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A Message from the Detachment Commander



Greetings my fellow SONS!!!

Just back from National Convention and what a great time our delegation had. Ohio received several awards this year at National. First and foremost, we were awarded the Garland Murphy award, for the largest monetary donation to the Child Welfare Foundation. We were also recognized for being over 100% in membership for the 2016 year. Thanks for all the hard work that you all do for our membership. A special recognition award was given to Ohio for our dedication and hard work to the Child Welfare Foundation.

A big thanks to Rob Brewer, Jon Coakley and the entire 4th District for all their hard work in making the National Convention a success! Thursday of the Convention was the Golf Outing which was a great time. A little hot but we all had fun. That night we headed to Post 194 in Mason for homemade pizza, thanks Hoppy Wilds and Paul Brenkus for their hard work. Later that evening Hoppy and the Post had a dedication to Past

National Commander Pat “Bubba” Shea. It was a very heart felt moment shared by all. Pat was a great mentor and a true leader for Ohio. Friday night was the bus trip over to the Milford Post, where we all got a taste of Cincy and Cleveland food, thanks to Rob and his “cooks”. A good time was had by all thanks to the great music provided by Gary and Nancy Lang (not singing but DJ). Sunday our new National Commander Jeff Frain from the Detachment of Arizona was sworn in to office. Commander Frain’s goals this year are to increase membership in the Legion Family and raise money for CWF. Let’s do our part and get some new members signed up this year!

My homecoming is set for November 5th at American Legion Post 164 in Grove City Ohio. Social hour will start at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner. The reservation form is on the Detachment website and an RSVP is required by October 14th. Hope everyone can make it. Our next DEC will also be held that mid-morning at Post 164. A list of hotels in the Grove City area is also on the Detachment website.

As November comes closer and closer we as Americans have a choice to make as to you will be our next President. I am urging ALL to get out and vote!!! Our forefathers fought for us so we may have that right. Thanks again for allowing me to be your State Commander. God bless you all and God bless this Country!!

Once again, thank you and God bless you all!

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First Vice-Commander



Hello Gentlemen!

Another National Convention is in the books! I was very impressed with the meetings keeping on a timely schedule. It was nice to relax a bit and not feel overwhelmed with running from one meeting that ran

over the scheduled time, to arriving late, for another. My hotel was in Kentucky, but the scenery was absolutely beautiful and the hospitality was very warming! Travel time between locations was reduced due to the ease and close location of the meetings.

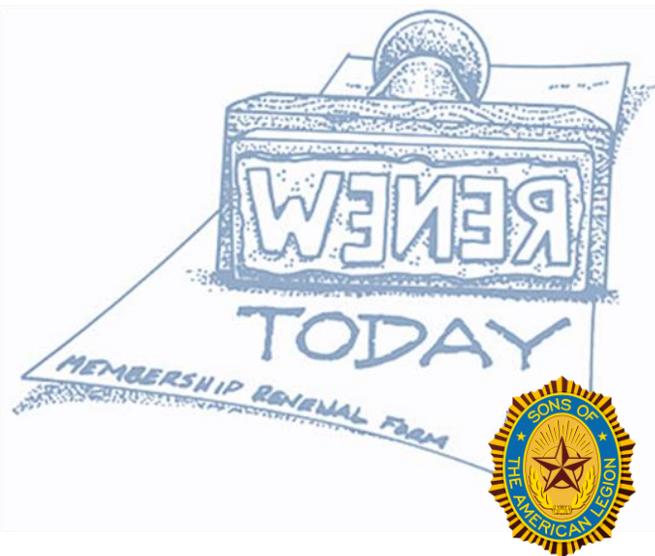
I have been very busy visiting the Great 1st District Squadrons to guide, help fill out, and send in their memberships. The second Membership is due at 25% on October 12, 2016. Please contact all of your District Squadrons to assist in any way needed so the State of Ohio can begin its journey to #1!

My calendar over the next few months is almost completely full, but I have a few openings after the new year, if anyone is interested in having me as a guest speaker.

