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VA Caregiver Program Opens to Eligible WWII, Korea and Vietnam Vets

After a yearlong delay, veterans from WWII through Vietnam who need around-the-clock care from a loved one can apply for the Department of Veterans Affairs' family caregiver program, starting October 1, 2020. The VA announced Friday in the Federal Register that the program's expansion to include veterans who served on or before May 7, 1975, will begin with several changes that affect all who are enrolled, including current veterans and caregivers. Under the new rules, veterans with a single or combined or combined service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher, who also meet certain criteria and served before the 1975 date, are eligible to apply in October. The VA will determine whether the applicant fits into one of two categories: Level 1, those who need substantial care giving but are more capable than the most disabled cohort; or Level 2, those who are not able to "self-sustain in the community," meaning they require continuous supervision and help with three or more daily activities. Those currently enrolled in the program and those with a pending application will be reassessed under the new eligibility criteria over the next year, according to the VA. If a reassessment results in an increased stipend, the veteran and their caregiver would receive the new amount, as well as a lump sum of retroactive pay back to October 1, 2020. If the assessment determines the veteran is eligible for a decreased amount, the VA will give them notice by October 2, 2021, and the decrease would go into effect "no earlier than 60 days" after they receive the notice. For veterans who are currently enrolled but deemed during the reassessment to be ineligible under the new criteria, the VA will inform the veteran at or around October 1, 2021, and their benefits would continue for 90 days following discharge from the program. As part of the assessment, the VA will examine the level of activity veterans can do themselves each day, taking into account whether they can dress themselves, bathe, groom themselves, adjust a prosthetic or device on their own, go to the bathroom without assistance, feed themselves or need help moving around their homes.

The 2018 VA Mission Act required the department to expand its caregiver program to include combat veterans from previous wars. Under the Mission Act, the program will undergo another expansion on October 1, 2022, to include combat veterans who served between 1975 and September 11, 2001. In addition to expanding eligibility beyond those who are combat wounded, the new regulations define new procedures for discharging former service members from the program, standardize operation procedures and provide new training for staff and caregivers. The changes also will give caregivers access to financial planning and legal services. The program was the target of a VA Office of Inspector General investigation in 2018 that found problems with how the department managed the program, accepted applications and monitored the health of those who were discharged from the program. The IG found that the department also paid out \$4.8 million to caregivers of veterans who weren't eligible for the program. More information on the VA's caregiver can be found on the VA's website, www.va.gov.

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ADJUTANT'S UPDATE

By Sharon Cherrette

As we head into Autumn (22 September), we have made a bit of progress in the way business is conducted since COVID-19 hit in mid-March. Schools are starting back up either live or virtual classes. Meetings and training sessions have gone virtual, including Posts, Units, and Squadrons, through on-line programs such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, GotoMeeting, etc., National Headquarters has been using virtual training for some of their workshops/meetings. The virtual training for National's Membership Workshop has been great for Alaska as more folks were able to participate; however, the time of the training may have been off for some folks as the time difference became Noon and 3 PM AK Time. You don't need to fret if you have missed any portion of the workshop. National has made the information available on their website at www.legion.org/training/membership. Please check it out.

Now is the time for us to pass on information to our high school students about our Girls and Boys State (June 2021) and Oratorical (late February/early March 2021). This includes public, private, charter, home-schooled students. Also reach out to youth groups such as Boys/ Girls Scouts, Campfire, etc. For more information about these programs, go to www.legion.org/oratorical or www.legion.org/boysnation. If your Post has a contestant(s) for Oratorical, have the student(s) present their prepared speech (8-10 minutes with no notes) along with the assigned topic speech (pick 1 of the 4 topics, should be 3-5 minutes again no notes allowed). Remember, the more practice a student gets presenting their speeches in front of an audience, the more confident a student will be at the State Contest. Once at the State level competition, each Post can only send one (1) contestant.

As this paper covers September and October, many things can change by the time you receive your issue. We are still working on the plans for the Fall Conference scheduled for 2-4 October at Post 28 in Anchorage with the Auxiliary and SAL. Please be patient as we work through the Conference plans. Anchorage currently has more restrictions than other locations. We will send emails with updated information along with posting information on our Department's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TheAmericanLegionAlaska> - The American Legion, Department of Alaska).

Kelly, our Administrative Assistant, and I send out quite a bit of information through email with events and other information which includes Tele-Townhall meetings with the VA (National and State). Please make sure your email address is current. We do need the Post commanders' and adjutants' emails as quite a bit of information is sent already for forwarding on to the Post members (Post meetings, newsletters, emails, etc.). GCI and ACS are blocking some emails. If you are not receiving an email you believe you should have received, please contact us.

PLEASE STAY SAFE.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Hunter Davis



Greetings to all in the Department of Alaska.

Well. This was a very different Summer. Here in Ketchikan, not a single cruise ship showed up. Out of an expected 1.3 million visitors, we only entertained several hundred. Although most of them were here to fish, some were seen wandering the empty streets. Parking for the locals was plentiful and having so much space, we are probably going to be whining when some of the larger crowds start coming in next season. There will be a next season. It will not have anywhere near the numbers we have become used to seeing; but there will be a next season.

Which brings us to our new membership year. It is that time again. Every Post has a new target for renewals and new members. Some Posts did not reach the 2020 goals, so why did every target get raised? Because if we do not challenge ourselves, we will consistently accept lower and lower standards. This is an important part of our vision for the Department. We have to make the effort now so that we don't lose what we have. I was willing to keep the same membership goals from last year whether we met them or not. Now we all have bigger goals and the opportunity to update our missions.

Vision, Mission, and Values is a new resolution at the National level. The proposed National vision statement reads "The American Legion strengthens America by improving the lives of our veterans, the military and their families." On a Post level, what is the Executive Board's vision for the Post? Where do you see the Post in the future? What is the goal of the Post and its membership? In one year, three years, five years, what should have happened? Quite often we allow ourselves the comfort of the old ways of completing a year. We do the same programs, rely on the same methods...and somehow expect a new, miraculous outcome. Use the new membership goal as a goad to try something new. Decide on a Post Vision statement and then develop a mission to support it. If the Vision is the future, the Mission is the now.

