



Central Region

Round-Up



The Membership Newsletter of
Sons of The American Legion
Central Region

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National Target Date

April 8, 2020

90%

RECRUIT!

RETAIN!

REINSTATE!

CENTRAL REGION CHALLENGE DATE

April 1, 2020

95%



An urgent message about coronavirus

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

The enemy we are facing isn't hiding in the bush. Nor has it buried a roadside bomb unbeknownst to us. Yet the enemy is just as dangerous and deadly.

The coronavirus has been classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The number of people who will test positive for the potentially fatal COVID-19 remains unknown, but there are steps we can take, and must take, to protect ourselves and help our fellow veterans and citizens.

I encourage you to use extreme caution and adhere to the best practices put forth by the health experts. Namely properly wash your hands frequently, use antibacterial rubs and practice "social distancing."

Coronavirus is particularly dangerous for those over the age of 50 who contract it so **please be cognizant of the risks** when planning post activities and functions.

At the same time, this is an excellent opportunity to **perform Buddy Checks**. Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus.

The coronavirus situation will be changing rapidly so we have to be nimble in our approach to serving our communities, states and nation. Among the best resources to follow are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and the World Health Organization ([who.int](https://www.who.int)).

Let's also keep our thoughts and prayers with our servicemembers especially those overseas, our National Guardsmen, first responders and others who will be taxed in coming months. They need our support now more than ever.

We have faced down enemies, foreign and domestic, throughout our nation's history. While this threat is ominous, we will once again work together to overcome it.

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander

Gentlemen,

Spring is in the air. The weather is getting nicer. It's warmer. We are outside more. Flowers are blooming. I don't know about you, but I am ready for the change in seasons!

As the seasons change, so do our routines. The kids have practice, we go for ice cream, the patio at the Canteen is open again. What routine are you in for membership? Is it the same old-same old, or do you do things differently when the weather changes? If not, can you?

95%

With warmer weather, we may begin to see some familiar faces we have not seen since last fall. When we see those friends and members, let's make sure that they have a 2020 membership card. Remind them that we are going to try to get people to pay their dues in July rather than wait. Tell them how important their membership is, get them involved, and make sure they know they are valuable to Sons of The American Legion.

Speaking of July, we will have a very aggressive Membership Challenge for the 2020-2021 year, and it all begins when the cards arrive in the mail. It gets even tougher for August and the National Convention and continue throughout the year and we meet quota+. This will be part of changing the mindset and culture of how and when we pay our dues. As we get closer, I will let everyone know my plans. In the meantime, please begin to think about how you will get your members convinced that they need to pay their dues in July.

Once you have your ideas, please send them to me so we can share here. It will be a TEAM EFFORT to reach our Central Region Challenge Dates. **Who's next?**

Membership

111,828

The Central Region remains in Third Place nationally as of March 11, 2020 with 84.273%. Keep up the outstanding work!

Congratulations the Detachment of Wisconsin (95.326%) passing the both the April 1 Central Region Challenge Date of 95% and the April 8 National Target Date of 90%. Congratulations also goes out to the Detachment of Iowa (93.783%) for passing the April 1 National Target of 90%, and to the Detachments of Ohio (86.815%), Minnesota (85.827%), Illinois (84.456%), Indiana (82.715%) and Michigan (82.012%) for reaching the National Target date of 80% on March 11. Keep it up! **Who's next?**

Renewals

99,702

The Central Region dropped into Second Place as of the March 9, 2020 Renewal Report. This number represents 75.91%. Let's get out there and regain first place! Who's next?

On Thursday, March 12, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine suspended school for all Ohio students in grades K-12 due to COVID-19, the Wuhan Coronavirus. School is scheduled to resume Monday, April 6, but that is a fluid date as the suspension could be suspended.

Many students across the state will be spending time at home with parents, who may be completely overwhelmed with what to do. In my school district, assignments are being sent home, and distance students will participate in online learning. We will do what we can over the next month and see how it all plays out. Other states have also canceled classes, with more to follow.

