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A Message from the Detachment Commander



Hi everyone!

It has been a great start as your Commander and has kept me quite busy!

Beginning with June, I attended the Buckeye Boy's State & Girl's state and was able to speak with the new youth on the great program, and had my first DEC meeting as Commander, which I did struggle with, but with all of your support I made it through it! I was honored to be included in the Bellevue Fourth of July parade, and I would like to thank Craig Smith for the invite. It was also a pleasure to attend the Legion and Auxiliary Convention in Dayton with my table officers and past Commander, Dan Finnell.

I had the great privilege of attending the State Baseball National Tournament in Sylvania that was hosted by my very own hometown team, Napoleon River Bandits. The Department Commander, Stanley Pleasant, and Ist Vice Commander, Robert 'Bob' Schmitt, were among the attendees that supported my Squadron and Post during the Honor guard proceedings prior to the game and cheered on my hometown Post #300 Ist Vice Commander, Larry Adams, as he threw the first pitch. Although the River Bandits were eliminated early on, I believe everyone in attendance had a great time! I also joined several Squadrons from my hometown area in marching in our County Fair Parade, to show our support for all the active and inactive soldiers, and veterans all across the country.

I attended National Convention in Reno, LV. Ohio had a successful turnout, and we received several awards across the state. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend and support our great State!

There is a new system for turning in Membership, and I have visited several Squadrons throughout the District to review the process. If I haven't visited yours and you would like me to come and discuss the new changes, please contact me!

I would like to take this time to remind you of the DEC meeting Oct. 14, 2017 at 10 am at Headquarters in Delaware. Full dress is required.

My Homecoming will be Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bert G. Taylor Post #300 in Napoleon. The deadline for this is Friday, Sept. 15th, 2017, so please make sure you have your check mailed to me, along with your choice of meat by this day. The form with complete details is on the website.

The deadline for the final Commander shirt order will be Saturday, Sept. 23rd. and I will be bringing them with me to the DEC meeting in October. That form is also on the website.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and I look forward to a great year.

For God & Country,

Evan Mahlman, Detachment Commander SALCommander@OhioLegion.com mbsb2014@bright.net

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First Vice-Commander



Greetings Fellow SAL Members!

Well, fall is right around the corner, I hope every one of you had a safe and enjoyable summer. It was nice to see many of you at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada. I am sure those of us who attended brought back not only

memories but knowledge to share with our Squadrons and Districts to make us better SAL members.

Now it's time to get back to SAL business. All of us need to help build membership, the life blood of our individual Squadrons, Districts and Detachments. My program this year is called "PLUS ONE." If every one of us can just recruit one new member, whether it's an SAL, Auxiliary, or Veteran, watch how our organization grows. Also please get those renewals in, there is prize money and bragging rights for highest percentage paid.

A quick note; I once again got fined at The National Convention for my cell phone going off. I will be at The American Legion National Headquarters Oct. 6-8 in Indianapolis, Indiana for Educational Training and November 18 at Dept. Headquarters for the Fall Conference. If any Districts would like a visit from me or any of our other officers please contract Dept. Headquarters for approval.

On a final note, I hope to see many of you at Commander Evan's homecoming. He works hard for us, so let's show him we appreciate it by attending his homecoming at his home Post.

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Second Vice-Commander

Chaplain's Corner



Greetings to my fellow Sons of The American Legion members.

As the weather starts to cool and activities move indoors, it's time to check on the Veterans and elderly to make sure they have their needs met with heat, blankets, and clothing to get them through the fall and winter.

If your Post Family has a meal event, think about a family or shut-in that might appreciate a hot meal. Can we budget a few dollars and 'take out' meals to these people? Just to know that you have the ability to make a difference in their life and make them smile should be payment enough.

Are there clothing drives for your local people and food pantries that need restocked for the holidays? One thing I have learned from food pantries is that many people bring food but forget about spices, salt, pepper, sugar, flour and vegetable oil. An inexpensive can opener is invaluable to many of those in need.

As for the upcoming holidays, let's all get behind the Post activities for Veterans Day. It is a Saturday this year and maybe there will be a greater number than usual of Veterans at parades and other activities. This would be an opportunity to say thank you and offer the hand of friendship and brotherhood to them and their family to join our American Legion Family. Remember those having a rough time during the holidays also.

I am still in the disbursement process of raffle tickets. I will see many of you before Veterans Day as Nancy and I are making 'Day Trips' around the state. At this time I have 23 prizes and the list may continue to grow. I am still looking at other fundraising event to have other than raffles and will report on these at a later date. Until then...

Thank you for all you do for Veterans and our organization.

