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From the Commander

Good day to you my fellow S.AL and Legion Family Members.

Thank you to all the Squadrons and Districts that have been hitting the scheduled target dates; please keep up the great work.

It will be good to get back into the Chillicothe VA for Christmas. While we may not be able to see the patients; we can only drop gifts off at nursing stations. This is still better than not being able leave gifts for our Veterans.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in January. District Commanders, if you have Committee Chairmen, please bring them with you to meet with their respective Detachment Chairman or turn a report in for the Chairman so that our Chairmen are aware of events, news, or accolades that need mentioned to body.

I will have my Commander challenge

coins and commander pins available at the Mid-Winter Conference. If you do not have one yet, please pick one up. They are a great collector's item, and the proceeds benefit a great and worthy cause.

May all of you have a Happy New Year!



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BE THE ONE

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I would like to apologize for not letting people know about how our membership is going. Susan and I were in the process of moving and if you've ever done that, it is very time-consuming. We are now settled in our new home, so I'm back in business.

I would like to congratulate the 4th District's membership team for working so hard and receiving the Blue Jug for your membership efforts.

A reminder for all the First Vice-Commanders to keep working on membership. It is never too late to contact your Squadrons and your District, and remind them how important it is for our membership, not only to get new members, but it is important to retain our current ones.



YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Greetings.

I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season. Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you all have a great 2023.

Now that we are in the new year, I hope you have your dues paid for the 2023 year. If not, please pay them now.

My raffle is still going on, so if you have not gotten any tickets yet, please get ahold of one of your District Officers. The drawing is on a ½ beef, ½ hog, steak bundle, and meat bundle. Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be held Saturday January 21 at the Mid-Winter Conference. You do not have to be present to win. I will be contacting the winners after the conference is over.

I cannot wait to see everyone at Mid-Winter.

Please remember to thank our Veterans and God Bless America.

2022 – 2023 OHIO DETACHMENT 2ND VICE RAFFLE



Drawing to be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in January of 2023

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 4th Prize – Meat Bundle

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
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Greetings!

I can't believe we're already in the New Year! Where has the time gone?

Last month, I spoke in my home district alongside Detachment Assistant Adjutant Chuck Castle, who was our guest speaker. On Thursday, December 8th, Squadron 15 hosted its first annual "Sticks and Slices." The event was sponsored by Cut and Toast Cigar Shop, Brier Hill Pizza (both owned by fellow Sons), and Alec Bradley. The event invited veterans to enjoy a free cigar and free pizza.

I had the honor to ring the bell for The Salvation Army two weekends before Christmas. I made sure to wear my cover. I firmly believe this is a key point to membership, not just for us, but for the entire American Legion Family. If you're out in the community, wear your cover. After all, we are PROUD possessors of that priceless heritage. Be proud, be active, and be seen.

For God and Country,

Little Jeff

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Squadron Paperwork – Not Cleared Status. We've made some strides since the last newsletter. but we still have a number of squadrons who need to complete this year's administrative paperwork. All squadrons should have filed their 2023 Squadron Data Report (SDR), 2023 Officer Certification Form (OCF), and their 2022 Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). Most achieved this goal, but several have not.

Here are the current details, as of December 7, 2022, of the squadrons with a little work left to do in this area.

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Again, I am asking the officers of these districts to contact these squadrons and try to obtain the information needed. Please send it to me and I'll pass it along to Department Headquarters to get them cleared and have their 2023 cards shipped immediately.

Mid-Winter Conference – January 20-21, 2023. We have a different hotel this year! The Mid-Winter Detachment Executive Committee meeting will convene at 7:00 pm at the Marriott Columbus Northwest, 5605 Blazer Pkwy., Dublin, OH 43017 on Friday, January 20th. All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders and District First Vice Commanders are required to attend. Dress is Legion-casual, except for Detachment Officers.

The Detachment Mid-Winter Conference will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 21st at the Marriott. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear the reports of all our state commission and committee chairmen directly and ask questions about the programs they are leading. Dress is coat and tie for everyone, please.

