



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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Membership report available

On Tuesday, July 13 an updated national membership report was provided to members. Although we had hoped for weekly reports, we have a new one, and we will use it as we move forward.

As you will see, we have two detachments, Iowa and Wisconsin, that have made quota with 101.42% and 101.26% respectively, and are fighting for the coveted first place in the Central Region. Overall, the Central Region remains in second place with 91.05%.

Please remember that our next National Target Date is July 28, 2021, with a goal of 105%. For our detachments that have not hit quota yet, it's not too late. Please make personal contact with any members who have not paid 2021 dues and see what you can do to get them paid. It is important that we continue to work on our 2021 membership program as it will help us with 2022. You may even be able to collect for both years at the same time.

Speaking of paying early, don't forget about the Central Region Membership Challenge. We all need to change our thinking on when we pay our dues. Our culture needs to change to encourage members to pay in July and August. It is a different way of doing business, but if we do not change how we do things, we will continue to get the same results. Einstein called it "insanity."

While we continue our work on 2021, I know that we've already started renewing for the 2022 membership year. Some of our Squadrons will meet the Central Region Membership Challenge and many Detachments will hit our new membership targets. Please don't stop working on 2021. I know there are members out there who want to remain members in good standing, but have simply missed their annual payment. Please contact them today.

With the change in our national membership database, online renewals on the horizon, and the beginning of a new membership and administrative year, now is the time to make this happen. I know that detachments offer prizes to Squadrons that reach quota, and there is other recognition available. Please help me, help the National Membership Committee, and help the National Officers to shape the future. The first step is getting our members to pay dues early. Will you help? **Who's next?**



Thank you for your continued hard work for not only Sons of The American Legion, but for the entire American Legion Family. Keep **"Serving those who served...full steam ahead."**

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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Sons of The American Legion
National Membership Committee
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Full Steam Ahead**



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Gentlemen,



Included is Thursday's membership report for your reading enjoyment.

Remember, the 105% target is July 28.

Thank you for all you do!

Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer,
National Vice-Commander Central

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2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					07/13/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,775	41,074	1,701	96.02%	726
2 Central	132,706	120,830	11,876	91.05%	1,197
3 Midwest	30,377	27,449	2,928	90.36%	495
4 Eastern	146,287	131,584	14,703	89.95%	2,877
5 Western	26,405	23,450	2,955	88.81%	513
TOTALS	378,550	344,387	34,163	90.98%	5,808

Membership ahead/behind prior year date

N/A

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Iowa * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	4,376	4,438	(62)	101.42%	16
2 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	3,745	3,792	(47)	101.26%	42
3 Ohio ~ ? ! # %	31,134	28,988	2,146	93.11%	263
4 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	13,206	1,341	90.78%	100
5 Minnesota ^ ~ ? !	11,749	10,607	1,142	90.28%	106
6 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	35,496	3,869	90.17%	347
7 Michigan	24,084	21,199	2,885	88.02%	103
8 Missouri	3,706	3,104	602	83.76%	220
TOTALS	132,706	120,830	11,876	91.05%	1,197

Q = Quota

* Met 09/10/20 goal of 10%

^ Met 10/15/20 goal of 25%

~ Met 11/12/20 goal of 35%

? Met 12/09/20 goal of 45%

! Met 01/21/21 goal of 60%

Met 02/10/21 goal of 75%

% Met 03/10/21 goal of 80%

\$ Met 05/12/21 goal of 90%

Q Met 06/09/21 goal of 100%

! Met 07/28/21 goal of 105%

**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
July 28, 2021**

105%

Delegate Strength Target Date

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,376	4,438	(62)	101.42%	3.67%
Wisconsin	3,745	3,792	(47)	101.26%	3.14%
Missouri	3,706	3,104	602	83.76%	2.57%
TOTALS	3,706	3,104	602		2.57%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	13,206	1,341	90.78%	10.93%
Minnesota	11,749	10,607	1,142	90.28%	8.78%
TOTALS	26,296	23,813	2,483		19.71%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	28,988	2,146	93.11%	23.99%
Indiana	39,365	35,496	3,869	90.17%	29.38%
Michigan	24,084	21,199	2,885	88.02%	17.54%
TOTALS	24,084	21,199	2,885		17.54%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

