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in the Sons of The American Legion

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June 13, 2023

Commanders & Adjutants,

The **July 1** target date for Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) recognition for squadrons and detachments at the 51st National Convention in Charlotte is fast approaching. The CSR is an important recognition of the work done within your detachments. We thank all of you for the hard work you and your squadrons have done and continue to do this year. We also want to recognize you all for your success supporting the programs of The American Legion. I am very interested in each squadron getting credit for what they are doing daily in their communities for the good of our veterans and their families.

As of today, we have received and recorded **450 CSRs** from our **5,874** Sons of The American Legion squadrons for a completion rate of **7.7%**. Many detachments established a deadline of mid-June for 100 percent CSR reporting to the detachment, and we are ready to tabulate those immediately upon receipt at Geiger Operations Center. Please, have your leadership contact all districts and squadrons that have not yet submitted a CSR and assist them in completing it for detachment recognition at national convention.

To help you determine your detachment's CSR percentages each day, please check the **CPR / CSR Status Report** for detachment/department officers and others with access to Personify.

An online fillable form is located at: Legion.org/publications for posts/squadrons that wish to fill out and mail the CSR to their detachments or email to national headquarters at MSSforms@legion.org be sure to send a copy to the department for their records. The squadron commanders and adjutants can also submit the CSR via myLegion.org. All detachment adjutants can contact National SAL Liaison, Kevin Mook at Kmook@legion.org if you need assistance in obtaining their CSR status.

The deadline for the CSR to be submitted to the national headquarters is July 1, and we would like to be at 100% by then. After the July 1 cut-off for recognition of your detachments' accomplishments at National Convention, we will continue to accept new and updated CSR submissions throughout the month of August to provide the best information in the important annual report to Congress.

Be the One!

With passion and purpose.

Sincerely,

Christopher Carlton
Sons of The American Legion
National Commander

"Purpose is why we journey; passion is the flame that lights the way."



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PURPOSE PASSION



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Third Thursday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
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First Tuesday of Each Month
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2022 – 2023

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2022 – 2023

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Gentlemen,

The Central Region now has five Detachments over 100% and 1 Detachment over 105%. Congratulations go to our newest Detachment of ILLINOIS for getting to 100.09%. Central Region has only 3 Detachments that have not reached the 100% goal yet. The Detachment of MICHIGAN is leading the region in membership at 105.40%.

There are now 8 Detachments over 105%, with 31 Detachments over 100%. Nationally we will need 5,533 members to get an all-time high in membership. Keep up the fantastic work you have been doing and continue to be #SALSTRONG. "BELIEVE AND SUCCEED" it continues to show, just what we are more than capable of, achieving that mark going forth.

Continue to keep the "BUDDY CHECKS" going and "BE THE ONE" as well for our Veterans and anyone else who just might need that special person at that given time, when it could mean so much.

For God and Country, we are the Sons of The American Legion, and we are proud possessors of priceless heritage.

Robert L Bristo,
Central Region Membership Chairman



ERNIE LABERGE
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
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(605) 313-4388 | 346 8542#

BE THE ONE

If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255.



New Jersey Legionnaires walk to support Buddy Checks, Be the One

The American Legion | June 16, 2023

The American Legion Department of New Jersey held a Buddy Check/Be the One 1K Suicide Awareness Walk on June 7 during its department convention in Wildwood. Legion Family members walked along the Wildwoods Boardwalk that is lined with shops and visitors. The walk “was good, and we got the message across,” said Chuck Robbins, past New Jersey National Executive Committeeman. “We had good publicity and definitely adding Be the One to it this year made a huge difference.”

The day before the walk, department members conducted two Buddy Checks – one was on Harry Weimar, who was a seven-time Wildwood Post 184 commander and just arrived home from the hospital for diabetes and heart issues. Department leadership visited Weimar at his house.

“The whole neighborhood was there and his family. He was speechless and very appreciative,” Robbins said. Weimar had been instrumental over the years in helping with the department convention and assisting hurricane victims. “It’s not forgotten what you’ve done for The American Legion,” Robbins told Weimar. “Know we’re here for you.”

Weimar called Alternate National Executive Committeeman Gene O’Grady up before the Buddy Check/Be the One walk. “He said it was the first time in two years that he woke up with a smile” thanks to the Buddy Check, O’Grady said. “It really makes a difference to do that Buddy Check. Reach out to your veterans ... if you see someone that’s proud to wear their (military branch) shirt thank them for their service. Who knows, the interaction you have may change their life.”

The other Buddy Check was on Mary Jo Burkhard, incoming Department of New Jersey vice commander

who is battling pancreatic cancer. “We all wanted her to know that we have her back,” Robbins said. Other department vice commanders and incoming Department Commander Larry Bishop took Burkhard and her family out to breakfast for the Buddy Check.

“I knew you would have my back anyway,” Burkhard said to the Legionnaires. “But to tell me that you have my back and give all the hugs, I love hugs. Hugs are great because they are great therapy for me. Thank you.”

Bishop told Burkhard, “it’s going to be a good year. Like everyone says, we’re going to have your back.” Burkhard responded with “you’re going to make me cry.”

“Don’t worry about us because we’re here for you. Remember Be the One. We’re (that one) for you,” said incoming Department of New Jersey Vice Commander Sophia Lorena Santiago-Dmoch.

Remembering the Greatest Generation

To honor a World War II Veteran,
please send information to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com

Donald R. Brooks



Canfield, OH – (MyValleyTributes) – Donald R. Brooks, just shy of his 101st birthday, formerly of Poland, passed away Tuesday morning, June 6, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born June 16, 1922 in Chicago, Illinois, the oldest of three children of Hazel Anna Marie Lau and Earl Robert Brooks. The family lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota and subsequently moved to Erie, Pennsylvania in 1933.

Don graduated from Erie Academy High School and attended Westminster College until June of 1942, when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, then assigned in April 1944 to Ellington Army Air Corps Base in Houston as a twin-engine advanced pilot instructor. In July of

1944, he was transferred to March Field in Riverside, CA for B-24 bomber training and in October, 1944, he flew the new B-24 to Darwin, Australia to join the 380th Bomber Group. He next flew 31 bombing missions from Darwin, Australia to Mindoro in the Philippines and Okinawa until the war ended. He was discharged in December of 1945 after being decorated with two air medals and five Pacific ribbons.

He resumed his education at The Ohio State University and graduated in June of 1947 with a degree in Business Administration, then moved to Cleveland to complete Case Western Reserve Law School and pass the bar in June of 1949.

Don married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Frances Smatana, on April 11, 1944 in Houston Texas. After 65 years of marriage, Don lost Dorothy when she passed away in April 2009.

In 1950, Don was invited to join his father's growing business, the Safety Tire Company in Youngstown, which continued to expand to multiple locations. It remained in the hands of the Brooks family until it was purchased by Flynn's Tire in 2000.

Don retired but remained an active golfer, bridge player, bowler, and participant in community service. Don became a member of the Poland Presbyterian Church in 1941, where he served as a deacon, elder, clerk of session and usher team leader.

He was always active in the community, in his own words, "a joiner." He logged many years of service to the Junior Chamber of Commerce ("JCs"), a member of the Downtown Youngstown Kiwanis Club where he was presented his 50 years of service award, his 50 years for perfect attendance and the Kiwanis Hixson Award. Don was a member of the Mahoning County TB and Health Association, the Better Business Bureau (BBB), a Mason with the Poland Masonic Lodge #766 F & AM and the American Legion, where he marched in the Memorial Day color guard for many years. Moreover, he served many of these organizations in leadership roles as President, Chairman and Board Member.

Don is survived by three children, Rebecca Brooks of Boston, Massachusetts, Wendy Brooks Bean of Sarasota, Florida and Christopher (Nancy) Brooks of Canfield, Ohio; four grandchildren, Alana (Michael Kenyhercz) Brooks of Kailua, Hawaii, Lauren Bean of Sarasota, Florida, Ron Sullivan of Novi, Michigan and Ryan Sullivan of Canfield, Ohio and a brother, Robert E. (Norma) Brooks of Fort Myers, Florida.

Besides his parents, Don was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy and a sister, Barbara A. Murray.

Family and friends may call on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home, 270 N. Main Street in Poland and on Monday, June 12, 2023, from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. at Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, where a funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Rev. Paul W. Anderson officiating.

The Brooks family would like to extend a special thanks to Ed and Diane Reese along with the entire staff of The Inn at Ironwood in Canfield for all of the care and compassion they gave Don and his family during his stay.

The family requests that material tributes take the form of contributions to Hospice of the Valley, 979 Tibbetts Wick Road, Girard, OH 44420, in memory of Don.

Don will be sorely missed, especially for his great sense of humor, generous spirit, and patriotic values: truly one of the Greatest Generation.

Please visit www.beckerorbets.com to share memories and send condolences to Don's family.



NATIONAL COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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Joe Mayne (MN), Chairman

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Fourth Thursday of Bi-monthly

7:30 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 956 9846 2868 | 840 830
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July 27



**FLYING FLAGS
FOR HEROES**
www.flyingflagsforheroes.com

**As of June 16, 2023, 190,670
flags have been placed
and reported to
honor our veterans
since September 1, 2022**

Does your post have a flag education program?

The American Legion | June 13, 2023

Through its Rally Around the Flag initiative, The American Legion has been building awareness about why the U.S. flag matters to help instill pride and respect for the flag. American Legion posts throughout the country follow this initiative by teaching youth flag etiquette and how to honor Old Glory, and by providing flags for classrooms.



American Legion Post 103 in St. Mary's, Pa., provided flag education to eighth graders.

- The 18th District Sons of The American Legion in Michigan have dedicated themselves to a patriotic cause since 2004 – placing an American flag in every school classroom in Oakland County. To date, they have placed over 1,000 U.S. flags.
- Post 89 in Pella, Iowa, provided 175 flags to the school district after a high school student reached out asking the post for help. Post 166 in Goose Creek, S.C., teaches flag raising, lowering, and folding to third and fourth graders.
- American Legion Post 103 in St. Mary's, Pa., provided flag education to the eighth-grade class at St. Mary's Area Middle School. Post members educated students about the colors of the flag, how to properly fold, care and display the flag, and how it should be placed when displayed.
- James Hicks American Legion Post 519 and Auxiliary unit in Thomasville, Ga., conducted a flag education program for 75 seventh graders at MacIntyre Park Middle School. The post and Auxiliary members recited the Pledge of the Allegiance with the students, shared information on the history of the U.S. flag, as well as the meaning of its colors, stripes, and stars.

- Post 175 in Mechanicsville, Va., has taught first-graders about the history of the flag and why they recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please share with us how your post teaches flag education or provides flag to classrooms by sharing on Le-giontown.org under the category Rally Around the Flag.

Century Committee CENTCOM

Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman

Second Thursday of Each Month

7:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 974 1352 0429 | 473 385

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With the development of CENTCOM's Five Keys, articles will periodically appear here that are in line with The Five Keys.

Look for additional information, and a few more surveys to come out from CENTCOM over the summer.

Thanks in advance for your participation and support. The data gathered will help with strategic planning as we move closer to our Centennial Anniversary in 2032.

The Century Committee Unlocking Our Future



How to reverse an erosion of the American spirit

Alan W. Dowd | June 12, 2023

Recent public-opinion surveys paint a grim picture of an America that's losing confidence in the institutions and ideas that undergird the American experiment – that ongoing effort to build a more perfect union of free people.



Just [38%](#) of Americans, for example, say patriotism is “very important” (down from 70% in 1998). American adults born since 1981 (the Millennial generation and Generation Z) are decidedly [less proud](#) of America than older generations, [less likely](#) to embrace the concept of American exceptionalism than older generations, and [more likely](#) than older generations to view the U.S. flag as a symbol of imperialism, greed and intolerance, rather than freedom.

Public confidence in the [courts](#), federal government, [state government](#) and the [police](#) is falling. [Almost a third](#) of Americans believe the country would be better if “non-elected experts” were in charge. [Fifty-six percent](#) of Americans say we should “silence” “troublemakers spreading radical ideas.” In a similar vein, Millennials and Gen Z (comprising [37%](#) of voters) are far more likely than older generations to support [restrictions](#) on free speech. [Almost 50%](#) of Millennials and Gen Z would “prefer living in a socialist country.”

In short, support for many of the pillar institutions of the American experiment – self-government, economic freedom, political freedom, rule of law, patriotism – is eroding.

Self-government and political freedom. In America, “we the people” govern. We do so through elected representatives who work for us – not the other way around. America’s constitutional order begins with Article I’s description of the House of Representatives. The makeup of the House is determined “by the people.” The founders determined that the people’s house – not a general, not a central committee, not a coterie of unelected experts – would take the lead in governing. The founders understood, as Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in “Democracy in America” (perhaps the most insightful assessment of America’s political-cultural institutions ever written), that the intelligence and power of the people “are disseminated through all the parts of this vast country ... Instead of radiating

from a common point, they cross each other in every direction.”

Too many Americans have forgotten this – or never learned this. “We seem to be in the process of exchanging a republic of self-governing citizens,” former Nebraska senator Ben Sasse observed during his [farewell speech](#), with “administrative centralization, in which experts ... try to impose uniform rules on a diverse continental nation.”

Our system of self-government demands our participation and engagement, our time and attention. It doesn’t run on autopilot, and it’s not designed to be run by non-elected experts. It may be frustrating and inefficient, but it’s better than the alternatives. This American experiment remains, as President Abraham Lincoln [observed](#), “the last best hope of earth.” It’s up to each of us whether “government of the people, by the people, for the people,” as he [intoned](#), survives or withers away.