What is the plan to meet the goal? The proposed National mission statement is "The American Legion strengthens our communities, states and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military and their families." A mission statement is best kept short and manageable. Reaching the vision may require more than one mission, but keep the missions separate and driven by the vision. Bring out the old professional development class materials and start working. Let the mission now support the vision of the future.

Values that have been proposed at the National level are:

- A VETERAN IS A VETERAN
- SELFLESS SERVICE
- AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM
- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- ADVANCING THE VISION
- HONORING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US

Vision, Mission, and Values can and will drive the efforts at all levels of the American Legion. As always, start locally at the Post and move up to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AIDES

From Our Service Officer - Jamie Carlson

Happy August Everyone!

The American Legion Service Office is still currently "closed" however, Jamie and Ashley are in the office 2-3 times a week working on claims, we have added 1 day a week to see Veterans at our State Office located at 1550 Charter Circle, Anchorage, these visits are by appointment only. We are trying to utilize electronic systems as often as possible. If you are not computer savvy, please feel free to call us and we will make an appointment to see you. Derek is up and running in the Kenai area, he is a terrific asset to our office, and I am thrilled he is part of our team! We honestly have no idea when we will reopen, are reopening is based on the Veteran's Benefits Administration reopening at the Anchorage Office and with increases in COVID cases, they are maximizing teleworking (working from home). We will do our best to continue operative as we have been. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

A few updates and general tid bits of information:

COVID-19 screening is available at all the clinics for employees and Veterans. Veterans if you come onto campus please stay in your car if you are experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, fever and or have traveled outside of Alaska in the last 14 days and call 375-2660. Pharmacy is providing curb side pickup by calling 257-4823. The Veterans Health Care Administration is encouraging Veterans to use mail out pharmacy services. Alaska clinics are currently opened at 50% and utilizing telehealth/telephone appointments to the maximum capacity.

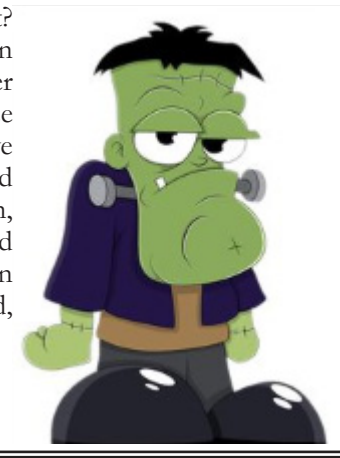
Plans are under way for expansion of the VA parking lot! Parking can be difficult, and they are currently working on an agreement to expand to the area between the hospital and Bartlett High School. Anchorage is also looking at building a new facility addition for mental health. On June 6th, 2020, ground-breaking ceremony took place in Soldotna, the new facility will be more than twice the size of the old facility and located within one block of Central Peninsula Hospital. Lots of changes coming to the different clinics in each location!

One of the goals VHA has is to increase the number of female veterans receiving care. Anna Bullerdick, VA Women's Veteran Coordinator is requesting "Baby Bundles" as there are 27 expectant mothers. Please contact her at 907-257-4908 for additional information. As our World continues to change and adapt, we hope that everyone out there is staying safe and healthy!! Until next time. Jamie

From the desk of our Department 2nd Vice Commander, Deb Davis

"Focus on the mission". I just stole this line from an Auxiliary National Headquarters fb post... it was a reminder that the organization is non-partisan. (the whole line is focus on the mission, not the candidate). I want to use just the first part as a reminder that despite all the "stuff" going on - we can still focus on our mission(s). Do we have veterans that need help with food, utilities, or rent? Or a socially distant "visit" to remind them that we are still here for them and their families. If you are on the road system, you may have been able to enjoy some Legion baseball. Organizations still need our support to do their missions. In Ketchikan, we have a young man, Carter Thomas, who has been working on an Eagle Scout project to honor all the graduates of Ketchikan High School who went into the service with a small plaque placed on an exterior stone wall at KAYHI. Early in the process (fall 2019), he reached out to Post 3 for information he might have. He discovered there was no convenient way to identify graduates who entered the military. So, he started a fb page and reached out to the community to help identify those individuals and raise the money needed. In April 2020 while our community was shut down, he was able to start installing the individual plaques (which include a US flag and service plaques). This week August 13 (nearly 1 year and COVID quarantine later) he will be honored for completing this project. Members of Post 3 will be there to cheer for him. He focused on his mission and was able to complete it because of his dedication (and graduated high school himself) despite all the distractions. Be kind, be there for each other and focus on our mission.

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Join National Commander, Bill Oxford in supporting the Veterans & Children Foundation by WALKING!!

100 Miles for Hope is a virtual 100-mile walk/run/ride challenge starting August 3rd and going through Veterans Day in 2020. It's a way to invigorate donations for the Veterans & Children Foundation, as well as encourage American Legion Family members to be active in this time of social distancing.

The foundation serves two primary functions. It provides critical grants for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises, and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care, benefits and opportunities for disabled veterans and families. The American Legion's 3,000 accredited service officers provide free assistance for any veteran in need. Participants in 100 Miles for Hope would have from the official kickoff to run, walk, bike or ride their motorcycle for 100 miles.

To register, go to the Emblem Sales site. For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive a tee shirt and a sign they can display once the 100 miles is completed. After shipping and other materials are deducted, the remaining proceeds go directly to the Veterans and Childrens Foundation.

Bobby Dunno, ALR Assistant Director Notes....

WOW what a great July 2020! I know that while most everyone has been focused on just getting through the summer with COVID, it seems the ALR has found much to be excited about here in the Seward and the American Legion Department of Alaska. When I reviewed the article I wrote for the newsletter in early July the ALR had a lot of plans but there seemed to be a lack of excitement, but for me the 4th of July changed all that.

