Red Cross, noted the blood drives at Buckeye Boys State have been consistently successful even as participation in the program itself decreased post-Covid.

"I still think it's a huge, huge accomplishment to stay around the realm of 200 units each year," said Richardson, who noted that the blood drive in 2017 — Buckeye Boys State's first year at Miami University of Ohio — collected 211 units.

White noted that donations at Buckeye Boys State are the majority of the donations the Department of Ohio makes to the Red Cross blood drive. "Department headquarters holds blood drives every six weeks, but having a mass blood drive at BBS helps the Red Cross quickly," she said.

In addition to actual donations, Buckeye Boys State delegates help the Red Cross' "fantastic team" with the drive, White said.

"The BBS delegates in the State Department of Health do the check in. Like all of the aspects of Boys State, the blood drive is a teaching moment for these delegates. They get to work hand in hand with the Red Cross, assisting with appointments, entering data, (and) making sure everyone has snacks/water after they donate," she said.

"It's really great to see the boys committed to donating blood," Richardson said.

American Legion posts, Boys State programs, and others interested in hosting a blood drive can apply online at RedCrossBlood.org.

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American Legion expresses support for pending legislation impacting VA benefits delivery, accountability

The American Legion | July 14, 2023

Legislation that would speed up Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits process, improve its procurement and acquisitions efforts, increase security at VA facilities and add more teeth to existing accountability legislation received support during congressional testimony delivered by The American Legion on July 12. Joshua Hastings, the Legion's Veterans Benefits Policy Analyst in the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division, spoke before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on support for a variety of pending legislation, including the Legion's support for H.R. 196 – Expediting Temporary Ratings for Veterans Act. The bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify VA's information technology systems to provide for the automatic processing of claims for certain temporary disability ratings, and for other purposes.

"The processing of temporary disability ratings has been identified as a backlog barrier for than a decade," Hastings told the committee. "Processing issues have

led to substantial financial errors and contributed to unreasonable delays. The time it takes VA to grant such ratings ranges from a couple weeks to a couple months. There is no consistency.

"Veterans should receive their benefits in a consistent and timely manner. The American Legion believes increased automation can help reduce the claims backlog and deliver these benefits more efficiently."

A service-connected combat veteran, Hastings also stated Legion support for H.R. 4225 – VA Acquisition Review Board Act, which would establish the Acquisition Review Board of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He used VA's struggles with the rollout of its Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) program as an example of why the legislation is needed.

"VA has a crucial mandate to ensure the procurement of goods and services is optimized to meet our nation's veterans," he said. "A 2022 (Government Accountability Office) report highlighted the VA's approach to acquisitions was varied and unstandardized, leading to oversight difficulties and subpar acquisition outcomes. Moreover, the VA's EHRM program mirrors this chaotic nature. In the wake of mismanagement and delayed problem resolution, its deployment has been stalled since June 2022, with costs escalating to an exorbitant \$59.12 billion.

"Creating a standardized and transparent framework for managing major VA acquisitions would heighten accountability and contribute to a more uniform acquisition process, boosting the efficiency of VA procurement and ultimately enhancing the provision of care for veterans. This legislation would also help to facilitate VA's ongoing efforts to modernize the EHRM system by ensuring the effective implementation of single system across VA and bi-directional connectivity to the Department of Defense. The American Legion believes this is essential in reducing further delays and unnecessary expenditures."

Support also was given for H.R. 4278 – Restore Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act, which amends the U.S. Code to modify personnel action procedures with respect to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"In 2017, Congress passed the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act to increase staff accountability and improve protection for whistleblowers. In August of 2021, it was found that VA misinterpreted this act by the United States Court of Appeals," Hastings said. "One of the protections assumed in this

legislation was to mitigate the involvement of the U.S. Merit Systems Protections Board in certain decisions surrounding the employee. However, there was nothing written in the law to do so. This lack of clarity has allowed courts to dilute the VA secretary's authority to hold employees accountable, protect whistleblowers and keep veterans safe.

"Veterans deserve a process that delivers swift accountability for front-line workers, middle managers, and even senior executives. We must ensure VA leaders possess the tools necessary to hold bad actors accountable and protect those seeking a more productive and safer work environment."

And finally, Hastings voiced The American Legion's support for H.R. 3504 – VA Medical Center Security Report Act which directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs an annual report regarding security at VA medical centers.

"The American Legion has also grown increasingly concerned that the safety of our veterans, staff and patients at VA facilities is in decline," Hastings said. "A recent OIG report highlighted severe understaffing, a lack of proper training and various security vulnerabilities. This includes an unsettling 33 percent average vacancy rate in officer positions across 70 medical facilities – and in some cases, this rate soared to over 60 percent. This has led to multiple serious incidents, including a bomb threat and firearms being discharged.

"The American Legion firmly supports legislation that ensures the safety of our veterans extends beyond providing quality medical care. We must do more to improve oversight of VA policing and set a foundation for enhanced safety protocols and more effective staffing strategies."

Read Hastings submitted written testimony [here](#).

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8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

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SAL mobile app downloads reach 10K

The American Legion | July 13, 2023



The Sons of The American Legion mobile app has been downloaded over 10,000 times.

"That's a testament to how useful the SAL app is, and how many of our members are using it to stay informed on our program's efforts to support our veterans and communities," said SAL National Commander Christopher Carlton.

The Sons of The American Legion mobile app can be downloaded from the Apple Store at this [link](#) and Google Play at this [link](#). The SAL is also online at Legion.org/Sons and on [Facebook](#). And membership renewal is available online at Legion.org/SAL-Renew.



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Sports



Co-Force photo

Palou looking for fourth-straight INDYCAR win

The American Legion | July 13, 2023

After making it to Victory Lane three times since mid-May, the No. 10 American Legion Honda livery will get a break this weekend. But that doesn't mean the nation's largest veterans service organization won't be a part of this weekend's NTT INDYCAR SERIES race in Toronto.

Three Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) drivers will feature American Legion branding during this weekend's Honda Indy Toronto street course race, including INDYCAR SERIES points leader Alex Palou.

Palou enters this weekend on an incredible roll, having won three straight races and four of the past five. He's built up a 110-point lead over second place and CGR teammate Scott Dixon and has finished 10th or higher in every race this season. In Toronto he'll debut a new livery: the blue and yellow No. 10 Journie Rewards Honda. A Palou win this weekend will give INDYCAR its first four-race win streak since 2006.

"Excited for Toronto this weekend, where we will break in the new Journie Rewards livery," Palou said via CGR media. "I think it will look great and shiny out there on the track. Obviously, I'm excited to race after a third win in a row at Mid-Ohio. It feels like we have been able to maximize things every race weekend this year in the No. 10 Honda."

Also featuring American Legion branding will be Marcus Ericsson in the No. 8 Huski Ice Spritz Honda and rookie Marcus Armstrong in the No. 11 Ridgeline Lubricants Honda.

Ericsson currently sits fourth in the INDYCAR SERIES points standings and has recorded eight top-10 finishes. "We're returning to a street course, which I enjoy driving at," he said. "I love street course racing in general. I think it's a lot of fun and we've had quite a few wins over the past couple years.

"It's always great going to Toronto, as it is a fantastic city and the atmosphere around the track is always great. We've got an exciting weekend ahead and I'm very much looking forward to it."

Armstrong has delivered strong performances on street courses this season, with a pair of eighth-place finishes and an 11th. He leads the Rookie of the Year chase with 130 points despite not racing on ovals.

"I've never been to Canada before, and it's my first time racing there obviously," Armstrong said. "The track looks really cool. I've always liked the idea of racing in Toronto since I was a kid. I really enjoyed watching the racing even though it's a different layout now.

"I feel like I've been performing well on street tracks this year. The car feels really good, especially on this type of track, and I feel very confident heading into the weekend despite seeing it for the first time."

