



Central Region

Round-Up

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Sons of The American Legion
Central Region

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National Target Date June 17, 2020 100%	RECRUIT! RETAIN! REINSTATE!	CENTRAL REGION CHALLENGE DATE June 30, 2020 110%
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3 days to 100%

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American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford issued the following statement:

"The American Legion stands on principles and serves purposes worldwide that are violated when justice, freedom and democracy are not applied equally, regardless of race, color, creed or class. These principles formed the foundation of the organization over a century ago, in a very different and deeply divided time in U.S. society. As our nation grieves and tries to reconcile the unconscionable deaths of African-American citizens George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, retired St. Louis Police Capt. David Dorn, Federal Protective Services Officer Patrick Underwood in Oakland, Calif., and others, The American Legion stands firm

in a value it has upheld, in the form of a national resolution, first adopted 1923:

WHEREAS, The fundamental law of our country guarantees to all peoples equal rights and equal opportunities and the right to worship their God as they see fit; and...

WHEREAS, Membership of The American Legion is made up of those who served our country in a time of great national stress, without distinction as to race, color, creed, or class; and...

RESOLVED, ...That we consider any individual, group of individuals, or organizations, which creates, or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt, or infliction of punishment, to be un-American, a menace to our liberties, and destructive to our fundamental law; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we consider such actions by any individual, groups, or organizations, to be inconsistent with the

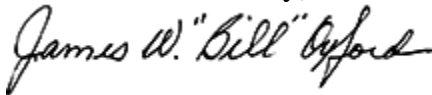
ideals and purposes of The American Legion.

“This resolution’s place in The American Legion’s conscience is so timeless it was reaffirmed, in full, at the organization’s 99th National Convention in 2017.

“Throughout its history, The American Legion has fought to improve racial equality not only for veterans, but for the communities they serve. In 1919, African-American veterans of World War I were among the organization’s founders who adopted a mission statement – the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution – that pledges among other things ‘to maintain law and order,’ ‘promote peace and goodwill on earth’ and ‘safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.’

“Where the law has been broken, justice must be served. Where freedom has been denied, it must be returned, without prejudice. Our nation has much to consider as we continue to strive toward a shared goal found in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag: ‘with liberty and justice for all.’ All means all. Anything less than complete equality in the execution of these values today is as un-American now as it was in 1923.”

For God and country,



James W. “Bill” Oxford
National Commander



Gentlemen,

Attached is Friday's membership report, thanks to all that transmitted cards.

We are continuing to gain on our 100% goal that is coming up next Wednesday June 17th. Jeff and I appreciate all of the work you have done this year on membership. We have never experienced a year like this before and hopefully never will again. You guys never gave up and continued to give 110% no matter how bad things got. I know that you will

continue to work not only membership but also all the programs of The American Legion.

Richard Doc Pfeiffer,
National Vice Commander Central

**"Serving Those Who Served"...
Full Steam Ahead**

Gentlemen,

I want to take at this time to thank you all for your hard work with membership and dedication to Sons of The American Legion.

Too often, people only complain instead of congratulating. People tend to focus on what’s wrong instead of what’s right. Sometimes there is more negative than positive.

Please know that I genuinely appreciate the hard work everyone has put in, coming up with new ways to renew and recruit while facing quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your work this year has been amazing, but we are not finished.

In just three days, that’s right, three, we have our National Target Date of 100%. We need right 9,802 cards in the Central to hit the mark. Are you up to the task? Can you help? **Who’s next?**

**Central Region
SAL
Membership
122,896
Third Place
92.613%
as of June 11, 2020**

**Central Region
SAL
Renewals
1111,390
First Place
84.81%
as of the June 8, 2020**

110%

As a reminder, the Central Region Challenge Date is also rapidly approaching. Your challenge, 110% by June 30, 2020. For some Detachments, this challenge is well within reach. For others, it will take a little more work. Just remember, our organization is built on membership. Without our members, there would be no Sons of The American Legion. **Who’s next?** Keep up the awesome work!!!

Don't forget that today is Flag Day. Get Old Glory on the flagpole, and make sure your neighbors do too. Let's show how proud we are to be Americans!

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

Thanks for your support of this publication!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



#SALSTRONG

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*"Serving Those Who Served...
...Full Steam Ahead"*



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFF VRABEL, SR.
FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER

Detachment Membership Standings
as of June 11, 2020

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 *	4,375	4,592	104.960
WI Q2 *	3,744	3,837	102.484
IL	14,546	14,233	97.848
OH	31,133	29,270	94.016
MI	24,083	22,240	92.374
MN	11,748	10,705	91.222
IN	39,364	35,211	89.450
MO	3,705	2,808	75.789
TOTALS	132,698	122,896	92.613

Q = QUOTA - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

* = Met June 17 National Target of 100%

^ = Met June 30 Central Region Challenge of 110%



National Membership Standings
as of June 11, 2020

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern	42,763	41,452	96.934
Western	26,395	24,626	93.298
Central	132,698	122,896	92.613
Midwest	30,366	27,660	91.089
Eastern	146,273	132,229	90.399
TOTALS	378,495	348,863	92.171

* = Met June 17 National Target of 100%

-10,203 ahead of last year

Detachment Renewal Rates
as of June 8, 2020

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,022	90.34
OH	30,456	26,963	88.53
IL	14,431	12,445	86.24
WI	3,945	3,395	86.06
MN	11,565	9,872	85.36
MI	24,126	20,303	84.15
IN	38,876	31,829	81.87
MO	3,485	2,561	73.49
TOTALS	131,336	111,390	84.81

National Renewal Rates
as of June 8, 2020

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,317	111,390	84.81
Eastern	144,840	121,134	83.62
Southern	42,858	35,127	81.93
Midwest	29,920	24,255	81.05
Western	26,524	20,534	77.40
TOTALS	375,540	312,440	83.62

NATIONAL TARGET DATE

June 17, 2020



REVISED



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

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

Who's next?

