



Round-Up



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What you have to lose

Gentlemen,

Ever wonder what “extras” you get with your Sons of The American Legion membership. Some members may not know the [discount programs](#) that are offered exclusively to members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. For those of you who do not know, there are some good deals out there.

Paying your dues will help you to make sure you can receive these discounts, as well as all other rights and privileges that come with being a member of Sons of The American Legion.

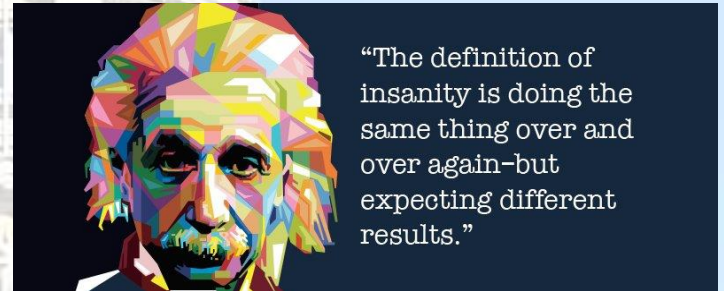
Have you paid your dues yet? If not, don't delay. Call your Adjutant immediately and get this taken care of today. **Who's next?**

You may also lose your privileges at your Post Home, maybe can't attend meetings, or maybe you can't vote on issues within your Squadron. Don't wait, pay now!

If you are a member of a Zero Squadron, there is even more to lose. Hold a District or Detachment office, not for long if you're not paid. It's also wise to make sure your Squadron has submitted its Officer Certification Form and Consolidated Squadron Form. These are vital to our membership program and allow for proper reporting. Did your Squadron submit these documents? If not, please take care of it now. **Who's next?**

I was on a national conference call the other day, and I heard people from across the country state that their membership numbers were ok, but they always have a slow start and finish strong. Anyone see the problem? We must change our mentality and the culture of our membership program. If we think we can get different results by doing it the same way we always have, we won't get anywhere.

Einstein said it best:



What can you do to help to change how we've always done it? What can you do to get your fellow members to understand that dues are due in July and we cannot wait to make our payment? What can WE do, together, to change our culture? The first step is to make sure we are all paid. And don't forget to mention [MySAL](#) so we can get faster results. More MySAL info can be found by clicking [here](#). **Who's next?**

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

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

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
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2021 Membership Report

2021 Renewal Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					10/22/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Southern	42,775	15,849	(26,926)	37.052%	26,926
Midwest	30,377	9,344	(21,033)	30.760%	21,033
Central	132,706	37,845	(94,861)	28.518%	94,861
Western	26,405	7,302	(19,103)	27.654%	19,103
Eastern	146,287	27,366	(118,921)	18.707%	118,921
TOTALS	378,550	97,706	(280,844)	25.811%	280,844

Membership ahead of 2020

13,293

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~	3,745	1,797	(1,948)	47.984%	1,948
2 Illinois * ^ ~	14,547	5,927	(8,620)	40.744%	8,620
3 Iowa * ^ ~	4,376	1,555	(2,821)	35.535%	2,821
4 Ohio	31,134	9,228	(21,906)	29.640%	21,906
5 Indiana * ^	39,365	11,393	(27,972)	28.942%	27,972
6 Minnesota ^	11,749	3,129	(8,620)	26.632%	8,620
7 Missouri	3,706	655	(3,051)	17.674%	3,051
8 Michigan	24,084	4,161	(19,923)	17.277%	19,923
TOTALS	132,706	37,845	94,861	28.518%	94,861

* 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	1,797	(1,948)	47.984%	1,948
Iowa	4,376	1,555	(2,821)	35.535%	2,821
Missouri	3,706	655	(3,051)	17.674%	3,051
TOTALS	11,827	4,007	(7,820)	101.193%	7,820

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,547	5,927	(8,620)	40.744%	8,620
Minnesota	11,749	3,129	(8,620)	26.632%	8,620
TOTALS	26,296	9,056	(17,240)	67.376%	17,240

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Ohio	31,134	9,228	(21,906)	29.640%	21,906
Indiana	39,365	11,393	(27,972)	28.942%	27,972
Michigan	24,084	4,161	(19,923)	17.277%	19,923
TOTALS	94,583	24,782	(69,801)	75.859%	69,801

