



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Colorado  
Minutes  
Detachment Executive Committee  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Post 209  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Salute:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Opening Prayer:** ANEC Nick Arceo

**POW/MIA Ceremony:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Blue Star Banner Ceremony:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Commander Richard

**Recitation of Preamble:** led by Commander Richard

Meeting called to order on January 28, 2023, at: 1:07 pm

**Roll Call of Officers:**

**(Those present in bold type)**

NEC/Asst Adjutant	<b>Scott Garrett (200)</b>
ALT NEC	<b>Nick Arceo (103)</b>
Commander	<b>Richard Humphrey (23)</b>
Sr. Vice Commander	Walter Weld (1) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Jim Gaddis (211) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	<b>Ron Noakes (2)</b>
Jr. Vice Commander	Bobby Jones (28) Excused
Jr. Vice Commander	Randy Forsythe (65) Excused
Jr Vice Commander	<b>Rob Barry (209)</b>
Jr Vice Commander	Dave Smith (1985) Excused
Adjutant	<b>Mark Kilstrom (2)</b>
Finance	<b>Rick Baldessari (21)</b>
Chaplain	Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	<b>Teddy Kuntz (1985)</b>
Historian	vacant
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Detachment Advisor	Doug Wooddell (23) Excused
Voting PDC	<b>Pete Sierminski (32)</b>
Voting PDC	Jim Gelwicks (54) Excused

**Roll Call - Past Detachment Commanders Present:**

Rick Baldessari	Jim Gelwicks	Mark Kilstrom	Scott Garrett	Pete Sierminski
Ron Noakes	John Herath	Nick Arceo		

**Roll Call – Squadrons:**  
**(Squadrons present in Bold)**

1	<b>2</b>	4	<b>5</b>	10	13	15	17	18	19
20	<b>21</b>	22	<b>23</b>	24	26	28	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	39
<b>54</b>	55	58	62	<b>65</b>	66	<b>68</b>	70	73	75
77	81	87	89	97	100	101	102	<b>103</b>	<b>109</b>
111	113	119	151	160	161	170	178	180	193
<b>200</b>	204	206	207	<b>209</b>	<b>211</b>	11-11	<b>1985</b>	1992	2000
2001	2008	2017							

**Distinguished Guests:** Past National Vice Commanders; Pete Sierminski, Rick Baldessari, , Past Department Commanders; Doug Wooddell, Richard Humphrey, Leading Candidate for National Commander J R Hall, National Legislative Commission Chairman and Aide to the Leading Candidate Tom Deal.

**Reading of Minutes:** Nick Arceo moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as published, second Scott Garrett, the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Adjutant Mark Kilstrom read: a card received from Jr Auxiliary Honorary President Adrianna Huggins thanking us for donation. A letter from Boy Scouts of America thanking us for our donation. A letter from the USO thanking us for our Donation. An email from National HQ that the cutoff date to request a National Officer visit is 9 June.

**Guest Speaker:** ANEC Arceo introduced Leading Candidate J R Hall. J R spoke about his visit to the Mount Carmel Veterans Service center remarking what a great resource it was for veterans and how it fits well with the programs of The American Legion. J R talked about engaging in Legion Family Day on the last Saturday in April and using it to interact with the community and promote the programs that the Legion Family does in the communities.

**Officer Reports:**

**Junior Vice Ron Noakes:** Ron is working with Centennial HS and looks like they are getting on board with Legion baseball. He's been talking to schools in Pueblo area pushing Boys and Girls State.

**Junior Vice Rob Barry:** Reported on his travels with Commander Richard to various Squadrons. Liberty HS is putting a team together for Legion Baseball, they have a coach Selected and are getting players. He will be serving as a counselor at Boys State.

**Commander Richard Humphrey:** reported on his travels trying to visit every Squadron, has 11 left to visit. Commander spoke on membership and reaching out to members who have not renewed. Commanders full report at Annex A.

