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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Americanism Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Circle East Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Chris Casey (NE).

Roll Call:

Chairman: Chris Casey (NE, 2024)

Secretary: James E. "Ed" Sheubrooks (FL)

Vice Chairman: Gerald Hammerschmidt (KS, 2025)

Consultants: Christopher Sherbourne (OK, 2024)

Members: Keith Murdough (NH, 2024)

William Murphy, III (MA, 2024)

Robert "Bud" Neel (NE, 2024) - absent

NEC Liaisons: Charles T. "Abe" Abrahamson (ID) - absent

Paul Hayse (IL, 2025)

Francis E. Riddell, Jr. (HI) - absent

Daniel Maurin (LA, 2026)

Carvin L. Chapman (MI)

John Hook (NH)

Guests: Jesse Limanck (MA); Carvin Chapman (MI); PNC Neal Warnken (KS); Chris Reachard (DE); Gene Theroux (MA); David Rippe (NE); Charles Keith (WY); Chris Sherbourne (OK); NVC Robert Bristo (MN); Jeff Trout (IL); William Kelly (FL)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Casey called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting as published. Motion to accept the minutes made by Paul Hayse (IL), seconded by Keith Murdough (NH) and carried.

Reports of Committees:

Children & Youth Committee – Chairman Joe Lohman (MD) – No report.

Child Welfare Foundation Committee – Chairman Mark Nave (PA) – Reported that we are in the last month for donations to the Foundation. Donations must be postmarked by May 31st. We are \$120,000.00 away from the ten-million-dollar mark. A huge accomplishment. 49 Detachments out of 55 have donated to the Foundation this year. CWF is about our Blue Cap members. A celebration will take place once we hit the ten-million-dollar mark. If it happens before New Orleans, it will happen there, if not, then in Tampa in 2025. We are currently taking grant applications for 2025. We are taking grant requests from May 1st – July 15th, 2024.

Paul Hayse (IL) made a motion to accept the Child Welfare Foundation Committee report; seconded by Keith Murdough (NH), All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Chris Casey – Americanism Goals for 2023-2024 were to increase participation and awareness in the Boy's State program by ten percent. Increase Flag education by ten percent within our communities. A great tool for this was the Legion Family Day at the local Post. We need to increase Flag education in our schools. We feel that 4th Graders would be a good starting point and will hold their interest. Our 3rd goal is to increase the Flying Flags for Hero's program by the Detachments.

He stated that Action items the Commission has been working on are: American Legion Family Day: Youth Parent initiative: improving the Children & Youth Academy, including Curriculum, Flag Education, the Americanism Patch, incorporating the Auxiliary Jr. Patch program. Designing the Youth Academy by age. Registration form complete with parent contact information and emergency contact information. Reached out to former participants from the Youth Academy but could not get enough information. Working on having some type of presentation from the Air National Guard, or from a local Fire station at the Academy in New Orleans. Need to keep the youth interested.

Vice Chairman Gerald Hammerschmidt – Reported the Midwest detachments are working on plans to increase participation in the American Legion Family Day next year.



Keith Murdough – Reported the Northeast detachments have been increasing Flag Awareness. New York has been giving small Flags to school students. They also sponsored 2 Boys to Boys State. Maryland Squadron #40 has given away over 2,400 Flags. Massachusetts has donated over 168 Flags to date. Vermont and Delaware have presented Flags and are participating Legion Family Day. He also has been pushing the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program. Attached is the 2024 Guidelines for starting a Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program in your state.

Bud Neel – No report.

Paul Hayse – Reported that he gave the Central area detachments the Commission’s goals and Action Plan. He has been tasked with working with Legion Baseball and increasing the Detachments participation in this Legion program. There are over 5,400 Legion Baseball teams around the Country.

Daniel Maurin – Reported the Detachments in the Southeast area have been working on the American Legion Family Dat. Some are working with the Auxiliary on the Youth Patch program.

William Murphy, III (MA) reported that currently eight out of 55 Detachment are currently working the program, they are California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Hawaii, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Florida. Over 13,217 Flags have been placed to date.

New Business:

None

Resolutions:

None

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Vice Chairman Hammerschmidt (KS) urged all the Commission members to push the Detachments and Squadrons to submit their year-end reports.

National Vice Commander Central Robert Bristo (MN) addressed the Commission.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Chris Casey (NE) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 9:05 pm .



Children and Youth Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Circle East Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Joseph A. Lohman (MD).

Roll Call:

Chairman: <u>Joseph A. Lohman (MD)</u>	Secretary: <u>Harold Thompson (NE)</u>
Vice Chairman: <u>John Lawrence (LA) - excused</u>	NEC Liaisons: <u>Stephen England (VT)</u>
Members: <u>Thomas M. Arista (TX)</u>	<u>Gary Lang (OH)</u>
<u>Christopher V. Reachard (DE)</u>	<u>David Rippe (NE)</u>
<u>Brian C. Shedd (GA)</u>	<u>Robert "Bob" Clark (WA) - excused</u>
<u>Jeffery S. Trout (IL)</u>	

Guests: Mike Cotten (DE); Sean Deiter (PA); PNC Chris Cerullo (NY); Linwood Moore (VA); Bill Sutterlin (OH); Rusty Myers (NJ); Bernie Kessler (OH); Chris Cook (OK); Keith Murdough (NH); Chris Sherbourne (OK); PNC Chris Carlton (IN); Ronnie Grist (GA); Chris Casey (NE); Gerald Hammerschmidt (KS); Brian Shedd (GA); Michael Kirschner (CO)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Lohman declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Joseph Lohman – Commander Hall’s parent/youth initiative project

The C&Y committee pizza garden pilot to support Commander Hall’s parent/child initiative project is well underway. The youth/pizza garden has taken shape due to the recent nice weather, and we were finally able to venture outdoors. We had a total of seven kids participate in the program in mid-April and thanks to American Legion Post 217 in College Park, Maryland, a field trip was scheduled to nearby University of Maryland where the kids learned about several types of plants, sunlight, and watering. They were allowed to plant seeds in a vegetable garden that will provide food for the students at the campus. After a quick lunch back at Post 217, the kids ventured out using the skills they learned and began to plant different toppings for their own pizza garden. We expect to get the kids back to work on their garden in a few weeks. In June, the group will visit a Smithsonian garden in Washington, D.C.

Vice Chairman John Lawrence – COTA

I would like to reach out and say thanks to Belleville, NJ – The American Legion Families of Belleville Post 105 and Anthony Wayne Post 174 joined forces during the third weekend in April to raise thousands of dollars for the Children’s Organ Transplant Association, or COTA.

The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is the premier organization providing fundraising assistance to transplant families. COTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so funds raised to help meet transplant expenses are not considered income for families. COTA also collaborates with individuals of any age with single-gene disorders such as Polycystic Kidney Disease, Cystic Fibrosis or Sickle Cell Disease.

COTA financials as of June 2023:

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| • \$42.2M Assets | • \$6.6M Total expenses |
| • \$8.8M Total income revenue all sources | • \$3.8M Total transplant related expenses |
| • \$6.7M Total donations and contributions | • \$2.8M Total management and other expenses |
| • \$2.1M Other income | |

Tom Arista – American Legion Family Day

As our new Sons of The American Legion Commander Donald (JR) Hall says: “We can all make things better by working together.” The National Executive Committee passed Resolution No. 7, American Legion Family Day, at its Fall meeting in October



2022. The resolution established an American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It may be a day of opening the doors to the community with a variety of activities or it may be a day of gathering the local American Legion family together to visit, have fun and encourage each other.

Please remember to take pictures of your Family Day activities and send them to your S.A.L. webmaster so he can post them on the website. We can all enjoy and learn from one another. And let us not forget the words of our National American Legion Commander Seehafer: “Be The One.” We are all encouraged to push the number one. Be the One to save one.

Chris Reachard – Brian Ruiz Corporate Finance Controller shared that the 2023 contributions totaled \$632,878.15. All other metrics for the 2023 year are still being reconciled.

Brian Shedd– C&Y Month

Georgia’s state conference saw us host Commander Hall, where we discussed the Pizza Garden idea/ initiative, as well as trying to help other states get a Youth Leadership Camp off the ground like we have started in Georgia.

We also hosted a family fun day/ Easter Egg hunt March the 30th, bringing in almost one hundred children, and their family members for our AL family Day (a little early, but the only day we could get everyone together). The leftover food was donated to local first responders.

April the 10th saw the SAL in conjunction with the Lions Club, host a blood drive where we had five other posts participating from surrounding counties.

Jeff Trout – Assist Americanism with C&Y Academy

When the Americanism Commission met on April 15, 2024, Chairman Casey reminded everyone that at the last meeting held on February 19 the Legislative Commission had requested to be part of the curriculum for the National Children and Youth Academy. He then announced that the Legislative Commission had since decided to go in another direction so the Americanism Commission will be looking at adding additional activity.

Chairman Lohman then gave updates on the items listed to improve the National Children and Youth Academy with assistance from the Children and Youth Committee. He asked the Committee members to begin finalizing the curriculum so that by the next meeting they can start working on the details.

The registration form with emergency contact information has been completed.

The participant patch and rocker have been completed.

The American Legion Auxiliary Patch Program will be incorporated focusing on the Americanism patch.

There was trouble getting a list of previous participants to fill out a feedback form so that has been put aside. The feedback form has been completed and will be used in the future.

It was suggested to the Chairman that the Committee might consider the use of one or more of the comic books listed in the Emblem Sales catalog to aid in teaching Flag education and achieving those requirements needed to attain the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism patch.

New Business:

None.

Resolutions:

None.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

None

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Joseph A. Lohman (MD) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 6:38 pm .



Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Ohio Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Mark E. Nave (PA).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Mark E. Nave (PA)</u>	Secretary:	<u>Scott A. Williams (VA)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Sanford "Sandy" Lipman (MI)</u>	Consultant:	<u>Phil Stander (IL)</u>
Members:	<u>Lyle Chapman (GA)</u>	NEC Liaisons:	<u>Bryan Hine (TN) - excused</u>
	<u>George Fleming, Jr. (PA)</u>		<u>David Dieckgraeff (AK)</u>
	<u>Jon Coakley, II (OH)</u>		<u>David Vulcan (MN)</u>
	<u>John Sansoucie (MO)</u>		<u>Paul Hayse (IL)</u>

Guests: Jeason Pepe (PA); Mark Natale (NJ); David Dieckgraeff (AK); Chris Casey (NE); Chris Hoeffel (OH); Bill Towns, Jr. (OH); Dave Vulcan (MN); Rusty Myers (NJ)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Nave declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Mark Nave – \$287K YTD; \$120K in donations needed for \$10 million mark. Discussion followed on how we can reach the \$10M mark. 49 of 55 detachments donated this year. Takes teamwork to support and achieve the CWF goals. Provided guidelines on ways to donate and ensure detachments get proper credit. Keep pushing. 4 Grants awarded at the Fall Conference totaling \$684,050. \$500K went back to the American Legion with concerns to be addressed over the \$500K donation back to the American Legion. Discussion followed over the donation to the Legion in terms of the CWF mission where donations should be going out into the community for the betterment of children.

Most if not all 2023 merchandise all sold. Leftover 2023 merchandise available for sale at the Spring 2023 NEC. Will be available in the lower-level lobby. Consignment and Detachment on the memo line of check.

