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A Message from the Detachment Commander



Season's Greetings!

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for coming to my Homecoming. I had a wonderful time and am very honored and humbled by all of my friends and family who were able to share this night of celebration with me!

My time as your commander has proven to be very busy. I am sure with the holidays approaching my time will probably become even more hectic, but I assure you, if you would like me to attend an event or meeting, please contact me asap so I can get it on the calendar!

During these past few months I have been very busy! I was able to attend Legion State Commander, Stan's, homecoming, but due to family obligations I missed Auxiliary President, Shirley's. I apologize and hope that she had a great turn out!

I attended my fourth (and final?) training at National, the DEC meeting in November as well as the Finance Meeting. Unfortunately, that meeting did not go as I had hoped it would, and leaves us with some more work to do. I have also been on the National Caucus calls.

I had a great time at the 5th District Golf outing, and especially liked the Par 3. The Great District One had their annual Turkey shoot and I would like to extend a warm thank you to First-Vice Commander, Bob Schmidt, for his help! Also, I would like to have a huge shout out to Rob Brewer for being the emcee for the SAL Squadron #300's Reverse Raffle. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the jokes!

Don't forget that Winter Convention is in January--I look forward to seeing everyone there!

In closing, I would like to extend my thoughts and prayers to everyone who has lost a loved one in recent months. I pray that you find the strength and comfort in the memories that you have made over the years and they provide peace to you during this holiday season.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season, see you all next year!

In God We Trust,

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First Vice-Commander



Merry Christmas everyone! May you and yours have a great holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

It was great to see you all at the Fall Conference; now it's back to work and get those memberships in.

As was discussed at the meeting, its taking longer and longer to get the Squadron and District membership recorded. It first goes to Detachment Headquarters in Delaware, then is passed on to National Headquarters in Indianapolis. This is taking way to long but with the cut backs at Headquarters, but the good news they are working on a solution to speed thing up. Please continue to submit your membership ASAP.

I hope you recall my program this year is called **"PLUS ONE."** If every one of us would get at least one NEW Member weather it's an SAL, Auxiliary, a Veteran it would help our parent organization and our individual Posts and Districts.

On a personal note, my youngest daughter Laura and her husband, Kevin, had twin boys on November 24, and within hours they were members of The Sons of The American Legion, so I signed up 2 Members already. See who in your family and your personal circle of friends might like to join your Squadron.



On Saturday, December 9, I will be in the 9th District at Post 719 in Orwell, and on December 17 once again I will put on the red suite to help Santa at my home Post 703. As we all know, the real guy can't be everywhere. If any other Districts would like a visit please let me know.

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Second Vice-Commander



Gentlemen, this has been a tough article to write. It has been a bad few months for Nancy and me, both on a Detachment level and on a personal level, but we are getting through it.

The Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching and hopefully there will be many great reports given while we contemplate how to make this conference more informational for our members that attend.

SOAP BOX TIME. We have a MT & D (Membership Training and Development) Committee with no one under the age of 50. Is it any wonder why we can't retain younger members? Do we have any idea what they are looking for as members? Part of my theme is "redefining our future", but that is difficult without embracing our youth. Those of you with sons or grandsons...why are you not encouraging them to attend meetings and conferences? We have a calendar that lists our meetings well in advance. I know this sounds hypocritical of me to say since I have no children, but if I did I would do my best to get them involved. **OFF SOAP BOX.**

Upcoming activities for the next couple months include the Four Chaplains Ceremony at American Legion Posts throughout Ohio and the birth date of The American Legion in March. Are you planning something to showcase our organization? If so, let me know and I will try to attend. I am not receiving the invites for your District Conferences as I have last year. Are you having District Conferences? Maybe I am not getting invites because of not sending the proper message? Who knows?

In conclusion, I will be selling my state raffle tickets in the lobby and/or at the entrance to our meeting room at Mid-Winter. I also have a framed Cleveland Cavaliers print that I will raffle off to eventually benefit CWF.