**Chaplain Brad Henderson:** Brad relayed a story of some time he spent with an elderly disabled

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Adjutant Mark Kilstrom gave the membership report see annex B. Mark expressed praise for the strong membership effort so far and pointed out that 19 Squadrons made 100% prior to the Legion Birthday. Mark predicted that we will achieve the Triple Nickle this year and offered to tender his resignation at the Detachment \Convention if we do not get the required 5 Squadrons. The Detachment and National membership reports are at Annex B.

**Permanent Membership Rick Baldessari:** Rick stated that we are at 205 Permanent members.

**Finance Rick Baldessari:** Rick reviewed the financial status of the Detachment, the final financial statement is attached as Annex C. Adjutant Mark added that there was \$1,333 earmarked for A.L.F. dogs that Teddy Kuntz has raised. A order for five cases was placed at a cost of \$1,250. Mark recognized Teddy for his fund raising efforts and mentioned his fund raising for victims of the Marshall Fire. Rick reported that a check for \$627.00 in February to Childrens Hospital Cancer research from funds raised by Commander Richard pin sales and with the money turned in today, we are over \$1,000 in donations raised for that project. Scott Garrett asked for clarification on the losses incurred in the Vanguard investment account on what time frame was covered in the report. Rick was unsure on that but would report back with clarification. Scott stated that this information needs to be a part of the Finance Report at every meeting.

**Americanism Ron Noakes:**

**Scouting:** Ron Noakes mentioned the Adventure group at Post 209 is doing well.

**Baseball:** Baseball is spreading and from the emails he's got it looks like baseball is spreading in southern Colorado

**Junior Shooting:** Rob Berry reported that Post 209 has two different groups going, one for Jr. shooting and another for marksmanship. Ron Noakes reported that Post 178 qualified some shooters for National competition. Ron also reported that in Pueblo they are down to three schools with shooting programs. Post 2 is starting new groups to bring in the high school students. They are seeking to get American Legion Jr Shooting Sports teams to be included with the Southern Colorado Rifle League. Ron thanked our guest and others for supporting the Young Guns by attending dinner at Post 2 on Friday night. Jake Alexander for Squadron 109 announced that they set up a range in the basement of their post and are trying to get a Jr Shooting program started. Ron will get with them to offer assistance.

**Oratorical:** Nick Arceo reported that on March 12, the committee met and verified the winners. Details are at Annex C.

**Boys State:** No Report

**Children & Youth Pete Sierminski:** Pete Reported on Current CWF Contributions. Attached as Annex D.

**Public Relations vacant:** Adjutant Mark stated he has built the MailChimp contact list to over 1,100 so we are reaching a larger audience with our newsletter and email blast. Mark reminded all officers and committee chairs that he needs articles from them for the newsletter. He also mentioned that he wants articles, pictures and flyers if events the Squadrons and their Posts are having.

**Legislative:** Tom Deal spoke on the Legion's legislative agenda for the current Congress and how to get signed up for voter's voice to get emails about legislative actions of interest to the Legion and the ability to send emails directly to our Congressmen and Senators. He also spoke about the Pact Act and the need to get it funded. Tom spoke about the Volunteer of the Year award and the nomination process.



**VA & R Nick Arceo:** Attached as Annex D.

**Advisor Doug Wooddell:** Commander Richard stated that Doug was at the Department DEC meeting today. Department Convention is scheduled for 23-25 June in Ignacio, CO.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Office Equipment:** Adjutant Mark reported that a new laptop computer was purchased for around \$250.00. The old computer is still in his possession, the hard drive has been removed but has not been brought to recycle center yet. Also, the Detachment reimbursed him for the new projector, but he's not sure what to do with it. There was discussion about the old projector and Jake Alexander asked if Squadron 109 could have it. Nick Arceo moved that we donate the old projector to Squadron 109, second by Ron Noakes, motion carried.

