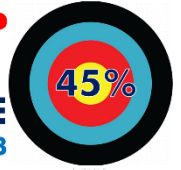


Round-Up

**MEMBERSHIP
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Tell our veterans and servicemembers 'thanks'

November - 2023

Holiday Greetings to All,

As we come closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope everyone is ready to celebrate what you are thankful for with your friends and family. I know as we go through our day-to-day routines, there is so much going on and the world revolves and shares all its bad news with us. But let's not be defeated, and let's take time to be thankful for things we do have.

You are an American, you have your freedom to be thankful for, and during this time we should make sure we tell all our veterans and military members "Thanks."

Our country is what it is today because of our men and women who have always protected our rights and freedom. Most reading this are part of our American Legion Family, the world's largest family for supporting our veterans. We as a family do have a lot to be thankful for; please take time and appreciate what we do have.

Let me do some holiday sharing: I am thankful for my family, the American Legion Family, and for having the opportunity to serve with Commander Seehafer and President Williamson.

Looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year

As Christmas is right around the corner, so is more cold air and nasty weather. While we all get in the Christmas spirit, take time and try to help somebody else and see how good it makes you feel. Maybe you know somebody who will be alone for Christmas. Veteran or not, ask them over for a visit to show them that you care. Sharing goodwill to others comes right back to you and even in the cold makes you feel warm inside just because you did something to help somebody else. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we kick off the New Year, it is time to start planning seriously for The American Legion Family Day on April 27. Plan a celebration at your post that will bring in the press, community, and members. Teach everyone what The American Legion Family is all about. Teach them about the Four Pillars we stand on. Work on completing your Commander's Four Pillar Challenge and show everyone we know why we are the best veterans organization there will ever be.

God Bless The USA,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald L. Hall, Jr.".

Donald L. "JR" Hall, Jr.

National Commander

Sons of The American Legion

"Representing More Than Me"

Round-Up

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From the Editor

Many members have contacted me asking how to subscribe to *The Millennium*. Here's is what was provided by Andy Proffet at national headquarters:

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Don't miss out on any of the news from the Sons of The American Legion and the Legion Family. To receive the bimonthly national SAL e-newsletter, go to Legion.org/Newsletters and log in to subscribe. You'll need your MyLegion account to do so; that gives you access to not only the SAL e-newsletter, but the national American Legion e-newsletters, the Digital Dispatch, membership discounts and much more!

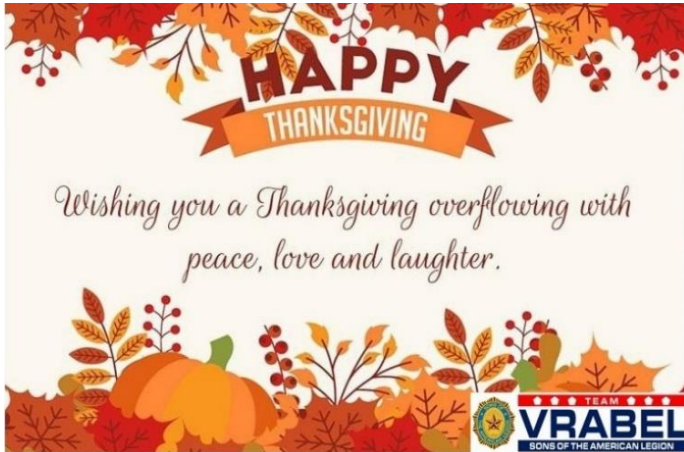
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5. Click Next and you will be logged in.
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I will be posting *The Millennium* on my website, which can be located [here](#). The website has not been updated to include the new publication but will be by the first of the year.



Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible.

RENEW TODAY!

Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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HONOR THE VETERAN WHO MADE YOU ELIGIBLE

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Robert L. Bristo

Central National Vice-Commander

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

Central Region!

You will never regret reaching your goal! And reach it we did and with two days to spare!

Way to Go Central Region!!! The 35% goal is now in our rearview mirror, and we are marching quickly to the next one!

Always remember to never wait until you have reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take toward reaching that goal.

Goals are not daydreams or wishful thinking. Goals require focus, consistency, and accountability. When obstacles arise, you change your path to reach your goal. You don't change your decision to get there!

An anonymous speaker once said..."**A Dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan backed by action which becomes a reality!**"

December 13th is the date for our 45% goal! **Let's be the next region to reach that goal!**

My reports will be dropping to once each week from now through the middle of February to be sure each

report shows larger gains and to place my reports closer to the goal dates as they arrive.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King

My comrades, the challenge is to reach 100% faster than any other region!

Let's Go Central Region!

For the Commander, **“Believe and Succeed”**

Butch Ray, Central Region Membership Chairman

“I’m the ONE, You’re the ONE, BE the ONE!”

John R. Cook

Northeast National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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

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Meeting ID: 980 7046 7820 | Passcode: 469 153

James R. Fischer

Western National Vice-Commander

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!

Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it. Lou Holtz. Let’s get this membership in!

Success at anything will always come down to this: Focus and effort and we control both. – Dwayne Johnson.

November 15, we needed to hit our 35% goal. Great job Hawaii, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Oregon, California, Colorado, and Alaska for hitting the goal. Arizona, Washington, Latin America, New Mexico, and Philippines. Please let me know what struggles or issues you are having. We are here to help with anything you need to hit the target dates. Please call or email at any time.

The Western region report. We improved by 2.22%, currently at 38.29% total from last report. We are still currently 4th in the nation and right behind Central Region by 3.32%. Our goal is to be at 35% on 11/15/23. Great job to the detachments who have already achieved this. Hawaii at 79.17%, Montana at 56.10%, Idaho at 51.14%, Nevada at 50.39%, Utah at 50.00%, Wyoming at 45.83%, Oregon at 43.68%, California at 41.95%, Colorado at 35.74% and Alaska at 35.17%. Arizona at 32.60%, Washington at 31.54%, Latin America at 30.30%, New Mexico at 26.17%, and Philippines at 6.33%. Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion! Thanks again for all you do for this awesome organization.

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

Respectfully For God and Country,

Dan Ashley, Western Region Membership Chairman

Terry A. Harris

Midwest National Vice-Commander

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](#)

(877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 924 0402 2733 | Passcode: 371 685

Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

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](#)
(877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 945 1723 1230 | Passcode: 58543

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Arkansas Veterans Day event brings Be the One to the community

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | November 12, 2023

With the historic War Memorial Stadium as the backdrop, and row after row of vintage, restored and almost brand new Corvettes providing the eye candy, The American Legion's [Be the One](#) veteran suicide-prevention program had a diverse audience in Little Rock, Ark., on Veterans Day.

Members of the American Legion Family took part in Saturday's Corvettes and Veterans event outside and inside War Memorial Stadium. The event celebrated the 75th birthday of the stadium and the 70th birthday of the Corvette, all while promoting Be the One. A portion of the proceeds from the day also will go directly to Be the One.

The event was exactly what Department of Connecticut Legionnaire James A. "Jim" LaCoursiere, the leading candidate for 2024-2025 American Legion national commander, feels Be the One needs to be. LaCoursiere was invited to serve as the keynote speaker during a Veterans Day ceremony later in the day inside the stadium and didn't hesitate to say yes when he learned Be the One was involved.

"(Be the One) is something we need to make all of America aware of, not just the veterans," LaCoursiere

said. "We're losing over 6,000 veterans annually. That needs to change.

"Whether it's a single post or the department, when they can pull the whole community together, that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to reach into the community and get the community's help to make this program work."

Jason Irby, chairman of the Jason Irby Innovation Foundation and the president of the A-State Corvette Association, served as the event's primary organizer and worked with American Legion Department of Arkansas Public Relations Chairman Keith Dover to bring the Legion and Be the One into the program.

"The American Legion is one of the largest veteran support organizations in the world," Irby said. "It was just fitting with what we have here today: an iconic car, an iconic stadium ... to have an iconic organization to be a part of this as well. It was a natural to have The American Legion's Be the One be a part of this. I hate to refer to it as the perfect, but in some ways, it is a perfect storm.

"A number of people had not heard of Be the One before. But with this (event) as a platform, Be the One is being exposed to more people."

Dover, a member of Criswell-Robinson Post 71 in Cabot, spent a good portion of the day on the public address system educating those in attendance about Be the One and its importance.

"We've got a lot of people coming back from the war," Dover said. "Some of them can't find jobs. Some of them cannot hold a job. Some of them are having a really bad time readjusting to life in general and reintegrating with their families and loved ones, and their friends.

"Sometimes, unfortunately, these individuals take their own lives. That's why we're here. Be the One is a program that will help those that need the help the most. That's why this is all so important. Spread the word."

