



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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New target dates announced

Since our last edition of *Round-Up*, we have seen some changes in how we do business. We have received updates to the Squadron Data Report, a hold on our membership reports, National Target Dates have been revised, and information has been provided on the National Executive Committee meeting later this month. One thing that cannot change is our membership efforts. We must continue to renew our members to meet our target dates. This must be our top priority over the next few weeks, as we continue to strive to lead the fleet into the National Convention. With the new target dates, there is no reason we can't reach 100% in June, or sooner.

Please continue with your Buddy Checks, and make sure to ask if your members need help with anything, including paying their dues. If we can help, we should.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020	10%
OCTOBER 15, 2020	25%
NOVEMBER 12, 2020	35%
DECEMBER 9, 2020	(New: Dec. 10, 2020) 45%
JANUARY 21, 2021	60%
FEBRUARY 10, 2021	75%
MARCH 10, 2021	80%
APRIL 14, 2021	(New: May 12, 2021) 90%
MAY 12, 2021	(New: June 9, 2021) 100%
*JULY 28, 2021	105%

*Delegate Strength Target Date

2020-2021
MEMBERSHIP
YEAR

Please click the link for information about MySAL

www.legion.org/training/trainingtuesdays

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

May 12, 2021

90%



VETERANS
STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Subject: Personify - Department update
Memo
To: All Department Leadership
From: Director, IT
Date: 4/7/2020

As you are aware, there have been some data and workflow issues with MyLegion as we have migrated to Personify. We wanted to update you on the project, the current issues and how we are addressing them.

Below are the currently known issues along with an estimated time for completion, if known. We will continue to update information about known issues and estimated timelines for completion as they become available. These items and their expected completion dates will be updated this week. We are working diligently to resolve each item based upon the severity and business impact. We appreciate your patience as we move forward.

Nearly 100 million records were moved from the old mainframe-based system to Personify. With a move of this size, we expected issues to arise. To address those issues, the team sets priorities based upon the impact to workflow. Many of the issues we have experienced did not appear during testing which began in late August. Since April 1 (six days including a holiday and weekend), we have processed 1,467 membership and other registrations (baseball), and 424 online transmittals comprised of 1,334 TAL/SAL memberships. Considering the scope of this project and the numbers shown in the first six days, the overall project has been successful. Again, we knew there would be problems and are working as quickly as we can to get all items resolved.

The Known Issues list will be located [here](https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Resources/Help/Known-Issues). (<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Resources/Help/Known-Issues>)

Training and additional help resources are located or indexed [here](https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Resources/Help). (<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Resources/Help>)

Items known and already fixed:

1. Transmittal history
2. IMS Role queries
3. National Users. Insufficient permissions for Financials
4. Financials – Debits not matching Credits
5. Membership converted credit balances
6. Revenue distribution date for renewals
7. Data Analyzer – Error on open
8. Product – Invalid parent message
9. Department users experience blank dropdowns for post selection in Online Transmittal
10. Permission issues for Department Users
11. Department users unable to login
12. Opt-in/Opt-out interest area not recording changes

Status update of ongoing issues (assigned)

1. Cache clearing issue when using a shared computer
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: Evaluating currently
2. Duplicate accounts caused by multiple registrations
 - a. Assigned
 - b. Fix requires members to use their registered email. Currently being handled by our Membership Support Services team individually.

3. Duplicate lines – Online transmittal for transfers
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: Evaluating currently
4. Signup Session Expired. Please restart
 - a. We are working with Personify to increase the timeout period
 - b. The Personify security team has concerns we are attempting to work through
5. Failure to receive the One Time Password (OTP)
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: the primary fix has been put in place and we will continue to monitor for several days as there are many reasons an email may not show up right away.
6. Continuous years missing or 0 in roster
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: today
7. Roster load limits
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: a short-term fix has been put in place but have one item remaining for largest posts
8. Dual Membership Not Merged
 - a. Assigned
 - b. ETA: Early to mid-week 4/12

Known issues but not yet assigned

1. Member transfer – expires
2. Adjutants cannot print member ID cards
3. Cannot correct transfer amount due
4. Committee positions
5. Display issues related to permissions
6. “Active” deceased count

*Dave Sutton, Director
Information Technology
The American Legion National Headquarters*



(Photo by Adam Pintar)

Chip Ganassi Racing reveals Indianapolis 500 American Legion paint scheme in social media video blitz

The American Legion
APR 08, 2021

In a series of humorous videos on social media this week, racing legend Jimmie Johnson finds the missing No. 48 Honda NTT INDYCAR SERIES car safe in the hands of his teammate, 2013 Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan. Fans positively reacted to the Twitter and Facebook campaign in posts by [Chip Ganassi Racing](#) and [The American Legion](#) showcasing Kanaan answering phones at The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, hiding from Johnson and channeling his 20th run in the Indianapolis 500 in the red, white and blue American Legion livery.

