



# Locomotive

The Membership Newsletter of  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Massachusetts

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**National Target Date**  
**June 17, 2020**  
**100%**

**RECRUIT!**  
**RETAIN!**  
**REINSTATE!**



**100% or Greater**  
**District 7**  
**WHO'S NEXT?**

Congratulations and Thank You to those squadrons who have been diligently working membership through the shutdown and lockdown from COVID-19. The National Targets had been adjusted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Massachusetts fell short for the adjusted target of 90% for the May 13th target date. The Detachment is 563 members short of meeting the June 17th **National target of 100% membership.**

There are 31 squadrons who have exceed 105% membership for the 2019-2020 program year. A superb effort and hats off to these squadrons. There are a few squadrons who have added significant numbers to their ranks. Cherry Valley Squadron 443 has plus 40 members over the previous year. Nonantum Squadron 440 is plus 33, the Malden Squadron is plus 23, Morrissette Squadron 294 is plus 10, Chelmsford Squadron 313 is plus 9 and Arlington Squadron 39 and Dracut Squadron 315 are plus 6. We've had some reactivated Squadrons and new charters during the 2019-2020 program year. Newly chartered United Forces Squadron 351 is at 15 members. We're quite pleased with each squadron who has increased their numbers within their ranks. On the other side of the spectrum, we have a squadron that is 100 members short of their 2018-2019 membership. A number of squadrons have some work to accomplish. It's critically important to the Detachment that we meet and exceed the membership targets.

We expect to receive the 2020-2021 membership cards in the near future. It's important to note that once the 2020-2021 membership cards arrive and begin to be distributed. Per Capita for 2019-2020 will rise by a total of \$ 5 (\$ 2 for National and \$ 3 for the Detachment) for a total of \$ 12.00 per member.

Please work and submit remaining membership for 2019-2020 for those unpaid members prior to the receipt of the new cards for 2020-2021.

## Detachment of Massachusetts Membership District Standings as of June 5, 2020

Dist	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
1	191	181	94.78%
2	292	271	92.81%
3	442	362	81.90%
4	982	902	91.85%
5	1,299	1224	94.23%
6	859	714	83.12%
7	121	131	108.26%
8	443	414	93.45%
9	250	244	97.60%
10	676	595	88.02%
297 CH	14	9	64.29%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5569</b>	<b>5047</b>	<b>90.63%</b>

## National Standings by Region as of June 4, 2020

(Eastern Region) Gary P. Nelson (NJ)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
VERMONT	3,950	3,681	93.190
MARYLAND	16,496	15,328	92.919
PENNSYLVANIA	63,257	58,105	91.855
CONNECTICUT	1,812	1,654	91.280
DELAWARE	2,321	2,089	90.004
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>5,592</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>89.932</b>
NEW YORK	30,557	26,785	87.656
FRANCE	251	220	87.649
NEW JERSEY	9,972	8,673	86.974
MAINE	2,662	2,291	86.063
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,325	5,373	84.949
WEST VIRGINIA	2,601	2,188	84.121
RHODE ISLAND	301	246	81.728
DIST OF COL	176	122	69.318
<b>Totals</b>	<b>146,273</b>	<b>131,784</b>	<b>90.095</b>

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A significant number of additional Squadrons have begun using MySAL to accomplish membership transmittals. While were at it, let's see how many more Squadrons we can get enrolled in MySAL. Once the Squadron and Post Officers see how easy, efficient, and hassle-free it truly is, they will spread the word. This will continue and we will see a much timelier submission of our membership nationally. Once we accomplish this, our goals *will be much more easily* met. Using MySAL reduces overhead and time.

*Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,*



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Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Massachusetts  
Membership Chairman  
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## Membership Committee Call

6:00 PM MST

**Call in # (515) 604-9644 Access Code:  
889133**

Online Meeting

<http://join.freeconferencecall.com/jrnavarr>

The National Membership Committee holds its monthly Conference Calls on the third Tuesday of each month. It is important that we get the message out to as many Membership Chairmen as possible. Please share this with your District and Squadron leadership and ask them to join us.

## Consolidated Squadron Report

The Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) is every Squadrons way to show our Local Communities, our State, and our Nation what we do as members of The Sons of The American Legion here in Massachusetts. We provide a tremendous amount of support to our Veterans, to our children, to a multitude of Charities in terms of dollars donated and hours volunteered but we tend to not let the public know all the great things we do as SAL members.

**If you have not completed and submitted your Squadron's CSR, please do so.**

Information on the CSR can be found at:

<http://www.salmass.org/index.php?id=125>

## June 6, 1944 - Remembering D-Day



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



# MySAL

## MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

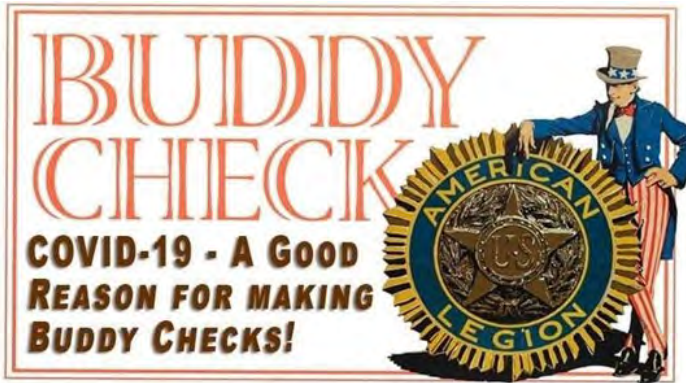
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# RETAIN!

# REINSTATE!







## Important Links

- [Detachment Membership Report](#)
- [National Membership Target Dates](#)
- [2019-2020 Individual Recruitment Award form](#)
- [Blue Brigade Award](#)
- [Blue Brigade Fifth Consecutive Year Award](#)
- [Detachment Consolidated Squadron Report Info](#)
- [MYSAL](#)
- [Detachment Commander Laberge](#)
- [Detachment Adjutant Cliff Smith](#)



## 75th Anniversary of the End of WW II

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II. The Victory in Europe (VE-Day) is May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Victory in Japan (VJ-Day) is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Millions of American men and women served in World War II.

There will be numerous commemorative events held throughout the country including events in Washington, D.C. and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

The Victory in Europe events are available at:

<https://www.75thwwiicommemoration.org/victory-in-europe/dc-events>

\*\*Note: The Washington, D.C. Dates have been **Rescheduled** from May 6-10 to September 24-27.

The Victory in the Pacific events are available at:

<https://www.75thwwiicommemoration.org/victory-in-the-pacific/hawaii-events>

## Detachment Sweatshirts Available

Limited Sizes Available (Large, X-Large and 2X-Large)

\$ 30 each



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email)  Male  Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues)  
(Gender)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:**

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

ALA 08/2016

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

ALA 12/2013

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (Required)  Birth - 17  18 and over

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.**

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) \_\_\_\_\_

If Living: \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

#### Veteran Served:

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts

#### Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- Male Spouse
- Grandmother
- Daughter
- Female Spouse
- Sister
- Granddaughter
- Mother
- Self

#### To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALA 09/2016

## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_