2024 merchandise – 20 oz hot and cold tumbler; Aprons will be available in black and red. CWF Socks (New Orleans theme), CWF Shirts (Green – New Orleans Theme). Future – Pad folios and Back Packs.

Vice Chairman Sandy Lipman – Central - Thanked everyone for their support – Ohio is leading the way. May 31 is the deadline for donations.

Lyle Chapman – Midwest - focused on Membership. Striving to raise funds for CWF. The loss of Texas and Colorado impacted their contributions. Silent auction of autographed guitar.

George Fleming, Jr. – East – last week’s call \$1 per member. PA is at \$34,000 donations.

Jon Coakley, II – South – Talked to NVC Linwood. \$1.18 per member. \$58 K in donations Southern Region.

John Sansoucie – West – Arizona leading the way. He has been communicating with the region promoting CWF Merchandise.

New Business:

\$10 Million goal and celebration. If we reach \$10M before May 31 – celebration in New Orleans; If after May 31 – celebration in Tampa Bay. \$10 Million Challenge Coin, Decorations, Light Fare Food, gifts to all in attendance. Budget is on file with Finance Commission. Still in planning phase with June 1 as target date.



2025 Grant Application process. CWF Application request submitted through social media. CWF Web page has information for applications. The timeline for the request for applications is May 1 to July 15. Utilizing grant writer for the application process is recommended.

CWF Year End-deadline May 31. \$1 per capital banner deadline June 1.
Follow up on how much merchandise has been sold.

Parent Child Initiative – raising funds by youth and recognizing youth for their contributions to CWF.

Resolutions:

No. SAL Resolution 16 – Spring 2024

Title: Create the Dennis Boland Award for the Highest donations by a Squadron to the Child Welfare Foundation

Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Discussion: The Resolutions Screening Committee informed us that the resolution was rejected.

The Committee decided not to move forward with the resolution.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Chris Casey, Americanism Chairman – addressed and thanked everyone for their efforts promoting CWF. Shared his experiences when CWF reached the \$9 million mark.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Mark E. Nave (PA) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 7:00 pm .



Finance Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Circle Centre Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman William G. Hill (MD).

Roll Call:

Chairman: William G. Hill (MD, 2024)

Secretary: Robert J. Avery (NY)

Vice Chairman: Jeff Van Horn (IL, 2024) - excused

NEC Liaisons: Bill Kelly (FL)

Members: Steve Honigfort (OH, 2024)

Dave Hanson (IN)

Jeremy Revell (VT, 2024)

Guests: Thomas Marsden (NJ); PNC Byron Robichaux (LA); David Lee (NY); Cliff Boyer (PA)

February 15, 2024 Business Meeting Update:

FY 2023 Budget – A final reconciliation update through December 31, 2023 was reviewed and voted on during the February 15, 2024 business meeting. A motion was made by Jeff Van Horn and seconded by Jeremy Revell to approve.

FY 2024 Budget – A reconciliation of this year’s fiscal budget to-date is pending, until information is received from The American Legion.

FY 2025 Draft Budget – The draft budget was provided to all Commission Chairmen, prior to our February 15, 2024 virtual business meeting for their review and comments. The commission chairmen have reviewed and approved their respective budgets. The draft budget will be submitted to the SAL Commander’s Advisory Committee for review, and discussions with the TAL Internal Affairs Commission. This is a pending action.

A motion made by Jeremy Revell and seconded by Steve Honigfort to adjourn was carried.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman William G. Hill (MD) adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.



Internal Affairs Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Meridian East Ballroom of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Chris Michel (DE).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Chris Michel (DE, 2024)</u>	Secretary/NAA:	<u>Jeffrey E. Hicks (NJ)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Kenneth Sutton (CA, 2024)</u>	Consultant:	<u>William M. Clancy, III (NY, 2025)</u>
Members:	<u>Richard "Dickie" Huntley (ME, 2024)</u>	NEC Liaisons:	<u>Chris Cook (OK)</u>
	<u>Juan R. Torres (TX, 2026)</u>		<u>Marvin Roberts (AR)</u>
	<u>Wade Hudson (IL, 2026)</u>		<u>Mark Cannito (SC) - absent</u>

Guests: Shawn Davis (MN); Joe Wysochanski (PA); Thomas E. Marsden (NJ); Bill Hill (MD); PNC David Stephens (IN); David Mennel (MI); Micheal Kirschner (CO); Mike Cotten (DE); Steven Cox (PA); William D. Kelly (FL); PNC Rick Cook (OK); Camille LeJeune (LA); Gerard Sambets (FL); Nat'l Adjutant Tony Wright (PA).

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Michel declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Committees:

Convention Committee – Chairman Tommy Vassar, Jr. (LA) – had an excused absence, but Camille LeJeune (LA) filed a report on Tommy's behalf.

[NOTE: The Convention Committee report is not repeated here. Please refer to it in the section below.]

If you have any questions, you can email Tommy or myself and we will get an answer for you before the Convention.

Kenneth Sutton (CA) made a motion to accept the Convention Committee report; seconded by Richard "Dickie" Huntley (ME).

Discussion: none.

All in favor, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Member Training & Development (MT&D) Committee – did not meet this weekend due to the SAL-U pilot class, but Chairman Mike Cotten (DE) gave the following report.

The Committee consists of:

- Chairman: Mike Cotten (DE)
- Vice Chairman Shawn Davis (MN)
- Members: Mark Kilstrom (CO); Scott Baker (PA); Frank Meraz (CA); Mike Obremski (MD)
- NEC Liaisons: Dennis George (NY); Bob Phillips (NJ)
- Consultants: Tom Marsden (NJ); PNC Greg Gibbs (NY); PNC David Faust (WI); Mike Monserud (IA); Ron Roberts (MS)

MTD coordinated several Zoom business meetings focused on the development of SAL-U and the Pilot program, development of Commanders training, NEC training and NMI training. The development of a training database.

SAL-University status – The SAL-U Pilot is centered around providing instruction to 12 members who will provide feedback on all aspects of the program for future improvements to the program. That in the future will be available to all Detachments to send 1 applicant, each year. Over the past several months MTD Members prepared developments and refinements of the training modules to be presented to these 12 students over 1.5 days prior to the NEC in Indianapolis. Including planning and coordinating with National HQ, instructors, consultants, Advisory Committee, research of materials and student selections. The MTD committee arrived early Wednesday for pre-event final refinements and a dry run-through. The class was conducted on Thursday 5/2/24 and Friday 5/3/24 and included a Thursday night dinner at AL Post 64 with the students, National Commander Hall and guest presentations from Tony Cross of The American Legion: "Be The One", Rick Loffgren from the COTA organization. Friday concluded with the graduation of



the students. The students will be called out during the NEC as participants to this program. The students who attended the SAL-U Pilot were:

- Joe Guidice (NY)
- Eugene Bellando (NC)
- Chris Baisley (AZ)
- Russell “Rusty Meyers III (NJ)
- Thomas Skelley (TX)
- Jason Pepe (PA)
- Chris Dannenmann (WI)
- Blair Miles (AL)
- Joseph Meraz (CA)
- Jesse Limanek (MA)
- David Miller (IN)
- Chris Casey (NE)

MTD is in process of developing an electronic database of all available training manuals, PowerPoint presentations and PDF documents. These documents are in process of being cataloged and updated. MTD member Mark Kilstrom (CO) is our librarian and Scott Baker (PA) is assistant librarian. MTD requests that if you have training materials pertaining to activities associated with Sons of The American Legion, please submit your manuals to either person for documentation. We will be preparing training modules that we expect to be available through the National website.

NMI-3 Training has been updated, printed and ready for presentation on Saturday morning 5/4/24 presentation as the last class of graduates. Many thanks to all the past students and instructors. This program has provided valuable training to a multitude of members for many years.

Commander’s Training has been reviewed and will be submitted to National for presentation at National Convention. Detachment commanders who have had their certified election of officers forms submitted by their Department prior to National Convention will have a stipend upon successful completion of the training module offered Friday morning pre-NEC meeting. If your Detachment and Department has not submitted the certification of officer’s form the Commander will not get their stipend. Commanders will also receive a Commanders Class pin. For Commanders who complete the class last convention pins are available during this NEC.

During the Fall NEC, MTD committee will be offering training to the NEC. Time to be announced later.

The children and youth focus for this committee is to bring awareness of existing 5-Star and 10-Ideals programs that the SAL already has and encourage squadrons to engage with their youth to promote these activities.

Juan R. Torres (TX) made a motion to accept the Member Training & Development Committee report; seconded by Wade Hudson (IL). Discussion: none.

All in favor, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Membership Committee – Chairman Daryl VerStreate, Jr. (NY) – gave his report to the Commission.

[NOTE: The Membership Committee report is not repeated here. Please refer to it in the section below.]

Richard “Dickie” Huntley (ME) made a motion to accept the Membership and Squadron Activities Committee report; seconded by Juan R. Torres (TX). Discussion: none.

All in favor, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Reports of Members:

Chairman Chris Michel – This was Chairman Michel’s first NEC meeting as IA Chairman. He appreciated everyone’s support and looked forward to the work that IA will accomplish in the remaining months of this year.

Ken Sutton – nothing currently.

Richard “Dickie” Huntley – nothing currently.

Juan Torres – nothing currently.

Wade Hudson – nothing currently.

New Business:



Finance Commission Chairman Bill Hill (MD) reported on the new resolution approval process. Any proposed SAL resolution that has a financial impact and/or other significant impact on the organization must first be screened by The American Legion’s National Review Committee. Then it proceeds to the respective SAL National Committee and/or Commission to be voted on.

National Adjutant Tony Wright (PA) elaborated on Bill Hill’s (MD) remarks. The new review process for proposed resolutions just recently started. It is unclear as to who will be responsible to inform the respective national SAL committee and/or commission chairman that certain resolutions were held by The American Legion for further study. It is also unclear what action (if any) the IA Commission will have on future candidate resolutions. These types of resolutions will be screened and filed by the Resolutions Screening Committee, which is established by The American Legion. That being said, National Adjutant Wright (PA) *believes* that candidate resolutions will no longer be entertained by the IA Commission. If there are any questions about resolutions held for further study, Adjutant Wright recommended comrades speak to SAL National Liaison Kevin Mook as to their status. Guidance needs to be given when resolutions are held for further study so that progress can continue to be made with those resolutions. Adjutant Wright recommended that Chairman Michel share all proposed resolutions received with all members of the IA Commission for their knowledge.

Bill Kelly (FL) inquired as to the new letter of authorization that outlines the updated changes made available to the NEC. Adjutant Wright (PA) replied the outline of authorization is being updated. Bill agreed, but he had been told the new outline would be presented at the Spring 2024 SAL NEC Meeting. Bill questioned the agenda for the NEC meeting that certain committees and/or commissions are not reporting out to the NEC. Chris Cook (OK) noted those specific entities report to Advisory. Advisory then reports to The American Legion, Internal Affairs.

Thomas Marsden (NJ) questioned resolutions for candidates. Will these be announced on the NEC floor that they were received and filed, or will they be kept confidential from the general membership? Adjutant Wright did not have an answer.