Those of us who believe in the American experiment need to work at persuading our disenchanted, disinterested neighbors that they have a role to play in America’s unfolding story.

Rule of law . The rule of law means just what it says: The law is what rules – not the law of might-makes-right, not the law of one-man rule, not the lawlessness of mobs, not two sets of laws.

The very first sentence of the Constitution makes plain that a central purpose of our union is to “ensure domestic tranquility” – law and order – yet America has been repeatedly scarred by mob lawlessness in recent years.

The 14th Amendment guarantees “equal protection” under the law. Yet [polling](#) reveals that large segments of both major political parties “endorse the view that it is acceptable to ‘bend the rules’ for people like themselves to achieve political goals.”

Too many Americans forget that freedom depends on a foundation of law and order. Without the law, without respect for the rule of the law, without some infrastructure of order, freedom descends into license and ultimately into anarchy.

Those of us who believe in the American experiment need to defend those who defend the law. Without them, the American experiment will fail.

Economic freedom. Not long ago, there was a stigma in America attached to “socialism” and “communism.” They were viewed as alien and hostile to the

American way of life. But in 2023, it's capitalism that has become a four-letter word in many circles. That's worrisome because capitalism is just another term for free enterprise and "the pursuit of happiness." Characterized by high levels of individual liberty, private ownership of property and freedom from coercion, this way of organizing an economy and meeting society's needs is imperfect, but – as with representative democracy – it has proven more effective than any of the alternatives humanity has tried.

Socialism – an economic system characterized by high levels of state control, government intervention, coercion, collective ownership – is one of those alternatives. Indeed, it was the main alternative to free enterprise for much of the 20th century, until its chief proponent – the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) – [failed](#). For a time, the Soviet system's collapse served as proof of the futility of socialism and the superiority of capitalism. But with new generations coming of age that lack firsthand memory of the inherent shortcomings of Marx's theories, America's default distaste for socialism is disappearing.

In fact, only [55%](#) of Millennials think "communism was and still is a problem." They must be unaware of the [100 million murders](#) committed by communist regimes, the gulags and laogai, the manmade famines, the attempted starvation of West Berlin, the bludgeoning of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the killing fields of Cambodia, the unprovoked invasions of South Korea and Afghanistan, the rule by torture and disappearance, or the words of the last leader of the Soviet Union: "I was ashamed for my country," Mikhail Gorbachev confessed, "perhaps the country with the richest resources on earth, and we couldn't provide toothpaste for our people."

Those of us who believe in the American experiment need to educate up-and-coming generations about the benefits of economic freedom – and the dangers of the alternative.

Exceptionalism. During his trek across America in the 1830s, Tocqueville noticed that Americans "are separated from all other nations by a feeling of pride. For the past 50 years no pains have been spared to convince the inhabitants of the United States that they are the only religious, enlightened, and free people."

Just as decades of inculcating a sense of exceptionalism resulted in national pride, decades of teaching American kids that their country is no better than – perhaps worse than – other countries have resulted in an America that is less proud and less cognizant of its exceptionalism.

The way to reverse this is through better [civic education](#) – an education effort that transcends the classroom. This is not to suggest that we should be uncritical of America's history. In fact, one of the characteristics that makes America exceptional – and indeed strengthens America – is our capacity for self-criticism, which leads to self-correction. However, many Americans are engaging today not in healthy self-criticism that leads to necessary course corrections, but rather in moral relativism that's undermining the American experiment.

[President Ronald Reagan](#) noticed this tilt away from American exceptionalism. "Younger parents aren't sure that an unambivalent appreciation of America is the right thing to teach modern children," he observed. "As for those who create the popular culture, well-grounded patriotism is no longer the style." Gazing at that shifting cultural landscape, he warned of "an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit." And here we are.

The challenge is daunting. But America found itself in a similar place a century ago – and found its way out. The American Legion helped reverse that earlier period of erosion. As *American Legion Magazine* editor Jeff Stoffer [details](#), there were concerns after World War I about a lack of commitment to the American experiment – what the Legion's founders saw as a dearth of "public understanding and appreciation of the American identity."

There were concerns about waning support for free enterprise – namely that the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia "might spill over into the United States. Communist recruiters were already pitching their thinking to young Americans, including troops still stationed in Europe."

There were concerns about a weakening or distortion of America's political system – a system founded on representative government, rule of law and justice for all. Stoffer notes that the Legion condemned "any individual, group or organization that 'creates or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of law'" – calling such stances "un-American" and "a menace to our liberties and destructive to our fundamental law."

And so, the Legion launched civic-education programs, "citizenship training" programs, youth sports leagues and Boys State; forged strategic partnerships with other groups of influence; and called on veterans "to serve the country in the same spirit we had in war."

The overarching goal of the Americanism campaign was “to transmit American principles” from generation to generation, American to American.

Playbook. What’s all this have to do with defending our nation and deterring our enemies? If up-and-coming generations of Americans don’t participate in the American experiment – and don’t believe in American exceptionalism – they won’t be willing to sacrifice for America or defend America.

Up-and-coming generations need reminders about what makes America a great and good nation. Up-and-coming generations need to learn that the measure of a nation, like that of an individual, is direction, not perfection. Up-and-coming generations need to know that America was born headed in the right direction.

One of America’s great leaders called the Declaration of Independence “a great dream.” He boasted about how America’s founding document “distinguishes our nation and our form of government from any totalitarian system.” He described how “each of us has certain basic rights that are neither derived from nor conferred by the state ... They are God-given, gifts from His hands.” He noted, “Never before ... has a sociopolitical document expressed in such profound, eloquent and unequivocal language the dignity and the worth of human personality.” And he believed that “God somehow called America to do a special job for mankind.” In these [words](#), Martin Luther King was describing American exceptionalism and cheering the American experiment.

Taken together, Lincoln, the Legion, King, and Reagan offer something of a playbook for dealing with today’s challenges.

“Let’s start with some basics: more attention to American history and a greater emphasis on civic ritual,” Reagan counseled. “We’ve got to teach history based not on what’s in fashion but what’s important – why the Pilgrims came here ... who Jimmy Doolittle was ... Omaha Beach ... what it means to be an American.”

To that list, we might add King’s eloquent words about America; how Americans rescued West Berliners and South Koreans from the prison yard of communism, Indonesians and [Japanese](#) from tsunamis, Yazidis from ISIS, Somalis from famine, [millions of Africans from AIDS](#), [Ebola](#) and [malaria](#), and all mankind from smallpox and [polio](#); how America has delivered 685 million COVID-19 [vaccines](#) overseas; and how America serves as civilization’s first responder and last line of defense.

Up-and-coming generations of Americans won’t know these things if they aren’t taught these things. This civic-education effort should begin at home – as Reagan observed, “All great change in America begins at the dinner table” – but it must extend into the broader culture. The effort needs to enfold [K-12 schools](#), schools of education within universities and [university-wide programs](#). Parents and schools need help in this effort. That’s where [The American Legion](#), other veterans groups, chambers of commerce, labor-union locals, youth sports leagues, and civic-minded small businesses and nonprofits come into play.

In fact, it’s time for every organization – and every person – that benefits from the American experiment to become civic-minded.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 989 9129 8443 | 967 563

(877) 853-5257

Child Welfare Foundation grant requests now being accepted

The American Legion | June 13, 2023



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) grant application for 2024 is online at [cwf-inc.org](#). To be considered for a CWF grant, applications must be received at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis no later than July 15, 2023.

CWF accepts funding proposals from nonprofits for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children. Grants are only given to entities that help U.S. children in a large geographic area; they are not awarded for day-to-day or special operating expenses.

In May, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation [awarded 17 grants to 16 nonprofits](#) totaling \$797,251. These grants are made possible through donations to CWF.

For example, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 347 in Lady Lake, Fla., held a fundraising golf

tournament on May 13 and raised \$20,000 for the Child Welfare Foundation. “Over 130 golfers and many volunteers got together at Harbor Hills Country Club to have a fun day of fellowship, friendly competition and fundraising,” wrote [Doug White](#), Squadron 347 historian, on Legiontown.

[Donate to the CWF here.](#)

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Wednesday of Each Month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 934 1509 0014 | 403 800

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Dear Sons of The American Legion members,

On behalf of the National Children and Youth Committee, I would like to challenge you to help National Commander Carlton and American Legion National Commander Troiola achieve the \$2 million goal for the Veteran and Children's Foundation. Funds raised go to feed and house children of military personnel and veterans facing urgent, unexpected hardships. It prevents eviction, keeps the power on, and fulfills basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times.

Every squadron is being asked to assist with this goal. We would like to see all the donations by the time of National Convention so we may share in National Commander Carlton's reaction to achieving this goal. I know we have so many great programs to donate to, but we would ask that you take some special consideration to help us achieve the Commander's goal.

If you are wondering what the Veteran and Children's Foundation is, don't worry. I have attached a link providing information to assist you with spreading the word to each of your Detachments, Districts, and Squadrons; www.legion.org/vcf.

Thank you,

John Sansoucie, National C&Y Committee

Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 957 1342 7326 | 44846

(877) 853-5257

July 13

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

First Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Third Thursday of ODD Months

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Mike Monserud (IA), Chairman

First Monday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 918 2414 1981 | 777 490

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Membership Committee

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Third Tuesday of Each Month

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

(605) 472-5756 | 771 7294

The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings.

SAL Online Renewal - members can login and renew direct via www.myLegion.org or quick renew by clicking here [SAL Online Renewal](#).

SAL New Member Kit is now online and ready for purchase. [New Member Kit \(SAL\) - American Legion Flag & Emblem](#).

Additional membership information appears later in this edition.

[How to use the Online Transmittal Process](#)

8 Detachments over 105%

31 Detachments over 100%

4 out of 5 Regions over 100%

5,533 members away from an ALL TIME HIGH

It is the final steps of any journey that create the arrival...lets finish what we started and "ARRIVE AT 105."

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd (NC), Chairman

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Department of Veterans Affairs

White House veterans hotline still taking calls, but now merged with VA centers

Rose Thayer/Stars and Stripes | June 9, 2023

Daniel Rea's mother received a letter in late February from the Air Force offering the service's condolences for her son's death and providing documents on how to receive his final retirement checks.

Rea, who is still alive, said he was relieved he was visiting his mother when she opened the letter.

"Mom would have been freaking out," he said.

The mix up began when Rea, 49, helped his mother earlier that month upload the death certificate of his stepfather into the Department of Veterans Affairs website so she could claim survivor benefits. The VA mistakenly linked the certificate to Rea's account, declared him dead, and then alerted the Defense Department and his banks of his passing.

Rea, who worked for 21 years in finance for the Air Force and retired as a master sergeant in 2013, credits his swift resurrection to a call that he placed to the veterans hotline created by former President Donald Trump, who promised when the line was established in 2018 that it would give callers the attention and action of the highest levels of government.

Within two weeks, the VA accepted a notarized form from Rea to prove he was alive and reversed the termination of his benefits. However, he said the work continued after that with other government agencies and his banks to get his pay and benefits returned to him.

Call agents at the White House hotline expedited his issue and helped resolve it quickly, he said.

During Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, he called the hotline one of his top 10 priorities so veterans could use it to relay their complaints about the VA, which he described as the most corrupt federal agency in need of fixing.

Rea had tried the VA's standard customer service line. But he said representatives only offered to open a claim for him, which could take months to be reviewed. When he called the White House hotline, the representative helped him file a priority claim immediately. The phone number for the White House hotline — 855-948-2311 — did not actually reach 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, but rather, a call center in West Virginia. That call center is still operating, along with other call centers spread across the United States, according to the VA.

It's no longer called the White House hotline. It became known as the VA Hotline in November after the department merged it, along with all the VA's other numbers, into one line — 800-698-2411 (MyVA411).

"VA added 1-800-MyVA411 as an additional way and easy-to-remember number to reach the VA Hotline in order to increase access and awareness to the services provided by the hotline," John Boerstler, VA's chief veterans experience officer, said in a statement.

In a year, the VA answers more than 50 million calls across all its call centers, according to information provided by the department. Based on call data from fiscal 2023, which began Oct. 1, the top five concerns from callers are access or timeliness of care, compensation, coordination of care, community care and medication. At the time Trump created the White House hotline, the VA had separate numbers for benefits, health care, online account problems and burial eligibility information. In 2020, it merged all these numbers into MyVA411 because customers complained the VA had too many numbers, according to a VA news release from November. The VA calls its hotline the "front door" to the department.

MyVA411 has increased customer satisfaction nearly 4% through post-call surveys, the VA said.

Calling the former White House number now gets veterans directly to the VA call center's "Option 9," which is for concerns and recommendations, according to the VA.

Before the merge, the White House line received about 82,300 calls every six months. After the merge, when calls to MyVA411 could be routed to that line through selecting Option 9, call volume jumped to 135,145 calls answered.

The VA said it expects to keep both numbers operational.

When urgent issues such as Rea's come through, the VA has an average resolution time of 14 days, according to the agency.

Getting his life back became a full-time job for Rea, who left his job with the government in Washington, D.C., during the coronavirus pandemic and has been traveling the country in a trailer. Since he was mistakenly declared dead, the veteran has remained parked at his mother's home where he's called about a dozen offices for help, including his congressman Rep. John Carter, R-Texas.



Terry Ledford (right) is presented with an elliptical bicycle via Operation Comfort Warriors. Sixth District Department of California Armed Forces Ball Facebook photo

His military retirement and VA disability benefits are his only sources of income, he said. The two agencies drained nearly \$40,000 from his bank accounts during the fiasco because they retrieved his pay dating back to the day that Rea's stepfather died in July. He's still working with the Defense Department to get all his pay returned.