The day's event included a Corvette car show with prizes, food vendors, a bounce house and a procession that preceded the ceremony attended by well over 100 people inside the stadium. Corvettes, JROTC groups, a local cheer squad, local first responders and others took part in the procession, which was led off by Arkansas American Legion Riders Chapters 111, 11 and 13.

Arkansas State ALR Director Michael Stambough, a member of American Legion Post 13 in Hot Springs, said for him, Veterans Day is a day “to share this day with my fellow veterans. Today is a day that we honor those that made it back. We share a bond that nobody else could share. For me today, it’s a day to honor my brothers and sisters who served.”

Department of Arkansas Commander Marie Wilbanks served as the procession’s grand marshal and said being able to promote Be the One through Corvettes and Veterans was “awesome, for lack of a better word, that we have the ability to showcase what our organization ... can do, and to have Be the One as the program of choice for the Corvette club, and have a way to explain to the public what we’re doing ... to bring awareness to veteran suicide in general ... and what everybody can do to help. Let’s get those numbers down. You want to change a life by saving a life.”

A member of Londagin and Hardcastle Post 159 in Gentry, Wilbanks also spoke about Be the One during the ceremony. “We all have stories,” she said. “Sometimes we need to tell the story to somebody who’ll listen, and sometimes we need to be the person to listen. For many of us it’s personal. For many of us it’s not so personal yet. But you never know.”

Wilbanks said she recently had a chance to spread the word about Be the One to a group of middle school students, and that they were willing to help spread the word about the program.

“So, my ask to you is, can you do the same thing?” Wilbanks said. “Can you Be the One when somebody needs you, and can you face up and say, ‘I need help’ when it’s your turn?”

LaCoursiere started his address thanking both veterans and their families. But then his focus shifted to Be the One. “We need to destigmatize mental illness,” he said. “I’m going to come out and say it: There is nothing wrong with hurting inside, as long as you ask for help. Reach out for help.”

He noted that veterans have a much higher rate of suicide than the non-civilian population and said Be the One is about caring to ask if someone is OK.

“It’s a very a simple program, and where does the program come from? Right here,” LaCoursiere said as he tapped his chest. “Because we care. Every life should matter. Our national commander, Dan Seehafer, says

that The American Legion, we are about ‘changing lives and saving lives.’ I want to

insert and incorporate with his phrase ‘protecting lives.’”

Be the One shines the light at MCON

[Henry Howard](#) | November 12, 2023

The American Legion’s [Be the One mission](#) was on full display on the first day of the inaugural MCON conference on Veterans Day in Las Vegas.

“This is the No. 1 initiative The American Legion is focusing on, and there’s a reason for that,” said Waco Hoover, a co-founder of MCON and Be the One chairman. “The one thing our generation could do for servicemembers is figuring out how to dramatically reduce the suicide rate. Every generation has something that it is known for, an indelible mark that it leaves on the community. And I would love nothing more than for ours to be this.”

Hoover, a Marine Corps veteran, said the Be the One presence at MCON is an example of leveraging the Legion’s primary mission to a broader audience. The goal is to increase awareness of the veterans suicide rate, reducing the stigma related to mental health treatment and empowering everyone to take the appropriate action when a veteran’s life is at risk.

“A core tenet of Be the One is having a presence at industry events, not just MCON,” he said. “We already do it through our partnership with INDYCAR. And we are going to do it with other large-scale events. While we are focused on the military, this is not limited to just a military crisis. This is an American crisis that affects all people.”

The American Legion is a founding partner of MCON, held at the Expo World Market Center in Las Vegas.

“This is designed to be a celebration of military culture,” said Hoover, an American Legion member. “Our goal is to bring together the military community for a big, epic weekend celebration.”

The three-day conference included panel discussions, organizations catering to veterans and their families, and physical fitness opportunities.

Hoover and Cindy McNally appeared on a panel titled “Be the One: Stopping Veteran Suicide and Ending the Stigma.”

The topic has special meaning for McNally, who lost her husband of 25 years to suicide in 2007. He was a Naval Academy graduate and Marine F-4 pilot. An

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Army veteran, McNally is the CEO and president of Irreverent Warriors, a group of veterans and active duty servicemembers dedicated to healing by bringing people out of isolation.

The first day kicked off with [a silkies hike](#) led by Irreverent Warriors, which included lunch hosted by American Legion Post 8. A group of veterans and servicemembers donned silkies, combat boots and rucks for the casual four-mile roundtrip.

“You limit isolation, you limit suicide,” McNally said. “I’ve lived with the wake of devastation that suicide leaves behind. People talk about awareness all the time. And they talk about prevention a lot of times, too. But people don’t ever hear about the wake of destruction and devastation that is left behind. The more you know about the aftermath, the more of a catalyst you can be for prevention.”

McNally, a member of American Legion Post 447 in Round Rock, Texas, has seen Irreverent Warriors grow.

“The first silkies hike (in 2016) was supposed to be a one-and-done event,” she recalled. “But it was so powerful for everyone who participated that day that they took it back to their hometowns and it became a movement.”

Now, about 80 Irreverent Warriors hikes take place across the nation and are expanding overseas, including one next year at Omaha Beach for the 80th anniversary of D-Day and [one the Legion sponsored](#) last April in Indianapolis. Regardless of the location of the hike, it builds camaraderie among participants.

“You may show up not knowing anybody, but by the end of the day, you are going to be family,” she said. Among highlights of other panels on the first day:

- **“Honoring the Past, Present and Future of Service: The Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation.”** A panel provided an update on the project to create an inclusive memorial dedicated to those who served and their families during the Global War on Terrorism.

“My ‘why’ is you guys and creating a memorial to honor your service,” said Michael “Rod” Rodriguez, president, and CEO of the foundation. “I am talking about the brave men and women that stepped forward. I am honoring the best of this nation, all of you.”

The site in the nation’s capital was approved earlier this year. Next up is approval of the design, which is planned for the summer of 2024, followed with a groundbreaking by 2025 and having the project completed by 2027. Rodriguez talked about the memorial as a previous guest [on this episode](#) of the Legion’s Tango Alpha Lima podcast.

“Women at War and Why it Matters.” Military Women’s Memorial President [Phyllis Wilson](#), who served 37 years in the Army, and Amy Forsythe, Marine and Navy veteran, covered a wide range of topics. They traced contributions of women veterans from World War I through the war on terrorism.

During WWI, Gen. John Pershing needed switchboard operators in the field. More than 200 women fluent in English and French answered the call. “These women took between 5 and 10 seconds to make a connection,” Wilson said. “It took men, trained the same, to make those connections in 50 to 55 seconds. How many lost connections never got through? Gen. Pershing said they shortened the length of World War I by one year.”

It’s stories like these that could inspire the next generation of women servicemembers.

“What we want to see is more women joining the military,” said Forsythe, host of The American Legion [Be the One](#) podcast. “We need to look to the next generation of leaders. It’s so critical right now. We need to share these stories to inspire these women.”

“Unfiltered with the VA.” Terrence Hayes, a press secretary with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), talked about the department’s ongoing efforts to support veterans. Hayes, a retired Army combat veteran, said that VA wants to ensure consistent outcomes for veterans regardless of where they file their claim or who handles it.

Hayes cited an example that one veteran may have a positive experience in one VA while another veteran with a similar claim may not experience the same quality of service at a different clinic.

“It’s a tricky situation,” he said. “We have to do a better job at educating our adjudicators when it comes to the claims process. We are actively working to clean that up because the president is demanding it, and we have to do better for our veterans.”

“Own Your Path: Eliminating the Narrative of the Broken Veteran.” The panel offered several recommendations for transitioning service members.

Among them: find a mentor, determine your priorities, and involve the entire family.

Samantha Domingo, whose husband served in the Air Force for 17 years, said that made the difference in keeping her family together. “Transition as a family, bring in your spouse, and your kids, too. Give yourself grace. You won’t regret it,” said Domingo, a talent strategist at Lockheed Martin Space.

Looking into the future, Hoover sees the inaugural MCON as a launching point.

“Our goal is — and has always been — to create the largest celebration of military culture,” he said, adding that future MCONs will be in Las Vegas around Veterans Day. “It’s really special to have The American Legion, Be the One supporting this experience. There is so much room to grow. We’re just thrilled that The American Legion sees and believes in this vision.”

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National Commissions and Committees

Chairmen wishing to have reports published should email them to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com to be included. All meeting information subject to change.

Americanism Commission

Chris Casey, Chairman

Third Monday Bi-Monthly

October 16, 2023 | December 18, 2023

February 19, 2024 | April 15, 2024

June 17, 2024 | August 19, 2024

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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 18, 2023

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1. INCREASE BOYS STATE PARTICIPATION NUMBERS BY 10%.
2. INCREASE FLAG EDUCATION PROGRAMS BY 10%.
3. SUPPORT THE FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES PROGRAM BY INCREASING DETACHMENT PARTICIPATION BY 10%.