This weekend, INDYCAR drivers can look forward to a tight 11-turn, 1.786-mile Exhibition Place street circuit that offers great views of downtown Toronto and often leads to cars attempting to squeeze past each other in turns. The long frontstretch leading into the Princes' Gate at Turn 1 and the Lakeshore Boulevard straight leading into a hard 90-degree right-hander at Turn 3 are the best places for overtaking.

This weekend's broadcast schedule (all times ET; all airing on Peacock):

Friday, July 14 – NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice 1, 3-4:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 15 – NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice 2, 10:35-11:35 a.m.; qualifications, 2:50-4:20 p.m.

Sunday, July 16 – Warmup, 10:15-10:45 a.m.; Honda Indy Toronto race, 1:30-4 p.m.

Honda Indy Toronto notes (via INDYCAR)

- The Honda Indy Toronto will be the 10th race of the 2023 season. There have been five different

winners in nine NTT INDYCAR SERIES races this season. **Marcus Ericsson** (Streets of St. Petersburg), **Josef Newgarden** (Texas Motor Speedway and Indianapolis 500), **Kyle Kirkwood** (Streets of Long Beach), **Scott McLaughlin** (Barber Motorsports Park) and **Alex Palou** (Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course-1, Streets of Detroit, Road America, and Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course) have all won in 2023. The modern record (1946-present) for most different winners in a season is 11 in 2000, 2001 and 201

- The Honda Indy Toronto will be the 37th INDYCAR SERIES race held on the streets of Toronto's Exhibition Place. Scott Dixon earned his fourth Toronto victory in 2022.
- **Scott Dixon** is the winningest active INDYCAR SERIES driver at Toronto with four victories (Dixon won both races in 2013, and in 2018 and 2022). **Michael Andretti** has the most wins at the track with seven. Dixon, three-time Toronto winner **Will Power** (2007, 2010, 2016), **Josef Newgarden** (2015, 2017) and **Ryan Hunter-Reay** (2012) are previous race winners entered this year. Drivers who have won poles at Toronto entered in this year's race are **Will Power** (2011, 2015), **Scott Dixon** (2013 Race 2, 2016), **Helio Castroneves** (2000), **Josef Newgarden** (2018) and **Colton Herta** (2022). The polesitter has won the race seven times since the first race in 1986, most recently by **Simon Pagenaud** in 2019. From 2009-2019, the eventual NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion won the Toronto race six times. **Dario Franchitti** won in 2009 and in 2011. **Ryan Hunter-Reay** won in 2012, **Scott Dixon** swept both races in 2013 and won the single race in 2018, and **Josef Newgarden** won in 2017. Seven other drivers have claimed the INDYCAR SERIES championship in the same season they won at Toronto: **Bobby Rahal** (1986), **Al Unser Jr.** (1990), **Michael Andretti** (1991), **Alex Zanardi** (1998), **Cristiano da Matta** (2002), **Paul Tracy** (2003) and **Sebastien Bourdais** (2004).
- Twenty-three drivers entered in the event have competed in past INDYCAR SERIES races at Exhibition Place. **Helio Castroneves**, **Scott Dixon**, and **Will Power** (16) have made the most starts at Toronto among the entered drivers. Eleven entered drivers have led laps at the track (Dixon 240, Power 162, **Josef Newgarden** 120, Castroneves 101, **Ryan Hunter-Reay** 36, **Graham Rahal** 29, **Rinus VeeKay** 18, **Colton Herta** 17, **Pato O'Ward** 3 and **Felix Rosenqvist** 1).

- Chip Ganassi Racing has won eight times at Toronto: **Michael Andretti** (1994), **Alex Zanardi** (1998), **Dario Franchitti** (2009, 2011) and **Scott Dixon** (2013 both races, 2018, 2022). Team Penske has five wins at the track: **Paul Tracy** (1993), **Will Power** (2010, 2016), **Josef Newgarden** (2017) and **Simon Pagenaud** (2019). Team Penske has 10 pole positions at the track: **Danny Sullivan** (1988, 1990), **Emerson Fittipaldi** (1993), **Helio Castroneves** (2000), **Gil de Ferran** (2001), **Will Power** (2011, 2015), **Simon Pagenaud** (2017), **Josef Newgarden** (2018) and **Simon Pagenaud** (2019).
- **Scott Dixon** has finished on the podium in six of his last 12 races at Toronto. He has 10 top-five finishes in 16 starts...**Will Power** has finished on the podium in five of his 16 Toronto starts...Toronto-area native **Devlin DeFrancesco** is the lone Canadian driver entered in the race.
- Milestones: **Scott Dixon** will attempt to make his 315th consecutive start, the second-longest streak in INDYCAR SERIES history Tony Kanaan holds the INDYCAR SERIES record with 318 consecutive starts...Sports car racing standout **Tom Blomqvist** will make his INDYCAR SERIES debut in Toronto, substituting for Meyer Shank Racing driver Simon Pagenaud, who was not cleared to drive after his crash in practice July 1 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

three years away from beginning his professional baseball career.

Now 39, Heafner's current job is watching amateur baseball players — including going to American Legion baseball games — as a scout in the Texas Rangers' organization.

It's a career that Heafner sought out soon after his official playing days ended. Then, Heafner had started his post-baseball career working for a bank in Charlotte.

"I just wasn't good at it," Heafner recalls. "And I knew I still loved baseball."

Luckily for Heafner, he had stayed in touch with many from his baseball past, among them Scott Servais.

Now in his eighth year as the Seattle Mariners' manager, Servais could relate to Heafner's situation.

After Servais' 11-year major league career, he would join the Texas Rangers' front office working in player development. That was Servais' job in 2008 when he gave Heafner his chance to change jobs.

"I had always stayed in touch with Scott Servais through emails and texts," Heafner said. "Then he once said, 'We may have a scouting position available. You want me to pass your name along?' I said, 'Yeah sure.'"

Heafner has been with the Rangers ever since, first living in New Jersey in charge of scouting the Northeast and now in the Charlotte, N.C., suburb of Indian Trail. "This year is my 15th major league draft, and I've always enjoyed it," Heafner said.

Heafner's job is to scout players in his region and forward those assessments to his superiors.

Among those Heafner personally scouted that were drafted by the Rangers are current Chicago Cubs pitcher Kyle Hendricks, current Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Jeffrey Springs and pitcher Owen White, who made his major league debut earlier this season for the Rangers.

"You can't help but become a little emotionally attached to the process and the players that you sign," Heafner said. "But it's also got to be the right thing for the Rangers and what the organization needs. Your goal is to get the best value for your club."



Jay Heafner during his playing days at Davidson University.
photo provided by Davidson University

From Legion Baseball star to MLB scout

Richard Walker | July 10, 2023

Twenty years ago, Jay Heafner was a star player on an American Legion World Series runner-up, was two years away from winning a top college honor and

As a player, Heafner helped his West Lincoln High School team in Vale, N.C., to its first 20-win season and state playoff appearance in the spring of 2000 before beginning a four-year American Legion Baseball career with perennial power Cherryville Post 100 where he finished second all-time in hits.

In 2003, Heafner was the leadoff batter, shortstop, and pitcher for Cherryville's American Legion World Series runner-up team to Rochester, Minn. And while Heafner missed the championship game loss after suffering a broken toe in the semifinals, he was named to the 2003 ALWS all-tournament team.

Heafner's success continued at Davidson College where he was named 2005 Southern Conference player of the year when his .448 batting average finished second in the nation. He finished his Wildcats career second all-time in career hits, first in career saves and was the school's first (and to date only) pre-season All-American selection.

A 2020 Davidson Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Heafner was selected in the 23rd round of the 2006 major league draft by the Rangers; Heafner spent two seasons in the Texas organization as an infielder.