Ohio Squadron 532 Adopts Cemetery

Don Gentile Squadron 532 in Columbus, Ohio has adopted and plans to maintain Historic Clime Cemetery.

Clime Road Cemetery is an historic location, dating back to at least 1833. The individuals laid to rest here were pioneers of the area, with names like Alkire, and Clime; names that the community knows well from the streets named after them. It is also the final resting place of Civil War Veteran William Huddleston of the 176th OVI.

Sadly, the cemetery has fallen to disrepair over the past several years. Headstones of the ancestors of our local families are crowded by overgrown weeds and downed tree limbs.

Our plans include the removal of weeds, trees, tree limbs, and debris. Two dead Ash trees, one of which has limbs hanging over the utility lines and sidewalk, must be professionally removed.

The area is not currently enclosed, with only a gate remaining, making it impossible to see from the road. We would like to install a fence on the outer perimeter of the cemetery.

Other improvements can be considered if the initial goal of \$2000 is met.

We want to restore a proud appearance for this historic Ohio cemetery where pioneer families rest.

National Commander Clint Bolt's 2019-2020 Goals

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

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



Membership Committee Call
6:00 PM MST

Call in # (515) 604-9644 Access Code: 889133
<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnnavarr>

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



If you would like to help with the restoration of Historic Clime Cemetery, please visit our GoFundMe page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/historic-cemetery-renovation>
Any amount will bring us closer to restoring this important historic landmark. Thank you so much!

Also, after completion of the course they can print their certificate of completion in color or black & white (signed by the National Commander & National Adjutant) and if they choose can purchase a **basic training cap pin** from Emblem Sales for \$4.95 by clicking this link <https://emblem.legion.org/American-Legion-Education-Institute-Tack-BASIC-TRAINING-GRADUATE/productinfo/715.953/> or by calling (888) 453-4466.

I just thought I would ask if you & your committee members send out emails regularly to contact lists etc. You could maybe mention this information about this course and that it's free of charge!

Thank You,

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Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055
317.630.1205 (office/fax)
www.legion.org/basictraining (training)

“Veterans Strengthening America”



American Legion Basic Training Course Available



In my division here at National HQ we are trying to get the word out encouraging all Legion family members to take The American Legion Basic Training course at www.legion.org/basictraining which is 100% free of charge for current/active members. I have heard some Posts & Departments require Legionnaires to complete this course before consideration of an elected position, and I do know it's a requirement for all Legion members to attend National American Legion College. I'm not sure if there any Squadrons that do the same or not!





2019 - 2020 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers a recruitment pin award for those members recruiting five (5) new members into the Sons of The American Legion within a membership year. This pin is suitable to wear upon your cover or lapel. You must meet the requirements and directions listed below:

- Recruit five (5) new members to S.A.L. **Must be new members only**, no renewals.
- All information must be legible. **Un-readable forms will not be accepted.**
- The new members membership record must be available on the national database.
- This form must be sent prior to midnight July 31, 2020.
- American Legion Family members are also eligible for this award.
- Only one (1) award pin per member regardless of the total new members recruited

Recruiter Information

Name _____ Member ID# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Full Squadron Name/Number _____ Detachment _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

Unless specified different, the pin will be sent to the above address

New Member Information

#1 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #2 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #3 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #4 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #5 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

VERIFYING SIGNATURES

SQUADRON / POST COMMANDER _____ DATE _____
 SQUADRON / POST ADJUTANT _____ DATE _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

- East - Richard Huntley, Jr. (ME) dickie_huntley@hotmail.com 38 Whale Cove Rd., Machiasport, ME 04655
 South - Jason Roberts (GA) robertsjason215@gmail.com 215 Oak Hollow Ct., White, GA 30184
 Central - Jeffrey Vrabel, Sr. (OH) jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com 2222 Birch Bark Tri., Grove City, OH 43123
 Midwest - Juan Torres (TX) juantorres10@hotmail.com 10828 Sycamore Dr. S, La Porte, TX 77571
 West - Leslie "Jim" Stewart (NV) controller@bordertowncasinonv.com 664 Sheffield Ct., Sparks, NV 89431

PINS WILL BE MAILED UPON VERIFICATION AND APPROVAL

And the Sons of The American Legion remain the single largest contributor to CWF, donating more than \$8.5 million since 1988.

The Child Welfare Foundation is a nonprofit that has two primary purposes: to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth; and to establish more effective uses of knowledge possessed by well-established organizations. To attain these goals, CWF raises donations and awards grants to organizations that help children – 100 percent of all money raised for the foundation is used exclusively for grants.

These grants – totaling more than \$13 million since 1955 – have ensured that blind children have an opportunity to read the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence through the creation of braille books; provided life-saving organ transplants to children in need through support of the Children’s Organ Transplant Association; helped the National Autism Association save the lives of young people with autism by creating the Big Red Safety Box initiative; and so much more.

[CWF grant applications for 2021](#) are currently being accepted. Applications must be received at American Legion National Headquarters no later than July 15.

Visit the [American Legion Child Welfare Foundation website](#) to learn more about the program and how to donate.

Checks can be made payable to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

American Legion Donation Processing
PO Box 1954
Indianapolis, IN 46206



Legion Family raises \$503,000 for the well-being of children

The American Legion
JUN 09, 2020

Over \$503,223 was donated to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) during the program year (June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020). Of those donations, more than \$407,000 came from the American Legion Family.