



ROUND-UP

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

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SAL sets new membership record

The American Legion | August 13, 2023

The Sons of The American Legion have set a new record for overall membership.

Through Aug. 10, membership in the SAL was at 375,743 members. The previous record high membership was 375,540, set in 2019.

“This record is a testament to the efforts our squadrons and detachments have made in both bringing in new SAL members and renewing those who have been SAL members in the past,” said SAL National Commander Christopher Carlton. “I’m so pleased that the Sons of The American Legion have come out of the challenges of the pandemic stronger than ever.”

SAL National Membership Committee Chairman Thom Skelley noted there have been numerous records set this year, including the number of Blue Brigade recipients (those with 30 or more newly recruited members), detachments that have achieved an all-time high in membership, detachments that

have made 105 percent of their goal and detachments that have made 100 percent of their goal.

“We have four detachments that have earned the prestigious Triple Nickel Award: Colorado, Georgia, Michigan and South Dakota,” Skelley said. “The national report shows that all five regions have already surpassed their 100 percent goal and most impressively, the West Region that has not only achieved 105 percent of their goal, but have every detachment in the region at or above 100 percent.

“On behalf of the National Membership Committee, a huge thank you and congratulations goes out to every member, every squadron and detachment commander and adjutant, each of the five regional chairmen and the national vice commanders for accomplishing these outstanding feats,” Skelley added.





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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings



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2022 – 2023



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

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

**PURPOSE
PASSION**



FROM THE EDITOR

It's convention week! In just a few short days, Sons of The American Legion and members of the entire American Legion will converge on Charlotte, NC for NATCON24. It will be a time to say thank you to our current leaders, and welcome new ones for the 2023-2024 year.

The week will be filled with great information, great events, and great memories.

I hope everyone enjoys themselves, as we prepare to kick-off a new year!

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Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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2022 - 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
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BE THE ONE

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Hilary Ott /The American Legion

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One mission, one mountain, 13 times, 29,029 feet

[Henry Howard](#) | August 10, 2023

Bryan Logemann will be climbing Mount Everest without leaving the United States.

Or at least, the Air Force veteran and American Legion member will be hiking 29,029 feet uphill, the equivalent of the climb up Mount Everest, as part of [the Everest Challenge series](#), Aug. 10-14, at Snowbasin, Utah. Logemann and other participants will hike about 2.3 miles up the mountain and take a gondola back to base camp, then repeat for a total of 13 times. "When I was younger, I went to Cimarron, New Mexico, and hiked at Philmont," he explained. "I've done that twice and I've always wanted to do more of a hiking event. I'm not a runner. The mountain is the equalizer, so it doesn't matter if you're a pro athlete or

somebody who's never done a 5K before, it's you against you."

The physical aspect is one thing, the mental component is another. Hiking gives Logemann some peace of mind, and ties in with The American Legion's [Be the One initiative](#) to reduce the rate of veteran suicide through promoting awareness, resources, and physical activities.

"With this physical challenge, you're going to get tired when you break down," says Logemann, who will be transporting an American Legion Be the One flag throughout his climb. "You're going to have mental breakdowns. You're going to cry. I've cried multiple times out on roads out here, about situations that I'm thinking of that I've went through in my past. It's time to resolve them. Why am I still hanging onto them and what am I looking forward to?"

When Logemann starts his quest, he sees its completion as a commitment.

"We've all gone through situations, through life, through service, through the country, through helping with American Legion events," said Logemann, the finance officer for Post 725 in Treynor, Iowa. "Sometimes things don't go right. I can't wait to have the camaraderie I had in the service, with the people who are going through the struggle. We've all had those struggles through our training with the military, and out fighting with the service. We build those bonds, and I can't wait to build bonds with people I've never met."

Logemann has demonstrated his ability to Be the One when it mattered most to a comrade.

"I've had tough conversations with coworkers," he said. "Somebody I worked with very closely was a Navy veteran. I'm an Air Force veteran. We just built that bond. We worked hard together. One day I went into work, and something was wrong. Her daughter had come back from deployment and committed suicide. Being able to have that pre-bond, she was able to have that conversation with me. It was very meaningful to me."

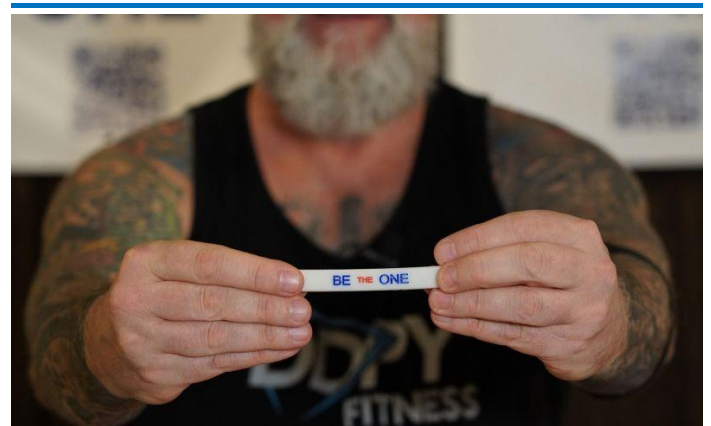
During his time in the Air Force, Logemann gained weight, which has been a challenge for him in multiple ways.

"It hurt me," he admitted. "Now I'm trying to lose the weight and also change my thought process. How do I change the negative aspect we have in the world to being more positive? I might have difficulty

scheduling a VA appointment, but I scheduled it. I might not be able to do five miles today. Maybe it's a walk today, but I'm doing it. I have to make the commitment to myself to complete the task."

Participants who complete the [Snowbasin event](#) or others in the series in under 36 hours receive a special red hat.

"When I go up that mountain for the last time and put on my red hat at the end, it'll be inspiring to me to know the impact that I'm going to make to other guys and ladies out there," he said. "It's also to help the younger generation know they're going to go through difficulties. You're going to go through struggles, but you can fight through and be victorious. I'm a dad of three kids. They have to see me struggle. Without seeing me struggle, they can't be victorious."



Download resources for a successful Be the One event

The American Legion | AUG 21, 2023

American Legion posts have an opportunity each month to promote the organization's [Be the One initiative](#) that aims to reduce the number of veteran suicides. [Resolution 13](#), approved by the National Executive Committee in May, establishes Be the One Days on the first of every month.

Whether your post is planning something in conjunction with a Be the One Day, an event during Suicide Awareness Prevention Month in September or around Veterans Day, there are helpful resources available from National Headquarters. They can be downloaded at the Be the One web page, [betheone.org](#).

Among the resources:

- **Brochures:** One trifold is a PDF that can be used to educate agencies with mental health services, community partners, local government leaders and others about Be the One. The other is a Word

document that can be downloaded and customized for posts to use at suicide awareness events. The entire back page of this trifold is intentionally left blank (other than directions, which can be deleted) so that posts can fill it with local resources.

- **Physical displays:** Need a Be the One banner stand or flag for your event? There are print-ready files available for a 3x5 Be the One flag and 2x6 banner stand. These can be transmitted to a local or online vendor for printing.
- **Sample press release:** Download and customize this to communicate to your local media about your event.
- **Videos:** A Vimeo playlist includes videos that can be downloaded and played while offline. They can be shared on social media, posted to the web, and played at post events. There also is a link to our YouTube video playlist featuring content related to Be the One.
- **Wallet cards:** There are several options for Be the One themed business cards that include QR codes. They can be used as single-sided cards, combined for double-sided cards, or added to the back side of a personal business card.



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Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

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

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Request CWF piggy banks now for pickup at national convention

The American Legion | August 15, 2023

American Legion Family members attending the 104th National Convention of The American Legion in Charlotte, N.C., can now pre-order their box of Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) piggy banks for in-person pickup. Pre-orders can be picked up at the CWF Booth No. 104/106 in the exhibit hall at the Charlotte Convention Center. [See exhibit hall hours.](#)

Cost of the CWF piggy banks (64 in a case) plus shipping to national convention for pickup is a suggested donation of \$80. For piggy bank requests to be shipped elsewhere, it's a suggested donation of \$100. Donations go directly to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Request your CWF piggy banks by sending an email to cwfadministrator@legion.org. In the email, please specify if you will be picking up at national convention (your name will be placed on the

number of boxes you request) or if you need them shipped elsewhere.

Besides piggy banks, other CWF-branded merchandise will be available at the CWF booth in Charlotte for purchase – shirts, hats, aprons, pins, phone chargers and challenge coins.

The CWF piggy banks can be placed around the local post for members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders to drop their spare change. The pigs also can be set out during Legion Family meetings and at fundraisers for the collection of spare change.

Once the pig(s) are filled, post leadership will count the change and submit a check for the collected amount to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Donation Processing, PO Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to nonprofits for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children. Grants are only given to entities that help U.S. children in a large geographic area; they are not awarded for day-to-day or special operating expenses. Learn more at www.cwf-inc.org.

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Second Wednesday of Each Month

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

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Third Thursday of ODD Months

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Member Training and Development Committee

Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of Each Month

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

Meeting ID: 918 2414 1981 | 777 490

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New SAL University in the works

The American Legion | August 13, 2023

The SAL Member Training and Development Committee has been updating commander's training, National Management Institute (NMI), adjutant training and developing a new NEC orientation class. They are also working on the new SAL University which will debut in spring 2024.