REMINDER: Housing reservations for the Mid-Winter Conference must be made by calling the hotel directly at (800) 228-9290 and asking for the "American Legion Midwinter Conference" rate (\$122.00/night plus tax).

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1661255821215&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Do not go through Department Headquarters for this meeting. The deadline to call is Tuesday, December 20th, but I strongly advise you not to wait that long. The hotel will fill up quickly for our weekend and many members may not be able to get into the Legion's room block. Call early!

The Past Detachment Commanders Club will be hosting their annual Reverse Raffle at 5:30 pm on Saturday after the Mid-Winter Conference. Tickets are \$10.00 each—contact any of the PDCs if you would like to buy some. Winners do not need to be present to claim their prize, but it is a good event to attend.

Leadership for Next Year...In closing, if you are thinking about running for an office next year or submitting your name for consideration as a commission or committee member you must fill out the appropriate recommendation form (available from the Detachment website, <http://www.ohiolegion.com>). Click on the "Forms" link at the top of the page, then scroll down the page to the SAL section in the middle. Send your completed form(s) to Ohio's NECman, Gary Lang at SALNEC@OhioLegion.com before January 13th to be considered.

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Greetings fellow members,

Congratulations to the Detachment of Ohio for making the December membership 45% target date. We need to keep this going.

Let's not forget to do Buddy Checks after the holiday season, especially at the VA hospitals and nursing homes.

Let's continue to support the Be the One campaign for mental health support. You don't realize how just a few minutes of your time means to someone else. Sometimes just a basic call, home visit, or card will let someone know they're still thought of.

Anyone interested in serving on a National committee or commission for the 2023-2024 year needs to complete an application and submit it to me before the start of the DEC meeting at Mid-Winter Conference on Friday, January 20th.

Anyone who is interested in serving on a Detachment committee should also submit an application. The forms that need to be completed are on the department website at www.ohiolegion.com/Sal/. At the bottom right side of the page under SAL FORMS is the choice to click on National Appointment form or Detachment Appointment Form. This will bring up the form you need to complete. Any questions, please call me at 740-350-0983 or call Scott Thornton

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter in Dublin, January 20-21, 2023. Please don't forget the location has been changed to Marriott Columbus Northwest.

Please be safe, take care of your loved ones, and I'm excited to see you in January.

Jon Coakley, II

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Fellow Sons,

With the holidays over, continue to reach out to those you haven't spoken to or have seen in a while. You never know, you could make someone's day or holiday. Please do your Buddy Checks!

The Central Region is currently 3rd in membership, but we always come on strong at the end of the year. Get those renewals in!

Our Mid-Winter Conference is right around the corner, and I'm sure we'll have some great reports from our committees and commissions. Keep up the great work.

Also, as NEC Lang has stated, if you are interested in serving at the National level, please submit your nomination form at Mid-Winter.

I hope everyone had a blessed holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

For God and Country.

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MINSTER – Punctuated by the staccato boom of a 21-gun salute, about 300 spectators at a Sept. 18 dedication ceremony heard how four soldiers from Minster had served with bravery and valor, some who gave their lives in defense of their country.

Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 387, the event was held at the Centennial Veterans Memorial Park, where black marble plaques detailing the men's sacrifices were installed on the current Veterans Memorial, one each for World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Before the unveiling, speakers saluted the sacrifices that soldiers made to defend the United States.

Minster Mayor Dennis Kitzmiller said in his 27 years as mayor he had spoken to many groups about great things they have done for the community. "But this one is the most touching to me." Kitzmiller said these four men had done their duty to serve their country, some paying the ultimate sacrifice and that it was an honor to speak about it that day.

Another speaker, Randy Matthews, Son of the American Legion District commander and veteran of the Air Force, also asked the crowd to remember those who came home but were damaged by their experience. "I recall one time, we went to visit a vet in Van Wert, and we had a nice conversation. I got a call within the hour after I



left that our vet friend had barricaded himself in the house, thinking the Viet Cong were outside his door.”