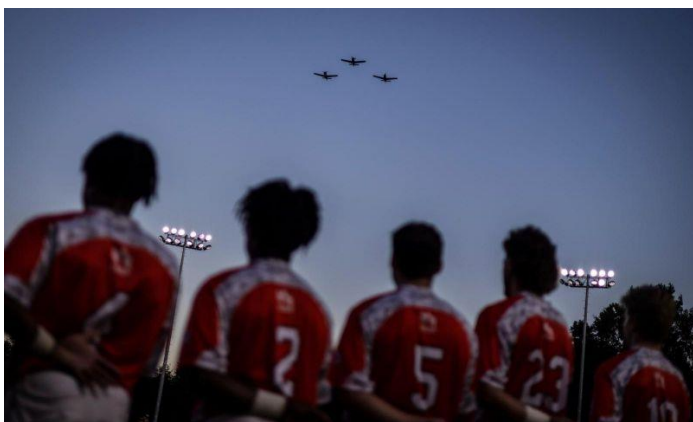


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Vintage aircraft, Army parachutists scheduled for USAA Military Appreciation Day at American Legion World Series

The American Legion | July 13, 2023

The schedule for the 96th American Legion World Series will again include USAA Military Appreciation Day, on Aug. 12 at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C.

In conjunction with the day, three T-28 Warbirds from the Museum of Flight will fly over the stadium

and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team will perform a 35-minute program between the second and third games of the day, approximately 6 p.m. The T-28s — single-engine, vintage aircraft — generated excitement in 2022, and the pilots are eager to return. These World War II-era fighters are among the fastest propeller-driven airplanes ever built.

The U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps used various models of the T-28 as trainers beginning in the 1950s; the military took the planes out of service as trainers in the 1980s. The planes also were used as counter-insurgency aircraft, primarily during the Vietnam War. The T-28 pilots will perform a flyover every day of the six-day tournament, Aug. 10-15.

The T-28s and the Golden Knights' plane will be on public display from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport.

The two Golden Knights demonstration teams travel the United States (and occasionally overseas), performing for public audiences at venues ranging from relatively small civic events to nationally and internationally televised events, such as Monday Night Football games, NASCAR races, and large international airshows. The two 12-member teams travel around 240 days per year.

Two Blaze Battalion JROTC units from Blackman High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., will post the colors at all games Aug. 10-12. The award-winning Battalion is returning for the third consecutive ALWS.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome back the Museum of Flight's warbirds, the U.S. Army Golden Knights and the Blaze Battalion JROTC to this year's event," said Robert Farrow, the ALWS Executive Committee member who coordinates aerial events. "It's an honor to showcase these iconic aircraft and the remarkable talents of the Golden Knights. We can't wait to share this experience with our visitors. The ALWS focuses on excellent baseball, but these additional events create another level of excitement."

General admission tickets for the ALWS are available online at AmericanLegionWorldSeries.com. Day passes will be available at the Keeter Stadium ticket office once games begin.

For links to American Legion Baseball and ALWS online coverage, social media, and other resources, go to Legion.org/Baseball/FollowUs.

Squadron Everlasting

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

James M. Galuska



James M. Galuska, 63, of Duryea, passed away Saturday, July 1, 2023, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Twp.

Born in Duryea, he was the son of the late John and Doris Reese Galuska and was a 1978 graduate of Seton Catholic High School, Pittston.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Duryea Borough.

James was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea. He was a social member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1227 and the Polish Falcons Nest 128, both of Duryea. He was a member and first commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 585, Duryea.

Surviving are son, Gene Galuska and his fiancée, Adriana Littzi, Old Forge; brother, John Galuska, Duryea; brother, Robert Galuska and his fiancée, Mary Ellen, Duryea; sister, Ann Marie Rossi and her husband, Ralph, North Carolina; and nieces and nephews. Services were held Holy Rosary Church, 127 Stephenson St., Duryea.

Arrangements are by Bernard J. Piontek Funeral Home Inc., 204 Main St., Duryea.

To leave a condolence for James's family, visit www.piontekfuneralthome.com.

Ronald E. "Ron" Cooper



Ronald E. "Ron" Cooper, 72, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Hickory Creek in Franklin.

Born November 6, 1950 in Muncie, he was the son of Samuel H. Cooper and Thelma (Harris) Cooper. He married Paula (Houston) Cooper on June 6, 1990 and she survives.

Survivors include children- Greg Cooper (Susan) of Texas, Scott Cooper (Monica) of Colorado, Michelle Drew (Joe) of Alaska, Tawyna Culhane (Brian) of Texas, Kelly Hodges of Crawfordsville,

stepson Nathaniel Holdren (Robin) of Shelbyville, 3 stepdaughters- Lynn Fox (Richard) of Shelbyville, Laurie Wilson of Shelbyville, Patricia Sandman (Burke) of Greensburg; 2 brothers- Samuel Cooper of Anderson, David Cooper (Karen) of Florida; 3 sisters- Mary Stephenson (Mike) of Anderson, Ann Voland (Bill) of Muncie, and Ruth Kiger (Jeff) of Muncie. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, who called him "Uncle Wonderful". He was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother John Cooper, half-sister Eurette Rowles, great grandson Evan Fox, and step grandson Chris Macleod.

Mr. Cooper had lived in this area for 33 years, after moving from Muncie. He graduated from West Del High School in 1969, and was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post #70. He had been employed with Wal Mart/Sam's Club, retiring in 2013, after 22 years of service.

Ron enjoyed music and singing karaoke, buying, selling, and collecting antiques, watching NASCAR racing, working puzzles, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Monday, July 10, 2023 at Glenn E. George & Son Funeral Home, 437 Amos Road, with Pastor Robb Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday afternoon, from 1:00 pm until the time of the service, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Shelby County Cancer Assn., in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be shared at glenngeorgeandson.com.

Frederick C. Walton



Frederick C. Walton Sr., 87, of Crawfordsville passed away July 4, 2023, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 13, 1936, at Crawfordsville, to Kenneth C. and Frances (Meagher) Walton.

He retired from RR Donnelly's after 35 years. Prior to that he had worked for Dodd's Painting. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Sons of the American Legion.

Survivors include: his children, Letha Ann (Tim) Northcutt,

Frederick C. (Millie) Walton Jr. and Michael Lynn (Cinnamon) Walton; sisters, Jean Stamps and Darlene Clark; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at noon. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North.

Hunt & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family and memories and condolences may be shared at www.huntandson.com.

Jay Emley

COLUMBIA CITY — Jay Frank Emley, 74, of rural Columbia City, Indiana, died at 2:40 a.m., on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on Thursday.

Born on Feb. 19, 1949, in Huntington, Indiana, he was a son of the late J. Frank and Mary Alice (Allred) Emley. Growing up in northern Huntington County, he completed Clear Creek Elementary School and graduated from Huntington High School in 1967.

On Aug. 7, 1993, he married Gloria Jean Hart. They became residents of Whitley County where they would forever have their home.

Gloria passed on Jan. 4, 2007, and was laid to rest at Clear Creek Cemetery in Huntington County.

Jay was a lifelong farmer and served many years as the treasurer and caretaker for the Clear Creek Cemetery in Huntington County until his passing. Outside of farming, he first worked with Schacht Rubber Company in Huntington. Earning a refrigeration technician certificate, he went to work for Rader Refrigeration. He completed his working career with his brother's company, Specialty Engineering in Huntington, with more than 10 years of service.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, the NRA, and the Harold Breakfast Club. He had a love for life, spending time outdoors, in his barn, or on the farm with family and friends while always enjoying chips and a beer. He was a lover of farm shows, gardening, and making wine. He spent countless hours mowing and maintaining the Clear Creek Cemetery. He will be missed.

Surviving are two daughters, Micky S. (Chad) Gerrard, of Andrews and Sandra (Greg) Sands, of Hamilton; a stepdaughter, Angela N. (Travis) Hammond, of Columbia City;

stepsons, Adam (Julie) Hendryx, of Huntington and Shaun (Katie) Hendryx, of St. Petersburg, Florida; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brothers, Terry (Teresa) Emley, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Richard (Suzanne) Emley, of Huntington and Roger (Penny) Emley, of Roann.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery.