Committee chairman Mike Monserud said the application process to be considered for SAL University will begin after the national convention in Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 25-27. Candidates will have to have held a position no higher than detachment commander and must also complete American Legion Basic Training online and submit the certificate with the application.

"The class will be 2 1/2 days long and will be busy with homework to be completed before you come to the training, to homework to work on at night while you are in Indianapolis for the training (at the Spring Meetings)," Monserud said.

Monserud is welcome to ideas for any training SAL members would like to see implements into SAL University.

"Also, if you would like some training sent to you, feel free to contact me as it does no good if we produce all this training, and then no one takes it back to their squadrons or detachments and uses it," he said.

Monserud can be contacted at mikemonserud@gmail.com.

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley (TX), Chairman

Third Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

(605) 472-5756 | 771 7294

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

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

Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

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

Have we come as far as we can, or are there still strides to be made? NO ONE can question the success we have had in membership this year, but, as the line from “The Untouchables” goes...”what are you prepared to do now?” We have just over a week until Charlotte. Who else will “ARRIVE at 105?”

Never give anything less than your all, and you will never have any regrets.

THANKS AGAIN FOR A TREMENDOUS YEAR!!

National Convention Committee

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James Hartman (MD), Co-Chairman

David Stephens (IN), Co-Chairman

Public and Media Communications Commission

Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman

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

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Subcommittee on National Appointments

Donald Allisot, Jr. (ME), Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

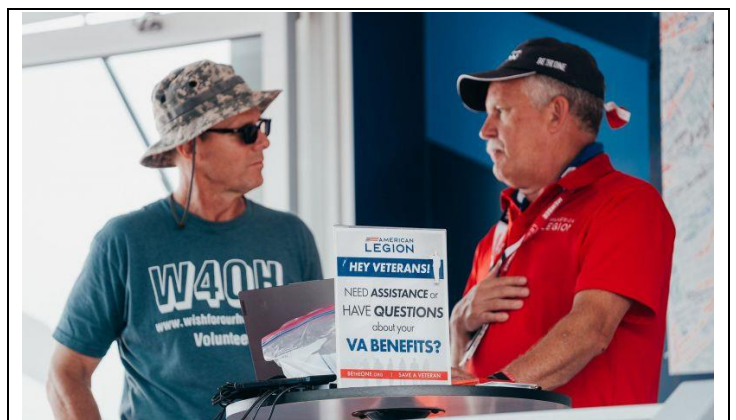
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Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman

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Squadron 535 Finance Officer PDC Craig Smith, and Ken Estep, Co-Chairman of the Richland County Honor Bus Committee. This donation was made possible from the money raised from the annual Ed 'Spanky' Vanhouten Golf Outing held in June at Little Apple Golf Course in Bellville, OH.

Charlie "Special K" Kvochick, Adjutant, OH Sq 535



Squadron 535 also donated \$1,000 to Beth Johnson, Executive Director, to Honor Flight Columbus. Funds were raised at the annual Ed "Spanky" Van Houten Gold Outing.

Charlie "Special K" Kvochick, Adjutant, OH Sq 535

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Legacy Run promises ‘beautiful’ backdrops, opportunity to celebrate Riders’ 30th anniversary

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | August 15, 2023

On Aug. 20, the 18th American Legion Legacy Run will leave Kokomo, Ind., and over the next five days will travel around 1,000 miles while traversing through Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In North Carolina on the final day, the contingent of American Legion Riders and supports will arrive at the Hendrick Motorsports campus in Concord to conclude the ride. Check out details of the ride [here](#).

For National American Legion Riders Chairman Mark Clark, it will be his third year as the ride’s chief road captain; he took over that role in 2020, but the actual ride was cancelled because of the pandemic.



Legacy Run Chief Road Captain Mark Clark leads the ride through the rolling countryside of rural Illinois in 2022.

Clark talked with American Legion Social Media Manager and Legacy Run Correspondent Steven B. Brooks about this year’s ride, including daily highlights, advice to newcomers to the ride, and how proud he is of the fundraising efforts for the Legacy Fund prior to the ride.

Steven B. Brooks: What are some of the daily highlights of this year’s ride?

Mark Clark: Our first day is going to be highlighted by the celebration of our 30th anniversary at Post 396 in Garden City, Mich. We’re going to end our second day at probably the prettiest American Legion post I’ve ever seen: Post 598 in Kettering, Ohio. What a beautiful post. It’s on nine acres of land, it’s just gorgeous, and I think our Riders are really going to be taken by the beauty and the kind of tribute to The American Legion that that building is in the heart of that community.

On Day 3, we’re going to get to ride into Barboursville, W.Va., and this is where the ride really starts to get pretty. Not that riding through the farmland of the heart of America is not pretty. It’s beautiful through there. But it’s a different kind of beauty when you start getting into the foothills and the mountains, and you start to see the topography change. We’re going to stop in some small communities along the way for fuel and food, and we’re going to get to interact with American Legion Family members all along the route. That ride into Barboursville is going to be beautiful. We’re going to cross the Ohio River on this big, beautiful bridge. We’re going to come down and ride along the Ohio River as we head into Barboursville. Just a really pretty ride.

On Day 4, when we leave out of Barboursville to head to Bristol, Tenn., the ride just gets prettier every mile we ride. The viewscapes they’re going to have on that ride to Bristol are just breathtaking. And I think they’re going to enjoy the fact that when we get into Bristol, we’re going to the Bristol Motor Speedway, and we’re all going to get a chance to get our photograph taken as a group inside the track on the bleachers there. The local post, Post 145, will be open for those that want to go down and just enjoy the fellowship of a local post. And we’re going to take the national leaders that are with us over there for a meet and greet.

The next day is the day that everybody’s going to talk about. When we leave out of the Bristol Motor Speedway, we’re going to ride Historic U.S. 421. That’s commonly referred to as “The Snake.” We’re going to ride a portion of “The Snake.” It’s a famous motorcycle road ... and does have switchbacks and turns – all the things that make motorcycling fun. Our folks are going to get a chance to do that. We’re going to ride into the Shady Valley of Tennessee and stop at the Shady Valley Country Store and let everybody get their “I rode The Snake stickers” and stuff that motorcyclists do when they go through there. And then we’re going to stop in Mountain City, Tenn., where we’re going to lay a wreath and recognize those who’ve made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom at their veterans memorial. And from there we’ll ride into Lenoir, N.C., for lunch ... and then off to Hendrick Motorsports complex, where we’ll end the ride at one of the most impressive places I’ve ever seen. This is going to be a highlight not just of this ride, but of every ride we’ve had up to this point. They’re going to have pit crew demonstrations, they’re going to have the team shops open, they’re going to have the museum open. They’re letting us use their team center for our end-of-ride festivities. They’ll have food trucks on the

ground for us. It really is going to be a cool way to end this year's Legacy Run.

Question: How important, but also how cool is it, to be able to incorporate Post 396 in Garden City, Mich. – the founding American Legion Riders chapter – on this ride on the 30th anniversary of the inception of the Riders.

Clark: I think it's critically important on our 30th anniversary year. I think to not go there would have been a terrible decision. Our lineage starts there. A lot of folks have joined The American Legion because of the American Legion Riders. That identity is important to them. To be able to take us on our 30th anniversary back to where it started. Where that simple idea of motorcycle enthusiasts getting together and riding for The American Legion, I think it's critically important for us. I cannot imagine planning any route for this year's Legacy Run that didn't include Post 396. It's a must, I think, in our 30th anniversary year.

Question: For somebody who is maybe participating in the Legacy Run for the first time, what do you tell those Riders?

Clark: I would tell them, "You can expect to come and be surrounded by their fellow Riders from across the country that have this shared passion for this cause." That they don't have to worry about the challenge of the ride or any of that, because we're going to have these experienced leaders in each flight that are going to be able to work with them, and help them feel comfortable and get into their rhythm of riding in the group.

When we put this ride together, we actually try to build upon their riding skill. We try to start them in relatively flat land. We put them on different roads: some with shoulders, some without shoulders. We try to get them comfortable in all the riding environments they're going to get when they get into the more challenging parts of the ride. The first two days we try to let that ride be pretty easy for them, and let them get into a rhythm and get comfortable in their group. And then when we get into the more challenging parts of the ride, there's no reason for them to be nervous.

Question: How nice is it to be able to get a chance to visit some of these American Legion posts along the route, and bringing to those posts 200-plus of your closest friends with you?

Clark: I think it's critically important. First of all, they're our brothers and sisters. They're part of the same organization, and they're trying to do those great things in their community. I think one thing the Legacy Run does for us is it allows us to bring attention to that post. We can't be ignored: the size of our formation, the sound of the thunder that we create when we roll into a town. And it does give those posts an opportunity to show off what they do in their community and to really just open their arms up to us. We're always appreciative of that.

Question: At last count, [well over \\$600,000 has been raised](#) for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund from state Legacy Runs. What can you say about the efforts of American Legion Riders on the state level when it comes to fundraising?

Clark: I can't thank them enough for the work that they've done or the dedication they have for this cause. I follow all the stuff they're doing on Facebook, and we've got Riders in those departments that send me updates on what they're doing. And I'm always so incredibly thrilled to see what they're doing. The goal has always been to set a (fundraising) record every year. Do more, do more, do more. But when you consider the state of the U.S. economy right now, how challenged people are right now just to pay their bills ... for folks to still go out and give their energy, time, and treasure to be able to do these things. To make these local runs work. To go out and talk to businesses and collect the money and do all that, it's just humbling to be a part of that. They continue to exceed their goals in the departments, and I'm just tickled to death.

