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Everyone,

I have had some questions asked about the Wild Willy's Western Rendezvous Registration Fee. Yes, this is new for the upcoming and subsequent WWWR events. In years past, the Western Rendezvous was a rather small event that could be held at a local Post. Costs were minimal and we could rely upon people's kindness and the Post's willingness to help. As the years went on, the Western Rendezvous grew to where we could no longer host the event at a Post.

That is when we began to contract with the Tuscany Suites and Casino. The Tuscany has been able to give us good meeting room rates, luncheon options at good prices, affordable rooms to stay in, several on-site amenities, close to local restaurants, 15 minutes away from the airport, and right off the main Las Vegas strip.

However, since the COVID shutdown, everything in Las Vegas has gotten more expensive. This has affected the Tuscany as well. While the Tuscany can still offer good deals, prices have gone up.

Additionally, since WWWR has grown, we have been experiencing a large number of no shows to the event from people who stated that they would attend. Since we are under contract with the Tuscany for a certain number of room reservations and the number of attendees for the luncheon, when we have a large number of no shows, that means we have over booked the room block and over ordered the food for the luncheon. You must understand that we are still responsible to pay for the lower attendance, regardless. Also, we request the size of the meeting room we need to reflect the number of people that we anticipate will attend. If the room is too big for the total attendees, we still have to pay for the larger room.

Furthermore, the WWWR has no direct source of income to fund the event each year, except for the generosity of certain Detachments of the Western Region. In years past, not all Detachments have donated to the WWWR. So, the event income has been shouldered by about 4 or 5 Detachments. Until now, that has been sufficient to cover the costs of the event. However, when the Western Region expands in a couple of years with an additional 5 more Detachments, this will not be sustainable to cover the costs. With that said, we must begin to charge a Registration Fee for attendees. This should defray some of the costs for the event. Unfortunately, we are still asking for Detachments to donate to the WWWR event to help with the meeting rooms and other expenses.

There are three reasons for this decision. First, the cost per person for the luncheon is now rather pricey compared to pre-pandemic. Second, we need to have a better idea of how many people will attend the event. Registering will give us a closer head count to base our negotiations with the Tuscany. And third, with a paid, Non-Refundable Registration Fee, people will be more committed to attend the event.

Therefore, the current Registration Fee structure is as follows:

1. Non-Refundable Pre-Registration Fee - \$20 per person if paid by **August 31st, 2023**.
2. Non-Refundable Registration Fee - \$40 per person until **December 31st, 2023**.
3. An additional Non-Refundable Surcharge Fee of \$5 per person if the registration is made **after January 1st, 2024** until the day of the event.
4. **On the day** of the WWWR, a Non-Refundable Early Bird Registration Fee for the following year's WWWR of \$10 per person will be open.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Always in Service,

Jim Stewart

Wild Willy's Western Rendezvous Event Coordinator
Past National Vice Commander
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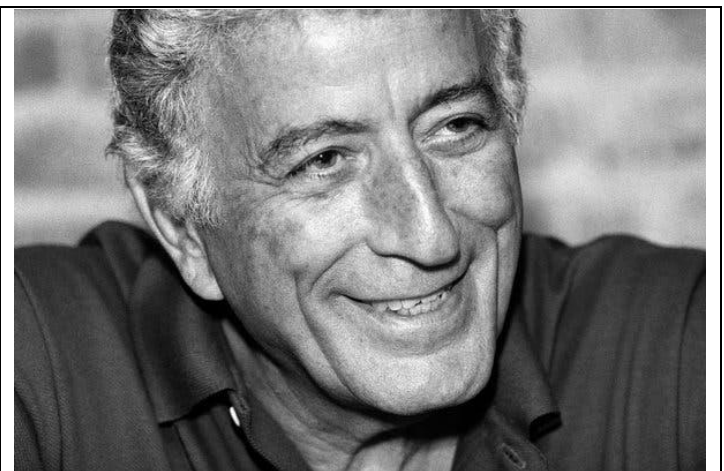
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Tony Bennett, Jazzy Crooner of the American Songbook, Is Dead at 96

From his initial success at the Paramount in Times Square through his generation-spanning duets, his career was remarkable for both its longevity and its consistency.

[Bruce Weber](#), The New York Times | July 21, 2023



Tony Bennett followed in the musical path of the greatest American pop singers of the 20th century, and carried the torch for them into the 21st.

Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

Tony Bennett, a singer whose melodic clarity, jazz-influenced phrasing, audience-embracing persona, and warm, deceptively simple interpretations of musical standards helped spread the American songbook around the world and won him generations of fans,

died on Friday at his home of many decades in Manhattan. He was 96.

His publicist, Sylvia Weiner, announced his death.

Mr. Bennett learned he had Alzheimer's disease in 2016, his wife, Susan Benedetto, told AARP The Magazine in February 2021. But he continued to perform and record despite his illness; his last public performance was in August 2021, when he appeared with Lady Gaga at Radio City Music Hall in a show titled "One Last Time."

Mr. Bennett's career of more than 70 years was remarkable not only for its longevity, but also for its consistency. In hundreds of concerts and club dates and more than 150 recordings, he devoted himself to preserving the classic American popular song, as written by Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Duke Ellington, Rodgers and Hammerstein and others.

From his initial success as a jazzy crooner who wowed audiences at the Paramount in Times Square in the early 1950s, through his late-in-life duets with younger singers gleaned from a range of genres and generations — most notably Lady Gaga, with whom he recorded albums in 2014 and 2021 and [toured in 2015](#) — he was an active promoter of both songwriting and entertaining as timeless, noble pursuits.

Mr. Bennett stubbornly resisted record producers who urged gimmick songs on him, or, in the 1960s and early '70s, who were sure that rock 'n' roll had relegated the music he preferred to a dusty bin perused only by a dwindling population of the elderly and nostalgic.

Instead, he followed in the musical path of the greatest American pop singers of the 20th century — Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra — and carried the torch for them into the 21st. He reached the height of stardom in 1962 with a celebrated concert at Carnegie Hall and the release of his signature song, ["I Left My Heart in San Francisco."](#) And though he saw his popularity wane with the onset of rock and his career went through a trough in the 1970s, when professional difficulties were exacerbated by a failing marriage and drug problems, he was, in the end, more than vindicated in his musical judgment.

"I wanted to sing the great songs, songs that I felt really mattered to people," he said in "The Good Life" (1998), an autobiography written with Will Friedwald. It's hard to overstate Mr. Bennett's lasting appeal. He was still singing "San Francisco" — which led many

people to think he was a native of that city, though he was actually a through-and-through New Yorker — more than half a century later. He sang on Ed Sullivan's show and David Letterman's. He sang with Rosemary Clooney when she was in her 20s, and Celine Dion when she was in *her* 20s.