As I am sure many of us regret the 4th of July Parade in Seward has been cancelled but the Rides of American Legion Post 5 had determined among ourselves to mount up The Flag on as many Bikes as possible and spend an hour or so displaying those Flags riding around town. As it happened many ALR members from Jack Henry Post 1 (Anchorage), Post 16 (Homer) and Susitna Valley Post 35 (Wasilla) had begun planning and were making a trip for weekend camping and assembling in Hope. I met with Mike and Don from 16 in Cooper Landing and we rode to meet the rest of the bikes as they arrived in Hope. There I was able to discuss our plans to show Our Flag and invite them to come down and participate if they choose.



I cannot tell you how proud I was of the ALRA as the 9 Bikes of Chapter 5 gathered (Which was ALR members Bobby D., Debbie D., Mike M., Larry G., Dave S., Terry M., Bill P. and non ALR members Chris, Sean and Eli) to see 11 more bikes from the other Chapters ride in from Hope to take part. I found it especially humbling that Mike showed up to take part despite the family tragedy he was experiencing. The response given to us by those in Seward who saw our display was uplifting to say the least. People were parking their cars getting out and taking pictures, clapping and cheering us on. To say we were invigorated and excited at the end of our slow spin of a couple circuits around Seward would be an understatement ☺! After the ride we all rode to visit Don and Marilyn, I think that chance of seeing Don was a motivating factor in having so many riders showing up. We rode up to Don and Marilyn's to find Don in typical fashion sitting astride his bike ready to ride. So the ALR made another trip around town, with Don everyone grinning and amazed at Don still in the saddle at 83! The ALR also owes Mike Calhoun & Post 5 a big thank you for the impromptu supplying the means to feed all the Riders who showed up. Despite the shadow that hung over our 4th of July it was a sunny day and the ALR had a great time seeing the patriotic spirit that exist in Seward and celebrating Our Countries birthday.

Now you would think that it would be really hard to top a day like that but just a couple weeks later we had the ALR Alaska ROMP which kicked off really with several rides from areas around Alaska gathering at Jack Henry Post 1 on the 16th of July. The ROMP started out fairly routinely on the morning of the 17th of July, but after we rode in a couple small groups to Sterling AK. Where we were to take part in the celebration and activities for the Salute to Veterans that is taking place at the South Peninsula ABATE Rally the following day. We were amazed at the location for the Rally as it was being held at the private estate of Don Johnson and his family of Sterling. After arriving in Sterling most of the ALR that rode down paid a visit to Post 20 where Alvin Diaz and his crew did a awesome job feeding us steaks, despite being more than a little overwhelmed by the number of Legion Riders that descended on them. This was my first visit to the South Peninsula ABATE Rally and even with their limiting the participation with COVID there was better than 40 bikes in attendance. That Saturday morning, coffee & hot biscuits and gravy were ready early and the hospitality was on par and perhaps rivaled many of our own American Legion Post. Better yet for the ALRA we had found in the people of South Peninsula ABATE that they were not only a group comprised of many Veterans and family members but displayed the same reverence for Our Countries Flag that we did. The first official function of the South Peninsula ABATE Salute to Veterans was a changing of The Colors. It was explained that traditionally the Johnson family display an American Flag accompanied by the Alaska State Flag and the POW/MIA Flag and they are replaced once a year during the Salute to Vets Celebration. Many of us formed up to attend or take part in the ceremony and while it was appropriate many of the Legion Family discussed that we could probably improve on the Flag Replacement ceremony. We knew that later after the many other activities planned the South Peninsula ABATE would be holding a flag retirement ceremony which they also asked up to participate in. So we began planning to perform a American Legion Flag Retirement ceremony ☺.



But before that happened, we assembled as a group and rode to the location of the Alaska Roadhouse. 43 motorcycles, the 25 Bikes of the ALRA (yea we showed up in force ☺) followed the 18 riders with ABATE on a memorial ride in memory of Don Johnson's brother who was owner of the Alaska Roadhouse. As we rolled out from, we were onto the Sterling Hi-way, you could sense that something interesting was happening. The group road mostly parade style to Soldotna where I was astounded to experience the whole group all 43 bikes rode through Soldotna with no one getting left due to changing stoplights we caught the lights as a group and stop at one light as a complete single group. For those who are wondering 43 bikes riding together we took up about enough road that we were nearly longer than a football field. Once again as we rode by cars and trucks pulled over to watch us go by, horns honking and people waving at the display. After the visit to the Roadhouse we rode back to Sterling but we only got back to the estate with the lead 24 bikes still in a single group, seems like the miracle that got us there did not repeat for the return trip! After the memorial ride the Bike Games were held and fun was had by those who participated and those of us who sat around and watched. Yea I was watching and enjoyed doing it. I should also need to mention/prag/boast that Carrie Hintz of ALR Chapter 35 in an awesome display of riding ability won the balance beam competition completing the ride over the entire 20 feet length of 4" wide wooden surface not just once but twice as she also had to win a ride off!



As the day wore on so approached the time set aside for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Tim Campbell from Post 1 had brought the script for our standard American Legion Flag Retirement and when we gathered for the ceremony we asked, and they allowed us to retire the flags. The ALRA gathered all the bikes at the end of the runway, (yea the entire even was centered on the Johnson Families Private runway) and rode in escort in group formation ending at the base of the hill where the ceremonies would take place. The wonderful ladies from Quilts of Valor had several presentations of beautifully made quilts to several Veterans including six ALR members. The officers of the ALRA (including me) performed the Flag Retirement Ceremony in a small amphitheatre they had around a fire pit that was part of the entertainment area of the Johnsons backyard. It was a good and very dignified ceremony, and many realized within that moment that all present truly felt strongly about respecting Our Country and Our Countries Flag.