Bernie Kessler, Second Vice-Commander SAL2ndvice@OhioLegion.com kesslerbernie@gmail.com Greetings fellow Ohio Sons,

Once again I return from National Convention energized for the year ahead. Our donations of money and hours to our Legion charities across the country are amazing. I had the opportunity to attend the National VA&R meeting to review our support for our veterans. Again, amazing. I also had the opportunity to talk about HOOVES to those in attendance and was well received.

On a sad note I sent condolences to the family of Ken Millick. His dedication to the SAL will be remembered and he will be missed. I've also sent out a number of get well cards to our fellow members. Please continue to contact me with other information so I can get cards out.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock, Chaplain SALChaplain@OhioLegion.com douglash21@aol.com

Adjutant's Notes



Squadron Paperwork – Not Cleared Status

The first target date for the 2018 membership drive was August 3. All squadrons should have filed their 2018 Officer Certification forms. Most achieved this goal, but several did not.

Here are the current details of the squadrons with a little work left to do in this area.

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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 this item handled.

2017 National Convention

The 46th Annual Convention of the S.A.L. is now over and we have a new National Commander: Danny Smith of Papillon, NE. Jay Marsden of St. Charles, MO was elected as the National Vice Commander for the Central Region. We will be inviting both Danny and Jay to visit the Detachment of Ohio this year.

Four members from Ohio have been appointed to serve on national commissions or committees this year:

- Americanism PDC Gary Lang
- Child Welfare Found. PDC Jon Coakley
- Finance ANEC Steve Honigfort
- Legislative 2VC Bernie Kessler

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

Fall D.E.C. Meeting - November 18, 2017

The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015. 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.

I would ask everyone who will be giving a report at the D.E.C. 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 state and / or national levels. Contact National Executive Committeeman Buster Sutterlin for more information.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

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National Executive Committeeman



Greetings to all of you,

I am back in Ohio after being at Reno, Nevada for the National Convention. We had an interesting convention and a good time outside of the convention.

Our new National Commander is

Danny Smith from Nebraska. Many of you met him when he visited Ohio at the Mid-winter conference. The National Vice Commander for the Central Division is Jay E. Marsden from Missouri. National Adjutant Brian O'Hearn retired. The new National Adjutant is Anthony Wright from Pennsylvania.

The Detachment of Ohio received 2 appointments to the national commissions and committees. Jon Coakley II was appointed to the Child Welfare Committee and Steve Honigfort was reappointed to the Finance Committee. Scott Thornton will continue as an Assistant Adjutant. Gary Lang will continue to serve



on the Americanism Commission and Bernie Kessler will continue on the Legislative Commission. (Don't forget to contemplate whether you would like to serve on one of the national commissions or subcommittee -Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, or Internal Affairs).

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I look forward to working with Steve as Alternate N.E.C., this year. I thank all of you for your support as I continue to represent you as N.E.C.

See you soon at Evan's homecoming and/or D.E.C. meeting in Nov. Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, NEC

PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, National Executive Committeeman SALNEC@OhioLegion.com brs257@zoominternet.net

Finance Update



Hi all!

We submitted the budget to The Ameri-

can Legion, and they want more information, so the committee is going to meet with them and we will let you know what they say.

PDC Craig Smith, Chairman craigsmith 1958@gmail.com



POW•MIA

Gentlemen,

I would like to acknowledge Loudonville Squadron 257 for their donation and presentation of a POW/MIA Chair of Honor at their local high school. Great Job

The POW/MIA Chairs of Honor are in. They are currently at my house. The plaques are ordered and should be arriving before too long. I'm sorry that process is taking so long, but I have so much going on these days, I'm trying the best as I can.

guys!

Anyhow, I will not be attending the November DEC meeting so, for those Districts or Squadrons that requested chairs, please email or call me to make arrangements to get together to pick up the chairs and plaques. Otherwise, I can bring them to Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus in January.

I know for some, that makes it hard for presenting the chairs this year, but it will help in a way getting plans

together for presentation in the coming year. As discussed before, it will be the responsibility of the requesting Squadron or District to set up the presentations. This Committee is only providing the chairs and plaques.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Remember that by promoting POW/MIA awareness, we have a greater chance of bringing them all home! Lest we forget!

For God and Country!

PDC Ion W. Coakley, II, Chairman bigbuckeyeic@aol.com (614) 804-2184



Special Olympics



Thank you to all our Members that have been helping this year with Special Olympics Events and also for your hard work raising the donations for these Athletes and the Events.



Two upcoming events where help will be needed December 2-3 2017 at OSU Campus in Columbus State Swim Meet we will need help handing out Medals so far it will be David Dilts and I working this event. If anyone else would like to help please contact me (740) 253-7454.

Next is the Winter Games held at Brandywine Ski Resort February 6-8 2018. We will need help with scoring, starters, event staff, and Medal Presentations. Will do my best to be off work and help this year hope to see you there.