Mr. Bennett was surrounded by autograph hunters as he left a performance in 1951. He reached the height of stardom in 1962 with the release of his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

Associated Press

He made his film debut in 1966, in a [critically reviled Hollywood story](#), "The Oscar," playing a man betrayed by an old friend. And though he did not pursue an acting career, decades later he was playing himself in movies like the Robert De Niro-Billy Crystal gangster comedy "Analyze This" and the Jim Carrey vehicle "Bruce Almighty." He was 64 when he appeared as a cartoon version of himself on "The Simpsons." He was 82 when he appeared on the HBO series "Entourage," performing one of his trademark songs, "The Good Life."

A lifelong liberal Democrat, Mr. Bennett participated in the Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march in 1965, and, [along with Harry Belafonte](#), Sammy Davis Jr. and others, performed at the Stars for Freedom

rally on the City of St. Jude campus on the outskirts of Montgomery on March 24, the night before the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the address that came to be known as the “How Long? Not Long” speech. At the conclusion of the march, [Viola Liuzzo](#), a volunteer from Michigan, drove Mr. Bennett to the airport; she was murdered later that day by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Bennett also [performed for Nelson Mandela](#), then the president of South Africa, during his state visit to England in 1996. He sang at the White House for John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton, and at Buckingham Palace at Queen Elizabeth II’s 50th anniversary jubilee.

An ‘Elusive’ Voice

He won his first two Grammy Awards, for “San Francisco,” in 1963, and his last, for the album “Love for Sale,” with Lady Gaga, last year. [Altogether there were 20](#) of them, including, in 2001, a lifetime achievement award. By some estimates, he sold more than 60 million records.

[Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga Dueted. Their Stars Were Reborn.](#)

The talent that spawned this success and popularity was not so easy to define. Neither a fluid singer nor an especially powerful one, he did not have the mellifluous timbre of Crosby or the rakish swing of Sinatra. If Armstrong’s tone was distinctively gravelly, Mr. Bennett’s wasn’t quite; “sandy” was more like it. Almost no one denied that his voice was appealing, but critics strove mightily to describe it, and then to justify its appeal.

“The voice that is the basic tool of Mr. Bennett’s trade is small, thin and somewhat hoarse,” John S. Wilson wrote in *The New York Times* in 1962. “But he uses it shrewdly and with a skillful lack of pretension.”

In a 1974 profile, Whitney Balliett, the longtime jazz critic for *The New Yorker*, called Mr. Bennett “an elusive singer.”

“He can be a belter who reaches rocking fortissimos,” Mr. Balliett wrote. “He drives a ballad as intensely and intimately as Sinatra. He can be a lilting, glancing jazz singer. He can be a low-key, searching supper-club performer.” But, he added, “Bennett’s voice binds all his vocal selves together.”

Most simply, perhaps, the composer and critic Alec Wilder said about Mr. Bennett’s voice, “There is a quality about it that lets you in.”

Indeed, what many listeners (including the critics) discovered about Mr. Bennett, and what they responded to, was something intangible: the care with which he treated both the song and the audience.



Performing in the Newport Jazz Festival at Carnegie Hall in 1976. Frank Sinatra once described Mr. Bennett as “the best singer in the business.”

D. Gorton/*The New York Times*

He had a storyteller’s grace with a lyric, a jazzman’s sureness with a melody, and in his finest performances he delivered them with a party giver’s welcome, a palpable and infectious affability. In his presentation, the songs he loved and sang — “Just in Time,” “The Best Is Yet to Come,” “Rags to Riches” and “I Wanna Be Around,” to name a handful of his emblematic hits — became engaging, life-embracing parables.

Frank Sinatra, whom Mr. Bennett counted as a mentor and friend, once put it another way.

“For my money, Tony Bennett is the best singer in the business,” he told *Life* magazine in 1965. “He excites me when I watch him. He moves me. He’s the singer who gets across what the composer has in mind, and probably a little more.”

Mr. Bennett passed through life with as unscathed a public image as it is possible for a celebrity to have. Finding even mild criticism of him in reviews and interviews is no mean feat, and even his outspoken liberalism generally failed to attract vitriol from the right. ([An exception was his call](#), after the drug-related deaths of [Michael Jackson](#), [Amy Winehouse](#) and [Whitney Houston](#), for the legalization of drugs, a view loudly denounced by William J. Bennett, the former drug czar, among others.)

With the possible exception of his former wives, everyone, it seemed, loved Tony Bennett. Skeptical journalists would occasionally try to pierce what they

perceived as his perfect veneer, but they generally discovered that there wasn't much to pierce.



Mr. Bennett in London in 1972, where he filmed his "Tony Bennett at the Talk of the Town" television show.
Associated Press

"Bennett is outrageous," Simon Hattenstone, a reporter for *The Guardian*, [wrote in 2002](#). "He mythologizes himself, name-drops every time he opens his mouth, directs you to his altruism, is self-congratulatory to the point of indecency. He should be intolerable, but he's one of the sweetest, most humble men I've ever met."

Son of Queens

Anthony Dominick Benedetto was born on Aug. 3, 1926, in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens, and grew up in that borough in working-class Astoria. His father, Giovanni, had emigrated from Calabria, in southern Italy, at age 11. His mother, Anna (Suraci) Benedetto, was born in New York in 1899, having made the sea journey from Italy in the womb. Their marriage was arranged. Giovanni and Anna were cousins; their mothers were sisters.

In New York, where Giovanni Benedetto became John, he was a grocer, but beleaguered by poor health and often unable to work. Anna was a factory seamstress and took in additional sewing to support the family. Anthony was their third child, their second son, and the first of any Benedetto to be born in a hospital. Giovanni, who sang Italian folk songs to his children — "My father inspired my love for music," Mr. Bennett wrote in his autobiography — died when Anthony was 10.

Anthony sang from an early age, and drew and painted, too. He would become a creditable painter as an adult, mostly landscapes and still lifes in watercolors and oils and portraits of musicians he admired, signing his paintings "Benedetto." His first music

teacher arranged for him to sing alongside Mayor Fiorello La Guardia at the opening of the Triborough Bridge (now the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge) in 1936. For a time, he attended the High School for Industrial Arts (now called the High School of Art and Design) in Manhattan, but he never graduated. He dropped out and found work as a copy boy for *The Associated Press*, in a laundry and as an elevator operator.