For transparency, National Adjutant Wright (PA) reported that the SAL National Adjutant Corps has been taken out of the resolution process. Any resolutions emanating from the detachment level are sent directly to Kevin Mook. The Adjutant’s job is only to coordinate a meeting of the Resolutions Screening Committee which consists of members from National Legion Internal Affairs and three (3) SAL appointed by The American Legion. They discuss the proposed resolutions. From there, Kevin Mook will release the disposition of the resolutions based on what the Screening Committee decided. Tony has a spreadsheet that captures the status of all resolutions received to date. Tony agreed there should be transparency with all resolutions.

Resolutions:

No. SAL Resolution 2 – Spring 2024
 Title: Endorsement of Eugene R. Bellando (NC) for National Vice Commander
 Origin: Detachment of North Carolina
 Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 3 – Spring 2024
 Title: Creation of SAL University “SAL-U”
 Origin: Member Training and Development Committee
 Discussion: National Adjutant Tony Wright (PA) reported that The American Legion’s National Resolutions Screening Committee has placed a HOLD on this resolution for further study due to its potential financial impact. Adjutant Wright suggested to Mike Cotten (DE) that he reach out to the Resolutions Screening Committee to learn why Resolution 3 was held for further review.
 Disposition: On HOLD for further review.

No. SAL Resolution 4 – Spring 2024
 Title: National Membership and Squadron Activities Restructure
 Origin: National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
 Disposition: As per Adjutant Wright (PA), it was referred to the subcommittee. Chairman Michel noted Resolution 4 was previously approved by the IA Commission before the Spring 2024 NEC meeting. It appeared the National Adjutant Corps did NOT receive a copy of the IA’s previous virtual meeting minutes from its Scribe.

No. SAL Resolution 5 – Spring 2024



Title: Endorsement of Casey Hanson (SD) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of South Dakota
Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 6 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Brandon Curry (KY) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Kentucky
Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 7 – Spring 2024
Title: Appointment of Brian K. Waters as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Discussion: Chairman Michel noted the IA Commission had NOT developed this resolution and questioned why it was listed as the originator. Bill Hill (MD) noted there appear to be financial implications to this resolution. He would investigate the impact further. Richard “Dickie” Huntley (ME) was **not** comfortable voting on this resolution when it did NOT originate from IA. For reference, there was NO date listed on the resolution. Vice Chairman Sutton (CA) did not recall Resolution 7 coming from IA either.
Disposition: Hold for further review. Tony Wright stated Resolution 7 was going to the Subcommittee on Resolutions.

No. SAL Resolution 8 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Allen Watry (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin
Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 9 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin
Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 10 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Jeremy Revell (VT) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Vermont
Disposition: Received and filed the resolution.

No. SAL Resolution 11 – Spring 2024
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Motion: To approve the resolution
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Origin: National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
Motion: To approve the resolution
Disposition: As per Chairman Michel, the IA Commission approved Resolution 20 at its most recent virtual meeting held before the Spring 2024 NEC meeting. The IA Scribe had not informed the National Adjutant Corps of this development.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Trailing Candidate for National Commander Bill Clancy, III (NY) addressed the Commission. He noted the pleasure of not having to run the IA meeting since the Commission now has a new chairman. In the 35 years that Bill has been a member of the SAL, chairing the IA Commission was the most interesting and challenging, but the most rewarding role he has served thus far. He appreciated the IA Commission’s hard work and commitment to the SAL. Bill thanked all present for attending this meeting.

Wade Hudson (IL) shared a story about a Post near Chicago that was suffering from \$140,000 in back taxes. Any help would be appreciated.

Chris Cook (OK) commented on the new resolutions screening process. This latest update is trying to fix numerous years of lack of transparency with resolutions. Like any new process, there will be kinks in the system until time irons them out. Patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. Chris was grateful for Chairman Michel’s new leadership. Chris was also impressed with MT&D and its creation of SAL-U.

Vice Chairman Sutton (CA) reported there would be a PUFL Subcommittee meeting on Saturday morning, May 4th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Spring NEC meeting. All were welcome to attend. He planned to attend.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Chris Michel (DE) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 9:23 pm .



Convention Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Ohio Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Vice Chairman Gerard Sambets (FL) .

Roll Call:

<p>Chairman: <u>Tommy Vassar, Jr. (LA, 2024) – excused</u></p> <p>Vice Chairman: <u>Gerard Sambets (FL, 2025)</u></p> <p>Members: <u>Allen J. Watry (WI, 2022) – excused</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Christopher Byrd (NC, 2023) – absent</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Bill Doyle (KY, 2026) – absent</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Secretary: <u>Anthony W. Wright (PA)</u></p> <p>Consultants: <u>Joseph Guidice (NY)</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Peter Booth (NY) – absent</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Ben M. Baldwin, Jr. (NM)</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Steven R. Navarrete (NM)</u></p> <p>NEC Liaisons: <u>Larry Ford (MD) – absent</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Joe Kuban (MX) – absent</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Carl Radosevich (NM)</u></p>
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Guests: Samuel Johnson (IA)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Vice Chairman Sambets declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Vice Chairman Gerard Sambets (FL, 2025) – Shared the following report received from Convention Chairman Vassar.

There are about 15 Legion members who are chairs over the different functions related to convention.

- Herb Petit, Jr. will serve as President of the Convention Corporation for Louisiana and placed his leaders in the areas where they are needed.
- Byron Comeaux will be over badges & packets and has asked the Sons to assist in delivery. We will be there on Wednesday and ready to deliver to all Departments before Friday, which is the date the Sons will meet.
- Allen Dunn will be overseeing registration. This is for those people who might have changes and will need a new badge or registering late. Sons will also be assisting in this area.
- George Duncan will be the driver for the Legion’s National Commander to travel around New Orleans.
- Larry Williams will be the driver for the Legion’s National Adjutant to travel around New Orleans.

There will be a community project at Myrtle Park. This is a gravesite that has WWII and Korean Veterans. Not sure about the details yet.

We also have the World War II Museum if your time allows you to visit.

We currently have no information on a parade at this time. This was discontinued years ago due to Covid.

National leaders will be in Louisiana on August 13th to make their final pass and any additional details.

While I live in Louisiana, I don’t know anything about the convention center. I am told that where the buses drop you off, you have to cross the street to the Convention Center. Once you are in the center, you have to walk to the other side of the center to get to the meeting rooms. They are supposed to have golf carts to take people to their meeting place. And of course, there should be wheelchairs and scooters for rent.

There are about 9,000 rooms available for this year’s convention.

The National Convention pin is enroute to Louisiana since Tuesday. For those of you who have ordered, they will be the first to pack. If you requested that they be mailed, that will be done. All others can be picked up at National Convention. I have order forms available in this meeting and have others to pass out on Sunday. If you notice the flyer, it is a colorful pin and has the New Orleans theme. This order form was sent to all NEC in the hopes of funneling down to the Squadrons.

I also want to inform you that this time of the year is hurricane season. New Orleans is better prepared than they were back when Katrina came through.



Since each Department is faced with the cost of putting on these conventions, Resolution #5 allows National to absorb all the income and loss and no proceeds to the hosting state. This was due to the large loss absorbed by one Department because of the cost of the buses.

As for the convention in Tampa, contact will be made with our Department Convention Chairman Clarence Hill, to discuss what the SAL can do to assist them with support for the National Convention. We have had discussions with the chamber of commerce as well as a post in the area to host an event on Friday.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Vice Chairman Gerard Sambets (FL) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 6:30 pm .



Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Meridian East Ballroom of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Daryl VerStreate, Jr. (NY).

Roll Call:

Chairman: Daryl VerStreate, Jr. (NY)
 Vice Chairman: Casey Hanson (SD)
 Members: Jason Miller (MD)
Matt Verkuilen (MN) - absent
 Regional Chairs: [N] Robert Manzo (MD)
[S] Thomas Skelley (TX)
[C] Harl "Butch" Ray (IL)
[M] Michael Monserud (IA)
[W] Dan Ashley (AZ)

Secretary: Anthony W. Wright (PA)
 Consultants: George Gray (GA)
Jack Youngs (ID)
James Walters (PA)
 NEC Liaisons: Marc Chaney (OR)
Joseph Roberts (AZ)
Juan Cruz-Rodriguez (PR)
Terry Hanson (SD)
 National Vice Cdrs.: [N] John Cook (NH)
[S] Linwood Moore (VA) - absent
[C] Robert Bristo (MN)
[M] Terry Harris (KS)
[W] Jimmy Fisher, Sr. (CA)

Guests:

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman VerStreate declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Daryl VerStreate, Jr. (NY) – This year has been nothing but astonishing. We have shattered every target date nationally so far this year with only one left at the 100% mark on May 15th. We averaged anywhere from 15-20,000 Members ahead of any time last year.

On the numbers:

- Last year our national goal was 367,798 and at this time last year we had a renewal rate of 84.12% with a Goal of 96.32% with total membership turned in of 354,258.
- This year's goal is 382,111 with a retention goal of 96.85% and a renewal rate of 85.24%. With a total membership turned-in of 370,066.
- If we had kept the same goal as of last year 367,798 and had our current standing of 370,066. We would be standing tall at 100.61%.
- Something else to keep in mind, we had 354,258 members turned in last year, and now we have 370,066. A current increase in transmittals of 15,808.
- Breaking it down in simple terms, over the last year, we have an increase of 15,808, an increase in renewal rate of 1.12%, and a goal percentage increase of 0.53%.
- We have hit every single target date this year. I am asking for your help one more time. We need 12,045 more to hit 100% by May 15th. I encourage you to please turn in any membership and make that one big push. It would be wonderful if we could hit another all-time high and hit every target date.
- These numbers are based on the May 1, 2023, report and the April 29, 2024, report. Since then, the Friday, May 3, 2024, National SAL Membership Report indicated 16,999 members ahead of last year.

You may have heard me say it last year at the national convention, however I will mention it again. It takes everyone from the national level to the detachment to the squadron level working together in unison to make things happen. This year has no doubt proven that to be true.



The committee this year has been broken down into several subcommittees.

