

## Resolutions create 2 new SAL committees

The American Legion | October 18, 2023



Sons of the American Legion National Commander Don "JR" Hall addresses the NEC at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., on Wednesday, October 11.

Hilary Ott/The American Legion

Among the resolutions approved by The American Legion's National Executive Committee (NEC) at the Fall Meetings in Indianapolis were three directly related to the Sons of The American Legion (SAL).

[Resolution 22](#) creates the Sons of The American Legion Commander's Advisory Committee, whose purpose is to discuss issues germane to the SAL and recommend courses of action to The American Legion Internal Affairs Commission.

The committee, consisting of a chairman and six members, as well as the SAL National Commander who will have no vote, will collect detachment recommendations and in turn recommend to the Internal Affairs Commission chairman nominations

for SAL national commission and committees and SAL national officers.

[Resolution 21](#) creates the SAL Resolutions Screening Committee, which will "consider at any time any resolutions to be assigned to the appropriate SAL commission or committee for the purpose of (a) classifying those resolutions; (b) consolidating them; or (c) eliminating duplications, as well as for the purpose of recommending to the commissions and committees the disposition of the resolutions."

That committee will be chaired by the chairman of the Legion's Internal Affairs Commission and will include three American Legion members and three SAL members.

The NEC also approved [Resolution 19](#), a \$250,000 donation from the SAL Reserve Fund to the Veterans & Children Foundation. That donation was [approved](#) at the SAL National Convention.



# Round-Up

**Donald "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)** *National Commander*  
**Robert L. Bristo (MN)** *Central National Vice-Commander*  
**John R. Cook (NH)** *Northeast National Vice-Commander*  
**Terry A. Harris (KS)** *Midwest National Vice-Commander*  
**Linwood A. Moore (VA)** *Southeast National Vice-Commander*  
**James R. Fischer (CA)** *Western National Vice-Commander*

**Christopher Carlton (IN)**  
*Immediate Past National Commander*

**Joseph Navarrete (NM)**  
*Leading Candidate for National Commander*

**William Clancy III (NY)**  
*Trailing Candidate for National Commander*

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**Donald "JR" Hall, Jr.**  
National Commander

## Representing More Than Me

### From the Editor

Congratulations to all of our detachments that reached our October goal of 25%. We are on our way and need to keep working hard to renew and reinstate our members.

Remember why we all joined this organization and keep doing what you do for our veterans and the children & youth of our great nation.

***Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible.***

***RENEW TODAY!***

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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# Remembering the Greatest Generation

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## Robert L. Bristo

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Central National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Second Wednesday Quarterly

September 13, 2023 | December 13, 2023

March 13, 2024 | June 12, 2024

8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
(877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 930 6046 3298 | Passcode: 140 802

T. S. Eliot once said, **"Tradition is the means by which the Vitality of the Past enriches the life of the present."**

There is that **"Tradition"** word again. Seems to be a recurring theme, huh?

Past National Commander Woodrow "Woody" Mudge stated, **"As members of the Sons of The American Legion, we must never forget the tradition and always look to the future."** Elected in 1985 **"Woody"** was definitely looking to the future when he established with the blessing of the NEC, a "Make a Wish Foundation Committee" as this was his special project for the year. The SAL continues to support this charity today! His concern for the future reflected his desire to continue the past **traditions** of The American Legion Family! He was also one of the first to notice all of the good work Squadrons were doing everywhere but also noticed the lack of reporting. An issue that continues even now 38 years later. All said his leadership brought in over 5,000 new members that year pushing the SAL to an all-time high besting the 1939 previous high mark, with a membership of 75,607 members.

Remember the words of one of our greatest Statesmen Benjamin Franklin... **Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning!"**

**"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is Success!"** - Anonymous

The above quote is another definition of **"Teamwork!"** We have all heard the tried-and-true T.E.A.M. saying before and I will not repeat them here, but they are true just the same.

In 2003 this single-word theme **"Teamwork"** was the banner under which past National SAL Commander Steve Laws served! Under his leadership, a new Detachment, District, and Squadron Americanism award was created to honor the three (3) SAL members who were killed in the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. Presented at the 2004 National Convention, SAL members Gerald Atwood, Edward Beyea, and Raymond York will forever be remembered for their sacrifice. Also, in 2003 an increase in membership of 14,080 members pushed the Sons membership to over the 280,000 mark for the first time.

**As members of the Sons of the American Legion, we each may have a different role, but we all have the same job, and that is to help our team Win!**

Remember what President Abraham Lincoln said... **"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."**

For the Commander, **"Believe and Succeed"**

Butch Ray, Central Region Membership Chairman

***"I'm the ONE, You're the ONE, BE the ONE!"***

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## John R. Cook

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Northeast National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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## James R. Fischer

Western National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
(877) 853-5257

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What's up Westside!

Saw this on the internet and I knew this was going into my next report. We are all in this together so love one another. We must try to understand our differences with an open mind and heart because with a little understanding, fears will dissolve like melting ice. We are One, one love, one spirit, one faith, together in One purpose, one direction, one mission, we are One so, Be the One!

Together we can face any challenges as deep as the ocean and as high as the sky.

**“One Team, One Goal, One Heart, One Soul.  
Be the One!”**

Respectfully For God and Country,

Dan Ashley, Western Region Membership Chairman

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## Terry A. Harris

Midwest National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday Quarterly

September 27, 2023 | December 27, 2023

March 27, 2024 | June 26, 2024

7:00 p.m. Mountain | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
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**PROUD POSSESSORS  
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

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## Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

First Wednesday Quarterly

September 6, 2023 | December 6, 2023

March 26, 2024 | June 5, 2024

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

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## Americanism Commission

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*Chris Casey (NE), Chairman*

Third Monday Bi-Monthly

October 16, 2023 | December 18, 2023

February 19, 2024 | April 15, 2024

June 17, 2024 | August 19, 2024

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

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*Joe Gladden (MD), Chairman*

Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly

November 10, 2023 | December 12, 2023

March 13, 2024 | April 9, 2024

June 11, 2024 | August 13, 2024

7:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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## Child Welfare Foundation Committee

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*Mark Nave (PA), Chairman*

Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 21, 2023 | November 16, 2023

January 18, 2024 | March 21, 2024

May 16, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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## Children & Youth Committee

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*Joseph Lohman (MD), Chairman*

Second Monday Bi-Monthly

September 11, 2023 | November 13, 2023

January 8, 2024 | March 11, 2024

May 13, 2024 | July 8, 2024

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## Finance Commission

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*William G. Hill (MD), Chairman*

Third Thursday as scheduled

September 21, 2023 | February 15, 2024

April 18, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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

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## Internal Affairs Commission

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*William Clancy III (NY), Chairman*

Fourth Thursday Bi-Monthly

October 26, 2023 | December 28, 2023

February 22, 2024 | April 25, 2024

June 27, 2024 | August 22, 2024

6:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 932 2650 4089 | Passcode: 725 519

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## Legislative Commission

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*Blair Miles (AL), Chairman*

Second Thursday Bi-Monthly

October 12, 2023 | December 14, 2023

February 8, 2024 | April 11, 2024

June 13, 2024 | August 8, 2024

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### Make TAP accessible throughout service, Legion testifies

The American Legion | October 18, 2023

Kevin O'Neil shared his story of transitioning out of the Air Force during his testimony to a joint meeting of the Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services on Oct. 18. Watch the entire

hearing [here](#) (O’Neil’s testimony begins at the 2:50:58 mark).

“My own transition journey began as I was driving down an unpaved road in Djibouti, Africa, with two of my fellow airmen,” O’Neil, Veterans Employment and Education policy associate for The American Legion, testified during the hearing, Military to Civilian Transition: Ensuring Success After Service. “I proposed the question: What do you plan to do when you separate? Neither knew. The uncertainty in their responses propelled me to start thinking about the path that I would take following my military career.”