In October, I will be in Indianapolis for training on membership, as well as attending several Districts throughout the month into November, to support their fundraisers. I look forward to seeing many of you!

In closing, I would like to congratulate Post 300 Riders Club from Napoleon for donating over \$10,000.00 to Comfort Warriors! The Rider's Club was formed only a few years ago with less than a dozen members. Great job to everyone for their hard work!

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Second Vice-Commander



What a great time we all had at the National Convention in our home state of OHIO! I am sure you, as I, were in awe at the awards the Detachment of Ohio received. It seems Commander Dan Finnell, or one of our members, was always on the stage accepting another award. Our Detachment was once again number one in the nation, collecting nearly \$51,000.00 for Child Welfare.

The Detachment Child Welfare Raffle tickets have been dispersed. If any one need additional tickets, please get in touch with me. Let's all make this a great raffle.

REMEMBER ALL PROFITS GO TO THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION.

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Chaplain's Corner



Proverbs 19:2 "It is not good for a man to be without knowledge."

When I was elected Chaplain, I had no real understanding of what the position entailed. Spiritual leader of the Detachment, what does that mean? With the honor bestowed on me at the National Convention, I believe I have a better understanding of what my duties are.

I am not sure if newly elected National Commander Jeff Frain had this in mind when he pressed his theme of "Knowledge is Power" to the National Delegation, but in my humble opinion, if we don't attempt to gain knowledge of our programs, we are doomed to failure.

Proverbs 1:5 says, "The wise man also may hear and increase in learning, and the man of understanding acquire skill". Proverbs 16:22-23 says, "Wisdom is a fountain of life to him who has it, the mind of the wise makes his speech judicious, and adds persuasiveness to his lips."

Let's learn all we can about this great organization that we have chosen to belong to.

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NEW STANDARD DETACHMENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio now have several general email addresses available to reach your Detachment representatives. These addresses will be passed from one office holder to the next so you can always get in touch with the current person. The addresses are listed below:

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(for photos and newspaper clippings)
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(for submissions to The OhioSALute)



Adjutant's Notes



SQUADRON PAPERWORK – NOT CLEARED STATUS

The first target date for the 2017 Membership drive was August 4th. All Squadrons should have filed their 2017 Officer Certification forms and returned their remaining 2016 Membership Cards. Most achieved this goal, but several did

not.

Here are the current details of the Squadrons with a little work left to do in these areas.

| <u>Dist.</u> | <u>2017 Cert. Form</u> | <u>2016 Member Cards</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 468 | 253 |
| 2 | 268 648 | 268 |
| 3 | 238 245 619 675 | 619 675 |
| 5 | 41 88 121 292 | 41 88 211 292 |
| | 527 547 | 527 547 |
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| 7 | 23 568 653 | 23 568 633 653 |
| 8 | 27 58 261 | 27 58 222 |
| 9 | 76 177 732 | 76 177 732 |
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| 11 | 71 399 415 578 | 71 415 578 768 |
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| 12 | 182 490 | clear |
| 13 | 421 738 | 339 421 |

Congratulations to District 14 for not only being clear, but also doing so in time to qualify for the lap prize! For everyone else, please do your best to get these items handled.

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 45th Annual Convention of the SAL is now over and we have a new National Commander: Jeff Frain of Mesa, AZ. Mike Lawler of Mazomanie, WI was elected as the National Vice Commander for the Central Region. We will be inviting both Jeff and Mike to visit the Detachment of Ohio this year.

Three members from the Detachment of Ohio have been appointed to serve on National Commissions this year:

- Americanism – PDC Gary Lang
- Finance – PDC Steve Honigfort
- Legislative – Chaplain Bernie Kessler

Congratulations to all our members serving the organization at the National level!

FALL D.E.C. MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2016

The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 12:00 Noon at Paschall Post No. 164, 3363 McDowell Rd., Grove City, OH 43123. Normal mileage reimbursement policies apply.

All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders and District First Vice Commanders are required to attend. This meeting will feature breakout sessions for each of the Detachment Commissions and Committees.

