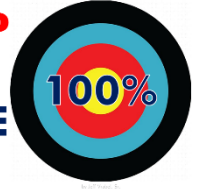


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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
TARGET DATE**
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May 16, 2024

TO: National Officers, Detachment Commanders & Adjutants
FROM: Anthony W. Wright (PA), National Adjutant
SUBJECT: 100% - Membership Target Date

“CONGRATULATIONS”

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 100% membership target date (5-15-2024) are posted below:

2024 Membership Goal:	382,111
Total Membership:	377,372
Percentage of Goal:	98.76%
Renewal Percentage:	86.53%
Detachments making Goal:	21

ARIZONA	IOWA	NEW MEXICO	SOUTH DAKOTA
CONNECTICUT	LATIN AMERICA	NORTH DAKOTA	TEXAS
DIST OF COL	MARYLAND	OREGON	WISCONSIN
FLORIDA	MICHIGAN	PUERTO RICO	
HAWAII	MISSISSIPPI	RHODE ISLAND	
IDAHO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	SOUTH CAROLINA	

OUTSTANDING!!

The remaining detachments should achieve this membership goal soon!

NEXT SCHEDULED RENEWAL NOTICE MAILED: May 27 - 31, 2024 (3 of 3)

NEXT MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: July 24, 2024 (105%)

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Due to Memorial Day, the next edition of Round-Up will be published June 2, 2024.

Remembering the Greatest Generation

Fred D. Reed

Fred D. Reed, 92, of Del Mar, CA, formerly of Wondervu, CO and Sun City, AZ went to be with the Lord on August 22, 2003. He was born October 1, 1910 on a homestead southwest of Akron, CO.

He was a retired Army colonel and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He worked as a supervisory civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation for 36 years. After retiring, he worked as an international consultant designing dam and irrigation projects in Santo Domingo, Nicaragua, and Indonesia. Fred was active and held offices in the Lutheran and Southern Baptist Church, Sons of the American Revolution, and the American Legion.

Preceded in death by his wife Frances; survivors include Roger (Mary), Joyce Bathrick (Frank), Susan Nadel (Carlton), Janet Najjar, Mary Ann Longacre (Clint), and Dan; 17 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; and Lois and sister Belle.

Visitation, Thursday 6-8 p.m.; Funeral service, Friday 12 noon; both at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary.

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Robert L. Bristo

Central National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Second Wednesday Quarterly

September 13, 2023 | December 13, 2023

March 13, 2024 | June 12, 2024

8:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
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We did not meet our 100% goal! (shhhh! but we **WILL!**)

“By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.” - Mission Statement of the Optimists International

Optimism, isn't that a good way to walk through life? How many of you have heard the following statements? **“There is a Silver lining in every cloud”, “Always look on the Bright side!”, “Every day may not be good, but there is Good in every day!”**

My fellow members, that is where we are today! At this moment we are **SO VERY CLOSE** to our goal that we just have to remind ourselves that **“Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out!”**

We need to keep up the good work to collect our remaining members! Nationally we are on another record setting year! Our National Membership Chairman Daryl Verstrete said it best... **“We have increased membership by 16,147 Members. We currently have a renewal rate of 86.53% leaving a total of unpaid members of approximately 51,286.”** Can you imagine adding that on top of what we already have? We would be at 428,658 for a total. TEAM 400 here we come. (400,000) Nothing has stood in our way all year. We have shattered records, broken goals, and made milestones no one probably thought possible. Let's wrap this year up with a **BANG! Keep in mind we are only 3,371 Members short of hitting another all-time high.** The Central Region needs just 2,429 members to be 100%! My Brothers, for our Mission, for our fellow members, for our Children, and most importantly for our Veterans! **Let's go the extra mile and blow our goal out of the water!**

Here are our numbers! Since the May 9th report we gained only 0.70% but ever detachment in the region still gained! Shout outs this report go to the detachments of Minnesota and Michigan who moved forward 1.82% and 1.11%, respectively. They were followed by the Detachment of Indiana who climbed 0.98%! All of the remaining detachments climbed in smaller percentages as follows... West Virginia and Ohio both raised their numbers by 0.19%. Wisconsin beat them by a tiny margin with a gain of .20%! Kentucky moved up .12% and Illinois by 0.03% (Although Illinois' report shows us at 100.37%).

I cannot be more proud of the work all of you have done so far! So, as they say... **“No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the Bright side!”** Your mind will believe what you tell it, so tell it positive, happy, and optimistic things! We **WILL** reach our goals!

Remember the words of Winston Churchill... **“The pessimist sees difficulty in every**

opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty!"

Keep up the good work!

For the Commander,

"Believe and Succeed!"

Butch Ray, Central Region Membership Chairman

John R. Cook

Northeast National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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

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James R. Fischer

Western National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

THIRD Wednesday Quarterly

September 20, 2023 | December 20, 2023

March 20, 2024 | June 19, 2024

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

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What's up Westside?

Tremendous job Westside! We are moving and shaking, and our numbers are showing. Great job taking 2nd place and let's get to 1st. Keep up the amazing job you all are doing.

Congratulations to Latin America, Hawaii, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, and Idaho for hitting the 100% 5/15/24 goal.

The Westside report. We improved by .63% currently at 99.23% total from last report. We are now 2nd in the nation and right behind Southeast Region by 2.44%. Well done Latin America at 112.12%, Hawaii at 110.00%, New Mexico at 108.28%, Arizona at

105.65%, Oregon at 104.04% and Idaho at 102.12% for already making goal. Coming on strong is Wyoming at 98.08%, Colorado at 97.90%, Washington at 97.54%, Alaska at 96.61%, California at 95.38%, Utah at 95.00%, Montana at 89.92%, Nevada at 80.62% and Philippines at 56.96%. Inspiration is one thing, and you can't control it, but hard work is what keeps the ship moving. Good Luck means, work hard. Keep up the great work and thank you for going above and beyond and everything you do for this great organization.

For God and Country,

"One Team, One Goal, One Heart, One Soul. Be the One!"

