



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

---

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

**RECORD**

**2017**



## **SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

Membership and renewals of membership are the keys to success in any squadron. One method of being successful is to establish a Squadron Membership Team in every squadron.

A Squadron Membership Team consists of several members of your squadron working membership. The first step is to take the squadron membership register and divide it into parts based on locations of members, members known and perhaps where individuals may work or attend school. Renewals can best be made by mailings from the squadron to the member, personal contact (where appropriate) or telephone. Additionally, contact made be made through any known associate and/or member of The American Legion who may know how to contact the squadron member.

The Squadron Membership Team should be divided into two groups. The first group will work on new membership growth and the other group will focus on membership renewals. Working together will significantly increase your membership throughout the year. Membership is a year-round responsibility working toward growth in numbers, supporting programs of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion and our nation's veterans and families.

## **NEW SQUADRON DEVELOPMENT**

Detachment membership chairmen and advisers are encouraged to implement and continue New Squadron Development in their respective detachments. Detachments should discuss SAL membership at every meeting and identify posts without squadrons or inactive squadrons without membership. Department advisers and/or detachment membership chairmen should periodically contact those posts through the department about starting or reactivating squadrons.

## **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD**

The purpose of the National Membership Record is to maintain a current total of SAL membership for each detachment. As you will note the beginning year of this record is 1983.

Due to missing records, the final membership totals are not available for all years. Attempts are being made to locate these missing years so an accurate account of the final years membership would be available from the beginning of the Sons of The American Legion, which was established in 1932.

Anyone having knowledge or a copy of a detachment final membership total prior to 1983 is encouraged to forward the information to National Headquarters or the national membership chairman.

## **MEMBERSHIP GOALS**

The national membership goal of the Sons of The American Legion is established by the National Membership Committee. The goal has been set for at least one member higher than the final membership of the previous membership year. For example, the membership goal of 2017 is based on the final 2016 membership as of Dec. 31, 2016.

Each detachment has the flexibility in setting its goal, which should be higher. However, this goal cannot be less than the national goal. Additional information on membership goals can be obtained by contacting the S.A.L National Membership Committee at [sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org).

