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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado
A 2X Triple Nickle Detachment
Home to Past National Commander Michael Moss
Richard Humphrey, Commander
Colorado Sons Electronic Update December, 2023



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Commanders Mission Objective: Shake The Trees, Lets Go For Three
Mission Statement: To not only honor our fathers, mothers and grandparents by our continued service to God And Country, but to rekindle the spark of our veterans and community with the ideas of patriotism, citizenship and the American Flag

Another Triple Nickel Celebration
New NORCO Squadron Rocks as First Time Host



November 18, 2023 Windsor, CO

It's been a long 10 years in the making, but at the Detachment Annual Awards Banquet, your Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado once again got to reverie in celebrating its second Triple Nickle award. Chartering five new Squadrons, reaching 105% of our previous years membership total and obtaining a renewal rate of 85% before July 1st is not a task easily accomplished. Yet you did it all prior to the 1st of June. That's right! We accomplished all three before the end of May. Having been denied recognition at the National Convention held in Charlotte, NC in June, we finally got to celebrate this great accomplishment in the presence of our parent organization, or at least some very significant past leaders of our parent organization. As much as we could given the current status of the department. Current SAL National Vice-commander (Midwest Region) Terry Harris (KS) was on hand to present the award to Commander Richard Humphrey who immediately called

all SAL members forward to accept and celebrate the award. Richard was quick to acknowledge that this extraordinary achievement was the result a tremendous cumulative effort by all the blue cap members, those out in the field doing the work of fulfilling our mission to support the four pillars, spreading the word of what we do, recruiting new members and encouraging current members to stay with the program. Mission accomplished and job well done. Mr. Harris was the Midwest Region membership chairman last year was pleased to present the award to one of the Detachments from the Midwest Region.



Midwest NVC Terry Harris (KS)

The Triple Nickel was the highlight of the night but not the only cause for celebration. The event was hosted by one of our five new Triple Nickle Squadrons at Forbes-Mckay Post 109 in Windsor. For their efforts in putting together a great night, Detachment Commander Richard Humphrey presented Post 1st Vice Commander Scott Esch and Squadron organizer Jake Alexander with a plaque to recognized there efforts. Other awards were presented for membership accomplishments, and for supporting the four pillars of The American Legion based on information contained in the Consolidated Squadron Reports. Here is a summary of what was reported by the squadrons. Here's what we did: 17 Squadrons reached 100% membership before The Legion Birthday and received spe-



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Commander's Message

By Commander Richard Humphrey

Hello Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado. Well, we made our third membership goal, thank you, thank you, and it appears that we will be making our fourth membership goal as well. Please keep up the good work and get those membership in either to Adjutant Mark or online. We had an excellent year for 2023 and the awards passed out at our Awards Banquet proved the outstanding job you did last year, let's keep up the great work and make 2024 even better. As far as the National standings are concerned, we are still at the bottom of the list, but I know that will change this coming year. Colorado ROCKS. Adjutant Mark and I will be starting to travel again after the first of the year and visiting as many Squadrons as possible and starting up some new Squadrons in Colorado. First on the agenda will be to visit those Squadrons we did not get the opportunity to visit last year. I really enjoy going out and visiting with you, seeing what you are doing with your squadron, your post and your community. I saw that at Awards night, but when only 13 out of 65 squadrons report, it



doesn't really give the full picture of just how much the Squadrons and the Detachment of Colorado contributes to The American Legion programs.

Mid-year has been scheduled in Longmont Post 32 again and we have been given a better place for our meeting. So please come join us. (If you were not at the Awards Banquet, you might be able to pick up your awards from 2023.) And I see that the Annual Convention has been scheduled also. Appears that we will be heading back to the Western slope to Ignacio. This was a good venue for us last year and I'm sure it will be the same again this year. So, start saving up and join us for this great event. The election of new officers will be done for the upcoming year so that we can keep the Detachment of Colorado moving forward. So, if you are thinking of running for a detachment office, let us know at Mid-year and start your campaign. You are also more than welcome to join Adjutant Mark and myself on visitations to see what is involved in moving up the ranks.

Gentlemen, have a great year and see you soon.

Shake the trees and Go for Three
 Richard Humphrey
 Detachment Commander
 Triple Nickel



Task Force Movement building pillars

The American Legion
 DEC 06, 2023

Just over a year and a half into its existence, Task Force Movement (TFM) – the public-private initiative started by the Biden-Harris administration in April 2022 to get the veteran-connected community certified and into job fields in dire need of personnel – has already added a third area of emphasis: health care. On Dec. 12, the TFM board will meet at the Washington, D.C., office of The American Legion. As a member of the steering committee with a centrally located facility, the Legion has hosted TFM meetings in the past, as well as a reception for honored veteran truckers last December.



Honorable Patrick J. Murphy, chairman of the Task Force Movement

Strengthening the national supply chain, which was stretched to its limits during the COVID-19 crisis, was a prime motivating factor in standing up the initiative, which includes among its partners everything from trucking companies to federal agencies, community colleges to the AFL-CIO, and more. As well as updates on the first two areas of the initiative – trucking and cybersecurity – and on the newest health-care area, the board will discuss its fundraising and philanthropic efforts, such as scholarships for training and certification.



Awards cont.

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cial recognition certificates signed by The American Legion and SAL National Commanders. They are Squadrons 13, 17, 24, 58, 65, 66, 75, 81, 100, 101, 103, 113, 161, 204, 209, 11-11, 2008. Congratulations for the outstanding work on membership.

Thirty four Squadrons achieved at least an 85% renewal rate. They are Squadrons 1, 2, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 14, 32, 38, 58, 62, 66, 70, 100, 101, 102, 103, 113, 151, 160, 161, 178, 200, 204, 206, 207, 209, 211, 11-11, 2001, 2008.

Twenty Squadrons obtained a 100% renewal rate. Congratulations go, out to Squadrons 13, 16, 24, 58, 62, 66, 70, 102, 103, 151, 160, 178, 200, 206, 207, 209, 211, 2001, 2008

Twenty five Squadrons reached 100% of their membership goal. Kudos to Squadrons 1, 2, 13, 17, 21, 24, 32, 58, 65, 66, 70, 75, 81, 100, 101, 102, 103, 113, 160, 161, 204, 209, 211, 11-11, 1985 and 2008

Squadron 32 received the largest squadron award with 428 members.