Dan Ashley, Western Region Membership Chairman

Terry A. Harris

Midwest National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday Quarterly

September 27, 2023 | December 27, 2023

March 27, 2024 | June 26, 2024

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

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Linwood A. Moore

Southeast National Vice-Commander

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

First Wednesday Quarterly

September 6, 2023 | December 6, 2023

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National Commissions and Committees

Chairmen wishing to have reports published should email them to jeffrabelsr@gmail.com to be included. All meeting information subject to change.

Americanism Commission

Chris Casey, Chairman
Third Monday Bi-Monthly
October 16, 2023 | December 18, 2023
February 19, 2024 | April 15, 2024
June 17, 2024 | August 19, 2024

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

Joe Gladden, Chairman
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly
October 10, 2023 | December 12, 2023
March 13, 2024 | April 9, 2024
June 11, 2024 | August 13, 2024

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Meeting ID: 919 4714 3789 | Passcode: 241 429

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave, Chairman
Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly
September 21, 2023 | November 16, 2023
January 18, 2024 | March 21, 2024
May 16, 2024 | July 18, 2024
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Meeting ID: 984 7031 4786 | Passcode: 780 858

Children & Youth Committee

Joseph Lohman, Chairman
Second Monday Bi-Monthly
September 11, 2023 | November 13, 2023
January 8, 2024 | March 11, 2024
~~May 13, 2024~~ | July 8, 2024
7:00 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
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Finance Commission

William G. Hill, Chairman
Third Thursday as scheduled
September 21, 2023 | February 15, 2024
April 18, 2024 | July 18, 2024
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Internal Affairs Commission

Christopher Michel, Chairman
Fourth Thursday Bi-Monthly

October 26, 2023 | December 28, 2023
February 22, 2024 | April 25, 2024
June 27, 2024 | August 22, 2024

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

Blair Miles, Chairman
Second Thursday Bi-Monthly

October 12, 2023 | December 14, 2023
February 8, 2024 | April 11, 2024
June 13, 2024 | August 8, 2024

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Member Training & Development Committee

Michael Cotton, Chairman
First Monday Bi-Monthly

September 4, 2023 | November 6, 2023
January 1, 2024 | March 4, 2024
May 6, 2024 | July 1, 2024

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Membership & Squadron Activities Committee

Daryl VerStreate Jr., Chairman
Third Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 19 2023 | November 21, 2023
January 16, 2024 | March 19, 2024
May 21, 2024 | July 16, 2024

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

National Convention Committee

Christopher Byrd, Chairman
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly

September 12 2023 | November 14, 2023
January 9, 2024 | March 12, 2024
May 14, 2024 | July 19, 2024

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Public & Media Communications Committee

Kevin Chaplin, Chairman
Fourth Tuesday Bi-Monthly

October 24, 2023, | December 26, 2023
February 27, 2024 | April 23, 2024
June 25, 2024 | August 27, 2024

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Fourth Estate Award recipients named

The American Legion | May 15, 2024

A Minneapolis television station and a Kentucky newspaper will receive American Legion Fourth Estate Awards during the 105th National Convention of the nation's largest veterans organization in New Orleans on August 29.

The Fourth Estate Award has been presented annually by The American Legion since 1958 for outstanding achievement in the field of journalism. Nominations in 2024 were considered in broadcast and print categories. They were selected by the organization's Media & Communications Commission during its meeting in Indianapolis last week.

Taking top honor in the broadcast category is KARE. In its series, "Broken Promises," the NBC affiliate examined the high rate of denials veterans received when applying for benefits after examinations from one particular neurologist at the VA Medical Center in Tomah, Wisc. Investigative reporter A.J. Lagoe exposed a system in which 649 claims denied by Dr. Mary Jo Lanska were later reversed. Some of the claims included veterans diagnosed with serious illnesses such as Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease. The denials led to an apology to the veterans by Secretary of Veteran Affairs Denis McDonough. Lanska was also removed as an examiner. KARE and Lagoe were previously recognized with a Fourth Estate Award in 2018.

The Courier Journal of Louisville, Ky. is being recognized for its 2023 series "Safer Sidelines, which explored the many ways high schools, athletic associations and lawmakers have failed to prepare for worst-case scenarios of sudden deaths on athletic fields. Lead reporter Stephanie Kuzydym built a searchable "deadly games" database, which includes more than 100 years of such incidents.

"I am looking forward to presenting KARE and the Courier Journal with their well-deserved Fourth Estate Awards," American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer said. "The American Legion is extremely appreciative of the importance of a free and independent media. As veterans, we defended the freedoms guaranteed by our nation's Constitution. Our Fourth Estate winners represent the best in their field. These award winners are being recognized for outstanding works of journalism that not only stand far above normal media reporting but have had a positive impact on society."

Previous winners of the award include CNN, CBS, USA Today, ABC News, C-SPAN, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and Life Magazine, among others.



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

Bruno Williamson, Chairman
Second Monday Bi-Monthly

November 29, 2023 | December 11, 2023
February 12, 2024 | April 8, 2024
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New video aims to help SAL membership grow

The American Legion | May 15, 2024

Sons of The American Legion member Matt Chastain is the voice of a new video which details the history of the SAL and highlights what SAL and the Legion Family do.

Chastain [previously shared the story](#) of how he joined the SAL and, along with former Detachment of Georgia commander George Gray, encouraged those eligible to join to do so.

The new video, available to download [here](#), elaborates on the SAL's history and what the SAL, American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Riders do to support the Legion itself.

The video also serves as a tool to help grow membership in the SAL and the Legion Family.

“As you talk to a potential member, it's encouraged to provide information on the other aspects of the American Legion Family,” Chastain said. “It may make your membership efforts more successful.”



AMERICAN
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RIDERS

Riders chairman:

‘This is going to be a unique ride’

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | May 14, 2024

The 2024 American Legion Legacy Run will leave from Independence, Mo., on Aug. 18 and arrive in New Orleans on Aug. 22. Register [here](#).

Along the way, the ride will travel more than 1,100 miles, also moving through Arkansas and Mississippi. Prior to and along the way, its participants will be raising money for the American Legion [Veterans & Children Foundation \(VCF\)](#). The foundation feeds and houses children of military personnel and veterans facing urgent, unexpected hardships through Temporary Financial Assistance grants. These grants prevent eviction, keep the power on and fulfill basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times.

The VCF also covers rigorous training and accreditation costs for American Legion claims experts who provide free representation for veterans and families applying for disability benefits, survivor assistance, GI Bill opportunities and more.