Visitation is 3-5 and 6-8 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorials in Jay's honor may be made to Clear Creek Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Robert J. Earley

Robert "Bobby" J. Earley, 72, of Pequannock, passed away on July 8, 2023.

Bobby is lovingly survived by his wife of over 40 years, Kathy; his son, Sean; his daughter, Tara; his brother, Tom and his wife Judy; his sister-in-law, Cheryl O'Hara; six nieces and nephews; one great nephew and one great niece. He was predeceased by his parents and by his brother-in-law, Tom O'Hara.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 8 pm Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the M. John Scanlan Funeral Home, Pompton Plains. A Funeral Mass will be held 10 am Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Our Lady of Good Counsel RC Church, Pompton Plains. Interment will follow at First Reformed Church Cemetery, Pompton Plains.

Please visit www.scanlanfuneral.com for a complete obituary.

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Kenneth "Rick" Eyler



Kenneth R. (Rick) Eyler Jr., 70, of Crawfordsville passed away Sunday July 9th at Franciscan Health East in Lafayette, IN.

Rick was born September 3, 1952 in Crawfordsville to Kenny and Roz (Bottorff) Eyler, both deceased. Rick graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1970 and then

began his career at RR Donnelley & Sons for the next 39 years, holding multiple positions. Rick was a member of the Eagles and the Sons of the American Legion.

On November 17, 1979 Rick married the love of his life, Beverly "Bev" Miller, she survives. Also surviving are his children, Amanda (Trevor) Hohenstein and Matt (Abra) Eyler; grandchildren Dylan, Sydney, Carter, Noah, and Camden. Also surviving is a brother Mike (Anita) Eyler and several nieces and nephews.

Rick held many titles in his lifetime, but his favorites were as a husband, father, and papaw. Rick touched so many hearts, always had the best words of wisdom, and he loved his family. He didn't know a stranger and was the best garage host around. He enjoyed fishing, playing euchre, and watching every sporting event his kids and grandkids participated in.

A funeral service will be held at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 14 with Pastor Mike Whitacre officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Cremation was chosen and will follow the service.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Kenneth "Rick" Eyler, please click here to visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

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Steve Cook



Stephen E. Cook, age 72, of Tipton passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023 at home with his loving wife, Barb by his side. He was

born February 5, 1951 in Tecumseh, a son of Stanley and Ella Louise (Pearson) Cook. On August 11, 1986 in Toledo, OH he married Barbara Ann Preston and they have shared over 36 wonderful years together.

Steve retired from Ford Motor Company in Ypsilanti. He was a member the Sons of the American Legion Post #34 in Tecumseh. The love of Steve's life was his wife, Barb and then his Harley which they enjoyed many trips on. He loved hockey, softball, and bowling on the couple's league with his wife. Besides his wife, Barb, Steve is survived by his mother, Ella Bell of Tecumseh; son, Rick (Lisa) VanDuzen

of Onsted; brothers, James (Lynn) Cook of Riverview, David (Gail) Cook of Chicago, IL, and Bob (Fran) Cook of Grand Rapids; granddaughter, Ericca VanDuzen of Deerfield; and two great grandchildren Talen and Mavryk. He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Cook.

Visitation for Steve will be on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 11am - 1pm at the Tecumseh Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes. A Celebration of Life will follow at 1pm with Pastor Tom Hawkins officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, Sons of the American Legion, and the Tecumseh American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Steve, please visit our floral store.

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Mark Bradshaw Miller



LATHAM — Mark Bradshaw Miller, 72, of Latham, IL, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in the comfort of his own home on the family farm.

Mark was born on July 4, 1951, in Decatur, IL. The son of William Joseph and Carolyn Alice (Bradshaw) Miller. He married Kathleen Behrens on August 7, 1971, in Walnut, IL.

Mark is survived by his wife; his children: Andrew (Amanda) Miller of Maple Grove, MN, and Elizabeth (Tony) Lawler of Forest Park, IL; his grandchildren: Drake and Claire Miller and Jaxson and Isabella Lawler; his siblings: Marianne Mascio of Woodridge, IL, and Chris (Jane) Miller of Nashville, TN.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents.

Mark was a farmer in Logan and Macon Counties for over 50 years. Mark was a long-time member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Mt. Pulaski, IL, where he served as a trustee. He was on the Board of Directors of Farm Credit Services for 20 years, serving as board chairman for several years. He also served on the Latham Elevator Board and was a member of the Sons of The American Legion.

Services for Mark will be held at 12:00 noon on Monday, July 17, 2023, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Mt. Pulaski, IL. Visitation will take place from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will follow the services at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski, IL.

Memorial donations may be made in Mark's name to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or American Legion post #447.

Dale J. Peters



Ticonderoga, NY. Dale J. Peters, 61, of Ticonderoga, passed away suddenly on July 11, 2023 at Albany Medical Center with his daughter and niece at his side.

Dale was born August 17, 1961, in Ticonderoga, he is the son of Sheila J. (Mulcahy) Peters and the late Chester C. Peters.

Dale battled from A.L.L. (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). He fought this disease very hard, and was in remission for almost four years. He was a lifelong resident of Ticonderoga; other than the ten years he resided in Mineville raising his daughter Crystal and niece Lisa.

He worked as Head Sawyer in Bristol, VT at Lathrop's Saw Mill for many years. Dale was a hard worker and hated to sit still even after he retired from the Sawmill. He and a longtime friend started a Tree Business - "Out on a Limb Tree Services". Recently he was helping a friend out with his farm and enjoyed traveling to pick up calves for the farm. His hobbies included camping, fishing, hunting and horseback riding.

Dale was an Officer for the Sons of The American Legion Post # 224, he was 3rd Vice and part of the Color Guard, and he was also a member of the Elks Lodge # 1494, both in Ticonderoga. He was very proud to be a member of these organizations. He taught his grandchildren what it meant to be a member of these clubs and what charity is all about. Both of his granddaughters joined the Girl Scouts to follow Grampy's lead. Dale is predeceased by his father, Chester C. Peters and his brother, Christopher M. Peters.

He leaves behind his only child, his daughter Crystal A. Peters and her partner James "Dobber" Laing as well as three wonderful

grandchildren, Cierriah, Carsyn, and Caitlyn Laing of Witherbee, NY. He adored his grandchildren and loved spending all the time he could with them.

He is also survived by his mother, Sheila Peters of Ticonderoga; his two brothers, Terry Peters and wife Judy of Brant Lake and Jerry Peters and wife Colleen of Elizabethtown; his two sisters, Laurie Rafferty of Crown Point and Vickie Messier and husband Charlie of Ticonderoga. He has 15 nieces and nephews that he would often let them come stay with him, many great nieces, and nephews as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins who he enjoyed spending time with. He was a very family-oriented person. He especially enjoyed having dinner at his mom's and spending time with her. Dale is also survived by his longtime friend and companion Diane Gijanto of Ticonderoga and her children who were like sons to him, Todd Gijanto of Glens Falls, Scott Gijanto of Glens Falls, Josh Gijanto of Ticonderoga, and Jeremy Gijanto and wife Brittany of Ticonderoga, and daughter in-law Tanya Gijanto of Ticonderoga. He was and will always be "Bob" to his 9 Gijanto grandchildren: Kassie, Kaleb, Hunter, Austin, Ryan, Reese, Klarissa, and Jacob Gijanto and Karsen Porter.

Family and friends may call from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home, 11 Algonkin St., Ticonderoga. A Funeral Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Christopher J. Looby, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ticonderoga, will officiate.

The Rite of Committal will follow at the family plot of St. Mary's Parish Cemetery of Ticonderoga. All are welcome to gather at the American Legion Post # 224 after the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dale's Memory to the American Legion Post # 224 and/or Girl Scout Troop # 4309. To offer online condolences, please visit www.wilcoxandreganfuneralhome.com

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Dale, please visit our Tree Store.