2020 - 2021 RENEWALS					10/19/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference	
Southern	43,036	11,782	27.38%	31,254	
Midwest	28,566	6,749	23.63%	21,817	
Central	126,435	27,902	22.07%	98,533	
Western	25,685	5,074	19.75%	20,611	
Eastern	137,132	18,863	13.76%	118,269	
TOTALS	360,854	70,370	19.50%	290,484	

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
1 Illinois	14,423	5,446	37.76%	8,977
2 Wisconsin	3,965	1,405	35.44%	2,560
3 Iowa	4,631	1,293	27.92%	3,338
4 Minnesota	11,076	2,656	23.98%	8,420
5 Indiana	36,351	7,783	21.41%	28,568
6 Ohio	29,766	5,745	19.30%	24,021
7 Missouri	3,074	533	17.34%	2,541
8 Michigan	23,104	3,041	13.16%	20,063
TOTALS	126,390	27,902	22.08%	98,488

Red Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Wisconsin	3,965	1,405	35.44%	2,560
Iowa	4,631	1,293	27.92%	3,338
Michigan	23,104	3,041	13.16%	20,063
TOTALS	8,596	2,698	63.36%	5,898

White Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,423	5,446	37.76%	8,977
Indiana	36,351	7,783	21.41%	28,568
TOTALS	50,774	13,229	59.17%	37,545

Blue Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Minnesota	11,076	2,656	23.98%	8,420
Ohio	29,766	5,745	19.30%	24,021
Missouri	3,074	533	17.34%	2,541
TOTALS	43,916	8,934	60.62%	34,982



The American Legion Family

Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage



Gentlemen,



Congratulations to Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa for already surpassing the November 12 goal of 35%, great job

I feel we are on track to make the 35% goal if we can continue this pace. Out of the 97,706 cards turned in so far 38% or 37,845 came from the Central Region.

The new IRA forms will be on the website soon, make sure you get these filled out and sent to Jeff so you can get your membership pin. Last year we led the nation in IRAs awarded and I would like to see us do that again this year.

Please continue to get more squadrons signed up and using MY SAL.

As we work on this year's membership year, we cannot forget those members that did not renew last year. keep reaching out to them and try to get them to get reinstated and save their continuous years.

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

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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
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

2021
National Target Date
November 12, 2020

35%



Sons of The American Legion Membership Committee Call

6:00 p.m. 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

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

October 16, 2020

TO: National Officers, Detachment Commanders & Adjutants
FROM: Anthony Wright, National Adjutant
SUBJECT: 25% - MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE

"Congratulations"

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 25% Membership Target Date (10-15-2020) are posted below:

2021 Membership Goal:	378,550
Total Membership:	85,815
Percentage of Goal:	22.67%
Year-to-Date:	+9,743 (compared to 2020 Membership Year)
Renewal Rate:	16.90%
Detachments making Goal:	31

ALABAMA	GEORGIA	MARYLAND	OKLAHOMA	UTAH
ALASKA	HAWAII	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES	WISCONSIN
ARKANSAS	IDAHO	MINNESOTA	PUERTO RICO	WYOMING
CONNECTICUT	ILLINOIS	MISSISSIPPI	RHODE ISLAND	
DELAWARE	INDIANA	MONTANA	SOUTH CAROLINA	
FLORIDA	IOWA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA	
FRANCE	KANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	TENNESSEE	

GREAT JOB!!

Many detachments should achieve this membership goal soon! One detachment has yet to submit any per capita transmittals (DC)

Next Scheduled Renewal Notice Mailed: Jan. - Feb. 2021 (2nd of 3)

Next Membership Target Date: November 12, 2020 (35%)

Renewal is the Key to Membership Success
Membership Is Everyone's Responsibility

The American Legion Basic Training Course

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined, and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline, and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

Please click [here](#) to get started.

**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of October 19, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
WI Q2	3,744	3,965	105.903
IA Q1 🏠	4,375	4,631	105.851
IL	14,546	14,452	99.354
MI	24,083	23,104	95.935
OH	31,133	29,766	95.609
MN	11,748	11,077	94.288
IN	39,364	36,351	92.346
MO	3,705	3,086	83.374
TOTALS	132,698	126,435	95.280

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

🏠 = All Time High

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of October 19, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	43,036	100.638
Western	26,395	25,685	97.310
Central	132,698	126,435	95.280
Midwest	30,366	28,566	94.072
Eastern	146,273	137,132	93.751
TOTALS	378,495	360,854	95.339