“I’m excited to work with The American Legion this year,” Kanaan said. “Jimmie and I had some fun filming the unveil videos. This livery is really sharp looking, and I’m so happy to be running my 20th Indianapolis 500 in it. The American Legion is an important resource for veterans in helping make sure they get the benefits they have earned through their service, and I am proud to represent them, and all veterans.”

The American Legion, the nation’s largest veterans service organization, is using its presence in INDYCAR to elevate awareness and introduce a new modern brand expression before millions of fans. The new logo will not replace the historic American Legion emblem, but rather complement it by honoring the history, heritage, and symbols which Legionnaires hold dear.

“Just like each one of our military branches, The American Legion will always have and utilize our traditional seal which has deep meaning to each and every Legionnaire,” said Dean Kessel, chief marketing officer for The American Legion. “Our new marketing logo on the No. 48 Honda livery looks fantastic and provides a modern and contemporary expression for the brand. The American Le-

gion name is clearly visible and honors our nation's veterans while still honoring who we are as an organization."

The American Legion is prominently featured on the No. 48 Honda during every race in the 2021 and 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES. It is the primary paint scheme for two races in 2021, including, "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" -- the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day weekend -- and at the Texas Motor Speedway May 2.

Throughout the year, The American Legion will use the series and national television exposure to bring attention to some of the most important issues facing today's veterans, including veteran suicide, honoring the fallen and remembering the service and sacrifice rendered as a result of 9/11 and other topics. For more information on The American Legion and its NTT INDYCAR SERIES participation, visit www.legion.org/48.



Americanism Commission

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

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

Children & Youth Committee

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

Legislative Commission

First Thursday bi-monthly
February, April, June, 7 August
7:00 p.m.
Call in # (712) 775-7031
Access Code: 988284103

Membership Committee

Third Tuesday of each month
6:00 p.m. Mountain time
Call in # (515) 604-9644
Access Code: 889133
<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnavarr>

Resolutions Committee

NEC Zoom Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
<https://legion.zoom.us/j/99161918919?pwd=OEhXa2N5eTNXRFFVakc4M3VKQUI0dz09>
Meeting ID: 991 6191 8919
Passcode: 854086

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Fourth Monday of each month
7:00 p.m. Central Time
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6354565336?pwd=STBkdUlJQlRoQTRndnJPN1hsVktHQTo9>

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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



KEN'S CORNER

**Please share this email
freely with your
detachment leadership**

ALCON,

As you know by now, the new mylegion and mysal platforms were rolled out on April 1, 2021. I also appreciate some members' advice on how they would have executed this rollout if they were in charge. I can tell you from experience, complete software overhauls and rollouts are never perfect, and anticipating every problem is impossible. Just refer back to your last Microsoft Windows upgrade or the last cell phone you purchased. The adjustment was not easy, and it took time.

However, I can tell you this. Through constructive respectful feedback and user practice, all the issues get addressed and fixed, and the platform gets better. To get there, it does require patience. The customer service team is working very hard to address all issues and offer solutions. If you are having issues with your login and access as adjutant, please email cs2@legion.org. This is a special email created for your mylegion and mysal issues.

To save time, I would recommend going to the "Resources" tab of mylegion or mysal and scroll down to "How to use myelgion.org." There you will see a comprehensive indexed table of contents where you may be able to fix your own issue. I used it this morning and it was very useful.

If you are unable to resolve your own issue and you do need to send an email, be sure to include the following:

- Name
- Detachment & Squadron
- Your Position
- Your User Name
- Issue Experiencing
- Call back number

All emails received are logged and assigned a case number. Please do not use this email to voice your opinions, complaints, critiques of the new platform. This email was created to address

your specific issue so that it can be corrected, and you can access what you need. If you feel the need to vent and give your critiques, send them to me, not customer service. Thank you for your patience as we work together to become more efficient and create a better experience.