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FROM THE EDITOR

It's July. 2024 membership cards are now available. Will you celebrate **Membership Independence Month**?

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AMERICAN LEGION



Legion to Senate: drop the hold

July 12, 2023

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

When I visited Pearl Harbor last December, I had the honor of speaking with survivors of the infamous attack. The lesson that most Pearl Harbor veterans expressed to me over the years is that America must always be prepared.

Unfortunately, America's readiness to defend its citizens is unnecessarily harmed due to the actions that are occurring in the U.S. Senate. Really inaction is a better word.

Since Monday, the U.S. Marine Corps has been without a confirmed commandant. It is the first time that the Marines have not had an authorized commandant in 164 years. In fact, 16 general officers in the U.S. Marine Corps have had their promotions put on hold due to a legislative maneuver by a single U.S. senator. The holds are not because they are unqualified but because the senator objects to totally unrelated policies that these officers had nothing to do with.

Other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will retire in the next two months, leaving vacancies in the highest military positions. The people aspiring to these billets will be in good company, as more than 260 general and flag officers so far in all our military branches have had

their promotions put on hold because of this. The U.S. Air Force alone has 99 general officer promotions on hold.



Photo credit: US Marine Corps/Staff Sgt. Kelsey Dornfeld

This isn't just impacting the top brass. It impacts the critical staff that generals and admirals will rely on to ensure operational readiness. Some families have sold homes as they await orders that have yet to be finalized. As any military parent with school-aged children will attest, summer is the optimum time to make a permanent change of station.

Quality of life issues are vital to the success of an all-volunteer force. The American Legion has always believed a strong U.S. military is what allows us "to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy." It is why a strong national defense is one of our organization's founding pillars.

I mentioned my visit to Pearl Harbor. Last month, I visited another hallowed place, Normandy, France. As I saw the final resting place of thousands of freedom's heroes, I couldn't help but be grateful for not just their sacrifice but their success in saving the world. Our victory in World War II might not have been assured without the steady and confident leadership of general and flag officers like Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton, Bradley, Nimitz, Puller, Roosevelt, and countless others. They were the right leaders at the right time. Thank God that no politician deprived us of their leadership when America needed these officers most.

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



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CWF and VCF booth volunteers needed at national convention

The American Legion | July 13, 2023

If you are attending the 104th National Convention of The American Legion in Charlotte, N.C., and have time to volunteer, your help is needed.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and Veterans and Children Foundation booth in the Exhibit Hall at the Charlotte Convention Center. Days and time needed are:

- Friday, Aug. 25: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 26: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 27: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If you can volunteer, please call Stacy Cope at (317) 630-1202 or email at scope@legion.org by Thursday, Aug. 17.

National Emergency Fund

This message is being sent to all department leadership and national officers and staff, to include the National Commander leading and trailing candidates.

Considering the recent deadly tornadoes and other declared natural disasters throughout the country, as well as numerous other current, past, or future declared natural disasters, we are sending this information as a reminder of the National Emergency Fund (NEF) grant funds application process and availability. **Please review application and Power Point video regarding completion of the NEF Grant Application instructions carefully** and share as you deem

necessary within your department. The most frequent problem is our member applicants sending incorrect and incomplete grant applications directly to national, where we in turn must forward those grant applications to the department headquarters for proper completion and investigation.

If any of your American Legion posts perform duties in disaster relief efforts, please let us know about this.

The NEF Grant Application (fillable) can be found at this link:

<https://www.legion.org/emergency/apply>

The two links below provide important information about NEF. First is the PowerPoint of how to complete an application:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYTPVnmrshO>

The second is PNC/Illinois Department Adjutant Marty Conatser on how they set up disaster teams within Illinois following a massive tornado disaster, which could help you within your own departments.

<https://www.legion.org/emergency/vid-eos/PLF29FAF30BB761026/x5ZlecXviD8>

Please review the NEF Grant Application carefully, and remember, until there's an emergency declaration for a natural disaster in place (federal, state, or local), NEF can't help until one is called. If a declaration happens, ensure that the applicant is current on their membership prior to the disaster and at the time of application submission, provides photos, receipts, and any insurance paperwork. FEMA statements are good too. Statements from American Legion Post/District/Department officers or community leadership is encouraged to reinforce the grant application. Ensure application is completely filled out, or it could be sent back to you for more information. This is all outlined on the application and is provided for on the instruction sheet.

NEF does not provide for repairs or replacement of lost or damaged items in the primary home of residence. If the destroyed property is owned by the member, but he/she does not physically live there, that is not

covered. Vehicles or outbuildings are not covered. That is what insurance should cover. If available, provide copies of insurance determination, if any. If the home is rented, renters insurance information should be provided, if any. Call or e-mail me or Mark Woodsmall (317-630-1265) for any clarifications.

For American Legion posts, the only things covered are post programs that might sustain losses pertaining to the intent of the Four Pillars of The American Legion. Losses from the social quarters and/or restaurant of the post are not covered. A copy of the most recent Consolidated Post Report (CPR) needs to be attached. A statement from post/district/department officers or community leaders as to how the losses in the post is very helpful if available. Photos of damages are needed for best determination. Insurance documents should be provided.

You can mail, fax (317-630-1413) or scan/e-mail the application and any attachments (photos, receipts, other supporting documents) to ia@legion.org. Staff will process from there. If approved by the National Adjutant, a check will be cut from Finance and mailed in a timely fashion to the department adjutant to disburse to the member or the post. Address to mail grant applications is:

The American Legion National Headquarters
ATTN: National Emergency Fund
Internal Affairs & Membership Division
P. O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Again, if a National Emergency Fund application comes to us directly from the member, we will scan/e-mail back to the department adjutant for your recommendation. Remember, you and your leadership are "boots on the ground," so the department has to make the best determination for recommended grant amount to the national organization.

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance Program is also ready to assist American Legion eligible veterans with minor children in the home (18 or younger) who need financial help to pay for shelter, food, utilities, and medical expenses.

Please make sure that all pertinent documentation is included in the packet as well as the investigator's report. Missing documentation will slow down the process and may result in the application being denied.

If you have any questions regarding Temporary Financial Assistance, please contact Stacy Cope, Youth Welfare Program Manager in the Americanism Division at 317-630-1202 or scope@legion.org.



Navy secretary signs order mandating mental health care, confidential evaluations

Kelly Agee/Stars and Stripes | July 13, 2023

The U.S. Navy and Marine Corps have apparently become the first U.S. service branches to implement the



Brandon Act, a set of policies that provide service members with a confidential evaluation and greater access to mental health care.

Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro signed the instruction Monday, according to the parents of Brandon Castera and a USNI News report Tuesday. President Joe Biden signed the measure into law in December 2021 as part of the fiscal 2022 National Defense Authorization Act.

The act is named for Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Castera, an aviation electrician. Castera, 21, died by suicide June 25, 2018, at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. A command investigation found that a combative and toxic leadership contributed to his death.

Brandon's parents, Teri and Patrick Castera, two months after his death started a push to get the measure passed, an uphill battle of phone calls and trips to the Pentagon, Patrick Castera told Stars and Stripes by phone Wednesday.

"He will forever be saving lives and his death meant something, as tragic as it was," his father said. "I know he's smiling at us. He had a smile and made everyone want to smile."

The Brandon Act allows service members to seek confidential help for any mental health issue, at any time, in any environment, thereby reducing the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment.

The act requires a mental health evaluation as soon as service members self-report, according to thebrandonact.org, a website the Casteras created. The Brandon Act "will also allow Americans serving in uniform to seek help confidentially and, if necessary, outside of the chain of command," according to the website.

The measure also mandates annual training from the Department of Defense on recognizing members who may need a mental health evaluation.

Under the law, commanders and supervisors must ensure that service members understand the procedure for requesting a mental health evaluation, ensure they are referred as soon as possible, maintain privacy protections, and not seek the results of evaluations, among other requirements.