He was an artist, too, signing his paintings "Benedetto." Here he worked on one in 1969 in his Manhattan apartment.
Bob Wands/Associated Press

"I couldn't figure out how to get the elevator to stop at the right place," he recalled. "People ended up having to crawl out between floors."

At night he performed at amateur shows and worked as a singing waiter. He had just begun to get paying work as a singer, using the stage name Joe Bari, when he was drafted.

He arrived in Europe toward the end of World War II, serving in Germany in the infantry. He spent time on the front lines, an experience he described as "a front-row seat in hell," and was among the troops who arrived to liberate the prisoners at the Landsberg concentration camp, a subcamp of Dachau.

After Germany surrendered, Mr. Bennett was part of the occupying forces, assigned to special services, where he ended up as a singer with Army bands and for a time was featured in a ragtag version of the musical "On the Town" — directed by Arthur Penn, who

would go on to direct “Bonnie and Clyde” and other notable movies — in the opera house in Wiesbaden.



Mr. Bennett at the opening of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in 1966.
Las Vegas News Bureau, via European Pressphoto Agency

He returned to New York in August 1946 and set about beginning a career as a musician. On the G.I. Bill, he took classes at the American Theater Wing, which he later said helped teach him how to tell a story in song. He sang in nightclubs in Manhattan and Queens.

A series of breaks followed. He appeared on the radio show “Arthur Godfrey’s Talent Scouts,” the “American Idol” of its day. (The competition was won by Rosemary Clooney.) There are different versions of the biggest break in Mr. Bennett’s early career, but as he told it in “The Good Life,” he had been singing occasionally at a club in Greenwich Village where the owner had offered Pearl Bailey a gig as the headliner; she agreed, but only on the condition that Joe Bari stayed on the bill.

When Bob Hope came down to take in Ms. Bailey’s act, he liked Joe Bari so much that he asked him to open for him at the Paramount Theater. Hope had a condition, however: He didn’t like the name Joe Bari,

and insisted it be changed. Dismissing the name Anthony Benedetto as too long to fit on a marquee, Hope christened the young singer Tony Bennett.

[Tony Bennett’s 10 Essential Songs](#) [July 21, 2023](#)

The Hits Roll In

The producer [Mitch Miller](#) signed Mr. Bennett to Columbia Records in 1950; “Boulevard of Broken Dreams” was his first single. Miller was known for his hit-making prowess, a gift that often involved matching talented singers with novelty songs or having them cover hits by others, for which he was criticized by more serious music fans and sometimes by the singers themselves.

He and Mr. Bennett had a contentious relationship. Mr. Bennett resisted his attempts at gimmickry; Miller, who believed that the producer and not the singer was in charge of a recording, applied his authority. Still, together they achieved grand success.

By mid-1951, Mr. Bennett had his first No. 1 hit, [“Because of You.”](#) That same year, his version of the Hank Williams ballad [“Cold, Cold Heart”](#) also hit No. 1; three years after Williams died in 1953, Mr. Bennett performed it in his honor at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Other trademark songs followed: [“Rags to Riches”](#) in 1953; [“Stranger in Paradise,”](#) from the Broadway show “Kismet,” also in 1953; Jule Styne, Betty Comden and Adolph Green’s [“Just in Time,”](#) from the show “Bells Are Ringing,” in 1956. That same year, Mr. Bennett was host of his own television variety show, a summer replacement for a similar show that starred another popular Italian American crooner, Perry Como. In 1958, he recorded two albums with the Count Basie band, introducing him to the jazz audience.

In the 1950s, Mr. Bennett toured for the first time, played Las Vegas for the first time, and got married for the first time, to Patricia Beech, a fan who had seen him perform in Cleveland. The marriage would flounder in the 1960s, overwhelmed by Mr. Bennett’s perpetual touring, but their two sons would end up playing roles in Mr. Bennett’s career: the older one, D’Andrea, known as Danny, became his father’s manager, and Daegal, known as Dae, became a music producer and recording engineer.

In July 1961, Mr. Bennett was performing in Hot Springs, Ark., and about to head to the West Coast when Ralph Sharon, his longtime pianist, played him

a song written by George Cory and Douglass Cross that had been moldering in a drawer for two years. Mr. Sharon and Mr. Bennett decided that it would be perfect for their next date, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, and it was.



Mr. Bennett with his daughter Johanna in London in 1972.
United Press International

They recorded the song — of course it was [“I Left My Heart in San Francisco”](#) — six months later, in January 1962. It won Mr. Bennett his first two Grammys, for best male solo performance and record of the year, and worldwide fame. In “The Good Life,” he wrote that he was often asked if he ever tired of singing it. “I answer, ‘Do you ever get tired of making love?’” he wrote.

Just five months later, Mr. Bennett performed at Carnegie Hall with Mr. Sharon and a small orchestra. He got sensational reviews — though The Times’s was measured — and the recording of the concert is now considered a classic.

But as the 1960s proceeded and rock ‘n’ roll became dominant, Mr. Bennett’s popularity began to slip. In 1969, he succumbed to the pressure of the new president of Columbia Records, Clive Davis, to record his versions of contemporary songs, and the result, [“Tony](#)

[Sings the Great Hits of Today!”](#) — including the Beatles’ [“Eleanor Rigby”](#) and [“Something”](#) — was a musical calamity, a record that Mr. Bennett would later tell an interviewer made him vomit.

His relationship with Columbia soured further and finally ended, and by the middle of the 1970s Mr. Bennett had formed his own company, Improv Records, on which he recorded the first of two of his most critically admired albums, duets with the jazz pianist Bill Evans. (The second one was released on Evans’s label, Fantasy.) Together the two opened the Newport Jazz Festival, which had moved to New York, at Carnegie Hall in 1976.

Improv went out of business in 1977, and without a recording contract Mr. Bennett relied more and more on Las Vegas, then in decline, for regular work. His mother died that year, and the profligate life he had been living in Beverly Hills caught up with him; the Internal Revenue Service was threatening to take his house. His second marriage, a tumultuous one to the actress Sandra Grant, collapsed — she would later say that she would have been better off if she had married her previous boyfriend, Joe DiMaggio — and he had begun using marijuana and cocaine heavily.



Mr. Bennett in Las Vegas in 1972. By the middle of the 1970s he had formed his own company, Improv Records, but its success was short-lived.