...to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

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Chaplain's Corner



Greetings fellow Ohio Sons,

I attended my first NEC meeting in October. Thank you Scott for making the arrangements. Along with a number of fellow Sons, I traveled to Van Wert to offer condolences to Stoney's family. He will be missed, but not forgotten. A condolence card was personally delivered to Bob Mendoza following the passing of his mother.

Please remember to contact me regarding illness or passing of fellow Son or family.

Looking forward to visiting your District conferences, I have three on my schedule so far for 2018 and will welcome additional opportunities.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock, Chaplain
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Adjutant's Notes



2018 Mid-Winter Conference. On Friday, January 19, 2018, Franklin Squadron I will host their annual luncheon featuring chili and PDC Rob Brewer's double burgers from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Malcolm D. Jeffrey Post No. 465, 1441 N. Grant Ave., Columbus,

OH 43201. Stop in for a great meal if you arrive early for the conference.

The Mid-Winter Detachment Executive Committee meeting will convene at 8:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229 on Friday, January 19, 2018. All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders and District First Vice-Commanders are required to attend. Dress is Legion-casual except for Detachment Officers.

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Our guests this weekend will be Jay Marsden (MO), National Vice-Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, and Greg “Doc” Gibbs (NY), Leading Candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion.

The Detachment Mid-Winter Conference will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear the reports of all our state commission and committee chairmen directly and ask questions about the programs they are leading. Dress is coat and tie for everyone, please.

REMINDER: Housing reservations for the Mid-Winter Conference must be made by calling the hotel directly at (614) 885-1885, option 2, and asking for the “American Legion Conference” rate. Do not go through Department Headquarters for this one. The deadline to call is Wednesday, December 20th, but I strongly advise you not to wait that long. The hotel fills up quickly for that weekend and many members will not be able to get in to the Legion’s room block. Call early!

The Past Detachment Commanders Club will be hosting their annual Reverse Raffle at Don Gentile Post No. 532, 1571 Demorest Rd., Columbus, OH 43228 at 5:30 PM on Saturday after the Mid-Winter Conference. Tickets are \$10.00 each—contact any of the PDCs if you would like to buy some. Winners do not need to be present to claim their prize, but it is a good event to attend.

2018-2019 Commission / Committee Appointments. Anyone interested in being considered for an appointment to serve on one of the Detachment or National Commissions or Committees must fill out the appropriate recommendation form (available from the Detachment website, <http://www.ohiolegion.com>). Click on the “Forms” link at the top of the page, then scroll down the page to the SAL section in the middle. Send your completed form(s) to Ohio’s NEC, Bill “Buster” Sutterlin at SALNEC@OhioLegion.com before January 5th to be considered.

Please keep our men and women in uniform in your prayers during this holiday season. On behalf of the De-

tachment of Ohio, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

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National Executive Committeeman



Greetings to all of you,

Greetings!

Have you given thought of serving on one of the Detachment or National Committee? The deadline is coming up soon. We need those who are interested to share that information with me. Please complete a recommendation form that can be downloaded from <http://www.ohiolegion.com>. I need to receive this form by Mid-Winter, January 19, 2018. It takes a team of members to serve on the Detachment and National levels to keep the SAL the great organization it is. Please consider serving on a favorite committee. We will assist any members that would like to do it but don’t know how or have never done something like this before. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Also, we are looking for a place to hold the 2020 Detachment convention. It is time to considering hosting that convention. The deadline for the bids is May 18th at the 2018 Detachment convention in Independence.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Winter January 19-20, 2018 in Columbus.

With this holiday season, please remember our Veterans with acts of kindness. Sometimes this can be a difficult time of the year

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

PDC Bill “Buster” Sutterlin,
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Child Welfare Foundation

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The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 63rd year, has awarded \$636,467 to 28 nonprofit organizations. These grants, determined during the annual meeting of the board of directors, held at the

Sheraton Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Sunday, October 8, 2017, have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children.