Squadron 101 reached 128% of their membership goal. Squadron 11-11 achieved 140% of their membership goal. Squadron 13 gathered in 127% of their goal. Squadron 24 reached 146% of their mission. Squadron 75 jumped up to 130% of last years mark. Squadron 180 soared to 150% of their assigned target. Squadron 102 achieved 131% of their membership goal.

Based on information submitted on the Consolidated Squadron Reports as a Detachment in support of the American pillar, we donated \$29,342 for a per capita amount of \$45.42 with 2,908 volunteer hours, 10,855 flags placed at cemeteries, The calculated value of our volunteer hours was \$87,094.

Under Children & Youth, donations other than CWF was \$16,010, for a per-capita amount of \$24.78. We reported 10,085 volunteer hours for a calculated value of \$302,045.

Our credited donations to the Child Welfare Foundation was \$26,105, 937% of our goal and \$9.38 per-capita. The total dollar value of our contribution to this pillar of The American Legion was \$344,160.

In support of Veterans, As a Detachment we donated \$8,967 volunteered 7,285 hours for a

dollar value of \$217, 061.

In uncategorized contribution in supporting the principles of The American Legion we donated \$2,000 for \$3.09 per-capita, volunteered 1,479 hours for a value of \$44,296.

What is very significant about these amazing numbers is that **only 13 of our 65 squadrons or 23% of our squadrons submitted a Consolidated Squadron Report.**

In all, this small percentage of Squadrons reported 12,730 volunteer hours, for a value of \$650,469. We donated a total of \$82,424 to the four pillars of The American Legion, The total contribution report for American Legion programs total \$732,920. Just imagine what those numbers actually were if all Squadrons had submitted a CSR. None the less, a phenomenal achievement.

For their support towards the Children and Youth pillar, the following Squadrons received National Certificates of Appreciation: 5, 15, 21, 23, 38, 39, 66, 103, 170, 178, 207, 209, 211 and 2008. The Woodrow L Mudge Jr. Memorial Award for Children and Youth was awarded to Squadron 209 and Squadron 211.

A Certificate of Meritorious Service for Americanism was presented to Squadrons 13, 15, 21, 23, 28, 38, 39, 66, 103, 170, 178, 206, 209, 211 and 2008. The Joe D Roe Americanism Award was awarded to Squadron 66 and Squadron 209.

The following Squadrons were awarded certificates for their contributions to Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation: 5, 13, 15, 21, 23, 39, 66, 103, 170, 178, 206, 207, 209, 211 and 2008. The Woodrow L Mudge Sr Memorial Award for VA&R was presented to Squadrons 103 and 211. The outstanding Dual Member of the Year Award was presented to Commander Richard Humphrey for his leadership efforts, time and effort he put in with his travels around the State of Colorado which was instrumental in achieving the Triple Nickel Award. Richard also serves as the Adjutant and Finance Officer for Post 23 and is involved in many of the post activities.

Debra Johnson of ALA Unit 65 was selected as the 2023-24 Detachment Mom for her tireless support for SAL activities on the western slope.

Teddy Kuntz Named Member of the Year

November 18, 2023, Windsor Colorado.

At the annual awards banquet, held at Windsor American Legion Post 109, the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Colorado, awarded Teddy Kuntz with the Most Outstanding Member of the Year award for his work towards fulfilling the mission of the SAL.

Following the Marshall Fires, he told his mother that he needed to do something for the kids. This sparked his project "Heal the Children" where his efforts raised more than \$12,000 in items, gift cards, and monetary donations. Donations of all kinds were collected from American Legion Family throughout the state as well as local friends and family and distributed to the displaced children in the Lafayette and Boulder area.

Teddy also raised more than \$1,300 to purchase A.L.F. stuffed puppies. Operation A.L.F. is a comfort pup created by the SAL in Wisconsin for kids to cuddle when they need a little love.



Teddy raised enough donations to purchase 125 of the pups. Some of the pups were donated to the Brown Bag Ministries, a non-profit organization that serves homeless families

currently living in motels, through their sponsor the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22 in Northglenn. Currently in the program are 41 kids ranging from infants to young teens. The rest of the stuffed pups were provided to Jr, enlisted military members, and their spouses in the Colorado Springs area at a baby shower sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 209 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Teddy has been a member of the SAL Detachment of Colorado since birth. At only 12 years of age, he volunteers at events throughout Colorado and currently serves as the Sergeant-at Arms for thr Detachment. He is a member of Squadron 68 in Brush CO.

Some Sights From The Awards Banquet



Colorado Legionnaire Featured on Legion.org

From www.legion.org

Personal insight into resolution writing.

By Sarah Tobin

NOV 29, 2023

Sarah Tobin of Colorado is a 2023 National American Legion College (NALC) graduate. She attended the 2023 NALC session Nov. 12-14 in Indianapolis at American Legion National Headquarters.

While everyone selected to attend National American Legion College should feel very lucky to have been chosen, I felt especially blessed since I am from the state of Colorado.

I was so excited to write my first resolution as part of my pre-arrival homework, that I wrote three. I found the development process quite appealing to me. I started with defining the problem I was trying to rectify, which would later become my resolve clause. Then, thoroughly searched through the Legion Digital Archives to ensure the issue has not previously been addressed. Finally, I poured through the source documents from the agency I was compelling to take corrective action to find

corroborating statistics and research to build out my whereas clauses.

Within my (assigned) district (at NALC), I volunteered to be the resolution chair so that I could learn as much as possible about this newly discovered passion of mine. Although my resolution wasn't chosen to represent my district, I thoroughly enjoyed researching and debunking our sister district's resolution and defending our own with lock tight provenance. Much to our chagrin, our resolution to "Commend the Reverend George L. Fox Memorial Chapel" was defeated by the Student Executive Committee. On the upside, the Departments of France and Vermont both agreed to sponsor the resolution, and I expect that it will pass before summer. I plan to work with the Department of Okla-



Sarah Tobin of Colorado during the 2023 National American Legion College at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis on Thursday, November 16. Photo by Hilary Ott /The American Legion

homa to elevate my resolution on expanding research and treatment plans for veterans with multiple unexplained symptoms. Isn't it amazing what you can do if you don't care if you get credit for it? There are so many amazing Legionnaires out there willing to assist you when you are unable to do it yourself.

