



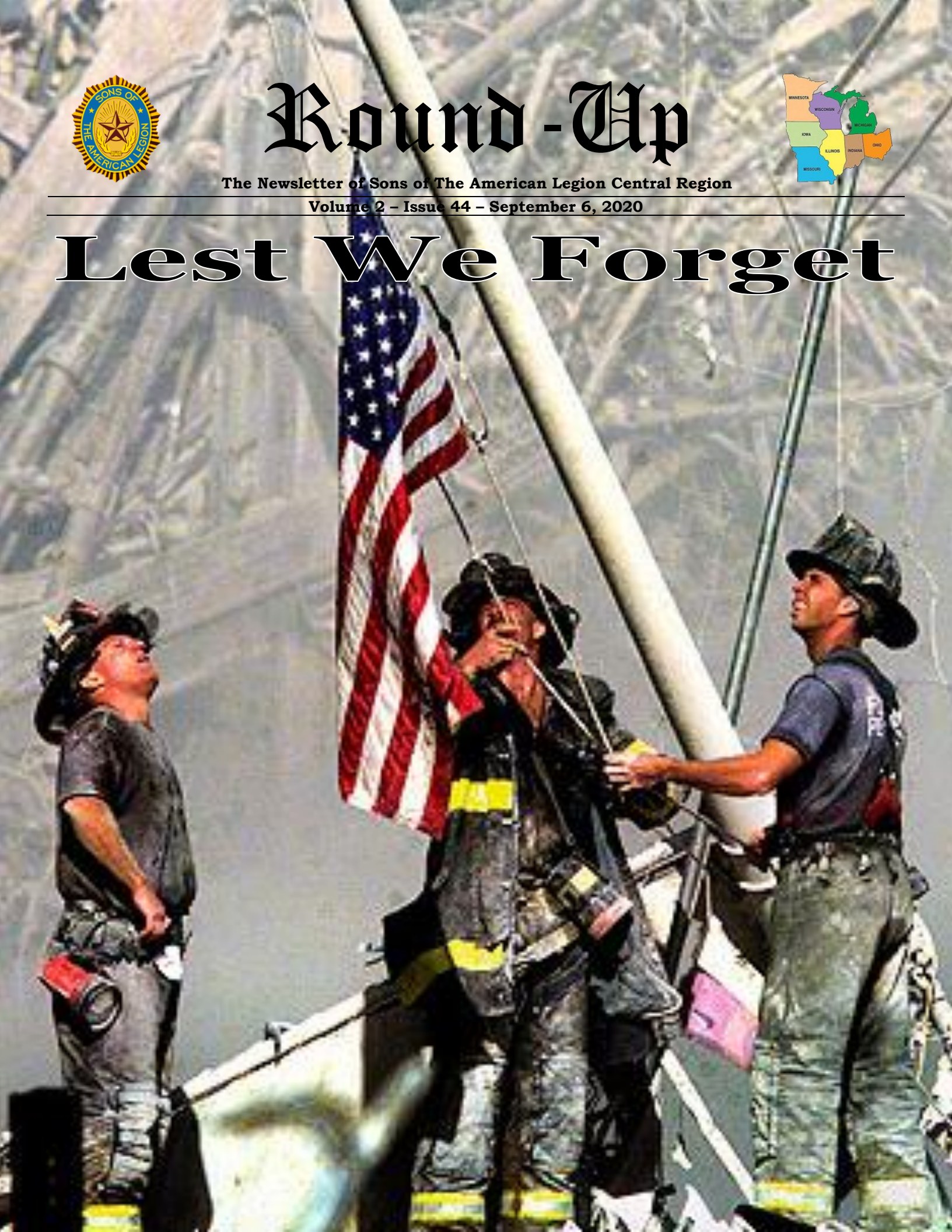
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Lest We Forget





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Target Date this 10% week

Gentlemen,

There are a lot of things going on this week. Labor Day is Monday where we take time to wrap-up summer and get ready for fall and winter. On Thursday we reach our first National Target Date, where we should ALL be at 10% or higher. Is your Squadron, District, and Detachment at that mark? If not, why? The anniversary of the attacks on America is Friday, and we will honor the victims of 9/11.