Something we will be working on in "Jeff's Classroom" will be my sons Kenneth and Phillip will be working on their 5 Star Program of Service and The 10 Ideals Program. They will also be assisting me with my plans for the 2020 Memorial Day Processional Parade and Ceremonies in Poland, Ohio. This is an unfortunate situation, but a great opportunity not only for my sons, but for Sons not in school across the country to learn these important programs of Sons of The American Legion. If our youth is our future, let's get started now and take advantage of our situation before it becomes a lost opportunity. Here is a related article from the National Americanism Commission:

Sons of The American Legion 10 Ideals and 5 Star Programs

10 Ideals: This program is designed to help us better understand what true Americanism is and give us a better working knowledge of leadership skills. Programs like this cover many important and sometimes forgotten ideals and skills such as Patriotism, Health, Knowledge, Training, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence, and Comradeship. This is not just a program for our youth, adults will also benefit from participation in this program. At this time your Americanism Commission is working hard to bring the 10 Ideals into an electronic format. Due to the fact that most youth of today are more in tune with electronic media. Having the program in this format should hopefully assist with more youth participation.

The 5 Star: Program teaches you how to demonstrate a working knowledge of; Patriotism; history of the flag, proper display, and proper respect to it. Citizenship; participation in community events and having a working knowledge of the qualities of a good citizen. Discipline; respect for rules and obedience to them. Also noted are Leadership; principle requirements of being a good leader. And Legionism; thoroughly understands the ritualistic workings and the programs and activities for the Sons of The American Legion. Please be aware that this program can be completed one section at a time and individual awards can be given for each of the five categories. After completing all five points the 5 Star Medal can be presented to the graduate.

Our education system today lacks the dissemination of materials that many of us older members were taught in school years ago. This lack of relaying information is due to the continuing concern for political correctness. The 10 Ideals and the 5 Star programs importance are greater than they ever have been before because of these changes. Today it is our responsibility as members of the Sons of The American Legion to train our youth in the importance and values these programs offer before they are lost. Every S.A.L. member should consider completing these very important and educational

programs so that the knowledge noted within the materials continues "full steam ahead" for our future youth.

- **Please Note:** After successfully completing each program the awards mentioned above are available through American Legion Emblem Sales.

Ernie Laberge
National Americanism Commission 2019-2021
Past Commander 2017-2019
Detachment of Massachusetts

"Serving those that served, full steam ahead!"

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either NVC Doc Pfeiffer or me if you need help with anything.

Thanks for your support of this publication!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

JEFF VRABEL, SR.

FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER



What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes, COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath



What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Ohio | Department of Health

Please continue to protect yourself from all infectious diseases by using these precautions.

PREVENTION

For additional information visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

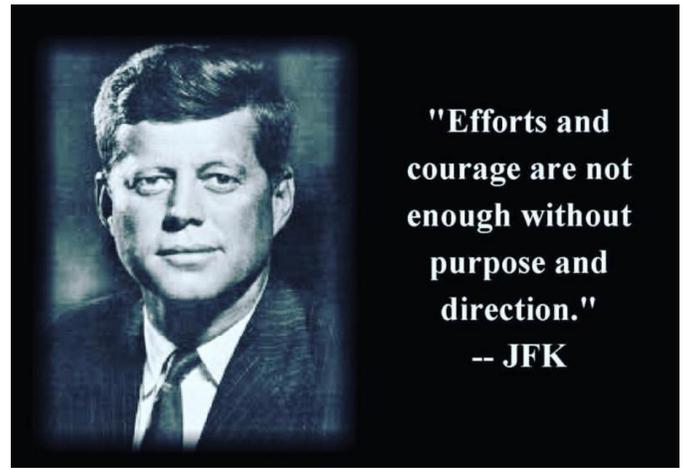
STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK	AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK	GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS	WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)	DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS
COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING	AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES	CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN	CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR	PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

CLEAN ALL "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES EVERY DAY

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

03-04-2020

Additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>



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NATIONAL TARGET DATE

April 8, 2020

90%



Detachment Membership Standings
as of March 11, 2020

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
WI*^	3,744	3,642	97.276%
IA+*	4,375	4,103	93.783%
OH+	31,133	27,028	86.815%
MN+	11,748	10,083	85.827%
IL+	14,546	12,285	84.456%
IN+	39,364	32,560	82.715%
MI+	24,083	19,751	82.012%
MO	3,705	2,376	61.130%
TOTALS+	132,698	111,828	84.273%