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

-12,535 ahead of last year

**2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of October 19, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,122	92.59
IL	14,431	13,268	91.94
OH	30,456	27,486	90.25
WI	3,945	3,503	88.80
MN	11,565	10,194	88.15
MI	24,126	21,020	87.13
IN	38,876	33,109	85.17
MO	3,485	2,792	80.11
TOTALS	131,336	115,494	87.94

**2020 National Renewal Rates
as of October 19, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,317	115,494	87.94
Eastern	144,840	125,737	86.79
Southern	42,858	36,615	85.40
Midwest	29,920	25,154	84.05
Western	26,524	21,505	81.06
TOTALS	375,540	324,505	86.41

**Ohio Past Detachment
Commanders Tradition Continues**

PDC Bill Towns, Judge Advocate

At Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler's Homecoming Celebration on October 17, 2020, support of The Gold-Plated Canadian Club Bottle Auction once again brought laughter and cheers as three new names were added to the continuing list of donors.



Cindy and Steve Masowick won the first auction. District 5 Sons of The American Legion the second. Detachment 1st Vice Commander

Doug Hancock and the 1st District Earned the right to showcase the Gold-Plated Past Detachment Commanders Bottle for the next year.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you for your donation, which will go to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.



COVER PHOTO: Iowa State Capital, Des Moines, Iowa

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VA & R Monthly Meeting



My Fellow Sons!

Just a reminder for the upcoming SAL VA & R Commission's Monthly Conference Call, to be held on Monday October 26th, 7:00 PM CST (Prevailing Time)

This month for the first time, we will attempt to conduct this call as a ZOOM Meeting!

Here is your meeting info:

Topic: National VA&R
 Time: Oct 26, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86248193145>

Meeting ID: 862 4819 3145



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 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
 - +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
 - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
 - +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdUPR8mjiF>

Please forward and share this notice with any members that may be interested in VA & R news and activities!

Our Commission is looking forward to this call and we look forward to you joining us this Monday evening October 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM Central Standard Time.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this email and/or VA & R issues.

Talk to all of you soon and thank you for all you do!

For GOD and Country,

Butch Ray, Chairman
 SAL National VA & R Commission
 "Guided by Tradition"

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application	RECEIPT
Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____ Name _____ Recruited by _____ <small>(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)</small> Address _____ <small>(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)</small> 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 _____ <small>(By Applicant or Parent)</small> Eligibility certified by _____ <small>(Post Adjutant)</small>	Date _____ Received of _____ \$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____ Squadron _____, Detachment of _____ By _____ <div style="text-align: center;">  For God and Country </div>
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Sons of The American Legion
 CWF - Donations Report