The White House hotline did help Rea resolve his issue quickly, he said, and he'd like to see the VA and Defense Department set up a special cases team to deal with issues such as his — more so now that he's learned it affects roughly 540 veterans each year, according to the VA.

"That was my full-time job for almost a month," he said about getting his benefits returned from all agencies

that the VA falsely notified of his death. “I can just imagine a disabled veteran solely relying on this money and not knowing what to do. That’s why I want to get the word out.”

OCW, and Legion membership, making a difference for disabled California Legionnaire

The American Legion | June 8, 2023

Terry Ledford spent nearly 26 years in the U.S. military, serving in the U.S. Navy, Navy Reserves and U.S. Marine Corps before retiring as a U.S. Army chaplain. He’s still in the Retired Army Reserve, but the wear and tear from his military services have forced him to wear braces on both feet.

Ledford used to love to run, but now he says it’s difficult to even walk with his wife and daughter. But thanks to an American Legion [Operation Comfort Warriors \(OCW\)](#) grant, Ledford is on the way to improving both his health and mental outlook.

On May 20, Ledford was presented with an elliptical bicycle via OCW, which provides items that help wounded warriors’ recovery but aren’t provided by the government. The bike was given to Ledford during the second annual Sixth District Department of California Armed Forces Ball, which serves as a fundraiser for OCW.

Ledford is 100-percent service-connected through the Department of Veterans Affairs and has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The elliptical has helped with the physical side of his wounds.

“I miss running. My ankles have collapsed,” said Ledford, who serves as chaplain at Elijah B. Hayes American Legion Post 168 in Patterson, Calif. “My wife and my 3-year-old (daughter) go walking all the time, and I can’t even go to the park. But as I’m building my strength on this (bike), it’s allowing me to be able to get out more with them. To get to the park. I’m building up more muscles. It’s just easier.

“It’s a lifesaver. I could never afford this. I’m on a fixed income. I don’t even have my retirement yet. I don’t get it until I’m 60. The American Legion stepped in and filled the gap.”

Ledford said after his first military deployment decades ago, he visited a local veterans service organization, but felt he didn’t fit in because of the age difference. But that changed when he revisited the Legion

more than a year ago, which has helped his emotional scars.

“When I started going to the Legion post, and as I matured, I started to realize we needed each other,” Ledford said. “I realized The American Legion isn’t guys sitting around drinking beer and telling war stories. These guys actually want to help each other.

“So, my perception of The American Legion was totally changed. All of the sudden I feel like I’m part of a family. They’re all my brothers and sisters. I trust them more than I trust people in the civilian world. It makes me want to volunteer my time more. It’s family based. We help each other out. This connectivity I never found in any of the other veterans organizations.”

Ledford – who now also serves as post and District 12 adjutant, as well as Area 3 chaplain – became connected with The American Legion through Douglas Chace, a Member Engagement Coordinator and the OCW coordinator at American Legion National Headquarters. The pair had served together in California, and Chace was looking for a chaplain for the first Sixth District Armed Forces Day Ball.

The 2022 ball, [which raised around \\$35,000 for OCW last year](#) (the 2023 numbers are still being tallied), was the idea of California Legionnaire Brian McGuinness, a past Post 233 commander and past California District 6 commander. McGuinness made Operation Comfort Warriors his official program while district commander.

“There’s lot of ways to support veterans in The American Legion. (OCW) is how I do it,” McGuinness said. “The program is the best-kept secret in The American Legion. Everybody knows about the Four Pillars ... all the excellent programs. But OCW gets to the heart of what the (founding of The American Legion) in 1919 was all about: to take care of our veterans. That’s the base core of The American Legion.”

McGuinness is in the process of creating a how-to manual for organizing a fundraiser event like the Armed Forces Ball that will be shared with American Legion National Headquarters to provide a blueprint for others to follow.

But one way that he’s been able to put on two successful events is via publicity. McGuinness utilizes social media to spread the word, having created [a Facebook page](#) for the 2023 ball. “I was able to spread the word throughout the country through social media, and to do all my advertising through social media this year,” he said. “I had people come from Colorado and other

places because of social media. I've been contacted by others to ask me how to put on a similar event. And we generate so much publicity and awareness from (the ball), quite often, that the donations come in from the corporate and private sector well after the ball is over." McGuinness said his passion for OCW comes from a desire to continue the service he provided while in the military. "I was a combat medic in the Army," McGuinness said. "Although we all promise to leave no one behind, as a medic we take that very personally, and so we do everything we can to bring our brothers and sisters home."

"My belief is the care doesn't stop for our brothers and sisters when I get them off the field. I promise to get them home and take care of them. I'm among the people that believe that no one ever relieved me of my oath. This is how I continue to leave no one behind."



Fisher House photo

Florida post donates \$29,889 to local Fisher House

The American Legion | June 7, 2023

American Legion Post 273 in Madeira Beach, Fla., has developed a strong bond with leadership and staff at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. Earlier this year Post 273 hosted a PACT Act open house that brought staff from the VA medical center to the post to assist veterans face to face with benefits claims, health-care questions, and other areas.

That post support also was demonstrated last December and again this June, in the form of a pair of sizeable donations to the Bay Pines Fisher House. Fisher Houses provide free lodging for military and veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is receiving care at a military or VA medical center.

On June 1, members of Post 273 presented the local Fisher House with a check for \$29,889. In December,

a check for more than \$10,000 was presented to the Fisher House by the post.

"We are partners with Bay Pines, and they are so critical to the veterans in Pinellas County," said Post 273 Service Officer Susan Kohler, who will serve as the post's second vice commander in 2023-2024. "There's so many veterans who come to Bay Pines. And the Fisher House, I equate it to the Ronald McDonald House for children's hospitals, but it's for our veterans. And our (post members) and patrons feel so strongly about supporting the veterans' families who have to come to Bay Pines. It just resonates with so many of our members."

Kohler credited fellow Legionnaire Dick Karol with leading the fundraising effort. Karol serves as the post's Fisher House chairman. "Two or three days a week he comes up to our post, and he shakes the jug," she said. "He literally shakes a jug and collects donations from the patrons who are up there. And for this last six months, we agreed that whatever he collected, we would match his collection."

"He's been doing the Fisher House for years. He's the face of the Fisher House for us."

Via press release, Bay Pines VA Fisher House Manager Shentrela Diggins said, "We continue to be humbled by the generosity of organizations throughout the area who give back in support of the Fisher House mission. This donation from American Legion Post 273 will go to the purchase of essential items servicemembers, veterans, families, and caregivers need when they reside at the Fisher House."

"It just warms my heart that organizations like Post 273 and countless others choose us and those we serve when they decide to give back. Our local community is full of Veterans and families who know what it's like because they all served, too, and I don't think they know how much we respect each of them for paying it forward to those we serve now and in the future."

Similar praise was given by Bay Pines VA leadership. "There is no group who loves veterans more than the organizations and leaders who support Bay Pines VA Healthcare System," said Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Director/CEO Paul M. Russo. "We're honored to have veteran organizations like American Legion Post 273 as long-standing partners in our mission to provide world-class health care, services, and support to veterans, families, and caregivers."

Kohler said the relationship with Bay Pines is just another way to support veterans in the community. "We

feel so committed to our veterans and making sure they get the care that they need,” she said. “Bay Pines is instrumental in that for our veterans in this area.”



U.S. Air Force photo

Veterans to see cost-of-living boost to their benefits

Corey Dickstein/Stars and Stripes | June 16, 2023

Veterans will get a cost-of-living boost on their benefit payments next year equal to the annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustment now that President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan bill into law Wednesday requiring the raise.

The Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023 directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to boost compensation for service-disabled veterans and the families of fallen service members by providing a cost-of-living adjustment equal to the Social Security increase. Biden signed the bill at the White House after it was passed unanimously in the House on May 23 and the Senate on March 30.

The law comes after veterans and Social Security recipients saw the largest COLA boost in decades last year, when the Social Security Administration and VA approved an 8.7% raise for this year due to high inflation rates last year.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., applauded Biden’s signing the bill that he and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., introduced earlier this year. Tester is the chairman of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee and Moran is the committee’s top Republican. Reps. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., and Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, introduced the measure in the House.

“At a time when folks are struggling with rising costs, from housing to groceries, veterans deserve absolute certainty when it comes to providing for their families,” Tester said in a statement issued Wednesday

after the bill’s signing. “That’s why I’m proud to have worked with my Republican and Democratic colleagues to deliver a cost-of-living increase to millions of disabled veterans and survivors across the country — including 30,000 in Montana.”

It was not immediately clear Wednesday how large a raise veterans would get from the bill. The Social Security Administration is expected to announce its annual cost-of-living adjustment sometime early in the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The raise is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, according to the Social Security Administration. It would go into effect Dec. 1, 2023, according to the law.

The raise could be much lower this year. The Senior Citizens League, a nonpartisan senior group, announced Tuesday that it anticipated a 2.7% COLA boost for Social Security this year, after it had predicted last month a 3.2% boost.

The league’s latest projection cited falling inflation rates in the latest Consumer Price Index, the group said in a statement.

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Sons of American Legion again offering food, fun and fishing on July 4

[Tom Bodus, Managing Editor](#) | Eastern Arizona Courier
June 13, 2023



The Sons of the American Legion at Swift-Murphy Post 32 will once again be holding their annual July 4 kids fishing derby at the Graham County Fairgrounds.

Any kid 17 or younger who is big enough to hold a fishing pole and work a reel is encouraged to show up at the Graham County Fairgrounds upper duck pond at 6:00 a.m. on July 4 for the 2nd Annual Moe Villalba Sr. Fishing Derby.

Don't let the name fool you. The fishing derby, organized by the Sons of the American Legion at the Swift-Murphy Legion Post 32 in Safford, is a tradition that dates back approximately 30 years. Current SAL Commander Henry Nabor said the event was introduced under his predecessor, the late Moe Villalba Sr. The event was renamed in Villalba's honor last year — hence the low running tally.

Nabor said the pond will be stocked mere hours before the contest with catfish and bluegill from a local hatchery. Trophies will be awarded in different age groups for the largest fish. There will also be several opportunities to win a new fishing pole.

Nabor said kids will be able to fish for free on July 4 with no license required. Free hotdogs, watermelon, snow cones, and water will be available during the event, which is scheduled to end at 11:00 a.m.

Sons of the American Legion will be assisted by members of the Legion Riders motorcycle club in managing the event, Nabor said. The American Legion Auxiliary is pitching in the fishing poles to be awarded as prizes, and American Legion Post 95 out of Solomon is contributing the hotdog buns. Nabor said Walmart is donating the hotdogs.

Some 200 children participated in last year's fishing derby, Nabor said.

"People look forward to it," he said.

Sons of American Legion officers announced

[The Butler Bulletin](#) | June 14, 2023



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 202 (IN) installed officers June 2. At left is chaplain and sergeant-at-arms Todd Herendeen and commander Dean Drudge. Treasurer Jim Burns, first vice commander and membership Jeff Collingsworth, second vice commander Gerald "Buck" Suntken and adjutant Clint Leeper are not shown.

New Jersey American Legion Family enjoys convention

Rusty Myers, Contributor | June 11, 2023



Bellville, NJ – The American Legion Post 105 Family – made up of the American Legion's Veterans, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) – put Belleville's name yet again at the forefront of the state at this year's 2023 American Legion Department of NJ Convention in Wildwood. SAL Squadron 105, aside from receiving multiple awards for its many Veterans, Americanism, and Children and Youth programs, had one of its very own Sons – Adjutant Rusty Myers – named as the Detachment of NJ's 2022-23 Son of the Year.

Each year during the second week in June, New Jersey's American Legion Family gathers in Wildwood, NJ for their state-wide convention. The convention sessions themselves are only two days, but events precede and follow those days of votes on the floor with receptions, parades, and 'get togethers.' In addition to the organization's business that needs to be discussed and voted on throughout the week, the convention is also an amazing opportunity for posts, units, and squadrons from around the state to get together and celebrate our common goal of working towards our veterans. The 105 had a great opportunity to see many old friends, and make many new ones.

The custom shirts that were handed out echoed what was heard in every corner of Wildwood for the five-day convention week – "105 IN THE HOUSE!"

Three years ago, Belleville's SAL Squadron 105 attended its first convention, which the post hadn't participated in for over two decades. "This all started with three of us" noted SAL 105 Squadron Commander Stave Sangemino, pointing out that in that first year only three Sons made the trek to the Shore. The second year, there were about fifteen – this year, around 60 members of the Post Family participated in the Wildwood Convention.

The highlight of the week was in the 105 proudly marching Belleville's name down Atlantic Avenue in the Department Parade held on Saturday the 10th. Members of the Post color guard made the one-and-a-half-mile march, carrying the five flags and dressed in the familiar white stars and stripes uniforms residents of Belleville see at many town events. Following behind our brand-new Post 105 American Legion Family of Belleville Banner were cars and twenty-plus members marching waving American Flags.

ALA Linda Doris, who is a member of the Belleville Legion Auxiliary Unit which just chartered in January of 2023, wrote on Facebook that this was her "...First time walking in a Veteran's Parade representing the Belleville Auxiliary. What an awesome and moving experience!"

The convention also gives the state an opportunity to tally up the accomplishments of all of the local and county organizations across the Legion Family. This tabulation, aside from giving National Headquarters a precise idea of what the contributions from New Jersey are, also gives the state leadership an opportunity to recognize those posts, units, and squadrons which have excelled in running some of their own programs.