+ = Met March 11 National Target of 80%

* = Met April 8 National Target of 90%

^ = Met April 1 Central Region Challenge of 95%

Detachment Renewal Rates
as of March 9, 2020

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	3,626	81.45%
OH	30,456	24,443	80.26%
WI	3,945	3,124	79.19%
MN	11,565	9,023	78.02%
IL	14,431	11,158	77.32%
IN	38,876	29,117	74.90%
MI	24,126	17,028	70.58%
MO	3,485	2,183	62.64%
TOTALS	131,336	99,702	75.91%

National Membership Standings
as of March 11, 2020

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern+	42,763	37,110	86.781%
Western+	26,395	22,349	84.671%
Central+	132,698	111,828	84.273%
Midwest+	30,366	25,308	83.343%
Eastern+	146,273	121,361	82.969%
TOTALS+	378,495	311,958	82.241%

+ = Met March 11 National Target of 80%

National Renewal Rates
as of March 3, 2020

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
Eastern	144,840	110,063	75.97%
Central	131,317	99,702	75.91%
Midwest	29,920	22,112	73.89%
Southern	42,858	31,418	73.27%
Western	26,524	18,428	69.46%
TOTALS	375,540	273,481	72.82%

17,205 ahead of last year

National Commander Bolt's
2019-2020 Goals

Please remember as you travel and promote the Sons of The American Legion and National Commander Clint Bolt's goals for Membership and all Legion Charities.

- 🎯 **RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND REINSTATE** to reach **400,000** members
- 🎯 Renewal rate above 95%
- 🎯 Obtain 105% in membership by National Convention in Louisville, KY
- 🎯 Recognize our achievements
- 🎯 Child Welfare Foundation \$500,000
- 🎯 National Emergency Fund \$100,000
- 🎯 Soldiers Wish \$100,000
- 🎯 Legacy Scholarship \$100,000
- 🎯 Veterans & Children's Fund \$100,000
- 🎯 Operation Comfort Warriors \$100,000

2019 – 2020
Central Region
Membership Challenge
from Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

DECEMBER 31	60% ✓
FEBRUARY 1	85% ✓
MARCH 1	90% ✓
APRIL 1	95%
MAY 1	100%
JUNE 30	110%

Who's next?

Always Be Prepared To Get A New Member



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Date of Birth)

Mailing Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP)

(Phone) _____ (Email) Male Female _____ (Post #) _____ (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to www.legion.org.

ALA 08/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____ (Phone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

ALA 12/2013

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and over

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: _____ ALA ID#: _____

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) _____

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran Served:

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

ALA 09/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.
Membership pending approval of application.

Detachment Features

Wisconsin	January 26 edition	✓ Thanks
Illinois	February 2 edition	✓ Thanks
Missouri	February 9 edition	
Iowa	February 16 edition	
Michigan	February 23 edition	✓ Thanks
Indiana	March 1 edition	
Ohio	March 8 edition	
Minnesota	March 15 edition	

Membership Committee Call

6:00 PM MST

Call in # (515) 604-9644 Access Code: 889133

Online Meeting

<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnavarr>

The National Membership Committee holds its monthly Conference Calls on the third Tuesday of each month. It is important that we get the message out to as many Membership Chairmen as possible. Please share this with your District and Squadron leadership and ask them to join us.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

WHO'S

NEXT?

Fellow Sons:

April is American Legion Children & Youth Month!

This Spring we are trying to build Grassroots momentum for the Sons by asking all SAL Squadrons to host an event in support of **ANY** one of the American Legion Children & Youth Programs.

In addition to hosting an event, we're asking Squadrons to publicize that event and use it to bring new people into the American Legion Family

Towards that end we are forwarding 4 documents:

- A message to Squadron & Detachment Commanders asking them to host and publicize a local event
- Promotional Info on the CWF
- Promotional Info on the NEF
- Promotional Info on the Veterans & Children Fund (Formerly the AL Endowment Fund)

Note: **We're encouraging Squadrons to support ANY American Legion Children & Youth Program of their choosing**, but we are providing some info on 3 programs which we are highlighting. The CWF, The NEF and The Veterans & Children's Fund. The documents are in word format so Squadrons/Counties Detachments etc... can customize / borrow as needed.

If anyone, any region or Detachment would like more info, or help, please feel free to contact me or any members of the Children & Youth Committee

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With Thanks & Great Enthusiasm!