National American Legion Riders Chairman and Legacy Run Chief Road Captain Mark Clark spoke with American Legion Social Media Manager Steven B. Brooks about this year's route, while raising funds for

the VCF is such an important mission, and how grateful he is for the Riders' commitment to the ride.

Steven Brooks: You're not just the Legion Riders national chairman. You're also very active at the chapter level as well, and your chapter itself is very active. As a whole, the Tirey J. Ford Post 21 Legion Family does a lot in its community. What's it going to be like to showcase that to Legion Riders from all over the nation when your post hosts the Legacy Run's kickoff?

Mark Clark: It's going to be awesome. Our family at American Legion Post 21 is very excited about having this opportunity because they're in it to win it. Our family at the post works together closely on everything, whether it be a local event or something on the national scale like we're getting ready to have on the Legacy Run. So, we're very excited about it, and I can't wait for the Riders across the country to experience the hospitality of Tirey J. Ford Post 21. We're looking forward to bringing them all in there.

Question: Talk about some of the daily highlights Riders can expect on this year's route.

Clark: When we leave out of Post 21, we're going to go to the Missouri Veterans Home. It's going to be our first stop on Day 1, but on the way, we're going to pick up the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall and escort that to the veterans home, which will be an awesome day for them and an awesome event for us. From there, we're going to head south to Branson, where we're going to go to the Table Rock Lake Post (637). We're going to let folks enjoy the hospitality of that very exciting town that we like to showcase in Missouri.

On Day 2, we'll head south into Arkansas and stop at the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, which is a really interesting place. It was something near and dear to Dave Schoonover (a longtime Kansas Legionnaire who died after being involved in a motorcycle accident on his way to the 2022 Legacy Run). He was a board member there for 22 years; he and his wife Millie helped build that place, and we're going to go in there and support that facility along the way. After we leave there, we'll ride the historic Highway 23, known as the Pig Trail, down to Russellville, where we'll overnight. In Russellville, they're going to have the entire entertainment district opened up just for us. They're going to have food and live music. It's going to be an exciting overnight stop.

The next morning, the ride really gets pretty. When we leave out of there, we'll be on the historic Scenic 7 Byway down into Hot Springs, which is a beautiful ride. A lot of folks don't know that Hot Springs is a

national park. All of those historic hotels, we're going to ride right by them through that historic district on our way to Malvern, Ark., where we're going to have lunch at the Boys & Girls Club. At the end of that day, we're going to stop at Duck Commander, and the Robertson family from "Duck Dynasty" is going to be there to greet us. And everybody's going to get a duck call, so that's going to be a fun day.

When we leave out of West Monroe the following morning, we're going to ride to Vicksburg, and folks are going to have the opportunity to explore the historic city of Vicksburg, Miss. We wanted to go en masse into the battlefield, but that's just impossible. So, we're going to give them a landing spot and let them go enjoy that city of Vicksburg. From there we'll rally up head on down to Camp Shelby (Joint Forces Training Center), where we'll overnight in the Hattiesburg/Camp Shelby area.

The last day of the ride is going to be a really pretty ride as well. It's going to be our shortest. We're going to ride into the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, where we're going to pay tribute to the fallen heroes of our nation. From there, we'll ride into the entrance to The Causeway bridge, where we'll stage at the tollway area and then take us across the 23-mile bridge across the heart of Lake Pontchartrain into Jefferson Parish. It will be a beautiful way to finish this ride. I can't wait, honestly, to get us on the road and get this thing started, because along the way we've got some other surprises for them that they'll be excited to be a part of.

Question: Can you provide any hints about those surprises?

Clark: They're just going to have to wait. I'll tell you this: This is going to be a unique ride because of where we're riding. We're riding into some very rural country where there's not a lot of American Legion posts or facilities big enough to host us. So, we're having to use some unconventional locations to stop and start. And we're going to have some folks who are going to surprise us along the way.

Question: You talked about the stop at the wildlife refuge where Dave and his wife were so instrumental. Why make that stop? Is this a way to honor a Legionnaire and Legion Rider who was obviously so passionate about this ride?

Clark: It is. That's one piece of it. But The American Legion has been the centerpiece of America for 105 years, and on this ride, we should find worthy causes for us to support that are outside of that convenient umbrella that we are used to operating in. Because the

way that we increase awareness of The American Legion is to be involved heavily in areas that otherwise have no contact with us. So, this is a chance for us to support a nonprofit that's doing incredible work to save and rescue these cats, bears, and wildlife that have been abandoned by closed zoos and other things happening around the country. I think it's something that would make Dave very proud. It sends the message that The American Legion cares about what happening in our communities beyond the walls of our posts.

Question: Is fundraising for the Veterans & Children Foundation on the Legacy Run a natural continuation from raising money for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund in that it does still benefit military children and veterans' children, but also expands its scope of who it helps?

Clark: Oh absolutely. I believe that us transitioning to the VCF is the perfect transition at the perfect time. We have a lot of pride in what we did in raising money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, and we achieved the goal that we set 17 years ago. There was going to come a time when we're going to have to transition to something that could help us broaden our scope to help more people. And that's what we're doing. The Veterans & Children Foundation is commonly referred to as the foundation of hope because it provides that hope to military members and their families when they're at their lowest point needing financial assistance, The American Legion is there. And when those veterans leave service, and they need to be connected to the veteran service officers, they're going to help them connect to the benefits they've earned. That benefits not just the veteran, but it benefits their family, the community they live in, and the support system around them. The Veterans & Children Foundation is one of our more holistic foundations The American Legion has. And I'm excited that the Riders are going to have a chance to contribute to that. And I think the more they learn about this foundation, the more excited they're going to be to ride for it.

Question: What can you say to those posts, those districts and those departments that have already staged or have planned state and local Legacy Runs and getting a head start on this fundraising?

