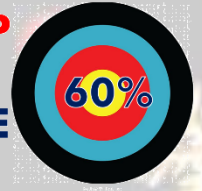


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Happy New Year!!!

How to ease the winter blues

Jim Miller/via Crescendo | December 27, 2023

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What can you tell me about seasonal affective disorder? Since I retired, I feel sad and tired during the winter months.

If you feel depressed during the winter but better in spring and summer, you may have seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a seasonal depression that affects approximately 5% of Americans. In most cases, SAD is related to the decreased amount of sunlight during the winter months. Reduced sunlight can disturb natural sleep-wake cycles and other circadian rhythms that affect the body. It also causes a drop in the brain chemical serotonin – which affects mood – while increasing levels of melatonin, which can make you feel more tired and lethargic.

If you think you may have SAD, you should schedule an appointment with your health-care provider to discuss your concerns. You may also take a SAD "self-assessment" test, which is readily available online or provided by health organizations. While these tests offer some insights, they are not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice. If you find you have SAD, here are several treatment options and some non-prescription remedies that can help.

Light therapy: One possible treatment for SAD involves sitting in front of a specialized light-

therapy box for 20 to 30 minutes a day within the first hour of waking up in the morning. Light therapy mimics sunlight and affects brain chemicals linked to mood.

While you can buy a light box without a prescription, it is advisable to use it under the supervision of a health-care provider and closely follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Most health insurance plans typically do not cover the cost. Some light-therapy lamps provide 10,000 lux of illumination, stronger than typical indoor lights. These lamps also offer a diffuser screen that filters out ultraviolet rays and projects downward from the eyes. To find the most suitable light-therapy option for your needs, consult with your health-care provider for recommendations or conduct online research.

Cognitive behavioral therapy: While SAD is considered a biological issue, identifying, and changing thought and behavior patterns can also contribute to symptom relief. There are therapists you can seek who specialize in cognitive behavioral therapy and have experience in treating SAD. To locate a local therapist, you can ask your health-care provider for a referral or search online for reputable therapists in your area.

Lifestyle remedies: Some other things you can do to help alleviate your SAD symptoms include making your environment sunnier and brighter. Open your blinds, sit closer to bright windows, and go outside as much as you can.

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What’s up Westside!

I hope you all had a great Holiday this season with your family and friends. I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes, because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing

yourself, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before and more importantly; you’re doing something. Thanks again for all you do!

Our 2023 membership as of 12/26/23. Total membership is at 380,489 and we are at 103.45% of our goal. Renewal percentage is at 89.31% with 45 detachments at 100%. Great job all!

We improved by 2.59%, currently at 58.88% total from last report. We are barely 4th in the nation and right behind Central Region by 5.02%, we do have the Northeast region catching up to us at 58.64%. Our next goal is to be at 60% by 01/18/24. Shout out to Hawaii at 90.00%, Oregon at 69.88 %, Montana at 68.65%, Idaho at 66.77%, California at 61.95% and Nevada at 60.72% for already achieving this goal. Coming on in a big way is Wyoming at 59.13%, Utah at 57.83%, Arizona at 57.82, Colorado at 55.69%, Alaska at 52.41%, Washington at 52.13%, Latin America at 48.48%, New Mexico at 46.46% and Philippines at 8.86%. Happy New Year and may all your troubles last as long as your New Year’s resolution.

“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

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Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

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Congratulations the Southeastern Region is still in first place with all Detachments over 60 percent 2 weeks ahead of deadline. Keep up the GREAT work everyone.

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If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255.

Questions, answers about Be the One

The American Legion | December 27, 2023

The American Legion launched its [Be the One mission](#) a few years ago. Since then, it has steadily grown, directly leading to saving the lives of veterans on the brink of suicide, creating more awareness about the issue and pinpointing solutions.

American Legion departments, districts and posts have thrown their support behind Be the One. American Legion Family members have hosted symposiums, conducted awareness hikes and 5Ks, and provided potentially life-saving resources to veterans in their community.

On the national level, highlights include the creation of resource materials, launch of a monthly [Be the One podcast](#) in September, and the debut of an annual symposium at the 2023 national convention.

But those achievements only signal the beginning. Here are some common questions and answers about Be the One.

Question: How can my post best support Be the One?

Answer: There are many ways to lend support. Like other sanctioned American Legion initiatives, it is best to take the concept for Be the One and incorporate it into the needs of your community. For example, a large post in a populous area might want to consider a symposium or similar event where VA staff members, mental-health experts and community agencies that support mental health and similar topics could present their information to veterans, their families, and others. A smaller post in a rural area might want to conduct Buddy Checks as a way to educate local veterans about Be the One and the assistance the post and other community groups can provide.

