



Round-Up



The Newsletter of Sons of The American Legion Central Region

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FFFH needs your help



NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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

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National Commander Michael Fox's special program this year is "[Flying Flags for Heroes.](#)" This program will help spread respect, honor, patriotism, and national unity not only to Sons of The American Legion, but to our entire nation.

The program is fairly simple. We aim to place 1-million flags on the graves of Veterans.

Visit your local cemetery to place an American Flag at the graves of our Veterans. WE challenge every member to place a minimum of two flags next year; place one for a veteran you know and another for a veteran you wish to honor.

Not sure how to help? Visit www.flyingflagsforheroes.com where we have a step-by-step guide to help you. There we will direct you to all you need in setting up an event.

- Choose a local cemetery.
- Find a group or friends that want to help get involved.
- Re-visit www.flyingflagsforheroes.com to register your event.
- Request the SAL National Commander and/or National spokesman to attend.

- Upload and share your pictures of your flag placement event.

Visit www.flyingflagsforheroes.com to answer all your questions. For questions and additional information, please contact us at flyingflagsforheroes@yahoo.com.



www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

Membership continues to be a top priority, as it is every year. You've heard it before, and I will continue to say it. We need to change our mentality and the culture of our membership program.

Gone are the days of waiting until a deadline to submit membership cards. We cannot "hold" cards. There is no valid reason or excuse for doing this. If a Squadron has cards, get them transmitted immediately. On a weekly basis, cards should be processed and transmitted, period.

The national organization gives us target dates as an "idea" of where we should be, but is this really an accurate read of where we want to be? The National Target Dates help, but we should be smashing them every year. For example, October 14, 2021, calls for 25%. Why is this number so low? By October 14, Squadrons have had approximately sixteen weeks to work the membership program. With this much time to get things taken care of, why aren't our

Squadrons pushing to reach the 50% or 75% number by now?

Here it is again, we need to change our mentality and the culture of our membership program. For smaller Squadrons, the only thing left to do now is recruiting as they should all be quota by now.

If your Squadron is behind, ask why. What can you do to help? Are your dues paid? If not, pay them today. We don't wait months to pay our electric, gas, our mortgage bills, so why wait to pay our SAL bill?
Who's next?

There is a paradigm shift happening that will be beneficial to all members of the Sons of The American Legion including our Detachments, Districts and Squadrons. Membership is a big key to that shift.

On Thursday, September 16 the Central Region held its first Conference Call of the 2022 administrative year. It was a good meeting, and we discussed some great things.

As part of the meeting, I offered an incentive to all Central Region Detachments. The incentive is simple; I will personally make a donation to the Child Welfare Foundation on behalf of each Detachment that reaches quota no later than December 31, 2021. This is a very attainable goal, and one that we should be achieving each year. Now is the time to change our membership culture and how we operate.

This incentive is a great way to receive an extra donation to CWF while at the same time reaching quota. **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.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are #SALSTRONG!!!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

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National Vice-Commander Central Region
Sons of The American Legion
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**MOTIVATE
INSPIRE
TEAMWORK**

National Target Date

October 14, 2021

25%



**LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION
NOT THROUGH POSITION**

NEW CALL INFORMATION
SAME DAY AND TIME, NEW NUMBER

**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>



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**

#SALSTRONG

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

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%

) 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	96.66%	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	92.28%	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	91.98%	70.90%

SAL membership reports are available [here](#)



The American Legion Family



REGIONAL CONFERENCE CALLS

Central Region

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
National Vice-Commander
Third Thursday of each month
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (425) 436-6280

Access Code 464549*

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

Eastern Region

Richard "Dickey" Huntley,
National Vice-Commander
Fourth Tuesday of each month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (605) 313-4388

Access Code 346542

Southern Region

Jason Roberts,
National Vice-Commander
Second Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (515) 604-9837

Access Code 461579

Midwest Region

Juan Torres,
National Vice-Commander
First Tuesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Mountain Time/6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Call in # (605) 313-5379

Access Code 830520

West Region

Jim Stewart,
National Vice-Commander
Third Wednesday of Each Month
6:30 p.m. Pacific Time/ 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Call In # (681) 999-0176

Access Code 798037#



MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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