Clark: I just want to say thank you. I want to say thank you to the American Legion Family members that are out there raising money right now for this cause. To the Riders out there who have organized local, state, and cross-state rides, I just want to tell you thank you. We know right now that there is an emotional attachment to our past mission, and there are

some concerns or questions about the new mission. But I will tell you that anybody who doubted the Riders' conviction doesn't see what I see. They don't see the effort that's being given to raise money for the Veterans & Children Foundation. They don't see the passion that our Riders are beginning to adopt to that. So, thank you to the folks who have enough faith in us to keep the mission moving. To accept the challenge that we've been given as the American Legion Riders to carry forward a new mission. To leave a legacy of service to others. That's what this new mission is going to give us. It will give us a chance to broaden our scope. To demonstrate to the American Legion Family that we're so much more than just one cause. That the American Legion Riders are all into everything that The American Legion is trying to do.

Question: You have American Legion Riders who use vacation time and money to travel to and participate in this ride every year. What do you want to say about them?

Clark: We've got folks who sacrifice their time, energy, and treasure to come and support this national Legacy Run. Many of our folks who ride this ride still work, so they take their vacation days and spend their vacation money to come and ride the Legacy Run. So that's why I always try to build something into the ride on every day that makes this worth their investment. We want to build memories on this ride. We want them to leave the ride thinking, "That was such a great experience I can't wait for next year's ride."



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Lisa Williamson,
National President
The American Legion Auxiliary

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Charles E. Smith



BORDENTOWN – Charles E. Smith Sr., passed away peacefully on Thursday, Mar. 10, 2011 at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mount

Holly, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Trenton, he was a longtime resident of the Bordentown area. Charles recently retired from the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, after 27 years of dedicated service; 15 of those years he served as shop steward. A past member of the 601 Consolidated Fire Assoc., he was a member of the Greater Trenton English Dart League, president of the Brown It's Down Hunting Club, a member of Hamilton Rod & Gun Club, Bordentown Greater Softball League, Sons of the American Legion, Florence Post 194. He was an Eagles and Phillies fan. He loved country music and singing; Charles had the distinct honor of singing on the Grand Old Opry stage in 1995. But his greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Son of the late Charles and Adeline Smith, he was also predeceased by his father-in-law, Sexton E. Woodward. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie J. Smith; his sons, Charles E. Smith Jr., and Jason E. Smith; his mother-in-law, Janet (Chessman) Woodward; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A celebration of Charles' life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (Mar. 16) at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks St., Bordentown. Calling hours will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9:30 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Bordentown Cemetery, Bordentown.

Arrangements are under the direct care and supervision of Robert L. Pecht, Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks St., Bordentown. www.bordentownhomeforfunerals.com.

[Click here to Send Flowers](#) to the family of Charles.

Euel J. Reynolds



Euel J. Reynolds, a Taylorsville, Kentucky resident, formerly of South Amherst, Ohio, passed away December 8, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.

He was born January 23, 1945 in Point Pleasant, West Virginia to the late Euel C. and Freda Price Reynolds Sr.

He was a 1962 graduate of First Class Admiral King High School. Euel was a retired employee of Ford Motor Company, Invacare, and was an Electrician. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 118, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 1442, the VFW Post 1662, and the Masonic Lodge 301 of Wakeman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three siblings, Shirl Reynolds, David Reynolds, and Roger Reynolds, Sr.

He is survived by his wife of sixty and a half years, Patricia 'Pat' Brodka Reynolds; three children, Debbie (Danny) Hardin of Taylorsville, Kentucky, Shelli (Tony) Pulta of Wellington, Ohio, and Greg Reynolds of Indiana; five grandchildren, Lyndsey (Hiram) Campbell, Kelcey (Christian) Petersen, Will (Erica) Eldridge, Seth Pulta, and Micayla Pulta; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Betty Bonecutter of West Virginia; his brother, Ricky Reynolds of Lorain, Ohio; and his best guitar friend, Boyd Rogers.

A celebration of life for Mr. Euel J. Reynolds will be 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23, 2024 at the VFW Post 1662 in Amherst.

The Greenwell-Houghlin Funeral Home in Taylorsville was in charge of arrangements.

RENEW!

Jeffrey Halvorsen



Jeffrey (Jeff) Halvorsen, age 67, of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away peacefully on May

9, 2024, at Our Lady of Peace in St. Paul, MN, surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with glioblastoma.

Jeff was born on April 18, 1957, in Minneapolis, MN, and adopted by his loving parents, Phillip and Gladys (Nelson) Halvorsen.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife of over 32 years, Janice, their son Zachary, siblings Jerry (Michiyo) Halvorsen of Sapporo, Japan, and Joy (Mike) Buer of Wauwatosa, WI, aunts and uncle Marge Halvorsen and Woody & Muriel Nelson, and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jeff grew up in Milltown, WI and graduated from Unity High School. He then graduated from Golden Valley Lutheran College, and later earned a degree in Marketing Management from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN. After an early career in photography, he enjoyed great success working in sales for various companies in the audio visual, graphic arts, and industrial automation markets.

Throughout his life he had a variety of interests, including photography, outdoor activities, watching college football and taste-testing craft beers. In his younger days, he volunteered with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol. More recently he was active with the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation, the Sons of The American Legion, and the 22 BullsEye League. Most of all Jeff cherished the time he spent with his family and friends by telling stories, laughing, and creating memories that they will hold dear forever.

Jeff is preceded in death by his parents, his infant sister Julie, several cousins, and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, at 11 am at Joy Lutheran Church (501 WI-35, Centuria, WI 54824) in Centuria, WI, with visitation starting at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Our Lady of Peace in St. Paul, MN (2076 St. Anthony Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104).

You are invited to leave condolences, memories, and photos at www.rowefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home in Luck, 715-472-2444, and the Northwest Wisconsin Cremation Center in Milltown, www.nwwicremationcenter.com.

Darrel G. Fitzgerald



DEXTER, New York (WWNY) - Darrel G. Fitzgerald, 65, of Dexter, New York, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2024, with his beloved wife by his side.

He was born on November 17, 1958, in Watertown, New York, the son of Oakley K. and Ila M. (Slate) Fitzgerald. Darrel graduated from Lyme Central School in 1976 as an all-star basketball, baseball, and soccer player.

He was a dedicated member of the Dexter Fire Department where he was a member of the Ramblers. He was also a member of the Sons of the Dexter American Legion for 42 years. He served as the commander from 1987 to 1989 and enjoyed playing softball with them for many years.

On June 11, 1988, Darrel married the love of his life, Penny L. Mitchell, and they became one. They resided in Dexter with their golden retrievers and their cat, "Pumpkin."