Question: Is there a preferred time to conduct a Be the One event?

Answer: The American Legion has declared the first day of each month as a Be the One day so that is ideal. But there is such a critical need to spread the word about preventing veteran suicide, really any day, any time, anywhere is appropriate.

Question: Be the One is a great way to promote other initiatives like growing membership, supporting other causes, etc. Can we incorporate "Be the One" to draw attention to other priorities?

Answer: No. The American Legion's Be the One mission is the organization's highest priority and using those words to promote another initiative would create confusion and detract from the brand.

Question: I've seen Be the One incorporated into membership drives that include Be the One panels or other activities. What's the difference?

Answer: There have been departments, districts and posts that have put together multi-pronged events featuring Be the One and other initiatives like a membership drive. It is completely fine to showcase Be the One as part of a larger effort that incorporates other aspects. Just be sure to use Be the One only when highlighting suicide awareness and outreach, and not for other topics.

Question: What promotional materials are available for posts to use for their Be the One events?

Answer: There are videos, brochures, pop-up banners, wallet-sized cards, and other resources available at betheone.org/resources. In the first quarter of

2024, additional resources will be added including a toolkit.

Question: Our post wants to make a donation to Be the One. How do we do that?

Answer: Right now, you can [make a donation here](#) to American Legion Charities and select or note that the funds should be directed to Be the One. You can also mail a check made payable to "American Legion Charities, Note: Be the One."

Mail to:

American Legion Charities
Be the One
P.O. Box 361210
Indianapolis, IN 46236-1210

Question: Where can I find out more about Be the One?

Answer: The Be the One webpage, betheone.org, is regularly updated with stories, videos, resources and more.

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

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Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave, Chairman

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Children & Youth Committee

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Finance Commission

William G. Hill, Chairman

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April 10, 2024 | July 18, 2024

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Internal Affairs Commission

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Legislative Commission

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Member Training & Development Committee

Michael Cotton, Chairman

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Membership & Squadron Activities Committee

Daryl VerStreate Jr., Chairman

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2023 SAL Membership Stats	12/26/23
Total Actual Membership	380,489
Percentage of Goal	103.45%
Renewal Percentage	89.31%
Quota Detachments	45

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd, Chairman
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly

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Public & Media Communications Committee

Kevin Chaplin, Chairman
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Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates, Chairman

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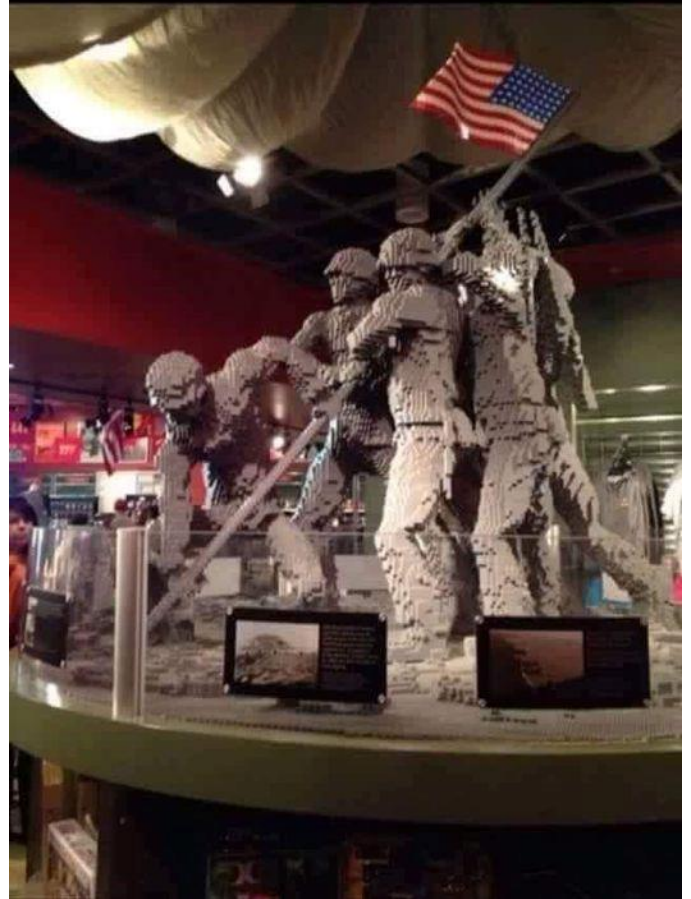
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Even on cold or cloudy days outdoor light can help, especially if you spend some time outside within two hours of getting up in the morning. Moderate exercise such as walking, swimming, yoga and tai chi can also help alleviate SAD symptoms, as can social activities.