Bill Clancy
National Children & Youth Committee

"Serving Those Who Served - Full Steam Ahead"

**To: All Squadron Commanders
All Detachment Commanders**

**From: The Sons of The American Legion
National Children & Youth Committee**

**Re: Doing Great Things for Kids
April is American Legion
Children & Youth Month**

Commanders:

- April is "American Legion Children & Youth Month"
- We're encouraging every one of our 6,100+ Squadrons to host a youth-oriented event in support of one of the American Legion Children & Youth programs
- Publicize it locally - invite the public – Let them know what the Sons of The American Legion is all about - and all we do for Kids
- MAKE SURE – the youngest members of your squadron (Your Kids) are involved in running your event – Give them an outsized role or tasks to own
- Find Young Veterans with Kids and invite them into the Legion Family
- Use this event to Pump up your guys up about being Sons, get new members - get inactive members back in the door with an added reason to belong
- Show the public that the SAL is helping kids who are the Leaders of Tomorrow
- Make Sure Everyone Involved Has FUN!

We encourage support of ANY of the American Legion Children & Youth Programs but we're highlighting 3 Legion Youth Programs which the Sons Support National-ly.

- The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

- The American Legion National Emergency Fund
- The American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation
- Host Your Squadron C&Y Event and Carry on For God & Country!

With Thanks & Huge Encouragement!

The Sons of the American Legion
National Children & Youth Committee



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) was Established in 1954, to aid the betterment of kids in America. The First donor was American Legion Arkansas State Commander Dr. Garland Murphy, Jr. who donated 10,000 acres of oil-rich land in Montana and North Dakota. In return, Murphy asks that proceeds from the contribution be used solely to serve children.

Since then the CWF has given out over \$17 Million to youth-oriented charities.

The Sons of The American Legion is the largest Contributor to the CWF.

- The Sons of the American Legion is the largest Contributor to the CWF
- Last year nationally, the Sons (SAL) donated \$427,000+ to the CWF
- Lifetime donations to CWF by the Sons, surpassed \$8.2 million in 2019.
- The SAL, 2020 CWF Fundraising Goal is \$1.35 per member or \$500,000
- The Sons of the American Legion & The Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)

What can you do to help?

- Have your squadron host a vibrant and fun fundraiser for the CWF!
- Publicize your event with local press
- Use the excitement of a FUN Sons Event to Get New Members Involved!
- Invite Guests & The Public to your event, let them have fun and learn what the Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Family is about!
- Welcome children, youth and particularly Young Veterans with Families into your post to take part and help The American Legion Family as it carries on teaching future generations about Service to Community State and Nation
- Help Kids by Helping the Sons of The American Legion Raise Funds for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation!
- Continue to Carry on For God & Country!

In 2020, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation awarded \$811,282 to 24 nonprofit organizations. The Following is a snapshot of Each Award:

- **Adoption Exchange Association** of Linthicum, MD, was awarded \$18,947 for their project, "Every Child Deserves a Family."
- **American Legion Auxiliary** of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$1,843 for their project, "American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Indivisible Project". This project will purchase the "Indivisible" books to teach junior members about the American Flag
- **American Legion Auxiliary** of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$120,500 for their project, "American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships."
- **Childhood Leukemia Foundation** of Brick, NJ, was awarded \$29,700 for their project, "Hope Binder." This project will offer resources to help families begin to feel a degree of control over their circumstances
- **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation** of Pittsburgh, PA, was awarded \$30,000 for their project, "Teach for the Starz(l)"; This project will create an online portal of resources for children and their families who have received a liver transplant.
- **Cornelia De Lange Syndrome Foundation** of Avon, CT, was awarded \$21,258 for their project, "Parent Resources and Handbook for Children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome."
- **CureSearch for Children's Cancer** of Bethesda, MD, was awarded \$33,000 for their project, "Supporting

American Families Facing a Pediatric Cancer Diagnosis." This will fund the creation of a CancerCare mobile app which will allow parents to track the treatment plans for their children. It will also provide an Ella Barbie doll to help children better understand hair loss

