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Sons of The American Legion,

As we start the 2026-2027 membership year, it is imperative that we support the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

The American Legion was founded on the principles of **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism, Children & Youth, and National Security** and it is our responsibility to support these programs. I am proud to continue the National Commander's Challenge; encouraging every Squadron to support the Four Pillars and earn recognition as a **National Four Pillar Squadron**.

Participation is simple. Each Squadron is encouraged to complete one or more tasks in each of the Four Pillars:

Children & Youth
Donate $1 per Squadron capita to Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF) and/or Children's Organ Transplant Association COTA.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Donate $1 per Squadron capita to Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW).

Americanism
Host a Flag Education Program.

National Security
Host a Blood Drive and/or Donate to the Local American Red Cross and/or Donate to the National Emergency Fund.

After completion submit the **Four Pillar Squadron Award Form** (attached for reference) to National Headquarters. Once processed, the Squadron will receive a **National Four Pillar Squadron Citation**. With planning and teamwork, this is an achievable goal for every Squadron.

Sons are born, members are made…**M**aking **A** **D**ifference **E**veryday.

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"



Thom Skelley
National Commander (2026-2027)
Sons of The American Legion
"***Every Member Matters***"

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE FOUR PILLAR SQUADRON AWARD FORM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH (C&Y)

Donate $1.00 for the Squadron's current membership for Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF) or to Children's Organ Transplant Association COTA.

Make check payable to:

The American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation
[include donation check with this form]

Check # _____ Amount: $_____

Children's Organ Transplant Association
[Please do not send payment to National Headquarters; proof of payment only]

Check # _____ Amount: $_____

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION (VA&R)

Donate $1.00 for the Squadron's current membership for Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW).

Make check payable to:

The American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors
[include donation check with this form]

Check # _____ Amount: $ _____

AMERICANISM

☐ Host a Flag Education/Etiquette Program

NATIONAL SECURITY

Host a blood drive or donate $1.00 per capita to the American Red Cross or The National Emergency Fund. *Check one or more boxes below to certify.*

Option 1: ☐ Blood drive held locally on _____
Date

Option 2: ☐ Donation made to the local American Red Cross.
[Please do not send payment to National Headquarters; proof of payment only]

Option 3: ☐ Donation made to Nation Emergency Fund.
[include donation check with this form]

The below section to be completed by the squadron authorized representative:

Detachment: _____ Squadron No. _____ Date: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____
Type First and Last Name to serve as digital signature

Return award form and applicable donation checks to:

The American Legion
Attn: SAL Awards
700 N. Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Questions: email SALawards@legion.org