Be advised that the start time has been pushed back to noon to tie into Detachment Commander Dan Finnell's Homecoming Dinner that evening. Please make sure to send your R.S.V.P. to let Commander Finnell know if you will be attending.

I would ask everyone who will be giving a report at the meeting to file a copy with me (electronically, if possible) to facilitate the preparation of the minutes in a timely fashion. This really makes things much easier and more accurate.

In closing, it's not too early to be thinking about running for an office next year or submitting your name for consideration as a commission or committee member on the Detachment and National levels. Contact National Executive Committeeman Buster Sutterlin for more information.

For God and Country,

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National Convention Update

Greetings again!

On behalf of Chairman Jon, I'd like to thank all of you that supported the functions held by the Detachment during the National Convention. The Golf Outing was held on Thursday at the now famous Stitt Woods Country Club. We promised a unique experience, and all who participated will agree to that. Our Friday night "Taste of Ohio" was held at Milford Post 450, and it also was well attended by our out of state visitors with many compliments on the evening.



These events would not have been as successful as they were without the help and support of so many. We cannot thank **Squadron 194** in Mason enough. They transported the golfers to and from the Convention, held the breakfast and the Pizza dinner afterwards. They also donated the beverages for golf, along with many other items too numerous to mention. Unbelievable support from them. Would also like to thank the hole sponsors for their generous donations. Big thanks also goes out to **Milford Post 450** and Don Chandler for their help. They did everything possible to make the Friday night dinner a success helping us cook, lining up the buses, and making sure everything went as smooth as possible. **Skyline Chili** donated their time and product to help us. **Queen City Meats** and **Klosterman's baking** also were generous suppliers providing the Brats, Metts, Polish Sausage and Buns for our events. These donations, along with the support of the attendees, allowed us to make a \$5000.00 donation to CWF at the close of convention. An amount I have never seen matched in any convention I have attended in the last 18 years.

Thanks goes to the Soothing sounds of Gary Lang karaoke for our entertainment Friday night. Nancy, Rick and Denise for their help. Dewey, Jerry, Stoney, and Barb you were smart to make me get out of the way, and handle the sandwiches so thank you so much, you always have my back. I know there were others who helped to make things work, jumping in wherever needed. If I failed to mention you, I apologize.

Last but not least I can't thank Mark and Sherry Sowders enough for graciously allowing us to use their wonderful Stitt Woods Country Club for our outing. I know Sherry worked very hard to make the place look unbelievable.

Thanks again!

*PDC Rob Brewer, The guy helping the Chairman
PDC Jon Coakley II, Convention Chairman*



Detachment Commander Dan Finnel, PDC Jon Coakley, PDC Rob Brewer, and PNC Joe Gladden at Milford Post during the National Convention.



CWF Chairman Dewey Kuhl and PDC Dave Brown receive an award for the largest monetary donation to CWF at the National Convention.



The Ohio American Legion Family preparing for the National Convention Parade.



National Convention Parade.



National Convention Parade



ANEC Steve Honigfort and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin as they are sworn in at the Natinal Convention,

Fellow Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Detachment of Ohio for an outstanding National Convention experience this past week, especially those that spent countless hours of planning and

work to make it happen. All of your events were top notch and that was evident by the monies raised for CWF.

Ohio should be very proud of its untiring efforts to provide a fantastic event for the membership of The American Legion Family. Please pass along my sincere appreciation to those that made the Cincinnati, Ohio National Convention a success.

*Respectfully,
Danny Smith
Detachment of Nebraska*



National Executive Committeeman



I attended the National Convention. It was a successful convention. Jeff Frain, from Arizona, was installed as our National SAL Commander. I look forward to serving for the next two years as your National Executive Committeeman and working with Steve Honigfort. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. Our NEC meeting will be held in Indianapolis October 7 - 9, 2016. I look forward to the meetings and the opportunity to learn more.

Our Mid-Winter Conference will be here before you know it. So, before the holidays come and all of you are busy, consider running for a detachment office, serving as a chairman, and/or serving on a national committee for the year 2017-2018. To be considered for these positions, it is important that you express your interest. There is a form for you to complete. It is available on the Ohio SAL webpage. You can print it off, complete it, and send it to me.