Many of the same subjects as previous years were covered by the grants, but went to new charities representing these causes. Causes supported this year included autism, adoption, cancer, the transportation of patients, and physical and emotional help dealing with these diseases/conditions.

In addition, the American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program and National Youth Programs Scholarships received our support.

Donations so far this year place Ohio 12th in the country, with an approximate total of \$2,000.00 donated thus far, or about 7 cents per capita. Our goal, as set by National, is \$1.15 per capita; so we have some work to do. If attending the Mid-Winter Conference this January, please bring any donations to CWF and/or any monies from CWF piggy banks. I'll have more banks for you to take back and you can return them to Independence in May at Convention. I will also have the last of my CWF shirts and other merchandise for sale at close-out prices.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Sandusky OVH. Eleven Ohio Veterans Home residents got a chance to visit the military service land-

marks of Washington, D.C., Sept. 9 on a recent Honor Flight excursion.

Honor Flight Cleveland has provided free air travel for over 3,200 mostly World War II veterans to the nation's capital since 2007.

The veterans and their guardians visited the World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Air Force and Women in Military Service for America memorials, and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on Dec. 16 at noon in the Veterans Hall Great Room. Residents, family, volunteers and staff are invited to attend. The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes. Laying of the wreaths will take place immediately following the ceremony in the Ohio Veterans Home Cemetery.

Gift for Yanks will be at Sandusky OVH – December 15th 9am It would be nice to see more SAL members in attendance. Afterwards Sandusky Legion has a lunch spread.

Cleveland Fisher House. Charity Navigator, the nation's premier charity rating agency, praises Fisher House Foundation with another thumbs up after the non-profit received its 4-star rating for the 14th straight year.

The coveted rating places Fisher House among the top non-profits in the nation.

Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator writes in an open letter, "We are proud to announce Fisher House Foundation has earned our 14th consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that Fisher House Foundation adheres to best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Fisher House Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work."

Less than one percent of the charities rated by Charity Navigator have received at least 14 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

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VA&R South Been busy going to VAVS meeting, going to VA, had golf outing in Sept done average. Not as good as past years but still had a good time with VETS for VETS. Couple new posts want to add squadron, still working on it. From national: 17,878 visits, 54,668 hrs., donated vets homes. 8,485 visits to med centers. Other VA&R projects: 103,010 hours, \$468,875 donated, total hours to date 377,965 hours in 2017. We need to get more reps and depts involved, get more CPR turned in.

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House Passes Roe, Walz Resolution Authorizing American Legion Centennial Coin

Reps. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.) and Tim Walz (D-Minn.), Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, respectively, released the following statements after the House passed Roe and Walz's resolution to authorize the creation of a commemorative coin in honor of The American Legion's 100 years of service to America's veterans.

"Since 1919, The American Legion has dedicated itself to serving our nation's veterans," said Roe. "I'm proud to stand with Ranking Member Walz and my colleagues in the House today to honor the Legion's century of service by authorizing the creation of this commemorative coin. I look forward to continuing to work alongside the American Legion in our shared goal of improving the lives of America's heroes."

"For nearly a century, the American Legion has worked tirelessly day and night to improve the lives of our veterans and their families, and for that reason, words cannot express the gratitude I have for the men and women of the American Legion," said Walz. "As both a veteran and a legislator, I see firsthand the results they achieve for veterans on a daily basis. That is why I am honored to stand alongside my dear friend, colleague, and fellow veteran, Chairman Phil Roe, as the House passes the American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act."

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act would authorize the U.S. mint to produce a commemorative coin for The American Legion's 100th anniversary of its founding in 1919. The mint would issue the coins for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2019, and proceeds from the sale of the coins would support The American Legion's program and services, which fall under four categories: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Children and Youth and Americanism.