Darrel worked for the town of Brownville before joining the New York State Correctional Facility in 1988. He proudly served 32 years at Cape Vincent Correctional Facility, where he formed many lasting friendships.

Darrel enjoyed golfing, boating, and most of all spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Penny; his brother and sister-in-law, Francis "Butch" and Karen Fitzgerald of Chaumont, New York; two sisters and their husbands, Dawn and Dave Brown of Dexter, New York, and Karen and Steve Mason of Point Peninsula; as well as three nieces, Nicole, Angela, and Nola, and a nephew, Justin.

He was predeceased by his father, Oakley, and his mother, Ila.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home. Calling hours will be held on Monday, May 20th from 4 to 7 p.m. and the Dexter Fire Department will hold a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 11 a.m. at the funeral

home, followed by burial in Dexter Cemetery. A reception at the Dexter American Legion will immediately follow the burial.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society, and online condolences may be left at www.dexterfuneralhome.com.

Robert Deguffroy



Robert 'Bud' Augustine DeGuffroy, 66, of Addison, PA, formerly of Irwin, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024, in his home.

Bud was born on Oct. 14, 1957, in Pittsburgh and is the son of the late Robert and Rhoda (Giordano) DeGuffroy. Bud built KGD Contracting from the ground up in 1993 with his wife Kathleen and worked side by side with his son Buddy.

He was a member of Operating Engineers Local Union #66 since 1983, the Vice President of Castaways Yacht Club of Yough Lake in Addison, PA; the Sons of American Legion Post #260; and the American Legion Riders, a member of the St. Joe's Polish Club in Westmoreland City, an auxiliary member of VFW Post #7250, and a member of Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Club both of Confluence, PA.

Bud loved spending time with his family, boating, fishing, and going on 'Buggy' rides. He also loved Harley rides with his wife Kathleen, traveling to Key West, and going on fishing charters with Tyson Vieth. Bud also loved cooking, canning, and supporting Special Olympics Pennsylvania and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Fred and Marlene Garbin; and his sister-in-law, Charlotte (Garbin) Siefert. Bud is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathleen (Garbin) DeGuffroy; his dog, Miss Harley girl; his children, Robert 'Buddy' (Amy) DeGuffroy and Pamela (wife Robyn) DeGuffroy; his grandchildren, Aidan, Ava, Austin, and Mac; his siblings, Augustine (Nancy) DeGuffroy and Denise Allshouse; his brother and sister-in-law, Mark (Amy) Garbin; brother-in-law, Tim Siefert; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the OTT FUNERAL HOME INC., 805 Pennsylvania Ave., Irwin, 724-863-8900. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on

Wednesday in the funeral home with Pastor Bruce Judy officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Cemetery, Irwin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bud's name can be made to either Bushy Run American Legion Home Association of Claridge Post #260, 3002 Main Street, Claridge, PA 15632, or VFW Post #7250, 901 Oden St., Confluence, PA 15424

To leave a condolence or to get directions, please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

Alan Robert McCloud



Alan Robert McCloud, 73, of Bosworth, MO, passed away on May 9, 2024, at his home.

He was born June 30, 1950, in Moberly, MO, the son of Herschel Francis and Geneva Ruth Preston McCloud. On May 17, 1987, in Bosworth, MO, he married Carol Waters McCloud who survives of the home.

Mr. McCloud was a member of the Bosworth Baptist Church, VFW and American Legion of Carrollton, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and a lifetime member of the NRA. He was a 1968 graduate of Salisbury High School. Alan retired as a cable repairman for Southwestern Bell Telephone and was currently a Rural Mail Carrier for USPS.

Alan loved reading, hunting, fishing, going to museums, and watching the Kansas City Chiefs. He was a United States Army Veteran, serving in Germany.

Survivors include his wife Carol of the home; their son Frank McCloud and wife Lacy, Gastonia NC; two brothers, Paul McCloud (Evelyn), Lawson, MO; Bill McCloud (Christy) of Salisbury, MO; two sisters, Ruth Ann Washam (Jim) of Salisbury, MO; Kathy Sasek (Stephen) of Moberly, MO; a sister-in-law, Debbie McCloud, Salisbury, MO; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. McCloud was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Larry and Mike McCloud, and a niece, Kayla Grimshaw.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 13th at Bittiker Funeral Home in Carrollton, MO.

Graveside services will be in the Fitzgerald Cemetery, Salisbury, MO, at 11:00 am Tuesday, May 14th with Pastor Mark Brownley officiating.

The family suggests contributions to the HELP Services Cancer Fund of Carrollton or the family.

Raymond L. Zawacki



Vietnam Navy veteran, beloved husband, father, and grandfather Raymond L.

Zawacki, 77, of Fords, passed peacefully, but unexpectedly, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the RWJ University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was born in Ridgeway, PA, on November 16, 1946, was formerly of Edison, and had resided in Fords for the last 54 years.

He proudly served his country as a Vietnam Veteran in the US Navy on board the USS Ticonderoga. He retired after forty years with the American Legion where he was a Service Officer and then as Adjutant. He was then appointed to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Military and Veterans Affairs for the State of NJ for which he served an additional ten years.

Raymond belonged to many organizations, including the Naval Order of the US, Anavicus Purple Hat of the American Legion, served as secretary of the NJ Boys State, was a member of the Masonic Lodge # 8 of Trenton, a life member of the American Legion Clara Barton Post # 324 & Sons of The American Legion, was an American Legion Insurance Trustee, and a member of the Big T Association, USS Ticonderoga.

He was predeceased by his parents, Leo and Julia Zawacki, and his siblings, Leo Zawacki, Jr., and Donna Marie Zawacki.

Raymond leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Joanna (Gosk) Zawacki, his beloved daughter, Michelle Koenig (& Matthew) of East Stroudsburg, PA, and son, Shaun Zawacki of Fords, and his 2 cherished grandchildren, Gage Matthew, and Isabella Faith. Visitation will be on Thursday May 16, 2024 from 3-7 pm at the Flynn and Son Funeral Home, 23 Ford Ave. Fords NJ 08863.

A graveside service will take place on Friday, May 17, 2024, starting at 12:30 pm at the Brig. Gen. William

C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown, North Hanover Twp. NJ.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Autism Speaks or to [St. Jude.org](http://St.Jude.org).