I'm always anxious to see what we end up with at the end. I would sure love for us to reach that \$1.5 million. That's always been a goal, and we've never quite gotten there. I'll be interested to see how close we get this year. I suspect we're going to be close.

Follow the 2023 Legacy Run with daily updates in the [Legion Riders section](#) of [legion.org](#); and on social media using the hashtag #LegacyRun2023 [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#).





Facebook photo

Vietnam veteran gets proper final send-off, thanks to Massachusetts Legion Riders and others

The American Legion | August 18, 2023

Anthony Meizis served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, then came home and never married or fathered children. He passed away earlier this month and already had prepaid for his funeral. His only surviving relative is dealing with health issues and would be unable to attend his funeral.

When she learned, McDonald Keohane Funeral Home Director Cara Johnson sent a Facebook message to the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion Riders that read, in part:

I have a Vietnam era veteran that will be buried Friday morning at MA National cemetery in Bourne and he has no family or next of kin that will be attending. I had heard of your organization, making sure that no veteran was buried alone, and I would be forever grateful if you would assist me in escorting him to Bourne for his burial and military honors. Especially since he loved motorcycles.

Department of Massachusetts Vice Commander Drew Pajak, who also serves as the Northeast Region consultant for the National American Legion Riders Advisory Committee, is an administrator on the Facebook page. He shared Johnson's message to see if anyone would be able to attend. And that's when things took off.

"When the message came in, I got a hold of (Johnson) and told her we'd take care of it. Then I got a hold of a couple (Riders) chapters in that area. We got the word to the (Post 79) commander in Weymouth," said Pajak, commander of Post 185 in Feeding Hills. "We just took it through all channels of the Legion. And at last look at the Facebook post, there were more than

21,000 impressions and 2,300 shares. I was in shock."

Getting the word out like Pajak did resulted in more than 150 American Legion Riders from multiple chapters and a total of around 300 motorcycles showing up to provide Meizis with a final send-off. Members of American Legion Riders Chapter 279 in Auburn, Mass., were the first to arrive at the funeral home that morning and served as pallbearers for the service.

The motorcyclists provided an escort from the funeral home to Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne – a procession that Pajak said took four minutes to pass – and then set up a flag line at the cemetery. Joint Base Cape Code provided the honor guard for the graveside service. Massachusetts State Representative Steve Xiarhos, a Gold Star father, also attended the funeral.

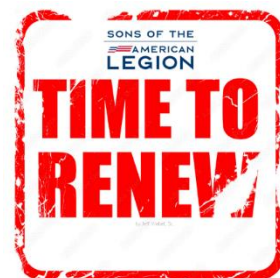
The send-off received media coverage from multiple local and national outlets. "To see the Legion Rider name out there and see The American Legion doing this for veterans, to me that's just good P.R.," Pajak said.

And while Pajak was surprised by the momentum the grassroots effort gathered, he said providing those types of goodbyes to fellow veterans is ingrained within the American Legion Riders.

"Nobody goes alone. It's family," Pajak said. "When you are dealing with any veteran, it doesn't matter who it is. It's still family. That's why we all do this anyway."

"One of my favorite sayings out here is that the Legion Riders are the true Legion Family," he said. "It's the only real time you have the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Legion together in one room making decisions between each other. Otherwise, we have our separate meetings and functions. But the Riders are the true Legion Family."

View Facebook video of the procession [here](#) and [here](#).



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American Legion Auxiliary assembles birthday backpacks for Chillicothe VA Hospital

[Gretchen Dowler](#) | August 15, 2023

Beverly, OH — The Department of Ohio District 11 American Legion Auxiliary met last Thursday at the Beverly American Legion Post 389 to assemble 120 birthday backpacks for the Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe.

“We are here to serve all veterans, not just the ones in our community,” said Lee Ann Stan, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio District 11 President. *“We (The American Legion Auxiliary) are one of the Nation’s most prominent supporters of veterans, military and their families.”*

District 11 is made up of 23 Auxiliary units throughout Muskingum, Noble, Washington, Belmont, Monroe, Morgan, and Guernsey counties. They have selected months to volunteer at the Chillicothe Veterans

Hospital, theirs being April and August, for veterans birthday parties.



The 120 birthday backpacks assembled by the Department of Ohio District 11 American Legion Auxiliary for their trip to the Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe.

Gretchen Dowler

Those going to Chillicothe this month on Aug. 17 include the District 11 Commander and Auxiliary President, Beallsville Post 768, Beallsville Unit 768, Sons of American Legion Squadron 168, Marietta Unit 064, and Powhatan Point Post 228. Those going will be serving cupcakes, pop, ice cream, and the backpacks to three units at the hospital, which contain 40 veterans per unit. Five people from each of the groups going are allowed to serve the units due to previous COVID guidelines.

“We play nine games of bingo with them, and cash prizes will be given,” Stan said. *“Refreshments will be served and then their backpacks will be presented to them.”*

Donations that have made the backpacks and birthday parties possible have come from: Mid-Ohio Valley Veterans Organization, Martins Ferry Unit 038, Marietta Unit 064, Lowell Unit 750, Roseville Unit 071, Beallsville Unit 768, Beallsville Unit 168, Woodsfield Unit 087, Beallsville American Legion Post 768, and SAL Squadron 64.

“I wouldn’t be able to do it without Linda Dornan, from Beallsville Unit 768, and Brenda Waterman, from Marietta Unit 064,” said Stan. *“They really helped with organizing all of this.”*

Sports

League City wins Texas its first American Legion World Series title

Richard Walker | August 15, 2023

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League City (Tex.) Post 554 made a first inning run stand up for a 1-0 victory over Lincoln (Neb.) Post 3 Tuesday night in the 2023 American Legion World Series championship game at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C.

The result gives the Lone Star State its first champion in the 96-year history of the event and came in the fourth 1-0 result in championship game history.

Left-hander Jacob Cyr, [who threw the third no-hitter in ALWS history](#) in Thursday's opening game, was sharp again while throwing his second shutout in six days.

Cyr allowed six hits but worked out of jams in the third and fourth innings behind some exceptional defensive plays.

Lincoln catcher Garrett Springer, who got the first hit off Cyr in the 2023 ALWS with a two-out single to right field in the first inning, came closest to notching a score for Post 3 when he pulled a 2-0 pitch foul over the left field fence with two runners on in the third inning; Springer lined out to second base on the next pitch to end the inning.

In the fourth, Cyr helped himself by grabbing a hard grounder and throwing out a runner trying to go from second base to third.

And right fielder Ayden Roecker-Allen made a diving grab for an out in the first inning and left fielder Erik Anchondo also had a diving grab in the sixth.

"I just want to give my thanks to my teammates who played so well behind me and the gift that God gave me," said Cyr, [who was named George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year](#) in a postgame awards ceremony. "It feels great to be able to take this back to Texas for the first time ever, and especially being able to do it with my brothers on this team."



American Legion members help sort out the items for the assembling of the birthday backpacks for the Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe.

Gretchen Dowler

She cited the American Legion Auxiliary Mission Statement which says *"In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security."*



American Legion Auxiliary members help assemble 120 birthday backpacks for the Veterans Hospital in Chillicothe.

Gretchen Dowler

A year ago, Cyr was a hard-luck loser in League City's pool play finale loss to eventual champion Troy (Ala.) Post 70 that ended Post 554's season.

But Cyr and four other returning players won the Western Regional again this season to make a return to Shelby with the goal of having a better finish.

Did they ever.

One of the other returnees, Kyeler Thompson, scored the game's lone run.

After drawing a leadoff walk, Thompson advanced to third on a throwing error by Lincoln pitcher Carter Mick and scored on Chase Bourgeois' RBI groundout. The rest of the contest was a pitcher's duel between Cyr and Mick, who allowed four hits and two walks while striking out five in his six innings.

"I feel for our guys," Lincoln coach Mychal Lanik said. "We just came up a little short."

"I think Carter may have had a little bit of nerves on that throw in the first inning, but then he pitched his heart out. I just wish we would've given him two runs."

Lincoln was trying to win the second ALWS title for Nebraska, and the first since 1939.

For League City coach Ronnie Oliver, the victory is a highlight for a long career.

"To be honest, this is something I've been wanting for 37 years, and I finally got it," said Oliver, who has coached League City since 2005 and previously coached Texas City (Tex.). "We just find that way. We've had one of those years where we found a way to be successful."

ALWS championship games that ended 1-0

1931: South Chicago (Ill.) Post 493 d. Columbia (S.C.) Post 6 in Houston, Tex. (14 innings)

1967: Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Post 34 d. Northbrook (Ill.) Post 791 in Memphis, Tenn.

2018: Wilmington (Del.) Post 1 d. Las Vegas (Nev.) Post 40 in Shelby, N.C. (8 innings; 1st season with 7-inning games)

2023: League City (Tex.) Post 554 d. Lincoln (Neb.) Post 3 in Shelby, N.C.

Player of the Year Cyr bookends ALWS with 2 pitching gems

Richard Walker | August 15, 2023



Jacob Cyr of League City, Tex., Post 554 accepts his George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year award after the 2023 American Legion World Series championship game at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C., on Tuesday, August 15.

Chet Strange/The American Legion

It may not have been a redemption tour for League City (Tex.) Post 554 this season.

But after coming one win away from making the 2022 American Legion World Series semifinals, Post 554 and its left-handed pitcher Jacob Cyr wouldn't be denied in 2023.

