



# Locomotive

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

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National Target Date  
February 12, 2020  
75%

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

# RENEW!!!

The Detachment of Massachusetts is in 12th place out of 14 for the 2019-2020 renewals with a 67.38% renewal rate. The February 12, 2020 target date of February 12, 2020 of 75% is rapidly approaching. The Detachment is 319 members shy of reaching the 75% National Target.

There has not been any Individual Recruitment Awards (IRA) earned for the 2019-2020 membership year within the Detachment of Massachusetts of this date.



I'm pleased to report that there will be two IRA submissions forthcoming from the newly

chartered United Forces Squadron 351 (Holyoke) for award of the 2020 SAL Membership Recruiter Award. There is a Blue Brigade Award available for those who recruit 30 or more new members (not inactive members) in a membership year. To my knowledge, there has only been 3 recipients of the Blue Brigade jacket. They are Patrick McKeon of Cherry Valley Squadron 443, Todd Gannon and Gene H. Theroux of Westfield Squadron 124. The forms for both the Individual Recruitment Award and for the Blue Brigade Award are available on the [Detachment Membership](#) page.



## District Standings as of February 6, 2020

Dist	GOAL	ACTUAL	%
1	191	170	89.01%
2	292	209	71.58%
3	442	332	75.11%
4	978	651	66.56%
5	1,295	879	67.88%
6	845	556	65.80%
7	121	82	67.77%
8	442	298	67.42%
9	250	186	74.40%
10	675	468	69.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5545</b>	<b>3840</b>	<b>69.25%</b>

## National Standings by Region as of February 6, 2020

(Eastern Region) Gary P. Nelson (NJ)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
MARYLAND	16,496	13,017	78.910
VERMONT	3,950	3,104	78.582
DELAWARE	2,321	1,809	77.941
PENNSYLVANIA	63,257	47,931	75.772
CONNECTICUT	1,812	1,302	71.854
FRANCE	251	178	70.916
RHODE ISLAND	301	213	70.764
WEST VIRGINIA	2,601	1,820	69.973
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,325	4,413	69.771
MAINE	2,662	1,855	69.684
NEW JERSEY	9,972	6,879	68.983
MASSACHUSETTS	5,592	3,768	67.382
NEW YORK	30,557	18,993	62.156
DIST OF COL	176	103	58.523
<b>Totals</b>	<b>146,273</b>	<b>105,385</b>	<b>72.047</b>

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Congratulations to the following Squadrons who have exceeded the 105% membership for the 2020 membership year:

- North Adams Squadron 125 - 107.14%
- South Hadley Falls Squadron 260 - 111.11%
- Granby Squadron 266 - 105.56%
- Palmer Squadron 130 - 118.18%
- Southwick Squadron 338 - 108.00%
- North Grafton Squadron 92 - 106.25%
- Cherry Valley Squadron 443 - 126.56%
- Malden Squadron 69 - 480.00%
- Marlboro Squadron 132 - 128.89%
- Chelmsford Squadron 313 - 142.86%
- Cohasset Squadron 118 - 108.89%
- Dover Squadron 209 - 106.67%
- Morrisette Squadron 294 - 116.36%
- Boston Squadron 117 - 150.00%
- New Bedford Squadron 1 - 250%
- Scituate Squadron 144 - 112.50%
- Norwell Squadron 192 - 200.00%

**Great Job!**

# Who's next?

Our next **National Target Date of 75% is February 12, 2020.** We could easily meet the target if those Squadrons who have failed to submit any 2020 membership would start working their membership.



There are significant benefits by using MySAL to accomplish membership transmittals. Processing of membership is much faster, savings in time by not having to handle cards and submitting with payment to the Department. Most importantly, a significant savings in postage expenses.

While were at it, let's see how many 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.*

Thank you for your hard work for our organization. Your efforts are the lifeblood of our organization and you're critical to our success. Wishing you the best of health, happiness and success in this New Year.

*Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,*

Gene H. Theroux  
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Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Massachusetts  
Membership Chairman  
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[www.salmass.org](http://www.salmass.org)

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**#SALSTRONG**

### Commander Bolt's 2019-2020 Goals

Please remember as you travel and promote the Sons of The American Legion and National Commander Clint Bolt's goals for Membership and all Legion Charities.

