



Round-Up



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New year, new energy

Gentlemen,

As we put 2020 behind us, we must not forget how we reacted to our global pandemic. We learned to do things differently, and to meet virtually, and to reach our goals as best we could.

With 2021 upon us, we must continue to work hard and continue to come up with new ways to get the job done. With hope, we will have renewed enthusiasm for this new year, for our organization, and will continue **Serving Those Who Served...Full Steam Ahead.**

In last week's edition, I talked about New Year's Resolutions. Have you thought about yours? What will you be doing for our organization? I know we all do a lot for Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Family. But is there anything you have wanted to do and haven't. If you think you want to work in another area or on a committee, go for it! Want to be a Squadron Officer, learn the job, and run. Whatever you decide to do, put your heart into it, because you want to be the best at what you do. **Who's next?**

One thing I want everyone to resolve to do is to start using [MySAL](#). We buy sliced bread. We drive instead of walking. We fly instead of taking a bus. We do these things because they're easy and convenient. That's what [MySAL](#) is, easy and convenient.

I would like to ask every Squadron that is not doing so to take a 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?**

Once you start using [MySAL](#), I want to hear about it. Please email me with your experience using this membership tool. Share your story so other Squadrons can hear how it went. Let us know what you

think about it and tell us how your initial transmittal went. If you know a Squadron that is using [MySAL](#) ask the Commander, Adjutant, or Membership Chairman how they like it, and use those members as resources if you need help. We've all heard things like "think outside the box," "you'll never know until you try it," "what do we have to lose?" These all apply to using [MySAL](#). If you don't like it, stop using it, and I don't think that you will like it. I think you will **♥ LOVE ♥** it. Please, resolve to at least try it. **Who's next?**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Don't forget we are less than three weeks away from our next target date. We should all be at or above 60% on January 21, 2021. 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,



#SALSTRONG

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

Central Region Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

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Full Steam Ahead**

MEDIA ALLIANCE



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Gentlemen,



Included are last week's membership totals. The next reports will be available January 5, 2021.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Hopefully, it will be a lot better than last year.

To those of you who are going out on New Year's Eve, please be careful and stay healthy.

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

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

***Proud Possessors
of a Priceless Heritage***

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%



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DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD SHOW 2020?

If so, your 2020 membership card is EXPIRED and no longer valid. Please pay your Sons of The American Legion dues today to support your Squadron and The American Legion Family

If your membership card doesn't look like this then you need to RENEW TODAY!!!

Individual Recruitment Awards

On Friday, December 30, 2020, the first batch of IRA applications were received as approved from National Headquarters.

Congratulations to the following members:

1. Gary Blust – OH Sq. 69
2. Rob Bunton – MI Sq. 217
3. Ken Craft – MI Sq. 217
4. Chester Crooks – OH Sq. 52
5. John Crossno – MI Sq. 217
6. Mike Jochumsen – OH Sq. 52
7. William Shaw, III – MI. Sq. 217
8. Tony Smith – OH Sq. 69
9. Ron Vilag – MI Sq. 217

Pins have been mailed and our newest IRA winners should be proud of their accomplishments.

Make sure to submit the award form when you recruit five (5) new members. Click [HERE](#) for the application form. ***Who's next?***



2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP				12/28/20
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
Southern	42,775	25,909	16,866	60.57%
Midwest	30,377	16,067	14,310	52.89%
Central	132,706	70,382	62,324	53.04%
Western	26,405	13,030	13,375	49.35%
Eastern	146,287	67,173	79,114	45.92%
TOTALS	378,550	192,561	185,989	50.87%

Membership ahead/behind prior year date (4,990)

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? !	3,745	2,733	1,012	72.98%
2 Iowa * ^ ~ ? !	4,376	2,908	1,468	66.45%
3 Illinois * ^ ~ ?	14,547	8,589	5,958	59.04%
6 Minnesota ^ ~ ?	11,749	6,635	5,114	56.47%
5 Ohio ~ ?	31,134	17,031	14,103	54.70%
4 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	20,279	19,086	51.52%
7 Michigan	24,084	10,596	13,488	44.00%
8 Missouri	3,706	1,602	2,104	43.23%
TOTALS	132,706	70,373	62,333	53.03%

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	2,908	1,468	4.13%
Wisconsin	3,745	2,733	1,012	3.88%
Missouri	3,706	1,602	2,104	2.28%
TOTALS	11,827	7,243	4,584	10.29%

White Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	8,589	5,949	12.22%
Minnesota	11,749	6,635	5,114	9.43%
TOTALS	26,296	15,233	11,063	21.65%