I loved listening to how each department is just a bit different in their construct. My classmates have some brilliant marketing and fundraising ideas which need to be codified and widely disseminated. I came in as a very enthusiastic sponge and left full of great ideas on how I can assist my department to rebuild over the next few years.

To be perfectly honest, I could have stayed another week, soaking up even more knowledge about the broader construct of the Legion outside of the elected positions, and more importantly, getting to know more folks outside of my district and hearing what they have to share about their respective departments. I am proud to say I leave the NALC Class of 2023 a better Legionnaire, but no better than anyone else.

Sarah "Smash" Barry Tobin
Commander, District 7



SAL University Pilot Launches in May

Indianapolis, IN National Member Training and Development Committee

The Sons of The American Legion University (SAL U) will be the highest level of education and training offered by the SAL. The course is intended to teach the principles and techniques necessary for effective leadership at the SAL. The 2024 session will be the pilot program to test the content for the next iteration of the program. All selected participants will be expected to provide feedback on the course in preparation for the future sessions. Class size is limited. Applications to be a pilot participant are due February 1.

The pilot course length is one and a half days and requires that the participant remains in attendance for the entire session. Participants will arrive on Wednesday, class will start on Thursday morning, and conclude Friday around noon. All participants will receive a call in from national for the pilot program only. All SAL U Pilot participants must complete the online version of [Basic Training](#) as a prerequisite and attach the certificate to the application.

SAL U will provide instruction using classroom lectures, small group interactive techniques, and team building.

Pilot topics will include:

Welcome, introductions, ground rules
Why are you here?
SAL History
Resolutions

Time Management
Communication/Public Speaking/NMI 1
Technology
Mentorship
Membership Retention
SAL Role with Legion
Constitution and By-laws
SAL Programs/Awards (Include Scrapbooks and History books)
Identify and prepare speech on a SAL

Dress the part
Parliamentary Procedure
5 Star & 10 Ideals Program Review

TEXT & REQUIRED SUPPLIES

All course materials will be supplied to the students. No additional material is required, and students are encouraged to explore outside sources independently. **The use of a personal laptop or tablet is required** and is to be brought to class.

GRADING PLAN & RULES OF CONDUCT

Completion of the instruction will be considered satisfactory to meet graduation requirements. No formal class ranking will be kept. All graduates of the pilot program will receive a diploma indicating completion of SAL U. Students are expected to arrive on time and participate every day. Feedback is also necessary to prepare the program for the following year. Serious personal or behavioral issues will be grounds for the expulsion of a student.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

Most students will find this course to be challenging. For some students, this will be their first experience as a member of a group of talented, highly motivated individuals. Defending your ideas and positions with skill and passion but at the same time respecting the same level of passion from other students is critical. Leadership while working within a team is essential to achieve the maximum results from the course.

For additionally information or if you have any questions about the program, contact adjutant Mark Kilstrom at (719) 640-6692 or email at saladj@coloradolegoipn.org



May 2 - 3, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN
Applications Due to National Headquarters by February 1
Class size is limited

program, award, or resolutions
Dinner with the Commander
Homework review - Students present speech on a SAL program, award, or resolutions
SAL Etiquette/Legion SAL Politics/Policy
Legion Riders

America's Resilience Coach Gives Hope to Suicide Prevention

The American Legion

DEC 05, 2023

Kristen Christy is America's resilience coach. Resiliency is an attribute the co-creator of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline garnered from moving around as a military child, from losing her military husband to suicide 15 years ago, and from suicide attempts by her two

sons.

The award-winning author and inspirational speaker takes her own lessons learned from hardship and helps people overcome their disappointments, insecurities and adversaries. She is their tutor for when people are learning tough lessons "because we are not meant to do life alone," she said. Christy is this week's [special guest on The American Le-](#)

[gion Tango Alpha Lima Podcast](#), where you learn from the "emotional support human" how to be resilient, how listening gives purpose, and that HOPE is a stopgap to suicide.

Christy put her resiliency skills into play for herself and for her then 14- and 12-year-old boys when their father passed away. She too was resilient for her community, who showed up for her in the hard time. On the night of her

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Pearl Harbor: It's personal

From Legion.org
By Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander
DEC 07, 2023

December 7, 1941, is forever emblazoned in history as the day of infamy. But it was more than that. For Americans the attack was personal. In the weeks that followed, recruiting offices extended operating hours to accommodate the thousands of Americans who lined up to answer their nation's call and exact retribution on those responsible. The day ushered in our nation's entry into a war that would claim more



than 407,000 American lives. It's personal for The American Legion as well. The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion directs us to "preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in

all wars." This includes remembering the 2,403 Americans killed during the attack, the thousands more wounded and the countless witnesses who were forever changed.

To this day our friends in the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) continue to identify the remains of those who were killed in the attack but remained unknown due to limitations in scientific technology. One such hero was Navy Mess Attendant 1st Class Ralph M. Boudreaux of New Orleans. Stationed on the USS *Oklahoma*, Boudreaux's battleship was struck by multiple Japanese torpedoes before it capsized. The 20-year-old sailor was among the 429 *Oklahoma* crewmen who died from the attack.

Eventually, *Oklahoma's* "unknowns" were interred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific before being exhumed in 2015 for scientific analysis by DPAA. Boudreaux will be returned to his family next month for burial

in Slidell, La.

The American Legion is extremely supportive of the DPAA's mission to provide the fullest possible accounting for the missing heroes of all wars involving the United States. If you are related to someone who is MIA, [you may be able to donate a DNA specimen and assist in identification efforts.](#)

Preserving the memories of the fallen is no doubt easier when there are living eyewitnesses. The challenge is to continue the same respect when all are gone. Every veteran of World War II can rest assured that The American Legion will forever honor their sacrifice and service. I hope to convey that message to any Pearl Harbor survivor that I have the privilege to meet as I attend official observances today.