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Morton A. Swinyer Jr.



NEWTON FALLS – Morton "Mort" A. Swinyer, Jr. age 63, of Newton Falls, passed away at home on May 16, 2024 under the care of his family and hospice.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at the American Legion Post #1539 in Star Lake on Sunday, June 2, 2014 starting at 5:00 p.m. Arrangements are with French Family Funeral Home in Star Lake. Condolences may be shared online at www.frenchfuneralhomes.com.

Mort was born on March 27, 1961 in Canton to the late Morton Swinyer, Sr., and Shirley (Smith) Swinyer. He married Lauren A. Laframboise on July 13, 2018 and had worked as a truck driver for many years before retiring due to disability.

Mort was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #1539 for 14 years, where he served as Sergeant of Arms. He became an ordained minister on February 27, 2023 and worked diligently on his self-organized "neighborhood watch", keeping tabs of the comings and goings around the neighborhood. Mort enjoyed vintage sports and muscle cars, his Harley Davidson, keeping his yard nice, and playing in the shuffleboard tournament at the Legion. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Lauren Swinyer, daughters, Yesenia Swinyer and Lana Swinyer and her fiancé, Chase, his step-children, Richard Tomasso and Appollonia French, 7 grandchildren, and siblings, Daniel and Marge Swinyer, Melissa Thivierge, and Robin Collier. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Morton is predeceased by his parents, Morton and Shirley Swinyer, and brothers, Ronald and Gordon Swinyer.

Donations in memory of Mort may be made to the Sons of the American Legion, Post #1539, 264

Benson Mines Road, Star Lake NY 13690.

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Frankie Beacham



NEWPORT NEWS, VA – Frankie Beacham, 55, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in Riverside Convalescent Center. He was the son of the late James E. and Willomae Brown Beacham.

Frank was the owner of IOW Siding. He was a member of the Sons of The American Legion and a former member of the Smithfield Jaycee's.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by a stepson, David Dix and a step-granddaughter, Jessica Dix. He leaves to cherish his memory, loving companion, of 21 years, Linda Ennis; step-sons, Robbie Dix, and Gerald Dix; brothers, Billy Beacham, James Beacham, Jr., and Robbie Beacham; and sisters, Evelyn Phelps and Lynda Baynor.

A life celebration service will be held at 1:30pm on Friday, May 3, 2013 in Colonial Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Watkins officiating. Burial will follow in St. Luke's Memorial Park. A visitation will be held from 12:00-1:30pm prior to the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Sheltering Arms Fund, Spinal Cord Injury, Frank Beacham, 8254 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 Arrangements are in the care of Colonial Funeral Home, Smithfield, VA.

[Click here to Send Flowers](#) to the family of Frankie.

Robert "Bob" Richardson Jr.



Robert "Bob" Lee Richardson, Jr. age 59 of Minot, ND, formerly of Carson City MI passed away on Monday, May 13, 2024, at Trinity Hospital. He was born October 25, 1964 in Carson City, the son of Robert "Bob" and Julia (Jacobs) Richardson. He served in the Navy and was a member of Sons of American Legion. He was a hardworking man. Working many years at Overhead Door and recently at IMM. He was a natural at his trade of building and fixing a.k.a. "Bob the Builder".

He was a gracious and continuous man with a great sense of humor and a BIG laugh. Bob enjoyed golfing, hunting, and socializing with many close friends. Sometimes Bob and his close friends would take country drives and would visit the small towns around Minot. Bob enjoyed having FaceTime chats with his mother and was strong in his faith. Bob was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by his North Dakota family, friends and anyone that had the pleasure to know him.

He is survived by his mother Julia (Randy) Smith, brother Thomas (Lori) Richardson, sister Tracy (Jeff) Naert, nieces Chelsea, Kaitlynn, nephew Joshua, great nieces, and great nephew. Now he is with his father, Bob Sr., and his son Nicholas, resting comfortably with them in heaven. A formal service will be held in his hometown in Carson City, Michigan.

A Celebration of Life gathering to be held at the Lamplighter Lounge Saturday May 18th at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 27, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

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Kover H. Ellingsworth Jr.



Kover H. Ellingsworth Jr., age 80, of Ocean City, MD died Monday, May 13, 2024 at Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Berlin. He was born in Salisbury, MD and was

the son of the late Kover H. Ellingsworth and Betty (Jones) Ellingsworth.

Kover had been the EMS Supervisor for the Town of Ocean City and worked for Stephen T. Cropper and Sons and Cropper Towing. He was a Life Member of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company and Sons of the American Legion.

He is survived by a son, Kover Michael Ellingsworth of Berlin, MD; two sisters, Peggy Smith and husband Gary of NY and Joan Townsend and husband Charlie of Berlin, MD; two granddaughters, Clara Collins-Ellingsworth and Helen Collins-Ellingsworth; a special friend, Tammy Wheatley. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



If you would like to see Round-Up continue, please consider making a donation to offset expenses.

Thank you!

Jeff Vrabel Sr
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2024 SAL 100% Target Date Membership Report: May 15, 2024