With just over a year left in his enlistment, O’Neil hatched a plan to return to school. He obtained bachelor’s and master’s degrees after separation.

“While I am incredibly proud of these accomplishments, I recognize that I was fortunate enough to have found my path well before my separation,” he testified. “This cannot be said for all servicemembers, and I believe that this is why we are here today.”

The hearing focused on military programs such as the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) that assists service members as they return to the civilian world.

“TAP offers a plethora of information that servicemembers can utilize to achieve success post-military service, but there are improvements that can be made,” O’Neil testified. “One improvement is seeing that servicemembers begin TAP no later than 365 days prior to their anticipated separation.”

He cited a Government Accountability Office report released in December 2022, that found 70% of servicemembers are not completing TAP within the mandated timeframe.

“With over 200,000 servicemembers separating annually, that equates to around 140,000 transitioning servicemembers who may have less than a year to plan for their future,” O’Neil said. “This is far too many servicemembers who may find themselves unprepared for the transition to civilian life. In light of the information gathered in this study, The American Legion would like to offer a couple of suggestions to remedy this issue.”

Those include:

- Look to the Veterans Affairs’ Military Lifecycle modules as a best practice for providing vital information regarding the transition process. The modules comprise 14 comprehensive sessions

that allow transitioning servicemembers and their families to access TAP information throughout their service. “If the (Department of Labor) were to create online modules, similar to those offered through the VA, servicemembers and their spouses would have greater access to information that will prepare them for a successful career post-military service.”

- Create an app accessible at any time throughout one’s military career. Such an app would provide information about TAP, as well as the programs offered by DOL, the Department of Defense and other agencies. “Through interagency partnerships, and the creation of a comprehensive military lifecycle app, we could ensure that servicemembers and their families have unfettered access to information that will assist in transitioning to civilian life.”

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## Member Training & Development Committee

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*Michael Cotton (DE), Chairman*

First Monday Bi-Monthly

September 4, 2023 | November 6, 2023

January 1, 2024 | March 4, 2024

May 6, 2024 | July 1, 2024

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

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## Membership Committee

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*Daryl VerStreate Jr. (NY), Chairman*

Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 19 2023 | November 21, 2023

January 16, 2024 | March 19, 2024

May 21, 2024 | July 16, 2024

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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at [www.legion.org/membership/standings](http://www.legion.org/membership/standings).

**SAL Online Renewal** - members can login and renew direct via [www.myLegion.org](http://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.

### 2023 SAL Membership Info as of 10/18/2023

Total Actual Membership: 378,376  
102.88% of goal  
Renewal Percentage: 88.83%  
Detachments at 100%: 42



#### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

October 19, 2023

**TO:** NATIONAL OFFICERS, DETACHMENT COMMANDERS & ADJUTANTS  
**FROM:** ANTHONY W. WRIGHT (PA), NATIONAL ADJUTANT  
**SUBJECT:** 25% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

#### "CONGRATULATIONS"

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 25% membership target date (10-18-2023) are posted below:

2024 Membership Goal: 382,111  
Total Membership: 101,756  
Percentage of Goal: 26.63%  
Detachments making Goal: 40

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	LATIN AMERICA	NEBRASKA	OREGON	UTAH
ARKANSAS	HAWAII	LOUISIANA	NEVADA	PUERTO RICO	VERMONT
CALIFORNIA	IDAHO	MARYLAND	NEW HAMPSHIRE	RHODE ISLAND	VIRGINIA
COLORADO	ILLINOIS	MINNESOTA	NEW JERSEY	SOUTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN
CONNECTICUT	INDIANA	MISSISSIPPI	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH DAKOTA	WYOMING
FLORIDA	IOWA	MISSOURI	NORTH DAKOTA	TENNESSEE	
FRANCE	KANSAS	MONTANA	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS	

#### GREAT JOB!!

The remaining detachments should achieve this membership goal soon!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: MARCH 25 - 29, 2024 (2 OF 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2023 (35%)

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**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**



**RENEW  
ONLINE  
TODAY**

## National Convention Committee

*Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman*

Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 12, 2023 | November 14, 2023

January 9, 2024 | March 12, 2024

May 14, 2024 | July 19, 2024

7:30 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
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Meeting ID: 953 4866 3402 | Passcode: 670 002

## Public & Media Communications Committee

*Kevin Chaplin (VA), Chairman*

Fourth Tuesday Bi-Monthly

November 24, 2023, | December 26, 2023

February 27, 2024 | April 23, 2024

June 25, 2024 | August 27, 2024

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## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

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*Bruno Williamson (IL), Chairman*

Second Monday Bi-Monthly

November 29, 2023 | December 11, 2023

February 12, 2024 | April 8, 2024

June 10, 2024 | August 12, 2024

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

(877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 971 3717 7471 | Passcode: 712 824

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## Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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*Jim Coates (NY), Chairman*

Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

November 19, 2023 | December 21, 2023

February 15, 2024 | April 18, 2024

June 20, 2024 | August 15, 2024

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SONS OF THE  
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### The Sons of The American Legion donated \$5,000 to the Onalaska Lions Club for the All Abilities Park

[Michael Germaine](#) | October 15, 2023



ONALASKA, Wis. (WKBT) -- The Sons of the American Legion focuses on helping the community by funding projects for children and veterans.

Members donated \$5,000 to the Onalaska Lions Club for the All Abilities Park.

Ben Zimmer, who is the Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, explains what drew the group to playground project.

"We really like the All Ability Park idea because we don't have one in this area, and we do have a lot of children. One of the pillars of the Sons of American Legion is children so it's just the matter of giving back to the community, and a park is a great way to do that," said Zimmer.

If you're interested in joining the group, it's only a one-time fee of \$20.

### Millburn Sons of The American Legion Squadron 140 Invites Residents to Veteran's Day Ceremony

Millburn Sons of The American Legion Squadron 140  
October 15, 2023

MILLBURN, NJ -- Millburn's [Sons of the American Legion Squadron 140](#) invites residents to celebrate



Veterans Day at the American Legion where approximately 100 Hometown Heroes banners will be dedicated and will line Millburn Avenue.

Veterans Day is November 11, and the program begins at 11:00 a.m. at 200 Main St. The ceremony will be followed by banner dedications and refreshments.



American Legion Post 140



Lisa Williamson,  
National President  
The American Legion Auxiliary

## Sports

### Air Force-Navy football kicks off CIC Trophy battle

John Chuhuran | October 19, 2023

Of all the awards at the highest level in sports, one stands alone as a symbol of excellence in athletics without any expectation of future financial or athletic career benefits. It is the Commander-In-Chief's (CIC) Trophy, earned annually by the champion football team from head-to-head competition between squads from Army, Navy, and Air Force.

On Saturday, the first game in the round-robin competition takes to the national stage (12 noon ET, CBS TV network) when Navy hosts Air Force at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium just outside the grounds of The U.S. Naval Academy. All 34,000 seats for the game are sold out.

The Navy-Air Force game is traditionally the first of the three meetings. Army plays Air Force in Denver on Nov. 4, while the annual Army-Navy Game presented by USAA will take place on Dec. 9 at a new venue (part of a plan to have the game played at various venues in the Northeast for the next few years) – Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. The Army-Navy Game is also already sold out. If any one team beats the other two, it earns a trip to the White House to meet the president and the right to display the trophy for a year. If each team wins a game, the battle is a tie and the trophy stays in the possession of the last team to win it outright (currently that is Air Force, which defeated both Navy and Army last year for the first time since 2016) and there is no trip to Washington.

“These (CIC) games are so special,” said Air Force Head Coach Troy Calhoun, now in his 17th year directing the Falcons. “It’s never a ‘no big deal’ – it’s always a big deal. You look all the way up that tunnel (leading to the field) and you see all those cadets...it just moves you beyond football. You have future service members that have made a commitment to do everything they can to make our country a better place. And I think that’s awesome. I keep thinking that at some point I’d like to just go watch one of these games and take it all in – the march-ons, the fly-bys, everything. But hopefully, that’s a ways out.”



