



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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33 days and counting

Gentlemen,

Counting today, we have thirty-three days until the new year. Thirty-three days left in 2020 (thank goodness). But the most important thing to remember is that those with 2020 membership cards, well you know the rest. Let's take these next thirty-three days and complete our Buddy Checks, mail dues renewal notices, get on the phone, and send email to your members who have not renewed.

We cannot wait any longer. We must get our members renewed before the end of the year. We want everyone to have his 2021 membership card when the new year starts.

I know that we have holidays ahead of us, but let's keep at it. Let our members know we care about them and remind them how important it is to get dues paid right away. If you are reading this and don't have your 2021 card, please stop reading and contact your Adjutant or Membership Chairman and take care of it right now. **Who's next?**



We also have a National Target Date just a few days ahead. Let's make sure we all are at or above 45% on December 9!

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](#).

As Doc said last week, take out the middleman. Get signed-up and start processing and transmitting today. This tool is so easy to use, and once you try it, you will see for yourself. Don't let this great opportunity pass you by. If you are in a Detachment that is having issues processing your membership cards, give [MySAL](#) serious look. Not only will it speed-up processing, allow from someone at your Detachment or Department headquarters more time to work on other areas of our annual membership program. Please, try it. **Who's next?**

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
jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

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



Gentlemen,



Included are Monday's membership and renewal reports. You guys are doing a fantastic job considering all that is going on with COVID-19 causing Posts and Departments to close.

Jeff and I are proud of the fact that you are not letting this stop you from getting membership turned in.

Keep pushing [MySAL](#) to your Squadrons because now more than ever it is important to be able to transmit your won cards and not rely on your Post or Department.

The next National Target Date of 45% is on December 9.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe, stay healthy, and remember those who are in need this holiday season.

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

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The American Legion Family

33...

Central Region Conference Call

Third Thursday of each month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (774) 220-4000

Access Code 04423



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

In the past week, there has been at least two squadrons that have attempted to join [MySAL](#). In these cases, the information at national headquarters was out of date. The department and the national headquarters will need an up-to-date squadron officers report on file first.

[MySAL](#) is a great way to transmit membership without the hassle of writing checks and sending the cards. It is simple and fast. You can also make changes individual members information online as well. No need to fill out any forms to change mailing addresses or any other information on file.

If your squadron has not completed a 2021 squadron officers report and submit it to department headquarters, please take care of it right away.

*Dennis J Henkemeyer, Adjutant
Detachment of Minnesota*

2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP				11/23/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
Southern	42,775	21,711	21,064	50.76%
Midwest	30,377	12,722	17,655	41.88%
Central	132,706	54,747	77,959	41.25%
Western	26,405	10,687	15,718	40.47%
Eastern	146,287	48,089	98,198	32.87%
TOTALS	378,550	147,956	230,594	39.08%

Membership ahead/behind prior year date **15,234**

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ?	3,745	2,183	1,562	58.29%
2 Iowa * ^ ~	4,376	2,517	1,859	57.52%
3 Illinois * ^ ~	14,547	7,284	7,263	50.07%
6 Ohio ~	31,134	13,467	17,667	43.25%
5 Indiana * ^ ~	39,365	16,100	23,265	40.90%
4 Minnesota ^ ~	11,749	4,789	6,960	40.76%
7 Missouri	3,706	1,183	2,523	31.92%
8 Michigan	24,084	7,224	16,860	30.00%
TOTALS	132,706	54,747	77,959	41.25%

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	2,517	1,859	4.60%
Wisconsin	3,745	2,183	1,562	3.99%
Missouri	3,706	1,183	2,523	2.16%
TOTALS	11,827	5,883	5,944	10.75%

White Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	7,284	7,263	13.30%
Minnesota	11,749	4,789	6,960	8.75%
TOTALS	26,296	12,073	14,223	22.05%

Blue Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Indiana	39,365	16,100	23,265	29.41%
Ohio	31,134	13,467	17,667	24.60%
Michigan	24,084	7,224	16,860	13.20%
TOTALS	94,583	36,791	57,792	67.20%

2021 Renewal Report

2020-2021 RENEWALS			11/23/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
Southern	43,071	17,906	41.57%
Midwest	28,681	10,271	35.81%
Central	126,831	44,933	35.43%
Western	25,841	8,694	33.64%
Eastern	137,833	38,099	27.64%
TOTALS	362,257	119,903	33.10%

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
1 Wisconsin	3,970	1,940	48.87%
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	36,489	12,717	34.85%
7 Michigan	23,171	5,942	25.64%
8 Missouri	3,171	605	19.08%
TOTALS	126,831	44,933	35.43%

Red Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,970	1,940	4.32%
Iowa	4,642	2,093	4.66%
Missouri	3,171	605	1.35%
TOTALS	11,783	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	36,489	12,717	28.30%
Ohio	29,817	10,619	23.63%
Michigan	23,171	5,942	13.22%
TOTALS	89,477	29,278	65.16%

2021
National Target Date
December 9, 2020

45%

**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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Full Steam Ahead***

Publications & Forms

Have you ever been looking for a Sons of The American Legion form and just can't find it? This section will help.