Cyr threw a no-hitter — only the third of its kind in ALWS history — in the opening game of the 2023 ALWS, and pitched a second shutout in the final game to give League City the first ALWS championship in team and Texas state history.

For his efforts, Cyr was named 2023 George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year. He went 3-0 with 21 strikeouts while yielding 19 hits, six runs and two walks in 24 innings in regional and ALWS play.

"He pitched his butt off both games here and really he's done that all season," League City centerfielder Kyeler Thompson said of Cyr. "It's an honor to play behind him."

In last Thursday's tournament opener that was delayed 105 minutes by a morning rainstorm, Cyr yielded only a leadoff walk in the fourth inning of his 4-0 no-hit victory over Cheyenne (Wyo.) Post 6.

Then in Tuesday's championship game against Lincoln (Neb.) Post 3, Cyr yielded hits in five of the seven

innings, and six hits overall, but walked none and only once did a runner get as far as third base.

“You know when you put Cyr on the mound, you’re going to be competitive,” League City coach Ronnie Oliver said of his pitcher.

Defensive plays, including two by Cyr himself, helped keep Lincoln off the scoreboard Tuesday.

Right fielder Ayden Roecker-Allen made a diving grab for an out in the first inning and left fielder Erik Anchondo also had a diving grab in the sixth.

And twice in the fourth inning, Cyr made plays that led to outs. He snagged a grounder with a runner on second base with one out and threw him out trying to advance to second and later caught a hard line drive for the final out of the inning with Lincoln runners on first and third base.

“It just felt good having my teammates behind me and I had my trust in them,” Cyr said of the defensive support he received.

According to Cyr, League City was confident both years it came to Shelby and now Post 554 will enter the 2024 American Legion Baseball season as a defending champion.

“We actually felt good about winning this in both years,” Cyr said. “It feels really good to get the first title in our state’s history. It means a lot.”

Palou strengthens points lead with P7 in Indy

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | August 14, 2023



Chip Ganassi Racing Driver Alex Palou putting on his helmet preparing for the Gallagher GP at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Ind, on Saturday, August 12.

Hilary Ott /The American Legion

On a day when one Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) driver made NTT INDYCAR SERIES history, one of its others put an even stronger hold on a series championship.

Scott Dixon set an NTT INDYCAR SERIES record with his 319th consecutive start, and then overcame a spin on the opening lap to win Saturday’s Gallagher Grand Prix during Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s Brickyard Weekend. It was Dixon’s 19th consecutive season with an INDYCAR win, also a record, and his 54th win in the series – second all time.

Meanwhile, CGR teammate Alex Palou – driving the No. 10 American Legion Honda – recorded his 14th top-10 finish in as many starts this season, starting the race eighth and finishing seventh. Dixon moved into second in the points standings with the victory, but Palou’s championship lead sits at 101 points over his teammate.

“We played an aggressive strategy which worked really well on the first couple of stints. Then, when we wanted to go fast on the better tire, we didn’t make it work,” Palou said. “We had some issues with tire degradation, but it was a solid day for us on the championship side. It was an amazing day for Scott winning the race today.”

Palou had started the weekend with an 84-point series lead over Josef Newgarden. Newgarden struggled during qualifying, starting just 19th, but then an INDYCAR penalty moved him to 25th for the start of the race. He finished in that spot and dropped to third in the points race, 105 points behind Palou.

Just three races remain this season: the Aug. 27 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 and two road courses. Palou has three wins in five road course races this season, with an average finish of third.

“Finishing the race today was important,” Palou said. “A good result for the team with Scott winning the race today and a good result for us in the championship.”

Also sporting American Legion branding was Chip Ganassi Racing’s Marcus Ericsson, who entered the weekend fifth in the series points race. He started the race 17th and was able to move up to 10th by the end. It was his 12th top 10 this year; he sits in sixth in the points race.

“It was a tough race for us,” Ericsson said. “We were battling there in the midfield and had some good battles back and forth with different cars. Things felt okay, but we couldn’t really make a lot of progress. It’s

a hard track to overtake, so we were sort of stuck in a cluster of cars and didn't go forward the way we wanted to or planned to.

"It was still nice to recover in the end, pick up a couple of cars and get a top-10. Big congrats to Scott and the No. 9 crew. I'm really happy to see them win the race."

In the INDY NXT Series, CGR developmental driver Kyffin Simpson had another solid day on the Indianapolis road course. After finishing third on May 13 in the INDY NXT by Firestone Grand Prix, Simpson delivered a fifth in the INDY NXT race on Friday. He currently sits at ninth in the points standings.

INDYCAR next heads to Illinois for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 presented by Axalta and Valvoline on Sunday, Aug. 27, on the World Wide Technology Raceway oval.

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Dale R. Thomas



Dale R. Thomas, 74, of Noble Street, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2023, in his home surrounded by his family. He was born on October 13, 1948,

in Cuba the son of the late Edward and Helen (Deats) Thomas. On September 9, 1967, in Friendship, he married Susan Lewis, who survives.

Long-time resident of Belmont, Dale worked for several local companies, such as: Genesee Valley Nursery, Hetzel Motors, Adelphia Cable Company, and Preston's Trucking. He retired from AL Blades. Outside of his employment he was heavily involved in the community, he was a lifelong member of the Belmont Fire Company, having been chief from 1984 to 1987, and president twice, from 1990 to 1994 and 2002 to 2004; He was a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion, starting on May 21, 1984, and was member of both the Belmont and Angelica branches. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed snowmobiling, watching NASCAR (especially Dale Earnhart), and watching westerns – his

favorites being Gunsmoke and John Wayne. He dearly loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, Susan, he is survived by: his children, Becky (Dan) Hanchett, Cristy (Shannon) McKinley, Denise (Roger) Baker, and Dale Thomas Jr.; grandchildren, Danielle (Ben) Smith, Sarah (Jon) Hanchett-Morse, Cara (Larry Woodworth) Hamilton, Kaylyn (Michael) Slawson, Shaun McKinley, Lindsey (Brandon Harris) Baker, Dalton (Lauryn Force) Baker, Zachary, Mason, and Brynn Thomas; great-grandchildren, Connor, Kylie, and Daniel Smith, Lyla Hanchett, Addyson Sekoll, Huntleigh and Carter Hamilton, Lincoln and Mason Harris; siblings, Terry (Duane) Gelser, Robert "Fuzzy" (Susie) Thomas and Suzanne Thomas; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his mother and father-in-law, Barbara and Carrel "Charlie" Lewis.

Following Dale's wishes, there will be no planned services. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the Angelica Conservation Club, West Avenue, Angelica, NY. To leave online condolences please visit www.embserfuneralhome.com.

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Charles William Dennis II



North Charleston - Charles William "Billy" Dennis II, age 64, passed away peacefully at his home in North

Charleston, surrounded by his loving family and friends, on August 9, 2023 after a short battle with a rare blood disorder. Billy was born in Charleston, SC on December 25, 1958, son of the late Charles William Dennis and Helen Dennis. He was a beloved husband to his wife Patti and an extremely proud and devoted father to his daughter Kristen and stepchildren Randy and Christina.

He graduated from Stall High School in 1977. He worked at the Robert Bosch plant in North Charleston for 41 years, retiring at age 60 as a quality technician.

Billy had a heart of gold and a soul like no other. His humor and friendliness made him a cherished and loyal friend to many. He never knew a stranger and would do most anything for anyone. Billy was an avid motorcycle rider. Every day was a good day to ride no matter what the weather was like. He was a member of the American Legion Riders Post 166 in Goose Creek, SC, Lowcountry Southern Cruisers Riding Club and SC Patriot Guard Riders Lowcountry Chapter. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 166, as his father served in the U.S. Army. He would always say "I was not in the

service, but it is now my turn to serve those who served for me". Billy loved going to the American Legion in Goose Creek, especially for Sunday breakfast, so he could catch up and socialize with everyone. He also likes to go out in the boat to fish or just ride around and take in the scenery. He loved to dance, even if there was no music you could catch him dancing. He didn't care who he was dancing with, he danced with everybody.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife Patti Baird Baum Dennis of 22 years; his daughter Kristen Sweat (Philip) of Moncks Corner; stepchildren Randy Baum of Summerville and Christina DeBello of Summerville, 6 grandchildren Alex, Hunter, Dylan, Adara, Garian and Eloise; 2 sisters Bunny Morris (Mark) of Asheville, NC, and Millie Bursey (Mark) of Garden City, GA; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents Charles William Dennis and Helen Dennis Wynn.

Patti and her family will forever be sincerely grateful for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and visits to Billy during his illness. In memory of Billy, the family encourages everyone to express their love by hugging and telling those you love how much they mean to you. In every embrace, may we remember the love and warmth that Billy Dennis shared with all of us.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The family will notify loved ones and friends once all the

arrangements have been completed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion Riders Post 166, 116 Howe Hall Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445, or National Bone Marrow Registry Program through "Be The Match" website. Strongly ask anyone between the ages of 18 and 40 to join the Registry, you may be able to save someone's life.

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Obituary published on Legacy.com by Simplicity Lowcountry Crematory & Burial Services on Aug. 16, 2023.

Gary W. Lacy



Gary W. Lacy, 71, Greentown, passed away at 5:55 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Century Villa Health Care in Greentown.