Air Force brings a 6-0 and No. 22 ranking into this weekend's game with Navy.

Air Force Football

Air Force currently sits with a record of 6-0 (and, going back to last year, has compiled an 11-game winning streak) and are ranked 22nd in both the AFCA Coaches and AP polls. It is the running game that is propelling the attack – Air Force has led the nation in rushing yardage the last three years and this year tops the nation, averaging 60 rushes (91.46 percent of all offensive plays) and 327 ground yards per game.

Leading the way is junior quarterback Zac Larrier, who has mastered the triple-option offense and has averaged 5.8 yards per carry while amassing 473 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. However, he suffered a knee injury in the fourth quarter of last week's 34-27 win over Wyoming and did not return. Larrier's status for the game against Navy was described by Calhoun "as likely out for a while" at press time. So, the probable starter is back-up Jensen Jones (two rushing TDs), a senior, who ably handled the offense in the final stanza to seal last week's win and provides an added threat – a strong passing arm.

Fullback Emmanuel Michel is the team leader in rushing yardage (497) and rushing TDs (eight) and stays fresh while Owen Burk (three TDs), John Lee Eldridge III (four TDs), and Cade Harris (two TDs) grind out the runs and share in the pounding delivered by opposing defenses.

Defensively, the Falcons give up a mere 3.0 yards per carry, ninth best in BCS play. The solid Air Force defense is led by senior safety Trey Taylor, who logged 10 tackles (7 solo) and a blocked PAT last week to earn Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Navy will be looking for inspiration from two-star contributors in the history of its football program: Roger Staubach, the 1963 Heisman Trophy winning quarterback who went on to a Hall of Fame career

with the Dallas Cowboys; and former head coach Paul Johnson, who turned around a Navy program that went 1-20 in 2000-2001. After going 2-10 in 2002, Johnson steered Navy back into national prominence, compiling a 43-19 record with five bowl game appearances, two bowl victories, and, more importantly, claimed five-consecutive CIC Trophies by going 5-1 against Air Force and 6-0 against Army. Both Staubach and Johnson, who will be inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame later this year, will be in attendance Saturday.

It is appropriate that Johnson will be at Saturday's game, because Navy is in the midst of a transformational season similar to his first campaign in 2002. The winningest coach in Navy history – Ken Niumatalolo – succeeded Johnson as Navy head coach beginning with the 2007 Poinsettia Bowl and led Navy to a 109-83 record. He was released by the Naval Academy the day after losing the 2022 Army-Navy game and finishing his third consecutive year of winning four games or less. New Head Coach Brian Newberry, promoted from the defensive coordinator role he had held since 2019, has brought some changes and some new views to Annapolis. So far, the 2023 season has been a year of gradual improvements for the Midshipmen, who carry a 3-3 record into Saturday's game.

"This is our number one goal for the year every year," said Newberry. "This is the first leg of the CIC. It's going to be a dog fight, and we're going to have to play really, really well to give ourselves an opportunity to win this game. I have a ton of respect for Coach Calhoun, his staff, and his team; they play hard, they're well coached, have good personnel, and they know how to win. And they always save some wrinkles for us. Along with Notre Dame and Army, they're probably the toughest opponent we'll face all year."

Navy has averaged 48 rushes per game and 4.9 yards per carry this year to rank second in running yards in the nation. Senior quarterback Tai Lavatai aggravated a lingering rib injury in last week's 14-0 win over UNC-Charlotte and is questionable for Saturday's game. Newberry said he has a plan for what he wants to do at quarterback regardless of Lavatai's availability, but he preferred not to discuss it in advance of the game. Alex Tecza is Navy's primary rushing weapon, averaging 8.1 yards on 62 carries (four TDs). Navy throws the ball 14 percent more often than Air Force, and the principal receiving threat is sophomore slot back Eli Heidenreich, who is averaging 39 yards on four catches.





### Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

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


Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**For God and Country** \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in

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By \_\_\_\_\_



# Squadron Everlasting

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## Edward William Monahan Jr.



Port St. Lucie, FL  
- Edward William Monahan Jr. also fondly known as "Ed", 75, passed away on October 10, 2023 at his daughter's home in Epping, NH. He was born February 15, 1948 in Worcester, MA, son of the late Edward William Monahan Sr. and Ruth Caroline (Grady) Monahan.

Ed grew up in Worcester, MA and was one of five children in his family. He graduated from South High School in Worcester, MA. Sports have always been important in Ed's life as he played basketball in his youth and followed professional sports as a fan as an adult, especially his favorite teams the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox. Ed was well known and appreciated for his outgoing personality, always making people smile and laugh. Professionally, he managed The Press Box in Worcester for 25 years and formerly was a maintenance supervisor at several apartment complexes in the Worcester area.

Ed enjoyed traveling including several trips to Ireland, vacationing in Wells, ME, and annual trips with friends in St. Thomas. He was very active with organizations as he was a member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians in Worcester, the Sons of the American Legion in Port St. Lucie, FL and served as the Mayor of the Worcester St. Patrick's Day parade.

Additionally, he was a member of the Press Box Benevolent Association which held many charitable fundraising events whether it be for Toys for Tots, The Friendly House, or the annual Kevin Lyons golf tournament.

In addition to his parents, Ed was predeceased by his sister, Maureen McLellan, and brother-in-law, Leo Rouleau.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah (Butcher) Monahan, daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and

Dana Blanchard, daughter, Amy Parks, son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Amy Monahan III, several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, sisters, Kathleen Rouleau, Patricia Monahan, Ruth "Pixie" and her husband Gerry Devlin and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Ed's request, there will be no calling hours or funeral services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancersociety.org).

Ed's family wish to express a special thank you to the Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester & Southern NH for their exceptional care. For more information, please visit [www.brewittfuneralhome.com](http://www.brewittfuneralhome.com).

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Obituary published on Legacy.com by Brewitt Funeral Home, LLC - Epping on Oct. 12, 2023.

## Jose "Sonny" Quintana



Jose "Sonny" Quintana 75 passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at his Santa Fe home, following an extended illness. He was born in Santa Fe February 23, 1948, the son of

Jose A. and Encaracion Quintana. He was preceded in death by the one person he loved with all his heart, his loving wife Alice; and his parents, and his God-daughter Christina Gonzales.

Joe is survived by his 5 step-daughters, who he loved as his own, Liza Valdez and husband Albert, Phyllis Ortiz, Dorothy Ortiz and Orlando, Brenda Varela and husband David, Glenda Ortiz and husband Mike, and his son William Romero, Joe was blessed with 9 grandchildren, Natasha Ellis and husband Cruz, Ron Garcia, Randy Dark, Desiree Garcia, Philip Ortiz-Encinias, Leandra Varela, Kiana Vigil, Derik Ortiz, and Nicholas Romero and wife Valerie, 1 great grandbaby Lucas Romero, 2 step-grandchildren Kelsie Montoya and Damian

Martinez. Also survived by his brothers George and wife Rose, Mike and wife Barbara, John, Lawrence and wife Barbara, and Alfred; sisters, Carol Medina and husband Cipriano, Lupie Linson and husband Chris, and Dolores Hessinger and husband Kirt, his special cousin Darlene and husband John, and several nieces and nephews.

Joe Served as a correctional officer for many years for the Department of Corrections, retiring in 2007 as a Lieutenant. He was a member of several organizations- a life member of the Caballeros De Vargas, Golden Eagle with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Santa Fe lodge #460 where he played Pool daily with his good friends, and always one person made everyone smile, Trudie.

