



Round-Up



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Michael Fox new National Commander



Fox was joined on stage by a group of family and friends, and supporters. His parents participated in the capping ceremony where he received his new cap, and his fiancé, Crystal, put his new name tag on his pocket. It was a great family event, not only for Michael and his family but the entire American Legion family.

Also at the Convention, five new National Vice-Commanders were elected to represent the different regions of the organization. New National Vice-Commanders are:



- Richard “Dickey” Huntley – Eastern
- Jason Roberts – Southern
- Jim Stewart – Western
- Juan Torres – Midwest
- Jeff Vrabel, Sr. – Central

On Sunday, August 29, 2021, delegates to the 49th Sons of The American Legion National Convention elected Michael Fox from the Detachment of California to the high office of National Convention for the 2021-2022 administrative year.

During Commander Fox’s speech, he thanked the entire California American Legion Family for supporting him over the last few years, and thanked delegates for their support.

Commander Fox went on to lay out his plans for the 2021-2020 administrative year, siting new and innovative ideas, and programs to advance the mission and goals of Sons of The American Legion.



The group makes up the “Fox Squad,” and will be coming to an event near you soon.





I cannot express how honored and humbled I am to have been elected as National Vice-Commander of the Central Region.

I want to thank the Mahoning Valley Post 15 family for their support in this journey, as well as the entire Ohio American Legion Family. This is not my position, it is our position, and I hope to represent not only Central Region Sons, but everyone in The Family in a way that you will be proud of.

To the members of the Central Region, thank you for trusting me with this position. With our continued hard work, great communication, and the desire to be successful in every area, we will continue to be a national leader. Thank you to you all.

A big thank you must also go out to Past National Commander Clint Bolt and Past National Vice-Commander Richard "Doc" Pfeiffer. Their wisdom and support will go a long way this year.

I want to thank Past National Commander Joe Mayne for his outstanding nomination speech. PNC Joe has been a friend and mentor over the past few years, and I truly appreciated his words at the podium.



I need to thank my sons, Jeff Jr., Kenneth, and Phillip for seconding my nomination. People have said that they have not seen a seconding speech like Jeff's, and to have his brothers join him

made it all the better. Thanks boys, I love you! Keep up your awesome work not only for Sons of The American Legion, but for everything you do, and remember the three rules; Listen and Learn, Try Hard, and HAVE FUN!

We've all heard it before; there's always a great woman behind a good man. I am lucky to know that to be true. Thank you, Mary for all your support over the past twenty-two years. None on this would have happened without you. I love you!



Although my mom Nadene couldn't make the trip, she has always been supportive, and continues to be my biggest cheerleader. Thanks mom, love ya!



None of this would have been possible without my father, Joseph K. Vrabel's service in the United States Army during the Korean War. Dad's

has been gone for twelve years, but he lives on in me and in my sons. It was my dad who got me involved with Sons of The American Legion, and it's because of him that I can call myself a National Vice-Commander.



I wish he could have been here to see this happen, but I know he was here in spirit, and I cannot thank him enough for what he has taught me, not only about the American Legion Family, but about life. I hope I can teach my kids what he has taught me, and that they will continue their service in this great organization in his name and memory. I miss you and I love you dad!!!

Throughout the coming administrative year, we will continue our hard work on membership, supporting our Veterans, fundraising, and the many other things that we as Sons do. Our support of the programs National Commander Michael Fox has announced will be superb, and we will be doing things a little differently than we have in the past. It is going to be an awesome year full of hard work and great benefit. Let's have fun and work toward all our goals. It's going to take all of us to be successful. Are you ready?

Who's next?

For the coming year, we will be keeping our division established by PNVC Pfeiffer to help create a little competition among our Detachments. There will be some unique awards made at the 50th Annual Convention, and additional details will be made available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, let's see if we can reach 50% of membership in our entire region prior to the National Executive Committee Meeting the first weekend of October. We have Squadrons that are well on their way to reaching this goal, and with a little time and effort, we can be 50% or higher regionally. If we can do this, we will put ourselves in

a great position nationally, and will set the tone for the organization. This is not a challenge, it's a new way of thinking. Can you help?

Please let me know of any events you are having and include a flyer when you can. I will make sure we announce it and see if we can help with sales or attendance, and help you get your message out to a broader audience.