**Zoom Meeting Account:** Mark reported that he had very few responses to his zoom participation survey, but it's moot since he's learned that anyone can download MS Teams, for free and it is free to use without the need to purchase. An invitation was blasted out with an invite to today's meeting and only one participant chimed in. Mark needs to learn more about its usage to enhance participants experience

**Mail Chimp Account:** The Detachment paid account allows up to 1,500 contacts and 15,000 emails per month. We have around 1,150 contacts and sending about 4 blasts per month with is around 4,500 emails a month.

**National Committee/Commissions:** Scott stated that Nick Arceo is on the National VA&R Commission and Richard is on the National Legislative Commission. He discussed the process to be selected on a National Committee and that Mark Kilstrom was the only one to submit a nomination form that was received and accepted by National HQ.

**Site Visit For Awards Banquet:** Commander Richard reported that Squadron 68 in Brush had been selected to host the Awards Banquet and since they were new and did not have a post home, He, Adjutant Mark and ANEC Nick made a visit to check out what they planned for a venue. The location they have is in Ft Morgan, and is very adequate to host the event. More information will be disseminated as time approaches.

Scott Garrett stated that he had been informed that his motel room expense was not covered by the Detachment because the Finance Policy did not provide for the NEC hotel room even though he is required to be here to escort our national and called for the Finance Committee to meet prior to convention to discuss changing the policy to cover the NEC hotel in such circumstances. Scott asked that he be allowed a hardship allowance to cover his room for the weekend since he was not prepared for the expense. Nick Arceo moved that the Detachment cover his room, second by Pete Sierminski, motion carried.

**New Business:**

Commander Richard stated that since we need a Chaplain now that Brad Henderson moved to Texas, and we also need a historian and Judge Advocate, we will wait until convention to fill those offices for next year.

Scott Garrett brought up possible National officers we may want to invite for visitations next year. After some discussion, it was agreed with out objection to invite the National Commander for the Awards banquet as first choice, with mid-year as alternate and invite Vice-commander for CWF.

Rick Baldessari mentioned we budget funds for donations to National candidates. Scott Garrett moved to donate \$300.00 to J R Halls Campaign, Ron Noakes second, motion carried.

**Good of the Sons:**

Jake Alexander withdrew his name from consideration as Jr Vice. Ron Noakes withdrew his name for consideration as Jr Vice and announced he would like to be considered for Chaplain. Scott Garrett announced he will step down as NEC. Mark reminded everyone to remember nominations for Dual Member of the Year, Member of the Year and Detachment Mom have to be submitted in writing. Scott Garrett asked for someone with a knowledge of "WordPress" for help with the website.

Laurie Kuntz stated she was told by Department President that the Legion Post in Bailey wants to start a Squadron.

Next meeting will be pre-convention meeting on June 24 Ignacio, CO, details will be forth coming as information becomes available from Department.

**Closing Prayer:** ANEC Nick Arceo

**Closing:** Commander Richard Humphrey

**Adjournment** – Commander Richard Humphrey

**Salute:** "I Now Declare this Meeting of the Executive Committee, Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion, Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.



COMMANDER'S REPORT:

I MUST ADMIT THIS HAS BEEN A VERY INTERESTING YEAR SO FAR. AS YOU HAVE READ IN MY ARTICLES, I HOPE, I HAVE BEEN OUT TO ALMOST EVERY SQUADRON IN COLORADO. THERE ARE ONLY 11 MORE TO VISIT AND I HOPE TO GET TO THEM IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. SEVERAL OF THOSE HAVE MEETINGS ON THE SAME DATE AT THE SAME TIME, SO IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO GET THEM IN.

MARK, ROB AND I HAVE BEEN TO MEETINGS WHERE THERE WERE 15 OR MORE MEMBERS AND MEETINGS WHERE THERE WERE 2 PRESENT. WE'VE MET IN BARS, RESTAURANTS, MEETING ROOMS AND BACK ROOMS. BUT WE DID MEET AND THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. WE DIDN'T GO TO TELL YOU HOW TO RUN YOUR MEETINGS, WHAT TO DO AT YOUR MEETINGS, JUST TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR DETACHMENT IS THERE FOR YOU IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, FOR WHAT EVER REASON. I ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING TO TELL YOU WHO I AM AND WHY I AM A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION. I BELIEVE THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP NEEDS TO KNOW WHO THEIR COMMANDER IS EVEN IF THEY DON'T COME TO THE DETACHMENT MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS.