He was born Dec. 17, 1951, in Kokomo, the son of the late Earl Eugene and Bessie F. (Wyrick) Lacy. On Dec. 29, 1978, in Alexandria, Indiana, he married Lora L. Brown, who survives.

Gary was a 1970 graduate of Sharpville Prairie High School and a 1976 graduate of Ball State University. Gary had owned and operated Holly's Packages Store in Greentown for the past 43 years. He previously taught for Maconaquah High School from 1976-77 and worked for Gerber Sanitary Pottery and Eriks Chevrolet. Gary was an active member and served as an usher for many years at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. He was also a member of Sons of the American Legion post 317 and the Greentown Planning Commission. He enjoyed woodworking, photography, Sunday drives, going to state parks and spending time with his grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Lora, Gary is also survived by his sons, Richard A. Lacy and Matthew A. Lacy; granddaughters, Myla Lacy and Cameron Lacy; sister, Beth A. Swing; nieces and nephews, Scott (Bridget) Swing, Brad (Sue) Swing, Steve (Angie) Loser, Sarah (Tyler) Wehrey, Carrie (Brian) McCorkle

and Shawn (Tara) Brown, along with many cousins; and in-laws, Kathie (Randy) Loser and Dan (Holly) Brown.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Pauletta Jo Lacy; in-laws, Henry and Frances Brown; and brother-in-law, Jeff Swing. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Blvd. East, Kokomo, with Pastor Carl Hingst officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St., Greentown. Memorial contributions may be made in Gary's memory to Habitat for Humanity of Grant County, P.O. Box 687, Marion, IN 46952. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.hasler-stout.com.

To send flowers to the family of Gary W. Lacy, please visit [Tribute Store](#).

Grant E. "Bud" Dier, Jr.



CLAYTON, New York (WWNY) - Grant E. "Bud" Dier, Jr., 80, of Clayton passed away Thursday, August 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Bud was born in Gouverneur February 13, 1943, son of Grant E. and Evelyn (Dain) Dier. The family moved to Clayton in 1948 and his parents purchased A. L. Williams Insurance Agency. He graduated from Clayton High School and received his associate degree from Canton ATC.

On March 28, 1964 he married the love of his life, Barbara J. Fox at the Clayton Baptist Church. In their 57 years together they enjoyed traveling, attending local sports and entertainment events, and hosting family and friends in their home. Upon retiring, Bud and Barb wintered in Boynton Beach, FL.

His many interests included playing golf, mowing his lawn, going out for ice cream, peanut M & M's, traveling, and especially spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bud was the President of Grant E. Dier, Inc. Insurance Agency in Clayton, retiring in 2012. He was a former member of the Clayton Baptist Church and a current member of River Community Church. He was a member and past and current president of the Clayton Lions Club. Bud was also a member of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department, Sons of the American Legion

Colon-Couch Post 821, and the Waretown Elks Lodge 496.

Bud enjoyed many sports as a player, spectator and official. He was a member of the Wednesday Night and Richard Bertrand Geritol Golf Leagues. He was former President of the Section III Board of Football Officials. Bud was a USAA Hockey Official, and coached both Little League Baseball and Pop Warner Football. He is survived by his two daughters, Darlene S. VanWie and husband H. Robert Jr., Clayton and Marcia L. Sherman and husband Allen R., Chaumont; five grandchildren, R. J. Sherman and wife Andrea, Megan Toper and husband John, Kelsey Schepis and husband Michael II, Jason VanWie and wife Alexandra, and Karly J. Sherman; six great grandsons; Finn, Luca, Rhett, Beau, John and Jax; his brother, Douglas D. Dier and wife Debra M., Clayton; sister Gail D. Christensen and husband Walter J., Clayton; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, September 2, at River Community Church from 9AM to Noon. The funeral service will be at the church at 1PM with Pastor Sarah Flack presiding. Burial in Clayton Cemetery will be at his family's convenience. Arrangements are entrusted with Cummings Funeral Service, Inc., Clayton and online condolences to Bud's family may be posted at www.cummingsfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to Clayton Volunteer Fire Dept., 855 Graves St., River Community Church, 38844 Bartlett Point Rd., or Clayton Lions Club, P. O. Box 615, all in Clayton, NY 13624.

Bruce McAllister



Bruce McAllister, 69 years old of Brocton, New York and formerly of Westfield, NY passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at ECMC in Buffalo, NY, Wednesday afternoon, August 16, 2023.

Bruce was born in Westfield, NY on June 9, 1954 to the late George and Peggy (Weatherup) McAllister. He graduated from Westfield High School in 1973. After graduation he started his career with Renold Inc and worked there for 43 years, retiring in 2016.

Bruce was very active in the Westfield Moose Lodge 118 where he served as an officer for many years.

He was also on their ritual staff that competed against other lodges in state competitions. Bruce was also a member of the Westfield sons of the American Legion Post 327 where he was also an officer for many years.

He enjoyed being the town Santa Claus from the time he was 13 years until he retired.

Bruce enjoyed collecting Coleman Lanterns and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years Kathy Albro, his siblings Thomas (Holly) McAllister and Veva (Phillip) Sheperd; his nephews Michael Simon, Richard Simon, David and Brian Close, Charles Coleson Jr, Thomas Colson, Todd Colson, and his godson Ian Sheperd. Also, many great nieces and nephews.

As per the families wishes, there will be no calling hours or services at this time. Burial will be private in Westfield Cemetery. Memorial contributions in honor of Bruce may be made to the Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue in Westfield, NY. To leave a message of condolences or a memory to share please log on to the website www.themorsefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been provided by the Morse Funeral Home of Brocton, NY.

Donald Braun



Donald Othmer Braun, age 84, of Minster, passed away of natural causes early Thursday morning, August 17, 2023, at the Versailles Rehab & Health Care Center, in Versailles, Ohio.

He was born September 3, 1938, in Coldwater, Ohio, to the late Leo & Barbara (Rammel) Braun. On August 16, 1958, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Marys, Don married Virginia (Balster) Braun who preceded him in death on March 18, 2017.

Surviving are five children, Theresa Scherer of Sidney, Juli Barlage of Fort Loramie, Jane & Bob Fullenkamp of Botkins, Jeff & Cheryl Braun of Minster and Dan Braun of Fort Loramie; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Rita Tosti of Newport Beach, CA, and a sister-in-law, Alberta Braun of Coldwater as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rose Ann Braun;

two son-in-law's, Larry Scherer and Mark Barlage; six brothers: Fred & Romilda, Marvin & Helen, Stanley & Eileen, Paul, Bob & Linda and Louis & Rosella Braun as well as a brother-in-law, Carlos Tosti.

Mr. Braun retired in January of 2000, from the former Braun's Hardware & Auto Parts store in Fort Loramie where he had been owner and operator for 36 years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, the Fort Loramie Sons of the American Legion, Fort Loramie Athletic Booster Club, Fort Loramie Kiwanis Club (charter member & past president), Fort Loramie GYM Committee (charter member) and served on the first Fort Loramie High School building committee. He also belonged to the Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Celina Moose Lodge and New Bremen Senior Citizens. Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, playing cards and "taking in" the lake view from his back porch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Monday, August 21, 2023, at St. Michael Church.

Interment will follow at St. Michael Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday 3:00 to 7:00 PM and Monday 9:00 to 10:00 AM at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.

Memorials may be made to the Fort Loramie GYM Committee or New Bremen Senior Citizens.

Private condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Euckert

With a smile that could light up a room and a charisma that was simply infectious, Gregory Brian Euckert, born on May 8, 1947, in Sparta, WI, has embarked on his final journey, leaving his earthly home in Churubusco, on August 14, 2023, to the heartache of all who knew and loved him.

He was a man who wore his heart on his sleeve, whose laughter was the soundtrack of our lives, and

whose witty one-liners, such as "I'm finer than a frog hair split 49 ways," will continue to bring a smile to our faces. Gregory, a devoted Green Bay Packers fan, found joy in the simple pleasures of life. A loving father, supportive husband, and charismatic friend. In his heyday, Gregory was a sharpshooter, hitting the skeet and trap fields like a seasoned pro. He swung a golf club with the same passion he showed in his sales career, selling mobile homes with flair and finesse. Gregory work at CAPT for five years in Celina, Ohio, before he and his family moved to Churubusco, spending many blissful years making the town their home. He also worked as a yard cab driver for six years until his death with PTI, Rentzenberger, & Hallcon. Gregory dedicated his free time to the VFW Post 3846, American Legion 157, and the Sons of American Legion, always finding ways to serve his community.

He leaves behind a loving family: his beloved wife, Susan Euckert; his devoted children, Rich (Tami) Euckert, Jaime (Robert) Scribner, and Shana (Michael) Renner; his

grandchildren, Kyle, Mara (Michael), Briana (Brandon), Alyson; and his great-grandchildren, Evey, Olivia, Emory, Sadie, and Maizey. Gregory also leaves behind his siblings, Randy Euckert, Deb Fettes, and Lisa Euckert; and several nieces and nephews.

He now reunites with his parents, Donald and Virginia Euckert; and his brother, Michael Euckert; and nephews, Mitch and Barry, who preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life will be announced by the family at a later date. As we remember Gregory, let's not forget his words, "I'm finer than a frog hair split 49 ways." It was his unique way of saying life is precious, even in its smallest details. So, let's celebrate his life, the love he shared, the joy he brought, and the memories he left us with.



