



Round-Up



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2022 in full swing



**NATIONAL
VICE-COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

**Jeff Vrabel, Sr,
National Vice-Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Central Region
2021 – 2022**

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Over the past week, there has been discussion about expanding *Round-Up* into a publication that covers the entire organization instead of just the Central Region. Over the next few weeks, the transition to a larger audience with increased circulation will begin. Information about all five of our regions will appear, and the distribution list will be expanded. Each region will have its own section in *Round-Up*, and Detachments are encouraged to provide information that it would like to share. This information should include articles and pictures, coming events, and announcements. When sending pictures, please make sure to identify everyone in the picture and give a brief description of what the event is.

I cannot express how thrilled I am about this, as our little newsletter has now taken on a much more important role. Thanks to everyone in the Central Region who supports *Round-Up* and who has sent it out to other members. This will continue to be our biggest communication tool, and I will need help from everyone to make the expansion a success.

With expansion in mind, I am asking that each Detachment send me a list of its Officers and Executive Committee right away so the distribution list can be updated. Look for a full transition to the new format following the National Executive Committee Fall Meeting in October. Thanks in advance for your help!

I want to congratulate our newly elected Detachment Commanders, Officers, and committee and commission chairmen. You each have goals and programs that you will be overseeing in your respective Detachments. If you need help, please do not hesitate to reach out to your counterparts in other Detachments, as they can be valuable assets to you. I look forward to the great work you will do this year.

Now that the new administrative year is officially underway, we must work harder than ever on our membership program. We cannot wait until September 9, 2021, to be at 10%. By now, we should all be approaching the 50% mark due to the hard work that has already been done.

Don't settle for hitting the established National Target Dates. Let's get two or three laps ahead and show everyone in the organization what the Central Region can do. It is time for the Central Region to take the lead in the national membership standings, and it is time for the Central Region to hold that lead until we get to the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee.

The American Legion is in the Central Region. The National Convention will be in the Central Region.

Let's show the world what we are capable of! Don't be satisfied with where we are now, rather work hard to see where we can be. We are Central. We are Sons of The American Legion. We are #SAL-STRONG!!! **Who's next?**

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

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

National Vice-Commander Central Region

Sons of The American Legion

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<https://sites.google.com/vies/teamvrabel/home>



National Target Date
September 9, 2021

10%

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>

2021 Membership Report

2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP					08/30/21
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase
1 Southern	42,775	41,528	1,247	97.08%	4
2 Central	132,706	122,672	10,034	92.44%	16
3 Midwest	30,377	27,905	2,472	91.86%	36
4 Eastern	146,287	133,278	13,009	91.11%	52
5 Western	26,405	23,905	2,500	90.53%	5
TOTALS	378,550	349,288	29,262	92.27%	113

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%	-
2 Wisconsin * ^ ~ ? ! # % \$ Q	3,745	3,803	(58)	101.55%	-
3 Ohio ~ ? ! # %	31,134	29,240	1,894	93.92%	4
4 Illinois * ^ ~ ? !	14,547	13,427	1,120	92.30%	10
5 Minnesota * ^ ~ ? !	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	-
6 Michigan	24,084	22,102	1,982	91.77%	1
7 Indiana * ^ ~ ?	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	-
8 Missouri	3,706	3,180	526	85.81%	1
TOTALS	132,706	122,672	10,034	92.44%	16

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	3,180	526	85.81%	2.59%
TOTALS	11,827	11,433	394		9.32%

White Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Illinois	14,547	13,427	1,120	92.30%	10.95%
Minnesota	11,749	10,839	910	92.25%	8.84%
TOTALS	26,296	24,266	2,030		19.78%

Blue Division					
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Percent of Region
Ohio	31,134	29,240	1,894	93.92%	23.84%
Michigan	24,084	22,102	1,982	91.77%	18.02%
Indiana	39,365	35,631	3,734	90.51%	29.05%
TOTALS	94,583	86,973	7,610		70.90%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



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REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The National Call Schedule will be updated as information becomes available.