Del Toro called the Casteras as they drove to their Peoria, Ariz., home with word that he had signed the order to implement the act, Patrick Castera said. Del Toro read the policy over the phone and said he was signing it on the spot, Castera said. The secretary later sent a photo of the signed document to the Castera family.

"It brought tears to our eyes knowing that he actually signed the act into Navy and Marine law," Teri Castera said. "It was thrilling."

The Casteras posted the news Tuesday on The Brandon Act Facebook page, where a flood of comments followed.

"This is amazing," Petty Officer 2nd Class Emilie Nielson, a gunner's mate, wrote. "I can't tell you how many hoops I had to jump through to seek help for my own mental health through the military. This is a huge step in the right direction."

Two months ago, Nielson, of Albuquerque, N.M., was stationed on the amphibious transport dock USS Mesa Verde, when she experienced difficulty getting help for anxiety and depression, she told Stars and Stripes via Facebook Messenger on Wednesday.

“When I was on the ship, the big issue I faced was getting an appointment,” Nielson said. The process involved getting screened by medical specialists who set up a doctor appointment for a referral to a therapist, she said. The process could take weeks or months.

“There’s a saying the Navy has: ‘Ship, shipmate, self,’ which to me is completely backwards,” Nielson said. “If I can’t take care of myself first, how can I take care of my shipmates or my ship? When I told my command about my view on the saying I received some pushback.”

The Navy recorded 72 suicides in fiscal 2022, according to the Defense Department.

“This is to erase the stigma out there about mental health, it is OK to seek help,” Patrick Castera said.



U.S. Army photo

Biden says 3,000 Reserve troops can be sent to Europe to support NATO, Ukraine

Doug G. Ware/Stars and Stripes | July 14, 2023

President Joe Biden signed an executive order Thursday that makes as many as 3,000 American reservists available to go to Europe in support of NATO efforts amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.

The purpose of the order, Biden said, is to better support Operation Atlantic Resolve, a mission that launched almost a decade ago after Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine.

“Since 2014, U.S. European Command has provided combat-credible forces for rotational deployment to Europe ... to demonstrate good commitment to NATO,” Army Lt. Gen. Douglas Sims, director of operations for the Joint Staff, told reporters Thursday. “This reaffirms the unwavering support and commitment to the defense of NATO’s eastern flank in wake of Russia’s illegal, unprovoked war on Ukraine.”

In Biden’s order, he said the move making thousands of Reserve troops available is needed to back up American forces already involved in the defensive operation. “Reserve mobilizations under this authorization are not to exceed 3,000 total members at any one time, of whom not more than 450 may be members of the Individual Ready Reserve,” Biden said in a letter informing Congress of his order. “These Reserve component forces are to augment the active forces ... to enhance the United States’ ability to sustain its heightened level of presence and operations.”

The Pentagon stressed the order doesn’t simply send 3,000 more troops to Europe, but rather it only makes reservists available to go if EUCOM decides they’re needed. For example, Sims said commanders in Europe might decide a Reserve unit is better suited to handle certain tasks than active-duty troops who are already there.

Even before Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the United States had put thousands of additional American troops in areas neighboring, or near, Ukraine — such as Germany, Poland, and Romania — to support NATO’s eastern flank. Biden’s administration has also given Ukraine tens of billions of dollars in military aid at the same time, including an \$800 million package last week.

“The United States European Command is preparing to use new authorities in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, in continuation of U.S. commitment to NATO collective security, peace and stability,” Navy Capt. Bill Speaks, a spokesman for U.S. European Command, said Thursday. “This will not change current force posture levels in Europe.”

The Pentagon also said Atlantic Resolve is now being designated as a “contingency operation,” which is a move to add operational flexibility and troop benefits. “It unlocks capabilities and authorities that enables us to provide better support,” said Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon’s top spokesman. “This includes things like ... personnel related entitlements that give activated reservists the same benefits as active-component personnel.”

Biden's order comes after he met this week with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the NATO summit in Lithuania. During the summit, he and other NATO leaders agreed to expedite Ukrainian membership and said Kyiv will receive an invitation once certain conditions are met, such as improved defense standards and equipment.

"Ukraine's future lies at NATO," Biden said Wednesday at the conference, where the United States and G7 nations Japan, Canada, Germany, France, Britain, and Italy issued a joint declaration of support for Ukraine. "We are going to help Ukraine build a strong capable defense across land, air and sea."

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2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: JULY 13, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 7/26/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-38	119	154.55%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-165	1,595	117.11%	90.28
4	PHILIPPINES	70	-5	78	111.43%	100.00
5	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-87	2,567	108.68%	87.12
6	GEORGIA	4,490	-125	4,839	107.77%	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	-32	1,720	106.97%	82.41
10	MICHIGAN	24,271	-393	25,878	106.62%	91.22
11	COLORADO	2,729	-41	2,906	106.49%	85.96
12	ARIZONA	8,004	-97	8,501	106.21%	81.99
13	FLORIDA	21,519	-196	22,791	105.91%	83.96
14	VIRGINIA	4,109	1	4,313	104.96%	86.67
15	WASHINGTON	2,485	7	2,602	104.71%	79.23
16	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	29	5,932	104.49%	88.76
17	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	8	1,539	104.48%	86.12
18	FRANCE	158	1	165	104.43%	94.23
19	NEW MEXICO	1,483	11	1,546	104.25%	80.21
20	DELAWARE	2,430	24	2,528	104.03%	86.39
21	OKLAHOMA	1,348	16	1,399	103.78%	79.97
22	MAINE	2,617	45	2,703	103.29%	87.36
23	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
24	CALIFORNIA	10,714	193	11,057	103.20%	83.27
25	WISCONSIN	4,187	88	4,308	102.89%	86.85
26	MARYLAND	16,058	427	16,434	102.34%	89.72
27	TENNESSEE	1,718	51	1,753	102.04%	80.08
28	TEXAS	5,569	192	5,655	101.54%	79.66
29	MISSOURI	3,219	113	3,267	101.49%	84.86
30	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
31	NEW JERSEY	9,386	333	9,522	101.45%	87.81
32	OHIO	30,636	1,163	31,005	101.20%	90.90
33	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,514	61,329	100.87%	90.26
34	NEW YORK	29,864	1,398	29,959	100.32%	89.44
35	IDAHO	644	30	646	100.31%	79.11
36	ILLINOIS	13,398	651	13,417	100.14%	88.61
37	MISSISSIPPI	722	39	719	99.58%	80.25
38	INDIANA	36,387	2,083	36,123	99.27%	88.62
39	KANSAS	5,919	341	5,874	99.24%	87.09
40	VERMONT	3,818	222	3,787	99.19%	88.29
41	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	176	2,687	98.53%	78.26
42	ALABAMA	2,066	135	2,034	98.45%	82.65
43	LOUISIANA	1,790	118	1,762	98.44%	85.60
44	IOWA	4,857	329	4,771	98.23%	84.64
45	MINNESOTA	11,378	852	11,095	97.51%	87.29
46	CONNECTICUT	1,867	150	1,810	96.95%	84.19
47	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	445	5,269	96.82%	83.38
48	NEBRASKA	7,015	579	6,787	96.75%	90.95
49	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	99	1,010	95.64%	83.08
50	MONTANA	1,108	104	1,059	95.58%	87.31
51	UTAH	449	42	429	95.55%	71.55
52	WYOMING	1,298	151	1,212	93.37%	80.92
53	ARKANSAS	447	75	394	88.14%	72.17
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	521	2,218	85.01%	70.35
55	DIST OF COL	114	32	88	77.19%	60.18
Grand Totals:		367,798	12,560	373,628	101.59%	87.70