A Rosary will be recited at 9:00 am Friday, October 20, 2023 at St. Anne Catholic Church, where the mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Rosario Cemetery. His family wishes to thank Dr. Gina Lutz and the staff of Enchanted Sky Hospice for their time, love, and support during Joe's illness.

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## Michael Dennis Leschak



Michael Dennis Leschak  
Michael Dennis Leschak, 64, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 9, 2023, at

home with his daughters and close family lovingly by his side.

Born October 19, 1958, in Ocala, FL to August and Olga (Soja) Leschak. Michael grew up in Weirsdale as a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 113 where he earned his Eagle Scout Ranking. He graduated from Lake Weir High School, Class of 1976, where he represented the American Legion Post 284 at Boy State and marched in the band for four years playing the Alto Saxophone.

Michael went on to earn a degree in Computer Science from the University of Florida, Class of 1981, where he marched in the Gator Band for five more years. After graduating, he started his journey as a Computer Programmer Analyst with the Lake County Clerk of Courts, retiring after 37 years of service. Michael also dedicated many years to the Sons of The American Legion Post 284, Lake Weir Middle/High School Band Boosters, and the appointed Treasurer for the Village of Lake Pointe Homeowner's Association.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents August and Olga (Soja) Leschak.

Michael is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Jensen (husband, Joel Jensen) and Christine Yancey (fiancé, Timothy Maynard); nine grandchildren (Breanna Meredith, Logan Meredith, Matty Meredith, Ella Jensen, Tony Yancey, Trystin Yancey, Trey Maynard, Chloe Maynard, and Madison Maynard); two brothers, Stephen Leschak (Mary) and John Leschak (Lucille); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Services will be held at Church of Grace at 7076 SE 110th Street Road, Belleview, FL 34420 on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The viewing will begin at 11:00am and the funeral service will begin at 12:00pm.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Church of Grace where Michael served as the treasurer and an elder for over 20 years.

## Robert m. Brinkerhoff

Boonville, NY - Robert M. Brinkerhoff, 66, of State Rt. 12, passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2023, while surrounded by his loving family, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, in Utica.

Robert was born in Constableville, on September 9, 1957, a son of Eri W. and Luella Weiler Brinkerhoff. His entire life was lived in the Boonville area, where he graduated from Adirondack High School, with the Class of 1975. While in high school, Robert attended the Howard G. Sackett BOCES Center, Glenfield, majoring in Auto Body Technology.

Mr. Brinkerhoff enjoyed a lifelong career in the auto body repair and fabrication business. He was first employed at Bus Industries of Rome, followed by many years at Johnston's Auto Body of Utica, before his last employment with Lee



Pontiac & Buick, of Boonville. Robert absolutely loved his long career in auto body repair, where he always went the extra mile for his customers. He will be fondly remembered for his generosity and excellent work at auto restoration. Bob received much joy, satisfaction, and good humor from interaction with his customers; after retiring from Lee's, he enjoyed spending time with friends and family around his fire pit, where he was affectionately known as "Backyard Bob."

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church, Boonville, the Sons of The American Legion, Boonville, and the Boonville Lodge of Elks, # 2158. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his loved ones and summertime excursions to Hawkinsville to swim at the dam and other area swimming locations and also fishing.

At one time, Robert was married to Darlene Lallier and in addition to his auto body career, his other great joy in life was from his family. He dearly loved spending time with his son, Doug and grandson, Joseph. In addition to his son and daughter in law, Douglas R. (Karin) Brinkerhoff, Remsen and beloved grandson, Joseph, Robert is survived by four brothers and two sisters in law, Phillip (Barbara) Rome, Richard, Collegeville, PA, Bert (Lisa) Syracuse, Eri, Jr. Sterling, VA; two sisters and brothers in law, Gail Marie (William) Smolinsky, Deerfield and Karen (Kirk) Balash, Boonville and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Eri and Luella, he was predeceased by two brothers, Ted and Kip.

Robert's family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation and thank you for the Intensive Care Unit staff for the excellent care which they gave to Rob. You were all angels of love and compassion. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Church, Boonville, where Rev. Matthew Rawson, pastor will officiate. Interment will follow in Locust Grove Cemetery, Town of Leyden. Calling hours are Monday 4-7 P.M. at Trainor Funeral Home, Inc. 143 Schuyler St. Boonville. Memorial contributions may be made to Boonville Fire Company Ambulance Fund, PO Box 164, Boonville, NY 13309.

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

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Obituary published on <http://www.legacy.com> by Trainor Funeral Home, Inc. - Boonville on Oct. 14, 2023.

### Waylon Carpenter



Burwell — Waylon Carpenter, 48, of Burwell, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 at the First Christian Church in Burwell. There will be a time of sharing stories and photos during the service.

Burial will be in the Chambers Cemetery in Chambers at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family for future designation. Please send to Loraine Covington, P.O. Box 355, Kirbyville, MO 65679.

Waylon was born on Oct. 19, 1974 to Asa and Loraine (Fischer) Carpenter in Burwell. Waylon overcame adversity from an early age, having suffered a stroke just a few days before his first birthday, yet he never let anything stop him from what his heart dreamed he could do. In Bible school, he accepted Christ, receiving eternal life at a young age. He continued to grow in his faith through youth group, church and relationships with friends and family.

Waylon was a middle child with one older sister Shirley and one younger sister Carmen. He enjoyed helping dad with chores, mom with the garden and playing trucks with the kitties growing up. He learned his hard work ethic on the ranch, riding horses to bring in the milk cows, fixing fence, with a little time for bike rides and barbecues at the fair sprinkled in.

Waylon graduated from Chambers High School in 1994 and continued to help on the family ranch. He followed in the footsteps of his grandpa and uncle and began to work part-time at the Burwell Livestock Market in 1995. He then took some time off to learn welding at Job Core in Alliance and returned to work at Rowse Rakes (1997-2001) while continuing to work part-time at the sale barn. He also had the opportunity to work at Big Red Feeds for about 10 years, but his dedication to the Burwell Livestock Market remained his main work focus until the time of his passing (almost 28 years).

In 2003, Waylon joined the Sons of the American Legion in honor of his dad Asa E. Carpenter, who served in the Korean War. Waylon enjoyed serving, marching and was active at every event the Legion was invited to participate in. He became the commander of the Sons and took much pride in organizing, serving, and honoring others. He had just earned his 20-year badge with the Sons.

Waylon taught himself to play guitar and worked years at perfecting this craft, playing with local friends and family whenever he could. He also enjoyed singing karaoke, bowling, fixing things, welding, gardening, visiting with folks and wood-working--a skill he worked very hard at and enjoyed giving to others.

Waylon was an extremely hard worker and had the biggest heart. He would give all he had to work on projects he could make for others and would always say yes if someone needed a helping hand, cattle worked or moved, fence fixed, haying in the hayfield, or a load hauled anywhere, thus nurturing his dream of becoming a truck driver.

Waylon is survived by his mom Loraine (Terry) Covington of Kirbyville, MO, two sisters Shirley (Aaron) Rogers of Kirbyville, MO, and Carmen (Bob) Hoskins of Sheridan, IN, and special friend Tara Morrow of Cochise, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his dad Asa, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and a cousin.

*Waylon,  
You had more Love to give,  
You had more Love to receive,  
You had more projects to do  
And lots of fixing, I do believe...*

*There were more fences to mend,  
More tractors & trucks to drive,  
And more cattle to tend –  
So Not Fair to not be alive!*

*Your boots weren't done dancing.  
Fun times were yet to be had.  
More songs to sing and music to play,  
Now you're there playing tunes with Dad.  
The hand you were dealt in life's just not fair,  
But through its challenges, you gave it your all.  
You gave your life for your friends*

*–  
"No greater Love" –  
And with that, you stand Tall!*

*With Love Forever,  
your sister Shirley*

### Michael J. Peschka



Michael J. "Mike" Peschka of Wilson, Kan., passed away on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth, Kan.,

at the age of 70. He was born on April 30, 1953, to James and Rosie (Pelz) Peschka in Ellsworth. He married Karen J. Vague on April 28, 1973, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. They were blessed with two daughters, Darcy and Darrin.