**REMEMBER ...**

**MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>
Alabama	149	161	105	195	373	533
Alaska	335	480	554	645	695	740
Arizona	820	866	871	989	1152	1260
Arkansas	121	94	60	157	125	166
California	2275	2116	2042	2174	2384	2594
Colorado	688	649	697	686	909	593
Connecticut	279	281	307	293	261	227
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	207	135	75	86	94	121
Florida	2486	2691	3075	3087	2926	3117
France	93	83	63	57	61	78
Georgia	125	210	266	430	513	631
Hawaii	5	4	3	2	12	22
Idaho	34	62	48	61	49	79
Illinois	2949	3173	3271	3827	4209	4455
Indiana	10096	10813	11105	12418	13489	14528
Iowa	128	141	146	84	170	233
Kansas	998	1350	1742	1988	2036	2234
Kentucky	883	935	1031	1134	1017	1063
Louisiana	648	925	978	1101	1016	957
Maine	549	717	871	776	915	1058
Maryland	5905	5859	6067	6117	5955	6692
Massachusetts	476	476	509	610	534	601
Michigan	5311	5345	5533	5752	6032	6749
Minnesota	2415	2460	3068	3509	3924	4204
Mississippi	78	70	91	126	88	69
Missouri	766	868	1002	961	943	1041
Montana	24	27	39	61	81	74
Nebraska	2166	2419	2694	3183	3764	3815
Nevada	0	0	0	18	0	0
New Hampshire	717	1055	1520	1865	2100	2338
New Jersey	3047	3084	3169	3426	3626	4118
New Mexico	268	263	263	378	316	348
New York	5024	5182	5655	7308	7412	8068
North Carolina	184	156	156	183	191	289
North Dakota	80	18	23	39	45	49
Ohio	5740	6103	6262	6990	8513	9697
Oklahoma	385	300	377	318	307	186
Oregon	153	192	293	367	507	652
Pennsylvania	2963	3491	4101	4564	4840	5699
Philippines	541	190	483	606	607	679
Puerto Rico	32	36	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	144	148	101	92	87	135
South Carolina	137	159	95	168	192	282
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	18
Tennessee	464	402	381	518	728	824
Texas	1916	2045	2133	2324	2532	2655
Utah	146	133	104	135	127	165
Vermont	175	239	316	333	424	625
Virginia	978	937	1112	1312	1332	1551
Washington	319	375	421	313	438	523
West Virginia	394	506	567	632	511	583
Wisconsin	1223	1340	1507	1361	1367	1441
Wyoming	168	248	255	336	359	257
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>70,012</b>	<b>75,607</b>	<b>84,095</b>	<b>90,288</b>	<b>99,116</b>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
Alabama	616	852	808	807	807	949
Alaska	741	735	802	647	612	667
Arizona	1374	1269	1505	1730	2061	2141
Arkansas	140	118	122	267	220	358
California	2426	2798	3150	3366	3486	3782
Colorado	862	924	1105	1010	1310	1389
Connecticut	381	541	680	818	1008	1155
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	151	231	308	374	466	577
Florida	3111	3684	3996	4568	5130	5458
France	106	108	92	96	95	98
Georgia	782	1064	1412	1511	1373	1606
Hawaii	21	103	79	97	103	116
Idaho	81	112	132	274	291	360
Illinois	4794	5157	5706	6217	6865	7483
Indiana	16167	18188	19836	20933	22997	23924
Iowa	407	481	496	627	732	848
Kansas	2368	2668	2786	3012	3282	3711
Kentucky	1341	1696	1909	1981	2036	2285
Louisiana	960	1081	1007	1175	1113	1098
Maine	1209	1287	1375	1596	1798	1756
Maryland	7280	7846	7943	8604	9284	9858
Massachusetts	683	945	1139	1529	1638	1613
Michigan	7380	8381	9260	10120	10880	11551
Minnesota	4851	5223	5093	5282	5466	5489
Mississippi	133	187	159	174	128	189
Missouri	1115	1496	1546	1692	1714	1934
Montana	106	112	108	94	82	99
Nebraska	4035	4092	4297	4504	4702	4974
Nevada	0	0	12	6	3	17
New Hampshire	2565	3047	3302	3629	3779	4145
New Jersey	4396	4645	4868	5124	5463	5430
New Mexico	376	504	510	777	1025	1119
New York	9409	11075	11914	13131	14706	15264
North Carolina	552	488	449	481	493	670
North Dakota	98	458	371	316	296	321
Ohio	10939	12055	13499	15218	17167	18434
Oklahoma	274	375	551	465	414	669
Oregon	731	953	1171	1246	1152	1159
Pennsylvania	6395	7710	9165	10642	12203	13856
Philippines	549	572	458	198	237	173
Puerto Rico	0	15	0	15	46	63
Rhode Island	162	209	315	362	307	359
South Carolina	350	446	408	396	465	326
South Dakota	27	35	36	30	92	69
Tennessee	821	1130	1330	1303	1250	1128
Texas	2786	3240	3342	3512	3745	4114
Utah	223	249	284	279	309	287
Vermont	585	900	1129	1260	1530	1724
Virginia	1717	1939	2068	2244	2494	2521
Washington	598	679	711	932	1009	1067
West Virginia	698	745	1073	1045	1321	1707
Wisconsin	1432	1718	1821	1768	1736	1713
Wyoming	339	359	310	409	455	473
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,643</b>	<b>124,925</b>	<b>135,948</b>	<b>147,893</b>	<b>161,376</b>	<b>172,276</b>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Alabama	1153	1207	1174	1298	1437	1447
Alaska	887	942	898	1022	1181	1252