If you sense that your symptoms extend beyond typical SAD, consult your health-care provider to ensure it is not indicative of a more serious condition. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, do not hesitate to seek professional help or call the National Alliance on Mental Illness HelpLine at **(800) 950-6264**.

"Savvy Living" is written by Jim Miller, a regular contributor to NBC's "Today Show." The column, and others like it, is available to read via The American Legion's Planned Giving program, a way of establishing your legacy of support for the organization while providing for your current financial needs. Learn more about the process, and the variety of charitable programs you can benefit, at legion.org/plannedgiving. Clicking on "Learn more" will bring up an "E-newsletter" button, where you can sign up for regular information from Planned Giving.

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Justin Alan "Jesse" Arneson



LEWISTOWN - Justin "Jesse" Alan Arneson, 60, passed away December 18, 2023 at Valle Vista Healthcare in Lewistown. Jesse was born November 28, 1963 to James and Alice Joy (Poetter) Arneson in Lewistown.

Jesse spent most of his life in Gilt Edge where he was fond of animals and working on the Poetter Ranch. In 2011, Jesse and Joy moved to Lewistown. He worked in the Snowy Mountain Industries workshop and enjoyed living at the group home where he made many wonderful, lifelong friends.

Jesse liked to watch television, especially professional wrestling. He also enjoyed bowling and participating in Special Olympics and Sons of the American Legion. Music added joy to Jesse's life, he spent time listening to country and gospel CDs and performing with Dance Syndicate.

Jesse was a sweet man with a huge heart who liked to make friends with everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his father, James and his sister, Jackie. He is survived by his mother, Joy, and numerous cousins.

Graveside Services will be held Saturday, December 30th, 2:00 p.m. at the Lewistown City Cemetery. A reception will follow at First Presbyterian Church. Memorials in honor of Jesse may be made to Snowy Mountain Industries or CMMC Cancer Center.

Arrangements are under the care of Creel Funeral Home. Jesse's family and friends can share memories and condolences at www.creelfuneralhome.com.

Published by Billings Gazette on Dec. 21, 2023.

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

Michael White



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Born in Albany on January 9, 1954, he was the son of the late E. Herbert Sr. and Anna Mae (Morrison) White.

Mike was a Smart TD Local 212 member working for CONRAIL, and retired from CSX Transportation in 2014, after a dedicated career based at the Selkirk Yard. He was also a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 1040. Mike tended bar at multiple venues in the region and often donated his time to serve at special events. He enjoyed trips to Las Vegas, NASCAR and frequently attended horse and auto racing as well as spent a lot of time at Gochee's Garage.

Mike was predeceased by his granddaughter, Kennedy; and siblings, Sharon (White) Martinez, Ethel (White) Cullen, and Robert White.

He is survived by his son, Jason White; grandson, Carson White; sibling, E. Herbert White Jr. (Jean) of Schenectady; and many nieces and nephews.

Mike was a great prankster and storyteller who always kept his friends and family laughing. The most important part of his life was family, and he will be forever loved and cherished by all those that knew him.

Cremation has taken place through the care of Simple Choices, Inc. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: the [American Cancer Society](http://AmericanCancerSociety.org).

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the White Family, online at: SimpleChoicesCremation.com.

ELSMERE - Michael White, 69, of Elsmere, entered into eternal rest Thursday, December 21, 2023, at St. Peter's Hospice

Jeffrey "JK" Scott Krintz



Jeffrey "JK" Scott Krintz, 63, of Monticello, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at I U Health White Memorial Hos-

pital in Monticello.

He was born on May 20, 1960 in Monticello to the late Robert F. Krintz and Ruth Ann (Doyle) Mitchell. On April 1, 2011 he married Tonya Lane in Monticello, and she survives.

He was a 1978 graduate of North White High School and was active in most sports. JK was a plumber by trade, but his passion was music. He played in several different bands starting in 8th grade. He played the drums, guitar, bass, and keyboard and was a singer. Most would know him as a member of the Tone Bones. JK enjoyed golf and was a member of Pine View and Tippecanoe Golf leagues. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and Redmen's Lodge. He was an animal lover and especially loved his cat, Ozzy and dog, Sheldon. Most of all he cherished his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Tonya and mother, Ruth Ann (Randy) Mitchell, he is survived by four daughters, Lindsey (Brock) Haselby of Monticello, Carly (Josh) Hepler of Fishers, Kayla Luzadder of Monticello, Samantha (Gavin) Kidder of Muncie; two siblings, Shellie (Jeff) Ruemler of Monon, Shannon Krintz of Monticello; father and mother-in-law, Melvin and Judith Lane; two sisters-in-law, Kim (Tim) Smith, Deanna (Brian) Lane-Shanahan; brother-in-law, Randy (Steph) Lane; eleven grandchildren, Adam, Jace, Evelyn, Henry, Laine, Luke, Seth, Hunter, Kora, Freya, Emery; aunts and uncles, Richard (Barbara) Doyle of Monon, Verna (Richard) Ashby of Wolcott, Connie (Jerry) Harmon of Monticello, Linda Houser of Chalmers.