Visiting the *USS Arizona* and the other Pearl Harbor memorials is not just my duty as national commander of the nation's largest veterans organization. It's personal.



Coach Gives Hope to Suicide Prevention cont'd

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late husband's passing, she made one phone call and soon her house was full of friends who cared.

"As humans, we want to have the answers or say the right things," said Christy, a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 209 in Colorado Springs, Colo. "But a lot of times it's just being there or doing something," noting that her hairdresser came over to cut the boys hair before the funeral. When she now speaks about resiliency, "I talk about showing up and doing something. Not necessarily saying anything." Noting that people said to her, "He's in a better place", it upset Christy, as she wondered why that better place wasn't at the family dinner table. "It's OK to say, 'I don't have the words, but I'm here,'" she added.

The loss of her husband prompted Christy in 2010 to advocate for a three-digit suicide prevention lifeline. In 2022, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline went live nationwide. People can dial 988 and press 1 for veteran support, 2 for Spanish and now 4 for LGBTQ+. She said it's up to us as a community to act if we notice a loved one is not acting like themselves. "Are you thinking about suicide? We say it's a tough conversation, but it's just an untrained conversation," Christy said. "I can ask that question with no hesitation because I've practiced. I wish I could go back 15 years ago and ask Don if he was thinking of suicide and have him be mad at me (a fear people have). I'd rather have him be mad at me than a 14-

year-old giving his eulogy. So ask the question."

And listen.

Christy said research has shown that if you take 10 people who need mental help, eight just need someone to listen to them.

At 3 a.m., Christy received a phone call from an airmen who wasn't in a good place. She asked the airmen what she liked to do, which she responded that she loved animals. The next day the airmen went to the vet on base and asked to volunteer to walk the dogs "to give her a sense of purpose. And to use your passion to find that purpose is so important. Your identify is not based on what you do. It's based on who you are and what your character is."

Christy said that while resiliency is found in purpose, it is also saying something nice to yourself and to someone else; fostering relationships "because when that test happens, you will have a safety net of people who know you and know that you need;" and having an accountability person who will listen in good times and bad. "When I couldn't get my butt out of bed to take my kids to school, my friends came over and got me up (to take the kids). They weren't enabling (by taking the kids for me). They were encouraging."

Then there's hope.

As a current military spouse, Christy uses a lot of acronyms. HOPE (hold on, pain eases) is one that's on a military badge.

"I've heard hope is not a strategy (for ending suicide), but it can be a stopgap. We can be a stopgap in those few minutes," she said. "I

wish people would think about the aftermath. I know a lot of people attempt because they feel like they are a burden. Some say suicide is selfish. I thought that before Don died. But in one of his many notes that he left, he felt like he was burden. I wish I could have told him he wasn't a burden. But we've got to be the one. We've got to be the collective. If we can help one person, it's exponential. One person, one family, one community, one future."

For resiliency, hope and inspiration, visit kristenchristycares.com/.

The Tango Alpha Lima podcast welcomes guest host Matt Jabaut of Maine, who is chairman of The American Legion's Membership & Post Activities Committee. On this episode, Jabaut and co-host Ashley Gutermuth also discuss:

- An Army app that will connect military spouses with on base and nearby employment opportunities, along with child care resources.
- The Army-Navy "clash of uniforms" for the Dec. 9 football game.
- What was the military doing at the Anime convention in New York City?

Check out this week's episode, which is among more than 210 Tango Alpha Lima podcasts available [in both audio and video formats here](#). You can also download episodes on Apple Podcasts, Google Play or other major podcast-hosting sites. The video version is available at [the Legion's YouTube channel](#).



New Jersey Squadron Embraces 'Season of Giving'

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For the members of SAL Squadron 105 in Belleville, N.J., the holiday season truly is a "Season of Giving."

"Everything we do as a squadron is for the benefit of others," said Squadron 105 Commander Steve Sangemino. "We're always going to be there to help someone in need, whether it's a brother, a veteran, or anybody in the community."

The squadron and Legion Family in Belleville are managing a toy and clothing drive. Around \$4,000 in toys and clothing have been ordered since fundraising began with a "Christmas in July" event, and more donations are coming in.

Squadron 105 Adjutant Rusty Myers noted that anyone in need can drop by the post on Dec. 14, when toys and clothing are distribut-

ed, and anything left over will be distributed to the needy in the community afterward.

"As an American Legion family, I'm very proud that the SAL is very active, and now that we have the American Legion Auxiliary there helping also with all that they do for veterans and in support of the Four Pillars," said Post 105 Commander Joseph Cobianni.

The squadron is also conducting a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Fisher House Foundation, which builds comfort homes where military and veterans families can stay for free while a loved one is in the hospital. Over the past four years, the squadron has raised over \$6,000 through the raffle to donate to Fisher House.

"I'm very proud of our SAL family. When something needs to be done, we just do it," said Squadron 105 First Vice Commander James Elsmore.

The squadron's giving spirit began even before the holidays.

At the squadron's general meeting in November, donations of \$250 each were made to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW). Those donations highlight the SAL's support of the Legion's Four Pillars — in this case, children and youth, and veterans affairs.

"This organization is such an amazing force for good, whether it's for our vets, or kids, or our community, state, and nation. I'm proud that our members bring to action in every way National Commander Hall's slogan 'Representing More than Me,'" Myers said.



Tell Our Veterans and Servicemembers, 'Thanks'

By SAL National Commander Donald "JR" Hall
NOV 16, 2023

Holiday Greetings to All,
As we come closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope everyone is ready to celebrate what you are thankful for with your friends and family. I know as we go through our day-to-day routines, there is so much going on and the world revolves and shares all its bad news with us. But let's not be defeated, and let's take time to be thankful for things we do have.



You are an American, you have your freedom to be thankful for, and during this time we should make sure we tell all our veterans and military members "Thanks." Our country is what it is today because of our

men and women who have always protected our rights and freedom. Most reading this are part of our American Legion Family, the world's largest family for supporting our veterans. We as a family do have a lot to be thankful for; please take time and appreciate what we do have.

Let me do some holiday sharing: I am thankful for my family, the American Legion Family, and for having the opportunity to serve with Commander Seehafer and President Williamson.

Looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year

As Christmas is right around the corner, so is more cold air and nasty weather. While we all get in the Christmas spirit, take time and try to help somebody else and see how good it makes you feel. Maybe you know somebody who will be alone for Christmas. Veteran or not, ask them over for a visit to show

them that you care. Sharing goodwill to others comes right back to you and even in the cold makes you feel warm inside just because you did something to help somebody else. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we kick off the New Year, it is time to start planning seriously for The American Legion Family Day on April 27. Plan a celebration at your post that will bring in the press, community, and members. Teach everyone what The American Legion Family is all about. Teach them about the Four Pillars we stand on. Work on completing your Commander's Four Pillar Challenge and show everyone we know why we are the best veterans organization there will ever be.



Nebraska Squadron Shares Flag Etiquette With Fifth-graders

The American Legion
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In his role as national chairman of the Sons of The American Legion's Americanism Commission, Chris Casey challenged the SAL National Executive Committee to take the commission's goals back to their respective detachments.

It's a challenge Casey and the rest of the Legion Family at Benson (Neb.) Post 112 is meeting.

Members of SAL Squadron 112 led a flag etiquette ceremony at Pawnee Elementary School on Nov. 18. The event allowed fifth-graders at the school to learn how to properly fold a flag as well as what the American flag represents.

"These classes assist in driving home Americanism for these young people," said Casey, who is also adjutant for Squadron 112 and the Detachment of Nebraska.



"The American Legion has urged Congress to approve an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag. That amendment has not progressed and may never do so in today's political climate," Casey

added. "These classes help shape the view of young people and develop their reverence for the flag. When these young students become the elected representatives of the people, they will get a flag protection amendment passed. They will do so because of the great respect that was instilled in them by The American Legion."

"We have had our security officer working with our students to raise and lower the flag each day, but I don't think that our students truly understood the significance and the meaning behind the raising and lowering of the flag, and how we fold and store the flag," Pawnee Elementary Principal Cheryl Prine [told KMTV](#). "... This opportunity not only educates the students but will bring about some reverence and respect for what they are doing."



Phoenix Post 117 Sends Holiday Cheer to Over 21,000 Deployed Servicemembers

The American Legion
DEC 07, 2023

American Legion Family members of Pat Tillman Post 117 in Phoenix, Ariz., are delivering Christmas cheer by mail to deployed servicemembers. Over 21,000 Christmas cards are on their way to military men and women who will be away from their loved ones this holiday season.

"We want them to know that there's an American Legion here in Phoenix, Arizona, that really cares for them," said Auxiliary Unit 117 President Christine Rodriguez, who organizes the card signing, now in its sixth year. "That each message on the card is heartfelt and that we do appreciate them, and we do hope that they know they're loved, even though they don't know us, America does love them. We specifically love them here at the Post 117."

That's not all. There's more holiday cheer from the Post 117 Legion Family – a shipment of 40 care packages filled with toiletries, chocolate, gum, granola bars, the Christmas cards, spices and more are also on their way to deployed servicemembers.

"We are trying to let them know that we love them, and we appreciate them. They're putting their lives on the line for us," said Unit 117 2nd Vice President Char Myrick, who organizes the care packages and understands sacrifice com-

ing from a military family and a father who was in law enforcement. "Their families are



also sacrificing for us. If we send some packages, it makes life easier for them. I just want to make life easier for them because of what they're doing for us."

The Christmas cards and care packages "makes my heart soar," said Post 117 Commander Mark Burton. "It's action. It's not just words. We have a little saying, well done is greater than well said. Our American Legion post family, and I accent the word family – our Auxiliary, our Sons, our Riders – make it a commitment to do things, not say things."

The Christmas card signing kicked off in July at the post with a potluck meal and raffle drawing. Post 117 Legionnaires, Auxiliary

members and Sons of The American Legion members have signed cards for the past five months, along with other Legion posts in the 12th District and community members who saw the good the post was doing on the news and social media.

"It's an hour or two of (community members coming in and) signing cards, and it will be very impactful for the people that are going to be receiving those cards," said Rodriguez, adding that each card has up to 10 signatures. For District 12, Rodriguez put forth a challenge – the post that signed the most cards would receive \$100 from Auxiliary Unit 117. Post 65 "stepped up big time and they gave us 4,000 cards signed," she said, which helped the post surpass its goal of 17,117 cards to over 21,000. "So other posts are really stepping up and helping us as well, and I appreciate each and everyone."

The Post 117 Legion Family knows the impact the cards have on deployed servicemembers. A recipient of a card several years ago, Todd Struble, is now the director of Post 117's Legion Riders chapter. He moved to Phoenix following service and joined Post 117 because of the card. "He said it was something that he never forgot," Rodriguez said.





**The American Legion Family
Mid - Year Conference
Friday January 26 - Sunday January 28, 2024**

LOCATION: The American Legion Post 32
315 S. Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501

All meetings, meals, and entertainment will be held at the post.

Registration, meal prices and agenda will follow in the near future.

Need a place to stay? There are 50 rooms blocked for the American Legion Family.

LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn, 470 South Martin Road, Longmont, CO 80501.

PHONE: 720-759-4422

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/denlcgi-hilton-garden-inn-longmont/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-GI-DENLCGI&y_source=1_MTY2Njg2NjktNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndlYnNpdGU%3D

This is just 1.5 miles down the road. There will be scheduled shuttles to the post.

Price: \$109 + tax

Rooms are available to book today. Make sure you reserve under **CAL block** to get the quoted room rate.

The room block and rate is good until **12/26/24.**

When calling the Hotel, if you get an automated answer with options, select 0 to speak with the hotel reservations directly.