2021 – 2022 Central Region Membership Challenge

- All Squadrons 100% for the 2021 membership year
- All Squadrons with 25 members or less to be quota by August 1 for the 2022 membership year
- All Squadrons with 50 members or less to be quota by August 8 for the 2022 membership year
- All Squadrons with 100 members or less to be quota by August 15 for the 2022 membership year
- All Squadrons to be at least 20% of quota by August 29 for the 2022 membership year

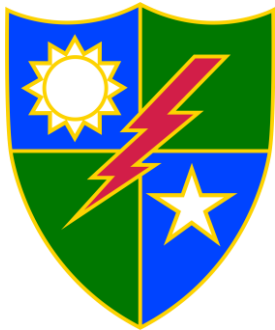
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Membership Card
2022
Sons of the American Legion

**2022
IS NOW!
Renew Today**

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

Grove City honors local soldier



On July 5, 2021, PFC Noah Christian Porter, of the United States Army 75th Ranger Regiment was killed in an accident on his way back to his base in Georgia. On Friday, PFC Porter returned to Ohio, and was escorted from Columbus John Glenn International Airport to

Schoedinger Funeral Home in Grove City, Ohio where his funeral took place yesterday.

The media reported hundreds, but I believe it was thousands of people lined Broadway to honor the life of the Grove City resident as he made his last return to the city where he grew up.

My wife Mary and I took our sons Kenneth and Phillip to the funeral home, where we stood on the sidewalk with many others waiting for PFC Porter to arrive. It was a somber moment when the procession pulled up, and people were waving flags that were passed out. Many were crying.

The Grove City Police Department provided the escort, and a large American flag hung over the street from a Jackson Township Fire Department truck.

It was moving to see this procession. We saluted as the hearse drove by, and again as PFC Porter's flag-draped casket was unloaded and taken inside. My son's thanked the active-duty Army soldiers present, as they do any time they see someone in uniform.

It is unfortunate that people have to do things like this, but it is truly American, patriotic, and shows unity when our town can come together, no matter our backgrounds, political affiliations, opinions, or whatever else separates us, to honor this young soldier who died way too soon.

God Speed PFC Christian and thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the news story by WSYX 6 Columbus.



PFC Noah Christian Porter, 22



PFC Noah C. Porter, age 22, born in Jacksonville, FL raised in Grove City, OH passed away on Monday July 5, 2021, as the result of a MVA in Tennessee.

Noah attended GCHS. He enjoyed playing basketball and football but, he loved "getting his pumps in" at

the gym.

Noah is a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment in the US Army. This is where he found his true calling and purpose in life. He discovered he is a true leader and enjoyed this role. Noah had several sayings but, he lived by "What the mind sees, the body achieves!"

Noah is survived by his favorite grandmother Delores (D-Lo) Rumer; parents Alan Porter, Beth and Patrick Martin; siblings Ryan (J.P.) Waldrop, Charlotte (David) Shelkey, Alanna (Sean) Purcell, and Nathan Martin; nieces MaKenna and Brynn; nephews Bentley, Sawyer, Kai, Owen, and Emmett; and his companions Rosie and Mija.

Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Friday, July 16, 2021, at SCHOEDINGER GROVE CITY, 3920 Broadway where Noah's Funeral Service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021.

Interment with Full Military Honors will follow at the Grove City West Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in PFC Noah C. Porter's memory to the Lead the Way Fund of the 75th Ranger Regiment www.leadthewayfund.org.

Visit www.schoedinger.com to share a favorite memory of Noah.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of PFC Noah Christian Porter 75th Ranger Regiment please visit Schoedinger's [Sympathy Store](#).





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>

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Fourth Monday of each month
7:00 p.m. Central Time
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6354565336?pwd=STBkdUlJQlRlRndnJPN1hsVktHQTo9>

Meeting ID: 635 456 5336
Passcode: 405160
Call In # (646) 876-9923

If you previously submitted any photos for the Snapshots of Service, please resubmit them with the attached form titled "snapshot" to salsnapshots@gmail.com. Entries must be received by July 18th.

Snapshots of Service

- Photo contest to promote the programs of the Sons
- Must represent one of the four pillars: Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security, or Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
- Stipulations:
 - Photo must be a jpg or tiff
 - Members must be wearing SAL cap or apparel
 - **Must fill out form**

Thank you,

Seth Rippe, Chairman
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Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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



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Last Black D-Day combat veteran dies

The American Legion
JUL 12, 2021

Henry Parham, believed to be the last surviving Black combat veteran of D-Day and a longtime American Legion member, died July 4 in Pittsburgh. He was 99.