THE 2024 NATIONAL FINALS WILL BE HELD MAY 17-19 AT HILLSDALE COLLEGE IN MICHIGAN.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY IS APRIL 27, 2024.

THIS IS A DAY WHERE THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY IS ENCOURAGED TO OPEN THEIR POSTS TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SHARE WHAT WE DO!

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Century Committee

Joe Gladden, Chairman

Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly

October 10, 2023 | December 12, 2023

March 13, 2024 | April 9, 2024

June 11, 2024 | August 13, 2024

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(877) 853-5257

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Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave, Chairman

Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 21, 2023 | November 16, 2023

January 18, 2024 | March 21, 2024

May 16, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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

(877) 853-5257

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Children & Youth Committee

Joseph Lohman, 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

William G. Hill, Chairman

Third Thursday as scheduled

September 21, 2023 | February 15, 2024

April 10, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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

(877) 853-5257

Meeting ID: 966 1733 0121 | Passcode: 463 702

Internal Affairs Commission

Christopher Michel, 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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Legislative Commission

Blair Miles, 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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Member Training & Development Committee

Michael Cotton, Chairman

First Monday Bi-Monthly

September 4, 2023 | November 6, 2023

January 1, 2024 | March 4, 2024

May 6, 2024 | July 1, 2024

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Membership & Squadron Activities Committee

Daryl VerStreate Jr., 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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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TARGET DATE MEMO

November 17, 2023

TO: National Officers, Detachment Commanders & Adjutants
FROM: Anthony W. Wright (PA), National Adjutant
SUBJECT: 35% - Membership Target Date

"CONGRATULATIONS"

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 35% membership target date (11-15-2023) are posted below:

2024 Membership Goal: **382,111**
Total Membership: **150,367**
Percentage of Goal: **39.35%**
Renewal Percentage: **35.05%**
Detachments making Goal: **43**

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

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: December 13, 2023 (45%)

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National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd, Chairman

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May 14, 2024 | July 19, 2024

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2023 SAL Membership Stats	11/16/23
Total Actual Membership	379,302
Percentage of Goal	103.13%
Renewal Percentage	89.04%
Quota Detachments	45

Public & Media Communications Committee

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October 24, 2023 | December 26, 2023

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Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

November 19, 2023 | December 21, 2023

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June 20, 2024 | August 15, 2024

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**SONS OF THE
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Sons of the American Legion make donation

[Ty Kohler Allied News Staff Writer](#) | November 14, 2023

Grove City, PA – If you're ever driving down Mercer-Grove City Road, you may see a building called the John Huff American Legion Post 220. While it may just appear to be any ordinary bar, it is actually home to the Sons of The American Legion.

The organization focuses on raising money to help retired military members and their families. On Oct. 25, they gave a \$1,000 donation to both the Salvation Army and the Grove City Food Pantry.

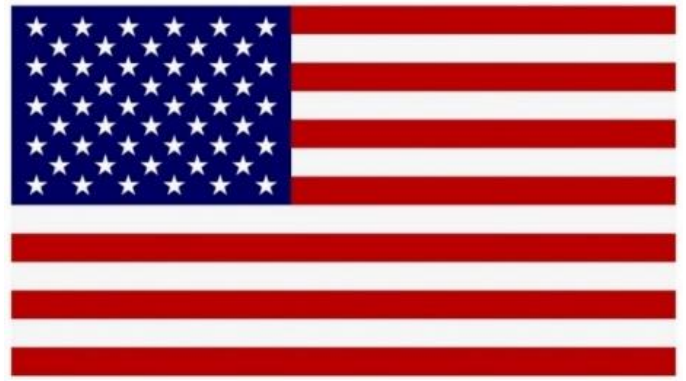
"The mission is to support the community. There is a lot of good around here and we want to continue that good," President Lee Johnson said. "There are people in need, and we want to give back."

The group decided they wanted to give back to the community his time by giving funds to the two different charities. For the Salvation Army, the money will begin their holiday season program.

"I want to reach the heart of the needs here. Our goal is to gain the funds to help get whatever people need," said the Salvation Army representative pastor Pam Schnelzer. "This donation is a wonderful way to kick off our kettle campaign."



The Sons of the American Legion give two checks. One to the Salvation Army and one to the Grove City Food Pantry. From left are Lee Johnson, Traci Gerard, Pam Schnelzer, Rick Kober, Ken Isacco, Don Patterson, Joel Bigley.



The Grove City Food Pantry will be using their donation money for their own upcoming holiday project.

“Every year we try and get Thanksgiving turkeys to some of the households,” Traci Gerard, the food pantry representative, said “This year we will be getting turkeys to feed 656 households.”

Anyone looking to help the Sons of the American Legion can do so by heading over to 1946 Mercer-Grove City Road in Grove City and donating some money by buying some food and drinks.



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Lisa Williamson,
National President
The American Legion Auxiliary

Sports

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 _____

Received of _____

For God and Country _____

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____

Squadron Everlasting

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listed here, please send to
jeffrabels@gmail.com

Jerry Morrical



Jerry W. Morrical, 72, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, while in the company of family members at Persimmon Ridge, in Portland, Indiana.

Jerry was born in Portland, Indiana, on Aug. 27, 1951, a son of the late Kathryn "Juanita" (Cox) and Robert Morrical.

He was a 1969 graduate of Redkey High School as well as a 1971 graduate of Indiana Business College. Jerry was formerly employed by MSSL in Portland, Indiana, prior to his retirement from excavation in 2010.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #507 in Ridgeville, Indiana.

Jerry was a quiet man, yet very social and enjoyed spending time with his many friends, fishing, playing golf, watching Indiana University basketball, the New York Yankees and collecting baseball cards.

Jerry is survived by his sister, Marsha L. Morrical; cousins Larry Daniels and Dennis Morrical; and special friends Pam Nichols, Amy Howell, Kori Moyer, Rod Nichols, and Tracy Fields.

He was preceded in death by his parents and best friend, Tom Nichols.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Burial will be held privately in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

A special thank you to Persimmon Ridge and Keystone Hospice Group for the wonderful care and compassion shown to Jerry and his family during this difficult time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Donald J. Mervine



Donald J. Mervine, 72, of Freeburg, entered eternal rest Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, in Shinglehouse, Pa.

Donald was born in Sunbury on July 31, 1951 and was the son of the late Sara J. (Long) Mervine and the late Edward E. Mervine, of Selinsgrove. On June 2, 1973, he married the former Lydia Jane Ferster. His passing breaks a marital union of 50 years.

Don was self-employed. He, along with his brother-in-law Jeff Ferster and his late father-in-law Laurence Ferster, partnered as Fersters Meat Market in 1973 in Newport, Pa. and then in New Bloomfield, Pa., in 1981 which then became incorporated to Perry Foods in Duncannon in 1985.

He was a 1969 graduate of Selinsgrove High School and Goldey-Beacom College in 1971 with an associate degree in business management.

Don was a member of Lafayette Masonic Lodge #194 Selinsgrove and a past master in 2007. He was also a member of the Harrisburg Consistory, Zembo Shriners, NRA, Rooster's Corner Sportsmen Club, Kreamer Sportsmen Club, United Bowhunters of PA, Shade Mountain Bow Hunters, Newport Social Order of Owls, Sons of the American Legion and Shady Rest Hunting Camp. He served on Freeburg Borough Council continuously for over 30 years.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, and trapshooting in his early years. Soon, everything was all about hunting as he was an avid and successful archery hunter. A highlight of his hunting quests was a trip out west with his hunting buddy Tom.

It was in his hunting camp when Don died peacefully surrounded by the beauty of God's country in Potter County, Pa., where he was most happy.

Don is survived by his wife, his son, Brian, both of Freeburg; brothers Gerry (Susan) Mervine, of Maryland and Edward (Rebecca) Mervine, of New York; brother-in-law Jeff Ferster, of Freeburg; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law Roberta Mervine, mother-in-law Shirley Ferster and father-in-law Laurence Ferster.

A visitation will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, until the time of service at 11 at Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High St., Selinsgrove, with Pastor Mindy Bartholomew. Masonic services will be held 15 minutes prior to the service.

Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Freeburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Freeburg Fire Company, P.O. Box 29, Freeburg, PA, 17827.

To plant a tree in memory of Donald J. Mervine, please visit [Tribute Store](https://www.tribute.com).

David Richard Woodring Sr.

David Richard Woodring Sr., 52, died at 12:38 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at his residence at 251 King St., Petersburg.

Born in Bellefonte Aug. 8, 1971, he was a son of Terry L. Woodring and Linda Brown Woodring, who survive in Spruce Creek.

David married Angela L. Trish Oct. 26, 2002, at the Alexandria Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John C. Dean.