BUT NOW YOUR DETACHMENT NEEDS SOMETHING FROM YOU. OF THE 62 SQUADRONS IN COLORADO, HALF OF THEM ARE OVER THE 90% MEMBERSHIP GOAL SET BY NATIONAL; AND WE HAVE SURPASSED EVERY MEMBERSHIP GOAL. THE OTHER HALF ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO REACH THAT GOAL. SOME ARE STILL TRYING TO REACH 10%. GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE 3 MONTHS LEFT OF THIS MEMBERSHIP YEAR. RIGHT NOW WE ARE SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACK NATIONALLY, ~~34~~<sup>22</sup>TH POSITION. THIS IS A LOT BETTER THAN PREVIOUS YEARS AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT, BUT WE CAN DO BETTER. WE HAVE BEEN 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE MID-WEST REGION ALL YEAR, NOW WE ARE ~~10~~<sup>16</sup>. CONTACT THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP, TALK WITH THEM, FIND OUT WHY. IS IT SOMETHING WITH THE POST, SOMETHING WITH THE SQUADRON THAT HAS MADE THEM NOT WANT TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO RENEW. I WOULD HATE TO SEE ALL OF THOSE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE GO DOWN THE DRAIN WHEN A PHONE CALL COULD HAVE PREVENTED IT.

SO RIGHT NOW MY CHALLENGE TO YOU AS SITTING MEMBERS OF THIS DETACHEMNT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS TO GO BACK TO YOUR RESPECTIVE SQUADRONS AND TO THOSE SQUADRONS IN YOUR AREA AND CONTACT THOSE

SQUADRONS COMMANDERS WHO ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE HERE, FIND OUT WHY AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO GET THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO RENEW. YOU ARE JUST AS MUCH A PART OF THE DETACHMENT OFFICERS AS ANY OF THE VICE COMMANDERS OR I AM. WE ARE JUST FIGURE HEADS, YOU RUN THIS ORGANIZATION. LET'S GET THAT 105% MEMBERSHIP AND 90% RENEWAL RATE BY THE 30 JUNE. WE CAN DO IT IF WE ALL GET TOGETHER AND WORK IT. WE NOW HAVE 3 NEW SQUADRONS THIS YEAR AND ONE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS. I HAVE TALKED WITH ONE POST AND WILL TALK WITH ANOTHER LATER THIS MONTH ABOUT STARTING A SQUADRON.

THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE DUAL MEMBERS, LOOK AT THE RANKING OF THE LEGION IN COLORADO. HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OR YOUR DEC REPRESENTATIVES THIS YEAR? THIS IS ONE REASON WHY WE ARE GROWING AND THEY ARE NOT, WE HAVE BEEN OUT TALKING WITH OUR MEMBERS, LETTING THEM SEE THAT WE ARE THERE AND CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING, HELPING THEM WITH THEIR FUND RAISERS IF NECESSARY, COMMUNICATING WITH THEM ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN COLORADO AND AROUND THE NATION WITH THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. LET'S NOT STOP NOW, WE ARE SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR FROM REACHING TO TOP. YOU ARE THE KEY TO MAKING THIS DETACHMENT A SUCCESS, I'M JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE.