Here is the schedule of events for Special Olympics if you see any events in your area you wish to help with I am sure they would be glad to have you there to help them out with the event. Thank you all again for the work you in the Detachment of Ohio for Special Olympics.

September 16, 2017 thru September 16, 2017	State Softball Tournament & Individual Skills	Oregon, OH
September 19, 2017 thru September 20, 2017	<u>State Golf</u> <u>Tournament</u>	Cincinnati, OH

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October 7, 2017 thru October 7, 2017	<u>Area 10 Team</u> <u>Bowling Bill</u> White Bowl	Akron, Ohio
October 21, 2017 thru October 22, 2017	Team Bowling	Columbus, OH
November 4, 2017 thru November 4, 2017	<u>Area 10 Short</u> <u>Course Swim</u>	Wooster, Ohio
December 2, 2017 thru December 3, 2017	<u>State Swim</u> <u>Meet</u>	Columbus, OH
February 6, 2018 thru February 8, 2018	<u>SOOH State</u> <u>Winter Games</u>	Brandywine Ski Re- sort/Kent State Univer- sity Ice Arena
May 12, 2018 thru November 30, 1999	<u>Area 10 Volley</u> <u>Ball Qualifier</u>	Union Town, Ohio

For God and Country

Dennis Albright, Chairman <u>qubert7@yahoo.com</u>

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Not much going on down here. I have been laid up for a few weeks. Getting back to normal doing duties, going to nursing homes helping Veterans.

I noticed they are having someone to sit with a Veteran in the VA when they are near the end. Better than being alone. I didn't go to National but did get the VA&R accomplishments for 2017 almost 18,000 visits to Veteran homes, 9,000 VA med center, Fisher House 5675 hours \$65,000.

We did get a new director at Chillicothe VA Mark Murdock was at Dayton.

That's it, see ya later.

Gerald Palmer, VA&R South Chairman gerpalm60@gmail.com

I am sure that between Bob, Jerry, and I there will be some duplication in some of our reports here. So here I go. We are entering the fall season and our thoughts will be soon leading into the Christmas holidays. Remember our hospitalized and nursing home veterans around the state.

The American Legion Gifts for Yanks program is designed to provide Christmas gifts for these veterans. I want to encourage everyone to support this worthy charity. This also supports other purchases for VA facilities. For example, in Dayton a few years ago a bus for patient transport was donated through Gifts for Yanks. On the topic of VA facilities, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services organization is in need of regular scheduled volunteers. I realize many of us are still of working age and can't make a regular commitment. If you can register to volunteer at a VA hospital and work a regular schedule, please do it.

Earlier this summer I was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Dayton Fisher/Nightingale House Inc. I represent the Dayton VAMC VAVS committee. I am proud to represent our organization also. It has been reported in the past that the new Fisher House in Cleveland will begin construction in the spring of 2018. I believe that is now delayed. They are apparently having land acquisition and preparation issues. On the opposite side of that coin, the new Fisher House at the Dayton VAMC is tentatively scheduled for ground breaking in April 2018. The property has been cleared and infrastructure put in place. We are looking forward to the construction beginning next year.

American Legion Department Commander Stanley Pleasant is making VA&R one of his primary programs this year. We want to do all we can to support Commander Pleasant in supporting all our veteran's support programs. Remember, this is why we are here. It is what we do.

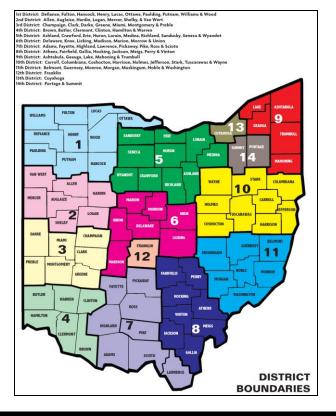
One final note and my annual rant on the Consolidated Squadron Report. Be sure to put your membership for last year and the current year on the form. This is important for convention award judging. Put down everything you do on the form in the space provided. We need to gather this information for reporting to The American Legion.

PNVC, PDC Dan Sagraves, VA&R Commission Chair <u>dansagraves@twc.com</u>

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation



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First District

Swanton Squadron 479 organized a home makeover for a Marine Veteran from our Post with medical issues. Over fifty members of our Legion Family participated in reroofing, installing new gutters, tree trimming, landscaping, and some interior projects have been planned.

All materials were donated by local suppliers. A tent was put up in a neighbor's yard and food for participants was provided by Post members. Our local CBS station provided coverage to the community.



Fifth District

On Friday September I at the Loudonville-Perrysville Redbird Stadium, a special recognition was made. All veterans, who were able, were asked to stand. They were thanked for their service. "We are grateful for your return home, however, we want to remember those who have not returned yet. Those individuals are classified as prisoners of war or missing in action (POW-MIA). To remind all of us that there are some soldiers who haven't returned home, the Sons of the American Legion #257 have placed a POW-MIA Chair of Honor by the flagpole and score board."