Most of our Squadrons have had 2021 membership cards since the beginning of July. There is no reason that we are not at 10% with two months behind us.

As of Friday's national membership report, I am very happy to report that the Detachments of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Minnesota have all reached the 10% goal. CONGRATULATIONS and thank you for your hard work and dedication. Continue **"Serving those who served...full steam ahead!" Who's next?**

Please plan a membership round-up, or other event where members can pay their dues and get their new cards. Come up with new ways to make your members feel safe about getting together. Maybe you could sponsor a drive-thru dues payment, where members can drive up, make their payment, and receive their card. No matter what you do, it is vital that those cards be processed immediately. The best way to handle this is by using MySAL for your transmittals.

If you are reading this newsletter and do not have your 2021 membership card, please contact your Squadron Adjutant right now so you can pay your dues and get your card.

I also want to recognize all of our Squadrons who reached quota by August 28, 2020. Detachment Adjutants are asked to submit the name, number, and location of all Quota Squadrons. Thanks for your help with this! We need to recognize the hard work folks are doing, and this is a great way to do so.

Look for some exciting new things coming in the next few months. I cannot say too much about it at this time, but an announcement will be made and may revolutionize our communications in the future.

I would like to not ask everyone to take time out of their day on Friday, September 11, 2020 to remember those lost during the attack on America. This was a tragic day in our history, and we must remember those who died, and the heroic acts of our brave first responders.

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

Thanks for your support of this publication!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
Central Region Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

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



Gents,



Congratulations to Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Minnesota for surpassing the 10% goal. A gib thanks to all for helping the Central Region make the 10% goal before the target date of September 10. We continue to lead the nation in cards turned in, out of the 34,820 total cards turned in, we have turned in 41%, or 14,565 of them.

We need to continue this momentum throughout the rest of the year. Push to get members to renew early. The sooner we get everyone renewed, the sooner we can have more time for other Legion programs.

We must continue to try and get those members reinstated that failed to renew last year. Keep up the hard work and remember, EVERY CARD COUNTS!

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

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



COVER PHOTO: Raising the Flag

Raising the Flag at Ground Zero is a photograph by Thomas E. Franklin of The Record (Bergen County, N.J.), taken on September 11, 2001.



To the gentlemen of the Central Region,

Most of you know me but for those who don't, my name is Sandy Lipman from the Detachment of Michigan. I am now sitting on the Child Welfare Foundation Committee for the Sons and have been

given the Central Region as my area to work and advise.

It is a pleasure once again to serve my brothers in the Central Region, and I am making a challenge to all the Detachments, Districts, Squadrons, and individuals to donate a minimum of one dollar per member. Once this is done, we can submit a form and you will get a ribbon for your flag.

I ask that you keep me informed of activities and the donations that are turned in. If at all possible, I would like to attend the activities within our Detachments, so please feel free to send the information as to when your events are happening, and I will let you know if I can attend.

I have made the challenge in Michigan to get at least our goal, which is over \$24,000, and I challenge the other states to do it too.

Let's have fun and make the Central Region *numero uno* in the nation, and please, do not forget the National Emergency Fund and the Commander's desire to have a minimum of fifty cents per member.

Yours in God and Country,

*Sandy Lipman,
Child Welfare Foundation Committee
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Park, Michigan 48237
sandylipman95@hotmail.com*



The American Legion Family

**2019 – 2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of August 31, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
WI Q2	3,744	9,962	105.823
IA Q1 🏠	4,375	4,631	105.851
IL	14,546	14,402	99.010
OH	31,133	29,705	95.413
MI	24,083	22,807	94.702
MN	11,748	11,056	94.110
IN	39,364	36,245	92.077
MO	3,705	2,969	80.135
TOTALS	132,698	157,777	94.784

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

🏠 = All Time High

**2019 – 2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of August 31, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,122	92.59
IL	14,431	13,241	91.75
OH	30,456	27,431	90.07
WI	3,945	3,500	88.72
MN	11,565	10,173	87.96
MI	24,126	20,786	86.16
IN	38,876	33,007	84.90
MO	3,485	2,694	77.30
TOTALS	131,336	114,954	87.53