Arizona	2283	2301	2466	2545	2955	3128
Arkansas	282	289	320	382	345	322
California	4061	4198	4253	4263	4813	5114
Colorado	1477	1471	1625	1735	1827	2022
Connecticut	1279	1323	1250	1399	1445	1438
District of Columbia	0	0	0	57	77	105
Delaware	647	635	707	816	911	1021
Florida	5419	5517	5844	6209	6432	7096
France	112	129	156	139	105	140
Georgia	1608	1957	2330	2395	3078	3279
Hawaii	117	80	92	102	98	101
Idaho	400	414	386	423	452	485
Illinois	8004	8610	9352	9648	10453	10996
Indiana	24883	25776	27278	28493	29390	31035
Iowa	858	932	934	1234	1192	1309
Kansas	3813	4014	4269	4294	4350	4421
Kentucky	2700	2927	3210	3318	3478	3598
Louisiana	917	938	1041	1059	1117	1188
Maine	1727	1874	1811	1942	2155	2153
Maryland	10318	10564	11185	11914	12441	12634
Massachusetts	2060	2229	2643	2983	3371	3480
Michigan	11494	12162	12731	13260	13438	13893
Minnesota	5609	6046	6436	6537	6747	7435
Mississippi	154	242	287	234	274	279
Missouri	2006	2064	2027	2211	2265	2305
Montana	105	134	131	168	194	273
Nebraska	5084	5397	5260	5135	5129	5432
Nevada	27	19	65	94	124	147
New Hampshire	4288	4358	4433	4687	4837	5071
New Jersey	5816	5909	6321	6504	6812	7076
New Mexico	1220	1107	1112	1134	1169	1197
New York	15819	16190	16748	17202	17745	18847
North Carolina	745	869	1145	1339	1429	1589
North Dakota	332	259	233	232	261	257
Ohio	19795	20944	22159	23143	24491	25379
Oklahoma	396	363	434	372	633	597
Oregon	1233	1372	1418	1397	1411	1254
Pennsylvania	15193	17117	19009	21347	23174	25132
Philippines	160	135	152	106	169	190
Puerto Rico	72	32	67	28	41	0
Rhode Island	317	325	396	440	384	362
South Carolina	464	421	384	436	415	471
South Dakota	27	94	83	108	177	181
Tennessee	1122	1328	1323	1398	1576	1689
Texas	3890	4013	4633	4729	4844	4831
Utah	287	291	364	359	407	393
Vermont	1926	2014	2003	2191	2441	2584
Virginia	2712	2671	2924	2646	2733	2855
Washington	1100	1158	1272	1334	1508	1464
West Virginia	1874	2042	2169	2373	2671	3203
Wisconsin	1750	1840	1847	1917	1972	2057
Wyoming	479	458	512	525	566	531
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,501</b>	<b>189,701</b>	<b>201,302</b>	<b>211,256</b>	<b>223,140</b>	<b>234,738</b>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Alabama	1587	1800	1940	1868	1979	2192
Alaska	1174	1210	1355	1380	1422	1444
Arizona	3298	3661	3834	4177	4482	4852
Arkansas	337	336	295	370	364	397
California	5544	5955	6255	6918	7038	7911
Colorado	2112	2170	2222	2251	2455	2681
Connecticut	1547	1360	1442	1424	1701	1749
District of Columbia	100	71	83	92	57	105
Delaware	1038	1142	1319	1533	1624	1754
Florida	7662	8605	9347	10178	10487	11203
France	172	253	269	213	231	274
Georgia	3715	4230	4473	4560	4853	4614
Hawaii	99	96	89	37	29	28
Idaho	478	527	573	642	582	628
Illinois	11571	12296	13139	13444	13948	14538
Indiana	32393	33686	34692	34899	35611	36103
Iowa	1496	1613	1872	1943	2019	2200
Kansas	4442	4737	4742	4835	5274	5455
Kentucky	3718	4037	4073	4145	4198	4304
Louisiana	1266	1451	1555	1574	1630	1803
Maine	2229	2360	2359	2489	2494	2496
Maryland	12878	13208	13901	14295	14581	15053
Massachusetts	3850	4143	4252	4297	4916	5276
Michigan	14549	15641	16419	17421	18159	18882
Minnesota	7796	8829	9383	9554	10062	10384
Mississippi	295	317	372	396	455	382
Missouri	2340	2521	2427	2454	2682	2757
Montana	315	361	517	531	581	666
Nebraska	5376	5572	5474	5487	5637	5558
Nevada	165	137	149	93	99	142
New Hampshire	5275	5646	5634	5851	5955	5970
New Jersey	7149	7586	8112	8468	9095	9031
New Mexico	1139	1212	1315	1311	1392	1448
New York	20150	21997	23379	24541	25383	25703
North Carolina	1610	1622	1693	1620	1599	1656
North Dakota	303	319	334	317	433	570
Ohio	26568	27772	29245	28789	29214	29829
Oklahoma	642	785	850	723	1000	727
Oregon	1379	1454	1445	1437	1505	1662
Pennsylvania	27278	30992	34019	36581	39497	43365
Philippines	172	226	133	129	37	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	368	358	413	399	367	342
South Carolina	809	732	741	817	798	867
South Dakota	299	336	311	433	361	308
Tennessee	1630	1837	1768	1670	1642	1714
Texas	5296	5800	6177	6226	6101	5984
Utah	437	498	436	421	439	485
Vermont	2774	3394	3462	3555	3763	3888
Virginia	3010	3190	3358	3635	3746	4045
Washington	1723	1898	2029	2128	2240	2310
West Virginia	3088	3132	3146	3148	3146	3205
Wisconsin	1989	2176	2472	2600	2746	2804
Wyoming	549	839	912	972	974	1012
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,179</b>	<b>266,126</b>	<b>280,206</b>	<b>289,271</b>	<b>301,083</b>	<b>312,756</b>



