

Americanism and Children & Youth
Weekly Report to the National Commander
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Junior Shooting Sports Program. 18th annual Junior Air Rifle National Champions results are posted @ www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/2008nationalresults.pdf.

Baseball. The 2008 American Legion Baseball Regional Tournaments got underway on Thursday, August 14 at 10 a.m. across the country. You can keep track of your Department champion via the web at: <http://www.baseball.legion.org/2008/livereg.php>. Games will be scored live on the web.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. During the National Convention, the Foundation will once again be located on “Foundation Row.” Members are invited to drop by Booth 801 to pick-up information and view our new promotional merchandise (CWF coins and Holiday ornaments). Be sure to get a free Piggy Bank. Raffles for Foundation merchandise will be held daily.

Joining us on “Foundation Row” will be the following organizations:

- Childhood Leukemia Foundation
- National Rifle Association
- Boy Scouts of America
- National Marfan Foundation
- American Legion Children’s Home
- Mercy Medical Airlift
- National Organizations for Youth Safety
- Children’s Organ Transplant Association
- Operation: Military Kids
- Children’s Miracle Network
- Spinoza Bear Company
- Special Olympics of North America
- National Court Appointed Special Advocates
- American Humane
- Our Military Kids

The Foundation’s Board of Directors hopes you will visit all the organizations exhibiting on “Foundation Row.”

INTERNAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY STATUS INPUT
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MEMBERSHIP

We are at 884,332 members which is 35.32% of the 2009 goal. As compared to this time last year, we are 23K members behind in total membership (traditional renewals are ahead 48.9K, DMS renewals are ahead by 40K and traditional new starts are ahead by 2, 149 members as compared to 2008).

The DMS program is on a one year moratorium. This same time last year more than 105,000 members had been acquired. No members have been obtained for 2009. The first mailing for the 2009 DMS campaign will go out the first of September. The mailings of prospects and expires are expected to bring in approximately 10,000 members.

The first 2009 Target date is Wednesday, September 10, 2008.