



# Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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## National Target date is Thursday

Gentlemen,

Today marks the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of *Round-Up*. Thank you for supporting this publication and sharing the message of the Central Region and the Sons of The American Legion.

Anyone know what happens this week? Everyone should. On Thursday, October 15, 2020, we reach the 25% National Target Date.

Wisconsin and Illinois continue to battle it out for first place in the Central Region. Both lead their respective divisions. Is there a Detachment who can knock them off? Does anyone else want to battle it out for first place? If there is, now is the time. **Who's next?**

### 2020 IRA Report.

I am pleased to report that the Central Region lead the organization with 45 Individual Recruitment Awards. Overall, Sons of The American Legion issued a total of 97 pins. Congratulations to the following Central Region members on their accomplishment:

Kellis Allen	Dave Jones
Dennis Bjorklund	Ernest Jones, Jr.
Gary Blust	Bernie Kessler
Dave Brown	Mike Krumsee
Rex Buchs	Frank Lanzarotta
Robert Bunton	Teddy Little
Bob Cadreau	Joe Marrotta
Todd Cadwell	Mike Monserud
Joe Christian (TAL)	Steven Owens
Charles Clark	Tom Rush
Tim Conway	Alan Schenck
Ken Craft	Joe Schultis
Chester Crooks	Bill Schultz
John Crossno	Tom Seick
Shawn Davis	Michael Simkins
Lorenzo Fiorentino	Robert Stevens

David Fishman	Buster Sutterlin
Dan Fitzpatrick	Kevin Teynor
David Grebert (TAL)	Jeff Trout
Dennis Henkemeyer	Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
Mike Jochumsen	Mike Walsh
Mike Johnson	Alan Wheeler
	Richard Wojewnik

Central Region Sons have begun to send in applications for 2021. We can and we will lead the nation again. Make sure that everyone who recruits five new members submits a form to get their Individual Recruitment Award pin. **Who's next?**

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!

Continue **“Serving those who served...full steam ahead!”** **Who's next?**

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



#SALSTRONG

**Jeff Vrabel, Sr.**

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Sons of The American Legion  
National Membership Committee  
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Full Steam Ahead**



# 2021 Membership Report

# 2021 Renewal Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					10/08/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Southern	42,775	12,737	(30,038)	29.777%	30,038
Midwest	30,377	7,164	(23,213)	23.584%	23,213
Central	132,706	28,460	(104,246)	21.446%	104,246
Western	26,405	5,409	(20,996)	20.485%	20,996
Eastern	146,287	18,717	(127,570)	12.795%	127,570
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>378,550</b>	<b>72,487</b>	<b>(306,063)</b>	<b>19.149%</b>	<b>306,063</b>

Membership ahead of 2020

4,297

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~	3,745	1,492	(2,253)	39.840%	2,253
2 Illinois * ^ ~	14,547	5,441	(9,106)	37.403%	9,106
3 Iowa * ^	4,376	1,279	(3,097)	29.228%	3,097
4 Indiana *	39,365	8,255	(31,110)	20.970%	31,110
5 Minnesota *	11,749	2,429	(9,320)	20.674%	9,320
6 Ohio	31,134	5,972	(25,162)	19.182%	25,162
7 Michigan	24,084	3,176	(20,908)	13.187%	20,908
8 Missouri	3,706	416	(3,290)	11.225%	3,290
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>132,706</b>	<b>28,460</b>	<b>104,246</b>	<b>21.446%</b>	<b>104,246</b>

\* Met Sept. 10, 2020 goal of 10%

^ Met Oct. 15, 2020 goal of 25%

~ Met Nov. 12, 2020 goal of 35%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Wisconsin	3,745	1,492	(2,253)	39.840%	2,253
Iowa	4,376	1,279	(3,097)	29.228%	3,097
Missouri	3,706	416	(3,290)	11.225%	3,290
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,827</b>	<b>3,187</b>	<b>(8,640)</b>	<b>80.292%</b>	<b>8,640</b>

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,547	5,441	(9,106)	37.403%	9,106
Minnesota	11,749	2,429	(9,320)	20.674%	9,320
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26,296</b>	<b>7,870</b>	<b>(18,426)</b>	<b>58.077%</b>	<b>18,426</b>