In addition to his father, he was also preceded in death by a son, Adam Jeffrey Krintz; maternal grandparents, Frank, and Dorothy Doyle; paternal grandparents, Ernest and Bertha Krintz; aunts and uncles, Leroy and Norma Doyle, Paul and Jenna Doyle, Ronald and Peggy Doyle, Herbert Houser, Betty and Richard Kesler, Wayne and Marylou Anderson, Louis and Phyllis Jewett, Richard Krintz; many cousins, extended family, and friends.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm until the time of services at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home of Monticello with Fr. Dan Duff officiating.

Private burial will be in Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to the White County Community Foundation with the memo saying, "Adam Krintz Scholarship Fund". Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Friends and family are encouraged to share a photo, a memory, or messages of condolence at www.springervoorhisdraper.com.

Additional parking is available at the Monticello United Methodist Church and the city parking lot on the north side of the church.

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

Ardell Daniel "Shady" Shirey



CLEARFIELD - Ardell Daniel Shirey, 88, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at his home in Clearfield.

Known as "Shady" to most, Dad was born March 29, 1935 in the Philipsburg Hospital, the son of the late Ai and Tressa (Beatty) Shirey, and spent his childhood in the town of Bald Hill.

Dad worked as a welder at the Shawville Power Plant, employed for over 35 years until his retirement in 1993, and also serving as a union steward and assistant business manager for IBEW Local 1124.

He was a member of a few fraternal groups, including a more than 60 year member of the Clearfield Elks Lodge 540 and the Sons of the American Legion, and long-standing member of the Bee Hollow Hunting Club.

As a young father, raising a family of six kids "up on the hill" with his wife of 68 years, the late Joyce (Haney) Shirey, Dad was not too familiar with the term "spare time." Always the ball player, Dad played the hot corner (that's 3rd base for those unfamiliar) better than most for the Clearfield Colts in the Mountain League Hardball League, and then later in the Old Town Fast Pitch Softball League. If needed, he could play shortstop and fill in as catcher without missing a beat. He also found time to fit in a weekly

bowling league at the Clearfield Lanes.

He found great success as a baseball coach and manager in the 1960s/70s, managing his four sons and their teammates to four championships in seven years as manager of Stratton Motors (Little League 1966/69) and the Elks (Senior Little League 1971/72). Of particular note in the 1969 LL season, Dad managed his Stratton Motors team to an 11-4 victory over arch-rival Harbison Walker managed by his Shawville buddies and co-workers Bob Frisco and Jim Walker in the first ever night game at Kurtz Field in Clearfield LL history. We're sure there was no chirping going on at the power plant the next day!

So, what was our Dad's typical day like back in those days? Well, started with a 7 a.m. shift welding boiler tubes and whatever else needed welded at the plant, home at 4 p.m. for a quick dinner that Joyce always had waiting on the dining room table, then throw 3-4 boys into his Olds Vista Cruiser station wagon (what a ride that was!) for baseball practice or a game, if he didn't have a ballgame of his own; quick stop at the Elks afterward for a beer and to sign the book while we spent some of his quarters across the street for ice cream at Clearfield Dairy; then home to read The Progress, maybe catch the Pirates game on TV, and wait for Johnny Carson to come on. That's just how it was back then...and it was great.

Dad was never much of a movie buff, unless it starred a guy named Elvis Presley, then he was all in. And speaking of movies, he did show his somewhat wicked "sense of humor" side when he thought it would be a good idea to take the family to a new movie that just came out while we were vacationing in Ocean City, Md. That movie was Jaws, and let's just say, none of us ventured into the ocean past knee height the next day, thanks Dad!

Dad married his wife of 68 years, the late Joyce (Haney) Shirey, on Oct. 9, 1954. He is survived by their six children, Gregory (Marion) Shirey of Indiana, Glenn (Patricia) Shirey of Bellefonte, Garry (Judy) Shirey of Curwensville, Guy (Patty) Shirey of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Dana (Rob) Buchanan of Charlotte, N.C., and Amy Jo (Brian) Collins of Clearfield; their 16 grandchildren, Brian (Michelle) Shirey, Laura Beth (George) Urban, Jason (Jacqueline) Shirey, Amanda (Jacob) Smith, Kristen (Ben) Lieb, Lindsay (Terry) Whalen, Kyle (Jessie) Shirey, Evan (Mina) Shirey, Eric (Jessica) Shirey, Colby (Zak)

Campbell, Taylor Jordan (Brandon) Lee, Ethan Buchanan, Caitlyn Collins (Manny Megofna), Ashley Collins, Nicholas Collins, and Parker Collins; and their 21 great grandchildren, Kelsey, Kaylee Joyce, Connor, Shea, Harper, Isabelle, Logan, Quentin, Violet, Daniel, Luke, Jake, Beau, Jordy, Landon, Brooke, Lucas, Nicholas, Augusta, Jolene, and Jordyn; and sister, Maxine Waple of Clearfield; numerous nieces and nephews who always enjoyed a chat and a chuckle with their Uncle Ardell; and other extended family members.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family at a future date.

Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Beardsley Funeral Home and Crematory, Clearfield is in charge of the arrangements.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Pine Grove Cemetery, 12 Carbon Mine Rd., Clearfield, PA 16830; or the Stoneville Cemetery Association, 1049 Creek Rd., Clearfield, PA 16830.

To leave a condolence, visit www.beardsleyfuneralhome.com.

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Stanley James Cusack



Stanley James Cusack, age 81, of Muir, passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2023 at

Corewell Health Hospital, Grand Rapids.

He was born on Christmas Eve in 1942 to the late Manuel & Pauline (Boomer) Cusack in Lansing. After graduating high school, Stanley attended a barber college before working as a skilled tradesman for General Motors. After over 36 years with GM, he was happy to retire. He met the love of his life, Sharon Hecht, and they were wed on June 15, 1963, in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ionia. Together they welcomed 3 beautiful children, Renee, Jody, and Scott. He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 182 and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, both in Hubbardston. Stanley was

an avid hunter and fisherman and will be fondly remembered playing with his dog Ruby.

Stanley is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sharon; daughters Renee Cusack and Jody (Sievert) Weits; granddaughters Chelsy Cusack and Louisa Weits; brothers Doug (Nancy) Cusack and Chris (Tammy) Cusack; sisters Connie (Chuck) Malek, Carol Smith, Ginny (Gale) Beardslee, Viv (Freddy) Hawn, and Brenda Dalton.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son Scott William Cusack, brothers-in-law Charles Smith, Darrel Dalton, and Dennis Hecht. A visitation for Stanley will take place on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 10am until time of the Memorial Mass at 11am in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Hubbardston. He will be laid to rest in Palo Cemetery at a later date.

Those who wish may make a memorial donation in Stanley's name to Corewell Health (formerly Spectrum Health) Hospice (100 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Lux & Schnepf Funeral Home, Carson City.

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David Seckman



David Michael Seckman, 65, of Glencoe, Ohio passed away on Wednesday December 27, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. He was born October 2, 1958, in Ravenna, Ohio, a son of the late Jennings E. and Beverly J. Rodgers Seckman.

David was a self-employed contractor. He was a member of the Sons of American Legion in Neffs, Ohio, he enjoyed hunting but most of all he was a family man, spending quality time with his children, grandchildren, and friends. He was a Methodist by faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Lisa Seckman.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Colleen S. Thornton Seckman of Glencoe; his children, Derek (Katie) Conley of St. Clairsville, OH., Elizabeth (Cody) McKeever of

Midway, OH; siblings, Robert Seckman of Byesville, OH., Pam (Rick) May of Cambridge, OH and John Seckman of Byesville; three grandchildren, David Conley, Dakota Conley, and Dawson Conley.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday from 12 pm until time of funeral services at 2 pm at Toothman Funeral Home, St. Clairsville with Donnie Klink officiating. Burial will follow in Warnock Cemetery.