All during the weekend we ran into veterans or family members of veterans and many had memberships in various Post around Alaska and some Post that were on the East Coast. And the idea began to circulate about having the members of South Peninsula ABATE join the American Legion Riders and those of us not already members of ABATE signing up. I believe much of the credit for the enthusiasm for joining the ALR arises from Brad Phelps of Chapter 16. He spent the time developing a stronger relationship with the South Peninsula ABATE group after attending the Salute to Veterans activities during the 2019 ROMP. So I am happy to report that I along with ALRA members representing Chapters 1,5,16 and 35, attended the Post meeting at Post 20 on the 27th and it seems that Chapter 20 will be revitalized, as after the presentation by Mark Berg and I, along with seeing the enthusiasm of the prospective Chapter 20 officers, the Post Committee at Post 20 approved the reforming of ALR Chapter 20.

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From the desk of Mike Downs, Department 1st Vice

The wife and I did the loop from Anchorage to Fairbanks and back, and we hit every post on the way. I met Commander Bob at post 30 in Moose Creek, talked with Adjutant Reuben at post 57 in Fairbanks, had some laughs with Lorne SAL at Post 35 in Wasilla, met the adjutant Don Meany at Post 15 in Palmer, and had good conversation with Michelle from Post 11 in Fairbanks. The offer stands to help with any issues, especially membership.

Membership training is essential to our growth, by the time you are reading this the taped Virtual Membership Workshop is online, do the Google thing and check it out – www.legion.org/training/membership. Also I need to remind members about the basic training, so you can easily explain the 4 pillars and our history www.legion.org/alei. Lastly on training, Legion College is set for November 1st to November 6th, even if it doesn't happen start working on your application it's a great experience – www.legion.org/college

I know that it is going to be tough on some of the Posts that have had to close due to emergency orders, especially in Anchorage. My post, Post 1 has been fortunate that we have a large backyard and the means to staff food, it has not been easy, many people still think we are closed. This may be a good time to start working on your plan for membership, below is an example of a strategy, whatever you do get your ideas down on paper and get a committee together.

Membership Committee

Strategic Plan for Membership Growth 2020 / 2021

MISSION STATEMENT: To Increase membership and meet national goals.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING AND RETENTION – Increase membership by developing a comprehensive recruiting and membership retention strategy.

STRATEGIES:

1. Establish membership teams at all levels. Department level is Michael Downs, Hunter Davis, Deb Davis, & Sharon Cherrette
2. Retain expired members by using mail, email, and especially phone calls.
3. Develop and implement a strategy for transferring members from the Department headquarters 0077 post into traditional posts.
4. Renew honorary members now.
5. Create a reward and incentive plan for the Department.

CREATE BRAND AWARENESS IN ALASKA – Target members and non-members to create awareness of who we are and what we do.

STRATEGIES:

1. Create a marketing plan that advertises on several types of targeted media.
2. Hold an event or webinar for potential members.

COMMUNICATION – Ensure dissemination of accurate and essential information to all members.

STRATEGIES:

1. Continue Buddy Checks, not focused on membership.
2. Update all point of contacts for the posts and attempt to have monthly video conference calls with post membership chairpersons and / or adjutants.
3. Increase presence in social media and improve our digital footprint.

INCREASE TRAINING/EDUCATION/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Improving knowledge of The American Legion by implementing educational tools and encouraging leadership development.

STRATEGIES:

1. Train adjutants and other officers on how to use MyLegion, which improves the speed of membership and allows department to do other recruiting.
2. Encourage members to take online training and consider a Department Legion College webinar.
3. Encourage and help members develop a “elevator” speech, about why someone should join.

Thanks for reading and contact me anytime 253-906-9983 or Alaskapost1@gmail.com



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POST 6
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POST 11
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POST 16
Carl Ulrich-Vietnam

POST 18
William Kitchens-WWII
POST 22
Richard Souhrada-Korea
POST 25
David Hammonds-Korea
Niels Larsen-Korea
POST 28
Larry Williams-Vietnam
POST 30
Ray Madaris-Korea
Milton Roy-Vietnam

POST 33
Ricky Prince-Vietnam
POST 35
Frank McIntire-Vietnam
POST 77
William Becker-Vietnam
Dean Bair-Korea
Donald Hunt-Korea



From our Department Chaplain, Marty Carlson

JUDGEMENT. Instead use wisdom, not judgement. I have been guilty of judging rather than looking at reality. I have come to the conclusion that the issue we face today are of a generational wrong doing. There is an invisible realm that we are dealing with. We need to use wisdom to understand what that realm is. Let us look at who we are. If we believe in praying, we should pray not only for those in authority but for ourselves that we use wisdom instead of judgement. God blessed us with a great country! Together we can conquer the evil that has gripped our nation.



Happenings at your Post

Jack Henry Post 1
 Monday - Wings and Fries \$7
 Tuesday - Rib Night!!! \$12
 Wednesday - Taco Night CHEAP
 Thursday - Burgers & Brew \$10
 Friday - Steak Night \$17
 Saturday - Spaghetti \$5
 Sunday - Smoked BBQ \$15
 5-8pm except Sunday Starts at 2pm

Seward Post 5
 Taco Tuesday
 Friday Night Steaks
 Food Served every night

Matanuska Valley Post 15
 Tuesday Pool League
 Thursday Night Darts League
 Friday Prime Rib and Live Band
 Saturday Cajun Food and Karaoke

General Buckner Post 16 Family
 2nd Saturday Auxiliary Dinner 6:00pm
 Friday Burger & Brew 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 1st Friday of the month Special
 3rd Friday Steak Night 6:00pm

George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20
 Sunday Breakfast 10:00am - 1:00pm
 Every Friday is Steak Night 6:00pm-8:00pm with an added Special Dish
 Every Sunday Breakfast Menu Dishes 10:00am -1:00pm
 Every Friday Aux Unit 20 Sponsors
 The Friday Night Raffle 12:00pm - 8:00pm
 Drawing (sign up once a day to enter)
 Every Saturday must be present 4:00pm
 Membership drawing (no sign ups)
 Every Sunday must be present 2:00pm

Spenard Post 28
 Tuesday, Taco night 6:00pm
 Friday Steak Night and Karaoke, Poker 6:00pm - 8:30pm
 Saturday, Karaoke 8:00pm
 Sunday, Poker 3:00pm - 8:30pm
 Legion, Sons, Auxiliary meetings start at 7:00pm

Muldoon Post 29
Check back!