Click Below To Get Started



Publications

[S.A.L. National Constitution and By-Laws](#)

[S.A.L. National Administrative
Manual \(current/revised edition\)](#)

[S.A.L. Handbook](#)

[Youth Handbook](#)

[S.A.L. Rules of the National Executive Committee](#)

[Website Guidelines](#)

[New Squadron Brochure](#)

[Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Brochure](#)

[Partisan Politics Memo](#)

[MY SAL Flyer, Memo & MySAL Application](#)

[VAVS Handbook](#)

[Prayer Handbook](#)

Forms

[Snapshots of Service Photo Contest Form](#)

[S.A.L. Citation of Achievement Request Form](#)

[Consolidated Squadron Report](#)

[SAL 2021 Blue Brigade Award Form](#)

[SAL 2021 Individual Recruitment Award Form](#)

Tools

[SAL Brochure](#)

[Why I Belong Brochure](#)

Training

[5 Star Program of Service](#)

[The Ten Ideals](#)

[The American Legion Basic Training Course Online](#)

CWF Banner Form

[2020-2021 Per Capita Banner Form](#)

Another good place to look for resources is on the Adjutant's Communications page, located here www.legion.org/sons/adjutants.

Thanksgiving is a good time to count the blessings we have and cherish our comradeship in The American Legion.



Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

Traditionally this has been a week when Americans pause to give thanks, share blessings, and celebrate Thanksgiving. Things will certainly be different this tumultuous year for many families.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken more than 250,000 Americans from their loved ones, sickened countless others and limited our interactions with family and friends. This year has also seen its share of political vitriol, racial tensions, rampaging hurricanes and even murder hornets.

Still, I count my blessings.

I am thankful for the entire American Legion Family. I have been inspired daily by the selfless actions of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, American Legion Riders and Auxiliary members who have served their communities during these challenging times. American Legion Family members have rallied to provide food to those in need, organized special birthday recognition drive-bys for World War II veterans, launched blood donation drives in their communities and provided other services.

We have chronicled hundreds of stories on www.legion.org that demonstrate how American Legion posts have served communities, states and nation during the pandemic. Right now, we are assembling those inspiring stories into a book. Stay tuned for more details.

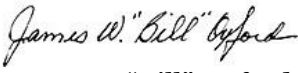
I also am thankful for our brave men and women who are protecting us at home and abroad. Many of our troops will not be able to see their families at Thanksgiving. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially at this holiday time.

Additionally, I am thankful for every veteran who has served our nation with honor. As deeply troubling as 2020 has been, our democracy is strong. Our nation has withstood challenges before, and we will come out of this challenging year even stronger than when it began.

Most of all when I consider what I am grateful for this week, I will think of The American Legion. I am honored to be your national commander. I am inspired by all the community service you have performed in the past year. And I am truly grateful for your friendship, dedication, patriotism, and membership in the nation's largest, most influential, and greatest veterans service organization.

Stay safe, my friends and comrades. And have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

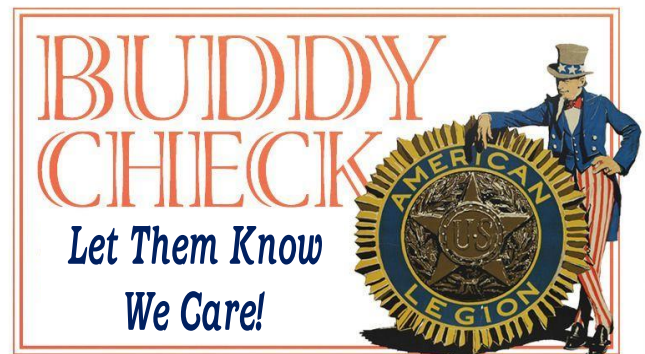
For God and country,


James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander



THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

NOTE: This message was sent on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.





Americanism Commission Conference Call

Third Thursday of each month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (515) 606-5134
Access Code: 451074

Child Welfare Foundation Committee Call

Third Wednesday of each month
8:00 p.m.
Call in # (605) 472-5332
Access Code: 808417

Legislative Commission Call

First Wednesday of each month
8:00 p.m.
Call in # (712) 775-7031
Access Code: 988284103

Membership Committee Conference Call

Third Tuesday of each month
6:00 p.m. Mountain time
Call in # (515) 604-9644
Access Code: 889133

<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnavarr>



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Conference Call

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6354565336?pwd=aEJLdDB5RFFJSVZRY3pCYXg5Zm9zUT09>

Meeting ID: 635 456 5336
Passcode: 596328

Veterans Employment & Education Commission Conference Call

Third Wednesday of each month
8:00 p.m. Eastern time
(605) 313-4111
Pin 893821

Gentlemen,

The nomination form and award criteria for the newly created Marvin P. Nay award, recognizing a Sons of The American Legion member for outstanding contribution to veteran's employment and education (to include homelessness), has been published to our national website.