The Post came away with a membership award for going "over the top," meaning they grew in membership this year. The Squadron received first place for membership growth in the state as well, going from 62 to 126 members in a 103% increase since last June. SAL 105 also walked away with plaques recognizing second place in the internal affairs category, giving almost \$6,000 back to our home post and its veterans, 2nd place in the state for Americanism donations and third place in Americanism hours worked, putting in over \$8,500 in Americanism projects, and finally in the Children and Youth category, where they received 3rd place in NJ with almost \$7,000 going to our kids.

All of Essex County's SAL squadrons as a county also received second place for greatest in a membership percentage increase over last year.

Perhaps the biggest feather in the cap of Belleville's American Legion was in that one of its Sons received the prestigious 2022-23 Son of the Year Award. The award is given annually to one Son in New Jersey, out of the almost 10,000 members in the state. The award was presented to SAL 105 Adjutant Rusty Myers, who also serves in representing Essex County at the state level, as well as serving as the Detachment of NJ chairman of the Children and Youth Commission. "I'm proud to stand among the caliber of men who have received this award before," stated Myers in accepting the award - "This is for all of our veterans, which is why we do what we do every day."

As well as an inscribed clock for Son of the Year given as a token of recognition for the time given to the organization, he also received the Detachment Commander's Award for "outstanding dedication to the American Legion Family."

Myers is the second Son in three years from 105 who received this award. Steve Sanegmino, 105's Squadron Commander, received the award in 2020-21. "Two recipients from the same place is quite an honor for Belleville," stated Myers.

Social media throughout the week was flooded with fun pictures of members in Wildwood smiling and having a good time. The 105's homebase for the week was

the Skylark Motel on Atlantic Ave, which has a rooftop overlooking Wildwoods main boulevard. The entire hotel was decked out in banners with the message “Vietnam Veterans – Welcome Home” which was the theme of this year’s parade, plus flags, lights, and more banners with the ubiquitous message of “105 in the House”! With such a wonderful staff, fantastic owners, and a choice location, it was a quick choice to book the entire hotel for next year’s convention.

And, as a true sign of how much fun everyone had and how successful the week was, next years was being planned before this week was over.

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Department of Minnesota introduces app for state's Legion Baseball program

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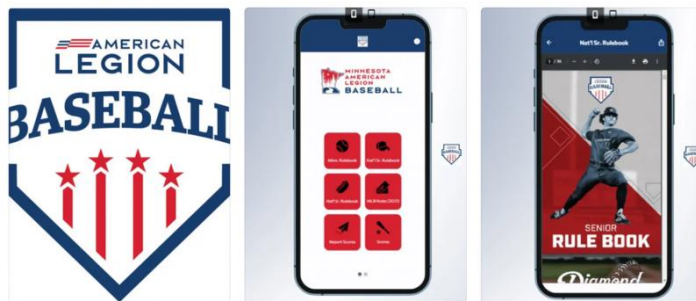
When Tim Engstrom, the director of communications for the Department of Minnesota, saw what was possible through The American Legion's national convention app, he was inspired to create something similar for the department.

Engstrom is starting with an app for Minnesota's American Legion Baseball program; the app is now available through [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#).

"I want to do it eventually for our Department of Minnesota conventions and fall conference and other gatherings; you can just put everything in an app," Engstrom said.

App Store Preview

Screenshots iPad iPhone



Minnesota's app includes the state baseball rulebook; the national senior and junior Legion Baseball rulebooks; the 2021 Major League Baseball rulebook (the most recent version Engstrom was able to retrieve in PDF form); scores and ways to report them; the American Legion Baseball code of sportsmanship; important dates and more.

Engstrom acknowledged that saving on printing and postage were a primary motivator in creating the app. "Every year we would spend money on printing of a rulebook as well as mailing out of a rulebook and other materials in a preseason manager's kit," Engstrom said. "We still did a mailing this year, but it was mainly as a crossover year to alert them that the rules are now on this app. ... That's going to save us a lot of postage (and thousands of dollars)."

Engstrom said the actual creation of the app, using AppMachine, was "very simple."

"The hard part was how to publish it in Google and Apple. But AppMachine provides plenty of instructions, and if you're patient with waiting until the next day, they provide good support. And often when I would ask them a question, I would sometimes find out the answer on my own by just poking around to make it work before they got back to me," he said.

Engstrom hopes the app's audience grows beyond just the department's coaches and managers. He's optimistic that bench players tasked with keeping score will use the app to report scores.

"It's good for the program. There's a lot of young people involved in baseball," Engstrom said — not only players but parents and some of the younger coaches.

"It's a great demographic to try new technology on because they're the people who use new technology. Then once you get that in place, then you can take that technology and use it on other parts of your department, district, or post."



Red-hot Palou taking No. 10 American Legion Honda to Road America

The American Legion | June 15, 2023

An impressive May has carried over into June for Chip Ganassi Racing's (CGR) Alex Palou.

After a month that saw Palou drive the No. 10 American Legion Honda to a win in the GMR Grand Prix, and then follow up with the pole and then a fourth-place finish in the Indianapolis 500 – the NTT INDYCAR SERIES points leader opened June winning the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix in another dominating performance.

Palou has finished in the top 10 in all seven INDYCAR races this season and has the series' best average finishing position (3.86) – the second lowest through seven races since 2008. He and the rest of INDYCAR now head to Elkhart Lake, Wis., for this weekend's four-turn, 14-mile Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America – a race Palou won in 2021 when he was the INDYCAR SERIES points champion.

"It's been a good start to the season so far and it feels like the No. 10 car has been on a roll," Palou said via CGR media. "We've had really good races since the month of May, and we want to continue that. We're going to my favorite road course of the year with that brand new pavement that we haven't tried, just like the other teams. We've been working hard with the simulator and back at the shop to make sure we're ready."

Fellow CGR drivers Marcus Ericsson and Marcus Armstrong will feature American Legion branding this weekend. Ericsson, driving the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Honda, is 51 points behind Palou in the series standings. He's nabbed seven top-10 finishes as well; his three top fives include a win in the series opener and a second in the Indianapolis 500.

"Road America this weekend, and it is one of my absolute favorites. It's the best road course of the season, no doubt," Ericsson said. "It's a track where we finished second last year, so good memories from there. Obviously, we want to make the top step this weekend, though. We're coming into the race with a really good feeling. We've had a good start to the season with all seven races in the top-10 and sitting second in the championship."

"It will be interesting this weekend with the new surface laid down at Road America and it'll be something to follow. The atmosphere is always amazing with so many people and it being such a beautiful place to go race at. I'm really looking forward to the weekend."

Armstrong, who leads the NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie standings despite not driving in this season's two oval races, also will include The American Legion on his No. 11 Honda's livery. Armstrong has four top-11 finishes this season and holds a 24-point lead over fellow series rookie Agustin Canapino.

"This is a great track, which has obviously been resurfaced, and it should make a big difference to the car set-up and philosophy," Armstrong said. "I think it'll be a good advantage to have tested there last week. I enjoyed the track and I feel like it reminded me of a lot of racing in Spain with the nature of the circuit, the layout, and the style of driving. I'm looking forward to it and feel like it'll be a great weekend, as well."

Also, this weekend, CGR developmental driver Kyffin Simpson will carry "Be the One" messaging on his No. 21 American Legion / Ridgeline Lubricants car during Sunday's INDY NXT by Firestone Grand Prix at Road America. In his first year with Chip Ganassi Racing, Simpson currently is 16th in the INDY NXT points standings.

Throughout the weekend at The American Legion's "Be the One" activation trailer, an accredited American Legion service officer will be on hand to assist veterans with benefits claims questions they may have.

This weekend's broadcast schedule (all times ET):

- Saturday, June 17 – 9:55-10:55 a.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice 2 (Peacock); 12:55-2:25 p.m. – Qualifying for the NTT P1 Award (Peacock)
- Sunday, June 18 – 9:15-9:45 a.m., NTT INDYCAR SERIES Final Practice (Peacock); 10:15 a.m., INDY NXT by Firestone Grand Prix at Road America (Peacock); 12:30 p.m., Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR (USA Network)

NTT INDYCAR SERIES Notes (via INDYCAR)

- There have been five different winners in seven NTT INDYCAR SERIES races in the 2023 season. Marcus Ericsson (Streets of St. Petersburg), Josef Newgarden (Texas Motor Speedway and Indianapolis 500), Kyle Kirkwood (Streets of Long Beach), Scott McLaughlin, (Barber Motorsports Park) and Alex Palou (Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course-1 and Streets of Detroit) have all won in this season. The record for most different winners in a season is 11 in 2000, 2001 and 2014
- There have been five different winners in the last 10 NTT INDYCAR SERIES races (Josef Newgarden, Scott McLaughlin, Alex Palou, Marcus Ericsson, and Kyle Kirkwood). Newgarden (WWT Raceway 2022, Texas 2023, and Indianapolis 500 2023), Palou (Laguna Seca 2022, Indianapolis GP-1 2023 and Detroit 2023) and McLaughlin (Portland 2022 and Barber 2023) have won multiple races over that stretch.
- The Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR will be the 34th INDYCAR SERIES event conducted at Road America since it hosted its first INDYCAR event in 1982. Mario Andretti, Michael Andretti, and Emerson Fittipaldi have three wins, the most by an INDYCAR SERIES driver at the track.
- Scott Dixon and Josef Newgarden have won twice at Road America – most among active drivers. Other previous Road America winners entered include Will Power, Alexander Rossi, Felix Rosenqvist and Alex Palou.
- Eight drivers have won the Road America race from the pole: Mario Andretti (1983, 1984, 1987), Danny Sullivan (1989), Paul Tracy (1993), Jacques Villeneuve (1995), Bruno Junqueira (2003), Sebastien Bourdais (2007), Will Power (2016) and Josef Newgarden (2018).
- The driver who has gone on to win the championship has won at Road America six times: Mario Andretti (1984), Michael Andretti (1991), Jacques

Villeneuve (1995), Alex Zanardi (1997), Cristiano da Matta (2002), Sebastien Bourdais (2007) and Scott Dixon (2020).

- Scott Dixon and Will Power have competed in 10 previous races at Road America, most of any driver. Thirteen entered drivers have led laps at the track (Josef Newgarden 149, Alexander Rossi 70, Will Power 60, Pato O'Ward 43, Scott Dixon 43, Helio Castroneves 41, Felix Rosenqvist 15, Alex Palou 5, Graham Rahal 5, Marcus Ericsson 4, Simon Pagenaud 2, Romain Grosjean 1, and Christian Lundgaard 1.
- Chip Ganassi Racing has won three of the last four INDYCAR SERIES races at Road America and is one of three current teams with wins at the track. Overall, Chip Ganassi Racing has won six times at Road America (1997, 2001, 2017, a sweep of the 2020 doubleheader and 2021). Team Penske has also won six times at Road America (1989, 1992, 1993, 2016, 2018 and 2022) while Andretti Autosport won its first in 2019.
- Rookies Marcus Armstrong, Agustin Canapino, Benjamin Pedersen, and Sting Ray Robb will race an NTT INDYCAR SERIES car at Road America for the first time this weekend
- Milestones: Scott Dixon will attempt to make his 313th consecutive start, the second-longest streak in INDYCAR SERIES history.



10 common Q&As about the American flag

The American Legion | June 13, 2024

The Legion's flag web page, www.legion.org/flag, features resources such as flag FAQs, myths, flag-folding procedures, and videos, and more. The following are a few common questions about the American flag. For more, visit the [page](#).

Q: When was the U.S. flag created?

A: On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag. Today, the flag has 13 horizontal stripes that represent the colonies and 50 stars that represent the states. The color red “symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice,” according to PBS.org.

Q: When was Flag Day established?

A: In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day to commemorate the adoption of the U.S. flag on June 14, 1777.

Q: What is The American Legion’s role with the Flag Code?

A: The U.S. Flag Code establishes the rules for display and care of the American flag. On Flag Day in June 1923, The American Legion, and representatives of 68 other patriotic, fraternal, civic, and military organizations met in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of drafting a code of flag etiquette. The 77th Congress adopted the code as public law on June 22, 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

Q: Are you required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground?

A: The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it, including the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You are not required to destroy the flag when this happens. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country.

Q: Can the flag be washed or dry-cleaned?

A: There are no provisions of the Flag Code that prohibit the washing or dry-cleaning of the flag. The decision would depend upon the type of material of the flag.

Q: Can a flag that has been used to cover a casket be used for any other proper display purpose?

A: A flag that has been used to cover a casket can be used for any proper display purpose, to include displaying it from a staff or flagpole.

Q: What should the position of the flag be when displayed from a staff in a post, public auditorium, or other public meeting place, whether indoors or outdoors?

A: The flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or meeting place, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the speaker’s right as he or she faces the audience. The staffed flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker without regard to a platform or floor level.

Q: When the flag is not flown from a staff, how should it be displayed?

A: It should be displayed vertically, whether indoors or out, and suspended so that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed. The stripes may be displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, and the union should be uppermost and to the flag’s own right (that is, to the observer’s left). When displayed in a window of a home or a place of business, the flag should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

Q: Who can authorize the flag to be flown at half-staff?

A: Only the president of the United States or the governor of the state may order the flag to be half-staffed, in accordance with Flag Code section 7(m).

Q: What happens to the state or POW flag when the U.S. flag is half-staffed?

A: The state flag, POW flag or any other flag or pennant in a display is lowered or removed when the flag is at half-staff. As indicated in the Flag Code, no flag or pennant should be placed above the flag of the United States.



