

Ye scurvy dogs!!

Aye the South is still be in the lead with 73%. Arghhh but be on the lookout for the Central Region, Butch Ray, AKA Black Beard they be number two in the formation only a couple of points behind the South and he be trying to sneak up. I warned you that they were planning an attack. Black Beard passed up the MidWest, Mike Monserud aka Davy Jones and the Northeast, Robert Manzo AKA Bootstrap. Aye lest we forget Dan Ashley, AKA Captain Kid Tater Tot, of the Western region bringing up the rear.

Aye the battle has begun, don't let your powder get wet and keep your blades sharp. We be out to win and let us not fall behind. Get out and track down those scurvy dogs who have not yet renewed and get them to sign on for another voyage where the adventures are high and remember they have lost their eligibility for any Legion benefits for now.

Aye let's hear it for South Carolina who is #1 in the SE Region and # 4 in the nation.

Remember to seek out and find members who qualify for the Individual Recruitment Award (IRA) Arghhhh and this not be your saving account for retirement. See attached form and link below.

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Consolidated Report forms are available push your squadrons to fill them out and keep up on their accomplishments:

CPR: <https://www.legion.org/information-center/in-the-media/publications/organization-membership-awards>

CSR: <https://www.legion.org/about/american-legion-family/sons-of-the-american-legion/publications-and-forms>

Keep in mind those of our members in the west who have suffered losses from the wildfires, the most recent natural crisis. Furthermore, don't forget those in the Southeast Region who are still recovering from hurricane damage.

As you have seen on the news, the Palisades Region of California has been destroyed by wildfires. Over 5,000 homes, businesses, places of worship, stores and American Legion Posts have been damaged or lost. Over 17 Members of the Sons of The American Legion have lost their homes so far. We are being told that the people affected are told to wait 7-14 days before filing any insurance claims. California has stepped up and is going to help with filing claims with the National Emergency Fund. When everything is lost, our fellow members need to know that the Sons of The American Legion are there standing by them to assist them with their needs. Last year in the Midwest Region, our own members were affected by record numbers of tornadoes and the NEF was there, and so was the SAL family. Now it is our turn to repay the favor and help our Brothers and their families out. They are displaced and will have to rebuild from scratch. We need to be there for them. I am asking that as leaders of your Detachments that you go to your Detachments and ask for funds to be distributed to our SAL Members to help them in their time of need. It was us last year, now it's time to stand up to lead from the front. The Detachment of Georgia has already raised over \$1,000 to send. If you have already attended your Mid Winter Conference, I am asking you to call a vote to approve funds, and if you have not I ask you to vote during your meeting.

If you can vote early by a roll call vote, it will be appreciated. All donations can be made to: Ronald Reagan Palisades Squadron 283 SAL. All Donations can be mailed to:

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Finally, our next Southeast region call will be held on March 11, 2025.

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