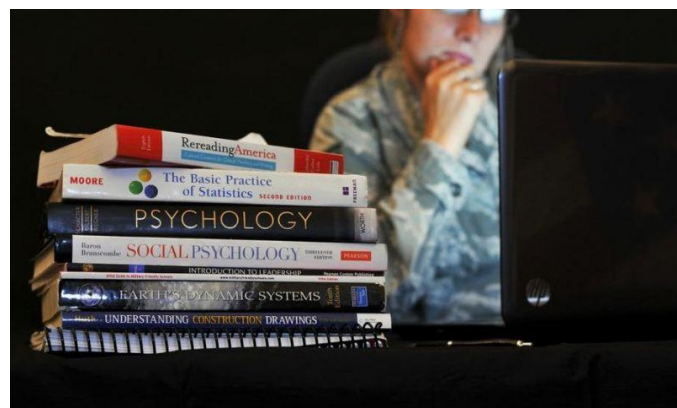
Parham served as a private in the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion on D-Day. In 2013, he was featured in an "I Am The American Legion" article in The American Legion Magazine that also included a [video interview](#). In the video, Parham describes his service as an Army balloon crewman, taking part in defense and surveillance work that included the aftermath of the Normandy invasion, mostly at night.

A 65-plus-year member of The American Legion, Parham served as post commander and district deputy. He also volunteered in VA hospitals and

coordinated Memorial Day parades at area cemeteries. He most recently was a member of Squirrel Hill American Legion Post 577 in Pittsburgh.

Parham's battalion hoisted large balloons to heights of up to 2,000 feet over Omaha and Utah beaches between D-Day and August 1944, carrying out the mission during the night hours so the balloons would not be spotted by German planes. The balloons were tethered to the ground by cables fitted with small packets of explosive charges, entangling German planes, and damaging or downing them.

His battalion reached Omaha Beach shortly after the arrival of the first waves landed. When the balloonists arrived, they witnessed a scene of carnage. "We landed in water up to our necks," Parham had said. "Once we got there, we were walking over dead Germans and Americans on the beach. Bullets were falling all around us."



Court decides millions of veterans are eligible for more GI Bill benefits

By Nikki Wentling/Stars and Stripes
JUL 14, 2021

A new court decision, if it holds, would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide billions of dollars in education benefits to more than 1 million post-9/11 veterans.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit decided Thursday that veterans who qualify for both the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill for multiple periods of military service should be allowed to draw benefits from each. Since the newer Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective in 2009, the VA has limited veterans to benefits from one program, not both.

Under the ruling, veterans who qualify for both programs would be eligible to use one year of benefits from the Montgomery GI Bill program on top of the three years of tuition and housing assistance available through the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

“We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this case and what it means for our country’s veterans,” said Timothy L. McHugh, the attorney on the case. “An estimated 1.7 million post-9/11 era veterans could benefit from this ruling, so it is truly an impactful decision for those who have bravely served.”

The court upheld the ruling from the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, which also ruled against the VA’s interpretation of the law. The VA could next try to take the case to the Supreme Court. It was uncertain Monday whether the department would continue to appeal.

If the VA doesn’t appeal, the new ruling could go into effect in time for the fall semester.

The case, Rudisill v. McDonough, focused on Jim Rudisill, an Army combat veteran. Rudisill served in Iraq and Afghanistan and qualified for the Montgomery GI Bill and the newer Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Rudisill wanted to use his education benefits in 2015 to attend Yale Divinity School and become an Army chaplain. The VA restricted Rudisill to three years total of educational benefits, and he was not permitted to use the extra year he could get from using both GI Bill programs.

Rudisill was unable to attend divinity school and has since aged out of the Army. He’s now a special agent with the FBI.

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U.S. flag still waves from 1923 wood flagpole

The American Legion
JUL 14, 2021



Legiontown photo provided by Debby Hyson.

