



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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Central Region Membership
124,518 – 93.836%
Third Place as of July 9, 2020

RECRUIT!
RETAIN!
REINSTATE!

Central Region Renewals
113,899 – 86.72%
First Place as of July 13, 2020

2021 is here, don't forget 2020



I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!

100% MEMBERSHIP BY AUGUST 28, 2020



Thanks for still serving America.

Gentlemen,

Do you have your 2021 membership card yet?

If not, why?

Squadrons all around the world have been mailed membership cards for the 2020-2021 membership year. Squadrons have sent out dues notices. Email has been sent and phone calls have been made. So, if you don't have your 2021 membership card, why not?

As the 2021 journey begins and we attempt to reach quota by August 28, we must continue to renew members from the 2020 year who have not done so yet. If you can get them to renew, ask for this year's dues as well. Take care of two birds with one stone.

Who's next?

I also want to remind everyone that the deadline for applying for an Individual Recruitment Award for the 2019-2020 membership year is Friday, July 31, 2020. A copy of the form is included in this edition. It can also be found [here](#).

The Central Region leads Sons of The American Legion with nearly forty pins awarded. If you recruited five members during 2019-2020, send me the form right away and I will make sure you get your award.



110%

Please don't forget the 2019 – 2020 Central Region Challenge Date of 110% on June 30. Although we want to hit this challenge, I won't mind if we don't as long as our renewal numbers increase.

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

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
Central Region Chairman
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The American Legion Family

**2019 – 2020
NATIONAL TARGET DATE**

July 29, 2020

105%

REVISED



To all,

Included is Friday's membership report. We continue to increase our numbers, but we are still letting way too many members go out the back door. We lead the Nation in renewals so I know you are working hard on this and as this year is winding down, we cannot stop trying to get those members who have not renewed. Let's see if we can't pull some more tricks out of our hats to get these guys before the July 29 target date. The July 29 report is also what your Delegate strength and what your next year's membership goal is based on.

Thanks to all who turned in CSR reports this year.

Jeff and I still need copies of your Officer Certification forms and a list of Commission and Committee Chairmen with their contact information ASAP

*Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer,
National Vice-Commander Central*

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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 Trl., 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



**To all members of
Sons of The American Legion:
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

With all that is going on as we fight to get back in our home Post and get back to all the work that we do, we need to finish our business from last year for our organization.

We just do not have many of our Consolidated Squadron Reports turned in for the year. We need everyone's help to pass on the word to all Detachments, Districts, Areas, and Squadrons to help us get these reports submitted in in the next couple of weeks.

As this goes out, we have approximately three weeks to get them turned in to our National organization. Many of our Squadrons are now on MySAL.org, and some have submitted through the page. Others are still working on getting familiar using the site. Many still want to mail in the paper copy. If you feel better do both! We much rather have two copies then have none.

The numbers we get from the report are not just about judging and getting awards, but are used by The American Legion to go before Congress and share the work we do for our Veterans, community, and to support our flag.

There are over 6,000 Squadrons in our organization, and last year we had just approximately 1,200 Squadrons turn in the annual report. Remember that every Squadron has done something this year. To help, we have listed line by line things you can claim on the report and if you need help, the Americanism Commission is happy to assist anyone we can. Please take the time and fill out your report.

To the leadership of our Detachments, please help spread the word and help Squadrons in your state get these reports filled out and turned in.

Thank you for your Help,

*Clint Bolt, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion*

*Donald "JR" Hall,
Americanism Chairman
Sons of The American Legion*

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**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

**2019 – 2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of July 16, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 * 🏠	4,375	4,623	105.669
WI Q2 *	3,744	3,954	105.609
IL	14,546	14,337	98.563
OH	31,133	29,573	94.989
MI	24,083	22,435	93.157
MN	11,748	10,899	92.773
IN	39,364	36,053	91.589
MO	3,705	2,808	75.789
TOTALS	132,698	124,682	93.959

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

🏠 = All Time High

* = Met July 29 National Target of 105%

**2019 – 2020 National Membership Standings
as of July 16, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern	42,763	42,437	99.230
Western	26,395	25,260	95.700
Central	132,698	124,682	93.959
Midwest	30,366	28,170	92.768
Eastern	146,273	134,310	91.821
TOTALS	378,495	354,859	93.755