DETACHMENTS	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,133.00	2,217	\$ 2,217.00	\$ 1,500.00	67.7%	\$ 0.68
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,500.00	1,344	\$ 1,344.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 14,325.00	7,476	\$ 7,476.00	\$ 2,300.00	30.8%	\$ 0.31
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,690.00	506	\$ 506.00	\$ 73.00	14.4%	\$ 0.14
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 1,700.00	11,262	\$ 11,262.00	\$ 81.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
CO - COLORADO	\$ 14,001.00	2,854	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 2,450.00	85.8%	\$ 0.86
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,000.00	1,710	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 2,000.00	117.0%	\$ 1.17
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 2,100.00	2,138	\$ 2,138.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL	\$ -	123	\$ 123.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 22,620.00	19,818	\$ 19,818.00	\$ 7,300.00	36.8%	\$ 0.37
FR - FRANCE	\$ -	260	\$ 260.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 5,615.00	4,748	\$ 4,748.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
HI - HAWAII	\$ 330.00	50	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 614.00	675	\$ 675.00	\$ 61.00	9.0%	\$ 0.09
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 5,693.78	14,429	\$ 14,429.00	\$ 820.00	5.7%	\$ 0.06
IN - INDIANA	\$ 16,635.27	36,351	\$ 36,351.00	\$ 3,305.00	9.1%	\$ 0.09
IA - IOWA	\$ 4,421.00	4,631	\$ 4,631.00	\$ 50.00	1.1%	\$ 0.01
KS - KANSAS	\$ 653.52	6,388	\$ 6,388.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,774	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 500.00	18.0%	\$ 0.18
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,270.00	2,076	\$ 2,076.00	\$ 150.00	7.2%	\$ 0.07
ME - MAINE	\$ -	2,386	\$ 2,386.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,000.00	15,826	\$ 15,826.00	\$ 100.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,307.50	5,228	\$ 5,228.00	\$ 25.00	0.5%	\$ 0.00
MX - MEXICO	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,761.00	23,104	\$ 23,104.00	\$ 1,600.00	6.9%	\$ 0.07
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 5,634.49	11,077	\$ 11,077.00	\$ 220.00	2.0%	\$ 0.02
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,500.00	917	\$ 917.00	\$ 1,350.00	147.2%	\$ 1.47
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 1,740.00	3,089	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 250.00	8.1%	\$ 0.08
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,190	\$ 1,190.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 9,099.16	6,746	\$ 6,746.00	\$ 358.00	5.3%	\$ 0.05
NV - NEVADA	\$ -	413	\$ 413.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 340.00	5,560	\$ 5,560.00	\$ 202.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,944.00	9,108	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 3,217.00	35.3%	\$ 0.35
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 770.40	1,446	\$ 1,446.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 8,703.93	28,629	\$ 28,629.00	\$ 250.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,369.00	2,490	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 50.00	2.0%	\$ 0.02
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	763	\$ 763.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 14,676.00	29,766	\$ 29,766.00	\$ 220.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
OK - OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,382	\$ 1,382.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,250.00	1,453	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 500.00	34.4%	\$ 0.34
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 31,959.96	59,744	\$ 59,744.00	\$ 1,687.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 400.00	83	\$ 83.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ -	106	\$ 106.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ -	246	\$ 246.00	\$ 350.00	142.3%	\$ 1.42
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 2,100.00	1,279	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,250.00	97.7%	\$ 0.98
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ -	876	\$ 876.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 638.00	1,648	\$ 1,648.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 4,908.00	5,758	\$ 5,758.00	\$ 2,296.83	39.9%	\$ 0.40
UT - UTAH	\$ 501.00	503	\$ 503.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,289.00	3,774	\$ 3,774.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 14,431.64	4,453	\$ 4,453.00	\$ 300.00	6.7%	\$ 0.07
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 1,188.00	2,426	\$ 2,426.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 3,159.81	2,262	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 1,164.00	51.5%	\$ 0.51
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 440.00	3,965	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 3,000.00	1,152	\$ 1,152.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 1,032.34	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Grand Total(s):	\$ 252,944.80	360,678	\$ 360,678.00	\$ 36,029.83	10.0%	\$ 0.10



Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress

in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth.

Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer, and perseverance. Many of these children require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

100% Banner Program
Order Form 2020 - 2021

as of: 10/16/2020

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(Eastern Region)						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,000.00	1,710	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 2,000.00	117.0%	\$ 1.17
DELAWARE	\$ 2,100.00	2,138	\$ 2,138.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	123	\$ 123.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ -	260	\$ 260.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ -	2,386	\$ 2,386.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MARYLAND	\$ 3,000.00	15,826	\$ 15,826.00	\$ 100.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,307.50	5,228	\$ 5,228.00	\$ 25.00	0.5%	\$ 0.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 340.00	5,560	\$ 5,560.00	\$ 202.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,944.00	9,108	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 3,217.00	35.3%	\$ 0.35
NEW YORK	\$ 8,703.93	28,629	\$ 28,629.00	\$ 250.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 31,959.96	59,744	\$ 59,744.00	\$ 1,687.00	2.8%	\$ 0.03
RHODE ISLAND	\$ -	246	\$ 246.00	\$ 350.00	142.3%	\$ 1.42
VERMONT	\$ 10,289.00	3,774	\$ 3,774.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 3,159.81	2,262	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 1,164.00	51.5%	\$ 0.51
Totals:	\$ 75,804.20	136,994	\$ 136,994.00	\$ 8,995.00	6.6%	\$ 0.07

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(Central Region)						
ILLINOIS	\$ 5,693.78	14,429	\$ 14,429.00	\$ 820.00	5.7%	\$ 0.06
INDIANA	\$ 16,635.27	36,351	\$ 36,351.00	\$ 3,305.00	9.1%	\$ 0.09
IOWA	\$ 4,421.00	4,631	\$ 4,631.00	\$ 50.00	1.1%	\$ 0.01
MICHIGAN	\$ 8,761.00	23,104	\$ 23,104.00	\$ 1,600.00	6.9%	\$ 0.07
MINNESOTA	\$ 5,634.49	11,077	\$ 11,077.00	\$ 220.00	2.0%	\$ 0.02
MISSOURI	\$ 1,740.00	3,089	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 250.00	8.1%	\$ 0.08
OHIO	\$ 14,676.00	29,766	\$ 29,766.00	\$ 220.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
WISCONSIN	\$ 440.00	3,965	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Totals:	\$ 58,001.54	126,412	\$ 126,412.00	\$ 6,465.00	5.1%	\$ 0.05

