



Round-Up



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Is there more?

Gentlemen,

When we talk about membership, what do we really mean? Is it just getting someone to pay their dues, or is there “more?” If there is “more,” how do you relay it to your members. Do you get as many members as possible involved in the functions and meetings of your organization?

For Sons of The American Legion, there is much “more!” The work we do for our veteran is remarkable. Our Children & Youth programs can’t be beat. And what the SAL does for the Child Welfare Foundation is, sometimes, unexplainable. Our work in many other areas supported by The American Legion Family help make up the “more.”

Something to think about is how can we accomplish the “more” without the first step, making sure that the members have paid their dues, and are in good standing with the organization.

When you call, email, or talk in person with your members asking for their dues, please make sure to explain the “more” and remind them how important they are to the organization. Ask them what programs they are interested in and lead the way to the right person so he can help.

So many people rely on us, the Sons of The American Legion, for things that we, as members, sometimes take for granted. All those CWF grants aren’t awarded if Sons of The American Legion didn’t perform its outstanding fundraising. Our veterans may not get the benefits they need is we don’t complete our Squadron Certification Forms or make our donations. What if we stopped supporting our Posts? Is it possible that they could close?

With COVID-19 a reality, we must make sure that we do everything we can to continue to do the “more” while at the same time renewing and re-

cruiting members to our great organization. **Who’s next?**

Don’t forget my weekly push for more Squadrons to start using [MySAL](#). If you are not doing so already, please look at 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?**

We would be remis if we didn’t take time to remember that on this day in 1963, our country lost its President in Dallas, Texas. This unspeakable act took the life of John F. Kennedy. To this day, our country mourns his loss. **Remember JFK. Ask not...**

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

Continue **“Serving those who served..full steam ahead!”**

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



#SALSTRONG

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

Central Region Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
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Gentlemen,



Congratulations to Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois for already surpassing the 50% mark. Let's keep this momentum going and give Commander Bolt a banner year.

There was some talk on our conference call Thursday night about Departments being closed and not being able to get cards transmitted. This is all the more reason to use [MySAL](#). Using [MySAL](#) takes all the middlemen out of the process, You deal directly with National and your cards are recorded as soon as you finish. No more waiting on someone to get you a check, filling out a paper transmittal, and then sending it in and hoping it gets processed in a timely manner.

We also have to work on getting ALL Squadrons off zero. There is no excuse for a Squadron to be on zero this late in the year. Everyone has had their cards for over 4 months, and I would presume they all have officers who should have paid their dues before being installed. Please do your best to try and get this taken care of.

I really appreciate all that you do and the dedication that you have for this great organization. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, stay safe and stay healthy.

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

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**MY FELLOW AMERICANS,
ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU,
ASK WHAT YOU
CAN DO FOR
YOUR
COUNTRY.
-JFK**



2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP				11/19/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
Southern	42,775	20,980	21,795	49.05%
Midwest	30,377	12,212	18,165	40.20%
Central	132,706	53,196	79,510	40.09%
Western	26,405	10,333	16,072	39.13%
Eastern	146,287	46,569	99,718	31.83%
TOTALS	378,550	143,290	235,260	37.85%

Membership ahead/behind prior year date **16,992**

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ?	3,745	2,178	1,567	58.16%
2 Iowa * ^ ~	4,376	2,497	1,879	57.06%
3 Illinois * ^ ~	14,547	7,279	7,268	50.04%
6 Ohio ~	31,134	13,233	17,901	42.50%
5 Minnesota ^ ~	11,749	4,772	6,977	40.62%
4 Indiana * ^ ~	39,365	15,926	23,439	40.46%
7 Michigan	24,084	6,656	17,428	27.64%
8 Missouri	3,706	655	3,051	17.67%
TOTALS	132,706	53,196	79,510	40.09%

Q = Quota

* Met 09/10/20 goal of 10% # Met 02/10/21 goal of 75%
 ^ Met 10/15/20 goal of 25% % Met 03/10/21 goal of 80%
 ~ Met 11/12/20 goal of 35% \$ Met 04/14/21 goal of 90%
 ? Met 12/09/20 goal of 45% (Met 05/12/21 goal of 100%
 ! Met 01/21/21 goal of 60%) Met 07/28/21 goal of 105%