Las Vegas News Bureau, via European Pressphoto Agency

One day in 1979, high and in a panic, he took a bath to calm down and nearly died in the tub. In later years he would play down the seriousness of the event, but he wrote about it in “The Good Life,” describing what

he called a near-death experience: “A golden light enveloped me in a warm glow. It was quite peaceful; in fact, I had the sense that I was about to embark on a very compelling journey. But suddenly I was jolted out of the vision. The tub was overflowing, and Sandra was standing above me. She’d heard the water running for too long, and when she came in, I wasn’t breathing. She pounded on my chest and literally brought me back to life.”

Mr. Bennett turned to his older son for help. Danny Bennett took over the management of his career, aiming to have the American musical standards that were his strength, and his handling of them, perceived as hip by a new generation.

Somewhat surprisingly, the strategy took hold. An article in *Spin* magazine, which was founded in 1985, declared Mr. Bennett and James Brown as the two foremost influences on rock ‘n’ roll, and the magazine followed up with a long, admiring profile.

A Career Revival

Encouraged by executive changes at Columbia Records, Mr. Bennett returned to the Columbia fold in 1985. The next year he released the album [“The Art of Excellence.”](#) WBCN in Boston became the first rock station to give it regular airplay. Released in the emerging CD format, it spurred the sales of Mr. Bennett’s back catalog as music fans began replacing their vinyl records with CDs.

In 1993, Mr. Bennett was a presenter, along with two members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, at MTV’s Video Music Awards. The next year he gave an hour-long performance for MTV’s [“Unplugged”](#) series, which included duets with K.D. Lang (with whom he would later tour) and Elvis Costello. The recording of the show won the Grammy for album of the year.

The revival of Mr. Bennett’s career was complete. Not only had he returned to the kind of popularity he had enjoyed 40 years earlier, but he had also been accepted by an entirely new audience.

He recorded albums that honored musicians he admired — Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, and Billie Holiday — and he collaborated on standards with singers half, or less than half, his age. On the 2006 album “Duets: An American Classic,” he sang “If I Ruled the World” with Ms. Dion, “Smile” with Barbra Streisand and “For Once in My Life” with Stevie Wonder, and revisited his first Columbia single, “Boulevard of Broken Dreams,” with Sting. Five years later, on “Duets II,” his collaborators included Aretha

Franklin, Queen Latifah, Willie Nelson, and Ms. Winehouse.



Mr. Bennett in 1993. He continued touring and recording well into his later years, and collaborated with singers from a range of genres and generations.

Wyatt Counts/Associated Press

As the century changed, he was once again touring, giving up to 200 performances a year, and recording prolifically.

In 2007 Mr. Bennett married a third time, to his long-time companion, Susan Crow, a teacher four decades his junior whom he had met in the late 1980s. Together they started a foundation, Exploring the Arts, that supports arts education in schools, and financed the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, a public high school in Queens.

Mr. Bennett had lived in the same Manhattan apartment, where he died, for most of his adult life, except for a few years in Los Angeles and London, Ms. Weiner, his publicist, said. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Danny and Dae; his daughters, Johanna and Antonia Bennett; and 9 grandchildren.

If there was a magical quality to Mr. Bennett’s life, as suggested by David Evanier in a glowing 2011 biography, “All the Things You Are: The Life of Tony

Bennett,” it is encapsulated by a story Mr. Bennett told to Whitney Balliett in 1974.

“I like the funny things in life that could only happen to me now,” he said. “Once, when I was singing Kurt Weill’s ‘Lost in the Stars’ in the Hollywood Bowl with Basie’s band and Buddy Rich on drums, a shooting star went falling through the sky right over my head and everyone was talking about it, and the next morning the phone rang and it was Ray Charles, who I’d never met, calling from New York. He said, ‘Hey, Tony, how’d you do that, man?’ and hung up.”



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Court program leads to dismissal of charges against local veteran

[Gerry Ricciutti](#), WKBN | July 18, 2023

[YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio](#) (WKBN) – A woman from Lowellville is the latest to graduate from Mahoning County's Honor Court program for veterans.

Jessica Wolfe [was arrested in May of last year](#).

The veteran of the Marine Corps [had gone to the school campus with a pistol in her hand](#) after a [student had shot himself in the cafeteria](#), and she was worried about her own children.

Judge Anthony D'Apolito presides over the program and said graduates must successfully complete a series of steps and phases aimed at helping the candidates deal with their problems.

"You must go to counseling, whatever it may be — mental health or substance abuse — employment is important, housing is important. We're trying to put the person back together again, and each phase has a certain goal or something it tries to achieve before they move on," said Judge Anthony D'Apolito.

Wolfe said the decisions she made that day came with some very harsh consequences, and the program helped her deal with them.

"It was a response, a typical response for a Marine. I mean, honestly, Judge D'Apolito, really, he nailed it on the head. He said we are trained that way; you know what I mean? We're trained to run toward the sound of chaos. We're trained to run toward danger," she said.

In exchange for completing the program, Wolfe and other graduates like her have their charges dismissed, and then their records are expunged and sealed.

Wolfe said she will stay on with the court to serve as a mentor for other veterans who need help.

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Pine Eagle Island | July 19, 2023

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History of American Legion Baseball



American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands behind the traditional values upon which it was founded in 1925. American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to serve their country or community, raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

A modest beginning. Community service has always been a core value of The American Legion. In

1925, this commitment was furthered to include a baseball program.

The league was first proposed at an American Legion state convention in Milbank, S.D., when Sioux Falls attorney and Department Commander Frank G. McCormick invited his close friend, Maj. John L. Griffith, to address the convention. Instead of a traditional speech, Griffith, who was also the collegiate commissioner of the Western Conference (now the Big Ten), spoke about the role athletics can play in the development of youth.

"The American Legion could well consider the advisability of assisting in the training of young Americans through our athletic games," Griffith said. Athletic competition teaches courage and respect for others, fostering their growth into active citizens, he explained.

The South Dakota convention agreed and passed a resolution urging the Legion to create an organized summer baseball league that started each June. National Commander James A. Drain backed the resolution, which passed that fall at the Legion's national convention in Omaha, Neb. It read:

"RESOLVED: That The American Legion ... inaugurate and conduct baseball leagues and tournaments for local championships, and that local champions determined by the competitions be given opportunity to compete in departmental, sectional and regional tournaments, and that a junior world series championship baseball series be conducted at each national convention ... "

The first program in the world to provide a national baseball tournament for teenagers, American Legion Baseball was born.