Mike grew up on a farm south of Wilson and graduated from Wilson High School in 1971. He went on to Salina Vo-Tech for two years, then worked for Enron then Mid-America Energy, where he retired. After retirement, he taught at Barton County Community College.

Mike was very active in St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and his community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Sons of the American Legion. He was the Mayor of Wilson for two terms, served on the Wilson Fire Department for 30 years and Wilson Economic Development for 10 years. He also coached his daughters' softball teams. Mike was a regular blood donor, and during his illness, required massive amounts of blood and platelets. The family would like to encourage anyone who is able to donate, to please do so, as there is such a need.

Mike is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home, Wilson; daughters, Darcy (Brad) Hansen, Ellsworth, and Darrin (Jon Catalini) Peschka, Camarillo, Calif.; brother, Randy (Nancy) Peschka, Ellsworth; sisters, Linda Nowlin, Joshua, Texas, and Karen M. (Bea Gotschall) Peschka, Geneseo, Kan.; and three grandchildren, Cadence Hansen, Reagan Hansen, and Cecilia Catalini.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Rosie Peschka. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Wilson. Burial will follow in St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home in Wilson and 6-8 p.m. at the church, with the family receiving friends until the Parish Vigil and Rosary Service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Ellsworth County Cancer Fund, Golden Belt Humane Society (Venmo is @GoldenBelt-HumaneSociety) and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church,

and may be sent to Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, 610 24th St., Wilson, KS 67490. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.plumeroverlease.com](http://www.plumeroverlease.com).

#### Robert M. Brinkerhoff



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Robert's family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation and thank you for the Intensive Care Unit staff for the excellent care they gave to Rob. You were all angels of love and compassion.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Boonville, where Rev. Matthew Rawson, Pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Locust Grove Cemetery, Town of Leyden. Calling hours were Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Trainor Funeral Home, Inc., 143 Schuyler St., Boonville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boonville Fire Company Ambulance Fund, PO Box 164, Boonville, NY 13309.

For an online message of sympathy, please go to [www.trainorfuneralhome.com](http://www.trainorfuneralhome.com).

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#### David Kohl Sr.



HOSKINS - Services for David L. Kohl Sr., 54, Hoskins, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Our Savior

Lutheran Church in Norfolk. The Rev. Lee Weander will officiate. Burial will be in the Kohl Cemetery west of Madison. Honors will be conducted by the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

David Kohl Sr. died Saturday Oct. 14, 2023, at the Nebraska Medicine in Omaha.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

David was born on Sept. 5, 1969, in Norfolk to Larry and RoseAnn (Riebschlager) Kohl. He attended

grade school at country School District 97 in Madison County and then graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1988. He lived in Humphrey and worked at Wedekind Manufacturing and then later lived in Leigh and worked for Mike DeLoy with his farming operation. David then started working at Bomgaars in Norfolk and moved to Hoskins in 2016.

David married Linda Andersen on July 28, 2018, in Hoskins, and the couple resided in Hoskins. David was still currently working at Bomgaars.

David had been a member of the Sons of the American Legion since 2000 and from 2016 to 2018 he served as the Senior Vice Commander of the Norfolk SQ 16 Squadron. He then served as commander from 2019 to 2022 and was currently serving as commander until 2024. He had also served on the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Nebraska as assistant sergeant at arms and was currently serving as the sergeant at arms.

He was also on the Children Youth Committee serving from 2016 to present. This year he was appointed to be an assistant representative at the Norfolk Veterans Home.

David joined the Sons under his father, who was a member of the American Legion Post 73 in Newman Grove. He enjoyed collecting farm toys, being active with the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders, and lending a helping hand to anybody that needed it. He also enjoyed delivering ice and being known as "Ice Man."

Survivors include his spouse, Linda Kohl of Hoskins; sons David Kohl Jr. (Josh) of Neligh and Andrew (Kohl) Frisch of Columbus; mother RoseAnn Kohl of Newman Grove; siblings Donna (John) Taylor of Norfolk and Kathy Swanson of Florida; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry, and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Casketbearers will be Dean Dederman, Frank Riebschlager, Kelvin Bonner, Alex Bonner, Charles Petzel, Brian Dieter, Jon Taylor, and Josh Yeutter.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

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*May your week  
be filled with  
good thoughts,  
kind people, and  
happy moments.*

*"Our flag does not  
fly because the wind  
moves it. It flies with  
the last breath of each  
soldier who died  
protecting it."*

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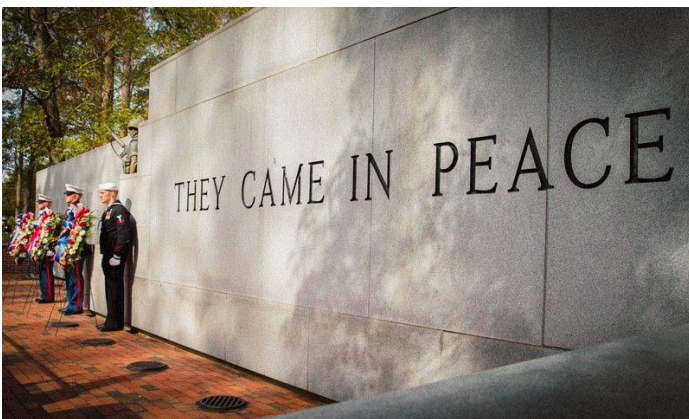
Daniel J. Seehafer,  
National Commander  
The American Legion

## Sacrifice, valor, and Semper Fi

October 17, 2023

“THEY CAME IN PEACE,” are the poignant words enshrined on the Beirut Memorial, just outside Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sadly, peace was the opposite goal of the terrorist who drove an explosive-laden truck through the First Battalion, 8th Marines Headquarters building on Oct. 23, 1983. The blast took the lives of 241 Marines, soldiers, and sailors. It was the single deadliest day for the Marine Corps since the Battle of Iwo Jima. As we mark the 40th anniversary of that horrible day next week, policy analysts and historians will no doubt point to that early Sunday morning attack as an omen of what was later to become the global war on terrorism.

In the spirit of separating the war from the warrior, I wish to focus on the bravery and nobility of the service-members who deployed on that complex and still controversial mission in Lebanon.



Shortly after the bombing, Gen. P.X. Kelley, commandant of the Marine Corps, visited his wounded troops at a hospital in what was then West Germany. The New York Times provided a detailed report of an encounter Kelley had with Lance Cpl. Jeffrey L. Nashton, who was in critical condition and described by the general as

having “more tubes going in and out of his body than I have ever seen.”

Kelley said that when Nashton had heard the commandant introduce himself, “he grabbed my camouflage coat, went up to the collar and counted the stars. He squeezed my hand, and then attempted to outline words on his bedsheet. When what he was trying to write was not understood, he was given a piece of paper and pencil, and then wrote ‘Semper Fi.’”

When the wounded Marine returned to the United States, Kelley presented him with the stars that he touched during the hospital visit. “They belonged to him more than to me,” Kelley said.

As all Marines know, Semper Fi is shorthand for Semper Fidelis, which in Latin means “always faithful.” It is the motto of the Corps.

Semper Fi is also an apt description of The American Legion’s relationship with anyone who has served in our U.S. Armed Forces.

We must always “preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars.”

Always faithful.

Semper Fi.

## Honor in any style

[Laura Edwards](#) | October 15, 2023

As National Hispanic Heritage Month drew to a close, American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer took time out during his visit to the Department of New York to tour a naval park in Buffalo full of memorials and monuments to conflicts and veteran groups – including minority veterans.

[Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park](#) is the largest inland naval park in the country, with structures and ships. Canada is faintly visible past a Coast Guard lighthouse and across the lip of Lake Erie. On Oct. 13, Seehafer inspected the boats, but not before stopping at a pair of monuments to pay respects and lay wreaths, surrounded by Legionnaires, Legion leadership, and local officials.



American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer shakes hands with Ricardo Estrada, center, and Benny Matta with Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post 1928 following a wreath-laying ceremony at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park in Buffalo, N.Y., on Friday, October 13.

Lauren Petracca/The American Legion

The [Western New York Hispanic American Veterans Memorial](#) was dedicated in June 2013. Ventura Colon is service officer of Gabriel A. Rodriguez Post 1928, and president of the memorial's committee. He said the process of construction began before 2008 with him, fellow veterans, and local city council member David Rivera. They knew well the history of the Hispanic veteran population in their region, and "we felt a special recognition was in order." Of the 11 current members of the committee, nine are also members of Post 1928. The group had a great deal of input into the memorial's design, which includes both a male and a female figure – said to be rarely combined in one design – and small inset enamel flags from the United States and the 21 Western Hemisphere countries from where most Hispanic American veterans trace their heritage. The committee is working on getting the flags repainted; 10 years near a major lake have faded them.

Post 1928 provided a color guard, and Francis J. Donovan Post 1626 a firing squad and bugler to sound taps. Post 1928 co-sponsors activities at the memorial each Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Apr. 13 (since 2021 National Borinqueneers Day, dedicated to the Puerto Rican veterans who served in the last segregated unit in the Army; several live or have lived in Buffalo).

In his comments to the assembled members at the memorial, Seehafer stated that "the whole Legion Family thanks you" for serving and continuing to serve. He recounted that more than 1 in 5 Medal of Honor recipients through U.S. history have been immigrants and spoke of the Legion's support for immigrant veterans. Post 1928 Commander John Sanabria reiterated who the memorial was built for: "all the Latinos in New York state who have served." He pointed out his post's

diversity of both races and ages, and stated, "The future is our younger veterans. Let's go get them."

Seehafer and the dignitaries had just visited the [African American Veterans Monument](#), up the walk from the Hispanic memorial. Only dedicated in September 2022, the monument is "the 'first of its kind' in the nation to honor all African American veterans who have served this country, beginning with the Revolutionary War," according to Robin Hodges, chief operations and impact officer for the monument as well as a member of Jesse Clipper Post 430. The design stands out from its companion memorials in the park: 12 black concrete pillars 10 feet tall and 3 feet wide, in a chronological sequence of the dates of each of the nation's military conflicts. According to the monument's website, the tops light up, "representing the candles families would put in their windows as a beacon to guide a soldier home."

Hodges, along with Post 430 chaplain and past commander Rev. Eugene Pierce, were among the individual Legionnaires involved in the process of erecting and dedicating the monument. Pierce said the committee decided at its inception that it was "beyond time for African American veterans to be represented at Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park and in the nation." Both Hodges and Pierce credited New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes as being an instrumental force in obtaining land and other resources for the project. Post 430 and Bennett-Wells Post 1780 purchased commemorative bricks in their names as a financial contribution and solicited other Legionnaires to purchase bricks as well. According to Hodges, efforts are underway to secure a national designation for the monument.

Seehafer, in his remarks, praised "the shoulders of veterans of previous wars on which we stand," and reminded the audience that while veterans have historically dealt with issues stemming from their service, some groups suffered "even greater indignities" – and yet continued to serve with honor, then and now.

"It's never too late to say thank you," he concluded.

## **NJ post uses gaming PC unveiling to bring in new members, raise awareness about the post**

The American Legion | October 13, 2023

When New Jersey Legionnaire Mike Smith [won a gaming PC](#) through a drawing at the 2023 American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., he said he



hoped setting up the PC in his post could help draw younger members.

The PC has only been in Anthony Wayne Post 174 since Oct. 7, but it's already made an impact on the post's membership rolls.

It was on Oct. 7 that Post 174 hosted an open house while the PC was installed by Paradox Custom staff. Multiple members of the REGIMENT Gaming community – the largest veteran gaming community in the nation – attended the open house and ended joining Post 174.

"I've been wanting to have (an open house) for a while now but haven't had the chance," said Smith, commander of Post 174 in Wayne and adjutant for the Pas-saic County American Legion. "The whole idea of having the PC at the post was to try to introduce the post to gaming. Gaming helps veterans. And reaching out to the younger veterans through gaming is important.

"I decided it was good to have an event out of it. Have REGIMENT members from the local community come by. People want to come in and see what the Legion is about. So do that, and we can unbox the gaming computer, and we can talk to people. And we got a couple of new members out of the deal."

The post provided free food and drinks, and invited members of the community to attend. Making the trip from Texas was REGIMENT CEO and co-founder Chris Earl; last July, [The American Legion became the official veteran service organization of REGIMENT](#).

"They did it a little differently. They hosted a nice little open house here," Earl said. "A lot of burgers and food and stuff like that. A lot of veterans. And they've actually recruited a couple members from REGIMENT. A lot of people from REGIMENT showed up and actually signed up for the post. It was definitely a great event. We're excited to see what this thing's going to do here." The American Legion and REGIMENT have been teaming for various in-person and virtual events since late 2021. Earl is pleased with the way the relationship has evolved and wants his community members to continue sharing the mission of The American Legion. "It's definitely been a great partnership so far with The American Legion. It's very important to us that we continue to spread the word," Earl said. "The American Legion is an amazing organization, and we want to continue to see it flourish. And I think our partnership with the Legion is going to help them do that."

Smith said the relationship between the Legion and REGIMENT is proving to be mutually beneficial. "It

works both ways," he said. "You've got the REGIMENT members who come and check out what the post is about. They're veterans. They join. And then you have Legionnaires who might not know what REGIMENT is about. They hear about REGIMENT. They see the computer. We talk about it, and then maybe they join REGIMENT.

"We have a lot in common. We're all veterans. We're all trying to help out the veterans. Suicide awareness is really important in REGIMENT, and obviously it's real important in the Legion with the [Be the One](#) program. It's really a symbiosis."

But Smith also believes having the gaming PC at Post 174 can help the post reach veterans throughout the veteran community. "Even if they're not members of REGIMENT or members of the Legion ... but if they hear about an event and wander in, we can get new members that way," he said. "It's not just getting members from REGIMENT. It's getting the younger veterans who might not know anything about either organization coming in off the street."



U.S. Army photo

## Rockets target US troops in Baghdad

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Two rocket attacks targeted a base with U.S. troops near Baghdad's international airport early Friday morning, the latest of a series of strikes this week against the American military in the Middle East.

There were no casualties, a U.S. defense official said Friday. Air defenses shot down one rocket and the other struck an "empty storage facility," the defense official said.

The rockets targeted U.S. and allied troops at the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center at about 2:50 a.m., the defense official said.

Roughly 2,500 troops are deployed to Iraq, where they officially act in an advisory role. The U.S. combat mission there ended in 2021.

The attack in Baghdad follows drone strikes in recent days at installations housing U.S. troops elsewhere in Iraq and Syria, as militant groups respond in the aftermath of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks on Israel.

Also on Friday, Reuters reported that a rocket and drone attack caused multiple blasts at another Iraqi base with U.S. troops. U.S. Central Command has not confirmed the attack.

Iranian-backed militias are said to be planning attacks on U.S. forces in the Middle East under the slogan of “Revenge for Gaza,” a report by the U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Thursday.

A drone attack on the U.S. garrison at al-Tanf in southeastern Syria on Thursday caused minor injuries, U.S. officials said. On Wednesday, U.S. forces shot down one drone and damaged another at al Asad Air Base in western Iraq.

An umbrella group of Iranian-backed militias known as the Islamic Resistance in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack on al Asad as well as another on a base in northern Iraq, The Associated Press reported Thursday.