Peters Creek Post 33
 Thursday Taco Nite - 4:30pm - 8:30pm
 1st & 3rd Friday
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chappie James Post 34
 Thursday night - Wings
 Friday night - steak night

Susitna Valley Post 35
 Open Daily @1:00pm
 Daily lunch specials - eat in or take out
 Meeting Nights: Legion: 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm
 Auxiliary: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm
 Sons: 1st and 3rd Monday 7:30pm
 Riders: 1st Saturday 6:00pm
 Wednesday: Taco Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm Texas Hold'em 7:00pm - ?
 Fridays: Steak Night 6:00pm - 8:00pm

C.R. Huber Post 57
 Sunday Breakfast 10-2
 FOOTBALL & NASCAR Every Sunday
 Monday night Football
 Thursday Burger Night 5:30-9:00 PM

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You would think after all I have written about I would be out of news, but not yet. It looks like a ALR Chapter is also starting up down in Ketchikan at Post 4. I have talked to them and sent the paperwork and they have taken of and are planning on submitting their paperwork to the American Legion Department of Alaska soon. And if you are ready for this our current Department Commander is likely to be a Charter Member of Chapter 20, gotta love that. As well there is also an effort to start another Anchorage ALR Chapter likely to call Post 29 home. So it has been an exciting July not just for Chapter 5 but for the ALR Alaska as a whole. Who would have thought in the day and age where COVID is putting a dampener on everything we can still experience success, and remember, motorcycle riding is "social distancing" at its best! So when the sunshine's or you otherwise find yourself with a opportunity, **Get On Your Bike and Ride.**

Dates to Remember

National First Responders Day September 11
 American Legion Day - September 16
 Constitution Day - September 17
 Rosh Hashanah - September 19
 Yom Kipper - September 28
 Columbus Day - October 12

Halloween October 31

SAL NEWS by Adjutant, Kevin Collier

Working together and supporting the post and each other we will make it through a closer American Legion Family and able to help out our communities!

Remember that September is National Disaster Preparedness Month – go to www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/disaster_07.pdf for a booklet on how your Squadron/Post/Unit can be prepared for an emergency.

Did you know that **Labor Day** (The first Monday in September) has been celebrated as a National Holiday since 1894? We should remember that it was created and dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American Workers and the contributions they have made to the strength and prosperity of our country. Labor Day is on September 7th this year.

September 11th - **Patriot Day** is observed in honor of the individuals who lost their lives because of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001. Please remember that everyone should display their flags at Half-Staff.

September 17th - **Citizenship Day** – The roots of this holiday go back to I Am an American Day, which was established in 1940 by Congress as the third Sunday in May. In 1952 President Harry Truman moved and renamed this day to Citizenship Day to coincide with the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

Citizenship Day celebrates being a citizen of the United States of America, the greatest country the world has ever seen. Our great country (and it's people) is something every American should be proud of, America is filled with outstanding citizens, many of whom have played a direct or indirect role in making this country and what it stands for, a beacon of hope, promise and success! This special day is for all citizens, to appreciate being a citizen of this country and the rights and freedoms it brings. As American citizens we should never take for granted the rights, freedoms, and privileges afforded us, as citizens of the United States of America.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 20th – is a day to remind the nation of those Americans who have sacrificed so much for their country. Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, and veterans' facilities. It is traditionally observed on the third Friday in September each year. The last Sunday in September is designated as **Gold Star Mother's Day** (September 28th - this year). On Gold Star Mother's Day we should all show our expression of the love, sorrow, and reverence for Gold Star Mothers and the sacrifices their loved ones have made in keeping the United States of America as the Greatest Country there is.

Election Day is November 3, 2020 this year. Did you know that since 1792 - Election Day in the United States is the day set by law for the election of public officials? It occurs on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The earliest possible date is November 2 and the latest possible date is November 8. We need to start preparing "Get Out the Vote" programs as this is the year when we elect our local, state and national representatives along with the Commander and Chief (President) of this Great Nation. Voting is one of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship of the United States of America. Only by our active participation in our form of government will our Nation remain the Greatest Nation, of the People, by the People and for the People.

The Fall Workshop is scheduled for October 2-4th. The Joint Opening Ceremony will be on Friday October 2, 2019 at 9:00 am. There will be a Detachment Executive Committee Meeting held shortly after the Joint Opening Ceremony, followed by educational/informational sessions. The Workshop is open to all members - please plan on attending this vital and important meeting. (If there is an educational or informational subject that you would like us to cover – please contact Kevin Collier, Detachment Adjutant at kcollier@alaska.net).

Honor our Veteran's Service whom our membership eligibility came under by renewing your dues or if you are eligible to become a member of the Sons of The American Legion and have not joined – join the SONS and honor the service of the veteran who has sacrificed so much to protect this great country. Remember it's Cool to be Dual!!! We all need to work on being a top recruiter. This will assist, as we will succeed in reaching all our goals and the 105% challenge that Detachment Commander Dale Toenies has posted.

Currently we have a current membership of 1470 out of goal of 1422, or 103.4% for the 2019 membership year. We only need 3 more members to be transmitted to achieve a new All Time High or 23 more members to achieve our 105% goal. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility! Keep up the great job. The first Membership Postcard Renewal Notice for the 2020 Membership year will be sent out by National Headquarters on September 11, 2019.

We need your cards into Detachment Headquarters about 2 week prior to the Target Dates in order to get them processed at National in time to count as reaching the goal. Or better yet sign up for MySal to process your membership online! (If you are the Squadron Adjutant - simply go to MySal.org to fill out the Squadron Authorization Form to set up an account for your Squadron). Those signed up so far are Squadrons: 1, 3, 5, 11, 15, 35, 57 and Detachment! As we start out a new year remember to gather all of the information from the appropriate sources such as from your membership for hours, returned checks or bank statements for the donations so that next year's Consolidated Squadron Report Form is easier to fill out and perhaps more detailed on what you actually accomplished throughout the year.