In 1926, posts in 15 states began to make Griffith's vision a reality. They organized and sponsored teams, drafted local schedules and conducted championship tourneys. Postseason tournaments at the state, sectional and regional levels culminated with a national championship. Only a few changes have been made to the format over the years. The tournament still has a similar setup: 64 teams play at eight regional sites, with eight teams going on to the World Series. The winning team receives a trip to Major League Baseball's World Series, a tradition dating back to 1926.

A little help from their friends. The first American Legion Baseball World Series was held in Philadelphia in 1926. Yonkers, N.Y., Post 321 beat a team

from Pocatello, Idaho, capping off what appeared to be a successful first season.

The league, however, hit a few growing pains in its second year. In 1927, the Legion's national convention convened in Paris. With the organization's financial coffers stretched thin from the trip's expenses, the Legion couldn't fund a World Series. No champion was named, and the future of American Legion Baseball looked bleak, as the inaugural season wound up costing more than originally planned.

But the Legion's Americanism director, Dan Sowers, worked to keep the league afloat. The tournament format needed \$50,000, and Sowers was determined to raise it. Early in 1928, he went to an executive meeting for professional baseball, hoping to reach a sympathetic ear. He found one in Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis, who pledged a \$50,000 annual donation from Major League Baseball. Legion Baseball resumed in 1928, and by 1929 participants were coming from every state and the District of Columbia.

Still, the program wasn't in the clear. Like other institutions, Legion Baseball fell on tough times during the Great Depression. In 1933, MLB's funds were sapped dry, and Legion Baseball was left without a sponsor. The annual \$50,000 donation was pulled, and it looked likely the national tournament would be abandoned indefinitely.

Again, Sowers set out to find a generous sponsor. Initially, he hounded big corporations, but he was concerned they'd treat to his fledgling baseball league as a public-relations arm. He turned to Frank Knox, a newspaper publisher and former department commander. Knox, who originally cautioned Sowers against using corporate sponsorship, contributed \$5,000 and gave Sowers letters of introduction to several other newspaper publishers. An additional \$28,500 was raised in donations from the Chicago Daily News, the Omaha World-Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Indianapolis News, the New Orleans Item-Tribune and the Atlanta Journal. Sowers received the final \$6,500 from his own boss, Col. Henry L. Doherty, president of Cities Services.

Legion Baseball soldiered on, even though some posts were still forced to run teams on shoestring budgets. MLB resumed its funding in 1935, starting with a \$20,000 donation and continues today supporting the program with an annual grant.

American Legion Baseball in the modern era. American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur

athletic leagues. Today, the program registers teams in all 50 states plus Canada. Each year young people, ages 13 to 19, participate. Since its inception in 1925, the league has had millions of players, including countless who have gone on to play in college and professional baseball, with 82 inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Legion Baseball also has a reputation for serving the young people who play for it. In college scholarships, the league annually awards a total of \$25,000 - \$500 for a player selected from each department based upon leadership, character, scholarship and financial need. Recently, the Legion passed a resolution allowing corporate sponsorship, in the hope of creating more financial aid for college. Diamond Sports currently funds \$25,000 in scholarships for the American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team. Eight players receive a \$2,500 scholarship and the "Captain" of the All-Academic Team receives a \$5,000 scholarship.

In 1949, the national player of the year was first named through the arrangement of Robert Quinn, director of The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Fittingly, winners receive a trip to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., making them the only amateur athletes invited to the exhibit. The award is now named after George W. Rulon, who served as program coordinator from 1961 to 1987.

Three other recognition awards were established in the 1970s: the Dr. Irvin L. "Click" Cowger RBI Award, the Rawlings Big Stick Award and the Bob Feller pitching awards. All recognize strong performances in the regional and national tournaments.

Over the years, plenty of other major corporations have joined Gatorade in sponsoring Legion Baseball. In the 1940s, Ford Motor Co. dealers supplied uniforms for local teams. Diamond Sports signed on as the "Official Baseball of the American Legion World Series."

A prestigious pedigree. Major League Baseball and American Legion Baseball don't have a formal partnership, but the two owe each other a tremendous debt of gratitude. MLB has sponsored Legion Baseball almost since its inception, and Legion Baseball has returned the favor, churning out major league prospects since the alumni base has been old enough to be scouted. The number of former Legion players who have gone on to the pros is far too large to chart. More than half of current major-leaguers played Legion Baseball. So did almost every working MLB manager, along with several former commissioners. In all, 82 program graduates are in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Naturally, Legion Baseball's alumni base includes some of the sport's most recognizable names. Yogi Berra played for Fred W. Stockham Post 245 in St. Louis and was once quoted as saying it was the most fun, he ever had. Ted Williams suited up for a post in San Diego. Frank Robinson led his Oakland, Calif., team to the only back-to-back national championships in program history. Babe Ruth was too old to join when Legion Baseball started, but he spent the final years of his life promoting the program as its director of operations. Other prominent players include Justin Verlander, Ryne Sandberg, Roy Campanella, Dusty Baker, Albert Pujols, Greg Maddux and Chipper Jones.

Of all the notable former players, Legion Baseball had perhaps the greatest impact on former Cleveland Indians great Bob Feller. A self-described shy farm kid from rural Iowa, Feller cut his teeth playing for Variety Post 313. He says the experience taught him as much about life as it did baseball. Legion Baseball gave him an outlet to be discovered as a pitcher, but also gave him a chance to form lifelong friendships, learn to deal with letdown in athletic competition, and become better prepared for the mental and emotional strain of fighting in a war.

The first Legion alumnus elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Feller [wrote a column](#) for The American Legion Magazine in June 1963, expressing his love and appreciation for the league after it honored him with a plaque in 1962.

"Truthfully, I feel I should have given a plaque to The American Legion rather than receiving one from it," Feller wrote. He penned the column free of charge and admitted that he never endorsed anything he didn't believe in during his career, even for large sums of money.

Yet baseball isn't the only area where former players have excelled. Legion Baseball graduates have gone on to prominence in other career fields. Former Vice President Dick Cheney played for Post 2 in Casper, Wyo. Famed journalist and author Tom Brokaw played Legion ball in South Dakota, and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack was on a team in Pennsylvania.

In short, Legion Baseball graduates are proud contributors throughout our society and often are the most successful people in their respective career fields.



Photo by Travis Hinkle/Penske Entertainment

Palou overcomes obstacles for a P2 in Toronto

The American Legion | July 17, 2023

A lot could have gone wrong for Alex Palou Sunday in the Honda Indy Toronto. But as the 2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season has proven, the Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) driver can deliver results no matter the odds.

After struggles in qualifications left Palou starting 15th – his lowest starting position of the season – Palou was able to make his way up in the field as the day progressed, settling in the top five. And then on Lap 46, Palou was involved in an incident involving two other cars that cracked the nose cone and knocked lose the front wing of the No. 10 Journie Rewards Honda.