He was a foreman for Glenn O. Hawbaker Construction for 26 years. He enjoyed the pool league, membership with the Petersburg Catering Club and Sons of the American Legion. David loved the time spent with his family and his Jeeps.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Angela, his children: Kadesha Trish and partner Candace Ellenburg, Lexus Woodring and David Woodring Jr., all of Petersburg.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Lloyd and Ruth Morningstar of Huntingdon, a granddaughter, Zola Haizlip, and two other special grandchildren.

Family and friends will be received during a viewing and visitation from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Cutright Funeral Homes -

Smithfield Chapel, 313 Fairgrounds Road, Huntingdon, and from noon Monday, Nov. 20, until the 1 p.m. service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Burket Cemetery, Warriors Mark, immediately following the funeral service.

Online condolences may be shared at www.huntingdondailynews.com/obituaries.

John Ramsay



MEREDITH CENTER --- John Wood Ramsay, 81, died peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, November 14, 2023, at Laconia Genesis in Laconia, NH. John was born on September 28, 1942, in Laconia, NH, to Elmer and Catherine (Wood) Ramsay of Academy Street in Laconia. John attended St. Joseph Elementary School and graduated from Laconia High School in 1960. He attended Norwich University from 1961-1962 where he met Helen Polard.

John and Helen married in 1962 and started their family in Laconia. Mark was born in 1962 and James in 1964. In 1965 John and his family moved to Vermont where his daughter Katherine was born, and he became a Vermont State Trooper. In 1969 John started his career as a VT State Liquor Investigator from which he retired after 29 years.

John married Cheryl Henson on July 16, 1988. John and Cheryl went on a much-enjoyed trip to Greece in 1993, including a cruise to several islands with Santorini being a favorite.

After retiring from Liquor Control in 1998, he and Cheryl moved to their retirement home in Meredith Center, NH on Lake Wicwas. His favorite pastime was boating on the lake in his pontoon boat. In retirement he worked at Hart's Restaurant in catering. He enjoyed his work carving turkeys and especially socializing with the patrons on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad. John was a lifetime member of the Elks-Montpelier Lodge #924/Laconia Lodge #876, the Masons Aurora Lodge #22 F&AM of Montpelier, VT, the Sons of the American Legion-Meredith, the Wicwas Grange #292, and the Vermont Police Association.

John is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cheryl (Henson) Ramsay, son Mark Ramsay and his wife Anne of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, son James Ramsay and Jenny

Giraldo of Manchester, NH, daughter Katherine Tevnan and her husband John of South Weymouth, MA, grandchildren: Brendan Ramsay, Philip Ramsay, Samantha Ramsay, Katelynn Ramsay, John E. Tevnan, IV, Elizabeth (Tevnan) Lefebvre, Erin Tevnan, Matthew Tevnan, seven great-grandchildren, and his older brother Dexter Ramsay of Florida. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia Lachance and brother-in-law Leo of Laconia, sister-in-law Ellie Ramsay and his parents Elmer Ramsay and Catherine (Wood) Ramsay. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023 from 1:00-3:00pm in the Carriage House at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH. John will be laid to rest in the South Walden, VT Cemetery in Cheryl's family plot, alongside Cheryl's mom Muriel, whom he loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations be made in John's memory to the John Ramsay Memorial Scholarship, 14 Country Club Road Suite 9, Gilford, NH 03249, to benefit a local student wishing to continue their education in the field of Criminal Justice.

For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](http://SympathyStore.com).

Mark "Herman" Landherr



Mark "Herman" Landherr passed away peacefully on November 15, at the age of 67. Mark was born on February 16, 1956 to Donald and Irene (Laufle) Landherr in Adams.

Mark graduated from Southland High School in 1974, where he held a school discus throw record of 139 feet, 3 inches from 1974 to 2015. He attended the Albert Lea Technical College to be an electrician. He was a member of IBEW Local 343 Electrical Union.

Mark enjoyed gardening, canning vegetables, meats, soups, hunting, auctions, raising chickens and pheasants. He was a past member of the Southland Sportsman club and the Sons of the American Legion in Adams. For several years he owned and operated Landherr Game Farm. He greatly enjoyed road trips with friend Mike

Schneider to the Amish farms and treated many to their candies.

Mark is survived by his siblings Thomas Landherr, Charles (Cindy) Landherr, Susan (Brent) Lunde, and Deb Landherr. He had a very special place in his heart for his nieces, Stephanie (Bill) Krause, Rachel (Jamie) Strouf, nephews Kevin Landherr and Dustin (Kristen) Lunde as well as 10 great nieces and nephews. Mark is also survived by PeeWee Landherr, Dorothy (Jerry) Gerber and LaVonne Landherr. Mark is preceded in death by his parents, infant sister Mary and infant brother Robert.

A private graveside service will be held.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A. Lynn Schaeffer



Albert Lynn Schaeffer, 73, of New Harmony, Indiana, born September 26, 1950, to Albert and Mary (Lowell) Schaeffer in Chrisney, Indiana, passed away, Thursday, November 9, 2023 at his home in New Harmony, Indiana.

He graduated from South Spencer High School in 1968. He retired in March of 1999 as a Union Insulator and owned a lawn care business for several years. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Poseyville, Indiana, Southern Indiana Antique Machine Club, Holy Angels Restoration Committee, Keck Gonnerman and The Sons of the American Legion in New Harmony, Indiana. He loved to garden, auctions, antique tractors and helping his neighbors and friends.

Surviving are his son: Brian Schaeffer of Sauk Center, Minnesota; daughters: Brandi McDaniel (Chris) of Tucson, Arizona, Christina Hibbert (Barrington) of Jacksonville, North Carolina and Jessica Schaeffer of Vincennes, Indiana; sister: Linda Shockley of Chrisney, Indiana; grandchildren: Corey McDaniel, Barrington Hibbert, II. and Alyssa Hibbert; honorary grandchildren: Hunter Brooks and Taylor Valor along with a great grandchild: Melanie McDaniel and the faithful companion: Sadie.

Preceding him in death were his parents and wife of 37 years: Carol Jean (Seed) Schaeffer.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2023,

at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Poseyville, Indiana with burial to follow in Poseyville Cemetery in Poseyville, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 10 N. St. Francis Avenue, Poseyville, Indiana 47633.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family online at: www.werryfuneralhomes.com. Posted online on November 12, 2023

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Daniel J. Seehafer,
National Commander
The American Legion

Return criminal penalties for those who take advantage of disabled veterans or their families

November 14, 2023

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

Few insults are more egregious than to take advantage of disabled veterans or their families, under false pretenses. We know it's immoral to exploit any veteran filing for VA benefits. The American Legion wants the return of criminal penalties enforced against these non-accredited violators.

The American Legion or other accredited veterans service organizations (VSO) are the best first step for veterans seeking assistance because we successfully provide expert help free of charge for hundreds of thousands of veterans a year. We also understand and support a veteran's freedom to choose representation – whether it's a VSO, another claims agency, law firm or private company.

But we support that right on a key condition: that anyone who represents a veteran in the filing of a claim is accredited with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Accreditation means the representative has been vetted, is trained, and is accountable to VA's rules, which include the regulation of fees that can be charged. These rules exist for good reasons. They prevent exploitation. As it now stands, nothing stops or deters profiteers from overcharging and taking advantage of veterans. That has to end.

The American Legion continues to work with VA to share information and educate veterans about free services available through VSOs like accredited American Legion service officers who helped veterans receive \$16.8 billion in disability compensation last year alone.

All accredited representatives who assist veterans must be held to the same level of accountability as our service officers, who have been successfully helping with claims since the birth of VA.

Legion Family leadership lay wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The American Legion | November 13, 2023

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American Legion National Commander Daniel Seehafer and American Legion Auxiliary National President Lisa Williamson joined leaders from other veterans' service organizations at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to participate in wreath-laying ceremonies on Veterans Day.

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“(We’re) honored to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown on behalf of The American Legion,” Williamson said. “It was something I have always dreamt of doing, and ... having a son who serves in the military, I can only imagine what it feels like to perhaps be the mother of one of those service-members who are a part of that tomb.”

Seehafer said he was proud to lay a wreath at the Tomb with Williamson.

“The connection between us, and that is (the connection between) the (American Legion) Family and the Tomb of the Unknown, it's this: we never forget. That's important. We never forget,” Seehafer said.

The Veterans Day events at Arlington National Cemetery included President Biden speaking in the Memorial Amphitheater following his own presentation of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

“Our veterans are the steel spine of this nation and their families, like so many of you, are the courageous heart,” Biden said.

