



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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Super Sunday is here

Today is the big game. People all across our great nation will settle in to watch the Super Bowl and enjoy the last NFL game of the year. Some of these gatherings will be at American Legion Posts, where members will gather for food, football, and friendship. There will be fundraisers, raffles, and a host of other events surrounding the game. There is also one thing that should be happening, renewal of outstanding members. This applies to the Posts, Units, and Squadrons, as we all have members who have not submitted their dues payment for 2021.

One thing you could do is make paying on Super Sunday a raffle by entering the names of everyone who pays their dues and giving away a prize to the winner. Not only will something like this help increase your number of paid members, but it will also give them an opportunity to win a great prize. You may also have a bigger crowd which will benefit your entire American Legion Family. Remember social distancing.

Since everyone will be together, how about having a fundraiser for the Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, Children’s Miracle Network, Special Olympics, Endowment Fund, or to the other charitable causes that the American Legion Family supports.

Another great way to help the organization with an event like this, especially right now, is that we have a National Target Date on February 10 where we should all be at or above 75% paid members. What can you do to help? Even one card will make a difference. **Who’s next?**

So, if we are collecting dues and we want to make sure that everything is processed on time, not only for this but for all National Target Dates, the best way to make your transmittals is through the use of [MySAL](#). Simple, secure, accurate, and the list goes on and on, but the bottom line is that this is how we do things now. We all need to adapt to the changes

and the tools that National Headquarters has given us to be more successful. If you haven’t started using [MySAL](#) yet, please do so right away.

Please continue to spread the word about using [MySAL](#). We need more participation by Squadrons, and we need it right away. The idea of online transmittals was a long time coming. Let’s not wait to sign-up and start using it. You will be amazed at the ease of use and speed of processing. **Who’s next?**

Congratulations to Wisconsin and Iowa for surpassing the MARCH 10, 2021 National Target of 80%. Keep it up! **Who’s next?**

Keep up your hard work for our communities, our states, and our nation as you 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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**Serving Those Who Served...
Full Steam Ahead**



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Gentlemen,



Congratulations to Wisconsin and Iowa for surpassing the February target. As a Region we need a little over 9,800 more cards to reach the 75% target on February 10, 2021. I know you will continue to work hard to reach this goal as you have all of the previous goals.

Please keep pushing the Buddy Checks and [MySAL](#) as they both help to retain and transmit membership.

Thank you for all you do and remember EVERY CARD COUNTS.

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

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

Central Region Conference Call

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



I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



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

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



"Sons for Kids" CWF Aprons

Sons of The American Legion "Sons for Kids" CWF aprons are available for individual or bulk purchase. The suggested donation is \$20 each. 100% of donations support grants provided by The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

CWF awards grants to non-profit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children.

NOTE: The donation fee does not include shipping costs provided by The American Legion. Additional donations are accepted, and appreciated, for shipping.

'Sons for Kids' CWF aprons can be ordered by mail:



THE AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 1055
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-1055



In the memo section of the check be sure to write the number of aprons you are requesting and include the address where to ship the aprons.
If no address is provided, the aprons will be shipped to the address listed on the check.

'Sons for Kids' CWF aprons can be ordered online at www.cwf-inc.org.
Click the donate tab and list the number of aprons requested in the tribute section

All donations for the 'Sons of Kids' CWF Aprons will count toward CWF awards at the end of the program year in May 2021.

If you have questions, please contact
Stacy Cope, Youth Welfare Program Manager
Americanism Division, National Headquarters
317.630.1202 or Scope@legion.org



2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					02/04/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
Southern	42,775	31,667	11,108	74.03%	127
Central	132,706	89,668	43,038	67.57%	1,583
Midwest	30,377	19,851	10,526	65.35%	465
Western	26,405	15,883	10,522	60.15%	227
Eastern	146,287	91,493	54,794	62.54%	3,039
TOTALS	378,550	248,562	129,988	65.66%	5,441

Membership ahead/behind prior year date (29,542)

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # %	3,745	3,142	603	83.90%	28
2 Iowa * ^ ~ ? ! # %	4,376	3,530	846	80.67%	44
3 Ohio ~ ? !	31,134	22,961	8,173	73.75%	812
4 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	9,855	4,692	67.75%	(4)
5 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	26,407	12,958	67.08%	498
6 Minnesota ^ ~ ? !	11,749	7,737	4,012	65.85%	13
7 Michigan	24,084	13,957	10,127	57.95%	196
8 Missouri	3,706	2,079	1,627	56.10%	(4)
TOTALS	132,706	89,668	43,038	67.57%	1,583