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**Mid-year Conference Agenda
John Harold Buckley Post 32
315 S Bowen St. Longmont, CO 80501**

Saturday, January 27, 2024

7:00 am – 8:20 am Breakfast available at Post 32
7:30 am – 8:15 am Meeting room Setup

JOINT OPENING SESSION

8:30 am – 9:00 a.m.
 Call to Order Post 32 Commander Ralph Bozella
 Posting of colors Post 32 Honor Guard
 Opening Prayer Post 32 Chaplain
 Pledge of Allegiance
 National Anthem
 POW/MIA Empty Chair
 Military Child Table Ceremony
 Blue Start Banner Presentation
 Gold Start Banner Presentation
 Preamble
Introductions
 Welcome Post 32 Commander Ralph Bozella
 Legion
 Auxiliary
 SAL Detachment – New Charter Awards
 ALR
 National Guests NVC Edwards, PNC Rohan, PNC Foster
 NJA Mark Seavey
 National Staff Ken George

9:00 a.m. Break to separate sessions (TAL, SAL, RIDER, ALA, ALA JR)

9:15 am – 11:00 am Detachment Training
 Required Reports
 Membership Transmittals
 Online Membership Processing

11:15 a.m. – Noon

FOUR CHAPLAINS’ MEMORIAL SERVICE

Invocation
 The Story of the Chapel
 In memory of Chaplain George L. Fox ALA
 In memory of Chaplain Alexander D. Goode SAL
 In memory of Chaplain John P. Washington ALR
 In memory of Chaplain Clark V. Poling TAL
 Musi: “God Bless America”
 Benediction:
 TAPS

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Past Commander Lunch – Banquet Hall
 1:15 pm – 3:30 pm SAL DEC Meeting
 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Meeting room breakdown

5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Social Hour in banquet hall

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Banquet
 National Vice Commander
 Oratorical Winner
 Membership Awards
 Closing Comments

8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Entertainment

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **SUNDAY BREAKFAST AVAILABLE AT THE POST**



**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
JUNE 20 - 22, 2024
SKYUTE CASINO/HOTEL**

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RESERVATIONS - 1-800-876-7017**

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CONTACT HEADQUARTERS AT 303-366-5796**



Member Online Renewal Available to SAL members!

IDENTIFY ONLINE PAYMENTS THROUGH MYLEGION.ORG

Members of The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion can renew their membership online. As members renew, they can print a membership card signed by the National Adjutant. Many members expect to receive their membership card from the post/squadron as well. Post/Squadron Adjutants and Commanders can view members renewing online through MyLegion.org.

Post and Squadron leadership should use this report to identify members that renew online, send them their membership card, and thank them for their renewal.

1. From your My Account page, enter My Groups to access Group Profile
2. Go to "Reports/Labels" from the left MY VIEWS menu.
3. Select Member Online Renewal.
4. Set parameters. First select group, next set the date range using the calendar icons and "View Report"
5. Names display one column. From the export pulldown menu export to a PDF.
6. Print labels from PDF document.

MyLegion squadron officer membership management tools:

- Online roster and reports
- Membership management
- Print a current membership card for a member
- Assign group permission
- Add a photo and emergency contact information to a member's record
- Process membership and transmittal history
- Consolidated Squadron Report
- Officer materials, brochures, and speeches

REGISTER AN ACCOUNT TODAY!

Registration for a MyLegion account is achieved using the email address on your membership record. The email address must be present on your membership record to access post and squadron membership information. Go to [MyLegion.org](https://mylegion.org) and register today!

NEED HELP? VISIT MYLEGION RESOURCES

Online help is available at MyLegion.org in Resources. Step-by-step instructions and videos can help with registering an account, creating rosters and reports, membership processing, membership management, and other administrative tools.

Contact your MyLegion support team at mylegion@legion.org



Just A note about online renewals, If your Squadron has not submitted a Squadron Data Report, the national organization does not know what your Squadron dues are. This means if one of your members renews online, he will only pay detachment and national dues, and will be able to print a membership card. The Squadron will not receive their per-capita from national or detachment. You'll have to collect directly from the

How do Squadrons Get Their Money?

By Adjutant Mark Kilstrom

The document above gives instructions on how a Squadron Adjutant can find out which members have renewed online, but it doesn't tell you how the Squadron gets its per-capita dues money. Given the times we are living in, that's a pretty good question. So, here's what the department oversight committee has said about it; "no post or squadron is to be

harmed". What that means is that each post and squadron will get their per-capita dues of the members that paid on line. What has been shared with me for the "caretakers" at Dept HQ is that in January 2024, there will be reconciliation, at NHQ, of all members, Legion and SAL in Colorado that have renewed online between mid April 2023 and 31 December 2023 and a check to cover the per-capita for each online renewal will be mailed (most likely in Feb. 2024) to each

post and squadron for every member who renewed on line. What I've not been given an answer to is if the squadron will get a check, or if their per-capita will be comingled with the check that goes to the post. So keep track of your online member renewals. I pull a report weekly if you need help. I hope this is clear as mud, but it's all I've got. We hope to get some more answers at the Mid-year Conference.