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Indiana	39,365	8,255	(31,110)	20.970%	31,110
Ohio	31,134	5,972	(25,162)	19.182%	25,162
Michigan	24,084	3,176	(20,908)	13.187%	20,908
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>94,583</b>	<b>17,403</b>	<b>(77,180)</b>	<b>53.339%</b>	<b>77,180</b>

2020 - 2021 RENEWALS					10/05/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference	
Southern	43,011	9,511	22.11%	33,500	
Midwest	28,489	5,435	19.08%	23,054	
Central	126,360	21,755	17.22%	104,605	
Western	25,665	3,973	15.48%	21,692	
Eastern	136,402	12,445	9.12%	123,957	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>359,927</b>	<b>53,119</b>	<b>14.76%</b>	<b>306,808</b>	

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
1 Illinois	14,423	5,018	34.79%	9,405
2 Wisconsin	3,963	1,191	30.05%	2,772
3 Iowa	4,631	997	21.53%	3,634
4 Minnesota	11,056	1,763	15.95%	9,293
5 Indiana	36,351	5,790	15.93%	30,561
6 Ohio	29,758	4,253	14.29%	25,505
7 Missouri	3,074	382	12.43%	2,692
8 Michigan	23,104	2,361	10.22%	20,743
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>126,360</b>	<b>21,755</b>	<b>17.22%</b>	<b>104,605</b>

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Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Wisconsin	3,963	1,191	30.05%	2,772
Iowa	4,631	997	21.53%	3,634
Michigan	23,104	2,361	10.22%	20,743
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,594</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>51.58%</b>	<b>6,406</b>

White Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,423	5,018	34.79%	9,405
Indiana	36,351	5,790	15.93%	30,561
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,774</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>50.72%</b>	<b>39,966</b>

Blue Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Minnesota	11,056	1,763	15.95%	9,293
Ohio	29,758	4,253	14.29%	25,505
Missouri	3,074	382	12.43%	2,692
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43,888</b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>42.66%</b>	<b>37,490</b>



The American Legion Family

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of a Priceless Heritage

Gentlemen,



As you can see, we had a pretty good week. Over 2,400 cards turned in since Monday's report. The 25% target is this Thursday, October 15, and we only need 4717 more cards to make that.

Congratulations to Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa for surpassing 25% already.

Please make sure all the cards you have get processed before Thursday.

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

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**2021  
National Target Date  
October 15, 2020**

**25%**



**I WANT  
YOU  
TO RENEW!!!**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**MySAL**

**MEMBERSHIP DATABASE**

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](mailto: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)* \_\_\_\_\_

Updated 3/4/2020

**VE&E Monthly Conference  
Third Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m.  
eastern**

**(605) 313-4111 – Pin 893821**



## 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.

### National Commander Clint Bolt's 2020-2021 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 Phoenix, AZ
- 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



**Damon J. Bradtmueller**, 70, Brownsburg, passed away on October 6, 2020.



He was an active member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church and the Sons of The American Legion.

He was a superintendent for McDonald Construction Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents Otto and Joan Bradtmueller.

Survivors include his wife Susan Stratman Bradtmueller. Damon is also survived by sisters Marita Neumann, Cheryl Clark; brother James Bradtmueller; their spouses; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 pm to 7 pm Tues. Oct. 13 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 am Wed. Oct. 14 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 6000 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46224. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, IN.

In compliance with current requirements and restrictions, guests are required to wear masks and observe social distancing.


*Gracious God,*

*Our heart grieves for our friend, but I am also so saddened for Damon's family and friends who are deeply impacted by the magnitude of this heart-wrenching situation. As these family and friends navigate their own pain and suffering, please remind them that you are near to comfort them as well. When they are overcome by sadness and fear, provide them with the reminder that you do not sleep, instead, you are always alert and available to provide the strength they need. You are the only true source of healing and recovery. as they practical care and faithfully serve, please strengthen them when they are discouraged. As they lift eyes to you, remind them of your love and that the empowering presence of your Spirit is available to them at every moment of each day.*

*Amen.*

*Rodney Tolbert, National Chaplain  
Sons of The American Legion*

**2020 Detachment Membership Standings  
as of October 5, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 	4,375	4,631	105.851
WI Q2	3,744	3,963	105.849
IL	14,546	14,423	99.154
MI	24,083	23,104	95.935
OH	31,133	29,758	95.583
MN	11,748	11,056	94.110
IN	39,364	36,351	92.346
MO	3,705	3,074	82.969
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>132,698</b>	<b>126,360</b>	<b>95.224</b>