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	1,720	106.97%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,501	106.21%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,602	104.71%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	11,057	103.20%
IDAHO	644	646	100.31%
UTAH	449	429	95.55%
Totals:	25,822	27,053	104.77%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,595	117.11%
COLORADO	2,729	2,906	106.49%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,546	104.25%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,399	103.78%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
TEXAS	5,569	5,655	101.54%
KANSAS	5,919	5,874	99.24%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,787	96.75%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,010	95.64%
MONTANA	1,108	1,059	95.58%
WYOMING	1,298	1,212	93.37%
Totals:	28,918	29,075	100.54%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,878	106.62%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,308	102.89%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,267	101.49%
OHIO	30,636	31,005	101.20%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,417	100.14%
INDIANA	36,387	36,123	99.27%
IOWA	4,857	4,771	98.23%
MINNESOTA	11,378	11,095	97.51%
Totals:	128,333	129,864	101.19%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,567	108.68%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,932	104.49%
FRANCE	158	165	104.43%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,528	104.03%
MAINE	2,617	2,703	103.29%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,434	102.34%
RHODE ISLAND	336	341	101.49%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,522	101.45%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,329	100.87%
NEW YORK	29,864	29,959	100.32%
VERMONT	3,818	3,787	99.19%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,810	96.95%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,269	96.82%
DIST OF COL	114	88	77.19%
Totals:	140,932	142,434	101.07%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,839	107.77%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,791	105.91%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,313	104.96%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,539	104.48%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,753	102.04%
MISSISSIPPI	722	719	99.58%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,687	98.53%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,034	98.45%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,762	98.44%
ARKANSAS	447	394	88.14%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,218	85.01%
Totals:	43,793	45,202	103.22%



07/13/23		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	27,053	1,231	104.77%	18	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,202	1,409	103.22%	24	05/17/23
3	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,864	1,531	101.19%	110	06/12/23
4	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,434	1,502	101.07%	91	06/15/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,075	157	100.54%	10	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	373,628	5,830	101.59%	235	06/08/23

07/13/23		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	25,878	1,607	106.62%	9	91.22%	10	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,308	121	102.89%	2	86.85%	25	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,267	48	101.49%	4	84.86%	29	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,005	369	101.20%	-	90.90%	32	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,417	19	100.14%	-	88.61%	36	06/15/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,123	(264)	99.27%	12	88.62%	38	
7	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,771	(86)	98.23%	4	84.64%	44	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	11,095	(283)	97.51%	79	87.29%	45	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,864	1,531	101.19%	110		3	06/12/23

07/13/23		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	Philippines 8, 9, Q	70	78	8	111.43%	-	100.00%	4	04/10/23
3	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,518	104	107.36%	-	81.34%	7	04/17/23
4	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	383	26	107.28%	-	80.49%	8	05/08/23
5	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,720	112	106.97%	1	82.41%	9	06/05/23
6	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,501	497	106.21%	2	81.99%	12	05/15/23
7	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,602	117	104.71%	-	79.23%	15	06/01/23
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	11,057	343	103.20%	15	83.27%	24	06/01/23
9	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Q	644	646	2	100.31%	-	79.11%	35	06/22/23
10	Utah 5	449	429	(20)	95.55%	-	71.55%	51	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	27,053	1,231	104.77%	18		1	05/29/23

07/13/23		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	4,839	349	107.77%	-	88.70%	6	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,791	1,272	105.91%	14	83.96%	13	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,313	204	104.96%	2	86.67%	14	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,539	66	104.48%	1	86.12%	17	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	2,687	(40)	98.53%	-	78.26%	41	
9	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,034	(32)	98.45%	5	82.65%	42	
10	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,762	(28)	98.44%	-	85.60%	43	
11	Arkansas 1	447	394	(53)	88.14%	-	72.17%	53	
12	Kentucky	2,609	2,218	(391)	85.01%	2	70.35%	54	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,202	1,409	103.22%	24		2	05/17/23

07/13/23		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	1,595	233	117.11%	1	90.28%	3	02/09/23
2	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,906	177	106.49%	-	85.96%	11	05/15/23
3	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,546	63	104.25%	2	80.21%	19	06/15/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,399	51	103.78%	1	79.97%	21	05/11/23
5	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	23	03/13/23
6	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,655	86	101.54%	2	79.66%	28	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,874	(45)	99.24%	1	87.09%	39	
8	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,787	(228)	96.75%	1	90.95%	48	
9	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,010	(46)	95.64%	2	83.08%	49	
10	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,059	(49)	95.58%	-	87.31%	50	
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	29,075	157	100.54%	6		5	

07/13/23		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%	-	87.12%	5	04/17/23
2	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,932	255	104.49%	3	88.76%	16	06/09/23
3	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	158	165	7	104.43%	2	94.23%	18	06/26/23
4	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,528	98	104.03%	-	86.39%	20	05/08/23
5	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,703	86	103.29%	18	87.36%	22	05/22/23
6	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,434	376	102.34%	9	89.72%	26	05/17/23
7	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	30	05/08/23
8	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,522	136	101.45%	1	87.81%	31	07/06/23
9	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,329	526	100.87%	53	90.26%	33	06/12/23
10	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	29,959	95	100.32%	5	89.44%	34	06/29/23
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,787	(31)	99.19%	-	88.29%	40	
12	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,810	(57)	96.95%	-	84.19%	46	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,269	(173)	96.82%	-	83.38%	47	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	88	(26)	77.19%	-	60.18%	55	
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		140,932	142,434	1,502	101.07%	91		4	06/15/23

07/13/23		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	25,878	1,607	106.62%	9	91.22%	10	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,791	1,272	105.91%	14	83.96%	13	04/24/23
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,005	369	101.20%	-	90.90%	32	06/12/23
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,329	526	100.87%	53	90.26%	33	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	29,959	95	100.32%	5	89.44%	34	06/29/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,123	(264)	99.27%	12	88.62%	38	
TOTALS		179,209	181,207	1,998	101.11%	84			

National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	373,628	5,830	101.59%	253	87.70%		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 12, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
OHIO	307	162	52.8%
TENNESSEE	46	21	45.7%
MARYLAND	102	39	38.2%
IOWA	152	55	36.2%
WYOMING	25	9	36.0%
WISCONSIN	125	43	34.4%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
OREGON	34	11	32.4%
VIRGINIA	88	28	31.8%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
IDAHO	26	8	30.8%
INDIANA	294	87	29.6%
NEW MEXICO	34	10	29.4%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	17	27.4%
ALASKA	22	6	27.3%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
FLORIDA	190	50	26.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	18	24.7%
MONTANA	51	12	23.5%
CALIFORNIA	210	49	23.3%
MISSISSIPPI	44	10	22.7%
ALABAMA	68	15	22.1%
CONNECTICUT	50	11	22.0%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
NEW YORK	581	117	20.1%
ILLINOIS	284	57	20.1%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
ARIZONA	78	15	19.2%
OKLAHOMA	96	18	18.8%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
KANSAS	128	20	15.6%
NEBRASKA	161	24	14.9%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	67	14.3%
COLORADO	63	9	14.3%
GEORGIA	119	17	14.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	7	14.3%
NEW JERSEY	211	27	12.8%
MAINE	72	9	12.5%
MICHIGAN	209	25	12.0%
TEXAS	253	27	10.7%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
WASHINGTON	71	7	9.9%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
MINNESOTA	267	19	7.1%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	12	6.1%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
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	1223	20.8%