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(Western Region)						
ALASKA	\$ 1,500.00	1,344	\$ 1,344.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 14,325.00	7,476	\$ 7,476.00	\$ 2,300.00	30.8%	\$ 0.31
CALIFORNIA	\$ 1,700.00	11,262	\$ 11,262.00	\$ 81.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
HAWAII	\$ 330.00	50	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 614.00	675	\$ 675.00	\$ 61.00	9.0%	\$ 0.09
NEVADA	\$ -	413	\$ 413.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 3,250.00	1,453	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 500.00	34.4%	\$ 0.34
PHILIPPINES	\$ 400.00	83	\$ 83.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 501.00	503	\$ 503.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WASHINGTON	\$ 1,188.00	2,426	\$ 2,426.00	\$ 50.00	2.1%	\$ 0.02
Totals:	\$ 23,808.00	25,685	\$ 25,685.00	\$ 2,992.00	11.6%	\$ 0.12

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(Southern Region)						
ALABAMA	\$ 3,133.00	2,217	\$ 2,217.00	\$ 1,500.00	67.7%	\$ 0.68
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,690.00	506	\$ 506.00	\$ 73.00	14.4%	\$ 0.14
FLORIDA	\$ 22,620.00	19,818	\$ 19,818.00	\$ 7,300.00	36.8%	\$ 0.37
GEORGIA	\$ 5,615.00	4,748	\$ 4,748.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KENTUCKY	\$ -	2,774	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 500.00	18.0%	\$ 0.18
LOUISIANA	\$ 3,270.00	2,076	\$ 2,076.00	\$ 150.00	7.2%	\$ 0.07
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,500.00	917	\$ 917.00	\$ 1,350.00	147.2%	\$ 1.47
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,369.00	2,490	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 50.00	2.0%	\$ 0.02
PUERTO RICO	\$ -	106	\$ 106.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 2,100.00	1,279	\$ 1,279.00	\$ 1,250.00	97.7%	\$ 0.98
TENNESSEE	\$ 638.00	1,648	\$ 1,648.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VIRGINIA	\$ 14,431.64	4,453	\$ 4,453.00	\$ 300.00	6.7%	\$ 0.07
Totals:	\$ 60,366.64	43,032	\$ 43,032.00	\$ 12,473.00	29.0%	\$ 0.29

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(Mid-West Region)						
COLORADO	\$ 14,001.00	2,854	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 2,450.00	85.8%	\$ 0.86
KANSAS	\$ 653.52	6,388	\$ 6,388.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MEXICO	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,190	\$ 1,190.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 9,099.16	6,746	\$ 6,746.00	\$ 358.00	5.3%	\$ 0.05
NEW MEXICO	\$ 770.40	1,446	\$ 1,446.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	763	\$ 763.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,382	\$ 1,382.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ -	876	\$ 876.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 4,908.00	5,758	\$ 5,758.00	\$ 2,296.83	39.9%	\$ 0.40
WYOMING	\$ 3,000.00	1,152	\$ 1,152.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Totals:	\$ 33,932.08	28,555	\$ 28,555.00	\$ 5,104.83	17.9%	\$ 0.18

Detachments	2020 Donations	2020 Membership (to-date)	2021 CWF Goal	2021 Donations	% of Goal	Donations Per Capita
(National HQ)						
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 1,032.34	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Grand Total(s):	\$ 252,944.80	360,678	\$ 360,678.00	\$ 36,029.83	10.0%	\$ 0.10

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Conference Call

Third Wednesday of each month
8:00 p.m. eastern

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There are six scheduled homeless veteran stand downs thru December in the Central Region. Please share this with your Detachment leadership.

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State veterans home in Hawaii hit hard with COVID-19

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A COVID-19 outbreak that struck a state veterans home in Hilo, Hawaii, in late August has infected a majority of the residents and led to the deaths of at least 27 veterans and spouses. It's a stark reminder that the pandemic, now entering its ninth month, continues to devastate long-term care centers.

