



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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IRA pins mailed

On Friday, August 20, 2021, the last batch of Individual Recruitment Awards were processed and mailed. This brings the total of IRAs in the Central Region to 44, which for the second year in a row, leads the nation. Congratulations to all our IRA winners! Your hard work is to be commended, and I hope you will wear your pin proudly.

The following members earned the 2021 Individual Recruitment Award from the Central Region:

- Rodney H. Bennett
- Dennis Bjorklund
- Stephen Blanchard
- Gary B. Blust
- Charleton Brown
- Danny C. Brown
- Rex M. Buchs
- Rob Bunton
- Don Burroughs
- Robert W. Cadreau
- Ronald Collins
- Ken Craft
- Chester B. Crooks
- John Crossno
- Mark Davis
- George Ditchcreek
- Richard Ferguson
- Daniel Fitzpatrick
- Alberto D. Gray
- Xamuel G. Gray
- Joseph L. Heflin
- Mike Jochumsen
- Steve Johnson
- Ernest L. Jones, Jr.
- Glenn F. Kraemer
- Michael Krumsee

- Casey Lenort
- Christopher Longenbaugh
- Curtis Longenbaugh
- David Lytle
- Tristan Mort
- Marvin L. Ostrum
- Alan E. Schenck
- David Schmitz
- Tom Seick
- William Shaw, III
- Tony C. Smith
- William Twohey
- Ron Vilag
- Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
- Michael Walsh
- Jeffrey M. Wiese
- Bud Zilko

I also want to apologize for the delay in getting these awards out this year. As everyone knows, the change in the national membership database caused multiple issues, and the IRA process was one of them. I anticipate a more efficient process for the 2022 membership year, and hope each of you will continue to work toward earning an IRA pin.

Next week's edition is planned, but I cannot confirm when it will be sent out. If possible, it will go out on Sunday morning, but will more than likely come out later in the week. Distribution will depend on schedules during the National Convention in Phoenix.

Whether *Round-Up* comes out on Sunday, Wednesday, or Thursday, we will have our next edition, then will get back on our weekly Sunday schedule.

Please continue to send me information that you would like to have included in our newsletter, so we can spread the word about the hard work we are doing in the Central Region. **Who's next?**

The past two years have been challenging to say the least. Each of you have done what you needed to do to support Sons of The American Legion, our membership program, our fundraising, and everything related to our service to our veterans, the children and youth of our great nation, and to the American Legion Family.

I cannot thank you enough for what you have done to help National Vice-Commander Doc Pfeiffer and I to have a successful two years. We could not have done anything without you. Please know that each of you are valuable to us, to the organization, and to the entire American Legion Family.

Keep **"Serving those who served...full steam ahead."**

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



#SALSTRONG

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.
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Sons of The American Legion
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Full Steam Ahead**
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Gentlemen,



As we enter the final week before National Convention, I would like to thank you again for all of your hard work these last two years. Your dedication and commitment to our organization is second to none.

It has been an honor to serve as your National Vice-Commander. You made my job a lot easier, and I appreciate your help in achieving everything we did; second place in membership, first place in renewals, first place in Individual Recruitment Awards, and highest total Child Welfare Foundation donation in the nation.

We need to rally behind Jeff as he enters his term as National Vice Commander and work hard to ensure that his year is also successful.

Hope to see all of you in Phoenix. Safe travels and stay healthy!

*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

2022
National Target Date
September 9, 2021

10%

2021 Membership Report



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					08/19/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,775	41,477	1,298	96.97%	5
2 Central	132,706	122,442	10,264	92.27%	43
3 Midwest	30,377	27,836	2,541	91.64%	(9)
4 Eastern	146,287	133,008	13,279	90.92%	138
5 Western	26,405	23,869	2,536	90.40%	24
TOTALS	378,550	348,632	29,918	92.10%	201

Membership ahead/behind prior year date

N/A

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Iowa * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	4,376	4,449	(73)	101.67%	5
2 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	-
3 Ohio ~ ? ! # %	31,134	29,215	1,919	93.84%	11
4 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	13,407	1,140	92.16%	-
5 Minnesota ^ ~ ? !	11,749	10,820	929	92.09%	3
6 Michigan	24,084	21,989	2,095	91.30%	6
7 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	35,618	3,747	90.48%	7
8 Missouri	3,706	3,141	565	84.75%	11
TOTALS	132,706	122,442	10,264	92.27%	38

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 05/12/21 goal of 90%

? Met 12/09/20 goal of 45%

Q Met 06/09/21 goal of 100%

! Met 01/21/21 goal of 60%

) Met 07/28/21 goal of 105%



Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

The Taliban are retaking control of Afghanistan at an alarming rate. It's something generations of veterans have seen. A similar takeover occurred in Iraq. And we all know what happened in Vietnam. As a Vietnam veteran, I deeply empathize with today's veterans who are witnessing this tragic turn of events.