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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 pocket.
- ★ 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:
 - ★ S / M / L / XL(T) / 2XL(T) = \$30.00 each
 - ★ 3XL(T) - 6XL(T) = additional \$1.00 per "X"
- ★ You may have your first name embroidered on the right side for an additional \$3.00.

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:

Evan Mahlman • 10260 County Road M • Napoleon, OH 43545-6431

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

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

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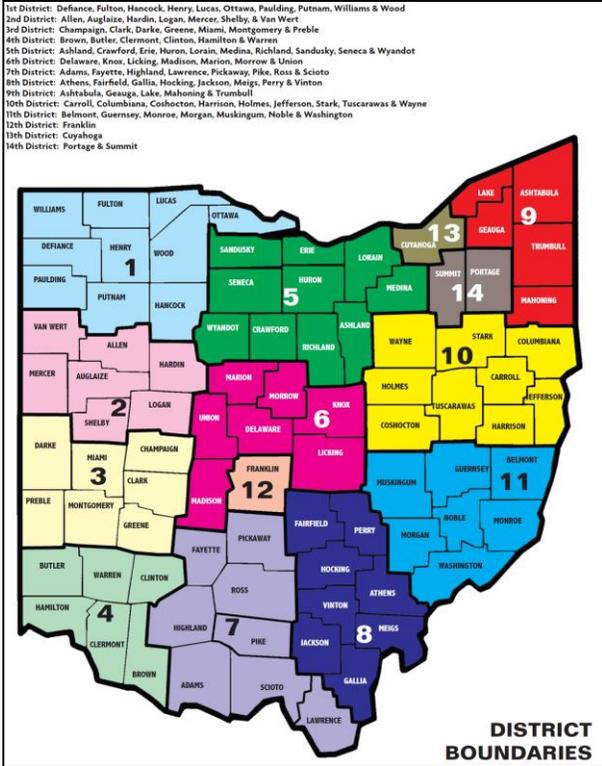
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Quantity _____

Size(s) _____

Add Name? _____

Total Cost _____



**Detachment Executive Committee
 Winter Conference**
Ohio Sons of The American Legion
Fri.-Sun., Jan. 19-21, 2018
Crowne Plaza – Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Ave.
Columbus, OH 43229

**The American Legion
 National High School Oratorical Contest Finals**

This special event showcases our country's best and brightest youth as they present their thoughts on one of our country's most important documents in our nation's history, the Constitution of the United States of America!

The contest will take place at the Wyndham Indianapolis West hotel. Contests quarter-finals and semi-finals will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018, with the finals to be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Fourth District

NEW YEARS EVE BASH

Yeager-Benson Memorial Post 199
 10700 Campbell Road, Harrison, Ohio
 December 31, 2017
 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
 Dinner 7:30-8:30p.m.
 \$40.00 per person \$70.00 couple
 Call the post (513) 367-9180

Fifth District

Update on District 5 Meetings

District 5 meetings are at 1:00pm
 January 7, 2018 at New London
 March 25, 2018 at Ashland
 April 14, 2018 at Norwalk

Ninth District

Dynamic Ninth District meetings

Sunday, March 11, 2018
 Howland Post 700 @ 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 2018
 Painesville Post 336 @ 12:00 p.m.



On Saturday, December 16, 2017, Mahoning Valley Squadron member Kenneth Vrabel participated in Wreaths Across America at Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.



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Eleventh District

Future Conference Dates for District 11

American Legion and Sons of The American Legion
Registration will be at 9:00 a.m.
The meetings will start at 10:00 a.m.

January 28, 2018 @ Lowell Post 750
March 18, 2018 @ Neffs Post 77
May 6, 2018 @ Zanesville Post 29

Thirteenth District

District 13 2018 meeting schedule

January 14, 2018 @ Clifton Post 421
March 4, 2018 @ Parma Hts. Post 703
June 10, 2018 @ Newburgh Hts. Post 627
Oct 14, 2018 @ Euclid Post 343

2018 CONVENTION BUS TRIP

Here is the info for the 2018 S.A.L. Convention Bus Trip. If interested please send check for \$10.00 each to

13th District S.A.L.
Attn: Hank Telep
16534 Craigmere Drive
Middleburg Hts., Ohio 44130

The bus will depart the Double Tree Hotel in Independence at 1:30 p.m. on May 20, 2018 – we will go to American Legion Post 610 at 19944 Sheldon Road in Brook Park, Ohio – cocktails and snacks – etc.