- **Recruiting** headed by Casey Hanson, George Gray
 - Creating tools to help others gain knowledge and guidance on how to recruit new members.
 - Put together the "Recruiting Tips" document which is a brief outline to help train SAL members to confidently engage potential members and communicate our mission, benefits, and values in an "elevator speech" that will capture their attention.
 - Created the "We Want You" recruiting letter.
 - Membership Engagement Team outline. This serves as a guiding light on how a squadron can create a Membership Engagement Team that focuses on recruiting new members, mentoring them, finding their passion, and the retention of the new members.
- **Retention Revitalization** headed by Jason Miller and Jack Youngs
 - Increased their social media presence with specific membership topics and reminders, which has made an impact on our numbers.
 - Develop short topic-specific guides and tips to assist Squadrons with membership retention and recruitment efforts.
 - Been working on additional membership recruitment materials to be made available to Squadrons such as our new commercial, PowerPoint presentation, and postcards, as well as providing input on an updated recruitment brochure. We hope that all these resources will be put in one place for easy access for all members.
 - Holding monthly "working" meetings to discuss concerns and ideas to undertake future projects to assist our Squadrons with their membership and recruitment.
 - Development of materials and a push for the organization as a whole to demonstrate and display the family dynamic of the American Legion in hopes of getting more families and younger members involved.
 - Increase the availability of much-needed training and seminars on membership-related topics such as our most recent membership workshop and MyLegion training.
- **Awards** headed by Matt Verkuillen and James Walters
 - Committee has worked diligently to create an awards manual and to track down all resolutions while sharing those resolutions with the IA, and Finance Chairmen.
 - We are about 80% done with the manual.
 - After Spring NEC will be working on placing them into categories. Individual IRA, Honor Ribbon, Detachment 100%, Region 90%, and possibly a National Category as well.
- **Commercial Presentation** headed by Thom Skelley and George Gray
 - The special projects sub-committee of the Membership Committee has worked with Chastain Creative Video Service to create two short videos intended to be used as recruiting tools. "Matt's Story" and "Service Above Self" share the opportunities, reasons, and benefits of being a member of the Sons of The American Legion as well as the benefits to an American Legion Post to sponsor a Squadron. With help from National staff, the videos have been posted on our website and Facebook page and have over six thousand combined views. A special thank you goes out to Jason Miller and Jim Walters for their suggestions on how to increase circulation and views.
 - Another project awaiting final approval was the creation of a "Membership" PowerPoint that deals with some history, accomplishments, and benefits of having a Squadron. This presentation is, again, meant to help with recruiting, retention, and the chartering of new Squadrons.
- **Resolutions** headed by Daryl VerStreate, Jr, Thom Skelley, Butch Ray and Juan Cruz
 - Has submitted 5 resolutions for consideration.
 - 105 in July
 - Update Highest Renewal Percentage (remove under 200)
 - Update National Regional Membership Award (remove under 200)
 - Restructure Houghton Award (25 years since the last update)
 - Restructure the National Membership Committee (put in writing current practice of the committee)

Vice Chairman Casey Hanson (SD) – The recruiting side of this year on the committee and throughout the national has been nothing shy of amazing. The sub-committee has made and released three recruiting tools for everyone to use, them being Recruitment tips, Recruitment letter, and Membership Engagement team. We have great feedback on all three of these tools.



The Northeast region leads the way with 37 IRA's followed by the Central region with 29, the Southeast at 14, the West at 9, and the Midwest with 4. Maryland leads all detachments with 9 and Ohio, Indiana, and Florida each submitting 8.

Jason Miller (MD) – There are 2 months left in the 2024 membership year. Members who have not renewed have now been expired for 4 months. Squadrons who have not reached out to these members must do so now.

Now is the time to start planning for the 2025 membership year. Communication and education is key. Start educating your members that the new membership year beginning July 1.

Northeast Region Reports

Chairman Robert Manzo (MD) – As of this writing, we have 2 quota Detachments: Rhode Island and Connecticut, with the remaining 11 above 90%. We have 2 Detachments, Washington D.C. and France that need less than 5 renewals to make 100%. Additionally, the Detachments of France, Rhode Island, and Washington D.C are close to making 105%.

As of today, we have 138,949 members renewed out of a goal of 143,078 and the region sits at 97.11%. We need 4,329 more members to make 100%.

I have received 38 IRS forms that have been processed and many have been mailed out.

NVC John Cook (NH) - The northeast region is in 2nd place with 138,655 transmitted to date. The Northeast region needs 4,423 more members to make 100%.

We have given out 36 IRA award pins so far.

Let's make a final push to get to 110% by the National Convention.

Southeast Region Reports

Chairman Thom Skelley (TX) – As of the May 3rd membership report, the Southeast region stands at 99.8 % with 3 detachments already making the 100% target date. We have made every target date thus far and have led the nation from the very beginning in membership percentage, there have been 14 IRA's submitted and approved this year, and Florida is leading the way with 7.

NVC Linwood Moore (VA) – No report.

Central Region Reports

Chairman Harl "Butch" Ray (IL) – At the time of the 2023-2024 Fall NEC the Central Region stood at a membership percentage of 23.30%. Since that time, our use of it has not been wasted as we currently sit at 96.63% This represents a gain of 73.33% in 7 short months! We gained on average 10.47% a month. Incredible!

The Central region has not lost a single second anytime during this membership year! We met or exceeded each of the membership goal deadlines to date! We have two more to go with the 100% goal on May 15th and the 105% goal set for July 24, 2024! We continue to make progress each week even though the pace has slowed as we attempt to pick up these last precious few percentage points!

Not only have we reached all deadlines so far, but we have also consistently been running a couple of percentage points ahead of where the region sat at the same time last membership year! Wisconsin has been in the lead from the very beginning and is the only detachment so far in the region to reach 100%! Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio have fought for the right to be in second place most of the year and Indiana, Minnesota, West Virginia, and Kentucky have kept pushing to claim a spot for themselves! Six of our detachments are over 95% and the region needs just shy of 4,700 cards needed to reach our 100% goal!

All this in a region that in total, represents one-third of the total national membership in the Sons of The American Legion!

In the three short months we have left, we will commit ourselves to reach down and finish this race as strong as we started it! Now is not the time to rest, but to push on!

"We must use time as a tool, not as a couch!

We, the Sons of the American Legion of the Central Region will take a good long rest at the upcoming National Convention. We will recline on our couches as we accept the admiration and gratitude of our fellow members for a job well done!



NVC Robert Bristo (MN) – As of May 2nd, the central region is in 3rd place with 76 consolidated reports submitted out of 1,623 squadrons.

I am proud of what our Central region has accomplished. When your numbers are better than your previous years proves that hard work pays off.

Our Central region membership chairman Butch Ray has done extraordinary work on our central region membership reports. Congratulations to our Central region 1st detachment in membership which is Wisconsin at 102.66%.

Midwest Region Reports

Chairman Mike Monserud (IA) – Congratulated the region on the membership success for the year. We look forward to continuing to work on renewals and retention.

NVC Terry Harris (KS) – No report.

Western Region Reports

Chairman Dan Ashley (AZ) – In the West we’re alive and well. We will be reaching our membership goals and will take over first place in membership.

NVC Jimmy Fisher, Sr. (CA) – Thank you everyone in the West for working hard on membership this year. The detachment leadership have done well with reaching out to their squadrons.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

My name is Gary Manuel. I’m from Squadron 27 in Apache Junction, Arizona. I would like to tell you about our outreach program that we’ve designed over the last two years. I had a different speech that I was going to use tonight. But sitting here listening to you guys for last hour in some of the issues you’re bringing up. It really made me think of what a great package this is for you guys to take back to each one of your states.

NEC William Kelly (FL) let us know that detachment membership chairman John Jennings will be retiring as chairman after 15 years of service.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Daryl VerStreate, Jr. (NY) _____ adjourned the meeting
at _____ 7:45 pm _____ .



Public and Media Communications Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 3, 2024 in the Illinois Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Kevin Chaplin (VA).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Kevin Chaplin (VA, 2023)</u>	Secretary:	<u>Cliff Hall (GA)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u></u>	Consultant:	<u>Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH)</u>
Members:	<u>Doug Evans (KS, 2024)</u>	NEC Liaisons:	<u>Joseph Wysochanski Jr. (PA)</u>
	<u>Brandon Roberts (GA, 2024) - excused</u>		<u>Terry Pressley (NC)</u>
	<u>Gene Theroux (MA, 2025)</u>		<u>Jeff Lee (VA)</u>
	<u>Douglas Heiser (xx, 2026) - excused</u>		<u></u>

Guests: Carl Albern (NJ); Tyler Vanice (VA); Paul Rush (NJ); Joseph Guidice (NY)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Chaplin declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Reports of Members:

Chairman Kevin Chaplin – Increasing our Facebook audience.

We need to have more videos and photos sent in for SnapShots of Service. Deadlines are approaching and we have only a short time to get these in.

Most visited post on the Facebook account was the membership percentages.

Discussion of myLegion.org and the fact that we need to educate our members on how to get into it and how to use it.

The Millennium newsletter is out the 2nd week of the month. We need to get the information out to members to subscribe to it. Discussion of sending it out to everyone was proposed and rejected due to problems with spam and possibly getting blocked.

New Business:

None.

Resolutions:

No. SAL Resolution 13 – Spring 2024

Title: Establishment of the Sons of The American Legion Stipend for the National Newsletter Editor

Discussion: Resolution is held for consideration and determination by Legion Finance

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

Let members know about the Millennium and how to subscribe to it. myLegion training is the key.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Chairman Kevin Chaplin (VA) adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.



Subcommittee on Resolutions

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on May 4, 2024 in the Board Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Chairman Nedley C. Fox (CA).

Roll Call:

Chairman: Nedley C. Fox (CA)

Secretary: Anthony W. Wright (PA)

Vice Chairman: Brandon Curry (KY)

Members: Jay Marsden (MO)

Camille LeJeune, Jr. (LA)

Steve Ward (KS) - excused

Christopher Sherman (WI)

Mark McCue (MA) - excused

Guests: Steve Gower (VA); Matt Griffis (AZ); Linwood Moore (VA)

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

There being no objections, Chairman Fox declared the minutes of the Fall 2023 meeting approved as published.

Resolutions:

No. SAL Resolution 1 – Spring 2024

Title: Marvin P. Nay Award for Outstanding Contributions to National Veterans Employment and Education

Origin: Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Motion: Refer back to VE&E

Maker: Brandon Curry

Second: Jay Marsden

Discussion: Recommend that the National Finance Commission set the price each year.

Disposition: Refer to VE&E to discuss the open dollar amount, provide supporting documentation (as stated), and consolidate resolution whereas clauses.

No. SAL Resolution 2 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Eugene R. Bellando (NC) for National Vice Commander

Origin: Detachment of North Carolina

Motion: None needed.

Maker: n/a

Second: n/a

Discussion: None.

Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 3 – Spring 2024

Title: Creation of SAL University “SAL-U”

Origin: Member Training and Development Committee

Motion: x

Maker: x

Second: x

Discussion: Held by TAL Resolutions Screening Committee for further study due to potential financial impact.

Disposition: None



No. SAL Resolution 4 – Spring 2024

Title: National Membership and Squadron Activities Restructure
Origin: National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
Motion: Refer to IA for clarification
Maker: Brandon Curry
Second: Christopher Sherman
Discussion: A question was raised as to the term of the 3 members.
Disposition: Refer to IA to understand the length of the term and should come through Internal Affairs.

No. SAL Resolution 5 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Casey Hanson (SD) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of South Dakota
Motion: None needed.
Maker: n/a
Second: n/a
Discussion: None.
Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 6 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Brandon Curry (KY) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Kentucky
Motion: None needed.
Maker: n/a
Second: n/a
Discussion: None.
Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 7 – Spring 2024

Title: Appointment of Brian K. Waters as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further review.
Disposition: None

No. SAL Resolution 8 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Allen Watry (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin
Motion: None needed.
Maker: n/a
Second: n/a
Discussion: None.
Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 9 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin
Motion: None needed.
Maker: n/a



Second: n/a
Discussion: None.
Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 10 – Spring 2024

Title: Endorsement of Jeremy Revell (VT) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Vermont
Motion: None needed.
Maker: n/a
Second: n/a
Discussion: None.
Disposition: The resolution was received and filed by the Internal Affairs Commission.