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Alabama	2254	2360	2291	2266	2103	1758
Alaska	1470	1456	1449	1409	1439	1423
Arizona	5089	5564	5672	5831	5896	6173
Arkansas	593	576	522	546	532	548
California	8477	8770	8916	9360	9843	10136
Colorado	2577	2716	2669	2630	2684	2691
Connecticut	1838	1914	1903	1949	1988	1867
District of Columbia	143	194	176	186	136	176
Delaware	1845	1982	2094	2210	2303	2376
Florida	11790	12265	12837	13286	14016	14604
France	267	277	310	287	280	190
Georgia	4948	5020	5066	5241	5179	5140
Hawaii	38	40	43	68	43	48
Idaho	663	668	599	552	524	529
Illinois	14587	14789	14957	15143	14872	14923
Indiana	35372	35185	36074	36991	37426	37890
Iowa	2396	2602	2760	2740	3002	3382
Kansas	5844	6015	6046	6051	6092	6237
Kentucky	4381	4424	4281	4301	4217	4099
Louisiana	1823	1772	2004	1924	2016	2158
Maine	2609	2765	2895	2854	2787	2747
Maryland	15343	15449	15634	15460	15486	15701
Massachusetts	5428	5409	5437	5492	5442	5665
Michigan	19296	19929	20408	20926	20746	20700
Minnesota	10437	10431	10632	10835	10905	10902
Mississippi	510	500	601	779	564	547
Missouri	2931	3000	3135	3277	3345	3416
Montana	692	687	713	754	858	906
Nebraska	5573	5557	5678	5678	5613	5665
Nevada	87	131	108	193	303	286
New Hampshire	5999	5918	5968	6034	5890	6018
New Jersey	9097	8869	9019	8978	9394	9385
New Mexico	1508	1656	1582	1657	1688	1729
New York	26145	26215	26970	27891	28630	28980
North Carolina	1705	1680	1729	1824	1923	1803
North Dakota	590	677	671	697	750	765
Ohio	30108	30085	30428	30438	30606	31059
Oklahoma	695	701	791	853	879	918
Oregon	1765	1809	1841	1924	1859	1799
Pennsylvania	46779	49144	52578	54784	56945	58655
Philippines	16	0	0	17	23	41
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	264	367	280	264	226	206
South Carolina	970	1037	964	1049	1007	1042
South Dakota	412	435	434	514	573	491
Tennessee	1787	1787	1661	1568	1724	1839
Texas	6136	6311	6230	6451	6641	6639
Utah	577	784	658	611	583	552
Vermont	3912	3951	3961	3937	3900	3881
Virginia	4119	4300	4434	4476	4493	4370
Washington	2380	2382	2624	2588	2599	2642
West Virginia	3201	2944	2883	2845	2875	2869
Wisconsin	2990	3051	3158	3200	3309	3560
Wyoming	1005	1048	1074	1241	1204	1169
<b>Total</b>	<b>321,461</b>	<b>327,598</b>	<b>335,848</b>	<b>343,060</b>	<b>348,361</b>	<b>353,295</b>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RECORD