The Veterans Day events at Arlington National Cemetery came the day after the White House announced new efforts to expand healthcare for veterans, including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offering no-cost healthcare to veterans living in nursing homes as well as all who served in World War II. And the eligibility timeline for veterans under the PACT Act is being accelerated so that all veterans who were exposed to toxins will be eligible for enrollment by March 2024. Friday's announcements also included the launch of the Veteran Scam and Fraud Evasion (VSAFE)

Initiative and Task Force. The task force, aimed at protecting veterans and their families from scams, plans in the coming months to:

- Release a fraud prevention toolkit.
- Publish a series of video PSAs discussing different forms of fraud.
- Centralize federal resources to help veterans report fraud.
- Work with the FCC to prevent scam callers from targeting veterans.
- Increase accessibility to resources for non-English speaking servicemembers and veterans.
- And more.

“I think the importance of being here on this special day, Veterans Day, and being up on stage with the president and also (VA) Secretary (Denis) McDonough, it just gives us that voice; it’s our presence, and that’s the importance of being involved in an organization like this as we continue to champion for all veterans, really. Not just for our membership but for all veterans,” said Seehafer, who also joined other VSO leaders in meeting with President Biden at the White House Saturday morning.

Vision accomplished: the Vietnam Women’s Memorial

[Jeff Stoffer](#) | November 11, 2023

“That my hands can shape the clay which might touch the hearts and heal the wounds of those who served fills me with humility and deep satisfaction. I can only hope that future generations who view the sculpture will stand in tribute to these women who served during the Vietnam era.”

Glenna Goodacre, sculptor of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, 1993

The healing sculptor Glenna Goodacre envisioned is coming to fruition.

Fulfillment of her hope was on vivid display Nov. 10-11 at the National Mall in Washington D.C. where Veterans Day was celebrated as a tribute to the Vietnam Women’s Memorial and all it means for women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and since then, along with civilian women who operated in support of hazardous wartime military operations.

Thirty years have passed since the memorial was dedicated.

The battle to achieve buy-in and authorization was controversial; opponents and critics turned former Vietnam War combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans’ concept into a 10-year ordeal that ended on Veterans Day 1993 in a nationally televised ceremony attended by thousands. The American Legion supported the project every step of the way, starting with passage of a resolution at Post 121 in River Falls, Wis., to the Department of Wisconsin’s blessing and then a national American Legion resolution in 1985.

The Legion continued its support, backing Carlson Evans and the memorial project through multiple hearings and debates as the years progressed, leading up to the 1993 completion.

“When this monument is finished, it will be for all time a testament to a group of American women who made an extraordinary sacrifice at an extraordinary time in our nation’s history,” Gen. Colin Powell said at the groundbreaking ceremony on July 29, 1993. “You went. You served. You suffered. The names of eight of your sisters are etched on The Wall for having made the supreme sacrifice. And yet your service and your sacrifice have been mostly invisible for all these intervening years.”

Opponents of the project had attempted to keep it that way.

Early obstacles – including newspaper editorials ridiculing the project, congressional debates questioning its purpose and federal panels that scoffed at its design – now occupy a fading chapter of history.

Today, the memorial is seen by over 4 million visitors a year. It has come to stand as more than a bronze statue to salute the more than 265,000 women who served as members of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War; it is regarded as a milestone in the journey for all women veterans, as well as those now serving, and others – like volunteers with the Red Cross and the USO – who provided support for U.S. military operations throughout the war.

“The women who served in the Vietnam War played a vital role in helping the country to change and grow,” U.S. Army Capt. Danielle Craig said during a Nov. 10 evening gathering at the memorial. “They showed that women could serve in other capacities, such as combat roles. They also helped to break down barriers and stereotypes about women. The women of the Vietnam War are role models for us all. They showed us that we can make a difference in the world, no matter our gender or background.”

In a talk titled “What the Memorial Means to Me,” Craig explained to Vietnam veterans, who came home a half-century ago to a nation divided not only about the war but also the role of women in society, that their service paved the way for change.

“We have been able to use women’s experiences from Vietnam to better the careers and lives for women of the future,” Craig said. “The women who served in Vietnam set the foundation and went through the trials and tribulations which were used as bricks to build the wall for a stronger future. We stand on the shoulders of those who stood before us.”

Veterans Day commemorations on the National Mall Friday and Saturday were divided into three segments: the annual candlelight gathering at the Vietnam Women’s Memorial on Friday night that included prayer, poetry, testimony, and camaraderie; a Saturday morning storytelling session there; and the afternoon’s main event, the annual Veterans Day Observance at the Wall (the Vietnam War Memorial). Carlson Evans, an American Legion member who now lives in Helena, Mont., was the keynote speaker and reflected on the road she and her fellow veterans have traveled since the idea for a women’s memorial occurred to her in 1983.

She told how men and women of the Vietnam War volunteered for 10 years to raise funds, demand approval, and see the project through, despite “threats and frequent warning signs that this truly was an impossible dream. The journey began smoothly until the adversaries saw we were serious and began fighting us at every step.

“Mahatma Gandhi said, ‘First they ignore you.’ They did. ‘Then they laugh at you.’ They did. ‘Then they fight you.’ They did. ‘Then you win.’ That’s our 10-year story. We won.”

American Legion National Vice Commander Mark Shreve of Georgia, who placed a wreath at The Wall to conclude the ceremony on Veterans Day, said the women’s memorial and the Legion’s support fit a long-held value of the nation’s largest veterans organization: “A veteran is a veteran,” he said.

No other monument of its kind stood on the National Mall prior to effort. “Our statue was a first, the first monument in the history of the United States placed on the National Mall honoring women’s patriotic service,” Carlson Evans told the crowd. “We made history.”

Among those who spoke at the Friday night gathering – a “candlelight” ceremony that was illuminated with

flashlights from mobile phones – Cheryl Molinet spoke of the importance the memorial has for her, a non-combat Vietnam War Navy veteran. “I now feel accepted. I feel credited as a Vietnam-era veteran. I feel complete. I feel I have completed the homage to my family, and I am at peace with completing my calling to service from so long ago.”

She said women who served at that time faced more than one stigma. “Women in the military, at least in my time, were not accepted and most often considered non-essential,” she explained. “We volunteered. We served with pride, honor, and valor. We assigned our lives to our country during Vietnam, knowing it may cost our lives. Little, if any, recognition was ever given to the women serving in the military, let alone serving during a war.”

Goodacre, who passed away in 2020, intentionally sculpted no unit insignia or even branch identification into the statue, which features three women and one wounded man.

“We wanted the civilian women who served in support of the armed forces to also feel that they are connected to us, as women veterans, having served wherever we got sent, and that they too are part of this statue,” Carlson Evans said. “(Goodacre) wanted us to circle the statue. She wanted us to be able to walk around it and connect with each figure.”

“This statue honors all women who served during the Vietnam War, without preference to the form of that service,” said Dorothy “Dotty” Beatty, a U.S. Air Force combat nurse in Vietnam, 1969-70. “(Goodacre) was able to imbue her creation with life, with the story each of us holds ever so deeply inside. She told that story in clay, and then it was turned into metal in much the same way the crucible of war forged us into the women we are today.

“Through Glenna’s work, each of the women portrayed lives in us because we live in them. Through this statue, we share our Vietnam experiences with others. The healing continues for all.”