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF COLORADO 2023 MEMBERSHIP

Squadron	City	2022	2023 Goal	3/28/23 Mail-In	3/28/23 Online	3/28/23 Strength	90% Target	4/19/23 Target	Needed Target	Percent	Renewal Percent	Projected Delegates	PUFL
1o	Denver	139	140	127	1	128	126	0		91.17%	75.54%	22	7
2os	Pueblo	121	122	83	0	83	110	27		67.92%	81.16%	17	1
4os	Fort Collins	101	102	83	0	83	92	9		81.36%	64.36%	17	0
5o	Colorado Springs	63	64	43	0	43	57	14		67.58%	63.49%	13	18
10	Boulder	86	87	70	0	70	78	8		80.59%	81.40%	16	0
13obs	Canon City	10	11	14	0	14	10	0		127.27%	100.00%	10	1
15os	Loveland	56	57	47	0	47	51	4		83.10%	60.71%	14	7
17osb	Edgewater	40	41	49	0	49	37	0		119.51%	100.00%	14	3
18	Greeley*	0	10	0	0	0	9	9		0.00%	0.00%	0	0
19os	Ft. Morgan	25	26	25	0	25	23	0		96.15%	96.00%	12	0
20os	Sterling	36	37	36	0	36	33	0		97.30%	100.00%	13	1
21os	Golden	99	100	86	0	86	90	4		86.01%	77.78%	18	10
22	Northglenn	110	111	85	1	86	100	14		77.41%	78.18%	18	13
23os	Aurora	28	29	24	0	24	26	2		82.76%	82.14%	11	17
24ob	Olathe	14	15	16	5	21	14	0		140.00%	100.00%	11	0
26	Eaton	15	16	0	0	0	14	14		0.00%	6.67%	0	0
28os	Durango	28	29	15	0	15	26	11		51.72%	39.29%	11	0
32os	Longmont	403	407	327	3	330	366	36		81.08%	79.16%	42	11
38os	Fountain	98	99	77	2	79	89	10		79.81%	76.53%	17	46
39os	Manitou Springs	48	49	41	0	41	44	3		83.67%	50.00%	13	0
54os	Gunnison	31	32	3	15	18	29	11		56.25%	45.16%	3	3
55	Buena Vista	11	12	3	0	3	11	8		25.00%	27.27%	3	0
58b	Broomfield	12	13	16	0	16	12	0		123.08%	100.00%	11	0
62	Craig	1	10	1	0	1	9	8		10.00%	100.00%	1	1
65osb	Delta	14	15	0	15	15	14	-2		100.00%	100.00%	0	0
66abos	Akron	30	31	33	0	33	28	0		106.45%	100.00%	12	0
68NEW os	Brush	0	0	14	0	14	0	0		0.00%	N/A	10	0
70os	Johnstown	39	40	37	0	37	36	0		92.50%	100.00%	13	0
73	Montrose	4	10	0	0	0	9	9		0.00%	0.00%	0	0
75osb	Cortez*	0	10	13	0	13	9	0		130.00%	0.00%	0	0
81osb	Flagler*	0	10	15	0	15	9	0		150.00%	0.00%	11	0