SAL, ALA purchase eagle for Post 360

Russ Powell

Sons of The American Legion and the Auxiliary teamed up to purchase an eagle to show thanks and honor the veterans of Post 360 of New Paris OH. This 800 lb. casting has great meaning and detail. A really good group of people and Post.



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Never forget the fall of Afghanistan

August 16, 2023

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,



It was two years ago when we were collectively dismayed at how swiftly the Taliban reasserted control over Afghanistan. Once the withdrawal of American

troops gained momentum, we only knew it was a matter of time.

Still the speed of the Taliban takeover unleashed anger, frustration and concern for Afghanistan interpreters and other allies who risked their lives to help U.S. troops during the 20-year war.

Predictably, Taliban rule has plunged Afghanistan into a floundering economic state where human rights are compromised, malnutrition is rampant, and education is shoved aside.

And our allies' lives remain in danger.

As veterans we understand what it means to say, "No one gets left behind." For two decades, our troops fought shoulder-to-shoulder with trusted Afghan allies who served as translators, protected troops from harm and fought for freedom. And to this day, the brave

Afghan women who undertook missions with Green Berets and Navy Seals as Female Tactical Platoons have Taliban bounties on their heads.

We must continue our two-fold fight for them.

The United States must honor its promises and provide lasting protection for Afghans who have safely resettled in America as well as those who were left behind. The American Legion is urging Congress to pass [the Afghan Adjustment Act](#), which would allow Afghans who fought alongside our servicemembers the opportunity to apply for permanent legal residency after undergoing additional vetting.

Join this mission to support our Afghan allies by sending a message to Congress through [our Grassroots Action Center](#).

Thank you for what you do every day on behalf of our nation's veterans, servicemembers, their families and the communities in which they live.

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



Impactful gifts: 1919 Giving Society coming to convention

The American Legion | August 16, 2023

Members of The American Legion are already "veterans strengthening America," upholding the sacred commitment to veterans, military service, young people, good citizenship, and patriotic values.

But did you know that making an exceptionally impactful gift to an American Legion Charities 501(c)3 charity may also qualify you to be inducted into the 1919 Giving Society?

Attendees of the 104th American Legion National Convention Aug. 25-31 in Charlotte, N.C., are invited to

stop by the 1919 Giving Society booth in the Exhibit Hall at the Charlotte Convention Center. There, you can chat with a member of the Office of Charitable Giving team and learn more about how you or your organization can make life-changing, immediate differences in the lives of veterans seeking healthcare and benefits assistance, as well as for children of veterans and military personnel whose home stability is in peril.

All 1919 Giving Society investments with American Legion charities are tax-deductible, and members are offered specific forms of recognition based on their level of commitment.

Impactful Planning: A Legacy That Strengthens America. Has your financial future and legacy planning been on your mind, but don't know where to start? Take advantage of the Continuing Education Workshop on Financial Planning at the national convention with Director of Charitable Giving Doug Stafford. Several seminars will be offered throughout the day on Monday, Aug. 28, in Rooms 202/203/205, Sections A-C of the convention center, beginning at 8 a.m. Topics will include wills, estate planning, capital gains tax savings, stocks, real property and other investment options.

If you are unable to make it to one of the seminars, stop by the 1919 Giving Society booth to fill out a contact card to receive more information on planned giving options. If you are not attending the convention, visit our [website](#), or contact us to request a brochure by mail via (317) 630-1225 or plannedgiving@legion.org. Throughout the convention, the 1919 Society Donor Room/Lounge, in Room 105, Concourse Level of the convention center, will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can meet with Office of Charitable Giving team members with questions, become acquainted and receive additional information.

American Legion Cruisers start up

Mark Collette | August 14, 2023

Admit it: at the last Coffee Call at your local American Legion post, you were a little bit envious when you saw the American Legion Riders and their camaraderie - whether they were talking about what a great time they had on their last ride to raise money for a local charity, or discussing the latest gadget they put on their bike, or even the last repair they had to do. If you feel as if you have missed out on this opportunity for *esprit de corps* because you don't ride a bike, here is your opportunity.

Lee Johnson and others from American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., have successfully

developed and maintained, since July 2013, the American Legion Cruisers (ALC) as a post program whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. According to Lee: "Why do I think we need the ALC program?"

1. Having car shows and entering parades with our cars gets our name out in the community and helps us find members. (The first car show Post 116 had, 28 out of 30 entries were eligible to be members of the American Legion Family.)
2. The ALC is a great source of revenue for the post. (Over the past 10 years Post 116 has had two car shows a year, with an average of 50 cars and \$1,500 profit per show.)



The Post 32 Cruisers at the Fourth of July 2023 parade in Fayetteville, N.C.

photo via Mark Collette

The original intent of the ALC was to use the common interests in classic vehicles to promote the aims and objectives of the American Legion Family, enhance the public's perception of classic cars, and promote driver safety and awareness. Additional benefits of the ALC quickly appeared, including increased membership, increased visibility of the Legion through the car shows, and additional donations to the post also due to the car shows. The American Legion Department of North Carolina officially recognized the ALC as a department program in 2018.

How do I start an ALC chapter at my post?

- Find five members who are eligible (a member in good standing with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion)
- Own a classic vehicle (20 years or older) personally or through marriage
- Get the Post Executive Committee to approve the ALC post chapter

- Fill out a one-page document with officers and POC information

For more information on starting an American Legion Cruisers chapter, stop by the Cruisers booth at the national convention in Charlotte, N.C., or contact Johnson at ncalcchairman@gmail.com for sample documents.



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Pentagon report calls for reforms at military academies to target increase in sexual misconduct

Matthew Adams/Stars and Stripes | August 18, 2023

U.S. military academies must improve senior leadership and stop toxic practices such as hazing and shift behavior training into the classroom, Pentagon officials announced Thursday in a study to address the spike in sexual assaults and misconduct.

“What we’re seeing is that what may have been very effective in the past is now having unintended consequences because of the changing demographics...coming into the academy due to broader national trends,” said Elizabeth Foster, executive director of the Pentagon’s Force Resiliency Office.

The study comes after student-reported survey results from the 2021-22 academic year showed an increase in sexual misconduct at the academies, which has been trending up since 2014 despite Defense Department efforts and attention from Congress. The rise in reports of sexual misconduct incidents is mirrored across the military, where research, programs and initiatives have increased to combat the problem, though they have not created a statistical change.

Defense Secretary [Lloyd Austin in March ordered eight actions laid out in a memorandum](#), shortly after the

release of survey results that showed an 18% increase in student-reported sexual assaults at the academies.

Austin’s order included on-site evaluations by the Pentagon’s undersecretary for personnel and readiness at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., to examine the situation and find solutions.

The report released Thursday included immediate and long-term recommendations to be implemented at each institution. Some include improving access and communication options for victims of sexual misconduct seeking help while making certain that the lessons students are learning are reinforced in other environments.

“When cadets and midshipmen learn one thing about leadership or prevention in the classroom but don’t see that reinforcement in other settings it sends mixed messages about healthy norms and expectations for how they are to treat each other,” said Andra Tharp, the senior prevention adviser for the Force Resiliency Office.

The major recommendations focus on the leadership structure at the academies, Foster said.

At the Air Force Academy, the study recommends the school target cadet hazing in the freshman class. At the Air Force and Naval academies, the report recommends they add seasoned officers and noncommissioned officers to work with other officers already on campus to provide mentorship and supervision. At West Point, the study recommends the school review how cadets are trained to become leaders.

The study also acknowledges other factors that college students across the country face. Foster said students are entering the academies with bad experiences ranging from assaults and harassment to attempted suicides and domestic violence. Student leaders aren’t trained to deal with those issues or provide proper support to the students, according to the report.

Defense officials said another problem is the use of social media, where bullying and harassment go unchecked.

“Our teams, when we went to the academies, we joined these networks to observe the discussion,” Tharp said. “There was just a lot of misinformation. When somebody says, ‘I think I need to get help, I think I need to talk to somebody,’ you might have voices that are deterring that.”

Austin also ordered each service branch secretary to submit by Oct. 31 an action plan to counter the sexual misconduct trends at the academies.



Gen. Mark Milley speaks and answers questions from Boys Nation senators at 2023 American Legion Boys Nation at Marymount University on Monday, July 24, 2023.

Hilary Ott /The American Legion

Milley tells Boys Nation 2023: ‘Be true to yourself and your north star’

[Andy Proffet](#) | August 17, 2023

While Gen. Mark Milley never attended American Legion Boys State – and thus never attended Boys Nation – alumni on his team shared with him their support for the programs when Milley was invited to speak at the 2023 session of Boys Nation.

“They speak very positively about the program,” Milley said during his speech to participants on July 24 at Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

It’s believed to be the first time a sitting chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has addressed Boys Nation in its 77-year history, and certainly the first time such a figure has met with the 100 senators at their home campus for the “week that shapes a lifetime.”

Milley spoke for about 20 minutes before opening the floor to questions from the rising high school juniors who represent 49 states (Hawaii does not have a Boys State program) and the District of Columbia. He then posed for a group picture with the senators and staff before individual photos with the young men and staff members.

In his opening speech, Milley praised the Boys Nation senators as the future leaders of the country.

“No matter what walk of life you choose ... there is zero doubt in my mind that you will rise to significant levels of leadership,” he said.

Among the keys to success, he said, are competence and commitment.

“All (competence) requires is hard work, diligence, studying and lots of repetitive practice,” Milley said. “... (Commitment) comes from inside, and you’re going to have to be committed to whatever walk of life you choose. By that, I mean you have to be enthusiastic, you have to embrace it, you have to be all in, in whatever profession you choose to be in.”