In preparation for this event, the Minster Historical Society helped Jim Harting, the original planner of the dedication, to aid and contact family members still in the area so that they could not only attend, but also participate in the dedication.

A family member or friend of each of the four men were asked to unveil the plaque dedicated to their soldier relative as a narrator read what each plaque told about the soldier's contributions and sacrifices during war.

As veteran, Jim Harting uncovered the plaque for Pfc. Vernon Seger, who was killed in Vietnam on Oct. 24, 1969, the narrator read that Seger was on a reconnaissance patrol when his unit came under hostile rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire and were out-numbered by the North Vietnamese force. Seger saw a support vehicle hit, wounding the crewmen. He called in for assistance, then went in to assist the wounded, laying down a barrage of gunfire, protecting his comrades from further injury while they waited for extraction. During the continued barrage, Seger lost his life. For his heroics in saving the lives of his comrades, he was awarded the Silver Star.

As veteran Norm Otting uncovered the plaque for Sgt. Anthony L. Knapke, it was related that during his service in WWI he served in both in France and German. After being wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, he was honorably discharged in April 1946. Hearing a call to duty, Knapke re-enlisted in 1949 and by June 1950 he was in

North Korea, where he was taken prisoner in July 1950. Knapke was forced to march in the North Korean Tiger Death March and was killed by a guard in November 1950. His remains were never found.

As veteran Les Westerheide uncovered the plaque for Pfc. William Thieman, the narrator noted he was the only Minster resident who died in action during WWII. He was wounded in Germany on Dec. 14, 1944 and died after transported to Belgium for treatment. His remains were returned to Minster and buried in the German Protestant cemetery in New Bremen on Dec. 14, 1947. In honor of his memory and service, in 1946 the Minster VFW was formed and named William Thieman Jr., Post 6432.

As family member Deb Bornhorst uncovered the plaque for Cpl. Water Schulte, who served in WWI, it was noted that his heavy artillery unit was sent to the front in September 1919, fighting battles in the Hesse Woods, the River Meuse, and Argonne Forest. He was assigned to the army of occupation and followed the enemy through Luxemborg into Kleinmaischeid, Germany, where he contracted pneumonia and died on Feb. 17, 1919.

Master of Ceremonies Jerry Huelsman asked the crowd to remember the bravery and valor of all those who went to fight for democracy over the history of the country. He added there were 300 veterans buried in Minster cemeteries now.

At the ceremony's close, the Kuenning family offered an echoing variation of taps.

Other portions of the event included a medley of patriotic tunes by the St. Augustine Men's Choir, posting of the flag by Minster Boy Scouts, and placement of a wreath by Bill Meiring, Kevin Schmiesing, and Norb Otting.

The 21-gun salute by the Minster American Legion and VFW.

The Rev Ken Schnipke gave the invocation.

Sponsors for the event, which helped pay for the plaques and other costs, included the Minster Sons of the American Legion Post 387, Minster American Legion Post 387, Minster VFW Post 6432, Minster Journeyman's Club, Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles, Minster Service Club, Minster Village Council, Western Ohio True Value Hardware, Mr. and Keith Westerheide, Joseph Harting, Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ripplloh, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Luthman, Mr. and Mrs. James Harting.

District 3

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Alan Steible Sq. 598 and Dan Sagraves Sq. 200 at Wreaths Across America at Dayton National Cemetery.

District 4

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The SAL Fourth District supplied pizzas, cookies, and American Flags to the Cincinnati VA/CLC Unit for their Veterans Day appreciation on November 11.

From left to right Denny Lahey District Chaplain, Ron Wissman Adjutant and VA&R Chairman, Dave Cincinnati VA/CLC representative and Chuck Castle Past SAL District Commander and Detachment Assistant Sergeant at Arms.



Squadron 484 and Auxiliary Unit 484 Mt. Washington in the 4th District put on a Veterans Day Ceremony and party for the residence of Mt. Washington Care Center, where 23 Veterans reside. They passed out Certificates of appreciation, American Flags and pins, folders with a pen and writing tablet to the Veterans. At the end they had cake and ice cream for all. This is an event put on by them for years at the facility. From Left to Right is Bill Hosking, Trica Oehler, Denny Lahey, Ron Wissman, Liz Castle, Chuck Castle.