Americanism Commission
Charles E. Treat, II (OK), Chairman

**Child Welfare Foundation
Committee**

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of each month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call in # (605) 472-5332

Access Code: 808417

Online Meeting ID:

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

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Membership Committee

Thom Skelley, Chairman

Third Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Call In # (605) 472-5756

Access Code 7717294

Public and Media

Communications Commission

Matthew F. Parsons (CA), Chairman

Veterans Affairs

& Rehabilitation Commission

Seth A. Rippe (NE), Chairman

Veterans Employment

& Education Commission

Joseph R. Navarrete (NM), Chairman



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 Typhoon Defense Trombic 12ga	1:30 Savage Axis II XP 22-250 Rem w/scope
9:30 Laurus C3K 9mm	1:40 S&W M&P 2.0 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 Maxam II Mossy Oak Bottomland 12ga	2:25 Wicked Ridge M-120 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 Carrier 12ga	2:50 Legacy Grindel Boss 12 ga w/Flag Camo
11:00 Kimber Custom II 2 Tone 45 acp	3:00 S&W M&P 38 Special
11:10 Henry H001 Classic Lever 22LR	3:10 Ruger Security9 Pro 9mm
11:20 Stevens 301 Turkey Obsession 410 ga	3:15 S&W SD40VE 40&sw 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 Mossberg Patriot 439 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 Laurus 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 AK536 5.36 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



Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Ohio

Commander's Homecoming

Celebration for:

Doug Hancock

Saturday, November 13, 2021 5:00 – 11:00 pm

Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post No. 479
200 S. Hallett Ave., Swanton, OH 43558

5:00 pm – Snacks and Drinks 6:00 pm – Dinner

Choice of BBQ Chicken or Pork Loin, baked potato, salad, and desert;
2 drink tickets with dinner and cash bar; \$35.00 per person

Entertainment: Music / Karaoke OPDCC Bottle Raffle

Dress: Legion Casual (polo shirt, slacks, uniform cover)

Accommodations (discounted; 7 minutes away)

Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham Swanton/Toledo Airport
10753 Airport Hwy. (OH-2), Swanton, OH 43558 – (419) 491-3369
Block of 25 rooms – Rate code: "Doug Hancock Homecoming"

Additional Hotels (no discount; 17 minutes away)

Courtyard by Marriott, 1435 E. Mall Dr., Holland, OH 43528 (419) 866-1001
Quality Inn, 1401 E. Mall Dr., Holland, OH 43528 – (419) 867-1144

Deadline for Reservations: October 25, 2021

For questions call (419) 350-4054

PLEASE PRINT

Name	Post
Number Attending _____	Amount Enclosed _____
BBQ Chicken _____	Pork Loin _____
Phone # _____	

Make checks payable to "Doug Hancock" 2001 McIntosh Dr., Holland, OH 43528



**Sons Of The American Legion
New Member "BLUE BRIGADE" Recruiter Award
2022 Certification Form**

Mail: The American Legion
Attn: S.A.L.
P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206

Email: sal@legion.org

Fax: (317) 630-1413

Questions or concerns regarding this form please call Phone #: (317) 630-1205

The following S.A.L. member in the Detachment of _____ has enrolled 30 or more **NEW MEMBERS** into the Sons of The American Legion by **July 31st.**

(A new member is defined as any eligible S.A.L. joining for the 2022 membership year who **was not** a member of the S.A.L. during the 2021 membership year. Transfers or reactivations do not count as new members.)

Please forward the names of new Legion or Auxiliary members to your Post or Unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

This S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" award will be my:

- A. First S.A.L. "Blue Brigade" Award
 B. Other (i.e. Consecutive years in a row) _____

*Consecutive year awardee receives a SAL "Blue Brigade" Certificate and Chevron

(PLEASE ENSURE PRINTED FORMS ARE LEGIBLE...)

(Please Select Jacket Size)

Size: (S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL)

Name _____ Squadron No. _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Member ID# _____

PHONE: (____) _____ Number of **NEW MEMBERS** enrolled (minimum 30) _____

Deliver to Recruiter Deliver to Squadron

USE ATTACHED NEW MEMBER LISTING FORM

***Please make sure that all new members listed have been processed and have been assigned a S.A.L. ID# in the national membership database before submission. Any new member not listed at the time of submission, will delay the approval process.**



2022 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers an award for those S.A.L. 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.