Red Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,376	2,497	1,879	4.69%
Wisconsin	3,745	2,178	1,567	4.09%
Missouri	3,706	655	3,051	1.23%
TOTALS	11,827	5,330	6,497	10.02%

White Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	7,279	7,268	13.68%
Minnesota	11,749	4,772	6,977	8.97%
TOTALS	26,296	12,051	14,245	22.65%

Blue Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Indiana	39,365	15,926	23,439	29.94%
Ohio	31,134	13,233	17,901	24.88%
Michigan	24,084	6,656	17,428	12.51%
TOTALS	94,583	35,815	58,768	67.33%

2021 Renewal Report

2020-2021 RENEWALS			11/16/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
Southern	43,068	17,482	40.59%
Central	126,727	44,933	35.46%
Midwest	28,663	10,147	35.40%
Western	25,779	8,221	31.89%
Eastern	137,775	38,012	27.59%
TOTALS	362,012	118,795	32.82%

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
1 Wisconsin	3,969	1,940	48.88%
2 Illinois	14,486	6,687	46.16%
3 Minnesota	11,085	4,330	39.06%
4 Iowa	4,642	2,093	45.09%
5 Ohio	29,817	10,619	35.61%
6 Indiana	36,468	12,717	34.87%
7 Michigan	23,171	5,942	25.64%
8 Missouri	3,089	605	19.59%
TOTALS	126,727	44,933	35.46%

Red Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,969	1,940	4.32%
Iowa	4,642	2,093	4.66%
Missouri	3,089	605	1.35%
TOTALS	11,700	4,638	10.32%

White Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,486	6,687	14.88%
Minnesota	11,085	4,330	9.64%
TOTALS	25,571	11,017	24.52%

Blue Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Indiana	36,468	12,717	28.30%
Ohio	29,817	10,619	23.63%
Michigan	23,171	5,942	13.22%
TOTALS	89,456	29,278	65.16%

**2021
National Target Date
December 9, 2020**

45%



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

**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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**BUDDY
CHECK**

by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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.

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Conference Call

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

(605) 313-4111
Pin 893821

Americanism Commission Conference Call

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

(515) 606-5134
Pin 451074

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Conference Call

Fourth Monday of each month
7:00 p.m. Central

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6354565336?pwd=aEJLdDB5RFFJSVZRY3pCYXg5Zm9zUT09>

Meeting ID: 635 456 5336
Passcode: 596328

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[DONATE](#)

[RENEW](#)



Dear American Legion Family,

There has been good news recently on research into vaccines for the coronavirus. Moreover, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced this week that more than 50 VA medical centers are participating in trials to test vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. You do not need to be a veteran to participate.

“Volunteering for our trials is a way people can help our country more quickly find vaccines and treatments to end the pandemic and get life back to normal,” VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said in a news release.

The American Legion never offers medical advice. But we do offer information provided by VA. You can learn more about VA’s research and how to volunteer [here](#).

For God and country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. 'Bill' Oxford".

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander



**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of November 16, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 	4,375	4,642	106.103
WI Q2	3,744	3,969	106.010
IL	14,546	14,486	99.588
MI	24,083	23,171	96.213
OH	31,133	29,817	95.773
MN	11,748	11,085	94.356
IN	39,364	36,468	92.643
MO	3,705	3,089	83.374
TOTALS	132,698	126,727	95.500

Q = QUOTA - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

 = All Time High

**2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of November 16, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,133	92.83
IL	14,431	13,319	92.29
OH	30,456	27,532	90.40
WI	3,945	3,507	88.90
MN	11,565	10,202	88.21
MI	24,126	21,052	87.26
IN	38,876	33,203	85.41
MO	3,485	2,792	80.11
TOTALS	131,336	115,740	88.13

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of November 16, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	43,068	100.713
Western	26,395	25,779	97.666
Central	132,698	126,727	95.500
Midwest	30,366	28,663	94.392
Eastern	146,273	137,775	94.190
TOTALS	378,495	362,012	95.645

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**2020 National Renewal Rates
as of November 16, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,336	115,740	88.13
Eastern	144,870	126,465	87.30
Southern	42,877	36,770	85.76
Midwest	29,926	25,243	84.35
Western	26,531	21,581	81.34
TOTALS	375,540	325,799	86.75

-12,460 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 _____, Detachment of _____

Squadron _____ By _____

For God and Country



COVER PHOTO: President John F. Kennedy

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactions_to_the_assassination_of_John_F._Kennedy#/media/File:Jfk2.jpg



2021 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers an 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 these minimum requirements to qualify:

To qualify you need to Recruit (5) new members into Sons of The American Legion.