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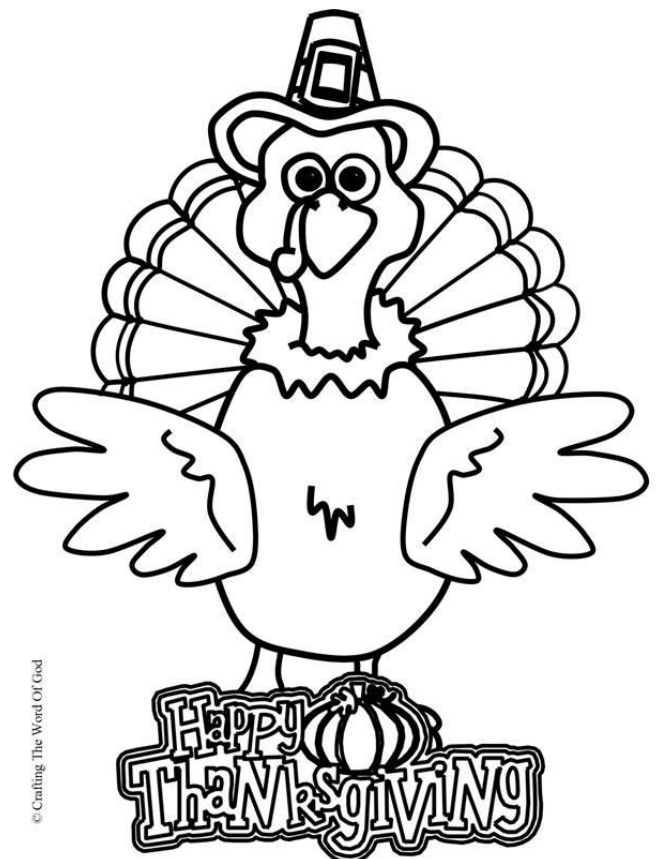
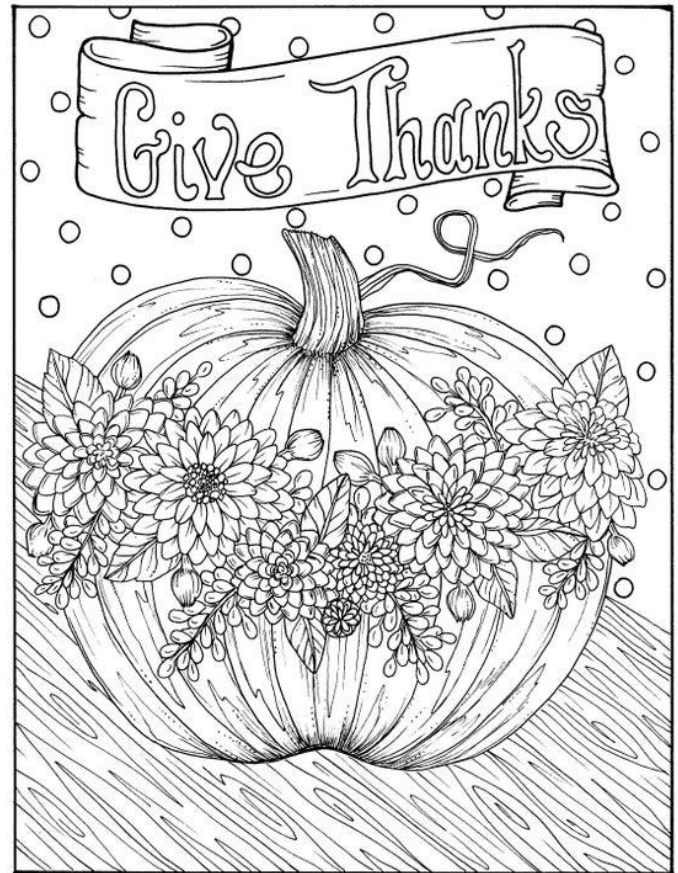
Hilary Ott/The American Legion

For more than three decades, American Legion Family members across the nation have joined with other Americans to gather in December to "remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach children the value of freedom" through the placing of wreaths on veterans' graves.

This year, Dec. 16 will mark the 31st National [Wreaths Across America Day](#). Annually, more than 1 million wreaths are placed across more than 4,000 locations in the United States and throughout the world, honoring the veterans buried at those gravesites.

American Legion posts and Legion Family members participating in this annual program are encouraged to email sbrooks@legion.org in advance to share your plans for potential coverage in American Legion media. Posts can share their wreath-laying stories on the Legion's web page www.legiontown.org.

For more information about Wreaths Across America, click [here](#). For all social media postings, use the hashtag [#ServeAndSucceed](#).



2024 SAL 35% Target Date Membership Report as of: November 15, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 35% TARGET 11/15/2023	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	120	-53	95	79.17%	71.43
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-545	1,109	68.84%	60.61
3	LOUISIANA	1,821	-600	1,237	67.93%	62.93
4	FRANCE	168	-53	112	66.67%	60.00
5	WISCONSIN	4,398	-1,252	2,791	63.46%	57.80
6	GEORGIA	4,887	-1,158	2,868	58.69%	52.45
7	MONTANA	1,091	-230	612	56.10%	52.99
8	MISSISSIPPI	736	-150	408	55.43%	51.44
9	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-200	576	53.58%	48.43
10	ILLINOIS	13,716	-2,475	7,276	53.05%	50.56
11	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-497	1,466	52.92%	44.19
12	ALABAMA	2,100	-366	1,101	52.43%	45.44
13	IOWA	4,914	-817	2,537	51.63%	48.30
14	PUERTO RICO	156	-25	80	51.28%	47.71
15	IDAHO	659	-106	337	51.14%	38.66
16	NEVADA	387	-60	195	50.39%	42.53
17	UTAH	460	-69	230	50.00%	47.29
18	OKLAHOMA	1,430	-186	686	47.97%	37.87
19	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-179	728	46.37%	37.33
20	FLORIDA	23,066	-2,589	10,662	46.22%	37.98
21	WYOMING	1,248	-135	572	45.83%	40.69
22	ARKANSAS	406	-37	179	44.09%	34.65
23	MINNESOTA	11,435	-1,023	5,025	43.94%	40.97
24	OREGON	1,534	-133	670	43.68%	34.33
25	VIRGINIA	4,367	-368	1,896	43.42%	36.97
26	TEXAS	5,783	-469	2,493	43.11%	37.56
27	MARYLAND	16,803	-1,257	7,138	42.48%	38.15
28	CALIFORNIA	11,292	-785	4,737	41.95%	36.20
29	INDIANA	37,244	-2,567	15,602	41.89%	38.51
30	NEW JERSEY	9,662	-657	4,039	41.80%	37.32
31	TENNESSEE	1,792	-114	741	41.35%	35.27
32	RHODE ISLAND	348	-21	143	41.09%	34.97
33	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-106	759	40.70%	34.85
34	NEBRASKA	6,992	-302	2,749	39.32%	37.57
35	KANSAS	6,055	-260	2,379	39.29%	36.08
36	OHIO	31,690	-1,214	12,305	38.83%	35.37
37	NEW YORK	30,663	-1,142	11,874	38.72%	35.29
38	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	-124	2,025	37.28%	33.49
39	VERMONT	3,920	-89	1,461	37.27%	34.36
40	MISSOURI	3,337	-70	1,238	37.10%	32.06
41	MICHIGAN	26,236	-411	9,594	36.57%	31.91
42	COLORADO	2,952	-22	1,055	35.74%	30.03
43	ALASKA	1,740	-3	612	35.17%	28.16
44	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	18	2,091	34.69%	31.25
45	DELAWARE	2,596	9	900	34.67%	28.49
46	ARIZONA	8,595	206	2,802	32.60%	26.07
47	WASHINGTON	2,682	93	846	31.54%	23.64
48	KENTUCKY	2,399	98	742	30.93%	26.55
49	LATIN AMERICA	33	2	10	30.30%	12.50
50	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	4,753	17,208	27.42%	24.63
51	NEW MEXICO	1,582	140	414	26.17%	19.08
52	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	272	636	24.53%	19.89
53	MAINE	2,757	651	314	11.39%	9.42
54	DIST OF COL	91	25	7	7.69%	6.82
55	PHILIPPINES	79	23	5	6.33%	5.06
Grand Totals:		382,111	-16,628	150,367	39.35%	35.05

2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	120	95	79.17%
MONTANA	1,091	612	56.10%
IDAHO	659	337	51.14%
NEVADA	387	195	50.39%
UTAH	460	230	50.00%
WYOMING	1,248	572	45.83%
OREGON	1,534	670	43.68%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	4,737	41.95%
COLORADO	2,952	1,055	35.74%
ALASKA	1,740	612	35.17%
ARIZONA	8,595	2,802	32.60%
WASHINGTON	2,682	846	31.54%
LATIN AMERICA	33	10	30.30%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	414	26.17%
PHILIPPINES	79	5	6.33%
Totals:	34,454	13,192	38.29%

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,237	67.93%
GEORGIA	4,887	2,868	58.69%
MISSISSIPPI	736	408	55.43%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	1,466	52.92%
ALABAMA	2,100	1,101	52.43%
PUERTO RICO	156	80	51.28%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	728	46.37%
FLORIDA	23,066	10,662	46.22%
ARKANSAS	406	179	44.09%
VIRGINIA	4,367	1,896	43.42%
TEXAS	5,783	2,493	43.11%
TENNESSEE	1,792	741	41.35%
Totals:	49,454	23,859	48.24%

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,109	68.84%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	576	53.58%
IOWA	4,914	2,537	51.63%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	686	47.97%
NEBRASKA	6,992	2,749	39.32%
KANSAS	6,055	2,379	39.29%
MISSOURI	3,337	1,238	37.10%
Totals:	25,414	11,274	44.36%

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	168	112	66.67%
MARYLAND	16,803	7,138	42.48%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	4,039	41.80%
RHODE ISLAND	348	143	41.09%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	759	40.70%
NEW YORK	30,663	11,874	38.72%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	2,025	37.28%
VERMONT	3,920	1,461	37.27%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	2,091	34.69%
DELAWARE	2,596	900	34.67%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	17,208	27.42%
MAINE	2,757	314	11.39%
DIST OF COL	91	7	7.69%
Totals:	143,078	48,071	33.60%