Milley also encouraged the young men to be courageous as they grow. “You’ll develop (physical courage) in the moment of danger whenever it comes. That fight-or-flight instinct will take over.

“But the far more difficult challenge that you will face in life is to have moral courage; to stand up in the face of a moral challenge, a moral threat, where you’ll have to stand there in the breach, on your own two feet, with no one to help you, and demonstrate moral courage.”

Milley continued, “I can’t say when, where, how or with whom, but at some point in time you’ll absolutely have to demonstrate (integrity), and you will demonstrate that in the form of moral courage. That’s going to be the most difficult moment of your life, whenever it happens – and it may happen more than once. But maintaining your true self, your integrity to the north star that guides you, that is the essence of a successful life. It is not money, it’s not power, it’s not the number of stars on your shoulders, it’s not all the badges and awards. It’s all about maintaining integrity and character and demonstrating moral courage when the time comes.

“My message to you is that each of you will become leaders of consequence in the United States of America, there’s no question about it. And each of you, as you go on into the years ahead: look yourself in the mirror, examine your conscience, and be true to yourself and your north star. Maintain your integrity. Never, ever turn your back on it.



Boys Nation. At Boys State / Nation, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments.



The Small Business Conference at the 103rd National Convention at the Hilton Milwaukee Center in Milwaukee on Sunday, Aug. 28.
Hilary Ott /The American Legion

Veterans Small Business Conference planned for convention

The American Legion | August 16, 2023

American Legion Family members, veterans and the public are invited to a Veteran Small Business Conference presented by The American Legion during its 104th National Convention.

The conference will go from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Westin Charlotte, Independence, Second Floor, 601 S. College St, Charlotte, N.C. 28202. The topics presented will be:

U.S. Small Business Administration Programs

Overview: The session runs from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be an overview of the Small Business Administration (SBA) programs. SBA will discuss available programs for veterans and spouses seeking to start small businesses.

Forum on Government Contracting and Other

Issues of Concern: The session runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Attendees will be given the opportunity to discuss government contracting and other topics of concern with veteran business owners and key government personnel.

DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS

by Jeff Vinick, Sr.



Convention mobile app released

The American Legion | August 18, 2023

The dedicated mobile app for the American Legion national convention has been updated and released for 2023, ahead of the start of the 104th National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., next week.

Last year, the app expanded beyond its traditional schedules for meetings and speakers, floor events, etc., to multimedia options, floor plans, and agendas for everything from Subject Matter Expert Training to the Patriotic Memorial Service, as well as any health protocols in force. Information about the host city has also been expanded. The convention program book is largely becoming a souvenir, as a snapshot for American Legion Family members to remember their experiences.

The app is free to download to your mobile device from the Apple Store or Google Play, and will continue to be updated up to and through the convention. You can also search the stores for “The American Legion National Convention,” or access them via legion.org/mobileapps.





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I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

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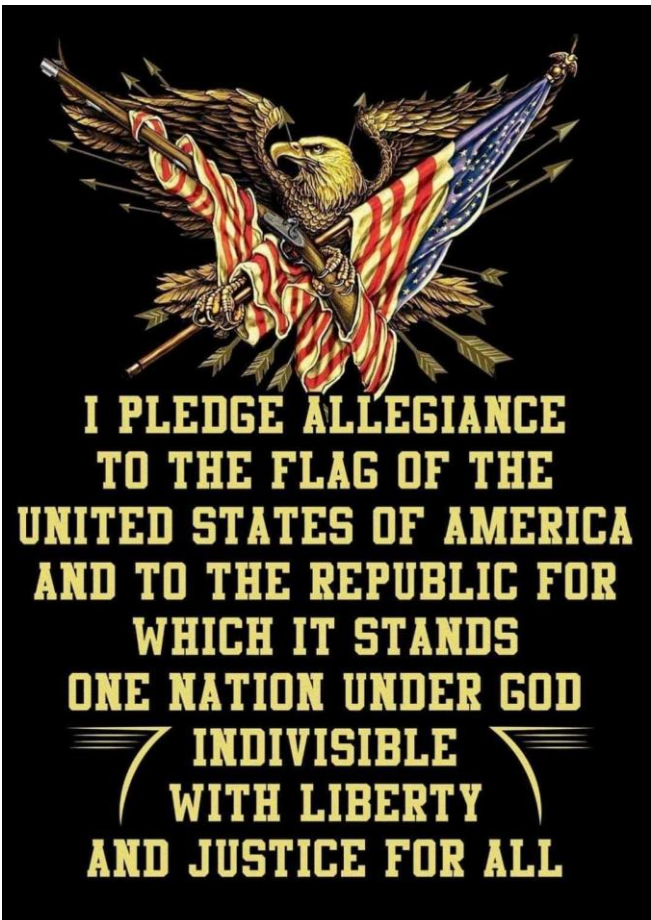
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2022-2023 Consolidated Squadron Report as
of August 10, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	14	100.0%
PUERTO RICO	6	6	100.0%
VERMONT	35	35	100.0%
WISCONSIN	125	113	90.4%
OHIO	307	217	70.7%
NEW MEXICO	34	19	55.9%
ARIZONA	78	41	52.6%
CALIFORNIA	210	106	50.5%
TENNESSEE	46	23	50.0%
ILLINOIS	284	137	48.2%
WYOMING	25	12	48.0%
IOWA	152	64	42.1%
INDIANA	294	123	41.8%
ALASKA	22	9	40.9%
GEORGIA	119	47	39.5%
MARYLAND	102	40	39.2%
IDAHO	26	10	38.5%
COLORADO	63	23	36.5%
VIRGINIA	88	32	36.4%
OREGON	34	12	35.3%
FLORIDA	190	65	34.2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
CONNECTICUT	50	16	32.0%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	13	31.7%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	23	31.5%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
ALABAMA	68	20	29.4%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	18	29.0%
NEW YORK	581	150	25.8%
MONTANA	51	13	25.5%
MISSISSIPPI	44	11	25.0%
TEXAS	253	60	23.7%
OKLAHOMA	96	22	22.9%
KANSAS	128	29	22.7%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	104	22.3%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
NEBRASKA	161	33	20.5%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	1	20.0%
NEW JERSEY	211	42	19.9%
NORTH DAKOTA	46	9	19.6%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	9	18.4%
FRANCE	11	2	18.2%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
MISSOURI	118	18	15.3%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	28	14.3%
MAINE	72	10	13.9%
WASHINGTON	72	10	13.9%
ARKANSAS	29	4	13.8%
MICHIGAN	211	27	12.8%
MINNESOTA	267	33	12.4%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
KENTUCKY	77	7	9.1%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Total	5882	1896	32.2%

Regional Breakdown as of August 10, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
WISCONSIN	125	113	90.4%
OHIO	307	217	70.7%
ILLINOIS	284	137	48.2%
IOWA	152	64	42.1%
INDIANA	294	123	41.8%
MISSOURI	118	18	15.3%
MICHIGAN	211	27	12.8%
MINNESOTA	267	33	12.4%
Totals	1758	732	41.6%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEW MEXICO	34	19	55.9%
WYOMING	25	12	48.0%
COLORADO	63	23	36.5%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	13	31.7%
MONTANA	51	13	25.5%
TEXAS	253	60	23.7%
OKLAHOMA	96	22	22.9%
KANSAS	128	29	22.7%
NEBRASKA	161	33	20.5%
MEXICO	5	1	20.0%
NORTH DAKOTA	46	9	19.6%
Totals	852	224	26.3%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
ARIZONA	78	41	52.6%
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%
PHILIPPINES	5	1	20.0%
HAWAII	11	2	18.2%
WASHINGTON	72	10	13.9%
UTAH	42	4	9.5%
Totals	1804	518	28.7%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
VERMONT	35	35	100.0%
DELAWARE	14	14	100.0%
MARYLAND	102	40	39.2%
CONNECTICUT	50	16	32.0%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	18	29.0%
NEW YORK	581	150	25.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	104	22.3%
NEW JERSEY	211	42	19.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	9	18.4%
FRANCE	11	2	18.2%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	28	14.3%
MAINE	72	10	13.9%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	468	25.1%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
PUERTO RICO	6	6	100.0%
TENNESSEE	46	23	50.0%
GEORGIA	119	47	39.5%
VIRGINIA	88	32	36.4%
FLORIDA	190	65	34.2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	9	33.3%
NORTH CAROLINA	73	23	31.5%
ALABAMA	68	20	29.4%
MISSISSIPPI	44	11	25.0%
LOUISIANA	73	15	20.5%
ARKANSAS	29	4	13.8%
KENTUCKY	77	7	9.1%
Totals	840	262	31.2%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5882	1896	32.2%
2021-2022	5827	1553	26.70%
2020-2021	6211	1163	18.72%
2019-2020	6211	1353	21.78%
2018-2019	6211	1638	26.37%
2017-2018	6211	1723	27.74%