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Or, you can call me and I can assist you with this procedure. The deadline for this form is at the Mid-Winter conference. I encourage you to consider this level of involvement. The Sons of the American Legion can only be as good as the leadership, help make it be one of the best organizations.

See you at the DEC meeting November 5th. I hope Dan has a great homecoming with many of you attending.

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Buckeye Boys State



Once again Buckeye Boys State was a successful year in 2016. The young men had a great time as well as learning about

how the government runs. They spent 8 days living, working and eating with complete strangers. By the end of those 8 days they left with a lot of new friendships that will stay with them for a long time.

It was with a heavy heart for many staff members as this year's edition of Buckeye Boys State finished up its final year at Bowling Green State University. As of next year Buckeye Boys State will be held on the campus of Miami University in Oxford Oh. This will be a big change for staff members, but like every other time there is change the American Legion will overcome. With this change there will be a lot of uncertainty, but the staff will be ready for the change.

If there is any SAL members that are interested in helping with Buckeye Boys State please contact headquarters in Delaware and they will be able to help you with any questions you may have.

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Child Welfare Foundation



Well, National Convention in Cincinnati is in the rear view mirrors and boy was it hot! Outside we hit over 90 degrees every day and inside the Detachment of Ohio was on fire collecting CWF awards and recognitions.

By my count, PDC Dave Brown and I collected 4 awards on your behalf. The first, on Friday, was the Garland D. Murphy, Jr. Award for the largest donation by a Detachment to CWF. This was presented by CWF President Dennis Boland. National Chairman of the CWF Pete Sierminski presented us with letters of appreciation for our total donation to CWF and for reaching the \$1.00 per capita level for giving. And finally, Ohio received the CWF Meritorious Achievement Award for highest increase of per capita giving.

On Saturday, the Detachment got the ball rolling with a donation of \$5,000 to CWF and on Sunday, it was followed, with a donation of over \$5,000 more raised during the Convention.

Thanks to all in the Detachment for your giving over the year. Thanks to Convention Chairman Jon Coakley and his "assistant" Rob Brewer for their hard work and dedicating monies raised at Convention events to CWF. Thanks to Mark and Sherry Sowders for opening your house and being the site of the Convention Golf Outing. Thanks to the members of Squadron 194 in Mason for hosting the breakfast and donating the beverages for the golf outing. And Thanks to Post 450 in Milford for hosting the "Taste of Ohio" dinner.

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Children's Miracle Network

Gentlemen,



As Chairman for the Children's Miracle Network for 2016-2017 I plan to continue my reporting of the various fund raising activities being held at the six CMN hospitals in the state.

This report will focus on Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and Dayton Children's Hospital in Dayton.

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On July 30th Merrill Lynch will be sponsoring the Bull Run benefiting the Nationwide Children's Hospital. It is 5k/10k races being held at McFerson Commons Park AKA Arch Park at 218 West St. in Columbus races start at 8:15 with a kids race and the adults race starts at 8:30 there was more than 600 participants in last year event.

Corporate sponsorships range from \$500.00 to \$10,000.00 or you can create your own team to raise money for the event. Part of the proceeds from the Bull Run goes to support the Children's Club House it is a place at the hospital that is dedicated to the siblings of the sick children as a place to go to play and learn while their brother or sister is in the hospital. The Bull Run also supports the Ocean Room it is a free toy store created by a group of 6th grade students at Columbus Academy where patients can pick out a free toy to cuddle during post surgery. The Ocean Room gives out over \$10,000.00 worth of toys each year.

Another fund raising activity going on right now is Cheryl's Cookies. They are flower shaped cookies and they come in a variety of colors along with other kinds of cookies in an attractive basket or box prices range from \$30.00 - \$90.00 with 15% going to Nationwide Children's Hospital. If you would like to order go online to www.Cheryls.com/nationwidechildrens.