The forms can be found in two places: through the **PUBLICATIONS and FORMS** section of the MEDIA tap, and under **ADJUTANTS COMMUNICATIONS** section of the **RESOURCES** tab.


www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/Marvin%20P%20Nay%20VE%26E%20Outstanding%20Contributor%20Award%20-%20Criteria%20Form.pdf

www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/Marvin%20P%20Nay%20VE%26E%20Outstanding%20Contributor%20Award%20-%20Nomination%20Form%20%28fillable%29.pdf

Please share this with your contacts.

Thom Skelley, National Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
VE&E Commission
(813) 310-0109

**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of November 23, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 	4,375	4,642	106.103
WI Q2	3,744	3,970	106.036
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	36,469	92.696
MO	3,705	3,171	85.587
TOTALS	132,698	126,831	95.579

Q = QUOTA - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

 = All Time High

**2020 Detachment Renewal Rates
as of November 23, 2020**

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,133	92.83
IL	14,431	13,325	92.34
OH	30,456	27,532	90.40
WI	3,945	3,508	88.92
MN	11,565	10,202	88.21
MI	24,126	21,082	87.38
IN	38,876	33,226	85.47
MO	3,485	2,792	80.11
TOTALS	131,336	115,800	88.17

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of November 23, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	43,071	100.720
Western	26,395	25,841	97.901
Central	132,698	126,831	95.579
Midwest	30,366	28,681	94.451
Eastern	146,273	137,833	94.230
TOTALS	378,495	362,257	95.710

Q = QUOTA - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**2020 National Renewal Rates
as of November 23, 2020**

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,336	115,800	88.17
Eastern	144,870	126,541	87.35
Southern	42,877	36,773	85.76
Midwest	29,926	25,266	84.43
Western	26,531	21,635	81.55
TOTALS	375,540	326,015	86.81

-12,355 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 _____

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____



For God and Country

COVER PHOTO: Grand Canyon National Park

<https://worldheritageoutlook.iucn.org/node/965>



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@bordertowncasino.com 664 Sheffield Ct., Sparks, NV 89431

Meet Sons of The American Legion National Commander Clint D. Bolt



Clint D. Bolt
Sons of The American Legion National Commander
2019-2021

Clint D. Bolt was elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion in Indianapolis during the 48th national convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

Clint is a proud member of the Sons of The American Legion John D. Sudduth Squadron 72 in Warrenton, Va., where he has been a member since 1998. Clint married his wife Becky in 1987, and they have one son named Jason. Jason is married to his wife Rachel, and they have a daughter named Ella Marie, who is 1 ½ yrs. old. Clint has two stepsons, Greg and Josh. Greg has a 12-year-old son named Caleb James. Josh is married to his wife Racheal.

Clint is a restoration carpenter. His most notable work is on North Wales, a 1750's Country Estate in Warrenton, Va., once owned by Walter P Chrysler Jr. This home is listed on the National Registry of Historical Places and is one of the largest homes in Virginia.

Other prominent work is on the c.1858 private residence of The Gray Ghost, Colonial John Mosby. This home served has a museum for the town of Warrenton for several years. Now a private resi-

dence, the home is part of the Civil War history of the town and the State of Virginia.

Clint's other interest in old things extends to classic cars. He is a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club of America. His current project is a 1935 Master Sedan. His goal is to have the car completed by the Memorial Day parade next year. There is nothing he likes more than going to car shows and seeing all those beauties.

Clint has served his squadron and detachment at all levels. Clint is most proud of the detachment scholarship program he started in 2003.

Clint served as national vice commander in 2010. He served as Children and Youth Commission chairman, VA&R Commission chairman. He was the national representative for the Sons of The American Legion on the VA Volunteer Service National Advisory Committee. This is the only outside organization that the Sons belong to with full voting privileges to assist The American Legion.

Clint is eligible for membership through his grandfather Kennard "KC" Bolt. He served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II and was stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Clint is very proud of his grandfather's service in the war but is also just as proud of his grandmother Marie Bolt's service. She, like so many women at that time had to raise the family and work toward the war effort. She not only had her husband in the war but also had three brothers and many other family members serving. Remarkably, she managed to keep the home going raising little children, the oldest was his dad, William Bolt, but she was a lathe operator at the torpedo factory in Alexandria, Va.





**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**

#	9-Digit Member ID#	First & Last Name	Detachment	Squadron Number
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Department Adjutant (signature)

Detachment Adjutant (signature)

Date

Date

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY



American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"

100% Per Capita Banner Program

Request Form

2020 – 2021

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2020-2021 year a post, unit, squadron, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2020. The post, unit, squadron, or salon has from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021 to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, or salon name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2020: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2021