



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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Participation is key

Gentlemen,

Last week we held our monthly Membership Committee Conference Call. During this call, membership across the country is discussed, and there are many ideas that are shared. Members have the opportunity to hear what other Sons are doing in recruiting, retaining, and reinstating, and the information provided is valuable.

For December, there were only 19 people on the call. These meetings are not only for National and Detachment officers. Members at the Squadron and District levels are encouraged to participate. In doing so, you will find things helpful to what you do. Let's see if we can get a larger audience next month! **Who's next?**

For the first time during the 2021 year, our membership numbers went backwards, and on the December 14, 2020 report we were 1,537 members behind 2020. On the December 17, 2020 report, we rebounded a little, only 571 behind last year. While we understand that it is the Christmas Season, we need to make sure that any paid memberships get transmitted, either through [MySAL](#) or through the mail. Please do not wait or hold cards. Get it taken care of right away.

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?**

On our Regional Conference Call Thursday, we heard a number of Detachments talk about how things are being delayed at Department/Detachment Headquarters for various reasons. The best way to eliminate these problems and issues is to start using [MySAL](#). In our ever-changing society, and with people wanting "it" now, [MySAL](#) will give you that. Things are updated

quickly, and you have real-time information at your fingertips. Please, at least take a look at [MySAL](#). We had a Squadron in Indiana that did not use it, but once the members were shown how it works, they live by it. You can too. Please, take a look.

Who's next?

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a save, healthy and prosperous New Year! Keep up your hard work for Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Family, and continue **"Serving those who served...full steam ahead"**

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

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
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Gentlemen,



Congratulations to Wisconsin and Iowa for surpassing January's target goal already. I know everyone else will be there when the time comes.

I would like to thank everyone for your hard work so far this year. I know it is difficult to get our members renewed with all that is going on right now, but you guys don't let up. Each week you surprise me with the number of renewed and new members you turn in.

Now more than ever is the time to be pushing [MySAL](#). with Posts and Departments closing, why not deal directly with National and get those cards transmitted without waiting on anyone else to sign a check so you can send them to Headquarters and hope they are open to forward them to National?

With less than 12 days left in this year, time is running out on getting those delinquent members renewed. We cannot give up on these members and make sure you do all you can to get them renewed.

Remember to do your Buddy Checks and remember all of our deployed troops and their families this Holiday season.

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

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Central Region Conference Call

Third Thursday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (774) 220-4000
Access Code 04423

2021 National Target Date January 21, 2021

60%

Illinois Membership Caravan

2021 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY January 14 - 23, 2021 MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN SCHEDULE

JANUARY	Div#	Dist#	Post #	CITY	MEAL
JANUARY 14	3	20	374	MT. STERLING	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 15	3	15	16	CANTON	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 15	3	14	246	MOLINE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 16	2	13	902	ROCK FALLS	BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
JANUARY 16	2	12	77	BELVIDERE	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 16	2	10	703	FOX LAKE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 17	1	9	208	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
JANUARY 17	1	5	96	CICERO	HORS D'OEUVRES 12:00 PM
JANUARY 17	1	8	854	EVERGREEN PARK	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 18	2	11	1080	JOLIET	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 18	3	16	100	WASHINGTON	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 19	CARAVAN DAY OFF		★	CARAVAN DAY OFF	★ CARAVAN DAY OFF
JANUARY 20	4	18	566	GREENUP	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 20	5	23	924	TEUTOPOLIS	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 21	5	24	914	LOUISVILLE	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 21	5	25	127	MURPHYSBORO	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 22	5	22	794	EAST ALTON	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 22	4	21	73	TAYLORVILLE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 23	4	17	263	LINCOLN	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 23	4	19	103	CLINTON	DINNER 6:00 PM



National Membership and Post Activities Chairman, Jay Bowen will be our special guest during the 2021 Illinois American Legion Family Caravan. Please make time to come to one of the caravan stops nearest you to visit with him. Also, if you plan on attending the meal you need to R.S.V.P. the host post.



Bring all membership cards with you to turn in...even if it's just ONE!