(A new member is defined as any eligible Son joining for the 2021 membership year who was not a member of the Sons of The American Legion during the 2020 membership year).

Transfers or renewals do not count as new members.

Please make sure that the members have been processed before submission. **Pins will not be mailed until they are verified in the national membership database.**

This award form must be received by July 31st.

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 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#2 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#3 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#4 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

#5 Full Name _____ Membership ID # _____

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 Tri., 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

“Sons In Need” program a success in Indiana



Sons In Need is an Indiana-based Sons of The American Legion member assistance program that helps provide a one-time reimbursement to squadrons of up to \$500.00 to assist members in need.

Members must appeal for assistance through the squadron in which they are a member in good standing. Squadrons shall vet the member's appeal for assistance with regard to validity and necessity, make an assistance determination based on the appeal and/or request submitted to them and disburse such financial assistance as it may deem appropriate.

Examples of items that may be reimbursed, but not limited to groceries, child and infant needs, emergency housing, utility payments, medical needs, textbooks, clothing, etc.

Examples of items that are NOT reimbursed, but not limited to: cable, satellite, internet, cell phone, taxes, fines, insurance premiums, previous debts, bail money, etc. To be considered for reimbursement, squadrons are solely responsible to ensure assistance has been provided within the limitations of the program and may make a one-time application, per member in need, for reimbursement of up to \$500.00.

To apply for reimbursement, squadrons will need to complete of a Sons In Need application (ensure contact information is present in case there are questions), providing as much relevant information as needed to adequately substantiate the application. The application shall be signed by the Squadron Commander and Adjutant, the submission of copies of bills from the vendor/service providers (utility, doctor, etc.) and copies of The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion organizational checks documenting that payment was made directly to the vendor/service providers on behalf of the member.

In the case of partial or total loss due to fire or natural disaster, a local newspaper article (or similar) documenting the event shall be sufficient to serve as supporting documentation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be sent to: Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana, 5440

Herbert Lord Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216, to the attention of the Detachment Adjutant.

Upon receipt, the Detachment Adjutant will record receipt of the application on the tracker spreadsheet supplied by the Detachment Sons In Need committee. The application and supporting documents will be sent to the Sons In Need Committee for consideration and review of the documentation supporting the application for adherence to the Sons In Need program criteria, as published herein and separately.

Upon completion of their review, the Sons In Need committee chairman will pass the recommendation of the committee to the Detachment Adjutant for final processing of the application. Provided favorable recommendation from the committee, the Detachment Adjutant will review the documentation supporting the claim a final time to ensure all required information is present and make final disposition by submitting the application and supporting documentation for reimbursement.

Applications found to be incomplete may be returned to the originating squadron. Applications that are denied will be For the purposes of timeliness and expediency and at the discretion of the Sons In Need committee chairman, the committee may conduct its business with regard to the receiving and processing of Sons In Need applications using any means of communication at its disposal between Detachment Executive Committee meetings, reporting interim committee actions, upon request, to the Detachment Commander or may postpone committee action until the convening of the regularly scheduled Detachment Executive Committee meeting, as may deemed appropriate.

The Detachment Adjutant and Sons In Need committee chairman shall work closely to ensure timely and efficient processing of applications received.

The Sons In Need program does not seek to dictate the manner in which a squadron may assist its members and does preclude any squadron from assisting any member in any manner and in any amount it chooses (to include direct assistance to the member), only to establish criteria regarding how reimbursements from the Sons In Need fund are handled for proper and responsible administration of the program.

The Sons In Need program depends heavily on three critical factors that help make it successful, (1) that the fund is a restricted fund with strict pro-

visions for use and relies entirely and completely on a continuous flow of generous contributions to be able to provide needed assistance, (2) that the fund maintains a positive monetary balance sufficient to make revolving reimbursements possible, and (3) that the member and squadron have demonstrated that a bona-fide need exists falling within the parameters consistent with criteria set by the Detachment Sons In Need committee.

Under no circumstances will the fund make payment directly to a member or entertain an application for reimbursement that does not originate from a squadron and signed by proper command and administrative squadron authority. As a condition of reimbursement from the fund, financial assistance from the squadron level is to be made directly to the vendor or service provider, NOT directly to the member in need).