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Thomas Monette

Thomas Monette, age 63, of Traprock Valley, MI, passed away at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital in Laurium on June 7, 2023, after a short illness.

He was born on August 18, 1959, a son of Paul and Shirley (Zerbst) Monette. He attended Lake Linden-Hubbell High School and graduated in 1977. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Village of Laurium.

He was married to Cheryl Heikkila at First Lutheran Church in Dollar Bay.

Thomas was a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He was interested in cars, tractors, and anything else with a motor.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-James.

He is survived by his wife-Cheryl; siblings-Pauline (Steven) Wuoti, Michael (Tammy) Monette, Charlotte Monette, and Jennifer (Dan) Abramson; his best friend-Oakie; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The memorial service will be at 2:30 on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Pearce Funeral Home in Lake Linden with Rev. Bucky Beach to officiate.

Online condolences may be left at www.pearcefuneralhome.com.

Robert "Bob" Hookey



Robert L. "Bob" Hookey, aged 85, long-time resident of Massillon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Country Club Care Center in Warrensburg, Missouri.

He was born on October 27, 1937, in McDonald, Pennsylvania, to the late Robert and Rose (Saver) Hookey.

Robert graduated from Salem High School in Ohio in 1955, and later pursued his higher education at Youngstown State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He worked as an auditor for the

state of Ohio and a real estate appraiser for Citizens Savings Bank in Canton, OH.

Bob dutifully served his country by joining the US Army Reserve in 1960. For 50 years, he devoted himself to Sebring Masonic Lodge 626 and served as the former Commander of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 221 in Massillon, Ohio. His commitment extended to various organizations in the Massillon area, including McKinley Eagles 2370, Amvets Post 12, and Sons of Herman.

On February 22, 1964, Bob married his beloved Sarah Jane Walker in Sebring, Ohio, and together they shared many cherished moments. He found solace and inspiration in his faith, attending Reedurban Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio, where he served as Sunday School Director for many years.

Bob enjoyed working in his garden, fishing, spending time with family and friends and traveling.

He leaves behind a loving legacy and will be deeply missed by his children, Kyle (Tammy) Hookey of Warrensburg, Missouri, Kevin (Toby) Hookey of Ontario, Ohio, Krista (Christian) Bean of Westford, Massachusetts, and Kara Hookey of Newark, New Jersey. Bob's presence will continue to shine through his grandchildren, Kyle Robert (Bethany) Hookey II, Seth Hookey, Talos Hookey, Ariel Hookey, Alessandra Bean, Jordan Reed, and Jaret Pollock. He was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Killian Michael Hookey, and Abigail Lilian Rose Hookey. Bob is survived by his brother, Gerald (Douang Chanh) Hookey.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Jane Hookey, his long-time partner, Joann McCall, his sister, Judy Hartzell, and his parents.

The family will receive friends at the Paquelet Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 10-11 am. Funeral service will follow at 11 am. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Park in Sebring, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Camp Valor Outdoors in Kingsville, Missouri (www.campvaloroutdoors.org), and/or to The American Legion Post 221 in Massillon, Ohio (www.americanlegion221.org).

Messages of comfort and support may be sent to the family at www.paquelet.com and www.sweeneyphillipsholdren.com.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Robert "Bob" Hookey, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Published by Paquelet Funeral Homes from Jun. 8 to Jun. 9, 2023.

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Thomas Monette

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He was married to Cheryl Heikkila at First Lutheran Church in Dollar Bay.

Thomas was a member of Sons of the American Legion. He was interested in cars, tractors, and anything else with a motor.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother – James.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; siblings, Pauline (Steven) Wuoti, Michael (Tammy) Monette, Charlotte Monette, and Jennifer (Dan) Abramson; his best friend, Oakie; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Pearce Funeral Home in Lake Linden with the Rev. Bucky Beach to officiate.

Online condolences may be left at www.pearcefuneralhome.com.

Barry O'Keefe



Barry F. O'Keefe, a lifelong resident of Monaca 1st Ward, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at Brighton Rehab & Wellness Center. He is now reunited with his loved ones and two cat companions, Fluffy and Dusty.

Born to the late John W. and Margaret Ann (Seery) O'Keefe, Barry was known for his friendly and caring nature.

He is survived by his loving siblings, John O'Keefe, Mark (Linda) O'Keefe, Joe (Diana) O'Keefe, Rosemary (Mark) Guthrie, and

Eileen (David) O'Keefe Pasquale. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings Neil O'Keefe and Maureen O'Keefe Meade. Barry's memory will live on through his numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved him dearly.

He attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School and completed his high school education at Monaca High School, class of 1974, and then went on to attend CCBC. Barry was previously employed at Boscov's Department Store, where he worked in the maintenance department. He also enjoyed helping his friend Stan deliver The Beaver County Times, an activity that allowed him to connect with his community and stay active.

Barry was an avid sports fan, with a particular love for the Dallas Cowboys and Notre Dame Fighting Irish and he was always eager to cheer on his favorite teams. Barry was also a dedicated member of the Sons of the American Legion, Monaca Post #580.

Those who knew Barry well would describe him as a friendly and kind-hearted individual. He always enjoyed playing the lottery and bingo, and his wins brought smiles to the faces of those around him.

Friends will be received on Sunday, June 11th from 1-4 PM and 6-8PM at SIMPSON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, 1119 Washington Avenue, Monaca, (724)728 4000 where prayers will be offered on Monday at 9:30 AM followed by a mass of Christian burial at 10 AM at Mary, Queen of Saints Parish, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Monaca. Interment will take place at the parish cemetery.

Because of his love of animals, the family has suggested memorial contributions be made, if desired in Barry's name to the Beaver County Humane Society.

To share online condolences, view his video tribute, get directions and other information, please visit www.simpsonfuneralhome.com.



Todd Rickabaugh



Todd Michael Rickabaugh, 51, of Maryville, Missouri passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at his home.

Todd was born on October 11, 1971 in Maryville, to Lynn and Nancy J. (Redden) Rickabaugh. Todd was a 1991 graduate of Maryville High School and worked for MFA Agri Services as an applicator and truck driver.

Todd enjoyed camping, tractor cruises, golf, and hunting. He was a member of St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 464, and Knights of Columbus.

He married Rachelle Heflin on June 20, 1992 in Maryville, Missouri. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include two sons, Austin Rickabaugh and Trevor Rickabaugh both of Maryville; his mother, Nancy Rickabaugh, Maryville, Missouri; brother, Tim (DeAnne) Rickabaugh, Jefferson City, Missouri and sister, Jennifer (Stan) Boulting, Ravenwood, Missouri; grandfather, Lavelle Rickabaugh; mother-in-law, Ann Heflin, brother-in-law, Scott Heflin; nephews, Dylan Boulting, Levi (Haley) Boulting and Kale Heflin and aunts, uncles and numerous cousins.

Todd was preceded by his father, Lynn Rickabaugh, maternal grandparents, John and Rosetta Redden, paternal grandmother, Dorothy Rickabaugh and father-in-law, Marlin Heflin.

Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2023 at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church under the care of Price Funeral Home. Burial St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maryville, Missouri. Parish Rosary 6 p.m. Thursday, June 15 at St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church. The family will receive friends following the rosary from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 464 or Three Oaks Hospice.

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Always Remember

Clayton Steward, Sr.



Montgomery, Pa. — Clayton Morris Steward, Sr. was called home to be with the lord on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Clay was born on August 27, 1960, in Perth Amboy, N.J. and raised in Montgomery, Pa. He was the son of the late Charles William and Elizabeth Green Steward.

Clay married the love of his life, Elaine Gortner, on October 9, 2021. Clay is survived by his wife Elaine, his son, Clayton "Bo" Jr. (Skyler), his son Blair (Marissa), all of Montgomery; his daughter Karman of Shickshinny, his stepson Zac Clark (Sara), and his stepdaughter Abigail Laubacher (Miles), all of Montoursville. Clay is also survived by 6 grandchildren, Briella, Shepard, Savannah, Caroline, Trevor, and Maelei, and 1 step grandson, Floyd. Clay is survived by 3 sisters, Judi (Steward) Wertz, Susie (Steward) Hinkle, Deborah (Steward) Stout; and 2 brothers, Toby and Danny Steward.

Clay was preceded in death by a sister, Cindy Steward Morningstar.

He is also survived by an extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Clay was a 1978 graduate of Montgomery Area High School where he enjoyed playing football. Clay received an associate degree in forestry from the Williamsport Area Community College, a BS degree from Susquehanna University and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Clay carved out his career within the baking industry, holding several prominent positions. Clay held memberships with the American Bakers Association, and Who's Who in American Baking. Early in his career he worked as a maintenance technician for Wegmans baking plant in Rochester, N.Y. Later, Clay worked for many years as a maintenance supervisor and planner for Kellogg's in Muncy. Clay finished out his career as the maintenance manager and plant engineer for Bimbo Bakeries in plants located in Albany, N.Y. and in Meridian, Mississippi. Clay was also an independent contractor for many years as a master electrician. Clay spent his entire life volunteering in his community. Clay spent many years coaching Montgomery Little League baseball teams, as well as football teams at the pop warner, junior high, and high

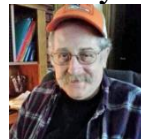
school levels, and he was President of Montgomery Elementary Wrestling for many years. He coached for the Williamsport Wildcats, a semi pro football team of the GEFA league. He was a member of the Bower Decker Sons of the American Legion Post 251 in Montgomery, holding several different officer positions including adjutant and most recently Chaplain.

Clay was also an elected official on Montgomery Borough Council and held positions as Chair of the Safety Committee and President. He was currently serving as the Commodore of the Susquehanna Boat Club and was also very involved with the Montgomery Lions Club. He was a past President of Montgomery Lions Club, District Zone Chair, and was currently the District Governor for district 14-G over 59 clubs. He was only the second person in Montgomery to achieve this position.

Clay enjoyed sports, most prominently football, and rooting for his favorite Philadelphia sports teams (Eagles, Phillies, 76ers, Flyers) and Penn State. Clay enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, camping, boating, U.S., and Rock n' Roll History, concerts, and building projects around the house. He also enjoyed vacationing in Tennessee, Cape May, and the Outer Banks, spending time with his family that admired and loved him dearly. Clay was a great provider and prided himself on taking care of his family. Clay had a huge heart and would help anyone in any way he was able. He will be greatly missed as a steward of his hometown.

Celebration of life services will be held at the Montgomery Legion Post 251 Pavilion on Saturday, July, 29, 2023 at 11 a.m. with his brother-in-law, Thomas Hinkle, officiating. Following a brief service there will be food, drink, and playing Clay's favorite songs. In lieu of flowers, contributions can made to Bower Decker Post 251 SAL or Beacon Lodge Camp Mount Union PA.

Rodney Scott Pence



Rodney Scott Pence, age 60, of Brookville, Indiana died Friday, June 9, 2023 at his residence in Brookville.

Born February 27, 1963 in Batesville, Indiana he was the son of the late Richard & Nancy (Allison) Pence. He was employed for over 30 years at Owens Corning in Brookville, where he worked in several positions.

Scott was a member of the Brookville United Methodist Church, as well as the Sons of the American Legion. In his leisure time he enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and tinkering on cars.

Survivors include two children, Ronald Wayne (Michelle) Pence of Interlachen, Florida and Crystal Lynn Pence of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren, Xander & Tinsley Pence, Richard Everett Morgan, Matthew Dean Morgan; a sister, Sandra K. Tallant of Cartersville, Georgia.

Family & friends may visit from 10:00 till 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Ave., Brookville.

Pastor Steve Rundel of the Brookville United Methodist Church, will officiate the Memorial Services at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home in Brookville.

The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve once again serve the Pence family, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences to the family please visit www.phillips-sandmeyers.com.



Gone BUT NEVER forgotten



FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Father's Day to all the dad's out there! Enjoy time with children, family, and friends. For those of us who cannot spend time with our fathers, let's reflect on what great men they were, and how they shaped us into what we are today.

Over the past several years, I have talked about July being **Membership Independence Monty**. If you don't remember, we want to get as many members for the coming year renewed as possible, and see how goals we can pass by the National Convention.

With online renewals now available, we should see an increase in members renewed from last July, and I hope that you will help spread the word and ask members to honor the veterans who made them eligible by renewing as soon as possible.



Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible. Renew Today!

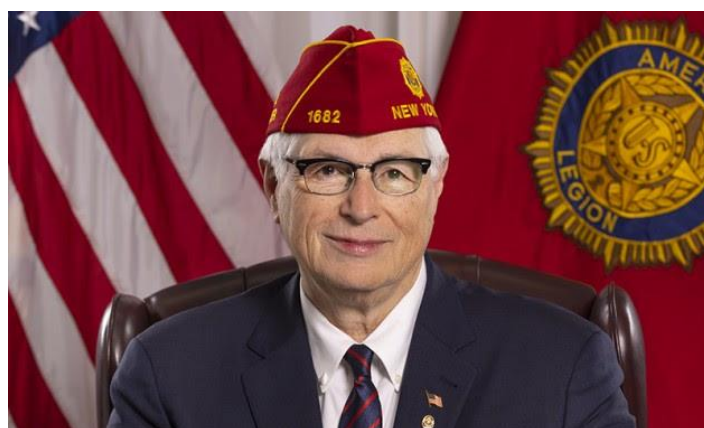
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Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion

Indiana post revisits National Headquarters to make \$50,000 NEF donation

The American Legion | June 7, 2023

When American Legion Post 355 Adjutant Guy Clemons called National Membership Engagement Coordinator Michele Steinmetz in early May, he asked if she was sitting down for the news he was about to share.