**2019 – 2020 National Renewal Rates
as of August 31, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,317	114,954	87.53
Eastern	144,840	124,032	85.62
Southern	42,858	36,393	84.88
Midwest	29,920	25,009	83.57
Western	26,524	21,411	80.70
TOTALS	375,540	321,799	85.69

**2019 – 2020 National Membership Standings
as of August 31, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern	42,763	72,797	100.851
Western	26,395	25,626	97.087
Central	132,698	125,777	94.784
Midwest	30,366	28,388	93.486
Eastern	146,273	134,972	92.274
TOTALS	378,495	357,560	94.469

* = Met July 29 National Target of 105%

-13,503 ahead of last year

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____

(First) (Initial) (Last) (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)

00-001 (2013)

RECEIPT

Date _____

Received of _____

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

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____

2020 – 2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					09/03/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Southern	42,775	7,235	(35,540)	16.914%	35,540
Midwest	30,377	4,128	(26,249)	13.589%	26,249
Central	132,706	14,595	(118,111)	10.998%	118,111
Western	26,405	2,821	(23,584)	10.684%	23,584
Eastern	146,287	6,041	(140,246)	4.130%	140,246
TOTALS	378,550	34,820	(343,730)	9.198%	343,730

Membership ahead of 2020

6,538

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Illinois *	14,547	4,487	(10,060)	30.845%	10,060
Wisconsin *	3,745	872	(2,873)	23.284%	2,873
Iowa *	4,376	454	(3,922)	10.375%	3,922
Indiana *	39,365	4,065	(35,300)	10.326%	35,300
Minnesota *	11,749	1,179	(10,570)	10.035%	10,570
Ohio	31,134	2,536	(28,598)	8.145%	28,598
Michigan	24,084	970	(23,114)	4.028%	23,114
Missouri	3,706	32	(3,674)	0.863%	3,674
TOTALS	132,706	14,595	118,111	10.998%	118,111

* Met Sept. 10, 2020 goal of 10%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Wisconsin *	3,745	872	(2,873)	23.284%	2,873
Iowa	4,376	545	(3,831)	12.454%	3,831
Missouri	3,706	32	(3,674)	0.863%	3,674
TOTALS	11,827	1,449	(10,378)	36.602%	10,378

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Illinois *	14,547	4,487	(10,060)	30.845%	10,060
Minnesota	11,749	1,179	(10,570)	10.035%	10,570
TOTALS	26,296	5,666	(20,630)	40.880%	20,630

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Indiana	39,365	4,065	(35,300)	10.326%	35,300
Ohio	31,134	2,536	(28,598)	8.145%	28,598
Michigan	24,084	970	(23,114)	4.028%	23,114
TOTALS	94,583	7,571	(87,012)	22.499%	87,012

2020 – 2021 Renewal Report

2020 - 2021 RENEWALS				08/31/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Southern	42,788	5,895	13.78%	36,893
Midwest	28,316	3,174	11.21%	25,142
Central	125,678	10,834	8.62%	114,844
Western	25,432	1,903	7.48%	23,529
Eastern	134,972	4,631	3.43%	130,341
TOTALS	357,186	26,437	7.40%	330,749

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,402	3,991	27.71%	10,411
Wisconsin	3,962	766	19.33%	3,196
Iowa	4,631	354	7.64%	4,277
Indiana	36,245	3,129	8.63%	33,116
Minnesota	11,056	981	8.87%	10,075
Ohio	29,705	1,282	4.32%	28,423
Michigan	22,807	299	1.31%	22,508
Missouri	2,969	32	1.08%	2,937
TOTALS	125,777	10,834	8.61%	114,943

Red Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Wisconsin	3,962	766	19.33%	3,196
Iowa	4,631	354	7.64%	4,277
Missouri	2,969	32	1.08%	2,937
TOTALS	8,593	1,120	26.98%	7,473

White Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,402	3,991	27.71%	10,411
Minnesota	11,056	981	8.87%	10,075
TOTALS	25,458	4,972	36.58%	20,486

Blue Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Indiana	36,245	3,129	8.63%	33,116
Ohio	29,705	1,282	4.32%	28,423
Michigan	22,807	299	1.31%	22,508
TOTALS	88,757	4,710	14.26%	84,047

2020 – 2021

National Target Date

September 10, 2020

10%



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.