A U.S. defense contractor died of a heart problem Wednesday while scrambling for cover during an alert warning at al Asad, said Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder, the Pentagon’s top spokesman.

Meanwhile, the destroyer USS Carney shot down multiple rockets and drones Thursday that were fired from Yemen and may have been targeting Israel, Ryder said.

The uptick in violence across the Middle East came following an explosion Tuesday at a Gaza hospital that killed scores of people, though the exact number remains unclear.

Israel released audio recordings, satellite imagery and other data in stating that an errant munition fired by Palestinian Islamic Jihad caused the blast. The United States said after an intelligence review that the militant group likely is responsible, but many in the Middle East maintain that Israel is to blame.

Meanwhile, Israel has built up its forces on the Gaza border, as it prepares the next steps to fulfill a vow to destroy Hamas that came shortly after the Oct. 7 attacks.

Hamas raided settlements bordering the Gaza Strip and killed about 1,400 people, most of whom were civilians, according to Israeli estimates. They also took at least 200 hostages, according to Israeli figures.

Israel in response has bombarded Gaza, cut off fuel and aid supplies, and told Gaza residents to flee to the south of the territory. Palestinian health officials say Israel’s actions have killed thousands and left hospitals incapable of helping many of the injured.

A deal is in the works to allow aid back into the Gaza Strip, The Associated Press reported Thursday.

The Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies and the United Nations are expected to help oversee the operation, in part to ensure the supplies from the convoy through the Rafah Crossing on Egypt’s border with Gaza reach civilians, not combatants.



**2024 SAL 25% Target Date Membership Report as of: October 18, 2023**

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 25% TARGET 10/18/2023	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	120	-54	84	70.00%	63.87
2	FRANCE	168	-65	107	63.69%	57.58
3	LOUISIANA	1,821	-557	1,012	55.57%	51.20
4	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-471	874	54.25%	47.69
5	GEORGIA	4,887	-1,377	2,599	53.18%	47.94
6	WISCONSIN	4,398	-1,136	2,235	50.82%	46.33
7	PUERTO RICO	156	-38	77	49.36%	47.71
8	IDAHO	659	-126	291	44.16%	35.12
9	UTAH	460	-80	195	42.39%	40.27
10	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-480	1,172	42.31%	35.29
11	ALABAMA	2,100	-362	887	42.24%	36.49
12	MISSISSIPPI	736	-122	306	41.58%	39.03
13	ILLINOIS	13,716	-2,215	5,644	41.15%	39.46
14	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-173	442	41.12%	37.12
15	MONTANA	1,091	-154	427	39.14%	36.32
16	IOWA	4,914	-653	1,881	38.28%	36.16
17	WYOMING	1,248	-133	445	35.66%	31.85
18	FLORIDA	23,066	-1,839	7,605	32.97%	26.31
19	TEXAS	5,783	-404	1,850	31.99%	28.28
20	NEVADA	387	-26	123	31.78%	26.97
21	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-99	491	31.27%	23.47
22	TENNESSEE	1,792	-111	559	31.19%	26.37
23	VIRGINIA	4,367	-257	1,349	30.89%	25.50
24	OKLAHOMA	1,430	-82	439	30.70%	26.38
25	OREGON	1,534	-86	469	30.57%	24.33
26	MINNESOTA	11,435	-617	3,476	30.40%	28.37
27	LATIN AMERICA	33	-2	10	30.30%	18.75
28	KANSAS	6,055	-310	1,824	30.12%	27.71
29	MARYLAND	16,803	-788	4,989	29.69%	26.27
30	ARKANSAS	406	-19	120	29.56%	22.25
31	CALIFORNIA	11,292	-413	3,236	28.66%	24.50
32	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-66	532	28.53%	24.32
33	INDIANA	37,244	-1,169	10,480	28.14%	25.62
34	NEW JERSEY	9,662	-288	2,703	27.98%	24.96
35	NEBRASKA	6,992	-196	1,944	27.80%	26.66
36	MISSOURI	3,337	-89	923	27.66%	23.83
37	RHODE ISLAND	348	-7	94	27.01%	22.67
38	VERMONT	3,920	-60	1,040	26.53%	24.35
39	COLORADO	2,952	-44	782	26.49%	22.55
40	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-19	1,526	25.32%	23.16
41	NEW YORK	30,663	5	7,661	24.98%	22.49
42	ALASKA	1,740	1	434	24.94%	19.63
43	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	36	1,322	24.34%	21.77
44	KENTUCKY	2,399	35	565	23.55%	19.72
45	OHIO	31,690	491	7,432	23.45%	21.00
46	DELAWARE	2,596	71	578	22.27%	17.19
47	MICHIGAN	26,236	868	5,691	21.69%	18.07
48	WASHINGTON	2,682	108	563	20.99%	15.12
49	ARIZONA	8,595	376	1,773	20.63%	16.06
50	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	182	466	17.97%	14.07
51	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	6,114	9,573	15.26%	13.32
52	NEW MEXICO	1,582	165	231	14.60%	10.34
53	MAINE	2,757	469	220	7.98%	6.23
54	PHILIPPINES	79	17	3	3.80%	2.53
55	DIST OF COL	91	21	2	2.20%	1.14
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>382,111</b>	<b>-6,228</b>	<b>101,756</b>	<b>26.63%</b>	<b>23.44</b>

## 2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	120	84	70.00%
IDAHO	659	291	44.16%
UTAH	460	195	42.39%
MONTANA	1,091	427	39.14%
WYOMING	1,248	445	35.66%
NEVADA	387	123	31.78%
OREGON	1,534	469	30.57%
LATIN AMERICA	33	10	30.30%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	3,236	28.66%
COLORADO	2,952	782	26.49%
ALASKA	1,740	434	24.94%
WASHINGTON	2,682	563	20.99%
ARIZONA	8,595	1,773	20.63%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	231	14.60%
PHILIPPINES	79	3	3.80%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>34,454</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>26.31%</b>

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,012	55.57%
GEORGIA	4,887	2,599	53.18%
PUERTO RICO	156	77	49.36%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	1,172	42.31%
ALABAMA	2,100	887	42.24%
MISSISSIPPI	736	306	41.58%
FLORIDA	23,066	7,605	32.97%
TEXAS	5,783	1,850	31.99%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	491	31.27%
TENNESSEE	1,792	559	31.19%
VIRGINIA	4,367	1,349	30.89%
ARKANSAS	406	120	29.56%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>18,027</b>	<b>36.45%</b>

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	874	54.25%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	442	41.12%
IOWA	4,914	1,881	38.28%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	439	30.70%
KANSAS	6,055	1,824	30.12%
NEBRASKA	6,992	1,944	27.80%
MISSOURI	3,337	923	27.66%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>32.77%</b>

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	168	107	63.69%
MARYLAND	16,803	4,989	29.69%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	532	28.53%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	2,703	27.98%
RHODE ISLAND	348	94	27.01%
VERMONT	3,920	1,040	26.53%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	1,526	25.32%
NEW YORK	30,663	7,661	24.98%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	1,322	24.34%
DELAWARE	2,596	578	22.27%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	9,573	15.26%
MAINE	2,757	220	7.98%
DIST OF COL	91	2	2.20%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>30,347</b>	<b>21.21%</b>

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	2,235	50.82%
ILLINOIS	13,716	5,644	41.15%
MINNESOTA	11,435	3,476	30.40%
INDIANA	37,244	10,480	28.14%
KENTUCKY	2,399	565	23.55%
OHIO	31,690	7,432	23.45%
MICHIGAN	26,236	5,691	21.69%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	466	17.97%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>129,711</b>	<b>35,989</b>	<b>27.75%</b>