The Indianapolis post had [visited National Headquarters in April](#) to make a \$5,000 donation to the National Emergency Fund (NEF). Now, the post wanted to make an even greater donation to NEF – \$50,000.

"It's nice to be giving money back," Clemons said during the check presentation June 6 on the fourth floor of National Headquarters. "That's what we're here for,

to help our brothers and sisters. That's what we feel like we're doing."



Photo by Jennifer Blohm

The \$50,000 donation was brought forth at a recent membership meeting and passed unanimously. Those who attended the April donation were so appreciative of the kindness shown to them by national staff that they left the building in downtown Indianapolis inspired to give more. "We hadn't even gotten to the truck yet and we said, 'We need to give them more money,'" Clemons said.

The combined \$55,000 donation by Post 355 in only two months will help the National Emergency Fund provide financial assistance to qualified Legionnaires, posts and Sons of The American Legion members impacted by a declared natural disaster. Legionnaires and Sons receive up to \$3,000 and posts receive up to \$10,000. [Learn more about the NEF here.](#)

The \$50,000 check was presented by Post 355 Commander Dwayne Sloan to National Treasurer Shawn Long and National Vice Commander Kenneth C. Hylton of Indiana in the National Executive Room at National Headquarters. Sloan said the ability to give such a significant grant "feels really good. It's great the money goes 100 percent to the veterans and families, and to the posts."

In appreciation of their generous donation, Hylton presented Post 355 members with a framed certificate of appreciation, and a National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola pen, challenge coin and lapel pin. The post also received a print of the Legion's centennial lithograph, titled "Legacy and Vision," created by Texas artist Matt Hall that depicts a World War I doughboy and a post-9/11 generation warrior gazing at each other on a battlefield under The American Legion emblem. The poster is signed by the artist and National Commander Troiola.

"This is all to help veterans and the veteran families and American Legion posts that get hit by disaster," Sloan said. "That's why we want to do it."



American Legion welcomes Juneteenth Observances

The American Legion | June 15, 2023

"Americans are accustomed to flying the American flag on Flag Day, the fourth of July and other traditional days of patriotic observances," American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola said. "There is never a bad time to properly display Old Glory. Juneteenth is no exception. In 2021, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, immediately establishing June 19th as a federal holiday. There are some American Legion posts that are holding celebrations. I encourage posts to tell us about their Juneteenth activities on our [Legiontown](#) website and be sure to include it in their [Consolidated Post Reports](#) under community service hours. As an annual tradition, I have no doubt that Juneteenth celebrations and observances will continue to spread throughout the country."

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the executive order issued by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, which proclaimed freedom for enslaved Blacks in Texas on June 19, 1865. Though the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Lincoln in 1863, enforcement of the order depended on the success of Union troops during the Civil War. Even so, some remained enslaved until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution on December 6, 1865.





IRS wants to pay \$1.5 billion in refunds

via Crescendo | June 16, 2023

[LEARN HOW YOUR PLANNED GIFT CAN HELP THE AMERICAN LEGION](#)

On June 8, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published a letter to encourage an estimated 1.5 million people to submit tax returns and receive over \$1.5 billion in refunds. The refunds are for the 2019 tax year, and the deadline for filing is July 17, 2023.

Most of the individuals due refunds are modest-income taxpayers who have not filed a 2019 tax return. Many taxpayers are potentially eligible for refunds. The average refund in 2019 was \$893.

IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel stated, "Time is running out for more than a million people to get their tax refunds for 2019. Many people may have overlooked filing a 2019 tax return due to the pandemic. We do not want people to miss their window to receive their refund. We encourage people to check their records and act quickly before the deadline. The IRS has several important ways people can get help."

Normally, there is a three-year period to file and receive a tax refund. However, the return due date was delayed, and the deadline was changed from April 15 to July 17. A taxpayer must address, mail, and ensure the tax return is postmarked by July 17 to receive a refund.

Some low- and moderate-income workers may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This could be worth up to \$6,557 in 2019. Married couples filing jointly who have three children may qualify if their income is up to \$55,952. Married couples filing jointly with two children can qualify with incomes up to \$52,493, and those with one child can qualify with

incomes up to \$46,884. Finally, married couples filing jointly with no qualifying children can qualify with incomes up to \$21,370.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that their refund may be held up if they have not filed their returns for 2020 or 2021 or owe the agency additional tax. Some taxpayers may need additional help or assistance to prepare their return. There are several ways the IRS can help:

Copies of Key Documents. If you are missing Forms W-2, 1098 or 1099, you may request copies from an employer or bank.

Online Transcript. Taxpayers may obtain a transcript from [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) by using the "Get Transcript Online" tool.

Request a Printed Transcript. Taxpayers may use IRS Form 4506-T to request the agency send them a "wage and income transcript." This transcript shows all the tax forms received by the IRS. However, this printed could take several weeks to receive in the mail. The other options are much quicker and therefore recommended.

The American Legion's Planned Giving program is a way of establishing your legacy of support for the organization while providing for your current financial needs. Learn more about the process, and the variety of charitable programs you can benefit, at legion.org/plannedgiving. Clicking on "Learn more" will bring up an "E-newsletter" button, where you can sign up for regular information from Planned Giving.



China Post 1 members support Alaskan Airlines Fallen Soldier Cart Project

Bobby "Ronin" Nagley | June 13, 2023

China Post 1 members from the Dragon Rider program were out across Texas supporting an honorable cause: an escort from the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area down to Luckenbach and ending in San Antonio.

In 2011, Alaskan Airlines decided they needed a more dignified way to hand off fallen soldiers from an aircraft to an awaiting funeral home team, instead of treating them like luggage in plain beat-up carts. They established a Fallen Heroes Program and began building carts for this purpose, called the Fallen Soldier Cart Project. To date there have been 14 built and sent to various airports in Alaska, Hawaii, along the western seaboard, D.C., Kansas, DFW and now to San Antonio. These carts, while owned by Alaskan Airlines, are free for use by all the airlines in the airports in which they are placed. Alaskan has challenged the other airlines to forget their competitive nature during that handoff moment and use the cart as intended. They take donations to help build these carts and wish to continue making them for other airports.

This 14th cart started in Alaska and traveled down the western seaboard to Southern California, where it joined the "Run For The Wall - Southern Route" team and was then escorted to the DFW area.

On May 21, 2023, three China Post 1 Dragon Riders assisted in the continuation of the escort of the Fallen Soldier Cart from Grand Prairie, Texas. Assistant Director Jeff "Taz" Kline and Secretary Marci "Bugsy" Whyte joined members of the Patriot Guard, Thin Blue Line, and others to escort the cart down to the central Texas area, where it was handed off to other Patriot Guard Riders and another chapter of Thin Blue Line, as well as Director Bobby "Ronin" Nagley. Though there were storms on this day and riders getting wet from the scattered rain showers, they continued to escort the cart safely to San Antonio. It was officially presented to San Antonio International Airport on Monday, May 22.

See more photos of the cart and its trip, as well as a video of the Alaskan Airlines program, on [Legiontown](#).



U.S. Air Force photo

Biden gives boost to military and veteran spouses, caregivers, and survivors

The American Legion | June 9, 2023

President Biden today will announce a series of executive actions that will increase the economic security of military and veteran spouses, caregivers, and survivors.

Military-connected families regularly sacrifice for our country, whether or not a loved one happens to be deployed. Many military and veteran spouses, caregivers, and survivors — the vast majority of whom are women — struggle to achieve their desired career goals due to the strains of multiple deployments; frequent moves with little control over their geographic location; caring for wounded, ill and injured servicemembers or veterans; time apart for training, and more.

Military spouses face a 21-percent unemployment rate, a rate that has not significantly changed over the past decade. These challenges are not limited to active-duty spouses, as Reserve and National Guard spouses must balance their careers against the challenges that arise when their servicemember is activated and deployed. The American Legion has long supported these type of initiatives designed to assist military families.

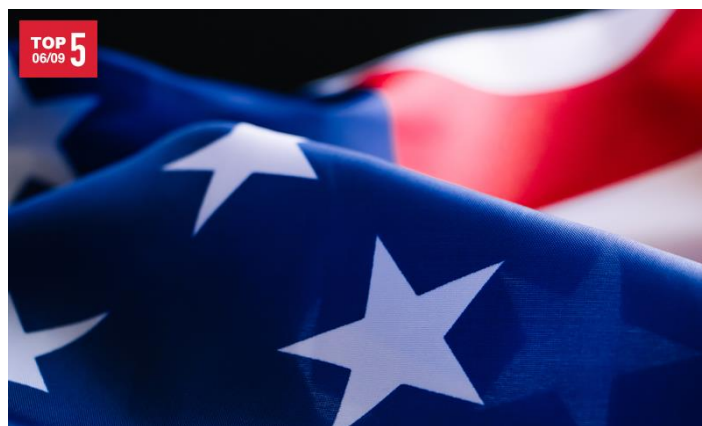
For example, [Resolution No. 81](#), approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC) at national convention in 2017, explicitly states that The American Legion supports and encourages the public and private sectors to hire military spouses.

Additionally, [Resolution No. 18](#), the Comprehensive Supports for Caregiver Support Program, was approved by the NEC during its Spring Meetings in 2022. This resolution states that The American Legion

supports supplemental support for veteran caregivers – specifically, that the Legion endorses programs that will help bereaving family member caregivers transition from VA caregiver supports and services.

Highlights of today's order include:

- Directing the development of a government-wide Strategic Plan on Hiring and Retention for Military and Veteran Spouses, Caregivers and Survivors. To ensure the coordination of military-connected hiring and retention efforts across the Federal government, the Executive Order directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense, Labor, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security, to identify strategies to eliminate barriers to the hiring and retention of military and veteran spouses, caregivers and survivors. The Strategic Plan, due within 180 days, will include plans for marketing the talent, experience, and diversity of military and veteran spouses, caregivers, and survivors to agencies and encouragement for agencies to set benchmarks to improve performance and accountability.
- Increasing federal job postings using the Military Spouse Noncompetitive Appointment Authority.
- Setting government-wide standards to improve the Domestic Employee Teleworking Overseas (DETO) program. DETO enables certain federal employees to work remotely from an overseas location, helps the government carry out its global mission, supports family unification, and retains valuable talent and expertise in the federal workforce, including military spouses residing with their servicemember stationed overseas.
- Bolstering access to child care for military families. To continue building on the existing support and ensure that military families have access to affordable, high-quality child care allowing both the servicemember and the spouse to pursue professional opportunities, the Executive Order directs the implementation of Dependent Care Flexible Saving Accounts for servicemembers no later than Jan. 1, 2024, as well as expansion of pathways for military spouses to provide home-based child care on military installations.
- Directing OPM to issue guidance to agencies outlining telework and remote work flexibility for military spouses and caregivers.
- Encouraging federal agencies to collaborate to place a military spouse or caregiver in another position following changes to support continuity of care or relocation due to a PCS that makes it untenable for them to continue in their existing position.



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There's more: The American Legion's flag web page has several resources for posts and members to use on Flag Day and every day. These include downloadable social media graphics, comic books for purchase, flag FAQs and more. Visit legion.org/flag.

1. **We want to hear about your VA care.** If you live in the Tuscaloosa, Ala., area, The American Legion is [hosting a System Worth Saving](#) (SWS) town hall June 12 for military veterans. During the town hall, veterans and their family members will be able to share their VA health-care experiences with American Legion officials, VA staff and others.

The town hall starts at 6 p.m. and will take place in the Belk Activity Center community room at Bowers Park. The address is 2101 Bowers Park Drive, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 35405. The event is free, and no prior registration or RSVP is necessary.

Did you know?: Each year, the Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission conducts a series of site visits to VA medical facilities and regional offices across the country to meet with veterans, their families and VA administrators and employees to discuss issues and solutions at each site. These observations are compiled into a System Worth Saving report that is distributed to VA officials, members of Congress and the public. Stay tuned for more town hall visits coming up.

2. **Your key to membership growth: community engagement.** In 2017, American Legion Post 257 in Battle Creek, Mich., had 55 members. Since then, the post has grown each year [thanks to its community outreach and engagement efforts](#). For 2023, Post 257 has about 268 members.

During the May Training Tuesday session, Brian Mohlman, Department of Michigan membership director and a member of Post 257, spoke about the success the post has had and how other American Legion posts can get involved in their community and in return, get the community involved in their post.

“Once the community becomes involved in your post, what you're doing means something to that community,” he said. “Then it's all about visibility. It's all about letting the community know what you're doing and letting them see the valuable contributions that you're making.”

Save the date: The next Training Tuesday is June 27 at 7 p.m. Eastern time. Scott French, a veteran who found a unique path to healing through Diamond Dallas Page Yoga (DDPY), will share his journey and insights on how physical fitness can be used to support mental health resilience. [Join here.](#)

3. **Three principles to growing a business.** Air Force veteran April Shprintz is [this week's special guest](#) in a new episode of The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcast where she gives advice to entrepreneurs and corporations about growing their businesses. Named one of the Top 22 Entrepreneurs of 2023 by New York Weekly, Shprintz is a business accelerator and leading sales expert who helps entrepreneurs and companies obtain increases in revenue while working less hours. Her approach is akin to not working harder, but smarter.

Shprintz left corporate America and developed her process, The Generosity Culture®. It has three principles:

- Pour into your people.
- Pour into your clients.
- Pour into your community.

[Listen to the episode with Shprintz here.](#)

Find a career: The American Legion keeps a list of upcoming career fairs for veterans and their spouses. [Visit the site](#) to find one nearest you.