Blue Division				
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent of Region
Indiana	39,365	20,279	19,086	28.82%
Ohio	31,134	17,031	14,103	24.20%
Michigan	24,084	10,596	13,488	15.06%
TOTALS	94,583	47,906	46,677	68.07%

COVER PHOTO:

New Year's Eve
Times Square
New York City

<https://www.timeout.com/newyork/things-to-do/new-years-eve-fireworks-in-new-york>

2021 Renewal Report

2020-2021 RENEWALS			12/28/20
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
Southern	43,180	22,514	52.14%
Midwest	28,765	14,397	50.05%
Central	127,080	62,564	49.23%
Western	25,852	11,391	44.06%
Eastern	138,386	59,598	43.07%
TOTALS	363,263	170,464	46.93%

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage
1 Wisconsin	3,974	2,454	61.75%
2 Iowa	4,646	2,739	58.95%
3 Minnesota	11,094	6,025	54.31%
4 Illinois	14,548	7,680	52.79%
5 Ohio	29,817	14,884	49.92%
6 Indiana	36,522	18,104	49.57%
7 Missouri	3,175	1,445	45.51%
8 Michigan	23,304	9,233	39.62%
TOTALS	127,080	62,564	49.23%

Red Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,646	2,739	4.38%
Wisconsin	3,974	2,454	3.92%
Missouri	3,175	1,445	2.31%
TOTALS	11,795	6,638	10.61%

White Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,548	7,680	12.28%
Minnesota	11,094	6,025	9.63%
TOTALS	25,642	13,705	21.91%

Blue Division			
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percent of Region
Indiana	36,522	18,104	28.94%
Ohio	29,817	14,884	23.79%
Michigan	23,304	9,233	14.76%
TOTALS	89,643	42,221	67.48%



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



PNVC Dan Sagraves of Ohio participated in Wreaths Across America on December 19, 2020 at the Dayton National Cemetery.

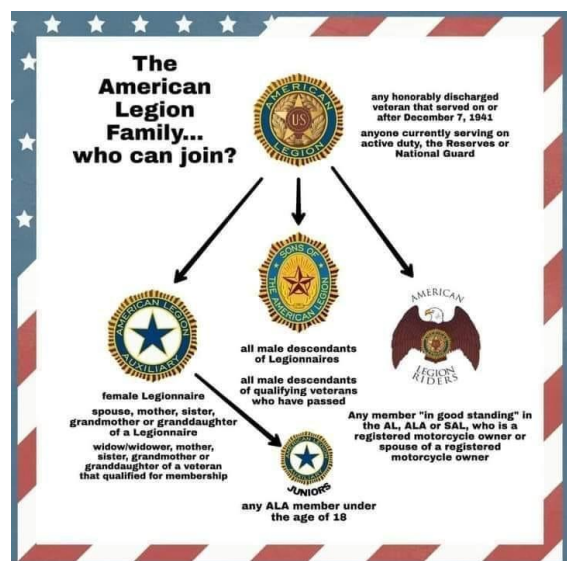


**SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED
FULL STEAM AHEAD**

Share Your Story

I know everyone is out there working hard for Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Family. Don't be shy. Send pictures and descriptions showcasing your efforts. Share your story. Let's show the world what the Central Region is doing.

Please submit your articles, photos, events, and whatever else you want everyone to know to me at jeffrabelsr@gmail.com. You will be showcased in future editions of *Round-Up*. **Who's next?**





PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE

Greetings from Ohio's Past Detachment Commanders

Wishing all of The American Legion Family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Looking forward to a return to normal!

Robert McBride OPDC 1968-69

As this holiday season is upon us let us remember to check on the Veterans in our lives and those in our Community. Sometimes just a simple hello and a Merry Christmas will brighten their day.

From myself and my Family Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fred Hartline OPDC 1971-72 PNC 1984

May God Bless You and your Family This Christmas. Please remain safe and healthy so we can again in the near future see, meet, plan, and do as what we do, Help Others!

Bill Towns OPDC 1999-00

I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mike Holz OPDC 1974-75

Wishing you safe travels and that you become closer to all those that you treasure in your heart this Christmas season. May your life be filled with health, warmth, and good cheer this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. OPDC 2005-06

As 2020 has come to an end, and we look back on a year that has changed us forever I'm sure that we have all been affected in one way or another by the pandemic. Many have lost loved ones, and some are dealing with the lasting health effects, or loss of employment. My family unfortunately has also been affected health wise by this. So, believe me in saying that my prayers go out to all of you.