Despite that, Palou managed to move up and then hold onto the No. 2 finish, trailing only first-time INDYCAR race winner Christian Lundgaard. The win was Palou's ninth-straight top-five finish and pushed his series points leads to 117 points over teammate Scott Dixon with seven races remaining. In 43 races with Chip Ganassi Racing, Palou has finished on the podium 20 times.

"It was a tough day at the office, but I'm really glad that we made it to P2," Palou said via CGR media. "I didn't know if we were going to make it with the front wing damage. Super happy that we got the No. 10 Journie Rewards Honda on the podium. P2 was like a win today so we'll take it."

Overall, Chip Ganassi Racing had all four drivers finish 11th or higher. In addition to Palou, two other CGR drivers had some sort of American Legion branding over the weekend.

INDYCAR rookie Marcus Armstrong delivered his best finish of the season, driving the No. 11 Ridgeline Lubricants Honda to seventh place, keeping his lead in the series' rookie standings, and moving up to 11th in the overall point standings.

"It was a long day in the office. It was a tough track to do 85 laps, but it was a lot of fun," Armstrong said. "I think the team did a great job with strategy, choosing when to box and how far we can go on fuel and with the tires. I thought today was a race of attrition and I've always made the best of it."

Marcus Ericsson and the No. 8 Huski Ice Spritz Honda maintained their fourth-place position in the championship standings after finishing 11th.


"We were running in the top group but had an issue in the end there and we had to pit," Ericsson said. "We lost top position there and it's just a shame about the ending. Otherwise, it was a strong day for us."

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES heads to Iowa this weekend for an oval doubleheader: the Hy-Vee Homefront 250 presented by Instacart on Saturday, and the Hy-Vee One Step 250 presented by Gatorade on Sunday, July 23, comprising the Hy-Vee INDYCAR Race Weekend doubleheader at Iowa Speedway.

Should Palou win either race, he and CGR will receive \$1 million through the PeopleReady Force For Good Challenge. Half of that will go to The American Legion, Palou's chosen charity.

Squadron Everlasting

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Brian L. Davis

Brian L. Davis, 54, Northern Cambria, passed away July 16, 2023, due to a motorcycle accident. Born October 20, 1968, in Fairmont, WV; the son of William and Donna (Colbert) Davis, of Monongah, WV.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife, Candice (Abrams) Davis; sons, Logan Davis, Ebensburg and Tanner Davis, Westover; stepchildren, Robert "Bo" Pennington (Kayla), Gramplan and Haley Pennington Lashley (Steven), Bedford; and step-

granddaughter, Blaire Lashley. Brother of Tim (Christine) Stivanelli, Cherry Tree and Bruce Davis, Fairmont, WV.

Employed as a Bore Mill Operator/Machinist for Komatsu, formerly Joy Global. Member of Slovak Club, Northern Cambria; Sons of American Legion; social member of the VFW's of Spangler and Barnesboro as well as many other area social clubs where he enjoyed meeting up with friends. He spent much of his time in the outdoors, riding motorcycles, going to camp, fishing, hunting game and snakes. Above all else, he was happiest spending time with his family.

Family and friends will be received from 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at Moriconi Funeral Home, Inc., Northern Cambria, where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Pastor Greg McDonald officiating. Committal, North Barnesboro Cemetery.

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Legion Launches \$1.8M Campaign

John Faucher, [Hortonville News](#) | July 17, 2023



A sign along State Highway 15 marks the site of the future Hortonville American Legion Community Center.

John Faucher

Community center planned in Hortonville. The Hortonville American Legion has launched an ambitious \$1.8 million fundraising campaign to build a new headquarters and community center on the village's East side.

Hammond-Schmit Post 55's new base of operations and community center will be located along East Main Street on a 3-acre parcel between Otter Creek Dental and Schmidt's Auto, south of State Highway 15.

The proposed building and site plan includes a 60×100' foot commercial 300-person capacity venue with 115 parking stalls.

Paul Wait, a Sons of American Legion member and Post 55 fundraising volunteer, said plans for the project began in 2021, when the Legion's current meeting space at the Opera House was leased to a church.

The church has accommodated the Legion with a shared space in the basement since 2021.

"It's a very cooperative relationship we have with the church and we're thankful they continue to let us use it, but it's not like having your own place," said Post Commander Bob Ziegert.

The Legion Post and Auxiliary has over 240 members. "We began looking at options for building a meeting place in 2021," said Ziegert.

Building Committee. They formed a building committee. Their vision: "To build a welcome gathering place for community events, meetings, programs and

activities that enrich the lives of veterans, families and all citizens of Hortonville and the Fox Valley."

"It's not something we just started in the last six months, it's been a long time coming," Ziegert said.

They purchased the 3-acre parcel in September 2022. "We've gotten very positive remarks from the people that we've talked to in the Hortonville community and the surrounding communities," said Ziegert.

American Legion Post 55 will own and operate the facility, but he said its use will extend to all citizens of Hortonville and the Fox Valley region.

"This is something that is really needed in the Hortonville area, and we feel very positive that we can provide this kind of building to service the area," said Ziegert.

Community involvement. "We want the community involved with this because it's for their use, it's not just for the American Legion use," he said.

On June 17, members of the Hortonville Boy Scout Troop 36 helped clear brush and conduct site work alongside Legion members.

The Legion Post has a history of partnering with community organizations like the Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, and other civic groups.

Ziegert said once the community center is built, its doors will be open to any community organization that needs a place to meet.

The venue will also be open for functions such as weddings, funerals, graduation parties and other celebrations.

"The goal is not to compete with restaurants and bars, we're not looking to start a food service," said Wait.

"There are a lot of veterans that will have a role in operating the center, and the vision is to serve the entire community," Wait said.

Ziegert said the center would offer programming for veterans.

"We want a place for fellow veterans to gather, feel safe and have open conversations with one another," said Ziegert.

At this time in Wisconsin, Post 55 is the only American Legion Post planning for new construction.

In 2016, American Legion Post 306 in Green Lake successfully raised \$1.2 million to build a new hall and community center.

Members of Post 55 visited Green Lake for a tour in February.

About a dozen members of Post 306 sat down with members of Hortonville's building committee to share ideas and answer questions.

"We were very impressed with the tour, and it was really helpful to sit down and learn from them," said Ziegert.

"You always feel welcome when you go to a Legion House."

Post 55 recently sent letters to all the Legion Posts in the State informing them of its building plans.