All,

A brief message to clarify what dues amount should be entered on the Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR). Please advise all your squadrons when filling out the SDR to include the total dues amount, including squadron, detachment, and national per capita. For example:

Squadron = 10 (include district and or county)
Detachment = 10
National = 5

Total Dues = 25 (this is the amount you would enter as squadron dues)

Most of the squadrons have been entering the full amount when they submitted their SDR. Any squadron that did not include the full amount, email me the correction, and I will find your SDR and correct it here. My apologies if there is any confusion. Thank you.

**Share this NEC meeting link freely
to your membership**

All,

Please save and share the Spring NEC meeting viewing link with your members. This link is for general members who want to watch the Spring NEC meeting but do not have a voice or vote in the NEC. The NEC, PNCs, Commission and Committee Chairman will receive a separate email with registration information for the virtual NEC meeting. That email will go out after all the commission and committee reports are finalized and ready to be distributed to NEC members. If anyone has any questions, please free to contact me.

Spring NEC Meeting Saturday, April 24, 2021, **11** am EDT - **NOT 3pm EDT**

https://markeys.net/american-legion-2021/sal_nec.html

Regards,

Ken A. George

Member Engagement Coordinator

National SAL & ALR Liaison

NALC Alumni – Class of 2016

Phone 317.630.1376

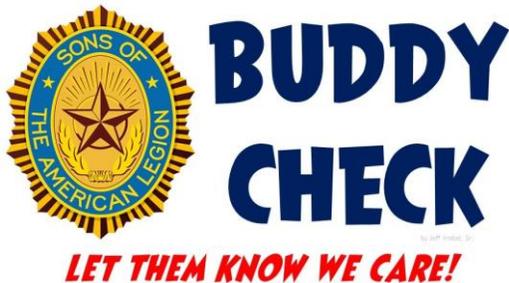
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**National Commander Clint Bolt's
2020 – 2021 Goals**

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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Spanky Memorial Golf Outing

June 12th, 2021

Little Apple Golf Course, Bellville Ohio

Shotgun start at 9:00am

4 Person Team

\$200 entry fee per team

Includes skins, cart, donuts and juice at the start, hot dogs at the turn, and pork chop dinner to follow.

\$400 payout for first place

\$200 payout for second place

All proceeds will benefit the Honor Flight program for veterans

Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion Squadron #535

If you would like to put a team in or make a \$100 hole sponsor, please contact Craig Smith at 419-631-3743 or Call Bruce Hayes at 419-566-1838



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Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____ (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)

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American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

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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



RECEIPT

Date _____

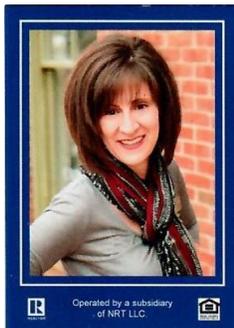
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\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____



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Top Ten Closed Units February 2021



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By Jeff Vrabel, Sr.



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



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LakeLifeEmbroidery>



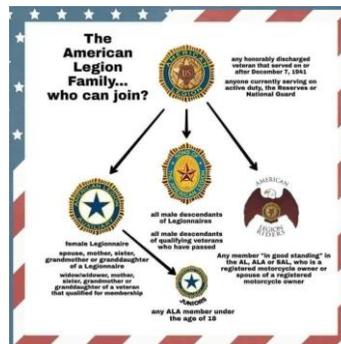
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FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER



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



MySAL – Squadron Sign Up Form

The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a FREE and secure internet site to assist Squadron Adjutants in their day-to-day membership processing duties. This site serves as a direct portal from the local squadron to National Headquarters' membership system.

Features include:

- + View and Edit squadron membership
- + Generate reports
- + Reports available in CSV file format allowing users to work with the data in other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access
- + Squadron Inquiry
- + Consolidated Squadron Report
- + Process Membership

Fill out this form and mail or fax to us to register. Please type or print.

Yes! We would like to sign up for MySAL Officers Portal:

State _____ Squadron Number _____

Contact Information: *Does not have to be Squadron Adjutant. The information below indicates who to call with any questions and where to send correspondence and registration instructions once authorization to release data is received from the state headquarters.*

Contact Name: _____

ID#: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail **(required)** _____



Signature *required*, **must be Squadron Adjutant** _____ Member ID# _____

Printed Name: _____



Signature *required*, **must be Post Adjutant** _____ Member ID# _____

Printed Name: _____

**Mail To: The American Legion IT Division
Product Support Specialist
5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216
Fax: 317-860-3130 Phone: 800-433-3318**

Scan completed form with signature and email to : mylegion@legion.org

Instructions

Throughout the year, it is necessary for National to contact squadrons regarding membership renewals, awards, and general communications. In addition, National receives daily requests for post and squadron information from members and potential new members or others who are looking for information about The American Legion at the local level. Maintaining your squadron's current information with National Headquarters has become more important than ever.