10/18/23		NATIONAL   Donald "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD)   National Commander						
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	105% Date
1	Southeast 1, 2, 3	49,454	18,027	(31,427)	36.45%	204		
2	Midwest 1, 2	25,414	8,327	(17,087)	32.77%	308		
3	Central 1, 2	129,711	35,989	(93,722)	27.75%	793		
4	Western 1, 2	34,454	9,066	(25,388)	26.31%	308		
5	Northeast 1	143,078	30,347	(112,731)	21.21%	454		
	<b>TOTALS 1, 2</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>101,756</b>	<b>(280,355)</b>	<b>26.63%</b>	<b>2,067</b>		

10/18/23		CENTRAL REGION   Robert L. Bristo (MN)   National Vice-Commander								
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,398	2,235	(2,163)	50.82%	132	6	46.33%		
2	Illinois 1, 2, 3	13,716	5,644	(8,072)	41.15%	4	13	39.46%		
3	Minnesota 1, 2	11,435	3,476	(7,959)	30.40%	216	26	28.37%		
4	Indiana 1, 2	37,244	10,480	(26,764)	28.14%	156	33	25.62%		
5	Kentucky 1	2,399	565	(1,834)	23.55%	1	44	19.72%		
6	Ohio 1	31,690	7,432	(24,258)	23.45%	142	45	21.00%		
7	Michigan 1	26,236	5,691	(20,545)	21.69%	141	47	18.07%		
8	West Virginia 1	2,593	466	(2,127)	17.97%	1	50	14.07%		
	TOTALS 1, 2	129,711	35,989	(93,722)	27.75%	793				

	10/18/23	WESTERN REGION   James A. Fischer Sr. (CA)   National Vice-Commander								
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1	Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 5	120	84	(36)	70.00%	-	1	63.87%		
2	Idaho 1, 2, 3	659	291	(368)	44.16%	6	8	35.12%		
3	Utah 1, 2, 3	460	195	(265)	42.39%	-	9	40.27%		
4	Montana 1, 2, 3	1,091	427	(664)	39.14%	-	15	36.32%		
5	Wyoming 1, 2	1,248	445	(803)	35.66%	19	17	31.85%		
6	Nevada 1, 2	387	123	(264)	31.78%	1	20	26.97%		
7	Oregon 1, 2	1,534	469	(1,065)	30.57%	7	25	24.33%		
8	Latin America	33	10	(23)	30.30%	8	27	18.75%		
9	California 1, 2	11,292	3,236	(8,056)	28.66%	35	31	24.50%		
10	Colorado 1	2,952	782	(2,170)	26.49%	56	39	22.55%		
11	Alaska	1,740	434	(1,306)	24.94%	66	42	19.63%		
12	Washington	2,682	563	(2,119)	20.99%	59	48	15.12%		
13	Arizona 1	8,595	1,773	(6,822)	20.63%	35	49	16.06%		
14	New Mexico	1,582	231	(1,351)	14.60%	16	52	10.34%		
15	Philippines	79	3	(76)	3.80%	-	54	2.53%		
	TOTALS 1, 2	34,454	9,066	(25,388)	26.31%	308				

	10/18/23	SOUTHEAST REGION   Linwood A. Moore (VA)   National Vice-Commander								
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4	1,821	1,012	(809)	55.57%	3	3	51.20%		
2	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4	4,887	2,599	(2,288)	53.18%	22	5	47.94%		
3	Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4	156	77	(79)	49.36%	-	7	47.71%		
4	North Carolina 1, 2, 3	2,770	1,172	(1,598)	42.31%	7	10	35.29%		
5	Alabama 1, 2, 3	2,100	887	(1,213)	42.24%	9	11	36.49%		
6	Mississippi 1, 2	736	306	(430)	41.58%	-	12	39.03%		
7	Florida 1, 2	23,066	7,605	(15,461)	32.97%	96	18	26.31%		
8	Texas 1, 2	5,783	1,850	(3,933)	31.99%	15	19	28.28%		
9	South Carolina 1, 2	1,570	491	(1,079)	31.27%	12	21	23.47%		
10	Tennessee 1, 2	1,792	559	(1,233)	31.19%	19	22	26.37%		
12	Virginia 1, 2	4,367	1,349	(3,018)	30.89%	11	23	25.50%		
13	Arkansas 1, 2	406	120	(286)	29.56%	10	30	22.25%		
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3	49,454	18,027	(31,427)	36.45%	204				

10/18/23	MIDWEST REGION   Terry A. Harris (KS)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4	1,611	874	(737)	54.25%	30	4	47.69%		
2 North Dakota 1, 2, 3	1,075	442	(633)	41.12%	52	14	37.12%		
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3	4,914	1,881	(3,033)	38.28%	95	16	36.16%		
4 Oklahoma 1, 2	1,430	439	(991)	30.70%	3	24	26.38%		
5 Kansas 1, 2	6,055	1,824	(4,231)	30.12%	2	28	27.71%		
6 Nebraska 1, 2	6,992	1,944	(5,048)	27.80%	124	35	26.66%		
7 Missouri 1, 2	3,337	923	(2,414)	27.66%	2	36	23.83%		
<b>TOTALS 1, 2</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>(17,087)</b>	<b>32.77%</b>	<b>308</b>				

10/18/23	NORTHEAST REGION   John R. Cook (NH)   National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	168	107	(61)	63.69%	-	2	57.58%		
2 Maryland 1, 2	16,803	4,989	(11,814)	29.69%	10	29	26.27%		
3 Connecticut 1, 2	1,865	532	(1,333)	28.53%	4	32	24.32%		
4 New Jersey 1, 2	9,662	2,703	(6,959)	27.98%	216	34	24.96%		
5 Rhode Island 1, 2	348	94	(254)	27.01%	3	37	22.67%		
6 Vermont 1, 2	3,920	1,040	(2,880)	26.53%	57	38	24.35%		
7 New Hampshire 1, 2	6,027	1,526	(4,501)	25.32%	27	40	23.16%		
8 New York 1	30,663	7,661	(23,002)	24.98%	97	41	22.49%		
9 Massachusetts 1	5,432	1,322	(4,110)	24.34%	1	43	21.77%		
10 Delaware 1	2,596	578	(2,018)	22.27%	-	46	17.19%		
11 Pennsylvania	62,746	9,573	(53,173)	15.26%	37	51	13.32%		
12 Maine	2,757	220	(2,537)	7.98%	2	53	6.23%		
13 Dist. of Columbia	91	2	(89)	2.20%	-	55	1.14%		
<b>TOTALS 1</b>	<b>143,078</b>	<b>30,347</b>	<b>(112,731)</b>	<b>21.21%</b>	<b>454</b>				

10/18/23	2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Florida 1, 2	23,066	7,605	(15,461)	32.97%	96	18	26.31%		
2 Indiana 1, 2	37,244	10,480	(26,764)	28.14%	156	33	25.62%		
3 New York 1	30,663	7,661	(23,002)	24.98%	97	41	22.49%		
4 Ohio 1	31,690	7,432	(24,258)	23.45%	142	45	21.00%		
5 Michigan 1	26,236	5,691	(20,545)	21.69%	141	47	18.07%		
6 Pennsylvania	62,746	9,573	(53,173)	15.26%	37	51	13.32%		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>211,645</b>	<b>48,442</b>	<b>(163,203)</b>	<b>22.89%</b>	<b>669</b>				

<b>National Totals 1, 2</b>	<b>382,111</b>	<b>101,756</b>	<b>(280,355)</b>	<b>26.63%</b>	<b>2,067</b>		<b>23.44%</b>		
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2024 National Membership Target Dates			
1 September 13, 2023	10%	6 ❤️ February 14, 2024 ❤️	75%
2 October 18, 2023	25%	7 March 13, 2024	80%
3 November 15, 2023	35%	8 April 10, 2024	90%
4 December 13, 2023	45%	9 May 15, 2024	100%
5 January 18, 2024	60%	10 July 24, (DSTG)	105%