4. **Report the great work of your Legion post.** Does your Legion post conduct a flag retirement ceremony or teach flag etiquette in schools, invite the community to the post for food or events, provide scholarships for higher education, provide an

honor guard for a fallen comrade, fundraiser for a cause that supports veterans, hosts a Veterans Day or Memorial Day ceremony?

“The heart and soul of The American Legion is found at the post level,” [said National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola](#). “That is why it is so important to have as complete of a Consolidated Post Report (CPR) as possible. These are not just to record what large posts do in their communities. Small- and medium-sized posts also have great successes to share.”

June 30 is the target date for finishing CPRs. As of today, National Headquarters has only received and recorded 3,567 CPRs from our 12,112 American Legion posts, for a completion rate of 29.5%. The goal is 100% reporting. Post adjutants can access the CPR form at [MyLegion](#) or [download this form](#) and then mail (or fax) the CPR to your departments.

More ways to share: The American Legion wants to hear what your post, district or department is doing to serve veterans, families, youth, and community. [Share on legiontown.org.](#)



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2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: JUNE 15, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 105% TARGET 7/26/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-29	110	142.86%	100.00
2	PUERTO RICO	123	-24	153	124.39%	95.08
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-158	1,588	116.59%	89.77
4	GEORGIA	4,490	-114	4,828	107.53%	88.56
5	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-51	2,531	107.15%	86.20
6	OREGON	1,414	-26	1,511	106.86%	81.18
7	MICHIGAN	24,271	-97	25,582	105.40%	90.43
8	FLORIDA	21,519	-56	22,651	105.26%	83.46
9	COLORADO	2,729	7	2,858	104.73%	85.03
10	WASHINGTON	2,485	25	2,584	103.98%	78.81
11	ARIZONA	8,004	87	8,317	103.91%	80.68
12	VIRGINIA	4,109	46	4,268	103.87%	85.81
13	ALASKA	1,608	24	1,664	103.48%	79.95
14	MEXICO	31	1	32	103.23%	54.84
15	NEVADA	357	7	368	103.08%	77.47
16	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	29	1,518	103.05%	85.11
17	OKLAHOMA	1,348	26	1,389	103.04%	79.29
18	DELAWARE	2,430	54	2,498	102.80%	85.53
19	MAINE	2,617	68	2,680	102.41%	86.59
20	WISCONSIN	4,187	123	4,273	102.05%	86.34
21	MARYLAND	16,058	509	16,352	101.83%	89.41
22	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	184	5,777	101.76%	86.80
23	RHODE ISLAND	336	12	341	101.49%	86.36
24	CALIFORNIA	10,714	380	10,870	101.46%	81.95
25	MISSOURI	3,219	147	3,233	100.43%	84.41
26	TEXAS	5,569	261	5,586	100.31%	79.07
27	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	2,879	60,964	100.26%	89.84
28	OHIO	30,636	1,502	30,666	100.10%	90.06
29	ILLINOIS	13,398	658	13,410	100.09%	88.57
30	NEW MEXICO	1,483	73	1,484	100.07%	77.89
31	PHILIPPINES	70	4	70	100.00%	100.00
32	FRANCE	158	9	157	99.37%	89.10
33	NEW YORK	29,864	1,701	29,656	99.30%	88.69
34	TENNESSEE	1,718	98	1,706	99.30%	79.18
35	NEW JERSEY	9,386	545	9,310	99.19%	86.12
36	IDAHO	644	38	638	99.07%	77.88
37	INDIANA	36,387	2,235	35,971	98.86%	88.34
38	KANSAS	5,919	386	5,829	98.48%	86.48
39	VERMONT	3,818	250	3,759	98.45%	87.71
40	MISSISSIPPI	722	49	709	98.20%	79.70
41	LOUISIANA	1,790	126	1,754	97.99%	85.30
42	ALABAMA	2,066	151	2,018	97.68%	82.05
43	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	209	2,654	97.32%	77.74
44	IOWA	4,857	383	4,717	97.12%	84.52
45	NEBRASKA	7,015	600	6,766	96.45%	90.67
46	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	493	5,221	95.94%	82.79
47	MINNESOTA	11,378	1,065	10,882	95.64%	85.83
48	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	101	1,008	95.45%	82.89
49	CONNECTICUT	1,867	180	1,780	95.34%	83.27
50	MONTANA	1,108	108	1,055	95.22%	87.13
51	WYOMING	1,298	161	1,202	92.60%	80.15
52	ARKANSAS	447	78	391	87.47%	71.66
53	UTAH	449	84	387	86.19%	69.15
54	KENTUCKY	2,609	544	2,195	84.13%	69.78
55	DIST OF COL	114	33	87	76.32%	59.29
Grand Totals:		367,798	16,180	370,008	100.60%	87.03

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	110	142.86%
OREGON	1,414	1,511	106.86%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,584	103.98%
ARIZONA	8,004	8,317	103.91%
ALASKA	1,608	1,664	103.48%
NEVADA	357	368	103.08%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	10,870	101.46%
PHILIPPINES	70	70	100.00%
IDAHO	644	638	99.07%
UTAH	449	387	86.19%
Totals:	25,822	26,519	102.70%

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,588	116.59%
COLORADO	2,729	2,858	104.73%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,389	103.04%
TEXAS	5,569	5,586	100.31%
NEW MEXICO	1,483	1,484	100.07%
KANSAS	5,919	5,829	98.48%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,766	96.45%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	1,008	95.45%
MONTANA	1,108	1,055	95.22%
WYOMING	1,298	1,202	92.60%
Totals:	28,918	28,797	99.58%

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	25,582	105.40%
WISCONSIN	4,187	4,273	102.05%
MISSOURI	3,219	3,233	100.43%
OHIO	30,636	30,666	100.10%
ILLINOIS	13,398	13,410	100.09%
INDIANA	36,387	35,971	98.86%
IOWA	4,857	4,717	97.12%
MINNESOTA	11,378	10,882	95.64%
Totals:	128,333	128,734	100.31%

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,531	107.15%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,498	102.80%
MAINE	2,617	2,680	102.41%
MARYLAND	16,058	16,352	101.83%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,777	101.76%
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FRANCE	158	157	99.37%
NEW YORK	29,864	29,656	99.30%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	9,310	99.19%
VERMONT	3,818	3,759	98.45%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,221	95.94%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,780	95.34%
DIST OF COL	114	87	76.32%
Totals:	140,932	141,113	100.13%

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	153	124.39%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,828	107.53%
FLORIDA	21,519	22,651	105.26%
VIRGINIA	4,109	4,268	103.87%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,518	103.05%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,706	99.30%
MISSISSIPPI	722	709	98.20%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,754	97.99%
ALABAMA	2,066	2,018	97.68%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,654	97.32%
ARKANSAS	447	391	87.47%
KENTUCKY	2,609	2,195	84.13%
Totals:	43,793	44,845	102.40%

06/15/23		NATIONAL Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander					
	Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date
1	Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	26,519	697	102.70%	90	05/25/23
2	Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	44,845	1,052	102.40%	91	05/17/23
3	Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	128,734	401	100.31%	297	06/12/23
4	Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	141,113	181	100.13%	403	06/15/23
5	Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	28,797	(121)	99.58%	159	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	370,008	2,210	100.60%	950	06/08/23



06/15/23		CENTRAL REGION David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	24,271	25,582	1,311	105.40%	113	90.43%	7	04/27/23
2	Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,187	4,273	86	102.05%	6	86.34%	20	05/17/23
3	Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	3,219	3,233	14	100.43%	1	84.41%	25	06/08/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,666	30	100.10%	2	90.06%	28	06/12/23
5	Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	13,398	13,410	12	100.09%	106	88.57%	29	06/15/23
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	35,971	(416)	98.86%	56	88.34%	37	
7	Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,857	4,717	(140)	97.12%	8	84.52%	44	
8	Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8	11,378	10,882	(496)	95.64%	5	85.83%	47	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	128,333	128,734	401	100.31%	297		3	06/12/23

06/15/23		WESTERN REGION Jack Youngs (ID) National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	77	110	33	142.86%	-	100.00%	1	10/10/22
2	Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	1,414	1,511	97	106.86%	-	81.18%	6	04/17/23
3	Washington 7, 8, Q	2,485	2,584	99	103.98%	30	78.81%	10	06/01/23
4	Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	8,004	8,317	313	103.91%	20	80.68%	11	05/15/23
5	Alaska 3, 6, 8, Q	1,608	1,664	56	103.48%	-	79.95%	13	06/05/23
6	Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	357	368	11	103.08%	-	77.47%	15	05/08/23
7	California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	10,714	10,870	156	101.46%	39	81.95%	24	06/01/23
8	Philippines 8, 9, Q	70	70	-	100.00%	-	100.00%	31	04/10/23
9	Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	644	638	(6)	99.07%	1	77.88%	36	
10	Utah 5	449	387	(62)	86.19%	-	69.15%	53	
	TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	25,822	26,519	697	102.70%	90		1	05/29/23

06/15/23		SOUTHERN REGION Ron Roberts (MS), National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	123	153	30	124.39%	-	95.08%	2	03/02/23
2	Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	4,490	4,828	338	107.53%	1	88.56%	4	04/19/23
3	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,651	1,132	105.26%	20	83.46%	8	04/24/23
4	Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	4,109	4,268	159	103.87%	28	85.81%	12	05/08/23
5	South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,473	1,518	45	103.05%	14	85.11%	16	05/15/23
6	Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	1,718	1,706	(12)	99.30%	-	79.18%	34	
7	Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	722	709	(13)	98.20%	-	79.70%	40	
8	Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,790	1,754	(36)	97.99%	15	85.30%	41	
9	Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,066	2,018	(48)	97.68%	7	82.05%	42	
10	North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,727	2,654	(73)	97.32%	4	77.74%	43	
11	Arkansas 1	447	391	(56)	87.47%	2	71.66%	52	
12	Kentucky	2,609	2,195	(414)	84.13%	-	69.78%	54	
	TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	43,793	44,845	1,052	102.40%	91		2	05/17/23

06/15/23		MIDWEST REGION Michael Kirschner (CO), National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10	1,362	1,588	226	116.59%	-	89.77%	3	02/09/23
2	Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,729	2,858	129	104.73%	-	85.03%	9	05/15/23
3	Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	31	32	1	103.23%	-	54.84%	14	03/13/23
4	Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	1,348	1,389	41	103.04%	3	79.29%	17	05/11/23
5	Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, Q	5,569	5,586	17	100.31%	50	79.07%	26	06/15/23
6	New Mexico 8, Q	1,483	1,484	1	100.07%	9	77.89%	30	06/15/23
7	Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,919	5,829	(90)	98.48%	23	86.48%	38	
8	Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	7,015	6,766	(249)	96.45%	52	90.67%	45	
9	North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	1,056	1,008	(48)	95.45%	-	82.89%	48	
10	Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,108	1,055	(53)	95.22%	13	87.13%	50	
11	Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6	1,298	1,202	(96)	92.60%	9	80.15%	51	
	TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	28,918	28,797	(121)	99.58%	159		5	

06/15/23		EASTERN REGION Ernie LaBerge (MA) National Vice-Commander							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	2,362	2,531	169	107.15%	-	86.20%	5	04/17/23
2	Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,430	2,498	68	102.80%	12	85.53%	18	05/08/23
3	Maine 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	2,617	2,680	63	102.41%	194	86.59%	19	05/22/23
4	Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	16,058	16,352	294	101.83%	21	89.41%	21	05/17/23
5	New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	5,677	5,777	100	101.76%	16	86.80%	22	06/09/23
6	Rhode Island 4, 5, 7	336	341	5	101.49%	-	86.36%	23	05/08/23
7	Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	60,964	161	100.26%	77	89.84%	27	06/12/23
8	France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	158	157	(1)	99.37%	-	89.10%	32	
9	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,656	(208)	99.30%	259	88.69%	33	
10	New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9,386	9,310	(76)	99.19%	3	86.12%	35	
11	Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,818	3,759	(59)	98.45%	3	87.71%	39	
12	Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8	5,442	5,221	(221)	95.94%	4	82.79%	46	
13	Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,867	1,780	(87)	95.34%	8	83.27%	49	
14	Dist. of Columbia	114	87	(27)	76.32%	-	59.29%	55	
	TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	140,932	141,113	181	100.13%	597		4	06/15/23

06/15/23		2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS							
	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Renewal Rate	National Rank	Quota Date
1	Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	24,271	25,582	1,311	105.40%	113	90.43%	7	04/27/23
2	Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q	21,519	22,651	1,132	105.26%	20	83.46%	8	04/24/23
3	Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	60,803	60,964	161	100.26%	77	89.84%	27	06/12/23
4	Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	30,636	30,666	30	100.10%	2	90.06%	28	06/12/23
5	New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	29,864	29,656	(208)	99.30%	259	88.69%	33	
6	Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	36,387	35,971	(416)	98.86%	36	88.34%	37	
	TOTALS	179,209	179,908	699	100.39%	394			
	National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Q	367,798	370,008	2,210	100.60%	1,040	87.03%		06/08/23