2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP				12/17/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
Southern	42,775	24,946	17,829	58.32%
Midwest	30,377	15,650	14,727	51.52%
Central	132,706	66,114	66,592	49.82%
Western	26,405	12,589	13,816	47.68%
Eastern	146,287	62,467	83,820	42.70%
TOTALS	378,550	181,766	196,784	48.02%

Membership ahead/behind prior year date (571)

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? !	3,745	2,580	1,165	68.89%
2 Iowa * ^ ~ ? !	4,376	2,817	1,559	64.37%
3 Illinois * ^ ~ ?	14,547	8,073	6,474	55.50%
6 Minnesota ^ ~ ?	11,749	6,364	5,385	54.17%
5 Ohio ~ ?	31,134	15,773	15,361	50.66%
4 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	19,215	20,150	48.81%
7 Missouri	3,706	1,549	2,157	41.80%
8 Michigan	24,084	9,743	14,341	40.45%
TOTALS	132,706	66,114	66,592	49.82%

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	2,817	1,559	4.26%
Wisconsin	3,745	2,580	1,165	3.90%
Missouri	3,706	1,549	2,157	2.34%
TOTALS	11,827	6,946	4,881	10.51%

White Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	8,073	6,474	12.21%
Minnesota	11,749	6,364	5,385	9.63%
TOTALS	26,296	14,437	11,859	21.84%

Blue Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Indiana	39,365	19,215	20,150	29.06%
Ohio	31,134	15,773	15,361	23.86%
Michigan	24,084	9,743	14,341	14.74%
TOTALS	94,583	44,731	49,852	67.66%

2021 Renewal Report

2020-2021 RENEWALS			12/14/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
Southern	43,168	20,889	48.39%
Midwest	28,701	13,094	45.62%
Central	126,869	56,917	44.86%
Western	25,851	10,700	41.39%
Eastern	138,339	53,059	38.35%
TOTALS	362,928	154,659	42.61%

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
1 Iowa	4,642	2,606	56.14%
2 Wisconsin	3,971	2,181	54.92%
3 Illinois	14,509	7,677	52.91%
4 Minnesota	11,094	5,908	53.25%
5 Ohio	29,817	13,543	45.42%
6 Indiana	36,494	16,208	44.41%
7 Missouri	3,171	1,091	34.41%
8 Michigan	23,171	7,703	33.24%
TOTALS	126,869	56,917	44.86%

Red Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,642	2,459	4.32%
Wisconsin	3,970	2,106	3.70%
Missouri	3,171	1,091	1.92%
TOTALS	11,783	5,656	9.94%

White Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,492	7,499	13.18%
Minnesota	11,085	5,467	9.61%
TOTALS	25,577	12,966	22.78%

Blue Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Indiana	36,494	15,536	27.30%
Ohio	29,817	13,156	23.11%
Michigan	23,171	7,455	13.10%
TOTALS	89,482	36,147	63.51%

COVER PHOTO: Christmas at the White House

www.nytimes.com/2020/11/30/style/christmas-decorations-melania-trump-white-house.html

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

Serving Those Who Served... Full Steam Ahead

OH Squadron 15 raising funds to support playground in memory of slain toddler

Sons of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 in Poland, Ohio is collecting funds on behalf of The Ohio American Legion Family to present to David Sweeney, the father of Rowan Sweeney, who was murdered at the age of 4.



A memorial playground is being constructed in young Rowan's honor. These funds will go towards the playground and will be presented to Mr. Rowan in the near future.

We are hoping anybody able to attend to present it are able. We have collected around \$700.

If you would like help, please make checks payable and send to:



Sons of The American Legion
Mahoning Valley Squadron 15
44 Centennial Drive
Poland, Ohio 44514-1706

Information about this unfortunate event can be found here:

www.vindy.com/search/rowan/page/4/





Americanism Commission Conference Call

First Thursday bi-monthly
January, March, May, July
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (515) 606-5134
Access Code: 451074

Gracious greetings to all,

Your Americanism Commission needs your assistance to showcase your Americanism activities! We are preparing a national collection of events that demonstrate Americanism activities. This is a perfect way to show the nation what your Squadrons have been accomplishing and garner deserved praise from coast to coast.

Please gather photos of any Americanism events from your Squadrons, along with a brief one- or two-line description and send to my email address.

Time is of the essence, as I am now under a rapidly approaching deadline to submit, so please gather and remit your photos at your very first opportunity.

Thanks for all you do for the Sons and warm holiday greetings to all!