Post and Squadron 69 Color Guard on the Anderson Ferry on the Ohio River for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, with Detachment Assistant Adjutant Chuck Castle and Fourth District Commander Mark Haeufle. This is the 68th year for this event on the Ohio River hosted by American Legion Post 534. There were also members from Squadrons 69, 72, 484 and 534 participating on that day.



Fourth District Advisor Ken Ellis presenting a check on behalf of the Squadrons in the Fourth District, from their summer raffle to the Georgetown State Veterans Home Activities Director.



Fourth District Adjutant Ron Wissman participating at Post 534 Flag Retirement

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Busy weekend at Post #535. On Veterans Day the SAL hosted a steak fry and served 120 meals. A check for \$1000 was also presented to Beth Johnson, Honor Flight Columbus Deputy Director. The money was raised at Squadron #535's annual Spanky Memorial Gold Outing. On Sunday the SAL hosted the annual Early Bird Breakfast for Post #535.



Pictured here are the Veterans Banners displayed in Central Park in Loudonville. Community members as well as Legion family members bought new banners or reposted previously purchased banners. The banners were on

display from Nov. 6 - Nov 15, 2022. The profits from this project will be donated to a Veterans' project to be voted on at the next ALA meeting.

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Squadron 23 installs new Officers



(l to r) Jim Peach, Commander; Adam Jones, First Vice-Commander; Eric Lewis, Second Vice-Commander; Mark Kendall, Adjutant & Finance Officer; Chuck Graf, Chaplain; and Gary Murnane, Sergeant-at-Arms. Not pictured is John Conley, Judge Advocate.

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Sq. 15 member Dave Shaffer, Post 15 member Dennis Shaffer, and Sq. 15 member Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

Sons of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 in Poland, Ohio hosted its First Annual Stick & Slices at Cut & Toast Cigar Premium Cigars & Accessories in December. The event was held to recognize and thank veterans for their service.

Veterans who attended received pizza from Briar Hill Pizza and a cigar from Alec Bradley Company.

Both Cut & Toast and Briar Hill Pizza are owned by members of Squadron 15.

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On Friday, November 11, 2022 the Mayor of Newburgh Heights, Gigi Traore, paid a visit to Teddy M. Zieja Post 627 to present our Legionnaires with a Veterans Day Proclamation. Mayor Traore has a deep appreciation for our Veterans as several family members have served in all branches of the military and her daughter is currently in the U.S. Navy. Along with the proclamation, lunch was provided by Mayor Traore and Village Council. The veterans enjoyed party trays, salads, and dessert.

The mayor also gave away 5 Giant Eagle gift cards. They were intended to go to Veterans of each branch of the military, but only the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and USMC were represented so she gave out 1 to each branch and then randomly handed out the others.

Mayor Traore stated, "Thank you for allowing the Office of the Mayor to pay a small tribute to American Legion Post 627 on Veterans Day. I enjoyed my time chatting and hearing their various stories."



2022 Veterans Day Proclamation



WHEREAS, the first Veterans Day was recognized by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, and

WHEREAS, in 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law designating the 11th of each November as Veterans Day, and

WHEREAS, on this day we honor generations of men and women who have earned the title Veteran - a badge of courage which unites former members from the various military branches, and

WHEREAS, by their selfless act of service, our Armed Forces have defended America, the beautiful and protected its dream, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor, for the Village of Newburgh Heights gives special honor to American Legion Post 627, its Auxiliary and youth groups, and

WHEREAS, as we commemorate this day in honoring the contributions that members of the American Legion Post 627 have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, we recognize their valor, courage, and sacrifice by observing two minutes of silence for our veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Traore, for the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio do hereby proclaim November 11, 2022, as Veterans Day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

Mayor
Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR - MAYOR GIGI TRAORE



POLAR PLUNGE

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1/28 Greater Cincinnati	2/25 Cleveland
2/4 Caesar's Creek	3/18 Indian Lake
2/11 Columbus	All February - Plunge My Way

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A League of Their Own, Supporting The Ohio ALA President

Ohio Sons of The American Legion Stepping up to the Plate at 2023 Department of Ohio ALA President's Homecoming.