Next Destination is American Legion Post 627 at 3935 East 42nd Street in Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105 – cocktails and Snacks – etc.

Lastly we will go to American Legion Post 572 at 6483 State Road in Parma, Ohio 44134 – they are hosting a steak dinner – price TBD

We should arrive back at the Double Tree by 9:00 p.m.

The bus will hold 56 and if we need another one we can order another.

Please send reservations ASAP.

James Dombrose,
13th District Advisor

Post Everlasting

The Ohio SALute has sad duty of reporting the passing of Past District 13 Advisor Richard Riviotta Sr. The Detachment Convention Richard S Riviotta Rehabilitation Award, is named for him. Please join with in passing along Prayers and condolences to his son Past Detachment Commander Richard Riviotta 1997-98. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Crossroads Hospice, Charitable Foundation, 10810 E. 45th St. Ste. 300, Tulsa, Ok 74146.

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From the Editor



Gentlemen,

As I started my service in our organization, I realized that serving on committees, as committee chairman, or as an officer was a great honor. With these titles come great responsibilities; conducting meetings when necessary, raising funds, giving reports at meetings, conferences, and conventions.

Additionally, I realized that I need to make sure that I got my report and message out to as many people as possible. One of those ways is to submit articles to this publication. *The Ohio SALute* is only as good as the articles that can be published in it. If we forget to send in our articles in a timely fashion, by the time it is published on the Detachment website, valuable information could be out of date, events could have been held already, and people could have missed things. When this happens, people stop reading. When people stop reading, there is no longer a need for the publication.

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Ask yourself, is this what we want to happen to *The Ohio SALute*? Do we want our award winning Detachment newsletter to go away? Remember, this is YOUR publication, and in order to make it continue, we must have information to present to our membership.

We must also remember to submit our information by the established deadlines. When deadlines are missed, the newsletter is delayed, creating additional problems. Please check the deadline and get your information submitted in more than enough time for editing.

As a reminder, when submitting information via email, please send in Word format, and in standard sentence structure and appearance. There is no need for all CAPS, 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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Deadline for the next edition of
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Dave "Stoney" Young

David Allyn Young, 54, of Van Wert, Ohio died early Sunday morning, September 17, 2017 at his residence. He was born on April 25, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Rev. Jack A. and Marguerite J. (Corlew) Young. On February 23,

1990 Dave married Kelley (Ripley) Young and she survives in Van Wert.

He is survived by (2) daughters, Nikki (Jake Arnold) Young of Defiance, Ohio and Carlee Young of Van Wert; (1) brother, Daniel R. (Cheryl) Young of Chicago, Illinois; (2) sisters, Lynda (David) Conn of Van Wert, Laura Young of San Antonio, Texas. Dave is also survived by many nieces; nephews; father-in-law, Ron (Nancy) Ripley of Van Wert; brother-in-law, Kent Ripley of Las Vegas, Nevada; and many wonderful friends. In addition to his parents, Dave is preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen "Kathy" A. Young and his mother-in-law, Phyllis Ripley.

Dave retired in 2011 from the Ohio Department of Transportation after 30 years of dedicated service. For the last 2 years he worked for Mannik Smith Group out of Toledo, Ohio. Dave was heavily involved with the Van Wert V.F.W. and was a loyal member of the Van Wert Sons of the American Legion for over 20 years, and was a Past Detachment of Ohio Commander. He was a passionate fan of The Ohio State University, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and Cleveland Cavaliers. Most importantly he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially attending Nikki and Carlee's sporting events.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, Ohio. Burial followed at Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio.

Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory.

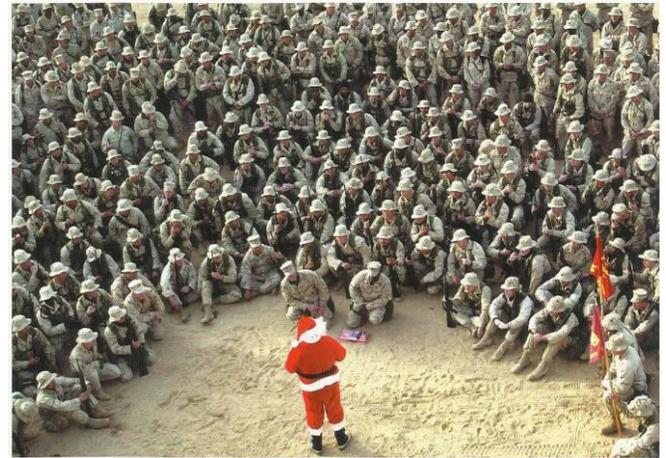
Preferred memorials may be directed to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

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Did You Know?

1776 — George Washington Crosses the Delaware River

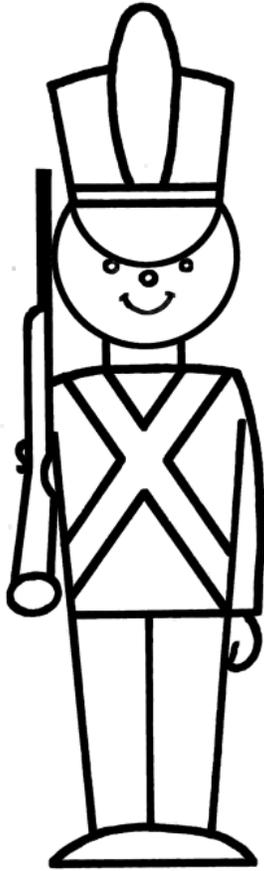
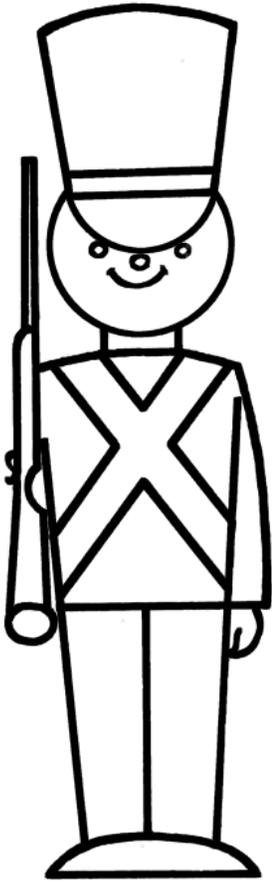
Important events in both of America's most formative wars — the Revolutionary War and the Civil War — took place on Christmas.

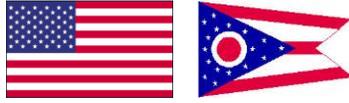
Washington led his troops across a 300-yard stretch of the Delaware River in the dead of night between December 25 and 26, 1776. The surprise move would put Washington's men a 19-mile march away from a garrison of Hessians (German mercenaries hired by the British to help them in their effort to retain a hold on the rebelling colonies) that the Continental Army took completely by surprise.

The Hessians' quick surrender at the Battle of Trenton would be the first of two rebel victories in New Jersey (the other being the Battle of Princeton a week later) as the Continental Army regained control of the colony. This effectively reversed the British drive that had pushed the rebels across New Jersey in the previous months. The daring crossing of the Delaware ended up being one of the turning points of the war.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Sons of The American Legion

Date _____

RECEIPT

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
 (First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Received from:

Address _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

\$ _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

for payment

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Squadron _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____

Detachment of _____

Signed _____ Eligibility certified by _____
 By Applicant or Parent)