No. SAL Resolution 11 – Spring 2024

Title: Creation of SAL Paid Up for Life (PUFL) Program
Origin: PUFL Ad-hoc Committee – SAL National Commander Donald “JR” Hall
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further study.
Disposition: None

No. SAL Resolution 12 – Spring 2024

Title: “105 in July”
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further study
Disposition: None

No. SAL Resolution 13 – Spring 2024

Title: Establishment of the Sons of The American Legion Stipend for the National Newsletter Editor
Origin: Public and Media Communications Commission
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further study.
Disposition: None

No. SAL Resolution 14 – Spring 2024

Title: To Make Detachments with less than 200 members eligible for the Highest Renewal Percentage Award
Origin: National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
Motion: To approve the resolution with clerical changes
Maker: Jay Marsden
Second: Brandon Curry
Discussion: It was recommended to make a clerical change to make this effective at the 2024 New Orleans National Convention.
Disposition: Approved

No. SAL Resolution 15 – Spring 2024



Title: To Make Detachments with less than 200 members eligible for the National Regional Membership Award
Origin: National Membership and Squadron activities Committee
Motion: To approve the resolution with clerical changes
Maker: Jay Marsden
Second: Brandon Curry
Discussion: It was recommended to make a clerical change to make this effective at the 2024 New Orleans National Convention.
Disposition: Approved

No. SAL Resolution 16 – Spring 2024

Title: Create the Dennis Boland Award for the Highest donations by a Squadron to the Child Welfare Foundation
Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: The American Legion Resolutions Screening Committee informed the CWF Committee that they rejected the resolution.
Disposition: x

No. SAL Resolution 17 – Spring 2024

Title: Donation of \$5,000.00 to Operation Comfort Warrior from the SAL Reserve Fund
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further study
Disposition: None

No. SAL Resolution 18 – Spring 2024

Title: Charles Rigsby Award Update
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Motion: To approve the resolution
Maker: Brandon Curry
Second: Camille LeJeune, Jr.
Discussion: Recommend removing one of the Zoom meeting lines.
Disposition: Approve with changes to a clerical error

No. SAL Resolution 19 – Spring 2024

Title: \$5,000.00 Donation to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Motion: x
Maker: x
Second: x
Discussion: Being held for further study
Disposition: Referred to VA&R to follow up to see if this has been approved due to financial intent.

No. SAL Resolution 20 – Spring 2024

Title: Restructure Houghton Award
Origin: National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee
Motion: To approve the resolution
Maker: Camille LeJeune, Jr.



Second: Brandon Curry

Discussion: x

Disposition: Approve with effective date of National Convention in New Orleans

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

None.

Closing:

With no further business to consider, _____ Chairman Nedley C. Fox (CA) _____ adjourned the meeting
at 11:05 am .



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NATIONAL COMMISSION AND
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APPENDIX

MAY 3-4, 2024

SHERATON INDIANAPOLIS CITY CENTRE HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The logo for the Sons of the American Legion, featuring the text "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" with a stylized American flag graphic.

National Americanism Commission **Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program** *2024 Guidance*

The program provides first-hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement. Once these young people have been selected to attend the program, the law enforcement community is challenged to present a program that will instill an understanding and respect for law enforcement professionals and their techniques.

Guidelines for starting a Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program within your state:

- The Department will select interested and qualified members who will initiate the program.
- Contact your State Police or Highway Patrol about the feasibility of starting such a program in your state. These law enforcement professionals will be partners in the program.
- Come to an agreement with these professionals and once obtained, develop curriculum, the application process, the dates of your first program and other particulars.
- Curriculum will vary between Departments but may include: criminal law, patrol procedures, proper gun safety, leadership skills, evidence gathering techniques, K-9 units, taser usage, patrol car driving techniques, among others.
- Programs will include physical fitness training coupled with classroom instruction and hands-on training.
- Programs are conducted in the summer months and are about a week in duration. Commonly held at training facilities or colleges.
- Counselors and instructors need to be in place for the program. It has been said that the program is like Boys State, but instead of learning our form of government, the program is all about law enforcement and is open to females.

Questions: email Chairman Casey at proudpatriot1776@gmail.com

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Century Committee CENTCOM



Minutes | Thursday, May 02 and 03, 2024, | 9:00 a.m. Eastern time
Ohio Room Sheraton City Center

1. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call of CENTCOM Members

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused	
	Thur	Fri	Sat			
PNC Joe Gladden (MD) Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Vrabel, Jr. (OH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malcom Mahoney (MA)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tyler Vanice (VA) <u>By Zoom</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Crevelli (CA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PNC Tommie Cisna (IL)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PNC Gene Sacco (CA) Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Stewart (NV) NEC Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Towns (OH), Administrative Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don JR Hall (MD) National Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Navarrete, (NM) Leading Candidate for Nat. Cmdr.	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Clancy III (NY), Trailing Candidate for Nat. Cmdr.	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Wright, National Adjutant	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Mook, National SAL Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Introduction of Guests & Visitors – Thursday visitors National Commander JR Hall, Commanders Aide Tom Deal, PNC Joe Mayne, Liaison Keven Mook. Friday Visitors Joe Lohman C&Y Chairman, and PNC Bob Worrell. Saturday Visitors were Matt Chastain, and Bob Worrel.

4. Minutes of previous meeting were saved to file as no corrections were submitted.

5. Chairman Joe Gladden gave opening remarks with the goals for the meeting. The Youth Initiative, programs we would endorse, and the test detachments. Develop a strategic plan, mission statement, and vision. Ways to reach out and partner with community youth groups. Develop a booklet of programs for test detachments to choose from. PNC Gene Sacco reported that only a couple of NVC’s have responded to requests for test detachments. Representatives from Maryland, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Arizona have agreed to participate.
A motion by Bobby Cervelli, seconded by Tyler Vanice, to make these the test detachment was approved.

6. Strategic Plan. Promote and introduce programs that will encourage younger members to join and participate. Take an active role in promoting membership growth. Establish an online national membership program for members to join without attending a local post, similar to the American Legion’s program. Establish a firm understanding of the national organization and provide oversight of the programs. Adopt and incorporate a video marketing program with Matt Chastain, Legion Legacy.



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7. Mission Statement and Vision. Many proposals have been discussed but none have ever been voted on. After a long group discussion by the committee members present, a mission and vision statement were proposed to be voted on by the committee on Friday after all members had a chance to review and give input.

Proposed Century Committee Mission Statement

As we move into the next 100 years of the organization, the mission The National Sons of The American Legion Century Committee is to;

- Significantly update current programs,
- Create new programs,
- Develop new methods of communications,
- Review and provide oversight of current administrative operations and programs.

Proposed Century Committee Vision Statement

Together, we see our committee members unite and take action to create lasting and positive decisions that we believe will benefit the Sons of The American Legion on all levels of the organization for the next 100 years.

There was a motion made by Tyler Vanice, seconded by Bobby Crevelli to approve the proposed Mission and Vision Statements of the Century Committee (CENTCOM). This was unanimously approved.

8. Bobby Crevelli presented a proposal with two parts. The American Dream and the Veterans Show and Tell. A writing/ video project that young members can participate in encouraging conversations between the parent and child. One program could be handled by VA&R and one by Americanism.

American Dream

1. Organize a prompt asking a question relating to how each individual's family has lived in America/lived the American Dream*
2. Organize a grading scale for entrants
3. Organize a judge board to read the entrants
4. Organize a way to receive the entrants, ie. digitally, physically, etc.
5. Organize a way to publish all the entrants
6. Determine a reward for winning
7. Set a deadline for the competition
8. Go out into the community, schools, youth programs/daycares and advertise this competition. Wherever possible the opportunity should be taken to encourage and explain why it is important to know/learn/tell these stories
9. Receive all the entrants and begin the judging process



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10. Publish all the entrants in some database that can be viewed by the public
11. Find a way to invite the top 3 finishers to squadron meetings, detachment conventions, and even local government meetings

Veteran Show and Tell

1. Find local governments with which you can organize an event with on or around a Service Holiday a. This could be during a city council meeting, or a town wide event, or anything in between
2. Go out into your squadrons or community and educate and encourage younger members or younger people as to why it is important to honor our Veterans service and share that service.
3. Encourage willing participants to go back to their families and inquire about their family members service history
4. Once participants with willing Veteran family members have been found, ask them to prepare a "show and tell"* presentation for said family member at your designated community event
5. Bring the participants and their Veteran and their families, if possible to the event and let them one by one give their presentation

* There is almost no minimum age requirement for this but younger is probably better.

9. Other outside youth programs were reviewed.
 1. Jim Stewart spoke on a scout program teaching ages 11-21 to become leaders.
 2. Gene Sacco spoke on a Lions Club program which gets elementary age kids involved in their programs.
 3. Our Military Kids site was also reviewed for ideas.
 4. The Missing in America Project was discussed.
10. National C&Y Chairman Joe Lohman address the committee on a program from Squadron 713, College Park, Maryland, Working with community grants and youth from the squadron they raised funds to create a Pizza Garden. The raised bed garden is circular and divided into slices like a pizza. In each slice was planted by the kids with different vegetables that once grown could be used as topping on a pizza. The design helped draw attention from the community and added to the interests of the kids. The project promotes kids learning skills, working with other members and gets them outdoors. The squadron has incorporated field trips to botanical gardens, to create more interest and keep the young members involved. It has brought local media attention to the post and has been featured in the Round Up, and on the Sons of The American Website. This is a program that can be adapted to different areas and can be placed on post property or as a community garden, like the old victory gardens. Working this program can bring other family members to the post, promote awareness of other post programs to the community and encourage membership growth. The plan when grown is to use the vegetables in a pizza party made by the participants. Extra crops could be divided up among the families or sold as a fund raiser. Other herbs and flowers can be added to promote pollinators. On a larger scale it could be used as a community garden to support veterans. Joe Lohman emailed in a program outline so others can plan and enact this program at their posts.