- **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** of Chicago, IL was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "Mental Health Education and Wellness Tools for Children and Youth." This will create an online database of resources for children and youth who suffer from mood disorders and promoting this awareness during the national marketing campaign
- **Gratitude Initiative** of Red Oak, TX, was awarded \$10,500 for their project, "Gratitude Initiative Promotional Materials for US Army IMCOM." This project will create a webinar to help children of Army families prepare for the transition into college.
- **Lifeline Pilots** of Peoria, IL, was awarded \$25,000 for their project, "No Cost Air Transportation for Medically Fragile Kids. This project will fund air transportation for children who are receiving treatment outside their local area.
- **Marc Apodace Jr. Children's Glioma Cancer Foundation** of Thornton, CO, was awarded \$8,540 for their, "Educational iPad Program." to fund iPad & software for kids with cancer who have lost the ability to communicate with family and their doctors.
- **National Braille Press** of Boston, MA, was awarded \$19,725 for their project, "ReadBooks!." This grant will fund resource books for parents with visually impaired children to introduce their children to Braille as an effective method of reading and writing and help encourage parents to learn Braille to help their children
- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** of Alexandria, VA, was awarded \$12,839 for their project, "Reconnecting with Your Child: Building Relationships after Suspected Sexual Exploitation." This grant will fund the production and distribution of information on how to reconnect with someone who has suffered sexual exploitation.
- **National Hemophilia Foundation.** of NY, NY was awarded \$19,200 for their project, "Navigating life with a Rare Bleeding Disorder." This will create both a kid friendly and parent guide to help them understand their diagnosis while explaining what comes next.
- **Patient Airlift Services** of Farmingdale, New York, was awarded \$46,190 for their project, "PALS Outreach for Children's Health and Welfare." This grant will fund the printing and distribution of materials

to increase awareness of their services to families of children in need of treatment outside their local area, while also recruiting new pilots.

- **Seedlings Braille Books for Children** of Livonia, MI was awarded \$5,000 for their project "Braille Books For Blind Children Ages 6 and older." This grant will provide braille books to those children who are visually impaired over the age of six.
- **Songs of Love** of Forest Hills, NY was awarded \$25,000 for the project "Songs of Love Outreach Project.". This will fund profile forms and song request forms that will create personalized songs for seriously ill children up to the age of 21 with no charge to them.
- **Sportsman Alliance Foundation** of Columbus, OH, was awarded \$20,000 for their project "Heritage Hunting and Fishing Project." This grant will expose 5,000 youth to hands on training and real-life outdoor experience in hunting and fishing, while teaching them safety, wildlife conservation.
- **Talk about Curing Autism** of Irvine, CA was awarded \$21,540 for their project "Autism Journey Guides and Educational Materials." This grant will print and distributed 4,000 copies of their recently updated "Autism Journey Guide" and educational information to families who have recently been diagnosed with Autism.
- **The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, IN, was awarded \$54,500 for the "2020 American Legion National Youth Programs Scholarships." This grant will provide academic scholarships to the following youth programs: **Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year.**
- **The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, IN was awarded \$75,000 for their project "The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program-2020." This grant will provide temporary financial assistance to children of veteran's in need of shelter, food, utilities and clothing.
- **The American Legion National Headquarters** of Indianapolis, Indiana was awarded \$188,000 for their project "**The American Legion National Oratorical Contest-2020.**" This grant will provide scholarships for youth competing in the 2020 American Legion Oratorical Contest

Help Kids by Helping the Sons of the American Legion Meet their \$500,000 Child Welfare Foundation Fund-raising Goal. Host an Event At your Squadron and Continue to Carry on For God & Country!



The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF)

The National Emergency Fund (NEF) was created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

NEF helps those affected by well-known disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy and lesser-publicized tragedies such as flooding in South Dakota or Illinois, or wildfires in the southwest.

The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts.

The Sons (SAL) Actively Supports the National Emergency Fund (NEF) and raised over \$102,000 for the NEF in 2019.

What can you do to help?

- Have your squadron host a vibrant and fun fundraiser for the National Emergency Fund (NEF)
- Publicize your event with local press
- Invite Guests & The Public to your event, let them have fun and learn what the Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Family is about!
- Use the excitement of a FUN Sons Event to Get New Members Involved!
- Welcome children, youth and particularly Young Veterans with Families into your post to take part and help The SAL and The American Legion Family as it carries on teaching future generations about Service to Community State and Nation
- Help Kids and Families by Helping the Sons of the American Legion Raise Funds for the American Legion National Emergency Fund!
- Continue to Carry on For God & Country!



The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation

Since its creation in 1925, The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation has delivered over \$30 million in financial assistance for disabled veterans, military families and young people who lost parents in service to our nation. Income from the foundation investments is used to fund Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation programs and Temporary Financial Assistance, which provides funds to minor children of active duty or American Legion members.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Actively Supports The American Legion Veterans and Children’s Foundation.