As always, if there is anything you need, please send me an email and I will do whatever I can to help.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,



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Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

National Vice-Commander
Central Region

Sons of The American Legion

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National Target Date
September 9, 2021
10%

2021 Membership Report

Flying Flags for Heroes



National Commander Michael Fox announced that Flying Flags for Heroes will be his main project for the 2021-2022 administrative year.

Through the program, participating Sons will pick a day for their community or organization to place American flags on veterans' graves in local cemeteries.

The goal is to place and log at least one-million American flags on the graves of our nation's heroes.

This program will honor the service of our veterans, inspire patriotism within our communities, and promote national pride.



Through action taken at the 49th Annual Convention, Preston Sharp of California was named as the national spokesman for the program, and together with Commander Fox, will travel the country to spread the work about the program, and to honor our veterans.

Additional information about Flying Flags for Heroes is available at www.flyingflagsforheroes.com.

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					08/29/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,775	41,524	1,251	97.08%	47
2 Central	132,706	122,656	10,050	92.43%	214
3 Midwest	30,377	27,869	2,508	91.74%	33
4 Eastern	146,287	133,226	13,061	91.07%	218
5 Western	26,405	23,900	2,505	90.51%	31
TOTALS	378,550	349,175	29,375	92.24%	543

Membership ahead/behind prior year date N/A

Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Iowa * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	4,376	4,450	(74)	101.69%	1
2 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	-
3 Ohio ~ ? ! # %	31,134	29,236	1,898	93.90%	21
4 Minnesota ^ ~ ? !	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	19
5 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	13,417	1,130	92.23%	10
6 Michigan	24,084	22,101	1,983	91.77%	112
7 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	13
8 Missouri	3,706	3,179	527	85.78%	38
TOTALS	132,706	122,656	10,050	92.43%	213

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% J Met 07/28/21 goal of 105%

Red Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Iowa	4,376	4,450	(74)	101.69%	3.63%
Wisconsin	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	3.10%
Missouri	3,706	3,179	527	85.78%	2.59%
TOTALS	11,827	11,432	395		9.32%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	13,417	1,130	92.23%	10.94%
Minnesota	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	8.84%
TOTALS	26,296	24,256	2,040		19.78%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	29,236	1,898	93.90%	23.84%
Michigan	24,084	22,101	1,983	91.77%	18.02%
Indiana	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	29.05%
TOTALS	94,583	86,968	7,615		70.90%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)

NEW CALL INFORMATION

Central Region Conference Call

Third Thursday of each month
 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/jeffvrabelsr>





The following schedule is a carryover from the 2020-2021 administrative year. As the schedule is revised it will be updated here.

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=STBkdUlJQlR0QTRndnJPN1hsVktHQOT09>
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



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OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

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**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**

Grand Haven American Legion Post #28 Presents:

ROCKIN' & BLUES!

Featuring wine and beer tasting
and live performances by

Jimmie Bones
(Kid Rock keyboardist)

Donald Kinsey
(formerly of Albert King, Bob Marley & The
Wailers, and Peter Tosh)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 • 6:00 PM
Tickets only \$20.00 each

Grand Haven American Legion Post #28
700 S. Harbor Drive
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Ticket includes single admission,
4 tastings, and live entertainment.

Must be 21+ to purchase and consume alcohol on Post 28 premises. American
Legion Members only including SAL & Auxiliary (from any Post) may purchase
alcohol on Post 28 premises during this event for their non-member guests.

The John Taylor Memorial

26th
Annual

Saturday, September 25, 2021

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 9R17 FXP 17 HMR w/scope	1:20 Ruger LCP II 22LR
9:20 Tiptoon Deluxe Bronze 12ga	1:30 Savage Axis IXP 22-250 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 Bess Thimble 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 Mossberg Maverick 88 Cruiser 12ga	2:50 Lapua Citadel Bow 12 ga w/Flag Camo
11:00 Kimber Custom II 2 Tone 45 acp	3:00 S&W M642 38 Special
11:10 Henry H001 Classic Lever 22LR	3:10 Ruger Security-9 Pro 9mm
11:20 Stevens 301 Turkey Obsession 410 ga	3:15 S&W SD40VE 40 s&w Standard Capacity
11:30 Springfield Helicar FDE 9mm	3:20 Savage Axis II 308 Blackout Camo-Flv Barrel/scope
11:40 Barnett TS880 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 Mossberg 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 EC9s 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