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 100% TARGET 5/15/2024	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHSP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-251	1,862	115.58%	91.22
2	PUERTO RICO	156	-21	177	113.46%	98.04
3	LATIN AMERICA	33	-4	37	112.12%	62.50
4	HAWAII	120	-12	132	110.00%	97.48
5	NEW MEXICO	1,582	-131	1,713	108.28%	81.33
6	DIST OF COL	91	-6	97	106.59%	92.13
7	FLORIDA	23,066	-1,419	24,485	106.15%	85.34
8	ARIZONA	8,595	-486	9,081	105.65%	84.41
9	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-66	1,636	104.20%	84.43
10	OREGON	1,534	-62	1,596	104.04%	83.97
11	WISCONSIN	4,398	-144	4,542	103.27%	89.00
12	RHODE ISLAND	348	-9	357	102.59%	85.75
13	IDAHO	659	-14	673	102.12%	73.91
14	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-26	1,891	101.39%	85.76
15	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-12	1,087	101.12%	89.66
16	IOWA	4,914	-41	4,955	100.83%	89.09
17	MICHIGAN	26,236	-187	26,423	100.71%	87.92
18	MISSISSIPPI	736	-4	740	100.54%	83.88
19	TEXAS	5,783	-23	5,806	100.40%	82.49
20	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-6	6,033	100.10%	85.99
21	MARYLAND	16,803	-10	16,813	100.06%	88.57
22	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	6	2,587	99.77%	84.23
23	NEW YORK	30,663	195	30,468	99.36%	89.07
24	FRANCE	168	2	166	98.81%	86.14
25	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	40	2,730	98.56%	78.35
26	DELAWARE	2,596	46	2,550	98.23%	85.80
27	ILLINOIS	13,716	248	13,468	98.19%	88.75
28	WYOMING	1,248	24	1,224	98.08%	84.69
29	OHIO	31,690	640	31,050	97.98%	88.23
30	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	1,300	61,446	97.93%	88.96
31	COLORADO	2,952	62	2,890	97.90%	81.96
32	MAINE	2,757	63	2,694	97.71%	84.31
33	VIRGINIA	4,367	102	4,265	97.66%	82.27
34	NEW JERSEY	9,662	233	9,429	97.59%	85.74
35	LOUISIANA	1,821	44	1,777	97.58%	88.05
36	WASHINGTON	2,682	66	2,616	97.54%	74.83
37	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	150	5,282	97.24%	84.70
38	INDIANA	37,244	1,183	36,061	96.82%	87.25
39	ALASKA	1,740	59	1,681	96.61%	78.26
40	MINNESOTA	11,435	393	11,042	96.56%	87.69
41	ALABAMA	2,100	79	2,021	96.24%	81.29
42	VERMONT	3,920	158	3,762	95.97%	87.80
43	NEBRASKA	6,992	300	6,692	95.71%	90.00
44	CALIFORNIA	11,292	522	10,770	95.38%	79.41
45	TENNESSEE	1,792	83	1,709	95.37%	76.57
46	KANSAS	6,055	281	5,774	95.36%	86.08
47	UTAH	460	23	437	95.00%	76.34
48	GEORGIA	4,887	318	4,569	93.49%	79.63
49	MISSOURI	3,337	281	3,056	91.58%	80.23
50	MONTANA	1,091	110	981	89.92%	82.82
51	ARKANSAS	406	43	363	89.41%	70.59
52	KENTUCKY	2,399	290	2,109	87.91%	73.47
53	OKLAHOMA	1,430	220	1,210	84.62%	65.13
54	NEVADA	387	75	312	80.62%	68.26
55	PHILIPPINES	79	34	45	56.96%	54.43
Grand Totals:		382,111	4,739	377,372	98.76%	86.53



2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LATIN AMERICA	33	37	112.12%
HAWAII	120	132	110.00%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	1,713	108.28%
ARIZONA	8,595	9,081	105.65%
OREGON	1,534	1,596	104.04%
IDAHO	659	673	102.12%
WYOMING	1,248	1,224	98.08%
COLORADO	2,952	2,890	97.90%
WASHINGTON	2,682	2,616	97.54%
ALASKA	1,740	1,681	96.61%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	10,770	95.38%
UTAH	460	437	95.00%
MONTANA	1,091	981	89.92%
NEVADA	387	312	80.62%
PHILIPPINES	79	45	56.96%
Totals:	34,454	34,188	99.23%

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,862	115.58%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	1,087	101.12%
IOWA	4,914	4,955	100.83%
NEBRASKA	6,992	6,692	95.71%
KANSAS	6,055	5,774	95.36%
MISSOURI	3,337	3,056	91.58%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	1,210	84.62%
Totals:	25,414	24,636	96.94%

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
DIST OF COL	91	97	106.59%
RHODE ISLAND	348	357	102.59%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	1,891	101.39%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	6,033	100.10%
MARYLAND	16,803	16,813	100.06%
NEW YORK	30,663	30,468	99.36%
FRANCE	168	166	98.81%
DELAWARE	2,596	2,550	98.23%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	61,446	97.93%
MAINE	2,757	2,694	97.71%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	9,429	97.59%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	5,282	97.24%
VERMONT	3,920	3,762	95.97%
Totals:	143,078	140,988	98.54%

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	156	177	113.46%
FLORIDA	23,066	24,485	106.15%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,636	104.20%
MISSISSIPPI	736	740	100.54%
TEXAS	5,783	5,806	100.40%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	2,730	98.56%
VIRGINIA	4,367	4,265	97.66%
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,777	97.58%
ALABAMA	2,100	2,021	96.24%
TENNESSEE	1,792	1,709	95.37%
GEORGIA	4,887	4,569	93.49%
ARKANSAS	406	363	89.41%
Totals:	49,454	50,278	101.67%

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	4,542	103.27%
MICHIGAN	26,236	26,423	100.71%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	2,587	99.77%
ILLINOIS	13,716	13,468	98.19%
OHIO	31,690	31,050	97.98%
INDIANA	37,244	36,061	96.82%
MINNESOTA	11,435	11,042	96.56%
KENTUCKY	2,399	2,109	87.91%
Totals:	129,711	127,282	98.13%

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05/15/24		NATIONAL Donald "JR" Hall, Jr. (MD) National Commander					
Region	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Southeast 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	49,454	50,278	824	101.67%	180	05/06/24	
2 Northeast 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	143,078	140,988	(2,090)	98.54%	199		
3 Western 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	34,454	34,188	(266)	99.23%	218		
4 Central 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	129,711	127,282	(2,429)	98.13%	414		
5 Midwest 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	25,414	24,636	(778)	96.94%	95		
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	382,111	377,372	(4,739)	98.76%	1,106		

05/15/24		CENTRAL REGION Robert L. Bristo (MN) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	4,398	4,542	144	103.27%	5			04/10/24	
2 Michigan 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	26,236	26,423	187	100.71%	114			05/13/24	
West Virginia 1, 5, 6, 7	2,593	2,587	(6)	99.77%	2				
4 Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	13,716	13,468	(248)	98.19%	1				
5 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	31,690	31,050	(640)	97.98%	16				
6 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	37,244	36,061	(1,183)	96.82%	174				
7 Minnesota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	11,435	11,042	(393)	96.56%	100				
8 Kentucky 1, 4	2,399	2,109	(290)	87.91%	2				
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	129,711	127,282	(2,429)	98.13%	414				