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	Percent of Region
Wisconsin	3,745	3,142	603	83.90%	3.50%
Iowa	4,376	3,530	846	80.67%	3.94%
Missouri	3,706	2,079	1,627	56.10%	2.32%
TOTALS	8,082	5,609	2,473		6.26%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,749	7,737	4,012	65.85%	8.63%
Illinois	14,547	9,855	4,692	67.75%	10.99%
TOTALS	26,296	17,592	8,704		19.62%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	22,961	8,173	73.75%	25.61%
Indiana	39,365	26,407	12,958	67.08%	29.45%
Michigan	24,084	13,957	10,127	57.95%	15.57%
TOTALS	63,449	40,364	23,085		45.01%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

2021 Renewal Report

2020 - 2021 RENEWALS				02/01/21
Region	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage	Increase
Southern	43,179	27,143	62.86%	738
Central	127,080	79,859	62.84%	3,215
Midwest	28,764	17,349	60.31%	317
Eastern	138,433	80,904	58.44%	4,319
Western	25,857	13,544	52.38%	349
TOTALS	363,313	218,799	60.22%	8,938

Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Renewal Percentage	Increase
1 Wisconsin	3,974	2,910	73.23%	70
2 Iowa	4,646	3,219	69.29%	29
3 Ohio	29,817	20,212	67.79%	998
4 Minnesota	11,094	7,199	64.89%	71
5 Indiana	36,522	23,047	63.10%	706
6 Illinois	14,548	9,032	62.08%	279
7 Missouri	3,175	1,934	60.91%	437
8 Michigan	23,304	12,306	52.81%	625
TOTALS	127,080	79,859	62.84%	3,215

Red Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percentage	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,646	3,219	69.29%	4.03%
Wisconsin	3,974	2,910	73.23%	3.64%
Missouri	3,175	1,934	60.91%	2.42%
TOTALS	11,795	8,063		10.10%

White Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percentage	Percent of Region
Minnesota	11,094	7,199	64.89%	9.01%
Illinois	14,548	9,032	62.08%	11.31%
TOTALS	25,642	16,231		20.32%

Blue Division				
Detachment	2020 Total	2021 Renewed	Percentage	Percent of Region
Ohio	29,817	20,212	67.79%	25.31%
Indiana	36,522	23,047	63.10%	28.86%
Michigan	23,304	12,306	52.81%	15.41%
TOTALS	89,643	55,565		69.58%



PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE



The Four Chaplains



On February 3, 1943 at 12:55 a.m., the United States Army Transport ship, *The Dorchester*, was crowded to capacity and carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen, and civilian workers, when a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted *The Dorchester*. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire torpedoes. The hit was decisive and deadly, striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

The Dorchester began taking on water rapidly and sinking. The order to abandon ship was given by the ship's captain, Hans J. Danielsen. In less than 27 minutes, *The Dorchester* would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Four Chaplains were aboard *The Dorchester*. While the ship was sinking there was complete chaos. Men were jumping overboard; panic had set in. These four men, the Four Chaplains, unselfishly gave their life jackets to other men aboard the ship.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see *The Four Chaplains*, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

That night, *The Four Chaplains* passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage, and selflessness.

Of the 902 men aboard *The Dorchester*, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the Four Chaplains stunned the nation.

2021
National Target Date

February 10, 2021

75%

COMING SOON

Renew

Online!

— STAY TUNED —

FOR MORE

INFO!





NOTE: Some of these dates may not match the National Call Calendar as some meetings have been changed.

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

Child & Youth 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6354565336?pwd=STBkdUlJQlRoQTRndnJPN1hsVktHQTo9>

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

LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!

ON THE COVER
Vince Lombardi Trophy



<https://www.express.co.uk/sport/nfl/1081835/Super-Bowl-Vince-Lombardi-trophy-how-much-worth-weight-height-facts>



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED FULL STEAM AHEAD

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

Do you or someone in your family own a business you would like to promote? If the answer is yes, email your business card and it will be featured in *Round-Up*.



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA



2021 Springs Meetings to take place virtually

The American Legion
FEB 04, 2021

American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford issued the following statement regarding the 2021 Spring Meetings in Indianapolis.

"After close consultation with my top advisors, I have made the decision to prioritize safety by eliminating mass gatherings at our upcoming spring meetings.