Americanism Commission

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Children & Youth Committee

Legislative Commission

Membership Committee

Public and Media Communications Commission

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

2022 IS NOW! Renew Today

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

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 93R17 EXP 17 HMR w/scope	1:20	Ruger LCP II 22LR
9:20	Typhoon Defence Bronze 12ga	1:30	Savage Axis II XP 22-250 Rem w/scope
9:30	Taurus G3C 9mm	1:40	S&W SD4VE 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 Edge M370 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	Legacy Citadel Boss 12 ga w/Flag Camo
11:00	Kimber Custom II 2 Tone 45 acp	3:00	S&W M642 .38 Special
11:10	Henry H&H 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 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 570 Express Turkey Camo 12ga	3:40	Browning Claret 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 EC9w 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

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.



VETERANS

STRENGTHENING AMERICA



Newly elected American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard.

'No Veteran Left Behind'

By [Steven B. Brooks](#)

SEP 02, 2021

On the same stage where he was elected the 2021-2022 American Legion national commander, Texas Legionnaire Paul E. Dillard shared his theme for his year: "No Veteran Left Behind."

And then he shared why that sentiment is so critical. "There are many consequences for a veteran who is left behind," said Dillard, who was elected unanimously by delegates at the organization's 102nd National Convention. "Isolation, denied benefits, lost opportunity, lack of decent housing or employment are just a few. But the most tragic outcome for a veteran left behind is suicide. We must not let them down. Male, female, Iraq vet, Vietnam vet, Korean vet, World War II vet – it doesn't matter. We all serve, and we must be there for each other."

Dillard shared some statistics on veteran suicide that he researched online. "Veterans are at a 50-percent higher risk of suicide than their non-serving peers," he said. "More than 114,000 men and women who have served in our armed forces have taken their own lives since 2001. That is nearly double the American



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lives lost in Vietnam. By 2030, it is estimated that the total of veteran suicides will be 23 times the number of post-9/11 combat deaths.



“Each statistic represents a real man, a real woman, and impacts thousands of real families. That is why we must, folks, we must regularly continue our Buddy Checks – not just for past and present members, but

for every veteran that we know. If you have any other ideas about what we can stop these tragedies, please share those ideas with your fellow Legionnaires and members of our national staff. There are many important issues facing veterans, but no issue is more important than this: to save a life. Real stories. Real people. No veteran – and I mean no veteran – left behind.”

A Vietnam War U.S. Navy veteran, Dillard joined The American Legion in 1969 and is a paid-up-for-life member of American Legion Post 265 in Lake Kiowa, Texas. He has served in leadership roles on every level of The American Legion, including post and department commander, national vice commander, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, the Veterans Employment & Education Commission, and the Legislative Commission. He was elected as national vice commander in 2013.

Dillard said The American Legion will continue to advance the legacies of veterans “by sharing their love for this country with the next generation. We do this through our youth programs, such as Boys State, Boys Nation, Oratorical, Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, JROTC and supporting Scouting. We also reach out directly to veterans through our Veterans & Children Foundation, Operation Comfort Warriors, National Emergency Fund, Buddy Checks and many scholarship programs.”

Dillard said when he testifies before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committees during the 2022 Washington Conference, he wants to

be able to paint a complete picture of what The American Legion does on a large scale.

“In order to give a full report in my testimony of The American Legion, we must strive for a 100-percent Consolidated Post Report,” he said. “I need to report on the hours donated, the monies raised to support our veterans and our programs. Although these are being done at the post level throughout the nation, we must complete the forms. The mission is not completed until the forms are filed.”

As for donations, Dillard said his Commander’s Project will be the [Veterans & Children Foundation](#) (VCF), which provides vital support for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises, and support for American Legion service officers in their efforts to obtain care and earned benefits and opportunities for disabled veterans and their families.

Dillard said his goal is raise \$2 million for the VCF, but added “the monies that are raised each year for Operation Comfort Warriors, the National Emergency Fund and the Child Welfare Foundation have been very successful and need to continue to be.”

Dillard said he has conducted one-on-one Zoom meetings with each department to establish membership goals. He’s also issued another challenge: a retention rate of 90 percent for 2021 members. “We must make personal contact to our members to thank them for their continued support of The American Legion by keeping their membership current and ask them if we can count on them this year,” he said. “Again insuring ‘No Veteran Left Behind.’”

Dillard has been married to his wife Donna since 1983. They have two children and two grandchildren – all members of the American Legion Family. Donna served as Department of Texas American Legion Auxiliary president from 2017-2018.

“It is indeed an honor and privilege to be elected as your national commander of this great organization,” Dillard said. “As we continue to build a foundation for the future, we will ensure ‘No Veteran Left Behind.’”

NEVER FORGET



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