L-R front row - District 13 Commander Adam Budner S627, Past District 14 Commander Greg Peel S449, Ohio ALA President Cindy Masowick U685, Detachment 1st Vice David Dilts S29, Post Detachment Commander Bill Buster Sutterlin S257. L-R back row - Bruce Bittner S610, Danny Mounts S331, Detachment Commander Dennis Albright S757, Detachment Judge Advocate Bill Towns S357, Todd Bidlack S541.

S. A. L. Post No. 703

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Department of Ohio Adjutant John Robinson P641, Past Detachment Commander Bill Buster Sutterlin S257, Deb Sutterlin Past District 5 President U257, Detachment 1st Vice Commander David and Susan Dilts S29.

Buckeye Boys State

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Legislative Update

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Vice Chairman Blair Miles is redoing the form for the George Evan grassroots of the year award. It is very restrictive and redundant in some areas. The goal is to simplify the form to get more applicants.

Are you signed up for Voter Voice? There is a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone. You can hear about any alert from the American Legion legislative division, asking you to send an email to your senators.

Goal 1: Get more applicants for grass roots award.

Goal 2: Get more people signed up for voter voice.

Goal 3: Promote participation in the Washington conference.

Goal 4: Get a detachment legislative from each detachment

Call and Check on SAL Members. The PART Act is now law. This expands presumptive disabilities, VA care and benefits to Veterans suffering from more than 20 toxic conditions.

Improve healthcare for woman VA has an obligation to develop and expand healthcare services for woman the fastest growing demographic in the veteran community. The American Legion Urges Congress to diligently oversee implementation of recently passed VA pilot programs research initiative, and policy revisions to address this issue, additionally the American Legion encourages expansion of child and newborn care at the VA.

Chairman Deal (MD) reviewed the details of the 2023 Washington Conference. Washington Conference will be Sunday, February 26 – Wednesday, March 1, 2023, with the wreath laying ceremonies on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Meetings schedules will be distributed closer to Conference by The American Legion Legislative Division. For planning purposes typically, Sunday February 26, 2023 Wreath Laying Ceremony, Monday February 27, Commander's call and know before you go on Tuesday. Commander's Testimonial to Congress on Wednesday. The full schedule will be

**BUDDY
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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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Reports of Commissions and Committees

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

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Please continue to look in on our veterans after the holidays. This can be a hard time for them. Check in and see how you can help them. See if you can help out at the post, and see if there are any veterans or their families that may need some assistance.

I hope each of you had a happy holiday season, and I will see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference.

published closer to the conference. The bus schedule is still being updated.

There will again be a group tram pass at Arlington. The group rate is \$13.95 per person. Group tram passes can be reserved as a group, so we can bypass the sales office window. Box lunches will also be available to reserve for \$9.00 each. The Wreath Laying reservation form must be filled out and submitted by February 4, 2023. Wreaths can be purchased by each Detachment or Squadron and cost the same \$150.00 each. Box Lunches are \$9.00. Each form needs to be submitted by Thursday, February 4, 2023. No form or check, no wreath, no lunch, no seat on the bus. Both Squadrons and Detachments can purchase wreaths and place them in Washington.

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Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN Hospitals) is grateful for another incredible year of support from Circle K's Great Lakes, Midwest, Heartland, and Texas Business Units. In 2022, Circle K stores, team members, and customers raised \$628,163.34 for 42 local member hospitals through their annual balloon icon campaign and in select locations, roundup at point of sale. Donations allow member children's hospitals to meet their most immediate needs, whether it's investing in a life-saving piece of equipment, training medical staff, or pioneering research and treatments. These donations protect children's futures. Thank you, Circle K, for helping us change kids' health and change the future!