But let me be 100 percent clear — the sacrifice, commitment, and work by all of our men and women in uniform these past 20 years was worth it.

They kept our nation safe when many feared another attack.

They brought evil-doers to justice.

They delivered hope to war-torn nations.

Their courage, victories and selfless acts of service will not be washed away by history.

To all the men and women who served and made the world a better, safer, and brighter place since the dark day of 9/11, I salute you.

As veterans, we have a unique perspective on what all of this means. The action we are seeing today is troubling on an international scale. But also troubling to veterans, especially those who served with honor since 9/11. They may be left questioning what all of this means. They may have trouble processing this turn of events as related to their service. They may experience feelings of depression.

But we need to let them know that their service matters today, and it will matter tomorrow.

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,376	4,449	(73)	101.67%	3.63%
Wisconsin	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	3.11%
Missouri	3,706	3,141	565	84.75%	2.57%
TOTALS	11,827	11,393	434		9.30%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	13,407	1,140	92.16%	10.95%
Minnesota	11,749	10,820	929	92.09%	8.84%
TOTALS	26,296	24,227	2,069		19.79%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	29,215	1,919	93.84%	23.86%
Michigan	24,084	21,989	2,095	91.30%	17.96%
Indiana	39,365	35,618	3,747	90.48%	29.09%
TOTALS	94,583	86,822	7,761		70.91%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

2021 – 2022 Central Region Membership Challenge

- 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!!!

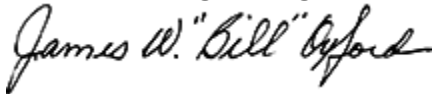
I strongly encourage American Legion Family members to take this time to perform Buddy Checks on Afghanistan, Iraq, and other veterans during this time. Reach out to your brothers and sisters in arms, and make sure they are doing OK and ask what they need.

As a refresher, Buddy Checks are wellness check-ins with veterans who may not seek the help they need on their own. To get started on a Buddy Check, please visit [it, https://www.legion.org/buddycheck](https://www.legion.org/buddycheck).

Additionally, you can also recommend that veterans seeking assistance could tap into VA's Vet Centers. Those are counseling centers that provide combat veteran to combat veteran counseling. To learn more visit, vetcenter.va.gov.

Whether you are a Vietnam veteran, or one from the war on terror or another era, I thank you for your service. No matter when you served, your service mattered. And it's what will allow freedom and democracy to continue.

Veterans Strengthening America.



Bill Oxford, National Commander
The American Legion



**NEVER
FORGET
WHY YOU
STARTED**



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>

Public and Media Communications Commission

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Fourth Monday of each month
7:00 p.m. Central Time

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

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

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

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



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**



AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NIGHT AT CHASE FIELD

AUGUST 30, 2021 • 6:40P.M.

Arizona Diamondback vs. San Diego Padres



Please click [HERE](#) to reserve tickets or
copy and paste the link into your internet browser:

<https://fevo.me/americanlegion>

Cost per ticket is \$22.00 or \$29.00—cost depends on the seat location you
select. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

For questions or orders of 10 or more tickets, please
contact Garrett King at 602-462-4238 or gking@dbacks.com.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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 - 2022 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021	10%
OCTOBER 14, 2021	25%
NOVEMBER 10, 2021	35%
DECEMBER 8, 2021	45%
JANUARY 20, 2022	60%
FEBRUARY 9, 2022	75%
MARCH 9, 2022	80%
APRIL 13, 2022	90%
MAY 11, 2022	100%
*JULY 28, 2022	105%

*DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE

**2021-2022
MEMBERSHIP
YEAR**



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

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant) 00-001 (2013)

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)

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

Name _____ Recruited by _____

Address _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (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 _____

00-001 (2013)

RECEIPT

Date _____

Received of _____

For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____

The John Taylor Memorial

Saturday, September 25, 2021

26th Annual LOYAL OAK Golf Course

2909 Cleveland Massillon Road, Barberton, OH 44203 • (330) 825-2904

5th District S.A.L. Golf Scramble
(established 1996)

SHOTGUN START
10:00 A.M.