87os	Denver	1	10	0	0	0	9	9		0.00%	0.00%	0	0
89o	Hayden	12	13	12	0	12	12	0		92.31%	83.33%	10	0
97	Paonia	21	22	0	0	0	20	20		0.00%	0.00%	0	0
100osb	Carbondale	72	73	76	0	76	65	0		104.51%	90.28%	17	2
101ob	Denver	24	25	32	0	32	23	0		128.00%	95.83%	12	0
102	Fort Lupton	15	16	21	0	21	14	0		131.25%	0.00%	11	0
103osb	Littleton	17	18	18	0	18	16	0		100.00%	100.00%	11	2
109NEW os	Windsor	0	0	15	0	15	0	0		0.00%	#DIV/0!	11	0
111s	Louisville	57	58	49	0	49	52	3		85.11%	84.21%	14	6
113b	Alamosa	10	10	10	0	10	9	0		100.00%	80.00%	10	0
119os	Estes Park	44	45	34	0	34	41	7		75.56%	65.91%	12	1
151os	Commerce City	15	16	15	0	15	14	0		93.75%	100.00%	11	6
160a	Byers	20	21	21	0	21	19	0		100.00%	100.00%	11	0
161osb	Arvada	156	158	153	2	155	142	0		96.38%	85.26%	24	3
170os	Westcliffe	14	15	11	0	11	14	3		73.33%	64.29%	10	0
178o	Lakewood	209	211	220	1	221	190	0		104.69%	98.56%	31	17
180ob	Keenesburg	51	52	28	0	28	47	19		53.85%	52.94%	12	0
193os	Denver	17	18	13	0	13	16	3		72.22%	76.47%	10	8
200os	Grand Junction	3	10	2	0	2	9	7		20.00%	66.67%	2	1
204b	JP Martinez - Denver	25	26	24	5	29	23	0		111.54%	88.00%	11	0
206os	Aurora	14	15	0	12	12	14	2		80.00%	100.00%	0	0
207os	Pueblo West	8	9	8	0	8	8	0		88.89%	100.00%	8	1
209osb	Colorado Springs	70	71	1	74	75	64	-11		106.08%	82.86%	1	1
211osb	Headquarters	8	9	13	0	13	8	0		144.44%	100.00%	10	7
1111ob	North Jeffco	89	90	2	111	113	81	-32		125.71%	100.00%	2	2
1985os	Firestone	65	66	53	0	53	59	6		80.73%	70.77%	14	1
1992os	Aurora	35	36	27	0	27	32	5		75.00%	77.14%	12	2
2000	Loveland	18	19	0	9	9	17	8		47.37%	22.22%	0	0
2001	Evergreen	4	10	2	1	3	9	6		30.00%	100.00%	2	0
2008osb	Falcon***	24	25	26	0	26	23	0		104.00%	100.00%	12	5
2017NEW os	Limon	NEW		15	0	15	0	0		0.00%	N/A	11	1
	<b>Total Renewals</b>					0	0	0.00%		0.00%	<b>2292</b>		
	<b>Detachment Goal</b>	2780	2900	2284	257	2541	2610	69		87.62%	<b>82.45%</b>	652	205
	<b>National Goal</b>	2682	2729			2434	2456	22		89.19%	76.01%		