One particular program at Dayton Children's Hospital benefits from the Annual Logan X. Hess Stop Child Abuse Poker Run that will be held on August 6th. It starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 6:00 PM beginning at the American Legion Post 184 301 W Water ST. in Piqua and ends at the Edison Community College in Piqua. There will be a 50/50 drawing, raffle prizes, toy drive, food/drink (no alcohol permitted) and a band will start playing at the college starting at 3:00. Cost is \$15.00 per driver and \$5.00 for each additional rider for information contact Dewayne Hess at loganhess-pokerrun2@yahoo.com.

Dayton Children's Hospital will benefit from the Gem City Jam and Hoopla Golf Outing being held on August 15th at the NCR Country Club. They hope to raise \$150,000.00 to benefit the Dayton Campus renovation including a new cancer center with the latest technology and equipment to be able to give the best treatment in the region. For information call the development office at 937-641-3405 or visit online at www.childrensdayton.org/events.

I plan to again ask each district to give \$100.00 with the purpose to buy Josh Dog Kits that promote the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio as the providers of the kits and have them dispensed to the six Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the state.

For God and Country,

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Legislative



Fully Repeal Disabled Veterans Tax!

This been moved from the Senate after the House failed to include full repeal in this year's FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Senate

Arms Services Committee is now considering there version of the (NDAA).

We need to double our efforts to get this included in the finished bill, so call or text your reps and let them know.

PDC Craig Smith, Chairman
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POW•MIA



The Detachment POW/MIA Raffle has begun! I have the rifle in hand along with tickets for donations of \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. The rifle is numbered 193 of 1000 being produced. It is a Henry Golden Boy, 50th Anniversary of the

Vietnam War Commemoration Edition. The value of the rifle is \$1,000.00. The proceeds from the raffle will go to put POW/MIA Memorial seats in sporting venues around the state to bring awareness to those that are still unaccounted for. The contact information to get tickets are on the flyer. Thanks for your help and good luck! Until they all come home.

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Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Ohio
POW/MIA Raffle
 Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Henry
 Golden Boy Engraved Rifle .22cal
 (#193 of 1000)

Proceeds from the raffle will go to erecting POW/MIA Empty Chair
 Memorials at Sporting Venues around the Detachment of Ohio.
 Tickets are a donation of \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00
 Drawing will be held in May 21, 2017 at the Ohio Detachment Convention.



For tickets please contact the Detachment POW/MIA Chairman:
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Lest We Never Forget!

Some upcoming events:

- Bowling October 22 – 23 in Columbus
- State Aquatics December 3 – 4 at OSU Campus
- Winter Games February 1 – 2 at Brandywine Ski Resort/Kent State Ice Arena
- Spring Games May 6th 8AM at Nordonia High School in Macadonia

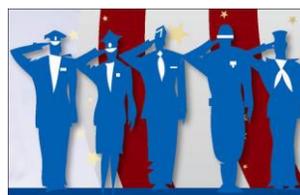
For the Spring Games they are asking for Volunteers. If any of you are interested in helping with this event please contact me and I will give you the contact information of the co-directors in that area.

- 2016 Special Olympics Polar Plunge schedule:
- January 23 – [Mosquito Lake](#)
- January 30 – [Sandusky](#)
- February 6 – [KY/OH - Bellevue, KY](#)
- February 13 – [Ohio University](#)
- February 20 – [The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium](#)
- February 27 – [Geneva-LETR](#)
- March 5 – [Grand Lake St. Marys](#)
- March 12 – [Caesar's Creek](#)
- March 19 – [Indian Lake](#)

Also if anyone is free and would like to help hand out the Medals at the Aquatic Games in December please contact me as of right now it will be David Dilts and me. All help will be appreciated.

Dennis Albright, Chairman
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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



ans in our great state.

For 95 years, The American Legion has been the leading advocate for proper health for all Veterans. The Ohio American Legion has assisted with \$255 million to Veterans in our great state.

The VA in Chillicothe is set to open a homeless veterans home on the grounds. There are 60 units; 58 singles and 2 small family homes. This is the first to be built in Ohio. Another is being built in Dayton.