The information that you enter on the "Consolidated Squadron Report Form" is combined with that of all of the other Squadrons and reported to The American Legion to show what we as the Sons of The American Legion have done and accomplished throughout the year. The American Legion subsequently sends this on to Congress to show what the American Legion Family has done throughout our Communities, our State and the Nation. All this information of what we do as a Family helps maintain our non-profit status.

If you still have not taken the opportunity to turn in your Certification of Officers, please do so as soon as possible. This helps the Detachment Commander, Dale Toenies and myself in having points of contact at your Squadron so we may arrange official visits or send important information from the Detachment and from National to your Squadron.

Keep up the great job you are doing in membership. Remember the three "R's" "Renew", "Recruit" and "Reinstate". Do not just sit on it! Keep it rolling in.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of the veterans **for their service and sacrifices that they made. God Bless you and God Bless America.**

If there is anything that any of your Detachment or District Officers can do to assist you or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. My email is kcollier@alaska.net. Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Service for God and Country

News from SAL Department Detachment Commander, Dale Toenies

Good Day Legion Family!

I hope all are well, after battling the COVID-19 Virus!!!

There can never be enough said to thank the people who kept us feed, safe, health - first responders, full of liquid spirits and other essential items. Let's all keep in touch with our families, fellow Vets, members and friends.

At this time, all officers will hold in place as stated by National Department. We will address this at the fall conference.

As the state started to opened up from the virus, it appeared we were going to able to have a fall conference at Post 28 in Anchorage, however the City of Anchorage has closed down the bars and restaurants for the month of August. This could also be extended for a longer time period. With this in mind, the conference may be adjusted. I'm asking to bear with us, as we determine the best and safest way to proceed as our members safety comes first. All SAL squadrons should start plans to have representation there. As this keeps all of us informed on how each of our Squadrons are doing and help figure out how we can help each other out. For those SAL members who cannot travel to the conference, Kevin and I are setting up an electronic Go-To-Meeting, with 250 seats, for computers and phone call in, we will also have a second backup system which is call in only, available to us also.

Up and coming event. We will be holding a Go-To-Meeting, informational meeting on September 10, at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendar. We will have our itinerary for the fall conference ready for you at this time, if not sooner. All Squadrons should attend. Below is the info for attending. For those of you that I have a current email address, you will get a go-to-meeting email invite.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/813098749>

You can also dial in using your phone. **United States: 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 813-098-749**

As for our membership, we are 154 members short from our goal of 100%. Please, stay active in our continued membership drive, contacting prior members, who may not have renewed in previous years, or have just forgot. It would be awesome if Alaska could hit the 100% mark, 2 years in a row.

As some of you may remember the board voted on donating \$500.00 to the Mat-Su Veterans' Wall of Honor. Detachments' 2nd Vice, Chris Bedel from Squadron 57 offered up a \$500.00 challenge to all Squadrons to donate. Several Squadrons have agreed to match that challenge at the meeting; however, any amount will be greatly appreciated. I would like this to move this forward and donate the money raised at the fall conference. I will fill you in as I get more details.

I want to thank Squadron 11 and their Post for the invite to their post summer party, awesome food and drink. Thanks SAL Commander Robert, SAL NEC Howard and their wives, also ALA President Jane and her husband Matt. I also want to thank Squad /ALA / Post 16 of Homer for an unofficial visit and several fun days there. They truly are a very special group of fine people.

As summer is leaving us, moving into fall, I wish all a very happy and safe Labor Day, along with a kid/adult safe Halloween!!!!

We still have an estimated \$10,000.00 dollars to give away!!! 2020 Calendar Raffle for **"Team Alaska American Legion Auxiliary Department of**

From Mike Hayward, Department Sergeant-at-Arms

I sit on the National Security council for the Department and I thought I would share some information about goings on related to the National Defense Pillar of our American Legion. This Pillar relates to things like a strong national defense through troop support, size of our forces and their quality of life; Homeland Security, accounting of POW/MIAs and Operation Comfort Warriors.

First, Tricare enrollment fees have changed for certain retirees starting January 1, 2021. So if this sounds like it may apply you, it is worth checking:

"In order to maintain health coverage unless waived by law, Tricare Select Group A retired beneficiaries must take action and pay their Tricare Select enrollment fees," according to a statement from the Defense Health Agency, which oversees health care for the military.

Any service member who joined the military before January 1, 2018 is in Select Group A. Select Group B are those who enlisted or commissioned after January 1, 2018, and have already been paying enrollment fees. The Defense Health Agency said there are no changes to Group B.

However, enrollment fees are waived for Chapter 61 retirees, their family and survivors of deceased service members. Chapter 61 refers to veterans who were medically retired from military service with a rated disability of 30% or greater, according to the Army's Human Resources Command.

Our prayers extend to those families of the Marines and Sailors lost in the recent AAV training accident off the California coast and best wishes to the survivors for a speedy recovery. We also extend those thoughts to the US Army as they get back to large-scale training, postponed due to corona virus concerns. Stay safe, wear your PPE and distance as you can during these times!

On August 6, the Air Force Chief of Staff General Goldfein retired, making way for General Charles Brown to move into the position as the 22nd chief of staff of the Air Force. Notable, he is the first African American to serve in this position and the first to lead and branch of the Armed Forces.

POW/MIA UPDATE: This week, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency released the following announcement: Marine from WWII accounted for: PFC Frank L. Athon Jr., 29 killed during the intense fighting at Tarawa on the third day of battle: November 22, 1943.

Lastly, a quick plug for Operation Comfort Warriors. This program supplies comfort items and assistance to wounded warriors. The way the program works is that the American Legion contacts officials at military hospitals, warrior transition units and their surrounding communities, then obtains lists to determine which items are needed by wounded, injured, or ill servicemembers. Once we have a need identified, the Legion orders and delivers that item. No fuss, no muss. You can read more at: <http://www.legion.org/operationcomfortwarriors/about>

Until next time, For God and Country!