Squadrons are encouraged to review the Sons In Need program criteria prior to providing a member with financial assistance to understand the types of items that are reimbursable and the types of items that are not. The Sons In Need program is NOT a guarantee of squadron reimbursement and its existence is dependent on the critical factors listed above. The submission of false or misleading information or the altering of member records in any manner to cause an individual to be eligible who would have otherwise been ineligible will be grounds for application denial. We are here to help our brothers!

Detachment of Indiana Sons of The American Legion Sons In Need Application		
Squadron Name	Squadron Number	Submission Date
Squadron Submitting Application		
Name of Squadron Commander		
Phone Number for Commander		
Contact Email Address		
Name of Squadron Adjutant		
Phone Number for Adjutant		
Name of Member in Need		
Members ID Number		
Explanation of Need		
Amount Requested		
Squad Commander Signature		
Squad Adjutant Signature		
Committee Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>		
Committee Comments		
Chairman Signature		
D.E.C Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>		
Detachment Adjutant Signature		
Department Approval for Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>		
Department Adjutant Signature		
Attach additional information as needed Include copies of bills and copy of check		By mail submit to: The American Legion 5440 Herbert Lord Road Indianapolis IN 46216 Attn: SAL Adjutant
<input type="button" value="Print"/>	<input type="button" value="Email"/>	<input type="button" value="Save"/>

This information is available at www.indianasal.org/uploads/7/6/0/7/76076421/sons_in_need_bylaws.pdf



California Legion post offering free COVID-19 testing

The American Legion
NOV 17, 2020

As COVID-19 cases across the nation continue to spike, American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City, Calif., is trying to bring some peace of mind to San Mateo County veterans.

On Nov. 21, the post is teaming up with the County of San Mateo Veterans Services Office (CVSO) to provide free, contactless COVID-19 testing to San Mateo County veterans and their family members. The initiative came when Veterans Services Officer Ed Kiryczun reached out to Post 105 about the need for testing in the area.

“The county puts on free COVID testing with the nasal (tests), but they’re looking for more places,” said Post 105 First Vice Commander George Smith. “We started talking about ... veterans cannot get a test unless the doctor orders it. The county thought this was a good idea to be able to get out and provide testing for specific entities. (Kiryczun) came to me and said, ‘Do you think this is a good idea?’ I said, ‘I think it’s a great idea.’ He said, ‘Where can we do it?’ I said, ‘We can do it at our place.’

“We’ve got a large post and we’ve got a huge parking area. You go inside one way and come out the other, so there’s no congestion getting in and out of the place. That’s where it came from.”

The county is providing the testing kits and computers to register those wanting to be tested, as well as a flyer advertising the testing. Smith has emailed the flyer to county veteran organizations, as well as to more than 170 members of the post, and placed info on the post's [website](#). Veterans and their families can pre-register for a test or show up the day of testing with a VA medical card, military ID, or DD 214.

The testing kits utilize a mouth swab, rather than the nasal test. Those getting tested will follow strict guidelines that include wearing masks to enter the post, then moving outside of the building to swab their own mouths. The swab is then put into a container, which is placed into a bag and dropped in a bucket. Test results will be available via email, text, or an 800-phone number within 48-72 hours.

“None of our people will ever touch anything or anybody,” Smith said. “We just have people there watching ... and they’re all in protective gear.”

Testing will take place from noon-3 p.m. Smith, a member of the San Mateo County Veterans Commission, is estimating the post will provide testing for 200-250 people. “This is a two-purpose thing,” he said. “The first one is to provide the veterans in our community with the COVID testing. And partnering with the CVSO ... that gives our veterans service office the ability to look and see if they’ve registered with the (office). If they haven’t, then the CVSO will give them a return call just to do a check-up letting them know they’re there.

“We will have representatives from the (Department of Veterans Affairs), we’ll have PTSD people there, we’ll have three to four different groups there for the veterans. We really want to get to the veterans and let them know we’re there to help them.” Other American Legion Family members also have continued to assist others during the pandemic. In St. Louis Park, Minn., **American Legion Post 282** continues to make Buddy Checks on older veterans. The post is assisting World War II and Korean War veterans with their dues and donating to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. The post is also assisting any veterans who request help with navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs health system.

“We are very careful about personal information and contact,” Post 282 Service Officer Tom Schottenbauer told [The Sun Sailor](#).