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

 = All Time High

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REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
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Western	26,395	25,665	97.234
Central	132,698	126,360	95.224
Midwest	30,366	28,489	93.819
Eastern	146,273	136,402	93.252
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>378,495</b>	<b>259,927</b>	<b>95.094</b>

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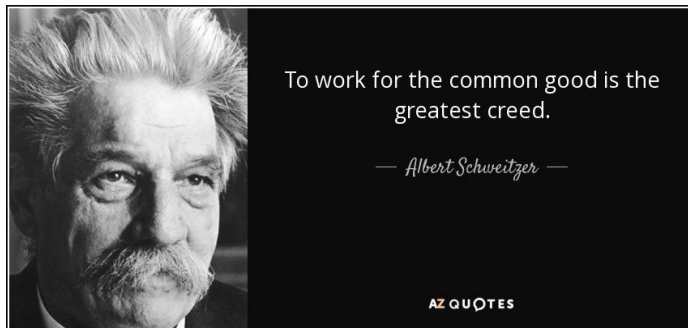
-13,129 ahead of last year

**2020 Detachment Renewal Rates  
as of October 4, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,122	92.59
IL	14,431	13,257	91.86
OH	30,456	27,486	90.25
WI	3,945	3,501	88.75
MN	11,565	10,173	87.96
MI	24,126	21,020	87.13
IN	38,876	33,109	85.17
MO	3,485	2,780	79.77
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>131,336</b>	<b>115,448</b>	<b>87.90</b>

**2020 National Renewal Rates  
as of October 5, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,317	115,448	87.90
Eastern	144,840	125,226	86.44
Southern	42,858	36,588	85.33
Midwest	29,920	25,090	83.84
Western	26,524	21,489	81.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>375,540</b>	<b>323,841</b>	<b>86.23</b>



COVER PHOTO: Old Courthouse and Gateway Arch, St. Louis, Missouri  
<https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/missouri/articles/a-brief-history-of-the-gateway-arch-in-st-louis/>

The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families, and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism, and advocacy.

More Reasons to Join The American Legion:

**Free Subscription to The American Legion Magazine.** Our nation's leaders speak directly to citizens on the pages of The American Legion Magazine. The American Legion's organizational goals are promoted using the words of talented writers, professional journalists, and world leaders.

**Benefits Assistance.** The American Legion offers expert advice, support and representation for veterans and families seeking government benefits they are eligible to receive at the federal, state, and local levels.

**Career Assistance.** Hundreds of job fairs and career events every year, all across the map, are coordinated, sponsored, promoted, or produced by The American Legion. American Legion business workshops also help veterans and their families pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.

**Comfort for the Recovering.** Operation Comfort Warriors helps active-duty military personnel and newly discharged veterans recover and adjust to lifestyle changes.

**Education Assistance.** The American Legion conducts student-veteran roundtables, networks with Student Veterans of America as well as college campuses, and works with agencies to better apply military experience toward professional and vocational licenses and certification credits.

**Family and Community Support.** Cash grants and volunteer aid are among the ways The American Legion reaches out to families of military service members and veterans during times of financial difficulty, short-handedness at home or natural disaster.

**Financial Services.** The American Legion and USAA, two organizations driven by the same values for nearly a century, are allied through a "preferred provider" relationship that connects Legionnaires with the best advice and service in banking, insurance, and personal finance.

**Homeless Veteran Outreach.** The American Legion offers hundreds of opportunities for homeless veterans across the country, including temporary housing, mentoring and job training.



**Honor and Remembrance.** American Legion honor guards provide official services at thousands of veteran funerals around the world each year. The Legion is also a leader at every level in the establishment and maintenance of memorials and monuments that honor military sacrifice.

**Member Discounts.** The American Legion offers members and their families practical, money-saving discounts that can easily save many times the cost of annual membership dues.

**Advocacy in Washington.** The American Legion is the nation's most influential, effective, and dependable advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active-duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA's medical system can properly care for veterans.

**Volunteer Opportunities.** The American Legion offers volunteer opportunities that fulfill needs in local communities throughout the country and beyond. The Legion and the Sons of The American Legion provide millions of hours of free community service, assistance at VA medical facilities and help at military installations each year.

You can join online at [www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join) or directly at a local Post. You can use the FIND A POST search tool at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to find contact information for Posts in your area.

Respectfully,

*Pam Johnson*  
*The American Legion*  
*National HQ*

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