"The National Executive Committee will meet virtually on May 5-6. The national commission meetings that traditionally occur in the days prior to the NEC meeting will also be virtual. I ask our national staff division directors to consult with their commission chairs in scheduling a time that works well for all involved.

"These decisions are never easy. Camaraderie is the essence of who we are. As the distribution of vaccines grows wider, I am hopeful that the worse days of the pandemic are behind us. The coronavirus has already taken beloved members of our American Legion Family. I do not wish to lose anyone due to a lack of caution."



Maine Legionnaires continue effort to assist homeless veterans

The American Legion
JAN 20, 2021

A [project](#) by a small group of Maine Legionnaires to provide temporary housing for homeless veterans has grown considerably in the past year. And it could not come at a better time.

Boothbay V.E.T.S. (Veterans Emergency Temporary Shelter), started by Charles E. Sherman Jr. Post 36 Legionnaires Ed Harmon, Arthur Richardson, and John Hargreaves, picked up momentum in 2020 at a time when Maine's homeless veterans population began to grow amidst the coronavirus pandemic. What started with one storage trailer retrofitted into livable space has grown to four trailers, with four more on the way.

Harmon, Post 36's service officer and the commander of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 36, originally purchased the prototype and worked with Richardson – who has an electrical license and a background in carpentry – to convert it into a one-room living space complete with a bed, nightstand, end table, chair, microwave and refrigerator.

And it has heat, a must during Maine's brutal winter months. Having gotten nonprofit status for Boothbay V.E.T.S., Harmon and the others rely heavily on donations to sustain the program. And they've been successful doing so.

"We knew the money would come when people saw we were real," Harmon said. "The prototype is one thing. But a lot of organizations, when they just getting off the ground, people wait to see what actually happens. We have proven what we are. People see that what we do is for the vet. John ... he knew. He said, 'this is gonna take off.'"

The trailers are designed to provide a place for a veteran to stay while he or she awaits placement into a long-term facility. Four currently are in use, assisting five veterans in the past month, while four base units of the trailers are scheduled to be manufactured in Georgia next in late January and delivered to VETS in February for refurbishing. Once they arrive, Harmon said they'll order four more trailers.

Meanwhile, the prototype will be converted into a wider unit to allow for couples, married or otherwise, to stay in until they secure housing elsewhere. All of the units are powered by plugging the trailer into a regular electrical outlet located outside of a home or facility. And all of the new trailers have doors wide enough to allow for a wheelchair to enter.

The trailers are available to veterans anywhere in the state. One has gone as far as near Acadia National Park, which is more than 110 miles from Boothbay. Harmon said the veteran now using the V.E.T.S. trailer had been living in the park for 100 days.

"The (veteran) went inside (the trailer), looked around, sat on the bed and said, 'I just died and went to heaven,'" said Harmon.

Providing the temporary housing is critical at a time when the state's homeless veteran numbers have gone up significantly since the pandemic started. Maine's homeless veteran coordinator, Jarad Greeley, [told News Center Maine](#), "Our numbers from pre-COVID to where we are now have gone up 40 percent," adding that "what we're all afraid of is all the evictions that have been put on hold for a while, when the protections get lifted and all the evictions happen at once, it will overwhelm the system."

Boothbay V.E.T.S. works with Maine's Bureau of Veterans' Services to place veterans in the trailers but has cut out one step in the process in order to get the veteran out of the cold and into one of the trailers as soon as possible. "Our rule is that if a vet says he's a vet and doesn't have a DD214 and doesn't have a (Department of Veterans Affairs) card, you have to put him in our trailer," Harmon said. "He's a vet until proven otherwise. And if it's proven otherwise and he's not a vet, we've saved his life for a few days."



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)

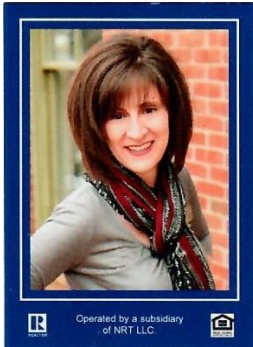
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THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

Mailing Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (ZIP) _____

(Phone) _____ (Email) _____ Male Female _____ (Post #) _____ (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- 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 (WWII only)

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to www.legion.org.

ALA 08/2019

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 _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (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, apply for membership, and

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

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ 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.

ALA 12/2013

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

_____ Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____

Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and over

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.

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) _____

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

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

Veteran Served:

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

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- Male Spouse
- Grandmother
- Daughter
- Female Spouse
- Sister
- Granddaughter
- Mother
- Self

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 _____

ALA 09/2019

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

_____ Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____