* = Met July 29 National Target of 105%

-12,899 ahead of last year

**2019 – 2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of July 13, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,112	92.36
IL	14,431	13,158	91.18
OH	30,456	27,241	89.44
MN	11,565	10,048	86.88
WI	3,945	3,493	88.54
MI	24,126	20,482	84.90
IN	38,876	32,788	84.34
MO	3,485	2,577	73.95
TOTALS	131,336	113,899	86.72

**2019 – 2020 National Renewal Rates
as of July 13, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,317	113,899	86.72
Eastern	144,840	123,315	85.12
Southern	42,858	36,173	84.36
Midwest	29,920	24,793	82.85
Western	26,524	21,113	79.85
TOTALS	375,540	319,293	85.02

PLEASE SEND 2020 – 2021 OFFICERS, DEC, AND COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHAIRMEN CONTACT INFORMATION TO ME AND DOC AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE

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THANK YOU!!!

**2020 – 2021
Central Region
Membership Challenge
from Jeff Vrabel, Sr.**

**August 28, 2020
100%**

Who's next?

Membership Committee Call
 6:00 PM MST
 Call in # (515) 604-9644 Access Code: 889133
<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnavarr>

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

Sons of The American Legion Central Region Conference Call

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Phone (774) 220-4000
Access Code 04423

The Central Region holds its monthly Conference Calls on the Third Thursday of each month. Please pass the word as we would love to have more participation.

Please share this with your District and Squadron leadership and ask them to join us.



Dear American Legion Family Members
and Friends,

WE ARE HERE TO ASSERT in the strongest terms possible that The American Legion stands for equal rights for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or any other characteristic. There is no qualifier to that statement.

It's a belief The American Legion has held since our founding just after the end of World War I. At that time in 1919, African-American veterans were among our organization's founders who adopted a mission statement – the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution – that rings as true today as it did more than a century ago.

At every official American Legion meeting, we pledge among other things “to maintain law and order,” as well as “safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.”

We grieve for African-American citizens George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and far too many others. Their senseless deaths have brought the topic of race relations to the forefront of our hearts and minds.

Just as we believe in equal rights for all, we be-

lieve in law and order. [Those sentiments were thoughtfully shared in a recent special two-part episode of The American Legion's Tango Alpha Lima podcast.](#) We encourage everyone to listen and reflect on the messages brought forth by the guests, all of whom are Legionnaires with unique stories to share regarding their experiences in law enforcement.

At this time, we have seen tensions rise. Rioters have taken advantage of peaceful protests to burn and loot buildings. White supremacists have targeted black Americans going about their daily lives.

Angry citizens have recklessly hurled objects and insults at law enforcement officers.


It has to stop. America is better than this. We are better than this. Together, let's find common ground to stand on so that every American can enjoy the freedoms we vowed to protect with our lives.

For God and country,

James W. “Bill” Oxford,
National Commander



The American Legion
myLegion Request Form - Squadron



Sign up for mySAL! The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a secure internet site to assist Squadron Adjutant's in their day-to-day membership processing duties. This site serves as a direct portal from the local squadron to National Headquarters' membership system. You must have internet access to use this tool.

Features include:

- View and edit member information.
- Membership Processing: Renew, Add and Transfer Paying Members
- Generate membership reports
- Submit Consolidated Squadron Report electronically
- View Squadron Information

Prior to creating a site, a Request Form must be on file at National Headquarters signed by both the Post Adjutant and the Squadron Adjutant. No other signatures will be accepted.


** Note: Membership Processing is not available to all squadrons, based on Detachment approval.


Submit Form
 Email: mylegion@legion.org
 Fax: 317-860-3131
 Mail To: The American Legion
 IT, Product Support Specialist
 5745 Lee Road
 Indianapolis, IN 46216

Already have an account?
 If your squadron already has an account, you do not need to complete a new form.

Call the myLegion Support Team at 833-253-9995 to assist with log in instructions.

Post/Squadron # _____ State: _____

 Squadron Adjutant (Printed): _____
 Signature *Required, must be Squadron Adjutant* _____ Member ID# _____

 Post Adjutant (Printed): _____
 Signature *Required, must be Post Adjutant* _____ Member ID# _____

Contact Information:
Does not have to be Squadron Adjutant. The information below provides us where to send correspondence and registration instructions to register a mySAL log in. Please note: Once the site is registered, only the Squadron Adjutant can request a username or password re-set.