Q Quota

- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%

- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/26/23 goal of 105%



2022-2023 Consolidated Squadron Report as
of June 14, 2023

Detachment	No. of Squadron	CSR submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	6	42.9%
TENNESSEE	46	15	32.6%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	10	29.4%
MARYLAND	102	24	23.5%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	8	19.5%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
FLORIDA	190	36	18.9%
ALABAMA	68	12	17.6%
MONTANA	51	9	17.6%
ARIZONA	78	13	16.7%
OHIO	307	50	16.3%
WISCONSIN	124	20	16.1%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	4	14.8%
INDIANA	294	41	13.9%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	8	12.9%
CONNECTICUT	50	6	12.0%
WYOMING	25	3	12.0%
CALIFORNIA	210	22	10.5%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
GEORGIA	119	10	8.4%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
COLORADO	63	5	7.9%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
IDAHO	26	2	7.7%
UTAH	42	3	7.1%
KANSAS	128	9	7.0%
MISSISSIPPI	44	3	6.8%
MICHIGAN	207	13	6.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
IOWA	152	9	5.9%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	27	5.8%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
NEBRASKA	161	9	5.6%
OKLAHOMA	96	5	5.2%
TEXAS	253	13	5.1%
ALASKA	22	1	4.5%
LOUISIANA	73	3	4.1%
NEW JERSEY	211	8	3.8%
NEW YORK	581	21	3.6%
ILLINOIS	284	9	3.2%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	6	3.1%
MINNESOTA	267	8	3.0%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
MAINE	72	2	2.8%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
MISSOURI	118	2	1.7%
ARKANSAS	29	0	0.0%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Total	5874	497	8.5%

Regional Breakdown as of June 14, 2023

Central	NVC Mennel (MI)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
OHIO	307	50	16.3%
WISCONSIN	124	20	16.1%
INDIANA	294	41	13.9%
MICHIGAN	207	13	6.3%
IOWA	152	9	5.9%
ILLINOIS	284	9	3.2%
MINNESOTA	267	8	3.0%
MISSOURI	118	2	1.7%
Totals	1753	152	8.7%

Midwest	NVC Kirschner (CO)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
SOUTH DAKOTA	41	8	19.5%
MONTANA	51	9	17.6%
WYOMING	25	3	12.0%
COLORADO	63	5	7.9%
KANSAS	128	9	7.0%
NEBRASKA	161	9	5.6%
OKLAHOMA	96	5	5.2%
TEXAS	253	13	5.1%
NEW MEXICO	34	1	2.9%
NORTH DAKOTA	45	1	2.2%
MEXICO	5	0	0.0%
Totals	852	62	7.3%

Western	NVC Young (ID)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
NEVADA	16	5	31.3%
OREGON	34	10	29.4%
ARIZONA	78	13	16.7%
CALIFORNIA	210	22	10.5%
IDAHO	26	2	7.7%
UTAH	42	3	7.1%
ALASKA	22	1	4.5%
WASHINGTON	71	2	2.8%
HAWAII	11	0	0.0%
PHILIPPINES	5	0	0.0%
Totals	1800	140	7.8%

Eastern	NVC Laberge (MA)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
DELAWARE	14	6	42.9%
MARYLAND	102	24	23.5%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	62	8	12.9%
CONNECTICUT	50	6	12.0%
FRANCE	11	1	9.1%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	3	6.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	467	27	5.8%
VERMONT	35	2	5.7%
NEW JERSEY	211	8	3.8%
NEW YORK	581	21	3.6%
MASSACHUSETTS	196	6	3.1%
MAINE	72	2	2.8%
DISTRICT OF COL	3	0	0.0%
RHODE ISLAND	12	0	0.0%
Totals	1865	114	6.1%

Southern	NVC Roberts (MS)		
Detachment	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
TENNESSEE	46	15	32.6%
NORTH CAROLINA	72	14	19.4%
FLORIDA	190	36	18.9%
ALABAMA	68	12	17.6%
SOUTH CAROLINA	27	4	14.8%
GEORGIA	119	10	8.4%
VIRGINIA	88	7	8.0%
KENTUCKY	77	6	7.8%
MISSISSIPPI	44	3	6.8%
LOUISIANA	73	3	4.1%
PUERTO RICO	6	0	0.0%
ARKANSAS	29	0	0.0%
Totals	839	110	13.1%

Comparison			
Year	Sqdn	Submitted	CSR%
2022-2023	5874	497	8.5%
2021-2022	5827	1553	26.70%
2020-2021	6211	1163	18.72%
2019-2020	6211	1353	21.78%
2018-2019	6211	1638	26.37%
2017-2018	6211	1723	27.74%

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DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
AL - ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,018	\$ 2,018.00		0.0%	\$ -
AK - ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,664	\$ 1,664.00		0.0%	\$ -
AZ - ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,317	\$ 8,317.00	\$ 3,000.00	36.1%	\$ 0.36
AR - ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	391	\$ 391.00		0.0%	\$ -
CA - CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	10,870	\$ 10,870.00	\$ 500.00	4.6%	\$ 0.05
CO - COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,858	\$ 2,858.00		0.0%	\$ -
CT - CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,780	\$ 1,780.00		0.0%	\$ -
DE - DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,498	\$ 2,498.00		0.0%	\$ -
DC - DIST OF COL		87	\$ 87.00		0.0%	\$ -
FL - FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,651	\$ 22,651.00		0.0%	\$ -
FR - FRANCE	\$ 100.00	157	\$ 157.00		0.0%	\$ -
GA - GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,828	\$ 4,828.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
HI - HAWAII	\$ 830.00	110	\$ 110.00		0.0%	\$ -
ID - IDAHO	\$ 200.00	638	\$ 638.00		0.0%	\$ -
IL - ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,410	\$ 13,410.00	\$ 750.00	5.6%	\$ 0.06
IN - INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	35,971	\$ 35,971.00		0.0%	\$ -
IA - IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,717	\$ 4,717.00		0.0%	\$ -
KS - KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,829	\$ 5,829.00		0.0%	\$ -
KY - KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,195	\$ 2,195.00		0.0%	\$ -
LA - LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,754	\$ 1,754.00		0.0%	\$ -
ME - MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,680	\$ 2,680.00		0.0%	\$ -
MD - MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,352	\$ 16,352.00		0.0%	\$ -
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,221	\$ 5,221.00		0.0%	\$ -
MX - MEXICO		32	\$ 32.00		0.0%	\$ -
MI - MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,582	\$ 25,582.00		0.0%	\$ -
MN - MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	10,882	\$ 10,882.00		0.0%	\$ -
MS - MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	709	\$ 709.00		0.0%	\$ -
MO - MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,233	\$ 3,233.00		0.0%	\$ -
MT - MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,055	\$ 1,055.00		0.0%	\$ -
NE - NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,766	\$ 6,766.00		0.0%	\$ -
NV - NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	368	\$ 368.00		0.0%	\$ -
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,777	\$ 5,777.00		0.0%	\$ -
NJ - NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,310	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NM - NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,484	\$ 1,484.00		0.0%	\$ -
NY - NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,656	\$ 29,656.00		0.0%	\$ -
NC - NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,654	\$ 2,654.00		0.0%	\$ -
ND - NORTH DAKOTA		1,008	\$ 1,008.00		0.0%	\$ -
OH - OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	30,666	\$ 30,666.00		0.0%	\$ -
OK - OKLAHOMA		1,389	\$ 1,389.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
OR - OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,511	\$ 1,511.00		0.0%	\$ -
PA - PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	60,964	\$ 60,964.00	\$ 1,174.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
PI - PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	70	\$ 70.00		0.0%	\$ -
PR - PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00		0.0%	\$ -
RI - RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	341	\$ 341.00	\$ 350.00	102.6%	\$ 1.03
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,518	\$ 1,518.00		0.0%	\$ -
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,588	\$ 1,588.00		0.0%	\$ -
TN - TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,706	\$ 1,706.00		0.0%	\$ -
TX - TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,586	\$ 5,586.00		0.0%	\$ -
UT - UTAH	\$ 475.00	387	\$ 387.00	\$ 300.00	77.5%	\$ 0.78
VT - VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,759	\$ 3,759.00		0.0%	\$ -
VA - VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,268	\$ 4,268.00	\$ 250.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
WA - WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,584	\$ 2,584.00		0.0%	\$ -
WV - WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,531	\$ 2,531.00	\$ 500.00	19.8%	\$ 0.20
WI - WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,273	\$ 4,273.00		0.0%	\$ -
WY - WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,202	\$ 1,202.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -			
GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 424,760.55	370,008	\$ 370,008.00	\$ 7,141.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02

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DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
EASTERN REGION						
CONNECTICUT	\$ 1,100.00	1,780	\$ 1,780.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DELAWARE	\$ 1,910.00	2,498	\$ 2,498.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
DIST OF COL	\$ -	87	\$ 87.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FRANCE	\$ 100.00	157	\$ 157.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MAINE	\$ 3,501.00	2,680	\$ 2,680.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MARYLAND	\$ 5,432.00	16,352	\$ 16,352.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 5,879.00	5,221	\$ 5,221.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 4,376.78	5,777	\$ 5,777.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW JERSEY	\$ 9,105.00	9,310	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 125.00	1.3%	\$ 0.01
NEW YORK	\$ 14,281.00	29,656	\$ 29,656.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 32,377.72	60,964	\$ 60,964.00	\$ 1,174.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 100.00	341	\$ 341.00	\$ 350.00	102.6%	\$ 1.03
VERMONT	\$ 10,036.00	3,759	\$ 3,759.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 4,227.25	2,531	\$ 2,531.00	\$ 500.00	19.8%	\$ 0.20
Total:	\$ 92,425.75	141,113	\$ 141,113.00	\$ 2,149.00	1.5%	\$ 0.02

CENTRAL REGION						
ILLINOIS	\$ 11,446.72	13,410	\$ 13,410.00	\$ 750.00	5.6%	\$ 0.06
INDIANA	\$ 26,414.31	35,971	\$ 35,971.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IOWA	\$ 2,004.00	4,717	\$ 4,717.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MICHIGAN	\$ 9,212.00	25,582	\$ 25,582.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MINNESOTA	\$ 9,281.91	10,882	\$ 10,882.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSOURI	\$ 2,153.61	3,233	\$ 3,233.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OHIO	\$ 38,070.80	30,666	\$ 30,666.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WISCONSIN	\$ 2,385.00	4,273	\$ 4,273.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 100,968.35	128,734	\$ 128,734.00	\$ 750.00	0.6%	\$ 0.01

WESTERN REGION						
ALASKA	\$ 1,978.00	1,664	\$ 1,664.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARIZONA	\$ 46,849.00	8,317	\$ 8,317.00	\$ 3,000.00	36.1%	\$ 0.36
CALIFORNIA	\$ 4,480.56	10,870	\$ 10,870.00	\$ 500.00	4.6%	\$ 0.05
HAWAII	\$ 830.00	110	\$ 110.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
IDAHO	\$ 200.00	638	\$ 638.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEVADA	\$ 8,938.00	368	\$ 368.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OREGON	\$ 3,201.00	1,511	\$ 1,511.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PHILIPPINES	\$ 175.00	70	\$ 70.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
UTAH	\$ 475.00	387	\$ 387.00	\$ 300.00	77.5%	\$ 0.78
WASHINGTON	\$ 2,175.00	2,584	\$ 2,584.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total:	\$ 69,301.56	26,519	\$ 26,519.00	\$ 3,800.00	14.3%	\$ 0.14

DETACHMENT	2023 DONATIONS (FINAL)	2023 MEMBERSHIP (CURRENT)	2024 CWF GOAL (CURRENT)	2024 DONATIONS (CURRENT)	% OF GOAL	DONATIONS PER CAPITA
SOUTHERN REGION						
ALABAMA	\$ 3,399.00	2,018	\$ 2,018.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
ARKANSAS	\$ 1,460.00	391	\$ 391.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
FLORIDA	\$ 41,980.00	22,651	\$ 22,651.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
GEORGIA	\$ 4,004.00	4,828	\$ 4,828.00	\$ 70.00	1.4%	\$ 0.01
KENTUCKY	\$ 50.00	2,195	\$ 2,195.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
LOUISIANA	\$ 3,177.50	1,754	\$ 1,754.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 5,143.90	709	\$ 709.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 4,931.75	2,654	\$ 2,654.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
PUERTO RICO	\$ 185.00	153	\$ 153.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,500.00	1,518	\$ 1,518.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TENNESSEE	\$ 1,693.44	1,706	\$ 1,706.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
VIRGINIA	\$ 16,977.00	4,268	\$ 4,268.00	\$ 250.00	5.9%	\$ 0.06
Total:	\$ 86,501.59	44,845	\$ 44,845.00	\$ 320.00	0.7%	\$ 0.01

MIDWEST REGION						
COLORADO	\$ 26,105.20	2,858	\$ 2,858.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
KANSAS	\$ 6,602.20	5,829	\$ 5,829.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MEXICO	\$ -	32	\$ 32.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
MONTANA	\$ 1,717.00	1,055	\$ 1,055.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEBRASKA	\$ 5,735.00	6,766	\$ 6,766.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NEW MEXICO	\$ 5,400.00	1,484	\$ 1,484.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
NORTH DAKOTA	\$ -	1,008	\$ 1,008.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
OKLAHOMA	\$ -	1,389	\$ 1,389.00	\$ 22.00	1.6%	\$ 0.02
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,451.85	1,588	\$ 1,588.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
TEXAS	\$ 15,199.14	5,586	\$ 5,586.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
WYOMING	\$ 8,678.00	1,202	\$ 1,202.00	\$ 100.00	8.3%	\$ 0.08
Total:	\$ 70,888.39	28,797	\$ 28,797.00	\$ 122.00	0.4%	\$ 0.00

NATIONAL HQ	\$ 4,674.91		\$ -	\$ -		
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 424,760.55	370,008	\$ 370,008.00	\$ 7,141.00	1.9%	\$ 0.02

SAL DONATIONS AS OF: JUNE 16, 2023

2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF: JUNE 15, 2023 (CURRENT)



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2023 – 2024

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2023-2024 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2023. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

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PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

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