And in the U.S. Virgin Islands, **American Legion Post 102** in St. Croix recently collected and donated 1,350 disposable facemasks to the Department of Human Services and the Herbert Griggs Home for the Aged. The masks were given to the nurses working at the facility.

“We are proud that we can be able to accomplish one of our pillars, which is involvement in the community,” Post 102 Commander Secundino Cruz told the St. Croix Avis.

Sons of The American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission SOP for Detachments



America's veterans are facing.

The creation of a Veterans Employment and Education Committee (or Sub-committee) within a Detachment can greatly benefit the Sons of The American Legion. While VE&E and VA&R are closely tied and often associated together, they cover completely different issues

Identify the active community-based Veteran Service Providers in your areas Educate yourselves and your members on veteran homelessness so you may educate others.

Promote local businesses that hire veterans Hold a fundraiser/make a donation to a veterans outreach program Contact local officials to see what is being done to end veteran homelessness-become an advocate In short, there are numerous ways that your Detachment can advocate for, assist and promote Veterans Employment and Education.

Thom Skelley, Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
National VE&E Commission
(810) 310-0109

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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program Outline

- I. Volunteer Services
- II. Support Military Troops
 - a. USO
 - b. Squadron/Individual Support (Phone cards, Care Packages)
 - c. POW/MIA Issues
 - d. AL Operation Comfort Warrior
 - e. My Healthy Vet
- III. Collaborative Program Efforts
 - a. National Veterans Assistance Day
 - b. Fisher House
 - c. Veterans Suicide Prevention as well as other programs.

Veterans Employment and Education deals with programs involving veterans education, small business, employment, veterans preference, VA home loans, homeless veterans, training, licensing and certification, transition, USERRA, and other issues related to economics.

As you can see, there is too much ground to cover by only one committee/commission.

Suggested responsibilities for a Detachment VE&E Committee would include (not limited to) Coordinate with the national VE&E Commission (attend meetings and conference calls) Coordinate with your respective Department VE&E Commission to assist in job/career fairs, homeless stand-downs or other events.

Disseminate the information provided by the VE&E Commissions on the state and national level to the District/County and Squadron levels.

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	1,410	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 14,325.00	7,501	\$ 7,501.00	\$ 2,800.00	37.3%	\$ 0.37
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,690.00	506	\$ 506.00	\$ 73.00	14.4%	\$ 0.14
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 1,700.00	11,331	\$ 11,331.00	\$ 81.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
CO - COLORADO	\$ 14,001.00	2,864	\$ 2,864.00	\$ 2,450.00	85.5%	\$ 0.86
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,000.00	1,718	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 2,000.00	116.4%	\$ 1.16
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 2,100.00	2,150	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL		123	\$ 123.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 22,620.00	19,836	\$ 19,836.00	\$ 7,550.00	38.1%	\$ 0.38
FR - FRANCE		260	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	115.4%	\$ 1.15
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 5,615.00	4,748	\$ 4,748.00	\$ 1,861.50	39.2%	\$ 0.39
HI - HAWAII	\$ 330.00	50	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 614.00	675	\$ 675.00	\$ 61.00	9.0%	\$ 0.09
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 5,693.78	14,486	\$ 14,486.00	\$ 995.00	6.9%	\$ 0.07
IN - INDIANA	\$ 16,635.27	36,489	\$ 36,489.00	\$ 3,900.00	10.7%	\$ 0.11
IA - IOWA	\$ 4,421.00	4,642	\$ 4,642.00	\$ 200.00	4.3%	\$ 0.04
KS - KANSAS	\$ 653.52	6,388	\$ 6,388.00	\$ 0.00	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	\$ 650.00	31.3%	\$ 0.31
ME - MAINE		2,400	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 3,000.00	15,858	\$ 15,858.00	\$ 100.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,307.50	5,286	\$ 5,286.00	\$ 54.00	1.0%	\$ 0.01
MX - MEXICO	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 8,761.00	23,171	\$ 23,171.00	\$ 1,600.00	6.9%	\$ 0.07
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 5,634.49	11,085	\$ 11,085.00	\$ 2,270.00	20.5%	\$ 0.20
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,500.00	919	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,350.00	146.9%	\$ 1.47
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 1,740.00	3,089	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 250.00	8.1%	\$ 0.08
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,500.00	1,191	\$ 1,191.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 9,099.16	6,778	\$ 6,778.00	\$ 3,358.00	49.5%	\$ 0.50
NV - NEVADA		413	\$ 413.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 340.00	5,663	\$ 5,663.00	\$ 202.00	3.6%	\$ 0.04
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,944.00	9,200	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 3,217.00	35.0%	\$ 0.35
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 770.40	1,453	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 8,703.93	28,892	\$ 28,892.00	\$ 250.00	0.9%	\$ 0.01
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,369.00	2,494	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 300.00	12.0%	\$ 0.12
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	769	\$ 769.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 14,676.00	29,817	\$ 29,817.00	\$ 220.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,384	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,250.00	1,453	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 500.00	34.4%	\$ 0.34
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 31,959.96	59,921	\$ 59,921.00	\$ 2,238.00	3.7%	\$ 0.04
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 400.00	83	\$ 83.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO		116	\$ 116.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND		246	\$ 246.00	\$ 350.00	142.3%	\$ 1.42
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 2,100.00	1,281	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 1,360.00	106.2%	\$ 1.06
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA		878	\$ 878.00	\$ 876.00	99.8%	\$ 1.00
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 638.00	1,648	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 4,908.00	5,816	\$ 5,816.00	\$ 2,496.83	42.9%	\$ 0.43
UT - UTAH	\$ 501.00	503	\$ 503.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,289.00	3,791	\$ 3,791.00	\$ 0.00	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
WI - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 3,159.81	2,262	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 1,164.00	51.5%	\$ 0.51
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 440.00	3,971	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 170.00	4.3%	\$ 0.04
WY - WYOMING	\$ 3,000.00	1,155	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%	\$ -
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 1,032.34	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Grand Total(s):	\$ 252,944.80	362,109	\$ 362,109.00	\$ 47,597.33	13.1%	\$ 0.13