Contact Name (if not Squadron Adjutant): _____
 Daytime Phone #: _____
 E-mail (*required*): _____

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Have You Heard of Us?



Although we've been around for a while (since 1932), you may not have heard of our organization. It's more likely that you've seen us out working in the community. Each year, the members of Sons of The American Legion sponsor the Veterans Graves Decoration Project that decorates Veterans' graves with American Flags on Memorial Day weekend. Or perhaps you've seen our Color Guard leading the annual Independence Day or Memorial Day Parades. Your parents may have attended one of our Veterans' Day events in November.

We're involved in a lot of different activities and we've got some very dedicated members who work to make these programs a reality. Every day and in so many ways, we work to make a difference in our community, state, and Nation.

Ours is a fraternity of service, dedicated to helping others, providing educational, recreational, and leadership opportunities to people from all walks of life. Preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship are what this organization is all about.

Not just anyone can join the Sons – you've got to be someone special. Our members are male descendants (sons, grandsons, great grandsons, including adopted or steps) of America's veterans from World War I to today's current war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our members are the most important part of this great organization. Without them, we could not accomplish anything. With them, we can do anything. We hope that you will join us!

Yours for God and Country,
John Dietz,
Past National Commander
Sons of The American Legion

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE



2020-2021 Central Region Membership Program



2020 – 2021 Central Region Membership Program

For this year's membership program, we will be breaking down the Central Region into three divisions based on Detachment membership totals for the end of the 2020 membership year.

Any Detachment reaching 100% by the 2021 American Legion Birthday will receive a plaque.

Any Detachment reaching 105% by the May 12, 2021 National Target Date will receive a plaque.

Any Detachment that reaches 95% Renewals by July 28, 2021 will win breakfast for their Detachment Commander and Membership Chairman at the National Convention in Phoenix.

Division 1 Under 10,000 members (*Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin*)
Division 2 10,001 – 20,000 members (*Illinois, Minnesota*)
Division 3 20,0001 members and up (*Michigan, Ohio, Indiana*)

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer,
National Vice-Commander Central

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
Central Region Membership Chairman

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Central Region

Presented to
Detachment of XXXXXX

**For Reaching 100% in Membership
by The American Legion Birthday
for the 2020 – 2021 Membership Year**

**Your hard work and dedication
is truly appreciated**

Clint Bolt,
National Commander

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer,
National Vice-Commander Central

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
Central Region Membership Chairman

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT

June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020

Please check one box indicating the reporting entity:

Detachment

District

Squadron

1 _____ Detachment (State)

2 _____ District

3 _____ Squadron Number

4 _____ Squadron Name

5 _____ Paid-to-Date Membership Count, Current Year

6 _____ Paid-Up Final Membership Count, Prior Year

7 _____ City/Town

8 _____ Zip Code

If the reporting entity is a District (or Detachment) the entity agrees that their report of dollars and hours ONLY INCLUDES those approved and expended by Officers and Members of that entity, and ARE NOT cumulative of the Squadrons (or Squadrons and Districts) that they represent.

Please type or print all information clearly. For the program details below only mark lines for which you are reporting data (leave '0' values blank).

AMERICANISM

Table with 2 columns: Item # and Description. Rows include Donations (Boys State / Girls State, 5-Star / 10-Ideals Education, Flags Presented, etc.) and No. of Hours for corresponding categories.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Table with 2 columns: Item # and Description. Rows include Donations (Child Welfare Foundation, Special Olympics, etc.) and No. of Hours for corresponding categories.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Table with 2 columns: Item # and Description. Rows include Donations (V.A. Medical Ctrs. & Facilities, State Veterans Facilities, etc.) and No. of Hours for corresponding categories.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Table with 2 columns: Item # and Description. Row 1: Donations, VE&E Projects. Row 2: No. of Hours, VE&E Projects.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Table with 2 columns: Item # and Description. Row 1: Other Donations, Not Covered Above. Row 2: Other Hours, Not Covered Above.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____
Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email Address: _____

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