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: AUGUST 14, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 12/31/2023	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	-97	2,577	109.10%	87.54
6	COLORADO	2,729	-98	2,963	108.57%	87.10
7	GEORGIA	4,490	-127	4,841	107.82%	88.73
8	OREGON	1,414	-38	1,523	107.71%	81.69
9	ALASKA	1,608	-40	1,728	107.46%	82.84
10	NEVADA	357	-8	383	107.28%	80.27
11	MICHIGAN	24,271	-545	26,030	107.25%	91.82
12	WASHINGTON	2,485	-49	2,658	106.96%	80.82
13	ARIZONA	8,004	-125	8,529	106.56%	82.31
14	FLORIDA	21,519	-320	22,915	106.49%	84.49
15	NEW MEXICO	1,483	-12	1,569	105.80%	81.09
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-10	1,557	105.70%	87.27
17	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-39	6,000	105.69%	89.52
18	VIRGINIA	4,109	-17	4,331	105.40%	86.94
19	DELAWARE	2,430	-4	2,555	105.14%	87.42
20	FRANCE	158	1	165	104.43%	94.23
21	OKLAHOMA	1,348	13	1,402	104.01%	80.20
22	MAINE	2,617	31	2,717	103.82%	87.90
23	CALIFORNIA	10,714	159	11,091	103.52%	83.44
24	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
25	WISCONSIN	4,187	81	4,315	103.06%	87.01
26	NEW JERSEY	9,386	185	9,670	103.03%	88.91
27	MARYLAND	16,058	347	16,514	102.84%	90.16
28	TENNESSEE	1,718	45	1,759	102.39%	80.29
29	TEXAS	5,569	160	5,687	102.12%	80.09
30	MISSOURI	3,219	98	3,282	101.96%	85.31
31	RHODE ISLAND	336	11	342	101.79%	86.67
32	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,108	61,735	101.53%	90.91
33	OHIO	30,636	1,078	31,090	101.48%	91.18
34	UTAH	449	18	453	100.89%	76.81
35	NEW YORK	29,864	1,235	30,122	100.86%	89.96
36	IDAHO	644	28	648	100.62%	79.42
37	ILLINOIS	13,398	596	13,472	100.55%	89.01
38	VERMONT	3,818	188	3,821	100.08%	89.17
39	MISSISSIPPI	722	36	722	100.00%	80.33
40	IOWA	4,857	255	4,845	99.75%	86.16
41	INDIANA	36,387	2,002	36,204	99.50%	88.84
42	KANSAS	5,919	332	5,883	99.39%	87.23
43	LOUISIANA	1,790	103	1,777	99.27%	86.19
44	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	62	1,047	99.15%	86.48
45	ALABAMA	2,066	128	2,041	98.79%	82.91
46	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	171	2,692	98.72%	78.45
47	MINNESOTA	11,378	801	11,146	97.96%	87.65
48	CONNECTICUT	1,867	133	1,827	97.86%	84.92
49	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	402	5,312	97.61%	84.14
50	NEBRASKA	7,015	528	6,838	97.48%	91.50
51	MONTANA	1,108	102	1,061	95.76%	87.50
52	WYOMING	1,298	142	1,221	94.07%	81.54
53	KENTUCKY	2,609	397	2,342	89.77%	74.07
54	ARKANSAS	447	73	396	88.59%	72.23
55	DIST OF COL	114	32	88	77.19%	60.18
Grand Totals:		367,798	10,325	375,863	102.19%	88.24

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	1,523	107.71%
ALASKA	1,608	1,728	107.46%
NEVADA	357	383	107.28%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,658	106.96%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,529	106.56%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	11,091	103.52%
UTAH	449	453	100.89%
IDAHO	644	648	100.62%
Totals:	25,822	27,210	105.38%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,595	117.11%
COLORADO	2,729	2,963	108.57%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,569	105.80%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,402	104.01%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
TEXAS	5,569	5,687	102.12%
KANSAS	5,919	5,883	99.39%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,047	99.15%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,838	97.48%
MONTANA	1,108	1,061	95.76%
WYOMING	1,298	1,221	94.07%
Totals:	28,918	29,298	101.31%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	26,030	107.25%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,315	103.06%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,282	101.96%
OHIO	30,636	31,090	101.48%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,472	100.55%
IOWA	4,857	4,845	99.75%
INDIANA	36,387	36,204	99.50%
MINNESOTA	11,378	11,146	97.96%
Totals:	128,333	130,384	101.60%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,577	109.10%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	6,000	105.69%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,555	105.14%
FRANCE	158	165	104.43%
MAINE	2,617	2,717	103.82%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,670	103.03%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,514	102.84%
RHODE ISLAND	336	342	101.79%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	61,735	101.53%
NEW YORK	29,864	30,122	100.86%
VERMONT	3,818	3,821	100.08%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,827	97.86%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,312	97.61%
DIST OF COL	114	88	77.19%
Totals:	140,932	143,445	101.78%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,841	107.82%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,915	106.49%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,557	105.70%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,331	105.40%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,759	102.39%
MISSISSIPPI	722	722	100.00%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,777	99.27%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,041	98.79%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,692	98.72%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,342	89.77%
ARKANSAS	447	396	88.59%
Totals:	43,793	45,526	103.96%

08/14/23		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	27,210	1,388	105.38%	6	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,526	1,733	103.96%	6	05/17/23
3	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	143,445	2,513	101.78%	56	06/15/23
4	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	130,384	2,051	101.60%	26	06/12/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	29,298	380	101.31%	26	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	375,863	8,065	102.19%	114	06/08/23



08/14/23		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	26,030	1,759	107.25%	13	91.82%	11	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,315	128	103.06%	-	87.01%	25	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,282	63	101.96%	1	85.31%	30	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,090	454	101.48%	12	91.18%	33	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,472	74	100.55%	4	89.01%	37	06/15/23
6	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,845	(12)	99.75%	1	86.16%	40	
7	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,204	(183)	99.50%	8	88.84%	41	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	11,146	(232)	97.96%	32	87.65%	47	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	130,384	2,051	101.60%	71		4	06/12/23

08/14/23		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	1,523	109	107.71%	-	81.69%	8	04/17/23
4	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,728	120	107.46%	1	82.84%	9	06/05/23
5	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	383	26	107.28%	-	80.27%	10	05/08/23
6	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,658	173	106.96%	-	80.82%	12	06/01/23
7	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,529	525	106.56%	4	82.31%	13	05/15/23
8	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	11,091	377	103.52%	1	83.44%	23	06/01/23
9	Utah 5, Q	449	453	4	100.89%	-	76.81%	34	08/08/23
10	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Q	644	648	4	100.62%	-	79.42%	36	06/22/23
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	27,210	1,388	105.38%	6		1	05/29/23

08/14/23		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	4,841	351	107.82%	1	88.73%	7	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,915	1,396	106.49%	3	84.49%	14	04/24/23
4	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,557	84	105.70%	-	87.27%	16	05/15/23
5	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,331	222	105.40%	1	86.94%	18	05/08/23
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, Q	1,718	1,759	41	102.39%	-	80.29%	28	06/29/23
7	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Q	722	722	-	100.00%	-	80.33%	39	07/17/23
8	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,777	(13)	99.27%	-	86.19%	43	
9	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,041	(25)	98.79%	-	82.91%	45	
10	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,692	(35)	98.72%	1	78.45%	46	
11	Kentucky	2,609	2,342	(267)	89.77%	-	74.07%	53	
12	Arkansas 1	447	396	(51)	88.59%	-	72.23%	54	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	45,526	1,733	103.96%	6		2	05/17/23

08/14/23		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	2,963	234	108.57%	22	87.10%	6	05/15/23
3	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,569	86	105.80%	-	81.09%	15	06/15/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,402	54	104.01%	-	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	5,687	118	102.12%	1	80.09%	29	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,883	(36)	99.39%	2	87.23%	42	
8	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,047	(9)	99.15%	-	86.48%	44	
9	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,838	(177)	97.48%	1	91.50%	50	
10	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,061	(47)	95.76%	-	87.50%	51	
11	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,221	(77)	94.07%	-	81.54%	52	
	TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	28,918	29,298	380	101.31%	26		5	07/24/23

08/14/23		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	2,577	215	109.10%	-	87.54%	5	04/17/23
2	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	6,000	323	105.69%	-	89.52%	17	06/09/23
3	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,430	2,555	125	105.14%	2	87.42%	19	05/08/23
4	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	158	165	7	104.43%	-	94.23%	20	06/26/23
5	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,717	100	103.82%	-	87.90%	22	05/22/23
6	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	9,386	9,670	284	103.03%	2	88.91%	26	07/06/23
7	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,514	456	102.84%	-	90.16%	27	05/17/23
8	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7, Q	336	342	6	101.79%	-	86.67%	31	05/08/23
9	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,735	932	101.53%	41	90.91%	32	06/12/23
10	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,122	258	100.86%	7	89.96%	35	06/29/23
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,818	3,821	3	100.08%	2	89.17%	38	08/10/23
12	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,827	(40)	97.86%	-	84.92%	48	
13	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,312	(130)	97.61%	2	84.14%	49	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	88	(26)	77.19%	-	60.18%	55	
	TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	143,445	2,513	101.78%	56		3	06/15/23

08/14/23		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	26,030	1,759	107.25%	9	91.82%	11	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,915	1,396	106.49%	3	84.49%	14	04/24/23
3	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	61,735	932	101.53%	41	90.91%	32	06/12/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	31,090	454	101.48%	8	91.18%	33	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	29,864	30,122	258	100.86%	7	89.96%	35	06/29/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	36,204	(183)	99.50%	8	88.84%	41	
	TOTALS	179,209	182,066	2,857	101.59%	67			
	National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q, ATH	367,798	375,863	375,167	102.19%	120	88.24%		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%





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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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