There's lots going on in the south with new housing. We are having a stand down in our park, giving away clothes, food, and doing whatever is needed. In the next couple of months we going to be very busy.

Special Olympics



Special Olympics

achment of Ohio.

This year at Tent Town our volunteer staff was down just a little but it did fall upon the same weekend as Legion and Auxiliary Convention. Next year should be a better turn out for us since they will be on different weekends and I hope to see you there.

This year at the games, 2,600 athletes competed and 3,000 volunteers were present. The Columbus Airport brought out on the big fire engines out for everyone to see.

Our numbers turned in from across the Nation for Special Olympics were the following: \$200,602.00 in donations and 24,246 Volunteer hours turned in from the S.A.L.

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There is a parade November 5 and Veterans Day is November 11.

On the good note, the house passed VA Accountability Appeal Modernization.

For God and Country,

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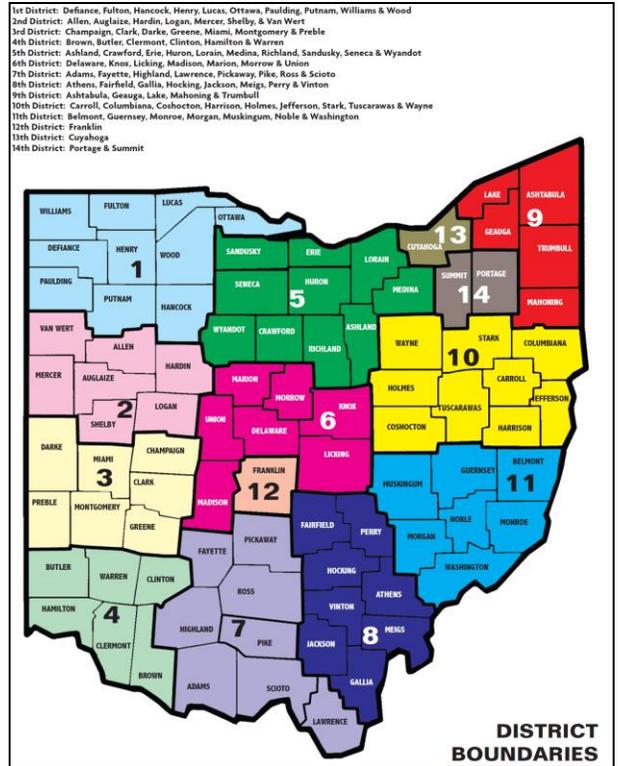
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STATE ROUND-UP



First District



Many of you had the opportunity to meet Amanda Thompson founder of Hooves offering PTSD training utilizing horses free of charge to our veterans. I have been involved with fundraising and am now serving as a board member as liaison to our veteran organizations. We are a 501C3 nonprofit organization. Any of you who are familiar with horses know there is a lot involved in upkeep. Our largest expense is feeding and boarding them.

We are currently seeking corporate sponsorships and grants, but it's a slow process. The majority of our funding to date has been the generosity of our American Legion family (We take care of our own!).

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I'm asking for your continuing support to enable us to provide this valuable program.

The number of our young men and women struggling with PTSD is growing and drugs and standardized therapy are not working for a majority of them. Hooves works. I have personally gone through a number of sessions with many of the veterans and have seen the benefits and the hope they've finally found.

Individual donations can be made through our website www.hooves.us or our Facebook page for a one-time donation or a 12 month \$10 a monthly support program (a little bit from a lot of people goes a long way).

For District and Squadron donations, please contact us at (419) 930-7936.

For God and Country,

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Fifth District



Chaz James, Scott Roberts, and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin representing Squadron 257, which purchased six tables for the Loudonville Veterans' Home. All three are Squadron 257 members.

Eighth District

Squadron 21 in Athens, hosts an annual fishing tournament for children under 16 years of age. Squadron 21's goal is to raise enough money to be able to purchase enough fishing poles so every child in attendance will receive one. After holding a reverse raffle, enough

funds were raised to purchase the fishing poles. 186 children were in attendance this year.

At Squadron 78 in Logan, they have a monthly dinner on the first Saturday of the month.

