



Round-Up



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Renew today; VOTE!

Gentlemen,

There are some very exciting times ahead of us. It's November and Election Day is this week. Please don't forget to vote if you haven't done so already. Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and a National Target Date. What more could you ask for?

Speaking of the next National Target Date, what are you doing to make sure your Squadron, District, Detachment, and the Central Region hit the mark? Are your dues paid? Let's all work hard over the next week to make sure we get every card we can.

Who's next?

Ever wonder what makes a program successful? I do all the time, and I usually get the same answer. For a program to be successful, there must be participation, buy in, and dedication. If our program were getting members to pay their dues early and not wait until the last minute, would you participate? Do you buy-in to the concept? Would you be dedicated to helping make the program successful? These are the questions that we need to ask our members, because we need to change our membership culture. **Who's next?**

Don't forget to talk it up to Squadron and District Officers when it comes to using [MySAL](#). This tool is a perfect way to help change our membership culture. MySAL info can be found by clicking [here](#). **Who's next?**

I mentioned it earlier, but please, if you have not done so, get out and vote. Men and women have died for our right to vote, so go out and honor them and cast a vote. If you know people who may need a ride, take them or help them find a way to their polling place. Voting is one of our most fundamental duties, and we should exercise our right to do so.

GOTV – Get Out the Vote!!!



Please let NVC Doc Pfeiffer or me know if you need help with something, and we will do what we can.

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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Full Steam Ahead**



2021 Membership Report

2021 Renewal Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					10/29/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Southern	42,775	17,550	(25,225)	41.029%	25,225
Midwest	30,377	10,109	(20,268)	33.278%	20,268
Central	132,706	42,312	(90,394)	31.884%	90,394
Western	26,405	8,149	(18,256)	30.862%	18,256
Eastern	146,287	32,352	(113,935)	22.115%	113,935
TOTALS	378,550	110,472	(268,078)	29.183%	268,078

Membership ahead of 2020

19,355

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~	3,745	1,903	(1,842)	50.814%	1,842
2 Illinois * ^ ~	14,547	6,305	(8,242)	43.342%	8,242
3 Iowa * ^ ~	4,376	1,772	(2,604)	40.494%	2,604
4 Minnesota ^	11,749	3,913	(7,836)	33.305%	7,836
5 Ohio	31,134	10,302	(20,832)	33.089%	20,832
6 Indiana * ^	39,365	12,556	(26,809)	31.896%	26,809
7 Michigan	24,084	4,956	(19,128)	20.578%	19,128
8 Missouri	3,706	655	(3,051)	17.674%	3,051
TOTALS	132,706	42,362	90,344	31.922%	90,344

* Met Sept. 10, 2020 goal of 20%

^ 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	1,903	(1,842)	50.814%	1,842
Iowa	4,376	1,722	(2,654)	39.351%	2,654
Missouri	3,706	655	(3,051)	17.674%	3,051
TOTALS	11,827	4,280	(7,547)	107.839%	7,547

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,547	6,305	(8,242)	43.342%	8,242
Minnesota	11,749	3,913	(7,836)	33.305%	7,836
TOTALS	26,296	10,218	(16,078)	76.647%	16,078

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Difference
Ohio	31,134	10,302	(20,832)	33.089%	20,832
Indiana	39,365	12,556	(26,809)	31.896%	26,809
Michigan	24,084	4,956	(19,128)	20.578%	19,128
TOTALS	94,583	27,814	(66,769)	85.564%	66,769



The American Legion Family

2020 - 2021 RENEWALS					10/26/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference	
Southern	43,046	13,215	30.70%	29,831	
Midwest	28,591	7,715	26.98%	20,876	
Central	126,541	32,157	25.41%	94,384	
Western	25,682	5,759	22.42%	19,923	
Eastern	137,169	23,376	17.04%	113,793	
TOTALS	361,029	82,222	22.77%	278,807	

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
1 Illinois	14,464	5,676	39.24%	8,788
2 Wisconsin	3,965	1,512	38.13%	2,453
3 Iowa	4,642	1,416	30.50%	3,226
4 Indiana	36,434	9,271	25.45%	27,163
5 Minnesota	11,077	2,808	25.35%	8,269
6 Ohio	29,766	7,134	23.97%	22,632
7 Missouri	3,089	605	19.59%	2,484
8 Michigan	23,104	3,735	16.17%	19,369
TOTALS	126,541	32,157	25.41%	94,384

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Iowa	4,642	1,416	30.50%	3,226
Michigan	23,104	3,735	16.17%	19,369
TOTALS	8,607	2,928	68.64%	5,679

White Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Illinois	14,464	5,676	39.24%	8,788
Minnesota	11,077	2,808	25.35%	8,269
TOTALS	25,541	8,484	64.59%	17,057

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Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent	Difference
Indiana	36,434	9,271	25.45%	27,163
Ohio	29,766	7,134	23.97%	22,632
Missouri	3,089	605	19.59%	2,484
TOTALS	69,289	17,010	69.00%	52,279

Proud Possessors
of a Priceless Heritage

Gentlemen,



You guys are doing an outstanding job so far. We have three Detachments over the 35% goal, and three more within 3% or less of making it. Remember we have 12 days left until the target date of November 12. We need to continue to keep this pace up for the rest of the year!