(A new member is defined as any eligible Son joining for the 2022 membership year who was not a member of the Sons of The American Legion during the 2021 membership year).
Transfers or renewals do not count as new members.

Please make sure that all new members listed have been processed and been assigned a S.A.L. ID# in the national membership database before submission to avoid delays in approval. Pins will not be mailed until they are verified in the national membership database.

This award form must be received by July 31st.

Please forward the names of new Legion or Auxiliary members to your Post or Unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

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 - Ernest Laberge (MA) ELaberge@OctoberCompany.com 61 Glendale Rd. Florence, MA 01062-9710
South - Ronald Roberts (MS) RonRob31@AOL.com 120 Circular Dr. Mendenhall, MS 39114-4854
Central - David Mennel (MI) DavidMennel@Yahoo.com 6040 Dryden Rd. Dryden, MI 48428-9764
Midwest - Michael Kirschner (CO) MI.Kirschner@Comcast.net 3725 Hollybrook Ln. Pueblo, CO 81005-3256
West - Jack Youngs (ID) xnukewelder@apl.com 3223 Salem St. Caldwell, ID 83605

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CERTIFICATION FORM
NEW MEMBER LISTING**

#	9-Digit Member ID#	First & Last Name	Detachment	Squadron Number
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Department Adjutant (signature)

Detachment Adjutant (signature)

Date

Date

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

ION Missing



I believe this photo was posted on Facebook, but am not sure. Someone sent it to me during the National Convention.

It appears that an "ion" is missing. Please be on the lookout for this "ion." If you know the whereabouts of this "ion" please email me at jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com and I will try to get it back to it's owner. It may be hard to find, but we have to try. It's the only leg we have to stand on.

If the owner of this patch would like to part with it, I would love to add it to my collection.



VETERANS

STRENGTHENING AMERICA



Dear American Legion Family Members
and Friends,

There has been an undue amount of stress foisted upon our nation's veterans in the past month.

We've seen the Taliban retake Afghanistan as the remaining U.S. troops withdrew. The speed of the Taliban's resurgence made it all the more shocking. It also rekindled memories for veterans, especially from the Vietnam era, who saw similar occurrences.

Those who served in Afghanistan have been — and in many cases still are — concerned about the fate of their beloved interpreters and other allies who helped U.S. troops.

And, as a nation, we all collectively mourned once again the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our soil. The pain still lingers 20 years after the 9/11 attacks.

For veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, these events can be upsetting. It's no secret that the veteran suicide rate is outrageously high. Estimated at 20 veterans per day, I believe that even one veteran lost to suicide in a day is too many.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. While we should be working at preventing suicide every day, every week and every month of the year, September marks a good time to remind everyone of some of the resources available, including:

- **The American Legion's Buddy Checks.** While these were originally intended for twice-annual check-ins with veterans, they are really a tool that can be used any day. If you haven't checked on veterans in your community lately, there is no better time than now. A simple call or visit will surely brighten a veteran's day. Even

better, invite a veteran to your post. The American Legion has a peer-to-peer network that is unmatched. It's a great way to talk with another veteran who understands exactly what another veteran is going through. For more on how to conduct Buddy Checks, [visit our web page](#).

- **The VA crisis line.** This confidential service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Just call 800-273-8255 and Press 1. You can also text 838255. [More information can be found here](#).
- **You.** Whether you are a veteran, current servicemember, family member or other supporter, you can make a difference. Get to know the warning signs and act swiftly. If we all work together to shine a light during a veteran's darkest moments, we can and we will reduce the alarming rate of suicides.

Thank you for what you do every day for our nation, our members, and the communities in which we serve.

Veterans Strengthening America.

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander
The American Legion

National Commander's Pin Incentive Program



American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard will award his national commander "No Veteran Left Behind" membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2022 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2021 membership year. Transfers do not count as new members.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of the American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.