What can you do to help?

- Have your squadron host a vibrant and fun fundraiser for the Veterans & Children’s Foundation
- Publicize your event with local press
- Use the excitement of a FUN Sons Event to Get New Members Involved!
- Invite Guests & The Public to your event, let them have fun and learn what the Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Family is about!
- Welcome children, youth and particularly Young Veterans with Families into your post to take part and help The American Legion Family as it carries on teaching future generations about Service to Community State and Nation
- Help Kids by Helping the Sons of The American Legion Raise Funds for The American Legion Veterans & Children’s Foundation!
- Continue to Carry on For God & Country!



The American Legion passed Resolution 18 during their Spring Meetings in May 2019 that calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion's birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day.

The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone or email, or a combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and can provide whatever assistance they may need. It's what we do for our battle buddies.

Commander Bolt has requested that the Sons of The American Legion join in on the Buddy Check and what better time to help us raise our renewal numbers and get us closer to that 400,000 goal!

Divide up a call list. Some may have personal connections with the member or the former member and should make that particular buddy check.

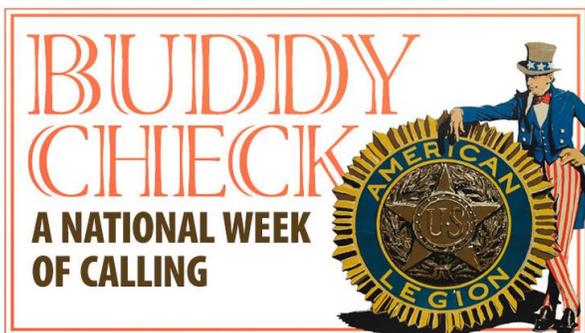
Start making connections – either from a quiet place inside the post or from your home – to see how the members and former members are doing, ask if they need anything and invite them to any event or activity planned to help celebrate the Legion’s birthday or Veterans Day.

Make sure you **thank the member or former member** in the beginning and at the end of your call.

If the member or former member wishes to renew, be sure to **have your squadron’s payment procedure at your fingertips**, the address to send a check or offer to stop by in person to pick it up (another opportunity to connect).

Leave contact information in case the member or former member can’t take the call or needs anything in the future.

For further information, sample scripts, and FAQs please visit the Legion's Website at www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck.



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Child Welfare Foundation
Donations Report**