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	2,791	63.46%
ILLINOIS	13,716	7,276	53.05%
MINNESOTA	11,435	5,025	43.94%
INDIANA	37,244	15,602	41.89%
OHIO	31,690	12,305	38.83%
MICHIGAN	26,236	9,594	36.57%
KENTUCKY	2,399	742	30.93%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	636	24.53%
Totals:	129,711	53,971	41.61%

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11/15/23		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, 4	49,454	23,859	(25,595)	48.24%	1,365		
2	Midwest 1, 2, 3	25,414	11,274	(14,140)	44.36%	628		
3	Central 1, 2, 3	129,711	53,971	(75,740)	41.61%	3,229		
4	Western 1, 2, 3	34,454	13,192	(21,262)	38.29%	764		
5	Northeast 1	143,078	48,071	(95,007)	33.60%	3,064		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3		382,111	150,367	(231,744)	39.35%	9,050		

11/15/23		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	2,791	(1,607)	63.46%	95	5	57.80%		
2	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5	13,716	7,276	(6,440)	53.05%	68	10	50.56%		
3	Minnesota 1, 2, 3	11,435	5,025	(6,410)	43.94%	581	23	40.97%		
4	Indiana 1, 2, 3	37,244	15,602	(21,642)	41.89%	1,033	29	38.51%		
5	Ohio 1, 3	31,690	12,305	(19,385)	38.83%	545	36	35.37%		
6	Michigan 1, 3	26,236	9,594	(16,642)	36.57%	877	41	31.91%		
7	Kentucky 1	2,399	742	(1,657)	30.93%	14	48	30.93%		
8	West Virginia 1	2,593	636	(1,957)	24.53%	16	52	19.89%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3		129,711	53,971	(75,740)	41.61%	3,229				

11/15/23		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, 4, 5, 6	120	95	(25)	79.17%	-	1	71.43%		
2	Montana 1, 2, 3, 4	1,091	612	(479)	56.10%	54	7	52.99%		
3	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4	659	337	(322)	51.14%	6	15	38.66%		
4	Nevada 1, 2, 3, 4	387	195	(192)	50.39%	5	16	42.53%		
5	Utah 1, 2, 3, 4	460	230	(230)	50.00%	12	17	47.29%		
6	Wyoming 1, 2, 3, 4	1,248	572	(676)	45.83%	46	21	40.69%		
7	Oregon 1, 2, 3	1,534	670	(864)	43.68%	29	24	34.33%		
8	California 1, 2, 3	11,292	4,737	(6,555)	41.95%	261	28	36.20%		
9	Colorado 1, 3	2,952	1,055	(1,897)	35.74%	56	42	30.03%		
10	Alaska 3	1,740	612	(1,128)	35.17%	13	43	28.16%		
11	Arizona 1	8,595	2,802	(5,793)	32.60%	174	46	26.07%		
12	Washington	2,682	846	(1,836)	31.54%	70	47	23.64%		
13	Latin America	33	10	(23)	30.30%	-	49	12.50%		
14	New Mexico	1,582	414	(1,168)	26.17%	38	51	19.08%		
15	Philippines	79	5	(74)	6.33%	-	55	5.06%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3		34,454	13,192	(21,262)	38.29%	764				

11/15/23		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, 5	1,821	1,237	(584)	67.93%	94	3	62.93%		
2	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4	4,887	2,868	(2,019)	58.69%	48	6	52.45%		
3	Mississippi 1, 2, 3, 4	736	408	(328)	55.43%	-	8	51.44%		
4	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4	2,770	1,466	(1,304)	52.92%	41	11	44.19%		
5	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4	2,100	1,101	(999)	52.43%	24	12	45.44%		
6	Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4	156	80	(76)	51.28%	3	14	47.71%		
7	South Carolina 1, 2, 3	1,570	728	(842)	46.37%	42	19	37.33%		
8	Florida 1, 2, 3	23,066	10,662	(12,404)	46.22%	734	20	37.98%		
9	Arkansas 1, 2, 3	406	179	(227)	44.09%	5	22	34.65%		
10	Virginia 1, 2, 3	4,367	1,896	(2,471)	43.42%	220	25	36.97%		
12	Texas 1, 2, 3	5,783	2,493	(3,290)	43.11%	134	26	37.56%		
13	Tennessee 1, 2, 3	1,792	741	(1,051)	41.35%	20	31	35.27%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4		49,454	23,859	(25,595)	48.24%	1,365				

11/15/23		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, 5	1,611	1,109	(502)	68.84%	63	2	60.61%		
2	North Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4	1,075	576	(499)	53.58%	26	9	48.43%		
3	Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4	4,914	2,537	(2,377)	51.63%	141	13	48.30%		
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3	1,430	686	(744)	47.97%	80	18	37.87%		
5	Nebraska 1, 2, 3	6,992	2,749	(4,243)	39.32%	193	34	37.57%		
6	Kansas 1, 2, 3	6,055	2,379	(3,676)	39.29%	92	35	36.08%		
7	Missouri 1, 2, 3	3,337	1,238	(2,099)	37.10%	33	40	32.06%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3		25,414	11,274	(14,140)	44.36%	628				

11/15/23		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	112	(56)	66.67%	2	4	60.00%		
2	Maryland 1, 2, 3	16,803	7,138	(9,665)	42.48%	533	27	38.15%		
3	New Jersey 1, 2, 3	9,662	4,039	(5,623)	41.80%	415	30	37.32%		
4	Rhode Island 1, 2, 3	348	143	(205)	41.09%	6	32	34.97%		
5	Connecticut 1, 2, 3	1,865	759	(1,106)	40.70%	90	33	34.85%		
6	New York 1, 3	30,663	11,874	(18,789)	38.72%	446	37	35.29%		
7	Massachusetts 1, 3	5,432	2,025	(3,407)	37.28%	174	38	33.49%		
8	Vermont 1, 2, 3	3,920	1,461	(2,459)	37.27%	21	39	34.36%		
9	New Hampshire 1, 2	6,027	2,091	(3,936)	34.69%	95	44	31.25%		
10	Delaware 1	2,596	900	(1,696)	34.67%	125	45	28.49%		
11	Pennsylvania	62,746	17,208	(45,538)	27.42%	1,139	50	24.63%		
12	Maine	2,757	314	(2,443)	11.39%	14	53	9.42%		
13	Dist. of Columbia	91	7	(84)	7.69%	4	54	6.82%		
TOTALS 1		143,078	48,071	(95,007)	33.60%	3,064				

11/15/23		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS								
Detachment		Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1	Florida 1, 2, 3	23,066	10,662	(12,404)	46.22%	734	20	37.98%		
2	Indiana 1, 2, 3	37,244	15,602	(21,642)	41.89%	1,033	29	38.51%		
3	Ohio 1, 3	31,690	12,305	(19,385)	38.83%	545	36	35.37%		
4	New York 1, 3	30,663	11,874	(18,789)	38.72%	446	37	35.29%		
5	Michigan 1	26,236	9,594	(16,642)	36.57%	877	41	31.91%		
6	Pennsylvania	62,746	17,208	(45,538)	27.42%	1,139	50	24.63%		
TOTALS		211,645	77,245	(134,400)	36.50%	4,774				

National Totals 1, 2, 3	382,111	150,367	(231,744)	39.35%	9,050		35.05%		
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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%



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Stand for the Four Pillars, stand for the Legion Family

Greetings, Sons of The American Legion,

We are off and working to make 2023-24 a great year! What an honor to be elected as your national commander and be able to represent my grandfather's service in the Army during World War II. "Representing More Than Me" is my slogan for the year because I truly believe that is what the Sons of The American Legion should be all about. As we sign the membership paper it is a commitment to pay respect to our family member's service in our military. Let's make sure that our commitment is worth the sacrifices they made.

I believe in the Four Pillars of our organization, and what they stand for. The American Legion was built believing in Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism, Children & Youth and National Security and they are still the core beliefs of what the American Legion Family stands for. I have issued a commander's challenge to all Squadrons to support the Four Pillars and become a National Four Pillar Squadron. To do so, all you need to do is raise one dollar per member each for Operation Comfort Warriors (VA&R), the Child Welfare Foundation (Children & Youth) and your department's Boys State program (Americanism) and hold a blood drive (National Security). You will then receive an award for being a National Four Pillar Squadron. That is not that hard to do, if we plan and work to get it done.

I believe that the Sons of The American Legion can reach new heights and crush our records for hours volunteered and donations. It will take all of us working and believing in the work we do to help our veterans, children, and community. Aaron Tippin sang a song that said, "You've got to stand for something or you will fall for anything." Let's stand for what is right and show that our family's service is worth all of us being the best Son we can be. "Be The One" in more ways than one.