[Download the "No Veteran Left Behind" incentive pin form.](#)

Legion posts: COVID-19 assistance grants available

By Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant
SEP 14, 2021



The American Legion understands the financial impact felt at the post level during the COVID-19 pandemic as member and community outreach efforts were limited, resulting in a loss of revenue. To provide some relief during these challenging times, The American Legion wants to remind you that financial grants are available for eligible American Legion posts.

The American Legion's Mission Blue Post Assistance Program provides up to \$1,000 in grants to posts that are in good standing with their respective department and meet the qualifying criteria (see below). These funds must be used exclusively to pay current or past due rent, mortgage, utilities, and insurance premiums.

The Mission Blue Post Assistance Program went into effect following the approval of Resolution No. 36 by the National Executive Committee in October 2020. Since then, more than \$450,000 in financial grants have been provided to posts that have been negatively impacted from COVID-19.

American Legion Post 118 in Rio Rancho, N.M., had to close its doors during the pandemic. Even with the closure, the post continued to pay monthly building expenses without its more than 600 members able to use it. And when the insurance bill was due,

it was a significant expense that had Post 118 Commander William Jennings worried about finding the means to pay. Financial relief came to Jennings with a grant from The American Legion's Mission Blue Post Assistance Program.

"The \$1,000 that the National American Legion sent us allowed us to make that payment to keep our insurance active. It will keep us going to May," Jennings said. "The grant came at a really good time. We really needed it."

Apply for a grant. Eligible American Legion posts can apply for a Mission Blue Assistance grant through July 1, 2022. The application can be found [here](#).

All applications will first need to go through the respective department prior to being submitted to National Headquarters.

Grant application qualification. To apply, posts must have:

1. A Consolidated Post Report on file at National Headquarters.
2. Filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
3. Filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the department.
4. Actively participated in one or more American Legion programs within the last 18 months.
5. A financial need.
6. A certificate of insurance for all liability coverage naming The American Legion doing business as (dba) The American Legion National Headquarters and the post's department as an additional insured. (Submit declaration page showing coverage.)
7. Documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated.

American Legion posts that receive a grant are required to submit a grant report within six months of the grant/check issue date. There is a standardized grant report that is sent out with every inclusion letter to the department for the recipient posts. When completing the Mission Blue grant report, a recipient post needs to only report how the grant, which is capped at \$1,000, was utilized. For example, \$250 used for insurance and \$750 used for utilities. Reported figures should not exceed the amount that was awarded.

The American Legion National Headquarters is here to support posts in this time of need. If you have

further questions, please email the Internal Affairs Division at IA@legion.org.

Birthday wishes requested



MyLegion.org workshop training materials available

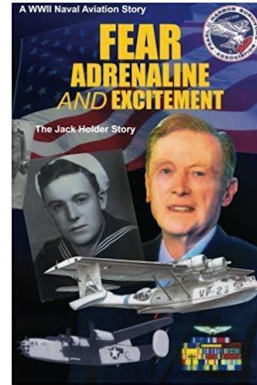
The American Legion
SEP 15, 2021

A comprehensive training session on the new MyLegion.org platform was held during the 102nd National Convention of The American Legion in Phoenix last month. The PowerPoint presentation given during the MyLegion.org workshop, which includes audio and script narration on the slides, can be [downloaded here](#).

The MyLegion.org workshop PowerPoint presentation discusses how to:

- Register an account. All MyLegion accounts are registered with the email on your member record. Not sure if you have an email on file? Stop by the Information Technology booth in the Exhibit Hall prior to the training session.
- Manage your account. As a member of The American Legion and/or Sons of The American Legion, you can manage your membership account online. Become familiar with navigating your MyLegion account to view updated contact information and demographic information, manage subscriptions, view discounts, set up auto-renew, print your membership card, and other member-only tools.
- Access MyLegion leadership tools. You will learn how to navigate the administrative side of MyLegion to manage post and squadron membership information, view reports, access materials and process memberships, along with how to assign others permission to use administrative tools.

You can also access the more MyLegion.org training resources by visiting mylegion.org/PersonifyE-business/Resources/Help.



At the 2021 National Convention in Phoenix, there was a booth set up for Pearl Harbor Survivor Jack Holder. At the booth, Jack was telling stories and selling his book, *Fear, Adrenaline, and Excitement*.