Regardless of how difficult it has been at times; we've continued to work towards the benefit of the programs of The American Legion. Many thanks go out to you for continuing to move forward. Let's hope that 2021 brings us all good health and prosperity.

Please continue to keep our service men and women who are in harm's way along with those front-line workers here at home in your thoughts and prayers.

Barb and I wish all of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Stay Safe.

Rob Brewer OPDC 2007-08

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless our men & women in the Armed Services and our First Responders!

Adam Jones OPDC 2008-09

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. May all of your Holidays be bright & safe!

Dave Brown OPDC 2015-16

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Members of the 13th District here at The North Coast and my home Post 703.

May WE ALL stay Safe and Healthy and Look Forward to 2021 Where Hopefully We Can get Back together again.

Dale Anderson II OPDC 2018-19



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NOTE: These greetings were originally sent to The Ohio American Legion Family and others on December 24, 2020.



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

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

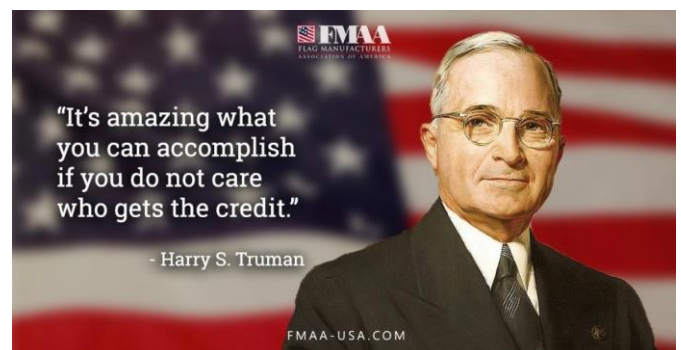
Third Wednesday of each month
8:00 p.m. Eastern time
Call In # (605) 313-4111
Access Code: 893821




BUDDY CHECK

by Jeff Vrebel, Sr.

LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!



**2020 Detachment Membership Standings
as of Dec. 28, 2020**

DET	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
IA Q1 	4,375	4,646	106.194
WI Q2	3,744	3,974	106.143
IL Q3	14,546	14,548	100.014
MI	24,083	23,304	96.765
OH	31,133	29,817	95.773
MN	11,748	11,094	94.433
IN	39,364	36,522	92.780
MO	3,705	3,175	85.695
TOTALS	132,698	127,080	95.766

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

 = All Time High

**2020 National Membership Standings
as of Dec. 28, 2020**

REGION	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
Southern Q	42,763	43,180	100.975
Western	26,395	25,852	97.943
Central	132,698	127,080	95.766
Midwest	30,366	28,765	94.728
Eastern	146,273	138,386	94.608
TOTALS	378,495	363,263	95.976

Q = QUOTA – CONGRATULATIONS!!! *-12,264 ahead of last year*

2020 Detachment Renewal Rates as of Dec. 28, 2020

DET	2019	RENEWED	%
IA	4,452	4,133	92.83
IL	14,431	13,348	92.50
OH	30,456	27,532	90.40
WI	3,945	3,512	89.02
MN	11,565	10,210	88.28
MI	24,126	21,179	87.78
IN	38,876	33,257	85.55
MO	3,485	2,873	82.44
TOTALS	131,336	116,044	88.36

2020 National Renewal Rates as of Dec. 28, 2020

REGION	2019	RENEWED	%
Central	131,336	116,044	88.36
Eastern	144,870	127,030	87.69
Southern	42,877	36,863	85.97
Midwest	29,926	25,288	84.50
Western	26,531	21,640	81.56
TOTALS	375,540	326,865	87.04



Useful Links

www.legion.org/publications/246567/sal-new-squadron-brochure

www.legion.org/publications/246568/sal-squadron-handbook

www.legion.org/publications/236867/sal-veterans-affairs-rehabilitation

www.legion.org/publications/236866/sal-why-i-belong

www.legion.org/publications/246565/sons-american-legion-brochure

www.legion.org/publications/246566/sons-american-legion-youth-handbook

www.legiontown.org

www.burnpit.us

www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/Legion-Publication-Style-Guide.pdf

www.legion.org/publications



**CLICK
HERE**



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- Gulf War/War on Terrorism
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - only eligibility)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

D17010

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Phone

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

D17010

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 18 and older

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID# _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWII (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
- Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
- Global War on Terror
- Lebanon/Grenada
- WWII
- Gulf War
- Vietnam
- Other Conflicts
- Panama
- Korea

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Female Spouse
- Male Spouse
- Mother
- Grandmother
- Sister
- Self
- Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, etc.)

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____