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AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,260.00	1,619	\$ 1,619.00	\$ 3,000.00	185.3%	\$ 1.85
AK - ALASKA	\$ 3,950.00	1,034	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 1,500.00	145.1%	\$ 1.45
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 48,167.10	6,479	\$ 6,479.00	\$ 13,000.00	200.6%	\$ 2.01
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,185.00	432	\$ 432.00	\$ 940.00	217.6%	\$ 2.18
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 13,592.00	9,923	\$ 9,923.00	\$ 1,300.00	13.1%	\$ 0.13
CO - COLORADO	\$ 46,195.88	2,371	\$ 2,371.00	\$ 3,281.00	138.4%	\$ 1.38
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,000.00	1,557	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 1,000.00	64.2%	\$ 0.64
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 850.00	1,965	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 2,100.00	106.9%	\$ 1.07
DC - DIST OF COL		108	\$ 108.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 15,635.00	17,884	\$ 17,884.00	\$ 20,220.00	113.1%	\$ 1.13
FR - FRANCE	\$ 200.00	190	\$ 190.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 3,300.00	3,862	\$ 3,862.00	\$ 3,915.00	101.4%	\$ 1.01
HI - HAWAII		49	\$ 49.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 1,901.00	605	\$ 605.00	\$ 614.00	101.5%	\$ 1.01
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 9,267.57	12,285	\$ 12,285.00	\$ 1,421.00	11.6%	\$ 0.12
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,074.00	32,560	\$ 32,560.00	\$ 3,591.00	11.0%	\$ 0.11
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,033.00	4,103	\$ 4,103.00	\$ 280.00	6.8%	\$ 0.07
KS - KANSAS	\$ 7,849.75	5,710	\$ 5,710.00	\$ 30.02	0.5%	\$ 0.01
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 1,200.00	2,306	\$ 2,306.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,289.50	1,596	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 2,710.00	169.8%	\$ 1.70
ME - MAINE	\$ 737.50	2,148	\$ 2,148.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 1,198.00	14,362	\$ 14,362.00	\$ 600.00	4.2%	\$ 0.04
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 3,794.60	4,530	\$ 4,530.00	\$ 4,307.50	95.1%	\$ 0.95
MX - MEXICO	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 10,444.00	19,751	\$ 19,751.00	\$ 7,299.00	37.0%	\$ 0.37
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 6,792.55	10,083	\$ 10,083.00	\$ 4,934.49	48.9%	\$ 0.49
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 2,605.00	856	\$ 856.00	\$ 500.00	58.4%	\$ 0.58
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 1,900.00	2,376	\$ 2,376.00	\$ 300.00	12.6%	\$ 0.13
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,070.00	1,057	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 1,500.00	141.9%	\$ 1.42
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 4,583.75	6,016	\$ 6,016.00	\$ 8,578.85	142.6%	\$ 1.43
NV - NEVADA	\$ 7,000.00	345	\$ 345.00		0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 1,969.00	5,066	\$ 5,066.00	\$ 340.00	6.7%	\$ 0.07
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 6,394.00	8,034	\$ 8,034.00	\$ 7,023.00	87.4%	\$ 0.87
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 1,195.97	1,308	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 870.40	66.5%	\$ 0.67
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 56,052.20	22,421	\$ 22,421.00	\$ 8,553.93	38.2%	\$ 0.38
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,419.69	2,182	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 5,269.00	241.5%	\$ 2.41
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		714	\$ 714.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 31,718.03	27,028	\$ 27,028.00	\$ 1,436.00	5.3%	\$ 0.05
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ 746.00	1,231	\$ 1,231.00		0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 6,160.78	1,192	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 800.00	67.1%	\$ 0.67
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 41,449.18	55,312	\$ 55,312.00	\$ 11,715.91	21.2%	\$ 0.21
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 800.00	81	\$ 81.00	\$ 400.00	493.8%	\$ 4.94
PR - PUERTO RICO		103	\$ 103.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND		213	\$ 213.00		0.0%	\$ -
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 1,900.00	1,151	\$ 1,151.00	\$ 1,050.00	91.2%	\$ 0.91
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA		809	\$ 809.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,456.00	1,456	\$ 1,456.00	\$ 638.00	43.8%	\$ 0.44
TX - TEXAS	\$ 7,115.00	5,090	\$ 5,090.00	\$ 3,305.00	64.9%	\$ 0.65
UT - UTAH	\$ 498.00	461	\$ 461.00	\$ 351.00	76.1%	\$ 0.76
VT - VERMONT	\$ 9,548.00	3,453	\$ 3,453.00	\$ 2,935.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 12,633.04	3,663	\$ 3,663.00	\$ 5,231.64	142.8%	\$ 1.43
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,250.00	2,180	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 1,188.00	54.5%	\$ 0.54
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 3,237.75	2,002	\$ 2,002.00	\$ 2,875.00	143.6%	\$ 1.44
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 650.00	3,642	\$ 3,642.00	\$ 240.00	6.6%	\$ 0.07
WY - WYOMING	\$ 5,000.00	1,002	\$ 1,002.00		0.0%	\$ -
National	\$ 2,048.00	-	\$ -	\$ 1,032.34		
Grand Totals	\$ 427,315.84	317,956	\$ 317,956.00	\$ 142,176.08	44.7%	\$ 0.45