as of: 11/20/2020



Sons Of The American Legion New Member "BLUE BRIGADE" Recruiter Award 2021 Certification Form

DETACHMENT ADJUTANT: Retain copy for your records

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (Prior to July 31st)

By Mail:	By Email:	By Fax:
BLUE BRIGADE AWARD	sal@legion.org	(317) 630-1413
C/O National SAL		
P.O. Box 1055	Phone #:	
Indianapolis, IN 46206	(317) 630-1205	

The following S.A.L. member in the Detachment of _____ has enrolled 30 or more **NEW MEMBERS** into the Sons of The American Legion by **July 31st. (Reactivated members do not count)**

Cutoff: 30 days prior to the S.A.L. National Convention

This S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" award will be my:

- A. First S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" Award
- B. Other (i.e. Consecutive years in a row) _____

*Consecutive year awardee receives a SAL "Blue Brigade" Certificate and Chevron

(PLEASE ENSURE PRINTED FORMS ARE LEGIBLE...)

(Please Select Jacket Size)

Size: (S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL)

NAME _____ SQUADRON NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Member ID# _____

PHONE: (____) _____ Number of **NEW MEMBERS** enrolled (minimum 30) _____

Deliver to Recruiter Deliver to Squadron

USE ATTACHED NEW MEMBER LISTING FORM

*Please make sure that all new members listed have been processed and have been assigned a unique 9-digit ID# before submission. The award form cannot be processed or verified until all new members are listed in the national membership database.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CERTIFICATION FORM
NEW MEMBER LISTING**

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Department Adjutant (signature)

Detachment Adjutant (signature)

Date

Date

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

History of the Sons of The American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within [The American Legion](#). The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, [The American Legion Auxiliary](#), and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all-time high national membership of over 365,000. The largest Detachment, Pennsylvania, has over 61,000 members. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership. Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state, and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called "The Ten Ideals," teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence, and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the "Five-Point Program of Service." This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and Legionism.

Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects and fundraising. Since 1988, The Sons have raised more than \$6.9 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members have volunteered over 1.3 million hours to date in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$2,500,000 that has gone directly to VA hospitals and VA

homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment and clothing for the patients. There are many men who are members of both The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion. Often, these individuals started out as young members of the Sons. Then, when they were old enough to serve the military, they also became eligible to join The Legion. Such individuals are known within our organization as dual members. The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. S.A.L. volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations.

Sons Membership Eligibility Requirements

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

There shall be no forms or class of membership except an active membership.