05/15/24		WESTERN REGION James A. Fischer Sr. (CA) National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Latin America 4, 6, 10	33	37	4	112.12%	-			03/27/24	03/27/24	
2 Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	120	132	12	110.00%	-			02/05/24	03/07/24	
3 New Mexico 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1,582	1,713	131	108.28%	50			04/18/24	05/13/24	
4 Arizona 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	8,595	9,081	486	105.65%	104			04/18/24	05/15/24	
5 Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,534	1,596	62	104.04%	1			04/25/24		
6 Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	659	673	14	102.12%	-			04/18/24		
7 Wyoming 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,248	1,224	(24)	98.08%	1					
8 Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,952	2,890	(62)	97.90%	40					
9 Washington 4, 5, 7, 8	2,682	2,616	(66)	97.54%	8					
10 Alaska 3, 7	1,740	1,681	(59)	96.61%	3					
11 California 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	11,292	10,770	(522)	95.38%	10					
12 Utah 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	460	437	(23)	95.00%	1					
13 Montana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	1,091	981	(110)	89.92%	-					
14 Nevada 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	387	312	(75)	80.62%	-					
15 Philippines	79	45	(34)	56.96%	-					
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	34,454	34,188	(266)	99.23%	218					

05/15/24		SOUTHEAST REGION Linwood A. Moore (VA) National Vice-Commander								
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date	
1 Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	156	177	21	113.46%	3			03/04/24	03/21/24	
2 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	23,066	24,485	1,419	106.15%	40			04/08/24	05/06/24	
3 South Carolina 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,570	1,636	66	104.20%	7			04/15/24		
4 Mississippi 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	736	740	4	100.54%	25			05/15/24		
5 Texas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	5,783	5,806	23	100.40%	18			05/13/24		
6 North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,770	2,730	(40)	98.56%	2					
7 Virginia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	4,367	4,265	(102)	97.66%	62					
8 Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,821	1,777	(44)	97.58%	3					
9 Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	2,100	2,021	(79)	96.24%	2					
10 Tennessee 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,792	1,709	(83)	95.37%	14					
11 Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	4,887	4,569	(318)	93.49%	4					
12 Arkansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	406	363	(43)	89.41%	-					
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	49,454	50,278	824	101.67%	23					

05/15/24		MIDWEST REGION Terry A. Harris (KS) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,611	1,862	251	115.58%	-			02/22/24	03/18/24
2 North Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,075	1,087	12	101.12%	34			05/15/24	
3 Iowa 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	4,914	4,945	31	100.63%	-			05/06/24	
4 Nebraska 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6,992	6,654	(338)	95.17%	-				
5 Kansas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	6,055	5,770	(285)	95.29%	-				
6 Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3,337	3,047	(290)	91.31%	-				
7 Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1,430	1,210	(220)	84.62%	-				
TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	25,414	24,575	(839)	96.70%	34				

05/15/24		NORTHEAST REGION John R. Cook (NH) National Vice-Commander							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Dist. of Columbia 4, 7, 8, 9	91	97	6	106.59%	-			05/06/24	05/13/24
2 Rhode Island 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	348	357	9	102.59%	-			04/04/24	
3 Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,865	1,891	26	101.39%	-			05/03/24	
4 New Hampshire 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	6,027	6,033	6	100.10%	9			05/15/24	
5 Maryland 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	16,803	16,813	10	100.06%	32			05/15/24	
6 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,663	30,468	(195)	99.36%	28				
7 France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	168	166	(2)	98.81%	-				
8 Delaware 1, 4, 5, 6, 7	2,596	2,550	(46)	98.23%	1				
9 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	62,746	61,446	(1,300)	97.93%	86				
10 Maine 5, 6, 7, 8	2,757	2,694	(63)	97.71%	1				
11 New Jersey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	9,662	9,429	(233)	97.59%	10				
12 Massachusetts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5,432	5,282	(150)	97.24%	19				
13 Vermont 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3,920	3,762	(158)	95.97%	13				
TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	143,078	140,891	(2,187)	98.47%	130				

05/15/24		2024 SUPER SIX STANDINGS							
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	Increase	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Florida 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	23,066	24,485	1,419	106.15%	40	7	85.34%	04/08/24	05/13/24
2 Michigan 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	26,236	26,423	187	100.71%	114	17	87.92%	05/13/24	
3 New York 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	30,663	30,468	(195)	99.36%	28	23	89.07%		
4 Ohio 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	31,690	31,050	(640)	97.98%	16	29	88.23%		
5 Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	62,746	61,446	(1,300)	97.93%	86	30	88.96%		
6 Indiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	37,244	36,061	(1,183)	96.82%	174	38	87.25%		
TOTALS	211,645	209,933	(1,712)	99.19%	458				

National Totals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	382,111	377,372	(4,739)	98.76%	1,106		86.53%		
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05/15/24		2024 LEADERSHIP STANDINGS							
Detachment	Detachment	Goal	Actual	Needed for Quota	Percent	National Rank	Renewal Rate	Quota Date	105% Date
1 Leading Candidate Navaratte	New Mexico	1,582	1,713	131	108.28%	5	81.33%	04/18/24	05/15/24
2 Vice-Commander Cook	New Hampshire	6,027	6,033	6	100.10%	20	85.99%	05/15/24	
3 Commander Hall	Maryland	16,803	16,813	10	100.06%	21	88.57%	05/15/24	
4 Trailing Candidate Clancy	New York	30,663	30,468	(195)	99.36%	23	89.07%		
5 Vice-Commander Moore	Virginia	4,367	4,265	(102)	97.66%	33	82.27%		
6 Vice-Commander Bristo	Minnesota	11,435	11,042	(393)	96.56%	40	87.69%		
7 Vice-Commander Fischer	California	11,292	10,770	(522)	95.38%	44	79.41%		
8 Vice-Commander Harris	Kansas	6,055	5,774	(281)	95.36%	46	86.08%		



2024 National Membership Target Dates			
1 September 13, 2023	10%	6 ♥ February 14, 2024 ♥	75%
2 October 18, 2023	25%	7 March 13, 2024	80%
3 November 15, 2023	35%	8 April 10, 2024	90%
4 December 13, 2023	45%	9 May 15, 2024	100%
5 January 18, 2024	60%	10 July 24, 2024 (DSTG)	105%

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