We also need to continue doing our buddy Checks and working on those members who did not renew last year.

Thank all of you for your dedication and hard work.

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

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BUDDY CHECK

LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!

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

MySAL info can be found by clicking [here](#).

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

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Conference Call

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

(605) 313-4111
Pin 893821



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Who's next?

Americanism Commission Conference Call

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

(515) 606-5134
Pin 451074

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

My Fellow Sons!



I am excited to let you know that this year's "Veterans Pen" celebration is going Virtual! Veterans Pen is a fundraiser for the "Veterans Voices Writing Project" and as a special guest, you will hear from Mr. Thor Ringler who is the creator of the VA's "My Life, My Story" program that you have heard our commission speak of frequently.

Please use this information to register and hold the date of Saturday November 14th at 2:00 p.m. Central time.

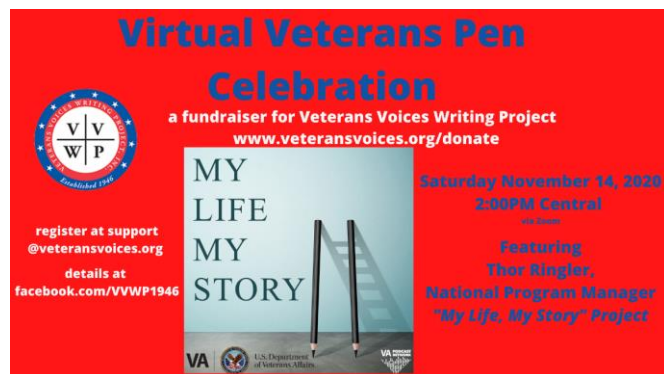
We are sure that you will receive a lot of insight and knowledge on these programs to benefit the veterans that you work with!

For GOD and Country!

Butch Ray, Chairman
SAL Nat'l VA & R Commission

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SAL National VA & R Commission*

"Guided by Tradition"



[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

The Veterans Pen Celebration is the annual recognition ceremony for the writers and artists who are published in Veterans' Voices magazine. The event traditionally takes place in the auditorium of The National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. This year, like many other events, The Veterans Pen Celebration is going virtual. While we will miss the lovely venue and partnership with the amazing staff at the National WWI Museum and Memorial, we are excited about the ability to reach more of our authors, artists, and supporters.

The event is **free** but does require advance registration at <https://veteransvoices.org/annual-veterans-pen-celebration/>.

Our keynote speaker is Thor Ringler, national program manager of My Life, My Story program and podcast from the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. This year's event will also feature artwork published in Veterans' Voices over the past year and give an opportunity – virtually – for attendees to visit with each other and ask questions of the speaker and other event participants via the chat feature.

Please spread the word about this event to your writing groups and other people who may be interested. For more information feel free to contact Veterans' Voices at support@veteransvoices.org.

**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of October 26, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
WI Q2	3,744	3,965	105.903
IA Q1 🏠	4,375	4,642	106.103
IL	14,546	14,464	99.436
MI	24,083	23,104	95.935
OH	31,133	29,766	95.609
MN	11,748	11,077	94.288
IN	39,364	36,434	92.557
MO	3,705	3,089	83.374
TOTALS	132,698	126,541	95.360

Q = QUOTA - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

🏠 = All Time High

**2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of October 26, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,133	92.83
IL	14,431	13,291	92.10
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	33,174	85.33
MO	3,485	2,792	80.11
TOTALS	131,336	115,593	88.01

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of October 26, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	4,046	100.662
Western	26,395	25,682	97.299
Central	132,698	125,541	95.360
Midwest	30,366	28,591	94.155
Eastern	146,273	137,169	93.776
TOTALS	378,495	361,029	95.385

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**2020 National Renewal Rates
as of October 26, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,336	115,593	88.01
Eastern	144,870	125,940	86.93
Southern	42,877	36,619	85.40
Midwest	29,920	25,165	84.09
Western	26,531	21,505	81.06
TOTALS	375,540	324,822	86.49

-12,664 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)

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RECEIPT

Date _____ Received of _____

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

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____

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<https://mstmag.com/arts-and-culture/minnesota-state-capitol-redux/>