- **RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND REINSTATE** to reach **400,000** members
- Renewal rate above 95%
- Obtain 105% in membership by National Convention in Louisville, KY
- Recognize our achievements
- Child Welfare Foundation \$500,000
- National Emergency Fund \$100,000
- Soldiers Wish \$100,000
- Legacy Scholarship \$100,000
- Veterans & Children's Fund \$100,000
- Operation Comfort Warriors \$100,000

### Important Links

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

### Past Commander's Dinner and Post Recognition Night at Cherry Valley Post 443

I'd like to thank Past Detachment Commander Mark B. McCue for the invitation to attend the Post 443 Past Commander's Dinner and Post Recognition Night held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Cherry Valley Post 443. The hospitality, comradeship and food was exceptional.

The Cherry Valley Squadron 443 presence and contributions to the Post is evident. Squadron 443 Commander Denny Earle provided the attendees with a report of the Squadron's activities and of their efforts in renovating the Post hall beginning in March 2020. Past Detachment Commander Mark B. McCue surprised Squadron 443 member Jim Stephens with presenting Jim with a plaque from The American Legion in appreciation of Jim's ten years of dedicated service to American Legion Baseball as the coach and manager of the Cherry Valley Post 443 American Legion Baseball Team.



Pictured: front row L-R Jim Stephens, Mark McCue, Steve Mero, Jeff Wood, Jay Doherty, Rear L-R Denny Earle, Josh Senior, Patrick McKeon, Gene Theroux, Andrew McCue, Mark Harrington.



Pictured: Jim Stephens and Mark McCue

Congratulations to Squadron 443 whose 2020 membership is at 126.56%.



### Three New Eagle Scouts

Three members of Westfield Squadron 124 obtained the Eagle Scout merit badge at the Troop 821 Eagle Scout of Honor held on Saturday, January 25, 2020.



Pictured left to right: Aaron C. M. Muldrew, Antonio F. Horta-Lent



Alexander M. Gaugh with Eagle Scout medal with Silver Palm and with American Legion Boys State Medal and American Legion Citizenship Medal

Each Eagle Scout was presented the American Legion Citizenship Medal with accompanying Certificates of Recognition from The American Legion National James W. "Bill Oxford and from American Legion Post 124. Alex Gaugh is an alumni of The American Legion Department of Massachusetts 2019 Boys State program and he was presented the American Legion Boys State Good Citizenship Medal with accompanying certificate. Boy Scout Troop 821 is proudly co-sponsored by American Legion Post 124 and Westfield Squadron124.

### Four Chaplains Observance

VA Central Western Massachusetts, Leeds, MA  
February 2, 2020



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**NATIONAL TARGET DATE**

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
"PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS"  
10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**UNION STREET LANES  
215 UNION ST.  
HOLBROOK, MA 02343**

**MARCH 21, 2020  
11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**REGISTRATION FORM  
TOURNAMENT OPEN TO ALL  
POSTS – UNITS – SQUADRONS – LEGION RIDERS**

**\$20.00 PER PERSON / \$100.00 PER TEAM**

**POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SQUADRON NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
RIDER CHAPTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOWLER NO.1 \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOWLER NO.2 \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOWLER NO.3 \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOWLER NO.4 \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOWLER NO.5 \_\_\_\_\_**

**SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORMS TO:  
CLIFFORD A. SMITH  
53 Messenger St., Apt C  
PLAINVILLE, M 02762**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
THE DETACHMENT OF MASS S.A.L.**



# Always Be Prepared To Get A New Member



## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Race/Ethnicity) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues)

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marine
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine (WWI only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Witness of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, 2201 Interval Avenue, 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).**

### 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 which eligibility is established)

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

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

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

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

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transit 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 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).**

### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth (Required))  18-17  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) 369-4500 for assistance.**

**Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.**

**Membership pending approval of application.**

#### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Mar. Dep. Name) \_\_\_\_\_

§ (Check) \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Crossed (1) Veteran if Crossed; contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

**Veteran Served:**

WWII (45-51) (1-11/11/11)

Anytime After 12/31/1941 (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Wife Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	

**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 named above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer (Necessarily Ver. Call) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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