BOYS STATE from KEVIN COLLIER, DIRECTOR

The American Legion Alaska Boys State is an objective citizenship training program which includes individual responsibility to the community, state and nation. American Legion Alaska Boys State is easily classified as a Leadership Action Program where High school juniors participate in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that their government is just what THEY MAKE IT. It is our goal that each young man attending American Legion Alaska Boys State sessions will return to his community a better citizen. Part of our goal is that this experience will have stimulated in him a desire to become an active citizen and leader to make contributions which will help to make his community a better place in which to live. To incite in these young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government. To develop in these young men a full understanding of our American traditions and a belief in the United States of America. American Legion Alaska Boys State is a leadership training camp. The American Legion Alaska Boys State Program is open to all qualified male High School Juniors (those who will be seniors during the 2020-2021 school year.) and are at least 16 years of age. We are asking all American Legion posts consult with area high school principals/guidance counselors and ask them to recommend a group of boys as possible candidates. That personal connection from someone from the Post in that community is Key to successfully recruiting candidates for The American Legion Alaska Boys State Program!! Let us shoot for at least 50 candidates for this year's program!! The American Legion Post Committees interview each candidate and select those best qualified. Remember this is an investment in the future of your community, the state and quite possibly the nation. If you are the Chairman for American Legion Alaska Boys State at your Post – please let me know so that I can send you updates throughout the year and can follow up with you to check the progress or help with any issues or questions that you might have! The American Legion Alaska Boys' State Counseling staff is comprised of American Legion members, Sons of the American Legion members, and former American Legion Alaska Boys' State members, many of whom have been with the program for a number of years. Their services have contributed much to the success of this program. We are always looking for volunteers to help by being a counselor. Or if you are not able to volunteer we are also looking for assistance with any and all donations to help sponsor students from outlying communities where there is no American Legion Post. This will be our 54th Annual American Legion Alaska Boys State Program and it will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday June 14, 2020 through Saturday June 20, 2020. This year's program will be held at All Elks Camp near Palmer. The Tuition remains \$300 per student.

Please get the information into your Schools and Invest in our future leaders of tomorrow!!

The Department is always looking for stories about how are Alaska Post help out their communities.

Below is a perfect example - Koyukuk Post 9.

Here is an update on the AED purchased by American Legion Post #9 for Wiseman, AK last summer. I have a letter from the people who had to use it last winter. The following is their account of the incident.

“This past winter, on one of the coldest Arctic nights of the winter season, a small crew of coworkers at Coldfoot Camp received grim news. A trucker and a restaurant regular had just called to say he’d rescued someone from the highway. “He needs help” the trucker said. “We’re bringing him to you now. We’re on our way.”

Coworkers jumped into action: calling for assistance from Pump Stations along the highway, sending for staff from the DOT station across the street, and clearing the Saloon in preparation for first aid administration. Faced with the possibility that the rescued man had suffered a heart attack, coworkers searched the camp for an AED. There wasn’t one to be found.

Then, one tour guide remembered. There was an AED (purchased and provided by the American Legion) in Wiseman’s Harry Leonard Cabin, where guests would ordinarily go to view the northern lights. Two coworkers immediately began the sixteen mile drive north in the dark, while friends in Wiseman turned on the cabin lights and searched for the AED, setting it out for a quick retrieval.

After bringing the AED back to Camp, coworkers quickly opened and powered up the device. Remote guidance from a Fairbanks 911 operator played over speaker phone, timing compressions and keeping the crew company for over an hour of CPR. Every few minutes, in between breaths and chest compressions, the team of coworkers attempted to resuscitate the rescued man with the AED.

Medics from Pump Station Five arrived to assist shortly afterwards, but, upon evaluation, declared the man deceased.

While the attempted rescue was a tragedy for the Camp and our community, we were deeply grateful to have access to the potentially life-saving AED. Each minute without care counts, especially in a remote, rural location like Coldfoot. Even as we mourn the loss of a community member, we are thankful to know we offered him the best opportunity for survival and resuscitation we could have, thanks to the AED the American Legion provided.”

Thank you Coldfoot Camp, for attempting to save a life, and letting us know what happened so concisely. And thank you to the Post #9 members for continuing to provide this equipment to the community.”



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAVY
October 13, 1775

AIR FORCE
September 18, 1947

From the desk of Jane Larson,
Department Auxiliary President



Though Autumn is traditionally a season of letting things go, it can be a season of renewal and rebirth. It can be a time to adopt a fresh new outlook on how the American Legion Auxiliary can support and help serve our veterans, military, their families, and our youth. We need to focus on what we CAN DO, not on our limitations.

I had the privilege of being asked by Unit 11 of Fairbanks to attend their American Legion Family annual picnic on August 2, 2020. It was my first visitation to be able to attend for our 2020 – 2021 year. I would like to thank them for their great hospitality and fellowship of our family members. It was a delight to see so many members come together. Members from the other two units, posts, and squadrons (57 and 30) of Fairbanks and North Pole were also there. Heading into our 2020 – 2021 year I look forward to invitations to other units for their events.

With this upcoming year we are continuing to celebrate our 100th anniversary – continue celebrating and working on our mission.

We are working on our fall conference at this time and will be sending out information on it soon. Hope to see you there.

In closing, let us remember and reflect on our ALA mission statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both home and aboard. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

Ann Robinson 1st Vice President, Membership, VAVS Rep
As we all go into getting all our active members signed up for our new 2021 membership, lets all remember to contact each and every member who did not sign up for 2020 membership, or even 2019. Every **membership matters** and it is the obligation of each of us to respect and include all who joined our organization. They joined for a reason. Let us not let that fire burn out! Have wonderful Early Bird events and have a fabulous year of including each and every member in your events. And remember, every **membership matters!**



From the desk of Barb Nath,
Department Auxiliary Secretary



First let me say thanks to everyone for their tenacity as we continue to cope with COVID 19 consequences. While it would be incredibly easy to become depressed and withdrawn and downright angry over all that is happening, I do not see that happening. Instead, while there is some grumbling (to be expected when life changes so dramatically), our members seem to be understanding and supportive in what is our “new norm”. You continue to support our veterans to the best of your ability. Check on those you know and make sure they are doing okay and don’t need anything that we can provide. You are a remarkable group of people and I know that we will come through this successfully.