Billed as “a WWII Naval Aviation Adventure,” the book tells Jack’s story, beginning on December 7, 1941, and talks about his next four years of life.

Jack has the following distinctions:

- Pearl Harbor survivor
- US Navy Flight Engineer, WWII
- 2 Distinguished Flying Cross Medals
- Presidential Citation
- 9 Air Medals
- 7 Written Commendations

Now Jack Holder, Pearl Harbor Survivor, WWII Navy Flight Engineer, Battle of Midway, Guadalcanal, English Channel, and Battle of Biscay needs more, and this is where you will help him. On December 13, 2021, Jack Holder will celebrate his 100th birthday. One of his assistants, Darlene Tyron, told me about how they want to shower him with cards, so I told her that we would do what we could to help this hero celebrate.

The process is simple. Either purchase or make a birthday card, sign it, and send it in. Cards can be sent no later than November 13, 2021, to:

Jack Holder
c/o Darlene Tryon
4499 East Sundance Court
Gilbert, Arizona 85297

Let’s get behind this project and make sure Jack gets hundreds of cards for his birthday and as a way to thank him for his service.

Thank you for your help!

National Membership League season Underway



The 2022 Membership season is well underway, and National Membership Chairman and National Membership League Commissioner Thom Skelley has released the schedule. There will be six games, with each team vying for enough points to win the season. Each

of the five regions will compete against each other, as well as the national average, in their quest to win the coveted National Membership Championship and the Chairman's Cup.

The regions for the Sons of The American Legion have been assigned a number based on membership size as follows:

- 1) EAST
- 2) CENTRAL
- 3) SOUTH
- 4) MIDWEST
- 5) WEST
- 6) NATIONAL Avg.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Each region will match-up against a different region for two consecutive target dates, culminating with the final delegate strength target date of 105%.
- 2) The winner will be the region with the highest percentage of membership to goal for that particular target date. Since we have five regions, the national total will be "team" 6.
- 3) In the event that both regions exceeded their goal, the winner will be the region with the highest overall percentage.
- 4) The percentages will be taken from the official national membership report run closest to, and prior to, the target date.
- 5) 10 points will be awarded to the winning region in each matchup, with a possible 5 bonus points awarded to any region that meets or exceeds its target date percentage.
- 6) All five regions will compete against each other for the 105% delegate strength goal 07/28/2022

2022 National Membership League Schedule

October 14, 2021 – 25%

East Beasts vs. **Central Capitals**
South Force vs. **National Gold**
Midwest Monsters vs. **West Commanders**

December 8, 2021 – 45%

South Force vs. **Midwest Monsters**
East Beasts vs. **National Gold**
Central Capitals vs. **West Commanders**

February 9, 2022 – 75%

Midwest Monsters vs. **National Gold**
Central Capitals vs. **South Force**
East Beasts vs. **West Commanders**

April 13, 2022 – 90%

East Beasts vs. **Midwest Monsters**
West Commanders vs. **South Force**
Central Capitals vs. **National Gold**

May 11, 2022 – 100%

West Commanders vs. **National Gold**
East Beasts vs. **South Force**
Central Capitals vs. **Midwest Monsters**

About the teams

East Beasts. The East largest Region in the organization, often referred to as the "Beasts in the East."

Central Capitals. National Headquarters is in Indianapolis, Indiana, which is the capital of The American Legion.

South Force. For the past two years the South Region has shown their power as the leader in membership and a force to be reckoned with.

National Gold. This team is named after the color of the caps of our National Officers.

Midwest Monsters. Ready to attack membership and SAL programs, also known as "the Monsters of the Midwest,"

West Commanders. The home of 2022 National Commander Michael Fox is in California, the West will command attention this year.



I WANT YOU TO RENEW!!!

Membership Card
2022
Sons of The American Legion



DETACHMENT _____ SQDN # _____ MEMBER ID # _____ CONT. YRS. _____

THE ABOVE MEMBER HAS PAID DUES IN THE SQUADRON INDICATED
National WWI Memorial, Washington, DC

NOT VALID UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY MEMBER _____ AUTHORIZED SQUADRON OFFICER _____

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2022 Sons of The American Legion

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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) 00-001 (2013)

RECEIPT

Date _____ Received of _____

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

Squadron _____ By _____



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