Regional Breakdown as of July 12, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	307	162	52.8%
IOWA	152	55	36.2%
WISCONSIN	125	43	34.4%
INDIANA	294	87	29.6%
ILLINOIS	284	57	20.1%
MICHIGAN	209	25	12.0%
MINNESOTA	267	19	7.1%
MISSOURI	118	6	5.1%
Totals	1756	454	25.9%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
WYOMING	25	9	36.0%
NEW MEXICO	34	10	29.4%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
MONTANA	51	12	23.5%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
OKLAHOMA	96	18	18.8%
KANSAS	128	20	15.6%
NEBRASKA	161	24	14.9%
COLORADO	63	9	14.3%
TEXAS	253	27	10.7%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
Totals	644	122	18.9%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OREGON	34	11	32.4%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
IDAHO	26	8	30.8%
ALASKA	22	6	27.3%
CALIFORNIA	210	49	23.3%
ARIZONA	78	15	19.2%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
WASHINGTON	71	7	9.9%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
Totals	1769	309	17.5%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
MARYLAND	102	39	38.2%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	17	27.4%
CONNECTICUT	50	11	22.0%
NEW YORK	581	117	20.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	67	14.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	7	14.3%
NEW JERSEY	211	27	12.8%
MAINE	72	9	12.5%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	12	6.1%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	321	17.2%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	46	21	45.7%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
VIRGINIA	88	28	31.8%
FLORIDA	190	50	26.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	18	24.7%
MISSISSIPPI	44	10	22.7%
ALABAMA	68	15	22.1%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
GEORGIA	119	17	14.3%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
Totals	840	192	22.9%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5878	1223	20.8%
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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51st NATIONAL CONVENTION AGENDA FLYER
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 25 - 27, 2023**

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS TRAINING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - HALL C2, EXHIBIT HALL - 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 205, SECTION A

8:30 AM INTERNAL AFFAIRS
10:00 AM MEMBERSHIP
11:30 AM FINANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 205, SECTION B

8:30 AM CHILDREN & YOUTH
10:00 AM VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
11:30 AM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - ROOM 201, SECTIONS A - B

8:30 AM AMERICANISM
10:00 AM COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAPBOOK /HISTORY BOOK CONTEST
11:30 AM LEGISLATION AND RULES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - HALL C2, EXHIBIT HALL, GREEN ROOM (BEHIND STAGE)

11:00 AM CREDENTIALS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25	10:00 AM	PRE-CONVENTION NEC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27	2:00 PM	POST-CONVENTION NEC

NATIONAL CONVENTION GENERAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25	1:00 PM - OPENING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26	9:00 AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27	8:00 AM

TRANSITION MEETING - ROOM 208, MEETING LEVEL

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 8:00 AM (NATIONAL OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN ONLY)

NATIONAL STAFF OFFICE - RICHARDSON BALLROOM, LEVEL 3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF) - DONATIONS REPORT**

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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	2,034	\$ 2,034.00		0.0%	\$ -
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,720	\$ 1,720.00		0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,501	\$ 8,501.00	\$ 15,575.00	183.2%	\$ 1.83
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	394	\$ 394.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,057	\$ 11,057.00	\$ 575.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,906	\$ 2,906.00		0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,810	\$ 1,810.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,528	\$ 2,528.00		0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL		88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,791	\$ 22,791.00		0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 100.00	165	\$ 165.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,839	\$ 4,839.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	646	\$ 646.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,417	\$ 13,417.00	\$ 785.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,123	\$ 36,123.00		0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,771	\$ 4,771.00		0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,874	\$ 5,874.00		0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,218	\$ 2,218.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,762	\$ 1,762.00	\$ 1,150.00	65.3%	\$ 0.65
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,703	\$ 2,703.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,434	\$ 16,434.00		0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,269	\$ 5,269.00	\$ 100.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
MX - MEXICO		32	\$ 32.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,878	\$ 25,878.00	\$ 3,393.00	13.1%	\$ 0.13
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,095	\$ 11,095.00	\$ 2,786.00	25.1%	\$ 0.25
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	719	\$ 719.00		0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,267	\$ 3,267.00		0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,059	\$ 1,059.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,787	\$ 6,787.00		0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	383	\$ 383.00	\$ 2,662.00	695.0%	\$ 6.95
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,932	\$ 5,932.00		0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,522	\$ 9,522.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,546	\$ 1,546.00		0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,959	\$ 29,959.00		0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,687	\$ 2,687.00	\$ 200.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,010	\$ 1,010.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,005	\$ 31,005.00	\$ 50.00	0.2%	\$ 0.00
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,399	\$ 1,399.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,518	\$ 1,518.00		0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	61,329	\$ 61,329.00	\$ 1,384.00	2.3%	\$ 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	1,539	\$ 1,539.00		0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,595	\$ 1,595.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,753	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 852.50	48.6%	\$ 0.49
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,655	\$ 5,655.00		0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	429	\$ 429.00	\$ 300.00	69.9%	\$ 0.70
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,787	\$ 3,787.00		0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,313	\$ 4,313.00	\$ 302.00	7.0%	\$ 0.07
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,602	\$ 2,602.00		0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,567	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 500.00	19.5%	\$ 0.19
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,308	\$ 4,308.00		0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,212	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -			
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 424,760.55	373,628	\$ 373,628.00	\$ 31,281.50	8.4%	\$ 0.08

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

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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	1,810	\$ 1,810.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,528	\$ 2,528.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ 100.00	165	\$ 165.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,703	\$ 2,703.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,434	\$ 16,434.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,269	\$ 5,269.00	\$ 100.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,932	\$ 5,932.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,522	\$ 9,522.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,959	\$ 29,959.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	61,329	\$ 61,329.00	\$ 1,384.00	2.3%	\$ 0.02
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	341	\$ 341.00	\$ 350.00	102.6%	\$ 1.03
VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,787	\$ 3,787.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,567	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 500.00	19.5%	\$ 0.19
Total:	\$ 92,425.75	142,434	\$ 142,434.00	\$ 2,459.00	1.7%	\$ 0.02

CENTRAL REGION						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,417	\$ 13,417.00	\$ 785.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,123	\$ 36,123.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,771	\$ 4,771.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,878	\$ 25,878.00	\$ 3,393.00	13.1%	\$ 0.13
MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,095	\$ 11,095.00	\$ 2,786.00	25.1%	\$ 0.25
MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,267	\$ 3,267.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,005	\$ 31,005.00	\$ 50.00	0.2%	\$ 0.00
WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,308	\$ 4,308.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 100,968.35	129,864	\$ 129,864.00	\$ 7,014.00	5.4%	\$ 0.05

WESTERN REGION						
ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,720	\$ 1,720.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,501	\$ 8,501.00	\$ 15,575.00	183.2%	\$ 1.83
CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,057	\$ 11,057.00	\$ 575.00	5.2%	\$ 0.05
HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 200.00	646	\$ 646.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	383	\$ 383.00	\$ 2,662.00	695.0%	\$ 6.95
OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,518	\$ 1,518.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 475.00	429	\$ 429.00	\$ 300.00	69.9%	\$ 0.70
WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,602	\$ 2,602.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 69,301.56	27,053	\$ 27,053.00	\$ 19,112.00	70.6%	\$ 0.71

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	2,034	\$ 2,034.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	394	\$ 394.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,791	\$ 22,791.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,839	\$ 4,839.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,218	\$ 2,218.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,762	\$ 1,762.00	\$ 1,150.00	65.3%	\$ 0.65
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	719	\$ 719.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,687	\$ 2,687.00	\$ 200.00	7.4%	\$ 0.07
PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,539	\$ 1,539.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,753	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 852.50	48.6%	\$ 0.49
VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,313	\$ 4,313.00	\$ 302.00	7.0%	\$ 0.07
Total:	\$ 86,501.59	45,202	\$ 45,202.00	\$ 2,574.50	5.7%	\$ 0.06

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,906	\$ 2,906.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,874	\$ 5,874.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MEXICO	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,059	\$ 1,059.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,787	\$ 6,787.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,546	\$ 1,546.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,010	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,399	\$ 1,399.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,595	\$ 1,595.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,655	\$ 5,655.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,212	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
Total:	\$ 70,888.39	29,075	\$ 29,075.00	\$ 122.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00

NATIONAL HQ:	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ -		
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 424,760.55	373,628	\$ 373,628.00	\$ 31,281.50	8.4%	\$ 0.08

DONATIONS AS OF: JULY 14, 2023

2023 MEMBERSHIP AS OF: JULY 13, 2023





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Request Form

2023 – 2024

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2023-2024 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2023. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

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: \$

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

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