As of: 3/13/2020

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(Eastern Region)													
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VERMONT	\$ 9,548.00	3,453	\$ 3,453.00	\$ 2,935.00	85.0%	\$ 0.85	Totals	\$ 51,883.23	37,110	\$ 37,110.00	\$ 43,473.64	117.1%	\$ 1.17
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 3,237.75	2,002	\$ 2,002.00	\$ 2,875.00	143.6%	\$ 1.44	(Mid-Western Region)						
Totals	\$ 126,430.23	121,361	\$ 121,361.00	\$ 41,450.34	34.2%	\$ 0.34	COLORADO	\$ 46,195.88	2,371	\$ 2,371.00	\$ 3,281.00	138.4%	\$ 1.38
(Central Region)													
ILLINOIS	\$ 9,267.57	12,285	\$ 12,285.00	\$ 1,421.00	11.6%	\$ 0.12	KANSAS	\$ 7,849.75	5,710	\$ 5,710.00	\$ 30.02	0.5%	\$ 0.01
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Totals	\$ 88,879.15	111,828	\$ 111,828.00	\$ 19,501.49	17.4%	\$ 0.17	TEXAS	\$ 7,115.00	5,090	\$ 5,090.00	\$ 3,305.00	64.9%	\$ 0.65
(Western Region)													
ALASKA	\$ 3,950.00	1,034	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 1,500.00	145.1%	\$ 1.45	UTAH	\$ 488.00	461	\$ 461.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 48,167.10	6,479	\$ 6,479.00	\$ 13,000.00	200.6%	\$ 2.01	WASHINGTON	\$ 2,250.00	2,180	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 1,188.00	54.5%	\$ 0.54
CALIFORNIA	\$ 13,592.00	9,923	\$ 9,923.00	\$ 1,300.00	13.1%	\$ 0.13	Totals	\$ 84,318.88	22,349	\$ 22,349.00	\$ 19,153.00	85.7%	\$ 0.86
HAWAII	\$ -	49	\$ 49.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	(Grand Totals)						
IDAHO	\$ 1,901.00	605	\$ 605.00	\$ 614.00	101.5%	\$ 1.01	National	\$ -	2,048	\$ -	\$ 1,032.34		
NEVADA	\$ 7,000.00	345	\$ 345.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	Grand Total	\$ 427,315.84	317,956	\$ 317,956.00	\$ 142,176.08	44.7%	\$ 0.45
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 20

Detachment of Virginia Proudly Presents
"Homecoming for National Commander "

Clint Bolt



Norfolk Waterside Sheraton Hotel

777 Waterside Drive Norfolk Virginia 23510

Friday April 17, 2020 thru Sunday April 19, 2020

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-3535

Mention Group "Sons of American Legion Homecoming"

Traditional King or Double Queen @ \$124.00 per night

Deadline for Reservations is March 20, 2020

Norfolk International Airport is only about 20 minutes from Hotel

Onsite parking is \$13.00 per day and Valet Parking is \$26.00 per day

Registration will be set up in Hotel lobby upon arrival

Hospitality Room will be open Friday and Saturday!

Package Options

Name _____ Department/ Detachment _____

Office _____ No. of People _____

Head count for Friday Post 5 Dinner /Casino night. _____

\$10.00 for dinner , pay @ post Do not include with check payment.

Saturday Option #1 Military Aviation Museum @ \$79.00 each _____

Saturday Option #2 Norfolk Military History Tour @ \$ 47.00 each _____

Saturday Night Dinner/Banquet @ \$30.00 each _____

Dinner Choice for Banquet: Must pick selection with quantity

Chicken Picatta Pan Seared Airline Chicken Breast with a Lemon Caper Sauce, _____

Pan Seared Tilapia with a Lemon Beurre Blanc, _____

Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef with a Peppercorn Cognac Cream Sauce _____

Vegetarian Option Wild Mushroom Ravioli with a Boursin Cheese Sauce _____

Make Checks payable to American Legion Post 284 Insert Clint Bolt Homecoming in Memo

Mail to: **Steve Gower 4308 Bart Street, Portsmouth VA 23707**

Downtown Norfolk also has a lot of local attractions in walking distance from hotel. The Battleship Wisconsin is docked about 2 blocks away and is open for tours along with the Nauticus Maritime Museum. MacArthur Mall is also close by with a lot of shops and restaurants. Norfolk also has a lot of century old homes and churches built with that great old southern architecture. We will have information at registration desk for all local activates. Looking forward to seeing all for a great weekend and Celebrate to successes of the Sons of the American Legion! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Steve Gower

Sons of the American Legion

National Internal Affairs Commission

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757-348-4642 *"Serving Those Who Served...Full Steam Ahead"*

Here is latest update on the upcoming National Commander's Homecoming: **IT'S STILL ON!** While we are following the COVID-19 virus very closely we are very hopeful that we can still all get together and celebrate Clint's great year! We are still a little over 30 days out and with all the cancellations over the next two weeks, hopefully things will start to improve rapidly. I have been in contact with Hotel and have been assured that everything will be clean and safe for all. We know making travel arrangements is important and things seem to be changing daily. With all the precautions taking place now, that should clear the way for safe and healthy travel next month. If you haven't done so yet, please get your registration packet in the mail and drop me a line letting me know your intensions. If for any reason we have to cancel at last minute I will let everyone know and everyone will get a full refund for all monies sent to me.

Looking forward to seeing all next month!

Thanks, Steve Gower

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