Best regards,

*Jim Borgman, Member
National Americanism Commission
Sons of the American Legion
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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 Thursday bi-monthly
February, April, June, 7 August
7:00 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
Call In # (605) 313-4111
Access Code: 893821



**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of Dec. 14, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 🏆	4,375	4,642	106.103
WI Q2	3,744	3,971	106.063
IL	14,546	14,509	99.746
MI	24,083	23,171	96.213
OH	31,133	29,817	95.773
MN	11,748	11,094	94.433
IN	39,364	36,494	92.709
MO	3,705	3,171	85.587
TOTALS	132,698	126,869	95.607

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

🏆 = All Time High

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of Dec. 14, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	43,168	100.947
Western	26,395	25,851	97.939
Central	132,698	126,869	95.607
Midwest	30,366	28,701	94.517
Eastern	146,273	138,339	94.576
TOTALS	378,495	362,928	95.887

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!! -12,383 ahead of last year

2020 Detachment Renewal Rates as of Dec. 14, 2020

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,133	92.83
IL	14,431	13,347	92.50
OH	30,456	27,532	90.40
WI	3,945	3,509	88.95
MN	11,565	10,210	88.28
MI	24,126	21,082	87.38
IN	38,876	33,231	85.48
MO	3,485	2,869	82.32
TOTALS	131,336	115,614	88.26

2020 National Renewal Rates as of Dec. 14, 2020

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,336	115,914	88.26
Eastern	144,870	127,009	87.67
Southern	42,877	36,859	85.96
Midwest	29,926	25,288	84.50
Western	26,531	21,639	81.56
TOTALS	375,540	326,709	87.00

Training Tuesday

The last Tuesday of each month, American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing.

Tuesday December 29, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. EST
Helping Veterans

Information on American Legion national assistance programs presented by staff liaisons:

- National Emergency Fund (NEF)
- Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
- Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW)
- Mission Blue Post Assistance Program Grant

Join live event at:

www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays

Future Dates:

Tuesday January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. EST
Representing The American Legion Brand

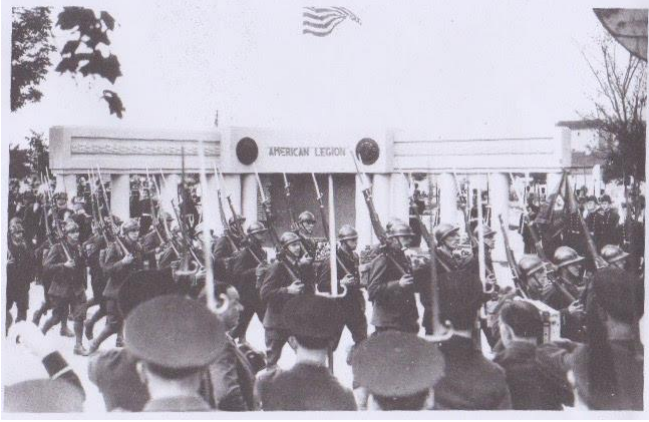
Tuesday February 23, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. EST
Sons of The American Legion



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Happy 101st birthday Paris Post 1!



Paris Post has existed since the end of World War 1 when General Pershing's soldiers were in France

As we enter our next 100 years, the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion Paris Post 1 are proud to continue our ceremonial duties and work in maintaining our strong bonds with France in the birthplace of the American Legion.

During this year's pandemic, which heavily affected our life and freedom in France, we were still able to keep up our mission. Here are some of our highlights from 2020.



Memorial Day at Paris Post 1's American Legion Mausoleum: we paid our respects to the over 350 souls interred at this memorial. Le Souvenir Français and

VFW Post 605 joined Paris Post 1 for this tradition that has been going on for over 100 years.



Paris Post 1's Chaplain Gary Nadolski is very dedicated to preserving and sharing our post's history and artifacts. After searching and searching for resources to help preserve our collection, he was able to show our historic painting of **President Wilson** to the École de Condé here in Paris.

Painted in the early 1900s when he was President during World War 1, this painting will finally have a full res-

toration and vintage of its history with the help of Masters student Yinan Lui and the experts at École de Condé.



Our 9/11 ceremony in the 16th arrondissement of Paris was special this year with U.S. Ambassador Howery joining us from his post in Sweden.

Armistice/Veteran's Day was also memorable with both the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons remaining vigilant to never forget our Legionnaires from Paris Post 1.

What's next for PP1?



This year we will be moving forward with researching and digitizing our historic archive plus starting our Strategic Plan to keep our post growing and flourishing for another 100 years!

Thank you to all of our members and supporters for helping us exist and flourish in Paris. We appreciate your continued efforts to ensure our history and legacy is preserved and shared with everyone.

For anyone interested in joining Paris Post 1 or being a part of our next century in France, please email us at commander@parispost1.fr.