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2024 SAL Membership Report as of: December 26, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 60% TARGET 1/18/2024	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	120	-36	108	90.00%	80.67
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-439	1,406	87.27%	76.39
3	FRANCE	168	-44	145	86.31%	77.71
4	WISCONSIN	4,398	-958	3,597	81.79%	74.32
5	LOUISIANA	1,821	-338	1,431	78.58%	72.78
6	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-182	827	76.93%	68.81
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-189	1,131	72.04%	60.27
8	FLORIDA	23,066	-2,722	16,562	71.80%	60.93
9	IOWA	4,914	-565	3,513	71.49%	66.56
10	MISSISSIPPI	736	-81	523	71.06%	63.74
11	ILLINOIS	13,716	-1,496	9,726	70.91%	66.75
12	ALABAMA	2,100	-213	1,473	70.14%	60.93
13	OREGON	1,534	-152	1,072	69.88%	57.72
14	GEORGIA	4,887	-476	3,408	69.74%	61.93
15	MARYLAND	16,803	-1,462	11,544	68.70%	63.09
16	MONTANA	1,091	-94	749	68.65%	64.68
17	TENNESSEE	1,792	-122	1,197	66.80%	56.80
18	IDAHO	659	-45	440	66.77%	51.59
19	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-187	1,849	66.75%	55.83
20	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-100	1,219	65.36%	56.94
21	MINNESOTA	11,435	-453	7,314	63.96%	59.84
22	OHIO	31,690	-1,032	20,046	63.26%	58.50
23	INDIANA	37,244	-1,033	23,379	62.77%	58.34
24	MICHIGAN	26,236	-659	16,401	62.51%	56.27
25	DELAWARE	2,596	-64	1,622	62.48%	55.52
26	ARKANSAS	406	-8	252	62.07%	49.75
27	CALIFORNIA	11,292	-220	6,995	61.95%	54.25
28	PUERTO RICO	156	-2	96	61.54%	56.21
29	TEXAS	5,783	-87	3,557	61.51%	53.54
30	VERMONT	3,920	-49	2,401	61.25%	57.50
31	NEVADA	387	-3	235	60.72%	51.90
32	VIRGINIA	4,367	-28	2,648	60.64%	52.90
33	NEW YORK	30,663	-171	18,569	60.56%	55.71
34	NEBRASKA	6,992	-13	4,208	60.18%	57.78
35	NEW JERSEY	9,662	14	5,783	59.85%	53.54
36	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	16	3,600	59.73%	53.53
37	MISSOURI	3,337	14	1,988	59.57%	53.10
38	WYOMING	1,248	11	738	59.13%	52.52
39	KANSAS	6,055	54	3,579	59.11%	54.82
40	UTAH	460	10	266	57.83%	54.50
41	ARIZONA	8,595	187	4,970	57.82%	48.60
42	OKLAHOMA	1,430	37	821	57.41%	46.31
43	RHODE ISLAND	348	13	196	56.32%	47.41
44	DIST OF COL	91	4	51	56.04%	52.27
45	COLORADO	2,952	127	1,644	55.69%	48.03
46	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	3,200	34,448	54.90%	51.02
47	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	287	2,972	54.71%	49.33
48	ALASKA	1,740	132	912	52.41%	43.49
49	WASHINGTON	2,682	211	1,398	52.13%	41.15
50	MAINE	2,757	306	1,348	48.89%	43.22
51	KENTUCKY	2,399	267	1,172	48.85%	41.58
52	LATIN AMERICA	33	4	16	48.48%	15.63
53	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	307	1,249	48.17%	41.41
54	NEW MEXICO	1,582	214	735	46.46%	35.91
55	PHILIPPINES	79	40	7	8.86%	7.59
Grand Totals:		382,111	-8,269	237,536	62.16%	56.28

2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	120	108	90.00%
OREGON	1,534	1,072	69.88%
MONTANA	1,091	749	68.65%
IDAHO	659	440	66.77%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	6,995	61.95%
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ALASKA	1,740	912	52.41%
WASHINGTON	2,682	1,398	52.13%
LATIN AMERICA	33	16	48.48%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	735	46.46%
PHILIPPINES	79	7	8.86%
Totals:	34,454	20,285	58.88%

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,431	78.58%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,131	72.04%
FLORIDA	23,066	16,562	71.80%
MISSISSIPPI	736	523	71.06%
ALABAMA	2,100	1,473	70.14%
GEORGIA	4,887	3,408	69.74%
TENNESSEE	1,792	1,197	66.80%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	1,849	66.75%
ARKANSAS	406	252	62.07%
PUERTO RICO	156	96	61.54%
TEXAS	5,783	3,557	61.51%
VIRGINIA	4,367	2,648	60.64%
Totals:	49,454	34,127	69.01%

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,406	87.27%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	827	76.93%
IOWA	4,914	3,513	71.49%
NEBRASKA	6,992	4,208	60.18%
MISSOURI	3,337	1,988	59.57%
KANSAS	6,055	3,579	59.11%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	821	57.41%
Totals:	25,414	16,342	64.30%

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	168	145	86.31%
MARYLAND	16,803	11,544	68.70%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	1,219	65.36%
DELAWARE	2,596	1,622	62.48%
VERMONT	3,920	2,401	61.25%
NEW YORK	30,663	18,569	60.56%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	5,783	59.85%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	3,600	59.73%
RHODE ISLAND	348	196	56.32%
DIST OF COL	91	51	56.04%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	34,448	54.90%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	2,972	54.71%
MAINE	2,757	1,348	48.89%
Totals:	143,078	83,898	58.64%

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	3,597	81.79%
ILLINOIS	13,716	9,726	70.91%
MINNESOTA	11,435	7,314	63.96%
OHIO	31,690	20,046	63.26%
INDIANA	37,244	23,379	62.77%
MICHIGAN	26,236	16,401	62.51%
KENTUCKY	2,399	1,172	48.85%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	1,249	48.17%
Totals:	129,711	82,884	63.90%