Three Vietnam era Veterans; Mike "Beano" Beans, Gary Boden, and George "Bud" Dawson unveiled the POW-MIA Chair of Honor. PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman, posted the POW-MIA flag and Tim Conway posted the American flag. Before the proclamation by Mayor Steve Stricklen, was read, the Loudonville Sons of the American Legion thanked the L-P Board of Education members, Shane McCaskey, Quay Construction, Thompson Memorials, Kelly Seboe, Catherine Puster, Hussey Seating Company, and Delphos Tent and Awning for making this project come to completion.

A thank you was expressed to everyone who participated to help this happen including the Village of Loudonville Mayor Steve Stricklen, the L-P High School Band directed by Angela Spreng and the media coverage by WMFD, Ashland Times Gazette and Mansfield News Journal. The Loudonville Sons hope that everyone who attends the events at the Redbird Stadium will remember the service of our veterans and POW-MIAs that paid the price so that we can have the freedoms that we have. Then the proclamation was read. the band played "America the Beautiful" in the background during the announcer's speech.



Lifting the cover on the left is Mike "Beano" Beans and on the right is Gary Boden. Behind the cover and assisting is George "Bud" Dawson.



Squadron 257 members, Mayor Steve Stricklen, and L-P Board Members. Also in the picture is Detachment Second Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler.

In July, 2017, Loudonville Squadron 257 bought 26 chairs for the Loudonville Veterans' Home.



Pictured here delivering the chairs (L to R) Brad Swires, Jack Bowersock, Scott Roberts, and PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin.

Party In The Park at Bellville hosted by Squadron 535 on July 29, 2017. Pictured here is Chef PDC Rob Brewer preparing his Brewer burgers with assistant Cary "Dewey" Kuhl while PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin looks on. Everyone enjoyed the evening with good food, friendship and good music. The Smith Brothers, Dwayne and Rod, prepared their famous wings.



On July 7, 2017 the Detachment Officers attended The American Legion Auxiliary Opening Ceremonies. While Immediate Past Commander Dan Finnell brought greetings, behind him are Chaplain Doug Hancock, Second Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, First Vice-Commander Dale Anderson, Commander Evan Mahlman.



On June 17, 2017, Squadron 257 members Ralph Adams and PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin participated in the annual flag disposal held by American Legion Post 257 and VFW Post 8586. Also in attendance were Jack Bowersock and Chaz James.



Bellville Squadron 535 hosted the annual 4th of July parade. Pictured here walking in the parade is Cmdr. Evan Mahlman, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin and Fifth District Commander Tim Conway.



In the Gazebo was Commander Evan Mahlman speaking and on the right was Second Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, who was a judge.



The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio have several 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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- <u>SALNews@OhioLegion.com</u> (for submissions to The OhioSALute)

From the Editor



Gentlemen,

I am honored to have been asked again to be the Editor of *The Ohio SALute*. We have a great publication, and we always have good content.

It is <u>vital</u> that we continue to make submissions on time. We can make this newsletter as big or as small as we want to, but I believe the more information we can publish, the better it make the GREAT Detachment of Ohio look in the eyes of other Detachments, as well as on the National level.

Remember that this is YOUR newsletter, and everyone should contribute. We can publish just about anything; raffles, events, photos, etc.

As a reminder, when submitting information via email, please send in Word format, and in standard sentence structure and appearance. <u>There is no need for all CAPS</u>, or to capitalize the first letter of every word. This makes the editing process very time consuming. If I need something in a different format, I will contact you. Photos should be submitted in jpeg format in the highest resolution possible. Photos showing alcohol will not be printed.

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

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2017-2018 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio Shirt Order Form

Incoming Detachment Commander Evan Mahlman is now accepting orders for the 2017-2018 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio shirts.

- ★ The shirt will be a light blue, button-down style with a
- The s.A.L. emblem will be embroidered above the pocket.
 - with OHIO above the emblem and the year below it. When ordering XL / 2XL / 3XL sizes you have the option of getting it in a TALL as well.
 - Costs:

Please make checks payable to "Evan Mahlman" and indicate "S.A.L. Ohio Shirt" in the memo line. Send your check and this order form to:

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Contact Evan at mbsb2014@bright.net or (419) 966-1212 with questions.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION CHILD Welfare FOUNDATION

KIDS ACTIVITY FOR VETERANS DAY

What a great project for each Squadron to get copies of the coloring page on page 11 into the hands of our elementary students. They could color the pages and the Squadrons could deliver them to the Veterans in their Post. Let's see how many we can get colored!









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