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11. Jeff Vrabel Jr. presented a program Squadron 15 is working at local nursing homes in and around Poland, Ohio. The focus is to honor the veterans which cannot get out to community events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. A program includes spotlighting the veterans, offering snacks, and entertainment. The program includes bringing in younger members and other youth groups to interact with the veterans, which have blossomed into them taking on projects of their own for the veterans. By promoting this in advance the veteran's family members are able to attend and some have joined as members. Local media has given great coverage community recognition to the events of the squadron. Poland Squadron 15's program is a good VA&R program that younger membership can help with, educating them on the plight of veterans. This also gives squadron's which are not near a Veterans Home or Hospital an avenue to support veterans.
12. CENTCOM met with members of SALCO to report on the progress being made and share program specifics, direction, goals and the time frame of a roll out of product. It was noted that the committee was still short of the required members of a chairman, three PNC's and five members. This will need to be addressed. The committee is addressing those editions.
13. Committee members worked on a proposed budget, putting together details of what will be needed to incorporate the new programs into the test detachments and operations of the committee. (see attached proposal)
14. To become more efficient the committee decided that there would be five CENTCOM Zoom calls over the next three months, which could be increased if needed. A request was sent to the National Liaison Kevin Mook to schedule the calls on the dates requested.
15. Matt Chastain presented a program on a concept of creating promotional patriotic videos of the organization.
16. Chris Casey made a presentation promoting Local Blood drives.
17. PNC Bob Worrel presented information from the 100th Anniversary Committee and minutes are attached.
18. Chairman Joe Gladen suggested the appointment of Jeff Vrabel Jr. to serve as the committee's Vice Chairman. A motion by Tyler Vanice seconded by Bobby Crevelli to accept the appointment was approved.
19. Adjournment at 12:55pm Saturday May 4, 2024

Bill Towns, Administrative Consultant
Century Committee (CENTCOM)

Upcoming CENTCOM Zoom meetings are May 20, June 10, July 1, July 22, and August 12 at 8:00pm Eastern.
Join Meeting: <https://legion.zoom.us/j/97721878162?pwd=Y3VIYVB4NGZCQVd5RUlwNS9kbmRVUT09>
Meeting ID: 977 2187 8162 Passcode: 371440 (877) 853-5257 US Toll-free (888) 475-4499 US Toll-free



100th Anniversary Committee

Mission

To Honor and Celebrate a Century of Serving America's Veterans

Vision

To Honor the Past, and Prepare for The Future

Objectives

- Compile a complete written history of the Sons of The American Legion
- Encourage each Detachment to complete their history
- Develop a point of contact with each Detachment
- Encourage every Squadron to compile its history
- Celebration starting at the 2027 National Convention through the 2033 National Convention
- Convention 2027: Highlighting 1932 - 1951 (The Beginning)
- Convention 2028: Highlighting 1952 - 1971 (The Rebirth)
- Convention 2029: Highlighting 1972 - 1991 (The Formative Years)
- Convention 2030: Highlighting 1992 - 2011 (The Growth Years)
- Convention 2031: Highlighting 2012 - 2031 (The Defining Years)
- Convention 2032: Kicking off the yearlong Centennial Celebration
- Profile Squadrons with 60-plus years of service
- Profile various former award winners, e.g., VA Volunteer of the Year, Houghton Award winners, etc.
- Highlight 50-years-plus members
- Open Conventions 2027 - 2032 with a video about the highlighted time period
- Plan and carryout all activities of the Centennial Celebration
- Work with other Commissions and Committees on Membership as needed
- Do a Time Capsule fundraiser to be kept at National Headquarters until 2132
- Develop a Founders award to honor members for serving the programs we support

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Exp. Acct #	Propose	Description	2023 - Final Budget		Reconciled		Under/Ovr:
			As of	Diff +/-	As of	Diff +/-	
494500	Membership Dues	Revenue from Annual Membership dues paid to the National Organization	\$ 1,384,000.00		\$ 1,927,288.81	\$ 543,288.81	
914600	Registration	Convention Monies	\$ 45,300.00		\$ 40,240.00	\$ (5,060.00)	
491500	Other	General Donations	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
		TOTAL INCOME	\$1,988,666.00		\$1,967,528.81	\$ (21,137.19)	
Exp. Acct #	Propose	Description	2023 - Final Budget		Reconciled As of Dec 31, 2023		Under/Ovr: D +/-
300000	TAL - Staff Wages	50% National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$ 254,202.00		\$ (1,258,833.8)	\$ (1,513,035.8)	
302000	TAL - Staff Wages - Overtime	50% National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	50.00		\$ (2,280.87)	\$ (2,230.87)	
510000	TAL - Staff Benefits	50% National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (1,128.47)	\$ (14,871.53)	
586000	S.A.L. Grants - Other	S.A.L. Scholarship - Bryn Notion & Jr. Shooting Sport	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
571500	Prog - Awards		50.00		\$ (1,908.00)	\$ (1,858.00)	
312000	Program Operations - General Expenditures	Net Leadership - Cell, Technology, Per Diem and tents related to the National requirements support	\$ 23,700.00		\$ (11,774.02)	\$ 11,925.98	
515500	Prog - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage	50.00		\$ (16,256.56)	\$ (16,206.56)	
517500	Prog - Ground Transportation	Ground Transportation	50.00		\$ (3,308.88)	\$ (3,258.88)	
518000	Program Operations - Misc/Other	Other items not assigned to a specific allocation line	\$ 102,844.00		\$ (3,149.45)	\$ 99,694.55	
588200	Printing	AL Printing - brochures, in-house, vendors, newsletters, renewal postcards & diatoms	\$ 46,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 46,000.00	
598500	Postage	AL Postage - newsletters, postcards, 1st class, metered, UPS, FedEx	50.00		\$ (20,043.11)	\$ (19,993.11)	
597500	Program Operations	Expenses w/Program activities for AL Committees/Committees	\$ 264,618.00		\$ (5,998.65)	\$ 258,619.35	
601500	Travel - Airfare	Officer Airfare	\$ 205,715.00		\$ (355,733.29)	\$ (550,018.29)	
602500	Travel - Entertainment		50.00		\$ (122.40)	\$ (172.40)	
603000	Travel - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage	\$ 0.00		\$ (25,278.17)	\$ (25,278.17)	
603500	Travel - Ground	Mileage, Tips, Cab Fare, Gas	\$ 163,162.00		\$ (5,082,007.82)	\$ (4,918,845.82)	
604000	Travel - Housing	Officer Housing	\$ 49,838.00		\$ (64,277.41)	\$ (14,439.41)	
604500	Travel - Per Diem	Officer Per Diem	\$ 250,833.00		\$ (75,517.00)	\$ 175,316.00	
608000	Prog - Wellness	Netu Convention, Washington Conference, various locations	\$ 200.00		\$ (14.00)	\$ 186.00	
642500	Office Ops. - Floral Arrangements		50.00		\$ (184.99)	\$ (134.99)	
652000	Office Ops.	Stationery & Supplies, Outside Services & Fees, Publicity & Promotions	\$ 400.00		\$ (2,121.82)	\$ (1,721.82)	
653000	Office Ops. - Outside Services	Prepaid email service-HighRoad Solutions	\$ 400.00		\$ (433.13)	\$ (33.13)	
655000	Office Ops. - Publicity & Promotion		50.00		\$ (8,210.00)	\$ (8,160.00)	
660500	Office Ops.	Cell Phone	\$ 400.00		\$ (3,350.00)	\$ (2,950.00)	
661000	Office Ops. - Travel - Airfare	Travel - Airfare	50.00		\$ (50.00)	\$ 0.00	
610000	Postage	1st Class Postage	\$ 500.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	
611000	Postage	Bulk Mail Center Postage	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 75,000.00	
612000	Postage	Freight/Expres	\$ 0.00		\$ (8,284.14)	\$ (8,284.14)	
613000	Postage	Mail Center Freight	50.00		\$ (10,143)	\$ (10,093)	
805500	Allocation - Document Center Services	Services charged by Document Center	\$ 20,500.00		\$ (4,414.82)	\$ 16,085.18	
806000	Allocation - Emblem Sales	Services / Supplies by Emblem Sales	\$ 20,000.00		\$ (12,320.81)	\$ 7,679.19	
808500	Allocation - Employee Benefits		50.00		\$ (8,998.82)	\$ (8,948.82)	
811500	Allocation - Mailing Services		50.00		\$ (19,945.88)	\$ (19,895.88)	
TBD	Allocation - Operational Support Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
TBD	SAL National Convention		\$ 132,798.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 132,798.00	
TBD	Allocation - American Legion	The American Legion - Programs	\$ 102,715.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 102,715.00	
TBD	Program Operations	IT / Digital Services	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00	
TBD	SAL - Program Development	Membership - (New, Awareness, Advertising, etc.) / How to Support the American Legion	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,988,666.00		\$ (81,221,043.81)	\$ (83,209,709.81)	
		INCOME	\$ 0.00		\$ 385,214.80	\$ 385,214.80	

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Inc. Acct #	Purpose	Description	2024 - Draft Budget
270000	NM or Other event/program	Funds from participation in the NM or Training breakfast event	\$3,500.00
274500	Membership Dues	Revenue from Annual Membership dues paid to the National Organization	\$1,059,000.00
274600	Registration	Convention Monies	\$25,000.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$1,087,500.00

Exp. Acct #	Purpose	Description	2024 - Draft Budget
300000	16L - Staff Wages - Employee	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program.	\$16,202.00
302000	16L - Staff Wages - Overtime	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program.	\$1,400.00
303000	16L - Staff Wages - Vacation Accrual	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program.	\$1,200.00
310000	16L - Staff Benefits - Payroll Taxes	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program.	\$5,217.00
316000	16L - Staff Benefits - 401(k) Employee	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program.	\$3,205.00
366000	S.A.L. Grants - Other	S.A.L. Scholarships - Boys Naton & Jr. Shooting Sports	\$23,200.00
372250	Program Operations - General Expenditures	Nat'l Leadership - Cell, Technology Per Diem and items related to the National requirements support	\$8,000.00
381500	Prog - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage (MEC, Convention, etc.)	\$20,000.00
386000	Prog - Miscellaneous	Prog - Miscellaneous Operating Expenses/ General Administrative Items	\$2,687.00
396250	Printing	Printing - (In-house & Vendor) Brochures, renewal postcard, & citations	\$60,000.00
397500	Program Operations	Expenses w/Program activities - Americanism, VAWS, IA, Legislative, VEXX, etc.	\$143,578.00
601500	Travel - Airfare	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Airfare"	\$27,559.00
603000	Travel - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage	\$1,000.00
603500	Travel - Ground	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Mileage, Tips, Cab Fare, Gas"	\$165,035.00
604000	Travel - Housing	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Housing"	\$67,515.00
604500	Travel - Per Diem	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Per Diem"	\$240,051.00
605000	Travel - Other	Other Travel Expense	\$2,000.00
638000	Office Ops.	DMS, Mailing Kit Prep, Stationery & Supplies, Outside Services & Fees, Publicity & Promotions	\$2,800.00
660500	Office Ops.	Cell Phone	\$1,200.00
680000	Post - 1st Class Postage	1st Class Postage	\$800.00
681500	Postage	Bulk Mail Center Postage	\$120,000.00
682500	Postage	Freight/Express	\$6,000.00
TED	SAL National Convention	Convention facility staging, AV, credentials, Youth Activities, SAL portion of Insurance, etc.	\$103,175.00
805500	Allocation - Document Center Services	Services charged by Document Center - Membership Cards & Registers	\$20,500.00
806000	Allocation - Emblem Sales	Services / Supplies by Emblem Sales	\$3,000.00
806500	Allocation - Internal Employee Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - TAL	\$20,000.00
807000	Allocation - Imaging Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (MIS Data Processing)	\$1,500.00
808000	Allocation - Input Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (MIS Data Processing)	\$25,000.00
811500	Allocation - Mailing Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (Mailing Services)	\$5,000.00
813500	Allocation - Office Supplies	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - General Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
TED	Allocation - Digital Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - Online Membership Processing	\$124,700.00
TED	Allocation - Operational Support Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - TAL	\$120,276.00
TED	Allocation - American Legion	American Legion - Charities/Programs	\$50,000.00
TED	SAL - Program Development	Membership - (New, Awareness Advertising, etc.) / How to Support the American Legion	\$50,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,873,500.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES			\$10.00

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Sons of The American Legion – 2025 Draft Budget Report

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Inc. Acct#	Purpose	Description	2025 - Draft Budget
470400	Training or Other event/program	Funds from participation in Training or other events	\$3,500.00
474700	Membership Dues	Revenue from Annual Membership dues paid to the National Organization	\$1,900,000.00
474700	Registration	Convention Moons	\$28,000.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$1,931,500.00