<b>Detachment</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Alabama	1,738	1,832	1,708	1,670		
Alaska	1,444	1,425	1,363	1,420		
Arizona	6,382	6,676	6,673	6,728		
Arkansas	550	468	474	507		
California	10,181	10,481	11,022	11,161		
Colorado	2,983	3,028	3,099	3,008		
Connecticut	1,805	1,762	1,811	1,828		
District of Columbia	249	191	290	179		
Delaware	2,334	2,400	2,422	2,343		
Florida	15,645	16,118	17,322	17,843		
France	253	257	267	291		
Georgia	4,637	4,756	4,811	4,770		
Hawaii	42	31	18	22		
Idaho	540	426	493	568		
Illinois	14,964	14,422	14,708	14,852		
Indiana	37,071	37,276	37,453	38,319		
Iowa	3,706	3,867	3,978	4,010		
Kansas	6,382	6,406	6,602	6,661		
Kentucky	4,016	3,825	3,602	3,429		
Louisiana	2,113	2,131	2,164	2,125		
Maine	2,723	2,588	2,577	2,508		
Maryland	15,719	15,956	16,257	16,445		
Massachusetts	5,566	5,395	5,562	5,705		
Michigan	20,878	21,439	21,896	22,654		
Minnesota	10,756	10,804	11,452	11,626		
Mississippi	601	564	715	559		
Missouri	3,448	3,597	3,586	3,719		
Montana	893	913	968	1,012		
Nebraska	5,983	6,211	6,372	6,389		
Nevada	292	292	351	539		
New Hampshire	6,180	5,935	5,935	6,066		
New Jersey	9,543	9,622	9,595	9,822		
New Mexico	1,725	1,809	1,847	1,709		
New York	29,118	29,372	29,298	29,671		
North Carolina	1,894	1,892	1,967	2,092		
North Dakota	799	670	717	771		
Ohio	31,556	31,200	30,792	31,247		
Oklahoma	1,056	744	1,031	1,059		
Oregon	1,683	1,781	1,628	1,675		
Pennsylvania	59,580	60,080	60,151	61,641		
Philippines	60	69	27	44		
Puerto Rico	0	0	35	36		
Rhode Island	239	245	263	242		
South Carolina	996	998	1,095	1,115		
South Dakota	526	580	625	732		
Tennessee	1,811	1,784	1,726	1,675		
Texas	6,193	6,242	6,318	6,328		
Utah	486	595	528	571		
Vermont	3,845	3,898	3,884	3,867		
Virginia	4,579	4,606	4,566	4,396		
Washington	2,709	2,675	2,534	2,430		
West Virginia	2,863	2,901	2,767	2,752		
Wisconsin	3,671	3,605	3,683	3,812		
Wyoming	1,164	1,169	1,291	1,305		
<b>Total</b>	<b>356,170</b>	<b>358,009</b>	<b>362,319</b>	<b>367,948</b>		



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2017 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

September 14, 2016	10%
October 12, 2016	25%
November 16, 2016	35%
December 14, 2016	45%
January 19, 2017	60%
February 8, 2017	75%
March 8, 2017	80%
April 12, 2017	90%
May 10, 2017	100%
*July 19, 2017	105%

\*Delegate Strength Target Date



**2017**  

---

*Membership Year*