Completing an annual Squadron Data Report (SDR) is necessary to inform your Detachment & National Headquarters of pertinent information regarding your squadron and, most importantly, membership renewal information. Complete an annual SDR even if your squadron information has not changed. Any information that has changed can be indicated by checking either the "CHANGE OR CORRECTION" boxes.

Squadron information will be maintained with National's records and published on the legion.org and mysal.org websites and through the "Post Locator" feature. Members who are traveling or have moved, or simply want to transfer, frequently refer to the Post Locator for assistance.

Remember to inform your Detachment & National Headquarters any time a change is made throughout the year.

Each question for the SDR requires specific information. Each question requires the following:

- 1) Enter the actual physical location of the squadron's location.
- 2) Enter the mailing address of the squadron (if different than the physical address). This should be the address where the squadron receives all mail and parcels.
- 3) Enter the dues mailing address that is to appear on the membership renewal notices. It may or may not be the same as the regular mailing or physical address of the squadron.
- 4) Write the dues amount each member pays for the current membership year. If your dues are changing, write the effective date of the new rate. Unless noted otherwise, an effective date of July 1st will be entered to coincide with the first renewal notice of the new membership year. Indicate your junior and dual dues rates, include the maximum age the junior rate is valid, i.e., 18, 19, 20, 21 years of age, etc. All district and or county per capita should be included in the annual squadron dues. The squadron will be responsible for paying any local district or county per capita dues directly.
- 5) Enter the business telephone number of the squadron. (Do not use a personal phone number of a member.)
- 6) Enter the fax telephone number of the squadron, if applicable.
- 7) Enter the squadron email address, if applicable. Enter the email address that is regularly monitored.
- 8) Enter the URL of the squadron website, if applicable.
- 9) Enter the name of the squadron Facebook page, if applicable.
- 10) Enter the date and time of your regularly scheduled squadron meeting. (Ex: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm)

The Annual Squadron Data Report must be signed at the bottom of the page by the Squadron Adjutant or Commander. Unsigned reports will be returned for an authorized signature.

The Annual Squadron Data Report must be forwarded to your Detachment & National Headquarters no later than April 15th in order for squadron information to be processed in time for the first renewal notice.

If there is a subsequent change in the squadron's contact information or a change in the dues amount, the squadron must notify their Detachment & National Headquarters immediately. National Headquarters will not be responsible for reporting incorrect information if the proper notification was not received or if notification was not received in advance of the established deadlines.

NOTICE TO DEPARTMENTS & DETACHMENTS: All annual SDRs must be received at National by April 15th in order to be processed prior to printing the first renewal notices. Please forward as quickly as possible to IT/Data Services after receipt from the squadron; this will help ease processing at National.

MAIL: THE AMERICAN LEGION
ATTN: IT/DATA SERVICES
PO BOX 1954
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206

SCAN & EMAIL: dsforms@legion.org



ANNUAL SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDR)

20 __ Membership Year

Detachment _____ District/County _____ Squadron # _____

CHANGES (or) CORRECTIONS

Please type or print in ink and forward to your Detachment and National Headquarters

1) Squadron's Home (Physical) Address: _____
(Street address, city, state and zip code) _____

2) Squadron's Mailing Address: _____
If different than physical address _____

3) Squadron's Dues Mailing Address: _____
If different than physical address _____

Note: If the above address contains a member's name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, please provide the member's ID#.

4) Annual Squadron Dues for 20 ____ **Regular member**
Junior member **Max. age** **Dual member**

Note: Include all district and county per capita the squadron will be responsible for paying.
Effective Date

Month / Day / Year

5) Squadron Telephone Number: _____
Note: DO NOT use personal phone numbers of members

6) Squadron Fax Number: _____

7) Squadron Email Address: _____

8) Squadron Internet Website: _____

9) Squadron Facebook Page: _____

10) Squadron Meeting Day & Time: _____

Squadron Adjutant or Commander Signature

Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Complete and return this form to your Detachment and National Headquarters no later than April 15th. Failure to meet this deadline may prohibit your members from renewing their membership online through mysal.org and cause Renewal Notices to be mailed with incorrect information.

A fillable version of this form is available [HERE](#).