"We're just at the very start of our fundraising activity. You're going to see more of it," said Ziegert.

The group is planning to host some kick-off information events in July starting with an open house and meet and greet at Wolf River Community Bank.

Two-year campaign. "Our two-year campaign goal is \$1.8 million dollars," said Wait. "We hope to see a building open by 2025."

The group will be calling on friends in the business community, individuals, corporations, and organizations in the greater Fox Valley region.

"We just want to get the word out and let everybody know that this is something we're going to do," said Ziegert.

"There's not a question of if, what so ever," he said. "It's going to happen."

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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	-34	1,519	107.43%	81.41
8	NEVADA	357	-8	383	107.28%	80.27
9	COLORADO	2,729	-58	2,923	107.11%	86.32
10	ALASKA	1,608	-32	1,720	106.97%	82.41
11	MICHIGAN	24,271	-468	25,953	106.93%	91.52
12	ARIZONA	8,004	-102	8,506	106.27%	82.03
13	FLORIDA	21,519	-228	22,823	106.06%	84.09
14	WASHINGTON	2,485	-15	2,624	105.59%	80.10
15	VIRGINIA	4,109	-6	4,320	105.14%	86.80
16	NEW MEXICO	1,483	2	1,555	104.86%	80.60
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	14	5,947	104.76%	88.97
18	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	8	1,539	104.48%	86.12
19	FRANCE	158	1	165	104.43%	94.23
20	DELAWARE	2,430	18	2,534	104.28%	86.56
21	OKLAHOMA	1,348	13	1,402	104.01%	80.20
22	CALIFORNIA	10,714	182	11,068	103.30%	83.31
23	MAINE	2,617	45	2,703	103.29%	87.36
24	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
25	WISCONSIN	4,187	85	4,311	102.96%	86.92
26	MARYLAND	16,058	398	16,463	102.52%	89.89
27	TENNESSEE	1,718	48	1,756	102.21%	80.26
28	TEXAS	5,569	181	5,666	101.74%	79.86
29	MISSOURI	3,219	111	3,269	101.55%	84.92
30	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
31	OHIO	30,636	1,154	31,014	101.23%	90.93
32	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,446	61,397	100.98%	90.37
33	NEW JERSEY	9,386	385	9,470	100.89%	87.26
34	NEW YORK	29,864	1,318	30,039	100.59%	89.70
35	IDAHO	644	30	646	100.31%	79.11
36	ILLINOIS	13,398	650	13,418	100.15%	88.62
37	MISSISSIPPI	722	36	722	100.00%	80.66
38	VERMONT	3,818	214	3,795	99.40%	88.49
39	INDIANA	36,387	2,062	36,144	99.33%	88.69
40	KANSAS	5,919	339	5,876	99.27%	87.11
41	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	65	1,044	98.86%	86.29
42	ALABAMA	2,066	131	2,038	98.64%	82.84
43	LOUISIANA	1,790	116	1,764	98.55%	85.71
44	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	176	2,687	98.53%	78.26
45	IOWA	4,857	329	4,771	98.23%	84.66
46	MINNESOTA	11,378	849	11,098	97.54%	87.32
47	CONNECTICUT	1,867	150	1,810	96.95%	84.24
48	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	445	5,269	96.82%	83.38
49	NEBRASKA	7,015	578	6,788	96.76%	90.97
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	KENTUCKY	2,609	411	2,328	89.23%	73.59
54	ARKANSAS	447	75	394	88.14%	72.17
55	DIST OF COL	114	32	88	77.19%	60.18
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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	1,519	107.43%
NEVADA	357	383	107.28%
ALASKA	1,608	1,720	106.97%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,506	106.27%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,624	105.59%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	11,068	103.30%
IDAHO	644	646	100.31%
UTAH	449	429	95.55%
Totals:	25,822	27,092	104.92%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,595	117.11%
COLORADO	2,729	2,923	107.11%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,555	104.86%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,402	104.01%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
TEXAS	5,569	5,666	101.74%
KANSAS	5,919	5,876	99.27%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,044	98.86%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,788	96.76%
MONTANA	1,108	1,059	95.58%
WYOMING	1,298	1,212	93.37%
Totals:	28,918	29,152	100.81%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,953	106.93%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,311	102.96%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,269	101.55%
OHIO	30,636	31,014	101.23%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,418	100.15%
INDIANA	36,387	36,144	99.33%
IOWA	4,857	4,771	98.23%
MINNESOTA	11,378	11,098	97.54%
Totals:	128,333	129,978	101.28%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,567	108.68%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,947	104.76%
FRANCE	158	165	104.43%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,534	104.28%
MAINE	2,617	2,703	103.29%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,463	102.52%
RHODE ISLAND	336	341	101.49%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,397	100.98%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,470	100.89%
NEW YORK	29,864	30,039	100.59%
VERMONT	3,818	3,795	99.40%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,810	96.95%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,269	96.82%
DIST OF COL	114	88	77.19%
Totals:	140,932	142,588	101.18%

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	22,823	106.06%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,320	105.14%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,539	104.48%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,756	102.21%
MISSISSIPPI	722	722	100.00%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,038	98.64%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,764	98.55%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,687	98.53%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,328	89.23%
ARKANSAS	447	394	88.14%
Totals:	43,793	45,363	103.59%



07/20/23		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	27,092	1,270	104.92%	2	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,363	1,570	103.59%	28	05/17/23
3	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	129,978	1,645	101.28%	92	06/12/23
4	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	142,588	1,656	101.18%	84	06/15/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,152	234	100.81%	5	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	374,173	6,375	101.73%	209	06/08/23

07/20/23		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	25,953	1,682	106.93%	75	91.52%	11	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,311	124	102.96%	-	86.92%	25	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,269	50	101.55%	1	84.92%	29	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,014	378	101.23%	1	90.93%	31	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,418	20	100.15%	-	88.62%	36	06/15/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,144	(243)	99.33%	14	88.69%	39	
7	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,771	(86)	98.23%	1	84.66%	45	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	11,098	(280)	97.54%	-	87.32%	46	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		128,333	129,978	1,645	101.28%	92		3	06/12/23

	07/20/23	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%	-	100.00%	4	04/10/23
3	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,519	105	107.43%	-	81.41%	7	04/17/23
4	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	383	26	107.28%	-	80.27%	8	05/08/23
5	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,720	112	106.97%	-	82.41%	10	06/05/23
6	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,506	502	106.27%	-	82.03%	12	05/15/23
7	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,624	139	105.59%	-	80.10%	14	06/01/23
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	11,068	354	103.30%	2	83.31%	22	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	27,092	1,270	104.92%	2		1	05/29/23