Squadron 11 in Lancaster serve breakfast every Saturday morning.

Squadron 476 in Wilkesville they hold a dinner the first Saturday of the month.

If you are in the area of any of these Posts, please stop in for a great tasting dinner at low prices and help support the SAL Squadrons.

For God And Country ,

Matt Hoisington
8th District Commander

**SOMETHING HAPPENING
IN YOUR DISTRICT OR AT
YOUR SQUADRON?**

**MAKE SURE TO SEND US
AN ARTICLE AND SOME
PICTURES TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT
EDITION OF
THE OHIO SALUTE.**



From the Editor



What a great way for our members to find out what is going on across this great state than to submit articles and pictures to *The Ohio SALute!* As a Detachment, we should be proud of this publication, and should ensure that it continues by sending in this valuable information.

Sons from all across the country look at our website and our newsletter. Let's make sure that they see what we are doing, and continue to do, for our Communities, our State, and our Nation, as we continue "...to adopt in letter and in spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist to carrying on for God and Country."

As a reminder, when submitting information via email, please send in Word format. If I need something in a different format, I will contact you. Photos should be submitted in jpeg format in the highest resolution possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Keep up the AWESOME work!

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Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio

☆☆☆ **RAFFLE** ☆☆☆

Drawing to be held
at the Detachment Convention

**Sunday
May 21, 2017**

1st Prize - \$1,000.00 in Ohio Lottery Instant Tickets

2nd Prize - \$500.00 in Ohio Lottery Instant Tickets

3rd - 7th Prize - \$100.00 in Ohio Lottery Instant Tickets

Ticket Donation

1 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$25.00

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

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Winner Need Not Be Present



Eligibility for SAL Membership

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting Squadron Address periods set forth in Article IV, Section I, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,



Dale Barnett
National Commander
The American Legion

For some students, summer represents a time to push aside responsibilities and personal growth. Instead, they frequent the pool or beach, stay up late and hang out with friends.

Of course, we all need some R&R in our lives. But, thanks to American Legion programs and the volunteers who guide them, tens of thousands of young people are gaining experiences that will help shape their lives. The Legion's youth programs are second to none when it comes to mentoring kids and molding them into our future leaders.

The list of prominent alumni from the Legion's most popular youth programs is impressive. Consider that former President Bill Clinton, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, NBA player and coach Phil Jackson, astronaut Neil Armstrong and NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw are among those who attended Boys State. Additionally, there are more than 60 former American Legion Baseball players enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame, including Yogi Berra, Greg Maddux and Ted Williams. And the Junior Shooting Sports program helped give rise to Olympic gold medalist Jamie Lynn Gray.

It's not only the leadership qualities that emerge in these Legion programs. Alumni forever remember the bonds they made during their time in our programs.

Jackie Bradley Jr., an emerging star outfielder for the Boston Red Sox, played for American Legion Post 146 in Hopewell, Va., from 2006-2008.

"The experiences and the people that I got to meet – second to none," **Bradley said in an interview at spring training.** "A lot of the coaches, I still stay in contact with to this day. The relationships that formed over the years – they're still intact. (They) still come see me."

And for today's generation – for whom it will only be a matter of time until they make an impressionable mark on society – the programs provide energy and enthusiasm.

Take Brett Barrick, for example, who recently was among nearly 100 young men who participated in **Oregon Boys State in Salem.** He wasn't sure that one week was enough to make an impact.

"They weren't exaggerating when they coined the phrase, 'the week that can shape a lifetime,'" Barrick said. "I am humbled by the people I have encountered, the things I've witnessed, the things I've been a part of in this week. In five days, I feel like I've already made a difference on the rest of my life."

And, I am humbled when I see Legionnaires give their time to the future leaders of tomorrow. You have my gratitude whether you work the concession stand at a Legion Baseball game, teach a young person gun safety at a Junior Shooting Sports club, serve as a counselor at Boys State or stay involved some other way.

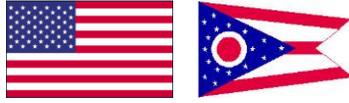
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