Moving forward through this summer, we are coming up on our Fall Conference to be held October 2-4, 2020. We will keep you informed as to what is happening in regard to this event. Not only is there a Fall Conference, but there are meetings of the Department Executive Committee and the Girls State Board meeting. Watch for emails and phone calls to keep you informed.

A great quote for this time is in our lives is:

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

(John Wooden)

Find something YOU can do and make it happen!



Jack Henry Post 1
 Meets 1st Thursday @ 7 PM
Commander Michael Downs
 1st Vice Commander Justin Mills
 2nd Vice Commander Mark Berg
 Sgt-At-Arms Steve Untiet
 Adjutant DJ Jones
 Finance Officer Ray Untiet
 Chaplain David Mazack
 Historian Bob Price
 Service Officer William Campbell
 Executive Committeeman Laura Sturdevant
 Matieu Frolich
 Mike Alexander
 272-5242, FAX 272-5792
 P.O. Box 91285
Anchorage, AK. 99509.....

JOSEPH T. CRAIG POST 3
 Meets every Monday, 7pm
 Potluck every 3rd Saturday
Commander Jeremiah Sullivan
 Adjutant Deb Davis
 Service Officer Hunter Davis
 225-2021, P.O. Box 5121
 Ketchikan, AK 99901
 www.americanlegionpost3.com

SEWARD POST 5
 Meets 2ND Tuesday 7p.m.
Commander Clare Sullivan
 Adjutant Mike Calhoon
 Service Officer John Moline
 Taco Tuesday ~ 4p.m.
 Steak Night Friday ~ 4p.m.
 P.O. Box 306
 Seward, Alaska 99664
 907-224-5440

DORMAN H. BAKER POST 11
Commander Adjutant
 Service Officer Pull tab sales at the club
 452-2228, 129 First Ave.
 Fairbanks, AK 99701

LYNN CANAL POST 12
Commander Chuck Mitman
 Adjutant **Ralph Strong**
 Service Office **Terry Pardee**
 907-766-2530
 www.lynncanalpost12.org

MATANUSKA VALLEY POST 15
Commander Eric Wright
 Adjutant Don Meany
 Service Officer Bill Kennedy Jr.
 Meets 1st & 3rd Mon., 6 p.m.
 1550 Mystic Cr
 P.O. Box 1146, Palmer, AK 99646
 745-4440
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 RV's can hook up to electrical and enjoy a lake front VIEW!

General Buckner Post 16 Family
 Commander **Eileen Faulkner**
 Adjutant Bill Sheldon
 SAL Commander Chip Dugan
 Meetings - 6 PM
 SAL - 2nd Monday
 Legion - 3rd Wednesday
 Aux - 3rd Thursday

ROBERT G. BLAIR POST 17
Commander Pamela Cawley
 Adjutant Richard Austerman
 Service Officer Robert Lachowsky
 318 Center Ave.,
 Kodiak, AK 99615
 Office: 486-3258 / Bar: 486-5757

NINILCHIK POST & UNIT 18
Commander Tony Rea
 Adjutant David Behm
 President Kathy Bowen
 Secretary Catherine Laky
 Tres/Tandy Wallace
 Mile 136.5 Sterling Hwy
 Phone 567-3918

GEORGE H. PLUMLEY MEMORIAL POST 20
Commander Gregory Fite
 Adjutant Al Diaz
 Service Officer Steve Powell
 283-3222, 902 Cook St.

AURORA BOREALIS POST 21
All Female Post
Commander - Orelvis Ibarra
 Adjutant Ricca Gaines
 Service Officer - Elezanderia Carr
 Meeting 3rd Saturday @ 2 pm
 Sept - May
 P.O. Box 91116

MULDOON POST 29
 Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm
Commander Bill Lewis
 1st Vice J Terrell
 Adjutant Sharon Cherrette
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 907-338-3550
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 7001 Brayton Drive
 Anchorage, AK 99507
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 3614 Old Richardson
 Highway - Moose Creek
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 P O Box 56615
 North Pole AK 99705

PETERS CREEK POST 33
 Commander Herman Staschke
 Adjutant Alison Humphrey
 Service Officer Fred Richardson
 907-688-2354
 21426 Old Glenn Hwy
 Chugiak, Ak 99567

SUSITNA VALLEY POST 35
 Commander - **Jim Pisa**
 Adjutant - Dalmar Johnson
 Monthly Meetings
 Legion & Aux - 1st & 3rd
 Tues @ 7pm
 ALR - 1st Sat 6pm
 SAL - 1st & 3rd Mon 7:30pm
 P.O. Box 870370
 Wasilla, AK 99687
 907-376-3500
 Mile 46 Parks Hwy
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ALASKA LEGIONNAIRE ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THEN October 10th, 2020

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 Thomas Attwood
 Rolf Aarseth
NEC Howard Fruhwirth, Jr.
Alt. NEC Loren Estrada, Jr.



SAL 2021 TARGET DATES

10%	September 10, 2021
25%	October 15, 2020
35%	November 12, 2020
45%	December 09, 2020
60%	January 21, 2021
75%	February 10, 2021
80%	March 10, 2021
90%	April 14, 2021
100%	May 12, 2021
105%	July 28, 2021*

Delegate Strength Target Date 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

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I would like to view the Legionnaire online *NAME* _____
http://www.alaskalegion.org *Membership No:* _____
Instead of receiving it through the mail *Address:* _____
Please permanently remove me from the *City:* _____
Legionnaire mailing list. This option will *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____
not effect any of the Legion mailings *E-mail:* _____
Signature _____