Red Division Under 10,000 members (*Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin*)
 White Division 10,001 – 20,000 members (*Illinois, Minnesota*)
 Blue Division 20,001 members and up (*Michigan, Ohio, Indiana*)

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer, National Vice-Commander Central
 Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Central Region Membership Chairman

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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

Mall 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) _____

Updated 3/4/2020

51st Annual Legionville Camp O Ree

September 10th through 13th Brainerd
MN on North Long Lake.

Meals provided by the SAL except for Thursday Steak Dinner
 Friday 10th District Chili Feed
 Saturday 6th District Fish Fry Lunch
 Sunday SAL Omelet Breakfast

Event locations and times may change

SCAN ME



To be informed of the latest status and news, please check our Facebook page, or subscribe to our text service. (Data and message rates may apply.)
 Text **CAMPOREE** to 84483 to receive alerts from Legionville Camporee.

- Per State & CDC guidelines
- Social Distancing should be maintained at all times
 - Masks will be required inside buildings
 - Sanitizing stations will be available
 - No dormitories will be available for overnights please plan on RV, camper or tent to ensure you have a place to sleep.
 - Building capacities will be limited.

BINGO RAFFLE Pull-Tabs

Bring your own dauber for BINGO or buy one from us!

Bring a lawn chair for Harvest Membership Rally

Camping Fees

RV, Camper, and Tent on grounds. No lodging in the Dormitories will be available. Shower house will be open.

Day	On Arrival
Before Thursday	Free
Thursday, Friday, Saturday with overnight on property	\$10 a day per person, \$75 maximum per family
Thursday, Friday, Saturday with overnight off property	\$5 a day per person, \$75 maximum per family
Saturday	Active Military, Reservists, Guardsman, & their families are complimentary
Ages 3 and under	Free

All proceeds go to Legionville School Patrol Training Center, Inc.
 All fees are non-refundable.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Sons of The American Legion 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.

August 22, 2020

To: All Members of The Sons of The American Legion

Re: Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Washington Conference Sunday February 28, 2021

2021 American Legion Washington Conference Sons of The American Legion Memorial Wreath Laying Schedule

The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Clint Bolt on February 28, 2021 will be placing a wreath at the World War II Memorial, then on to the Vietnam War Memorial and then Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery at 1:15 pm. This notification will allow members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders friends and families to attend and show our respect for the sacrifices made by our Nation's military in the defense of liberty and freedom.

In the previous years, Detachments have placed their wreaths at various areas in Washington DC. The National Organization received from the American Legion Family and many tourists have made positive statements in regards to seeing the wreaths from Detachments placed around the Washington area. We feel that this is a very positive outcome and are recommending any Detachment wishing to lay a wreath or have a wreath laid for them in the Washington area to continue.

Representatives from each Detachment or their designee would be able to choose a location to lay their wreath, some placed wreaths at areas that the bus rented by the National Organization stopped to do ceremonies, others at a later time placed wreaths in various locations around Washington DC. I will be ordering wreaths for National Commander Bolt, and in order to have the wreaths appear in conformity, we would like to request Detachments order the wreaths as a group; the wreaths last year cost each Detachment \$150, and remain the same for this year.

At the Washington Conference, if requested I will provide each Detachment a separate receipt from the florist shop for each wreath ordered. Checks should be made payable to Thomas Deal and mailed to my home address. Below is an order form. Please send back only the bottom portion of this letter and keep the top section for your records. **I must receive the completed order form and payment by February 10, 2021 in order to ensure your Detachment has a wreath ordered. (No payment, no wreath, no group rate!)**

At Arlington National cemetery we will be going to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb is a walk uphill from the visitor center and you may walk or take the tram. The tram fee purchased that day is \$15.00, \$11.00 for Seniors, Veterans with proper ID can enter for \$6.75. This year we are again adding an offer to purchase your tickets for the Tram ride to the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in advance to speed up the process of getting to the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier quicker. Group rate for the Tram ride is \$11.00 each. If you would like to include your cost of the entry fee, include it on the form and we will purchase group rate tickets. Veterans can get a cheaper rate but MUST purchase on your own, we cannot purchase them at the \$6.75 rate.