Exp. Acct#	Purpose	Description	2024 - Draft Budget
500400	TAL - Staff Wages - Employee	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$155,202.00
502400	TAL - Staff Wages - Overtime	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$1,000.00
503400	TAL - Staff Wages - Vacation Accrual	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$1,200.00
510400	TAL - Staff Benefits - Payroll Taxes	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$13,217.00
516400	TAL - Staff Benefits - 401(k) employee	SAL National Commander and staff supporting the SAL program	\$3,305.00
556400	S.A.L. Grants - Other	S.A.L. Scholarships - Boys Naton & J. Shooting Sports	\$23,300.00
572750	Program Operations - General Expenditures	Nat'l Leadership - Cell, Technology, Per Diem and items related to the National requirements support	\$8,000.00
531700	Prog - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage (NFC, Convention, etc.)	\$20,000.00
536400	Prog - Miscellaneous	Prog - Miscellaneous Operating Expenses / General Administrative Items	\$50,564.00
596750	Printing	Printing - (In-house & Vendor), Brochures, newsletters, posters & citations	\$60,000.00
537500	Program Operations	Expenses w/Program activities - Americanism, VA/VS, IA, Legislative, VL&L, etc.	\$77,352.00
601500	Travel - Airfare	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Airfare"	\$232,369.00
603600	Travel - Food & Beverage	Food & Beverage	\$1,000.00
603700	Travel - Ground	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Messages, Tips, Cab Fare, Gas"	\$174,198.00
604600	Travel - Housing	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Housing"	\$71,363.00
604500	Travel - Per Diem	Nat'l Officers, NEC, Chairman and authorized call-in "Per Diem"	\$253,379.00
605600	Travel - Other	Other Travel Expense	\$2,000.00
638400	Office Ops.	DMS Mailing Kit Prep, Stationery & Supplies, Outside Services & Fees, Publicity & Promotions	\$2,300.00
650500	Office Ops.	Cell Phone	\$1,300.00
630400	Post - 1st Class Postage	1st Class Postage	\$500.00
631700	Postage	Bulk Mail Center Postage	\$120,000.00
632700	Postage	Flight/Expenses	\$6,000.00
TBD	SAL National Conventior	Convention facility, lodging, AV, credentials, Youth Activities, SAL portion of Insurance, etc.	\$193,175.00
805700	Allocation - Document Center Services	Services charged by Document Center - Membership Cards & Registers	\$20,300.00
806600	Allocation - Emblem Sale	Services / Supplies by Emblem Sales	\$10,000.00
806700	Allocation - Internal Employee Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - TAL	\$20,000.00
807600	Allocation - Imaging Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (MS Data Processing)	\$1,300.00
808600	Allocation - Input Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (MS Data Processing)	\$25,000.00
811700	Allocation - Mailing Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - GOC Building (Mailing Services)	\$15,000.00
813700	Allocation - Office Supplies	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - General Office Supplies	\$2,300.00
TBD	Allocation - Digital Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - Online Membership Processing	\$117,300.00
TBD	Allocation - Operational Support Services	Services charged by Nat'l HQ - I&L	\$117,276.00
TBD	Allocation - American Legion	American Legion - Charities/Programs	\$100,000.00
TBD	SAL - Program Development	Membership - (New, Awareness, Advertising, etc.) / How to Support the American Legion	\$50,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,931,500.00
INCOME minus EXPENSES			\$0.00

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**The Sons of The American Legion
National Executive Committee**

**Held on
May 4-5, 2024
Resolution**

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No.: SAL Resolution 1 – Spring 2024

Title: Marvin P. Nay Award for Outstanding Contributions to National Veterans Employment and Education

Origin: Veterans Employment and Education Commission

WHEREAS, the Veterans Employment and Education (VE&E) Commission is dedicated to supporting The American Legion by assisting The American Legion in ensuring that America’s veterans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the actions of such individuals who assist in such vital endeavors should be recognized at the National level; and

WHEREAS, Marvin P. Nay (MA) served as Vice Chairman of the VE&E Commission for two years prior to his death, during which time he was a veterans’ advocate specializing in homelessness and stand downs; and

WHEREAS, written permission has been received from Marvin P. Nay’s family for the use of his name; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the National Executive Committee hereby recommends continued support for the “Marvin P. Nay Award” to recognize outstanding contributions to veterans’ employment and education; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the members of the Veterans Employment and Education Commission shall select a winner from all qualified applicants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the criteria for this award, a nomination form, and instructions for submitting nominations accompany this resolution as supporting documentation; and be it further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

James M. Coates

JAMES M. COATES (NY), Chairman
Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 1 – Spring 2024

Title: Marvin P. Nay Award for Outstanding Contributions to National Veterans Employment and Education

Origin: Veterans Employment and Education Commission

RESOLVED, that the award shall be an engraved plaque purchased from American Legion Emblem Sales at a cost not to exceed \$200.00, including mailing if necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Marvin P. Nay Award be presented at the National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Marvin P. Nay awardee be presented a custom Sons of The American Legion Uniform Cap at the National Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each nominee will receive a signed certificate of appreciation from the National Commander and National Adjutant as processed by the National Office; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that SAL Resolution No. 8 – Fall 2020, Create the Marvin P. Nay Award for Outstanding Contributions to National Veterans Employment and Education and SAL Resolution No. 1 – Fall 2021, Recognizing recipients of the “Marvin P. Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment and Education Contributor of the Year Award” are hereby superseded and rescinded.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

James M. Coates

JAMES M. COATES (NY), Chairman
Veterans Employment and Education Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 2 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Eugene R. Bellando (NC) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of North Carolina

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Eugene R. Bellando has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of North Carolina as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of North Carolina hereby endorses Eugene R. Bellando for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of North Carolina and the Department of North Carolina with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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**No.: SAL Resolution 3 – Spring 2024
Title: Creation of SAL University “SAL-U”
Origin: Member Training and Development Committee**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion has provided continuing training for our new and existing members in the form of N.M.I. “National Management Institute” courses, 1, 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, the N.M.I. courses will no longer be offered starting Spring NEC meeting May of 2024; and

WHEREAS, a program of education titled SAL-U, standing for “Sons of the American Legion University” is being developed to be offered beginning Spring NEC 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that this activity is a most important means of education for Sons of The American Legion in the background, programs and activities of the Sons as well as the Legion which is so vitally important to the growth and stabilization of membership; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program per individual is estimated to be \$1,775 consisting of \$700 transportation, \$200 rooms (attendees sharing room), \$150 meals, \$100 misc., pins, padfolios, etc. and \$600 pro-rated staff cost for a total estimated cost of \$1,775 per attendee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that SAL-U be held at least once each year, provided the Detachment and/or Department sponsoring a student assume a part of the cost which is set at \$500 currently.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Michael S. Cotten

MICHAEL S. COTTEN (DE), Chairman
Member Training and Development Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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No.: SAL Resolution 4 – Spring 2024
Title: Membership and Squadron Activities Restructure
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion Resolution NEC7-74 created the National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee as a standing committee of the National Executive Committee that defined the purpose, scope, function, authority and membership of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the increase in national membership and need for clarity and continuity suggests that a revision to the original resolution is in order; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee shall continue to be a standing committee of the National Executive Committee charged with promoting the recruitment, renewal and reinstatement of members as well as developing programs and activities which may be used by Squadrons or other levels of the organization to promote service, camaraderie and membership, while reporting to the Internal Affairs Commission of the Sons of The American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall disseminate national membership and renewal reports through its assigned members as well as other duties germane to membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall be comprised of an appointed chairman; three (3) core members of which one (1) shall be named vice chairman; and regional chairmen representing each geographical region as determined by The American Legion with voice and vote; one (1) authorized national commander's representative (optional) on the Committee who shall serve with voice and vote; and that number of consultants and/or advisors to the Committee as deemed appropriate and necessary who shall serve with voice but no vote; and be it further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 4 – Spring 2024
Title: Membership and Squadron Activities Restructure
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

RESOLVED, that the National Vice Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee with voice but no vote; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that Sons of The American Legion Resolution NEC7-74 is hereby rescinded.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.
DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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**No.: SAL Resolution 5 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Casey Hanson (SD) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of South Dakota**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Casey Hanson has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of South Dakota as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of South Dakota hereby endorses Casey Hanson for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of South Dakota and the Department of South Dakota with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of Detachment Adjutant Dewey Hessaa and Department Adjutant Terry Hanson are on the supporting resolutions.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 6 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Brandon Curry (KY) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Kentucky

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Curry has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Kentucky as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Kentucky hereby endorses Brandon Curry for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Kentucky and the Department of Kentucky with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of Post 113 Commander Clarence A. Robinson, III and Post 113 Adjutant Andrew Chitty are on the supporting resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 7 – Spring 2024

Title: Appointment of Brian K. Waters (PA) as National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, at certain times and for continued and outstanding service, individuals are recognized for dedicated service to the National Organization of the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, precedent having been set by the National Organization of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, said individual has continually served unselfishly whenever, and wherever required; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that Brian K. Waters of the Detachment of Pennsylvania is hereby appointed National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Emeritus, effective as of this date, for as long as he shall remain a current member of the Sons of The American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action conveys all rank, respect, and privileges associated with this appointment.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 8 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Allen Watry (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Allen Watry has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Wisconsin as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin hereby endorses Allen Watry for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Wisconsin and the Department of Wisconsin with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of Detachment Adjutant David Faust and Department Adjutant Julie Muhle are on the supporting resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 9 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Christopher Sherman (WI) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Sherman has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Wisconsin as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin hereby endorses Christopher Sherman for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Wisconsin and the Department of Wisconsin with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of Detachment Adjutant David Faust and Department Adjutant Julie Muhle are on the supporting resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 10 – Spring 2024
Title: Endorsement of Jeremy Revell (VT) for National Vice Commander
Origin: Detachment of Vermont

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of male descendants of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion requires that candidates for national elective office in the Sons of The American Legion be presented to the National body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Revell has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Vermont as an elected national officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Vermont hereby endorses Jeremy Revell for the high office of National Vice Commander at such future time and year as may become available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the above resolution was endorsed by the Detachment of Vermont and the Department of Vermont with indicated National action submitted for the local resolving clause. The signatures of Detachment Commander Jeremy Revell and Department Commander Mark Cloutier are on the supporting resolution.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Received and filed

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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**No.: SAL Resolution 11 – Spring 2024
Title: Creation of the SAL Paid-Up for Life (PUFL) Program
Origin: PUFL Ad-hoc Committee – SAL National Commander Donald “JR” Hall**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion has identified the benefit for a lifetime membership program as a means to help stabilize membership, to facilitate the maintenance of membership, particularly by members who change their place of residence, and to offer a service that The American Legion has already established; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the Plan’s integrity and financial well-being for the future, an appointed Board of Directors shall review actuarial studies to include review of the most current Internal Revenue Service mortality rate tables in order to determine if rate structure increases are needed to maintain the financial well-being of the Paid-Up for Life Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, since the means of doing business in membership has changed over the years by the successful addition of on-line renewals, a structured process for purchasing Paid-Up for Life memberships directly to the National Organization should be added to myLegion.org, the National Organization’s website; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that it does hereby recommend the creation of the Sons of The American Legion Paid-Up for Life (PUFL) Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Paid-Up for Life Program adhere to the governing documents provided as an attachment to this resolution; and be it finally