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Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	105% Date
Southeast 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	49,454	34,127	(15,327)	69.01%	1,265		
Midwest 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	25,414	16,342	(9,072)	64.30%	700		
Central 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	129,711	82,884	(46,827)	63.90%	4,014		
Western 1, 2, 3, 4	34,454	20,285	(14,169)	58.88%	892		
Northeast 1, 4	143,078	83,898	(59,180)	58.64%	4,613		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	382,111	237,536	(144,575)	62.16%	11,484		

12/26/23		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, 6, 7	4,398	3,597	(801)	81.79%	193	4	74.32%		
2 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5	13,716	9,726	(3,990)	70.91%	464	11	66.75%		
3 Minnesota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	11,435	7,314	(4,121)	63.96%	145	21	59.84%		
4 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5	31,690	20,046	(11,644)	63.26%	1,024	22	58.50%		
5 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	37,244	23,379	(13,865)	62.77%	1,071	23	58.34%		
6 Michigan 1, 3, 4, 5	26,236	16,401	(9,835)	62.51%	1,062	24	56.27%		
7 Kentucky 1, 4	2,399	1,172	(1,227)	48.85%	28	51	41.58%		
8 West Virginia 1	2,593	1,249	(1,344)	48.17%	27	53	41.41%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	129,711	82,884	(46,827)	63.90%	4,014				

12/26/23		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, 7, 8	120	108	(12)	90.00%	5	1	80.67%		
2 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,534	1,072	(462)	69.88%	82	13	57.72%		
3 Montana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,091	749	(342)	68.65%	31	16	64.68%		
4 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	659	440	(219)	66.77%	8	18	51.59%		
5 California 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	11,292	6,995	(4,297)	61.95%	281	27	54.25%		
6 Nevada 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	387	235	(152)	60.72%	3	31	51.90%		
7 Wyoming 1, 2, 3, 4	1,248	738	(510)	59.13%	19	38	52.52%		
8 Utah 1, 2, 3, 4	460	266	(194)	57.83%	11	40	54.50%		
9 Arizona 1, 4	8,595	4,970	(3,625)	57.82%	273	41	48.60%		
10 Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4	2,952	1,644	(1,308)	55.69%	24	45	48.03%		
11 Alaska 3	1,740	912	(828)	52.41%	68	48	43.49%		
12 Washington 4	2,682	1,398	(1,284)	52.13%	48	49	41.15%		
13 Latin America 4	33	16	(17)	48.48%	-	52	15.63%		
14 New Mexico	1,582	735	(847)	46.46%	39	54	35.91%		
15 Philippines	79	7	(72)	8.86%	-	55	7.59%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4	34,454	20,285	(14,169)	58.88%	892				

12/26/23		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, 6	1,821	1,431	(390)	78.58%	22	5	72.78%		
2 South Carolina 1, 2, 3, 5	1,570	1,131	(439)	72.04%	47	7	60.27%		
3 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	23,066	16,562	(6,504)	71.80%	840	8	60.93%		
4 Mississippi 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	736	523	(213)	71.06%	9	10	63.74%		
5 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	2,100	1,473	(627)	70.14%	18	12	60.93%		
6 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,887	3,408	(1,479)	69.74%	62	14	61.93%		
7 Tennessee 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,792	1,197	(595)	66.80%	53	17	56.80%		
8 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	2,770	1,849	(921)	66.75%	57	19	55.83%		
9 Arkansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	406	252	(154)	62.07%	6	26	49.75%		
10 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	156	96	(60)	61.54%	-	28	56.21%		
12 Texas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	5,783	3,557	(2,226)	61.51%	89	29	53.54%		
13 Virginia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,367	2,648	(1,719)	60.64%	62	32	52.90%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	49,454	34,127	(15,327)	69.01%	1,265				

12/26/23	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
South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,611	1,406	(205)	87.27%	47	2	76.39%		
North Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1,075	827	(248)	76.93%	113	6	68.81%		
Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	4,914	3,513	(1,401)	71.49%	20	9	66.56%		
Nebraska 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6,992	4,208	(2,784)	60.18%	52	34	57.78%		
Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4	3,337	1,988	(1,349)	59.57%	262	37	53.10%		
Kansas 1, 2, 3, 4	6,055	3,579	(2,476)	59.11%	198	39	54.82%		
Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4	1,430	821	(609)	57.41%	8	42	46.31%		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	23,984	15,521	(8,463)	64.71%	692				