\$55 per golfer
\$220 per team

Includes Green Fees • Cart
Food at the Turn • Dinner • Prizes
**Open to all members of
The American Legion Family**

ENTRY DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

For additional information, please contact ... Cary "Dewey" Kuhl at (440) 935-2487

Please make checks payable and mail entries to:
S.A.L. 5th District Golf Outing
c/o Dave Brown
2814 Twp. Rd. 2812, Loudonville, OH 44842
Ph: 419-651-4681 • Email: dwb257@gmail.com

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Contact Person: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Post/Sqd./Unit #: _____

22nd Annual

Sons of The American Legion, Sqd 8, Wellington Ohio

2021 "Super Gun Raffle"

Saturday October 2nd, 2021 9:00am-5:00pm

50 New Rifles, Shotguns, Handguns, and Crossbows

9:00 Ruger Wrangler 22LR	1:10 Stoeger Condor O/U 410 ga
9:10 Savage 93R17 FXP 17 HMR w/scope	1:20 Ruger LCP II 22LR
9:20 Tylphoon Defense Bronze 12ga	1:30 Savage Axis II XP 23-250 Rem w/scope
9:30 Taurus G3C 9mm	1:40 S&W SD9VE 9mm
9:40 Savage Axis II XP .308 Mossy Oak w/scope	1:50 Thompson Center Venture II 6.5 Creed
9:50 CVA Hunter 44 Mag	2:00 Winchester Super X4 Waterfowl Mossy Oak 20ga
10:00 Bersa Thunder 380 ACP Matte	2:10 Ruger LCP II 380 acp
10:10 Tippman m4-22 Elite Tactical 22LR	2:20 Sig Sauer P365 9mm w/ Tactical Package
10:20 Browning Maxus II Mossy Oak Bottomland 12ga	2:25 Wicked Ridge M-370 Crossbow Package
10:30 Savage Axis II XP 223 Rem Heavy Barrel w/scope	2:30 Winchester Super X Waterfowl Bottomland 12ga
10:40 Ruger 10/22 22LR w/Flag Camo	2:40 S&W M&P Shield EZ 380 acp
10:50 Mosberg Maverick 88 Cruiser 12ga	2:50 Legacy Citadel Foss 12 ga w/Flag Camo
11:00 Kimber Custom II 2 Tone 45 acp	3:00 S&W M642 38 Special
11:10 Henry H01 Classic Lever 22LR	3:10 Ruger Security9 Pro 9mm
11:20 Stevens 301 Turkey Obsession 410 ga	3:15 S&W SD40VE 40 S&W Standard Capacity
11:30 Springfield Hellcat FDE 9mm	3:20 Savage Axis II 300 Blackout Camo/Hvy Barrel/scope
11:40 Barnett TS380 Crossbow Package	3:30 Kimber Micro 9 9mm Stainless/Rosewood grip
11:50 Remington 870 Express Turkey Camo 12ga	3:40 Browning Citori CX O/U 12ga
12:00 CVA Hunter 444 Marlin	3:50 S&W M&P 2.0 FDE 9mm w/Red Dot
12:10 Mosberg Patriot 459 Bushmaster	4:00 S&W M&P Shield EZ 9mm
12:20 Heritage Rough Rider 22LR Flag grip	4:10 Traditions Outfitter G2 45-70
12:30 Savage Axis II XP 6.5 Creed Heavy Barrel w/scope	4:15 Taurus M66 357 Magnum 6" Barrel
12:40 Ruger EC9-9mm	4:25 Glock G48 9mm
12:50 Ruger American Ranch 350 Legend FDE	4:35 Beretta A300 Outlander Camo Max 5 12ga
1:00 Ruger AR-556 5.56 Nato	4:45 Henry Steel Lever Action 45-70

Grand Prize:
\$5,000 (cash or check) (To be drawn at 5:00pm)

Guns/Merchandise provided by Fin Feather& Fur of Ashland, Ohio

Many other raffles!!! - Steaks, Hams, Bacon & Hunting Equipment

For ticket information call/visit American Legion Post 8, 518 S. Main St., Wellington OH 44090. Phone (440)647-6334. Or call Cary "Dewey" Kuhl, (440)935-2487 and leave message if necessary. I will get back to you. Or cary.kuhl@gmail.com Tickets \$20 or 6 for \$100

1 Ticket required for each person attending. Hot Dogs, Ham & Bean Soup, Chili & Beverages provided. All Door Prizes paid in cash. Every winning ticket is returned to the drum and can win multiple times. Winner need not be present.

Proceeds to benefit
American Legion Charities