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Kevin Winkelmann

KEVIN WINKELMANN (TX), Chairman
PUFL Ad-hoc Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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Title: Creation of the SAL Paid-Up for Life (PUFL) Program
Origin: PUFL Ad-hoc Committee – SAL National Commander Donald “JR” Hall

RESOLVED, that the Paid-Up for Life Program commence with the start of the membership year immediately succeeding approval by The American Legion.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Kevin Winkelmann

KEVIN WINKELMANN (TX), Chairman
PUFL Ad-hoc Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
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WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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**No.: SAL Resolution 12 – Spring 2024
Title: 105 in July
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, membership is the lifeblood of the organization, and various detachments work extremely hard to attain membership goals through the use of Membership Committees; and

WHEREAS, all Detachments should be recognized for their efforts in growing membership; and

WHEREAS, new charters, membership renewals, and percentage targets are at the forefront of membership success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby creates a new membership award called the “105 in July” award to be given to all detachments that achieve at least 105% of membership for the current membership year by the 105% target date; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Detachment that meets the above criteria will be awarded an Emblem Sales gift certificate in the amount of \$105.00 to be used at the discretion of the Detachment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certificate of achievement accompany the award; and be it finally

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Title: 105 in July
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

RESOLVED, that this award will begin with the 2025 membership year and shall be presented annually at each National Convention.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Daryl Ver-Streate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
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No.: SAL Resolution 13 – Spring 2024

Title: Establishment of the Sons of The American Legion Stipend for the National Newsletter Editor

Origin: Public and Media Communications Commission

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion was formed to carry on the principles of The American Legion;
and

WHEREAS, a membership newsletter can serve as a powerful tool to disseminate information, share success stories, and engage members in meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion has established a new monthly printable national newsletter called the *Millenium*; and

WHEREAS, the task of editing the newsletter requires a significant investment of time and specialized skills, including writing, editing, and knowledge of the organization and its mission; and

WHEREAS, the quality and consistency of the newsletter directly impact the organization’s image, member engagement, and overall effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, compensating the newsletter editor is a standard practice among similar organizations and is necessary to attract and retain individuals with the required skills and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby approves a monthly stipend of \$1,000 for the national newsletter editor; and be it further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Kevin Chaplin

KEVIN CHAPLIN (VA), Chairman
Public and Media Communications Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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Title: Establishment of the Sons of The American Legion Stipend for the National Newsletter Editor

Origin: Public and Media Communications Commission

RESOLVED, that this resolution become effective with the close of the 2024 National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Kevin Chaplin

KEVIN CHAPLIN (VA), Chairman
Public and Media Communications Commission

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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No.: SAL Resolution 14 – Spring 2024
Title: To Make Detachments with Less Than 200 Members Eligible for the Highest Renewal Percentage Award
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

WHEREAS, the primary duty of all SAL members is to support and motivate at all levels membership growth within the program by utilizing and sharing all resources available, such as training, social media, marketing, and awards; and

WHEREAS, membership awards have proven to motivate membership growth within the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the Detachments with less than 200 members should be recognized equally with all detachments for their efforts to grow their membership; and

WHEREAS, currently, detachments with less than 200 members are excluded from competing for the Highest Renewal Percentage (%) Detachment award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that all Detachments with less than 200 members are hereby eligible for the Highest Renewal Percentage (%) Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect with the national convention immediately following the acceptance of this resolution by The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; to be awarded at the 2024 Sons of The American Legion 2024 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 15 – Spring 2024
Title: To Make Detachments with Less Than 200 Members Eligible for the National Regional Membership Award
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

WHEREAS, the primary duty of all SAL members is to support and motivate at all levels membership growth within the program; and

WHEREAS, membership awards have proven to motivate membership growth within the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the Detachments with less than 200 members should be recognized equally with all detachments for their efforts to grow their membership; and

WHEREAS, currently, detachments with less than 200 members are excluded from competing for the National Regional Membership award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that all Detachments with less than 200 members are hereby eligible for the National Regional Membership Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect with the national convention immediately following the acceptance of this resolution by The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; to be awarded at the 2024 Sons of The American Legion 2024 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

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Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
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No.: SAL Resolution 16 – Spring 2024

Title: Create the Dennis Boland Award for the Highest Donation by a Squadron to the Child Welfare Foundation

Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion was created to adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and

WHEREAS, the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) Committee is dedicated to supporting the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation in ensuring that funds are raised to support not-for-profit organizations who care for America’s youth; and

WHEREAS, the actions of such individuals who assist in such vital endeavors should be recognized at the National level; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Boland (FL), dual member, Legionnaire and Sons of the American Legion member, served as President of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Board for over 20 years, during which time he oversaw the donations and awarding of grants to not-for-profit organizations with honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the National Executive Committee hereby recommends the creation of the “Dennis Boland Award” to recognize the highest individual total Squadron donation for the CWF calendar year (June-May); and be it further

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected by TAL Resolutions Screening Cmte.

Referred to:

Other Action

Mark E. Nave

MARK E. NAVE (PA), Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation Committee

CHRISTOPHER M. CASEY (NE), Chairman
Americanism Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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Origin: Child Welfare Foundation Committee

RESOLVED, that the award will be presented during the announcement and distribution of CWF awards as a certificate at the Sons National Convention.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected by TAL Resolutions Screening Cmte.

Referred to:

Other Action

Mark E. Nave

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No.: SAL Resolution 17 – Spring 2024

Title: Donation of \$5,000.00 to Operation Comfort Warrior from the SAL Reserve Fund

Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, a Sons of The American Legion Liability Account (now called the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund) was established as a restricted fund for use in the event of emergencies such as membership decline, etc., and temporary funds were needed to meet expenses; and

WHEREAS, the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 11-12, 2017 by N.E.C. Resolution No. 4 established a ceiling of \$750,000 (with a variance of +/- 1.5%) for the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund for each budget year ending in the month of December to be reviewed annually by the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion at the Spring meetings for adequacy and from a fiscal management viewpoint; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4 adopted at the Fall 2017 meeting of The American Legion National Executive Committee further empowers the Sons of The American Legion to request permission to transfer funds from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to any approved charity that supports America's veterans and youth with the approval and consent of both the Internal Affairs Commission and the Finance Commission of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund is presently over the variance established; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the National Executive Committee hereby approves the donation of \$5,000.00 from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund to Commander Hall's project - Operation Comfort Warrior; and be it further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson

BRUNO WILLIAMSON (IL), Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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Title: Donation of \$5,000.00 to Operation Comfort Warrior from the SAL Reserve Fund

Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

RESOLVED, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby recommends to the Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion that said funds be distributed from the Sons of The American Legion Reserve Fund.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action Held for study

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson

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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

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Finance Commission

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No.: SAL Resolution 18 – Spring 2024
Title: Charles Rigsby Award Update
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, the original resolutions for the creation of a Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) award: NEC S6-89 and for naming the award the Charles B. Rigsby Service to Veterans Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award NEC S3 -91 cannot be located by the Sons of the American Legion National Organization; and

WHEREAS, the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission presents the Charles B. Rigsby Service to Veterans Volunteer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this award in the past has been strictly for Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) hours; and

WHEREAS, credit is given to all the nominees for all service to Veterans Affairs and no matter where their volunteer service is done; and

WHEREAS, those volunteers that are VAVS representatives, deputy representatives associates they be given a 1.5 hours credit for their VAVS hours because of the application process and training required to hold those positions; and

WHEREAS, the period of this volunteer award will be from Detachment Convention to Detachment Convention, only one nominee per Detachment can be submitted and submitted 30 (thirty) days prior to National Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission in a Zoom meeting on April 8, 2024 approved this resolution; and let it be further

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

- Approved
- Rejected
- Referred to:
- Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson (Zoom Meeting on 04/08/2024)

BRUNO WILLIAMSON (IL), Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

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No.: SAL Resolution 18 – Spring 2024
Title: Charles Rigsby Award Update
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that this will be the active resolution for the Charles B. Rigsby Service to Veterans Volunteer of the Year Award.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson (Zoom Meeting on 04/08/2024)

BRUNO WILLIAMSON (IL), Chairman
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**No.: SAL Resolution 19 – Spring 2024
Title: \$5,000 Donation to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, the number one Pillar of the Sons of The American Legion is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation;
and

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that the Sons of The American Legion support those that have
served and are currently serving in our Nation’s Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, chief among them is the rehabilitative care of our Veterans with seen and unseen injuries; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Creative Arts is of immense value to that rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Affairs Medical Centers from across the country hold their own Creative Arts Festivals;
and

WHEREAS, the winners of these festivals are than submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA);
and

WHEREAS, of that group approximately 200 first place winning Veterans are invited to the annual weeklong
National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF); and

WHEREAS, these veterans participate in various clinics, a stage show and exhibit their craftwork; and

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Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action Held for study

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson (Zoom Meeting on 04/08/2024)
BRUNO WILLIAMSON (IL), Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

WILLIAM G. HILL (MD), Chairman
Finance Commission

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Origin: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, the National Sons of the American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (NVAR) Commission has a line item of \$5,000 in their budget to annually donate and be a Gold Sponsor to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion donate \$5,000 to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this donation be taken from the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation budget line item.

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved
Rejected
Referred to:
Other Action Held for study

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
Subcommittee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Bruno Williamson (Zoom Meeting on 04/08/2024)

BRUNO WILLIAMSON (IL), Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Signature, Chairman, Finance Commission

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**No.: SAL Resolution 20 – Spring 2024
Title: Restructure the Houghton Award
Origin: Membership and Squadron Activities Committee**

WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion national membership awards are an integral part of recognizing individuals and detachments that continue to recruit, renew, and reinstate our members; and

WHEREAS, the Arthur D. Houghton and Detachment Recruitment awards are based on the number of members in a detachment and separated into size categories to ensure fair competition between detachments of the same size; and

WHEREAS, those categories were last revised and modified twenty-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, the continued growth of detachments has made obsolete the current structure of those categories resulting in uneven competition for said awards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 4-5, 2024, that the Sons of The American Legion hereby amends the five current categories for the Arthur D. Houghton and Detachment Recruitment awards to ten categories as follows:

- **Category I** **10 to 300 members**
- **Category II** **301 to 700 members**
- **Category III** **701 to 1,500 members**
- **Category IV** **1,501 to 2,000 members**
- **Category V** **2,001 to 3,000 members**

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Daryl VerStreate, Jr.

DARYL VERSTREATE, JR. (NY), Chairman
Membership and Squadron Activities Committee

Christopher S. Michel

CHRISTOPHER S. MICHEL (DE), Chairman
Internal Affairs Commission

Signature Chairman, Subcommittee on Resolutions

Nedley C. Fox

NEDLEY C. FOX (CA), Chairman
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- **Category VI** 3,001 to 5,000 members
- **Category VII** 5,001 to 7,000 members
- **Category VIII** 7,001 to 12,000 members
- **Category IX** 12,001 to 28,000 members
- **Category X** 28,000 and more members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Membership and Squadron Activities Committee shall review the categories at least every five years and make recommendations, if necessary, to amend the categories; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect with the National Convention immediately following the acceptance of this resolution by The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; to be awarded at the 2024 Sons of The American Legion 2024 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Subcommittee on Resolutions Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

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