Although the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home restricted visitors almost from the beginning, it was slow to adopt testing and infection control measures that may have helped keep the novel coronavirus at bay, says David Carlson, National Executive Committee member for The American Legion Department of Hawaii.

"It's a sad situation," he says. "If they had followed the procedures right off the bat – and gotten testing right away – they might have been able to contain it." But Carlson also faults the state for not taking much of an interest in the veterans home until COVID-19 took hold. "The state, VA and the company never did anything until it was too late," he says.

State and federal inspectors also raised questions about the veterans home's pandemic response prior to the outbreak. "There was very little evidence of proactive preparation/planning for COVID," a VA assessment team reported Sept. 12. "Many practices observed seemed as if they were the result of recent changes. Even though these are improvements, these are things that should have been in place from the pandemic onset and a major contributing factor towards the rapid spread."

VA also provided a 19-person team to help deal with COVID-19 from Sept. 17 to Oct. 12, including nurses and specialists in infection control, industrial hygiene, housekeeping, logistics and emergency management.

The Avalon Health Care Group has run the veterans home under contract with the State of Hawaii since 2007. The Utah-based company manages 50 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in six western states, including four state veterans homes in Utah and one in Nevada.

Avalon has been fined nearly \$30,000 for issues at the Yukio Okutsu veterans home since 2017, ac-

ording to inspection records from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The federal agency cited the company for failing to supervise a

veteran patient with dementia who wandered three miles from the facility. Other incidents include a resident falling out of bed and fracturing his hip while a certified nursing assistant was changing his clothing, and a certified nursing assistant leaving a resident alone in the shower for 15 to 20 minutes.

The company says it took early "robust action" to protect the residents of Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home from COVID-19, including restricting visitors. "The facility has implemented all the guidelines of the CDC and CMS since the start of the pandemic in March and have modified its processes as those guidelines have changed," says Peter Cooke, a retired major general in the Army Reserve who serves on Avalon's board. "Unfortunately, extensive independent research shows that once the virus begins circulating at a high rate in a community, as it did in Hawaii this summer, it is all but certain to infect long-term care facilities. In the face of this threat, our staff has continued to perform heroic work to protect the veterans in their care, and we are working closely with VA and our other partners to ensure we are doing everything possible to save lives."

The first signs of COVID-19 infections surfaced Aug. 20 when the Hilo Medical Center asked the state veterans home to participate in the hospital's random COVID-19 testing program, according to a Hawaii Emergency Management Agency inspection report. Two veterans home staff members went home that same day – one whose daughter was COVID-19 positive and another who reported feeling sick. A few residents of the state veterans home also may have been exposed to the novel coronavirus at an off-site dialysis center, according to the state report.

Once inside the veterans home, the virus spread rapidly. By Sept. 6, when U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, called for VA to help stop the outbreak, 46 residents and 18 staff members had contracted COVID-19, and five residents had died. As of mid-October, 71 of the original 89 residents and 35 staff



The Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home. (via Facebook)

members have tested positive for COVID-19. Forty-four residents have since recovered.

Other state veterans homes, particularly on the East Coast, have also struggled to protect their residents from the novel coronavirus. In late September, Massachusetts charged the former superintendent and former chief medical officer from the Holyoke Soldier's Home with abuse and neglect in connection with the deaths of 76 veterans from COVID-19. And on Oct. 16, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy fired the chief executives at the Paramus and Menlo Park state veterans homes after it was reported that a total of 193 residents have likely died from COVID-19 at the two facilities – 47 more than had been previously acknowledged. Murphy also replaced the two top leaders at the state Military and Veterans Affairs Department.

California, on the other hand, continues to have one of the best track records. Just eight of the 2,100 residents of its state veterans homes have contracted COVID-19, and only two have died. In addition, 82 of the approximately 2,300 employees at CalVet's eight veterans homes have tested positive for COVID-19, and one has died. CalVet took steps to prevent COVID-19 infections beginning as early as February.

Overall, nursing homes are blamed for about 40 percent of all known COVID-19 deaths in the United States which now top 220,000. Veterans homes appear to have been hard hit by the outbreak. But a lack of comprehensive data about COVID-19 infections in federal, state, and private nursing homes makes it difficult to compare how each is handling the infections.