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN Hospitals) is proud of its partnership with Walgreens and the 1,814 stores that collectively raised \$688,684.83 for local member hospitals throughout 2022. Walgreens' commitment to championing the health and well-being of communities is inspiring and ensures the most vulnerable members of society

can receive the best possible care – no matter life's circumstances. Money raised through partners like Walgreens helps close the funding gap within pediatric healthcare. Donations improve individual patients' health, protect children's futures, and strengthen communities. Join us in thanking Walgreens for its unwavering dedication to our cause.

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The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, formerly known as The American Legion Endowment Fund, provides financial resources for the organization's Temporary Financial Assistance Program and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation support, including training for accredited service officers.

Charitable gifts to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation are 100% tax-deductible because the foundation is its own 501 (c) 3.

Please consider donating today.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

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As I am writing this article, I am reminded that operations at our VA facilities are still not normal. It looks like our live on-site Gifts for Yanks gift distribution will be cancelled once again. I do look forward to the time when we will be able to meet with and serve our veterans in person. Most of the facilities have options available. Check with your local hospital or clinic and see what jobs they may have to fill.

We can still support the VA facilities with donations. Something as simple as coffee for a clinic is something you can do. The VA will supply a limited number of things like that, but we can always supply more to meet the need. All you need to do is contact the voluntary service office at any VAMC. Ask them what is needed and meet the need. You can also go to www.va.gov and find your local facility and there will be links to this kind of information.

As always, whatever you do, make sure it is documented on your consolidated squadron report. Remember, we do this because we are proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Mid-Winter conference in January.

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With the holidays behind us, we must continue our hard work on renewing members for 2023. Every member who has not renewed by January 1 is now delinquent. They could be denied access to posts, may not receive benefits entitled to him, and cannot attend or vote at any meetings. Please stress the importance of renewing, and stress that it needs to be done today.

Thank you to the officers and chairmen who contributed to this edition, as well as to the districts that made submissions. This information is valuable to our members and to their squadrons. Keep up the good work!

Our next edition will feature information on candidates for office for the 2023 – 2024 year. If you are running for a detachment, district, or squadron office and would like to be included, make sure to get your submission before the deadline.

Honor the veteran who made you eligible **RENEW TODAY!!!**

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Happy New Year, Everyone!

Wow, where has the time gone? Veterans' Day was rainy in Loudonville and Perrysville, but we still held and participated in two brief ceremonies. We had to improvise but we still honored Veterans, how about you? Many of us recognized our Veterans with the Loudonville ALA by hanging posters of the Veterans in Central Park. I was able to recognize my Dad and my Brother. Over 110 banners of Veterans were recognized. What an outstanding project.

Since it is Pearl Harbor Day as I write this, I want to mention it. I remember our trip to Hawaii and visiting the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. It has been 81 years since that attack. May we continue to remember all of those who participated and sacrificed in WWI.

The holidays seem to be a tough time for many people. Be sure to check in with Veterans to make sure they are ok. Not all enjoy holidays so be in check with your holiday response. Remember to post reminders about the 988 Suicide Hotline. "Be The One"

Deb and I hope everyone enjoyed their favorite activities and ere with your favorite family and friends during the holidays. We hope you have a prosperous and Healthy new year!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Dublin! Until then, work on getting bids for the 2025 convention.

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Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____, Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant)

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Date _____

Received of _____

For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

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2022 - 2023 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT AWARD



Date
(select date from drop-down menu by clicking inside the box)

Recruiter Name Member ID#

Email Address

Phone Number Detachment Squadron #

MAIL TO RECRUITER MAIL TO SQUADRON

Street Address or P.O. Box

City State Zip

TO QUALIFY RECRUIT FIVE (5) NEW MEMBERS INTO SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE SONS MEMBER JOINING FOR THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP YEAR.) TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS AND/OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR POST OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION WWW.LEGION.ORG/DEPARTMENTS

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THE DEADLINE TO QUALIFY FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30TH

	<u>FIRST & LAST NAME</u>	<u>MEMBER ID#</u>
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2022 – 2023

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Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2022:

Total enclosed: \$

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Indianapolis, IN 46206

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