a - First Squadron at 100%  
 b - Receives Legion Birthday Citation Award  
 o-2022-2: Officer Report  
 r-2022-23 Consolidated Squadron Report  
 s-2023 Squadron Data Report Received  
 met next goal  
 National Membership Count  
 100% by Legion birthday  
 \*did not submit membership in 2022  
 Close but no cigar  
 100% Renewal  
 85% Renewal



Meeting Minutes April 1, 2023 Annex B cont. **2023 SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF: MARCH 30, 2023**

#	DETACHMENT	2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL	NEEDED TO MEET 90% TARGET 4/19/2023	2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP	% OF YEAR END GOAL	2023 RENEWAL %
1	HAWAII	77	-24	93	120.78%	100.00
2	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	-254	1,480	108.66%	86.70
3	PUERTO RICO	123	-20	131	106.50%	85.95
4	MEXICO	31	-4	32	103.23%	51.61
5	FRANCE	158	-13	155	98.10%	87.82
6	FLORIDA	21,519	-1,437	20,804	96.68%	78.33
7	OREGON	1,414	-82	1,355	95.83%	75.82
8	WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	-126	2,252	95.34%	78.21
9	DELAWARE	2,430	-118	2,305	94.86%	80.11
10	GEORGIA	4,490	-216	4,257	94.81%	79.82
11	MICHIGAN	24,271	-1,167	23,011	94.81%	83.10
12	MARYLAND	16,058	-697	15,149	94.34%	84.32
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	-60	1,386	94.09%	79.10
14	MAINE	2,617	-104	2,459	93.96%	80.88
15	VIRGINIA	4,109	-157	3,855	93.82%	79.73
16	WISCONSIN	4,187	-151	3,919	93.60%	81.26
17	OHIO	30,636	-875	28,447	92.85%	84.74
18	VERMONT	3,818	-103	3,539	92.69%	83.81
19	PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	-1,423	56,146	92.34%	84.24
20	TENNESSEE	1,718	-38	1,584	92.20%	74.41
21	NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	-23	973	92.14%	81.02
22	ILLINOIS	13,398	-281	12,339	92.10%	82.74
23	NEBRASKA	7,015	-128	6,441	91.82%	86.92
24	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	-101	5,210	91.77%	80.12
25	KANSAS	5,919	-90	5,417	91.52%	81.34
26	COLORADO	2,729	-40	2,496	91.46%	77.84
27	NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	-31	2,485	91.13%	74.19
28	ARIZONA	8,004	-74	7,278	90.93%	72.08
29	IOWA	4,857	-43	4,414	90.88%	79.95
30	MISSOURI	3,219	-16	2,913	90.49%	79.26
31	IDAHO	644	-2	582	90.37%	72.35
32	WASHINGTON	2,485	2	2,235	89.94%	70.23
33	NEVADA	357	0	321	89.92%	67.40
34	LOUISIANA	1,790	4	1,607	89.78%	79.90
35	ALASKA	1,608	4	1,443	89.74%	71.39
36	ALABAMA	2,066	8	1,851	89.59%	76.03
37	NEW YORK	29,864	159	26,719	89.47%	81.27
38	INDIANA	36,387	235	32,513	89.35%	81.20
39	CONNECTICUT	1,867	13	1,667	89.29%	79.16
40	NEW MEXICO	1,483	18	1,317	88.81%	70.88
41	MINNESOTA	11,378	175	10,065	88.46%	80.34
42	RHODE ISLAND	336	5	297	88.39%	75.45
43	MONTANA	1,108	22	975	88.00%	81.74
44	MISSISSIPPI	722	15	635	87.95%	74.73
45	OKLAHOMA	1,348	32	1,181	87.61%	68.66
46	CALIFORNIA	10,714	288	9,355	87.32%	72.72
47	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	206	4,692	86.22%	75.95
48	NEW JERSEY	9,386	438	8,009	85.33%	75.62
49	TEXAS	5,569	349	4,663	83.73%	68.14
50	WYOMING	1,298	93	1,075	82.82%	72.60
51	PHILIPPINES	70	8	55	78.57%	77.94
52	UTAH	449	65	339	75.50%	61.05
53	KENTUCKY	2,609	403	1,945	74.55%	63.32
54	ARKANSAS	447	91	311	69.57%	58.96
55	DIST OF COL	114	36	67	58.77%	46.90
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>367,798</b>	<b>-5,226</b>	<b>336,244</b>	<b>91.42%</b>	<b>80.64</b>

## 2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
HAWAII	77	93	120.78%
OREGON	1,414	1,355	95.83%
ARIZONA	8,004	7,278	90.93%
IDAHO	644	582	90.37%
WASHINGTON	2,485	2,235	89.94%
NEVADA	357	321	89.92%
ALASKA	1,808	1,443	80.74%
CALIFORNIA	10,714	9,355	87.32%
PHILIPPINES	70	55	78.57%
UTAH	449	339	75.50%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25,822</b>	<b>23,056</b>	<b>89.29%</b>

MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,362	1,480	108.66%
MEXICO	31	32	103.23%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,056	973	92.14%
NEBRASKA	7,015	6,441	91.82%
KANSAS	5,919	5,417	91.52%
COLORADO	2,729	2,496	91.46%
NEW MEXICO	4,483	4,317	96.31%
MONTANA	1,108	975	88.00%
OKLAHOMA	1,348	1,181	87.61%
TEXAS	5,569	4,663	83.73%
WYOMING	1,298	1,075	82.82%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>28,918</b>	<b>26,050</b>	<b>90.08%</b>

CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
MICHIGAN	24,271	23,011	94.81%
WISCONSIN	4,187	3,919	93.60%
OHIO	30,636	28,447	92.85%
ILLINOIS	13,398	12,339	92.10%
IOWA	4,857	4,414	90.88%
MISSOURI	3,219	2,913	90.49%
INDIANA	36,387	32,513	89.35%
MINNESOTA	11,378	10,065	88.46%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>128,333</b>	<b>117,621</b>	<b>91.65%</b>

EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
FRANCE	158	155	98.10%
WEST VIRGINIA	2,362	2,252	95.34%
DELAWARE	2,430	2,305	94.86%
MARYLAND	16,058	15,149	94.34%
MAINE	2,617	2,459	93.96%
VERMONT	3,818	3,539	92.69%
PENNSYLVANIA	60,803	56,146	92.34%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,677	5,210	91.77%
NEW YORK	29,864	26,719	89.47%
CONNECTICUT	1,867	1,667	89.29%
RHODE ISLAND	336	297	88.39%
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	4,692	86.22%
NEW JERSEY	9,386	8,009	85.33%
DIST OF COL	114	67	58.77%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>140,932</b>	<b>128,666</b>	<b>91.30%</b>

SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	% of Goal
PUERTO RICO	123	131	106.50%
FLORIDA	21,519	20,804	96.68%
GEORGIA	4,490	4,257	94.81%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,473	1,386	94.09%
VIRGINIA	4,109	3,855	93.82%
TENNESSEE	1,718	1,584	92.20%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,727	2,485	91.13%
LOUISIANA	1,790	1,607	89.78%
ALABAMA	2,066	1,851	89.59%
MISSISSIPPI	722	635	87.95%
KENTUCKY	2,609	1,945	74.55%
ARKANSAS	447	311	69.57%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>43,793</b>	<b>40,851</b>	<b>93.28%</b>



## Nick Arceo

Alternate NEC, National VE&E Commission member, Past Detachment Commander

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April 1, 2023

Oratorical report

\*March 12, 2023 we held our final certification for the oratorical contest. Here are the results,

1 <sup>st</sup> place \$3000.	Mae Webster-sponsored by Post 1260 Highlands Ranch
2 <sup>nd</sup> place \$1,500.	Sara Waldrip- sponsored by Post 1187 Castle Rock
3 <sup>rd</sup> place \$1,000.	Amari Luu-sponsored by Post 209 Colorado Springs
4 <sup>th</sup> place \$500.	Alessia Gambera-sponsored by Post 209 Colorado Springs

The Department of Colorado will be sending Mae Webster to the National Contest in April 21<sup>st</sup>-23 in Indianapolis IN.

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### VA&R Report

\*goals this year, increase the number of applications for the Charles B. Rigsby award, this award brings awareness to what we do. A special cover is presented to the awardee. Increase the number of Reps & Deps. raising 2million \$ for V.C.S., this is commander Carltons project this year. Passing a resolution that will allow the SAL to certify our own reps & deps. This was passed at the fall NEC, waiting for final approval from TAL. Create a 2<sup>nd</sup> VA&R award- outside the VA centers, the commission is working on this. Promote the "Be the One" initiative.

\*Currenting we have 41 reps & deps across the country, were ok for now, were in 29 hospitals. New number...1-800-698-2411...1=800myva411. This is a number those veterans, caregivers etc. can call for benefits. Still at 22 veteran suicides per day, 16 of them are not enrolled in the VA system or programs.

\*remember "national veterans assistance day" May 16 every year. What is your post doing, squadron?

\*the 77 annual National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting and conference will be held in Colorado this year. April 26-28, 2023. I will be attending as a SAL representative. Our national VAVS representative Gabe Cinquegrana will not be able to attend, I will attend as his deputy.

\*Closer to home I continue to volunteer at the rocky mountain regional hospital 3 days a week, 2 days in the emergency room. I'm also the CEO of a non-profit organization, Volunteers for Hospitalized veterans. We have our weekly fund-raising event at the hospital weekly.

### VE&E report

\*goals for this year, finalize the "suggested operation practices" and tri-fold brochure. These items will help promote VE&E. The Commission has submitted these to TAL for final approval. The Commission is also working on a brief video that speaks to VE&E.

\*Embrace the American Legion "Be the One" program.

\*Establish a relationship with the Legion VE&E at all levels.

\*Work with the VA to gain access to supporting materials for VE&E and suicide prevention.

\*Consider individuals for the Marvin P. Nay award.