The National Guard has been tapped to provide assistance in many of these locations. By mid-October, the Guard had added more than 15,500 beds to assisted living centers, VA facilities and other care centers, says Wayne V. Hall, National Guard Bureau spokesman. The Guard had also tested or screened 10.5 million people, and disinfected 8,271 long-term care facilities, nursing homes, correctional facilities, VA centers, shelters, and other public places to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the ongoing toll in long-term care facilities is troubling, says Charlene Harrington, professor emerita of nursing and sociology in the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing who has studied nursing homes for 30 years. "It's shocking to see outbreaks still happening. So the

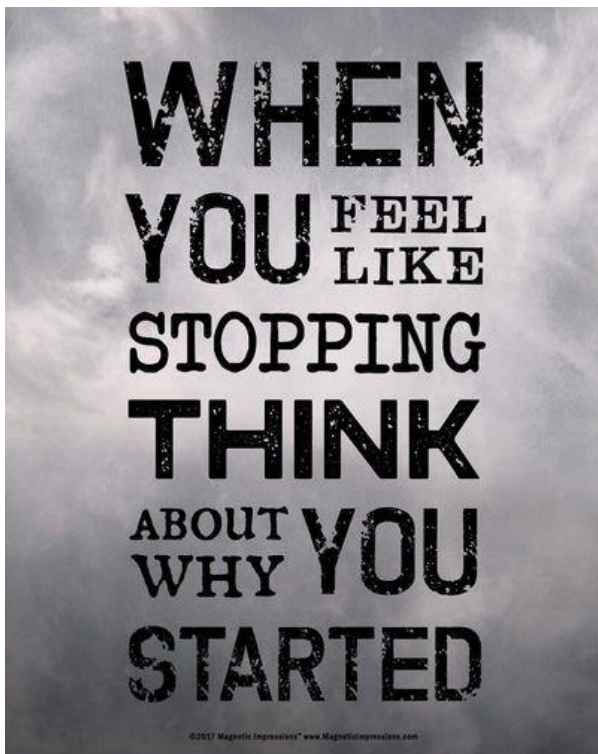
only conclusion is that homes are not testing staff frequently enough, that the homes are understaffed and don't have enough registered nurses, that they are not wearing personal protective equipment and following infection-control guidelines – or all of these things."

Harrington also expects COVID-19 infection rates to increase at nursing homes as the weather gets colder and people move indoors, a problem likely to be compounded by the onset of flu season.

In Hawaii, meanwhile, Avalon's contract to run the state veterans home in Hilo is expected to end Jan. 1. The company says it is "working cooperatively" to transition management of the facility to a state agency known as the Hawaii Health Systems Corp.

Now it's a matter of watching and waiting, Carlson says. "I don't think there's much more that can be done," he says. "All we can do is look at it and see what happened and try to keep it from happening to anybody else."





Rick proudly served all elected positions in the Detachment from Chaplain 1994-1995, Second Vice-Commander, and First Vice-Commander leading up to his year as Detachment of Ohio Commander in 1997-1998.

Rick did not stop there, continuing to serve the Detachment of Ohio as the Alternate National Executive Committeeman 1998-2000 and National Executive Committeeman 2000-2002.

That sounds like a lot for some but not Rick. Rick was well known on the National level serving on the National Child Welfare Committee 1997-1999, National Americanism Commission 1999-2000. Rick's leadership ability was acknowledged by his continued appointment to the National Membership Training and Development Committee 2000-2005. In 2005-2006 Rick served on the National Security Committee.

The position he was most inspired by was when he served National Chaplain of the Sons of The American Legion for 2002-2003. Please keep Rick and Mary's family in your prayers and when you need some inspiration, think of what Rick has done for so many.

Please join in a moment of reflection to honor Past National Chaplain Rick Riviotta.



Rick Riviotta passed away in the early morning hours Saturday 08/01/20. Mary Riviotta, Rick's wife stated he had returned to a room after surgery Friday 07/31/2020, and when they checked on him in the early morning found him unresponsive and was pronounced at 1:30 a.m.

Because of COVID-19, options were limited to an immediate family service.

Rick Riviotta, Honorary Life Member of Squadron 610 Brook Park, Ohio.

Rick was an Ohio District 13 Sons of The American Legion Commander from 1992-1996 and again 1998-1999.

On the Detachment level, Rick served as Detachment Assistant Sgt-at-Arms 1993-1994. Detachment Convention Screening Chairman 1994-1997. Detachment Leadership Committee Chairman 1999-2003.