Detachment Membership

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF COLORADO 2024 MEMBERSHIP

Squadron	City	2023	2024	12/5/23	12/5/23	12/5/23	45%	Needed	Percent	Renewal	Projected	PUFL
			Goal	Mail-In	Online	Strength	Target	Target		Percent	Delegates	
1	Denver	155	157	57	11	68	70	2	43.44%	32.26%	16	7
2	O S Pueblo	124	125	29	7	36	56	20	28.74%	23.39%	13	1
4	O S Fort Collins	98	99	12	33	45	45	0	45.46%	44.90%	14	0
5	O S Colorado Springs	47	47	46	0	46	21	-25	96.90%	63.83%	14	18
10	O S Boulder	76	77	19	12	31	35	4	40.39%	23.68%	12	0
13	O S Canon City	14	14	12	0	12	6	-6	84.87%	71.43%	10	1
15	O S Loveland	56	57	7	4	11	25	14	19.45%	19.64%	10	7
17	O Edgewater	50	51	21	3	24	23	-1	47.52%	14.00%	11	3
18	Greeley*	0	10	0	0	0	5	5	0.00%	#DIV/0!	0	0
19	O S Ft. Morgan	25	25	2	0	2	11	9	7.92%	8.00%	2	0
20	O S Sterling	36	36	32	1	33	16	-17	90.76%	88.89%	12	1
21	O S Golden	100	101	56	2	58	45	-13	57.43%	24.00%	15	10
22	O S Northglenn	104	105	46	2	48	47	-1	45.70%	42.31%	14	13
23	O S Aurora	26	26	18	1	19	12	-7	72.35%	65.38%	11	17
24	O S Olathe	22	22	0	11	11	10	-1	49.50%	50.00%	10	0
26	Eaton	5	5	0	1	1	2	1	19.80%	20.00%	1	0
28	O S Durango	23	23	0	12	12	10	-2	51.66%	34.78%	10	0
32	O S Longmont	429	433	142	25	167	195	28	38.54%	31.00%	26	11
38	O Fountain	94	95	61	2	63	43	-20	66.36%	61.70%	15	46
39	O S Manitou Springs	49	49	27	1	28	22	-6	56.58%	42.86%	12	0
54	O S Gunnison	20	20	3	4	7	9	2	34.65%	35.00%	7	3
55	S Buena Vista	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
58	O Broomfield	16	16	0	7	7	7	0	43.32%	43.75%	7	0
62	O S Craig	1	10	1	0	1	5	4	10.00%	100.00%	1	1
65	O S Delta	15	15	0	0	0	7	7	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
66	O S B Akron	33	33	33	0	33	15	-18	100.00%	0.00%	12	0
68	Brush	15	15	13	0	13	7	-6	85.81%	40.00%	10	0
70	O S Johnstown	44	44	0	20	20	20	0	45.00%	34.09%	11	0
73	O S Montrose	0	10	4	0	4	5	1	40.00%	#DIV/0!	4	0
75	O Cortez*	13	13	0	0	0	6	6	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
78	O S Rifle	NEW	NEW	10	0	10	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	0.00%	10	0
81	Flagler*	15	15	0	0	0	7	7	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
88	Granby	10	10	10	0	10	5	-5	99.01%	60.00%	10	0
89	O S Hayden	12	12	10	0	10	5	-5	82.51%	83.33%	10	0
97	Paonia	0	10	0	0	0	5	5	0.00%	#DIV/0!	0	0
100	Carbondale	79	80	2	1	3	36	33	3.76%	6.33%	3	2
101	O S Denver	32	32	0	32	32	15	-17	99.01%	100.00%	12	0
102	S Fort Lupton	21	21	0	0	0	10	10	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
103	O S Littleton	18	18	12	1	13	8	-5	71.51%	50.00%	10	2
109	Windsor	34	34	3	2	5	15	10	14.56%	5.88%	5	0
111	Louisville	49	49	6	8	14	22	8	28.29%	22.45%	10	6
113	Alamosa	11	11	0	0	0	5	5	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
119	O S Estes Park	41	41	20	2	22	19	-3	53.13%	31.71%	11	1
138	O S Stratton	New	New	16	0	16	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	0.00%	11	0
151	O S Commerce City	15	15	6	0	6	7	1	39.60%	40.00%	6	6
160	Byers	21	21	0	0	0	10	10	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
161	Arvada	169	171	57	10	67	77	10	39.25%	31.95%	16	3
170	O S Westcliffe	12	12	5	2	7	5	-2	57.76%	41.67%	7	0
178	S Lakewood	243	245	136	10	146	110	-36	59.49%	48.15%	24	17
180	O S Keenesburg	47	47	0	0	0	21	21	0.00%	2.13%	0	0
193	O S Denver	14	14	13	0	13	6	-7	91.94%	85.71%	10	8
200	S Grand Junction	3	10	1	0	1	5	4	10.00%	33.33%	1	1
204	JP Martinez - Denver	29	29	28	0	28	13	-15	95.60%	89.66%	12	0
206	O S Aurora	12	12	0	7	7	5	-2	57.76%	50.00%	7	0
207	O S Pueblo West	8	10	1	1	2	5	3	20.00%	12.50%	2	1
209	O S Colorado Springs	87	88	1	43	44	40	-4	50.07%	49.43%	13	1
211	O S Headquarters	15	15	10	1	11	7	-4	72.61%	60.00%	10	7
1111	S North Jeffco	127	128	2	31	33	58	25	25.73%	18.90%	12	2
1985	O S Firestone	75	76	46	1	47	34	-13	62.05%	58.67%	14	1
1992	O S Aurora	28	28	16	4	20	13	-7	70.72%	71.43%	11	2
2000	O Loveland	9	10	0	10	10	5	-6	100.00%	100.00%	10	0
2001	Evergreen	5	10	0	0	0	5	5	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
2008	O S B Falcon***	27	28	5	23	28	13	-15	100.00%	85.19%	12	0
2017	O Limon	15	15	1	2	3	7	4	19.80%	0.00%	3	0
2527	Bailey	14	14	0	7	7	6	-1	49.50%	21.43%	7	0
	Total Renewals						0		0.00%	1097		
	Detachment Goal	2990	3074	1058	357	1415	1383	-32	46.03%	36.69%	542	199
11/1/23	National	2964	2952			1188	1328	140	40.24%	34.17%		

O= Rec'd 2023-24 Officer List
S= Rec'd 2024 SDR
C= Rec'd 23-24 CSR
100% by Legion birthday
1st Sdrn at 100%
met next goal
Close but no cigar
85% Renewal
B = 100% by Legion Birthday 15 March

Great job Colorado, you continue to perform in impressive ways. By my count, you've hit at least 15 consecutive membership target dates. Nothing less than outstanding!!