Debby Hyson of Essex, Md., shared with The American Legion that in 1923 a young girl named Evelyn Nadolny attended a two-room schoolhouse in town called Back River School that did not have a flagpole. One morning Evelyn

held the American flag in her hands for an outdoor event since there wasn’t a flagpole. Wondering why the school didn’t have one, she told her father, Joe Nadolny, that Back River School needed a flagpole. The wooded property by the schoolhouse was owned by Alex Brown Company and Joe asked for and received permission to cut down a tree, have it shaped into a flagpole, and installed in front of the schoolhouse.

In 1943, a new elementary school was built a few hundred feet from the Back River School. The flagpole was moved to the new school. “For many years, the flag waved proudly, being raised and lowered by the school custodian each day,” Hyson wrote. Sadly, that school was eventually torn down and the flagpole was abandoned. “No longer did Old Glory wave proudly.

“But a thunderstorm and lightning strike caused a nearby tree to crash into the pole and knock it down,” Hyson added. “Did the neighborhood cut it up for firewood? No! Little Evelyn’s flagpole was once again restored and rededicated to the YMCA Head Start Center.”

Unfortunately, even in a new location, Old Glory still didn’t wave from Evelyn’s flagpole.

“I passed by that flagpole every morning on my way to work,” Hyson said. “It was so sad to see it without a flag, but extremely hard to recruit someone to raise and lower it every day. What it needed was lights that, according to protocol, could allow the flag to fly continuously.”

So, Hyson applied for a local Community Conservation grant and was awarded \$10,000 to create a brick garden surrounding the pole and install two lights to illuminate the U.S. flag 24/7. “Every spring the garden is planted with annual flowers that bloom all summer long, always in colors of red, white and blue to complement our flag,” Hyson said. “One day when I thought I was alone, weeding the garden and listening to the snap of the flag in the breeze, a voice made me turn to see a young man just standing there smiling at me.”

Hyson said “Hi” and she said the young man replied, “I just came to thank you. I'm Evelyn Nadolny's grandson. She would have been so happy that her flagpole has been so honored.” Hyson replied, “It was the (American) flag that was honored, thanks to Evelyn's gift to us.”

In 2023, the Essex will celebrate a 100-year-old wood flagpole “that has been through a war of its own; restored many times and loved by many,” Hyson said.

VHA Quick Facts
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

1. In 2021, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) commemorates 75 years of VHA. Over the past 75 years, VHA has made wide-reaching contributions to improve the health of Veterans and the entire nation by innovating services and technologies that have changed the way health care providers across the country practice medicine.
2. VHA is the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care at 1,272 health care facilities, including 170 VA medical centers and 1,102 outpatient sites of care of varying complexity. (Source: FY21 Budget Submission)
3. In FY 2020, more than 9 million Veterans were enrolled in the VA health care system and VHA completed more than 81 million outpatient visits. (Source: VHA Pocket Card, EOY FY 2020)
4. In FY 2020, 2.14 million Veterans were authorized by VA to receive care in local communities.
5. In FY 2020, 223,476 Veterans, active duty service members, including members of the National Guard and Reserve components, and their families received readjustment counseling at VA's 300 Vet Centers, totaling nearly 1.75 million visits and outreach contacts.
6. Working for America's Veterans is a privilege, and we pride ourselves on the quality of care we provide. VHA employs more than 369,400 employees, and 28% are Veterans. Out of 369,400 VHA employees, nearly 63% are clinical employees, including more than 27,400 Physicians and more than 109,400 Nurses (CRNA, RN, LPN & NA). VHA accounts for approximately 89% of VA employees. (FY21Q2)
7. VHA turnover rates compare favorably with the health care industry, including for occupations identified as mission critical. In CY 2020, VHA's annual turnover rate for full-time and part-time employees was 10.2%, which compares well to the industry turnover rate of 27-45%.
8. Since 1946, volunteers have been instrumental to the success of VA and the care of our nation's Veterans. In FY 2020, more than 46,000 volunteers provided over 4.4 million total volunteer hours serving Veterans through VA's Voluntary Service.
9. VA served more than 1.6 million Veterans using VA telehealth services in FY 2020. The 80% increase in Veterans over the prior fiscal year contributed to VA's delivery of more than 5.6 million episodes of telehealth care in FY 2020.
10. VHA is one of the nation's largest providers of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research. In fact, about 70% of all U.S. physicians have received at least some of their training at VA facilities.
11. VHA maintains more than 8,000 agreements with over 1,800 institutions, ensuring that training programs are available in every U.S. state and territory. Annually, VA provides training for about 120,000 trainees.
12. In FY 2020, more than 3,600 VA researchers worked on more than 7,200 projects, with a total research budget of \$1.99 billion (including VA and non-VA sources).
13. The groundbreaking achievements of VA investigators—more than 60% of whom also provide direct patient care—have resulted in three Nobel prizes, seven Lasker awards, and numerous other national and international honors.
14. The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net, or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.
15. Since its launch in 2007, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered nearly 5.4 million calls and initiated the dispatch of emergency services to callers in crisis more than 184,000 times. The Veterans Crisis Line anonymous online chat service, added in 2009, has engaged in more than 630,000 chats. In November 2011, the Veterans Crisis Line introduced a text messaging service to provide another way for Veterans to connect with confidential, round-the-clock support and has responded to nearly 204,000 texts. (April 2021)