The National Organization will again this year rent two buses to transport individuals to and from the wreath laying ceremonies. In an effort to fully take advantage of this we will be taking **requests** for seats on the buses with the wreath order. It is very important, if you reserve a seat that you be in attendance and if you cannot, please contact Thomas Deal ASAP (Cell # 443-206-0402).

We will also again this year order box lunches for on the bus "it is highly recommended that individuals take advantage of this as it is a long period to go without eating." The cost last year was \$8.00 and will again be \$8.00 each - you will have a choice of turkey, ham or roast beef. Payment and choice will be needed along with the wreath order.

If you need further information or have questions, I can be contacted by phone during the day at 443-206-0402 or by email tom.deal@verizon.net

WREATH & LUNCH ORDER FORM - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WREATH LAYING on February 28, 2021
Deadline for submissions to be received is February 10, 2021

DETACHMENT _____ CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Wreath Request (\$150) - (Name of Detachment) _____ Total \$ _____

Box Lunch (\$8.00 each) Turkey # _____ Ham # _____ Roast Beef # _____ X \$8.00 Total \$ _____

Arlington National Cemetery General Admission Group Rate
Total Arlington tickets _____ x \$11.00 each Total \$ _____

Total Paid for Wreath, Lunch and Arlington Tram: Total enclosed \$ _____

Number of Seats Requested for Bus - # _____

Name of others attending and Cell # (Please fill out completely to allow for better communication) -

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Cell # _____

PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. ORDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!!!
Make check payable to: Thomas Deal and mail to: Thomas Deal, 1434 Clayton St., Perryville, Md. 21903

Depart: Washington Hilton Hotel
1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009
Bus will leave from lower level of hotel promptly at 9:00 am, Sunday February 28, 2021
At 8:30 Commander Clint Bolt will address attendees.
Pictures of Wreaths with National Commander Clint Bolt can be taken between 8:30 and 8:45 am.

Board Buses and load Wreaths @ 8:45 am
Leave Washington Hilton @ 9:00 am

Arrive at World War II Memorial @ 9:20 am

1. Group photograph of all participants with Detachment wreath placement with National Commander
2. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at the WWII Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
3. Depart the World War II Memorial approximately s at 10:15 am

Arrive at Vietnam War Memorial Wall @ 10:30 am

1. Group photograph of all participants with Detachment wreath placement with National Commander.
2. Wreath laying ceremony by National Commander at Vietnam War Memorial with prayer by National Chaplain
3. Lunch
4. Depart Vietnam War Memorial Wall area at 11:30 am

Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery @ 12:00 pm

1. Tour of Tomb Guards Quarters
2. Group photograph of all participants
3. Wreath laying Ceremony at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier 1:15 pm
4. Leave Bus area and return to Washington Hilton Hotel 2:30 pm

Depart Arlington National Cemetery @ 2:30 pm

Arrive: Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20009 @ 3:00 pm



Thanks for still serving America.



Next TALMA training session focuses on writing, interviewing tips

Dear TALMA members,

I am thrilled that The American Legion Media Alliance monthly virtual training sessions are going so well. Each time, we have had great information presented by our panelists and thoughtful questions from the audience. As a reminder, replays of previous sessions are available in [TALMA's private Facebook group](#). (Note: We've had some technical issues with posting the August training session. We will publish it as soon as possible.)

We will continue to keep these sessions interactive and offer perspectives from different experts. In September, the virtual training session will focus on writing and interviewing tips. It will be held **Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. Eastern** via Zoom. If you have questions you would like to submit beforehand or suggested topics to be addressed, feel free to [email them in advance](#). During the session, participants will be able to type questions into the chat window.

The session will feature panelists Robert Stronach, Media & Communications chairman for the Department of New York and editor of New York Legion, and American Legion Magazine managing editor Matt Grills. Department of Michigan Public Relations Director Mark Sutton will be the host.

In the coming months, we plan to cover other topics such as how to improve your post's newsletter, creating graphics for your social media platforms, and podcasting.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of The American Legion Family, our veterans, their families, and communities throughout this great nation.

Sincerely,

Walter Ivie, Chairman



NEVER FORGET WHY YOU STARTED