07/20/23		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	22,823	1,304	106.06%	21	84.09%	13	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,320	211	105.14%	4	86.80%	15	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,539	66	104.48%	-	86.12%	18	05/15/23
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, Q	1,718	1,756	38	102.21%	3	80.26%	27	06/29/23
7	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Q	722	722	-	100.00%	-	80.66%	37	07/17/23
8	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,038	(28)	98.64%	-	82.84%	42	
9	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,764	(26)	98.55%	-	85.71%	43	
10	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,687	(40)	98.53%	-	78.26%	44	
11	Kentucky	2,609	2,328	(281)	89.23%	-	73.59%	53	
12	Arkansas 1	447	394	(53)	88.14%	-	72.17%	54	
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q		43,793	45,363	1,570	103.59%	28		2	05/17/23

07/20/23		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%	-	90.28%	3	02/09/23
2	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,923	194	107.11%	1	86.32%	9	05/15/23
3	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,555	72	104.86%	-	80.60%	16	06/15/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,402	54	104.01%	3	80.20%	21	05/11/23
5	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	24	03/13/23
6	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,666	97	101.74%	1	79.86%	28	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,876	(43)	99.27%	-	87.11%	40	
8	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,044	(12)	98.86%	-	86.29%	41	
9	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,788	(227)	96.76%	-	90.97%	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	29,152	234	100.81%	5		5	

07/20/23		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	5,947	270	104.76%	9	88.97%	18	06/09/23
3	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	158	165	7	104.43%	-	94.23%	19	06/26/23
4	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,534	104	104.28%	1	86.56%	20	05/08/23
5	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,703	86	103.29%	-	87.36%	23	05/22/23
6	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,463	405	102.52%	24	89.89%	26	05/17/23
7	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	30	05/08/23
8	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,397	594	100.98%	38	90.37%	32	06/12/23
9	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,470	84	100.89%	1	87.26%	33	07/06/23
10	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,039	175	100.59%	3	89.70%	34	06/29/23
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,795	(23)	99.40%	8	88.49%	38	
12	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,810	(57)	96.95%	-	84.24%	47	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,269	(173)	96.82%	-	83.38%	48	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	88	(26)	77.19%	-	60.18%	55	
TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		140,932	142,588	1,656	101.18%	84		4	06/15/23

07/20/23		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	25,953	1,682	106.93%	75	91.52%	11	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,823	1,304	106.06%	21	84.09%	13	04/24/23
3	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,014	378	101.23%	1	90.93%	31	06/12/23
4	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,397	594	100.98%	38	90.37%	32	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,039	175	100.59%	3	89.70%	34	06/29/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,144	(243)	99.33%	14	88.69%	39	
TOTALS		179,209	181,417	2,208	101.23%	77			
National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q		367,798	374,173	6,375	101.73%	211	87.84%		06/08/23



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 19, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
PUERTO RICO	6	6	100.0%
VERMONT	35	35	100.0%
WISCONSIN	125	113	90.4%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
OHIO	307	187	60.9%
NEW MEXICO	34	18	52.9%
CALIFORNIA	210	106	50.5%
WYOMING	25	12	48.0%
TENNESSEE	46	22	47.8%
ILLINOIS	284	133	46.8%
INDIANA	294	123	41.8%
IOWA	152	63	41.4%
ALASKA	22	9	40.9%
MARYLAND	102	40	39.2%
IDAHO	26	10	38.5%
VIRGINIA	88	32	36.4%
OREGON	34	12	35.3%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
CONNECTICUT	50	16	32.0%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
COLORADO	63	19	30.2%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	22	30.1%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	18	29.0%
FLORIDA	190	51	26.8%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
ALABAMA	68	18	26.5%
MONTANA	51	13	25.5%
NEW YORK	581	148	25.5%
MISSISSIPPI	44	11	25.0%
ARIZONA	78	18	23.1%
TEXAS	253	58	22.9%
KANSAS	128	29	22.7%
OKLAHOMA	96	21	21.9%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	101	21.6%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	1	20.0%
NEBRASKA	161	31	19.3%
NEW JERSEY	211	40	19.0%
FRANCE	11	2	18.2%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	8	16.3%
GEORGIA	119	19	16.0%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	28	14.3%
WASHINGTON	71	9	12.7%
MAINE	72	9	12.5%
MICHIGAN	209	26	12.4%
MINNESOTA	267	33	12.4%
MISSOURI	118	13	11.0%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Total	5878	1760	29.9%

Regional Breakdown as of July 19, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
WISCONSIN	125	113	90.4%
OHIO	307	187	60.9%
ILLINOIS	284	133	46.8%
INDIANA	294	123	41.8%
IOWA	152	63	41.4%
MICHIGAN	209	26	12.4%
MINNESOTA	267	33	12.4%
MISSOURI	118	13	11.0%
Totals	1756	691	39.4%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEW MEXICO	34	18	52.9%
WYOMING	25	12	48.0%
COLORADO	63	19	30.2%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	11	26.8%
MONTANA	51	13	25.5%
TEXAS	253	58	22.9%
KANSAS	128	29	22.7%
OKLAHOMA	96	21	21.9%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	9	20.0%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%
NEBRASKA	161	31	19.3%
Totals	736	190	25.8%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
CALIFORNIA	210	106	50.5%
ALASKA	22	9	40.9%
IDAHO	26	10	38.5%
OREGON	34	12	35.3%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
ARIZONA	78	18	23.1%
PHILIPPINES	5	1	20.0%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
WASHINGTON	71	9	12.7%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
Totals	1686	457	27.1%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
VERMONT	35	35	100.0%
DELAWARE	14	12	85.7%
MARYLAND	102	40	39.2%
CONNECTICUT	50	16	32.0%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	18	29.0%
NEW YORK	581	148	25.5%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	101	21.6%
NEW JERSEY	211	40	19.0%
FRANCE	11	2	18.2%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	8	16.3%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	28	14.3%
MAINE	72	9	12.5%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	457	24.5%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
PUERTO RICO	6	6	100.0%
TENNESSEE	46	22	47.8%
VIRGINIA	88	32	36.4%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	22	30.1%
FLORIDA	190	51	26.8%
ALABAMA	68	18	26.5%
MISSISSIPPI	44	11	25.0%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
GEORGIA	119	19	16.0%
ARKANSAS	29	3	10.3%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
Totals	840	214	25.5%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5878	1760	29.9%
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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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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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

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2024