Sincerely,

Donald L. "JR" Hall, Jr.
National Commander
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**NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE
NATIONAL FOUR PILLAR SQUADRON CRITERIA & VALIDATION FORM**

Children and Youth

Donate \$1.00 for Squadron's membership total as of July 31, 2023 to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. *Please list check # and submission date:*

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)

Donate \$1.00 for Squadron's membership total as of July 31, 2023 to The American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors. *Please list check # and submission date:*

Americanism

Donate \$1.00 for Squadron's membership total as of July 31, 2023 to your home Department's American Legion Boys State Program. *Please list check # and submission date:*

National Security

Host a blood drive or donate \$1.00 for Squadron's membership total as of July 31, 2023 payable to the hosting organization of the blood drive. *Please list date blood drive held, quantity of blood donated & recipient organization and/or list check # and submission date:*

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DONATIONS REPORT**



Detachment	2023 Donations (final)	2023 Membership (current)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,071	\$ 2,071.00	\$ 40.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,761	\$ 1,761.00	\$ 50.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,598	\$ 8,598.00	\$ 46,055.00	535.6%	\$ 5.36
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	403	\$ 403.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,263	\$ 11,263.00	\$ 675.00	6.0%	\$ 0.06
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,982	\$ 2,982.00	\$ 4,950.00	166.0%	\$ 1.66
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,847	\$ 1,847.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,563	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 750.00	29.3%	\$ 0.29
DC - DIST OF COL		88	\$ 88.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,231	\$ 23,231.00	\$ 15,600.00	67.2%	\$ 0.67
FR - FRANCE	\$ 100.00	165	\$ 165.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,854	\$ 4,854.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	658	\$ 658.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,536	\$ 13,536.00	\$ 3,430.00	25.3%	\$ 0.25
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,399	\$ 36,399.00	\$ 50.00	0.1%	\$ 0.00
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,895	\$ 4,895.00	\$ 200.00	4.1%	\$ 0.04
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,938	\$ 5,938.00	\$ 640.00	10.8%	\$ 0.11
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,360	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 500.00	21.2%	\$ 0.21
LT - LATIN AMERICA		32	\$ 32.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,792	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 1,408.00	78.6%	\$ 0.79
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,728	\$ 2,728.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,638	\$ 16,638.00	\$ 70.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,349	\$ 5,349.00	\$ 100.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,211	\$ 26,211.00	\$ 5,213.00	19.9%	\$ 0.20
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,225	\$ 11,225.00	\$ 4,534.00	40.4%	\$ 0.40
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	728	\$ 728.00	\$ 773.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,361	\$ 3,361.00		0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,069	\$ 1,069.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,917	\$ 6,917.00		0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,162.00	800.5%	\$ 8.01
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,114	\$ 6,114.00	\$ 2,617.85	42.8%	\$ 0.43
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,835	\$ 9,835.00	\$ 2,863.00	29.1%	\$ 0.29
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,634	\$ 1,634.00	\$ 600.00	36.7%	\$ 0.37
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,532	\$ 30,532.00	\$ 3,616.00	11.8%	\$ 0.12
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,718	\$ 2,718.00	\$ 1,158.50	42.6%	\$ 0.43
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,057	\$ 1,057.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,326	\$ 31,326.00	\$ 17,493.00	55.8%	\$ 0.56
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,413	\$ 1,413.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,538	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 411.00	26.7%	\$ 0.27
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,146	\$ 62,146.00	\$ 10,880.28	17.5%	\$ 0.18
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	346	\$ 346.00	\$ 550.00	159.0%	\$ 1.59
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,568	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 725.00	46.2%	\$ 0.46
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,604	\$ 1,604.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,767	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 952.50	53.9%	\$ 0.54
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,750	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 7,800.00	135.7%	\$ 1.36
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,865	\$ 3,865.00	\$ 1,500.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,369	\$ 4,369.00	\$ 10,152.00	232.4%	\$ 2.32
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,689	\$ 2,689.00		0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,593	\$ 2,593.00	\$ 2,875.00	110.9%	\$ 1.11
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,346	\$ 4,346.00		0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,228	\$ 1,228.00	\$ 450.00	36.6%	\$ 0.37
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Totals:	\$ 424,760.55	379,302	\$ 379,302.00	\$ 154,734.13	40.8%	\$ 0.41



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



Detachment	2023 Donations (final)	2023 Membership (current)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
Northeast Region						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,847	\$ 1,847.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,563	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 750.00	29.3%	\$ 0.29
DIST OF COL	\$ -	88	\$ 88.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ 100.00	165	\$ 165.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,728	\$ 2,728.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,638	\$ 16,638.00	\$ 70.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,349	\$ 5,349.00	\$ 100.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	6,114	\$ 6,114.00	\$ 2,617.85	42.8%	\$ 0.43
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,835	\$ 9,835.00	\$ 2,863.00	29.1%	\$ 0.29
NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	30,532	\$ 30,532.00	\$ 3,616.00	11.8%	\$ 0.12
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	62,146	\$ 62,146.00	\$ 10,880.28	17.5%	\$ 0.18
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	346	\$ 346.00	\$ 550.00	159.0%	\$ 1.59
VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,865	\$ 3,865.00	\$ 1,500.00	38.8%	\$ 0.39
Total:	\$ 88,198.50	142,216	\$ 142,216.00	\$ 22,947.13	16.1%	\$ 0.16

Central Region						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,536	\$ 13,536.00	\$ 3,430.00	25.3%	\$ 0.25
INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	36,399	\$ 36,399.00	\$ 50.00	0.1%	\$ 0.00
KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,360	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 500.00	21.2%	\$ 0.21
MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	26,211	\$ 26,211.00	\$ 5,213.00	19.9%	\$ 0.20
MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	11,225	\$ 11,225.00	\$ 4,534.00	40.4%	\$ 0.40
OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	31,326	\$ 31,326.00	\$ 17,493.00	55.8%	\$ 0.56
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,593	\$ 2,593.00	\$ 2,875.00	110.9%	\$ 1.11
WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,346	\$ 4,346.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 101,087.99	127,996	\$ 127,996.00	\$ 34,095.00	26.6%	\$ 0.27

Western Region						
ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,761	\$ 1,761.00	\$ 50.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03
ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,598	\$ 8,598.00	\$ 46,055.00	535.6%	\$ 5.36
CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	11,263	\$ 11,263.00	\$ 675.00	6.0%	\$ 0.06
COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,982	\$ 2,982.00	\$ 4,950.00	166.0%	\$ 1.66
HAWAII	\$ 830.00	119	\$ 119.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 200.00	658	\$ 658.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LATIN AMERICA	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,069	\$ 1,069.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	395	\$ 395.00	\$ 3,162.00	800.5%	\$ 8.01
NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,634	\$ 1,634.00	\$ 600.00	36.7%	\$ 0.37
OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,538	\$ 1,538.00	\$ 411.00	26.7%	\$ 0.27
PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	78	\$ 78.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 475.00	457	\$ 457.00	\$ 300.00	65.6%	\$ 0.66
WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,689	\$ 2,689.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,228	\$ 1,228.00	\$ 450.00	36.6%	\$ 0.37
Total:	\$ 111,201.76	34,501	\$ 34,501.00	\$ 56,653.00	164.2%	\$ 1.64

Detachment	2023 Donations (final)	2023 Membership (current)	2024 CWF Goal (current)	2024 Donations (current)	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
Southeast Region						
ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,071	\$ 2,071.00	\$ 40.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	403	\$ 403.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	23,231	\$ 23,231.00	\$ 15,600.00	67.2%	\$ 0.67
GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,854	\$ 4,854.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,792	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 1,408.00	78.6%	\$ 0.79
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	728	\$ 728.00	\$ 773.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,718	\$ 2,718.00	\$ 1,158.50	42.6%	\$ 0.43
PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,568	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 725.00	46.2%	\$ 0.46
TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,767	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 952.50	53.9%	\$ 0.54
TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,750	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 7,800.00	135.7%	\$ 1.36
VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,369	\$ 4,369.00	\$ 10,152.00	232.4%	\$ 2.32
Total:	\$ 101,650.73	49,404	\$ 49,404.00	\$ 38,679.00	78.3%	\$ 0.78

Midwest Region						
IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,895	\$ 4,895.00	\$ 200.00	4.1%	\$ 0.04
KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,938	\$ 5,938.00	\$ 640.00	10.8%	\$ 0.11
MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,361	\$ 3,361.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,917	\$ 6,917.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,057	\$ 1,057.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,413	\$ 1,413.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,604	\$ 1,604.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 17,946.66	25,185	\$ 25,185.00	\$ 862.00	3.4%	\$ 0.03

National HQ:	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ 1,498.00		
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Grand Total:	\$ 424,760.55	379,302	\$ 379,302.00	\$ 154,734.13	40.8%	\$ 0.41
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SAL Donations as of: November 17, 2023
2023 SAL Membership as of: November 16, 2023

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Request Form

2023 – 2024

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

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

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2024