12/26/23		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, 6, 7	168	145	(23)	86.31%	3	3	77.71%		
2	Maryland 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	16,803	11,544	(5,259)	68.70%	766	15	63.09%		
3	Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,865	1,219	(646)	65.36%	124	20	56.94%		
4	Delaware 1, 4, 5	2,596	1,622	(974)	62.48%	85	25	55.52%		
5	Vermont 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	3,920	2,401	(1,519)	61.25%	134	30	57.50%		
6	New York 1, 3, 4, 5	30,663	18,569	(12,094)	60.56%	625	33	55.71%		
7	New Jersey 1, 2, 3, 4	9,662	5,783	(3,879)	59.85%	58	35	53.54%		
8	New Hampshire 1, 2, 4	6,027	3,600	(2,427)	59.73%	332	36	53.53%		
9	Rhode Island 1, 2, 3, 4	348	196	(152)	56.32%	-	43	47.41%		
10	Dist. of Columbia 4	91	51	(40)	56.04%	1	44	52.27%		
11	Pennsylvania 4	62,746	34,448	(28,298)	54.90%	2,186	46	51.02%		
12	Massachusetts 1, 3, 4	5,432	2,972	(2,460)	54.71%	168	47	49.33%		
13	Maine	2,757	1,348	(1,409)	48.89%	131	50	43.22%		
TOTALS 1, 4		143,078	83,898	(59,180)	58.64%	4,613				

12/26/23	2024 SUPER SIX STANDINGS								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	23,066	16,562	(6,504)	71.80%	840	8	60.93%		
Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5	31,690	20,046	(11,644)	63.26%	1,024	22	58.50%		
Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	37,244	23,379	(13,865)	62.77%	71	23	58.34%		
Michigan 1, 4, 5	26,236	16,401	(9,835)	62.51%	1,641	24	56.27%		
New York 1, 3, 4, 5	30,663	19,569	(11,094)	63.82%	2,120	33	55.71%		
Pennsylvania 4	62,746	34,448	(28,298)	54.90%	2,186	46	51.02%		
TOTALS	211,645	130,405	(81,240)	61.61%	7,882				

National Totals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	382,111	237,536	(144,575)	62.16%	11,484		56.28%		
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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, 2024 (DSTG)	105%

Mayor's Message

American Legion Paschall Post 164 Turns 100

The American Legion is a patriotic organization focused on service to veterans, service members and communities. Established in March 1919, it became a federally chartered organization as an act of Congress in September. National membership grew quickly as state and local posts were established across the country.

Grove City's American Legion Post was one of the many groups that immediately applied for chartership in 1919. They began holding regular meetings and establishing humanitarian efforts in the community and by 1923, nearly 30 Grove City veterans were regularly attending meetings. In November that year, Paschall Post 164, named for the first soldier from Grove City who died during World War I, became a charter American Legion Post.

On November 18, I joined my fellow American Legion Paschall Post 164 members, celebrating a century of service to our community.

Over the last 100 years, Paschall Post 164 has welcomed hundreds of veterans and positively impacted the community in countless ways. Their efforts include hosting innumerable events for families, spearheading charitable campaigns, marching in hundreds of parades to honor our country's military, participating in more than 100 Memorial Day services, and so much more.

Together with their Auxiliary counterparts, they sponsored multiple activi-

ties, including educational opportunities such as Boys' and Girls' State, and a decades-long connection to baseball. The successful baseball program boasted its first state title in 1965.

An extensive number of philanthropic events and in-kind gestures have been made by the Post over the last century, including an interesting story that recently came to my attention. In 1953, an American soldier killed in Korea was given a military service and burial arranged by the American Legion. Pri-

vate First Class Lewis E. Canie, only 18 years old, was not from Grove City and it's not clear how his body came to be transported here. However, after learning he only had one surviving relative – a younger brother – the members of Paschall Post 164 accepted him as their own and laid him to rest with honors in Concord Cemetery.

I was honored to take part in the 1991 ribbon-cutting ceremony of the current American Legion Post on McDowell Road, and I fondly remember in my childhood, hunting for Easter eggs in the yard of the Legion's old Post, now home to Cardcollector2 Sports Cards across from City Hall.

Well before the egg hunts and sports cards, the white building on Grove City Road became the first Paschall Post Hall in 1928, when Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riebel deeded the property to the Legion for "the sum of one dollar." This incredibly kind gift was among the first

of many selfless acts helping the organization focus on what matters most to them – the community, its service members and veterans.

For more information or to join the century-strong American Legion Paschall Post 164, email alpost164@gmail.com.



Mayor Richard L. "Ike" Stage presents a congratulatory proclamation to American Legion Paschall Post 164 Commander Joseph "Woody" Woodrum during the Post's 100th Anniversary Celebration in November.

Photo courtesy of City of Grove City

NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH

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Celebrate
Confetti
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Family
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Fireworks
Happy New Year
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January

Kiss
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