National Membership as of December 4th

2024 SAL Membership Report as of: December 4, 2023

#	DETACHMENT	2024 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 45% TARGET 12/13/2023	2024 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2024 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	120	-47	101	84.17%	75.63
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	-554	1,279	79.39%	69.92
3	FRANCE	168	-54	130	77.38%	69.70
4	LOUISIANA	1,821	-503	1,322	72.60%	67.26
5	WISCONSIN	4,398	-1,191	3,170	72.08%	65.60
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	-305	1,011	64.39%	53.43
7	GEORGIA	4,887	-911	3,110	63.64%	56.89
8	ILLINOIS	13,716	-2,300	8,472	61.77%	58.28
9	NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	-413	1,659	59.89%	49.93
10	FLORIDA	23,066	-3,405	13,785	59.76%	50.43
11	ALABAMA	2,100	-298	1,243	59.19%	50.99
12	NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	-150	634	58.98%	51.56
13	MONTANA	1,091	-152	643	58.94%	55.88
14	IOWA	4,914	-678	2,889	58.79%	54.80
15	MISSISSIPPI	736	-101	432	58.70%	54.67
16	IDAHO	659	-85	382	57.97%	43.84
17	MARYLAND	16,803	-1,855	9,416	56.04%	51.27
18	OREGON	1,534	-167	857	55.87%	45.84
19	ARKANSAS	406	-39	222	54.68%	43.32
20	WYOMING	1,248	-119	681	54.57%	48.59
21	NEVADA	387	-37	211	54.52%	46.33
22	CALIFORNIA	11,292	-1,052	6,133	54.31%	47.60
23	TENNESSEE	1,792	-160	966	53.91%	45.53
24	PUERTO RICO	156	-13	83	53.21%	48.37
25	INDIANA	37,244	-2,982	19,742	53.01%	49.10
26	MINNESOTA	11,435	-839	5,985	52.34%	48.79
27	VIRGINIA	4,367	-318	2,283	52.28%	45.30
28	OKLAHOMA	1,430	-100	743	51.96%	41.47
29	UTAH	460	-32	239	51.96%	48.87
30	OHIO	31,690	-2,203	16,463	51.95%	47.87
31	DELAWARE	2,596	-177	1,345	51.81%	45.34
32	NEBRASKA	6,992	-457	3,603	51.53%	49.44
33	RHODE ISLAND	348	-19	176	50.57%	42.65
34	NEW YORK	30,663	-1,689	15,487	50.51%	46.51
35	MICHIGAN	26,236	-1,373	13,179	50.23%	44.82
36	KANSAS	6,055	-297	3,022	49.91%	46.20
37	CONNECTICUT	1,865	-87	926	49.65%	42.89
38	TEXAS	5,783	-262	2,864	49.52%	43.09
39	VERMONT	3,920	-73	1,837	46.86%	43.44
40	ARIZONA	8,595	-157	4,025	46.83%	38.83
41	NEW JERSEY	9,662	-173	4,521	46.79%	41.99
42	MISSOURI	3,337	-50	1,552	46.51%	40.90
43	MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	-59	2,503	46.08%	41.39
44	NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	-17	2,729	45.28%	40.61
45	WASHINGTON	2,682	56	1,151	42.92%	33.56
46	COLORADO	2,952	123	1,205	40.82%	34.71
47	ALASKA	1,740	85	698	40.11%	32.92
48	PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	3,113	25,123	40.04%	36.75
49	KENTUCKY	2,399	143	937	39.06%	32.95
50	NEW MEXICO	1,582	136	576	36.41%	27.71
51	DIST OF COL	91	10	31	34.07%	30.68
52	MAINE	2,757	371	870	31.56%	28.10
53	WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	378	789	30.43%	25.26
54	LATIN AMERICA	33	5	10	30.30%	12.50
55	PHILIPPINES	79	31	5	6.33%	5.06
Grand Totals:		382,111	-21,500	193,450	50.63%	45.62

This December 4th Report show Colorado in 46th position out of 55 Detachments. It also shows we need 123 members to hit goal. Fear not, fellow sons.

On December 5th, I mailed of 246 plus we've had a slew of online activity.

*We're currently appear to be near the bottom of the heap, but we are **COLORADO STRONG** and in the end, we will come at on top with our third Triple Nickel!!*

National Membership by Region

2024 SAL Regional Breakdown

Western Region - James R. Fischer, Sr. (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	120	101	84.17%
MONTANA	1,091	643	58.94%
IDAHO	659	382	57.97%
OREGON	1,534	857	55.87%
WYOMING	1,248	681	54.57%
NEVADA	387	211	54.52%
CALIFORNIA	11,292	6,133	54.31%
UTAH	460	239	51.96%
ARIZONA	8,595	4,025	46.83%
WASHINGTON	2,682	1,151	42.92%
COLORADO	2,952	1,205	40.82%
ALASKA	1,740	698	40.11%
NEW MEXICO	1,582	576	36.41%
LATIN AMERICA	33	10	30.30%
PHILIPPINES	79	5	6.33%
Totals:	34,454	16,917	49.10%

Midwest Region - Terry A. Harris (KS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,611	1,279	79.39%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,075	634	58.98%
IOWA	4,914	2,889	58.79%
OKLAHOMA	1,430	743	51.96%
NEBRASKA	6,992	3,603	51.53%
KANSAS	6,055	3,022	49.91%
MISSOURI	3,337	1,552	46.51%
Totals:	25,414	13,722	53.99%

Northeast Region - John R. Cook (NH)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	168	130	77.38%
MARYLAND	16,803	9,416	56.04%
DELAWARE	2,596	1,345	51.81%
RHODE ISLAND	348	176	50.57%
NEW YORK	30,663	15,487	50.51%
CONNECTICUT	1,865	926	49.65%
VERMONT	3,920	1,837	46.86%
NEW JERSEY	9,662	4,521	46.79%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,432	2,503	46.08%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,027	2,729	45.28%
PENNSYLVANIA	62,746	25,123	40.04%
DIST OF COL	91	31	34.07%
MAINE	2,757	870	31.56%
Totals:	143,078	65,094	45.50%

Southeast Region - Linwood A. Moore (VA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
LOUISIANA	1,821	1,322	72.60%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,570	1,011	64.39%
GEORGIA	4,887	3,110	63.64%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,770	1,659	59.89%
FLORIDA	23,066	13,785	59.76%
ALABAMA	2,100	1,243	59.19%
MISSISSIPPI	736	432	58.70%
ARKANSAS	406	222	54.68%
TENNESSEE	1,792	966	53.91%
PUERTO RICO	156	83	53.21%
VIRGINIA	4,367	2,283	52.28%
TEXAS	5,783	2,864	49.52%
Totals:	49,454	28,980	58.60%

Central Region - Robert L. Bristo (MN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
WISCONSIN	4,398	3,170	72.08%
ILLINOIS	13,716	8,472	61.77%
INDIANA	37,244	19,742	53.01%
MINNESOTA	11,435	5,985	52.34%
OHIO	31,690	16,463	51.95%
MICHIGAN	26,236	13,179	50.23%
KENTUCKY	2,399	937	39.06%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,593	789	30.43%
Totals:	129,711	68,737	52.99%

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