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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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RECRUIT!
RETAIN!
REINSTATE!

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I WANT
YOU
TO RENEW!!!



In last week's edition, three pictures of NVC Doc Pfeiffer while he was attending the Detachment of Minnesota Convention appeared. I forgot to provide the photo credit and want to thank

Detachment of Minnesota Historian LOU "THE PHOTO GUY" MICHAELS for getting them to me. Great Job Lou!!!





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AGENDA FOR THE 49TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

**AUGUST 27 - 29, 2021 PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

S. A. L. REGISTRATION - WEST BLDG., 301 BALLROOM, 300 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

S. A. L. CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH
NORTH BLDG., ROOM 121, 100 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 8:30 AM VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
 10:00 AM MEMBERSHIP
 11:30 AM FINANCE

NORTH BLDG., ROOM 124, 100 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 8:30 AM CHILDREN AND YOUTH
 10:00 AM INTERNAL AFFAIRS
 11:30 AM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NORTH BLDG., ROOM 131, 100 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 8:30 AM AMERICANISM
 10:00 AM COMMUNITY SERVICE SCRAPBOOK / HISTORY BOOK
 11:30 AM LEGISLATIVE AND RULES

WEST BLDG., 301 BALLROOM, 300 LEVEL PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 11:00 AM CREDENTIALS

S. A. L. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
NORTH BLDG., ROOM 122, 100 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH 10:00 AM PRE-CONVENTION NEC
NORTH BLDG., EXHIBITION HALL 6, LOWER LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH 2:00 PM POST-CONVENTION NEC

S. A. L. GENERAL SESSIONS
NORTH BLDG., EXHIBITION HALL 6, LOWER LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH 1:00 PM - OPENING
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH 9:00 AM
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH 8:00 AM

S. A. L. TRANSITIONAL MEETING
NORTH BLDG., ROOM 124, 100 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH 8:00 AM
(NATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN ONLY)
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S. A. L. NATIONAL OFFICE & STAFF
WEST BLDG., 301 BALLROOM, 300 LEVEL - PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**2021 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

COVID-19 STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING and AGREEMENT

The American Legion focuses on creating a safe national convention experience for all who travel to Phoenix, Arizona for the 102nd American Legion National Convention ("Convention"). As part of that effort, the following is agreed and understood:

1. I have not knowingly been exposed, nor tested positive, to COVID-19 within the past 14 days. To my knowledge I have not experienced the onset of any primary COVID-19 symptoms within the past 14 days, including: a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, a new persistent cough, a shortness of breath or any new breathing difficulties.
2. For everyone's safety, I will wear a face covering/mask at all times inside any Convention venue unless actively eating or drinking. My face covering/mask will be clean, free from stains, dampness, or being soiled.
3. For everyone's safety, I understand that physical distancing of six feet will be observed at all times in all Convention venues and that no handshaking, touching or hugging is permitted; however, alternatives I can do, but are not limited to, include saluting, hat tipping, elbow bumping and/ waving.
4. If I contract COVID-19, and/or experience any COVID-19 symptoms and/or becomes ill while attending the Convention in Phoenix, Arizona during the Convention dates, I release from liability and indemnify the City of Phoenix, the Phoenix Convention Center, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Arizona.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Membership Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Sons of the American Legion Membership Application

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

Name (First) (Initial) (Last) 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) _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

00-001 (2013)



RECEIPT

Date _____
 Received of _____

For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in
 Squadron _____, Detachment of _____
 By _____