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A Message from the Detachment Commander



My Fellow SAL Members,

First of all, I want to Thank each and every one of you. It's a true honor to be elected Detachment Commander for The Sons Of The American Legion for the Great State of Ohio! And to thank my wife, Camille, our 3 Children, and 7 Grandchildren for their Support.

I have been very busy since my election in May. I had the Honor and Privilege to be a guest speaker at the National Cemetery in Dayton on May 26, then on Sunday May 27 I was invited to speak in District 9 at the invitation of Squadron 15 at The Inn at Poland Way, a retirement home for our senior citizens many who were Veterans, including 5 wives of veterans.

On Memorial Day, I was back in my Home Post in the Thirteenth District, where during our Post Everlasting Services I spoke the names of our Squadron members who have been transferred to Squadron Everlasting.

On Sunday June 10, I was back at Spring Conference in the Thirteenth District at Newburgh Post 627. On Thursday, June 14 I attended Buckeye Girls State at The University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, and on Sunday, June 16 Buckeye Boys State at The Miami University in Oxford. Watching these young men and women learn about our government, of the people, by the people, and for the people, and how it works is truly awe inspiring, and I am sure will be with them forever.

In the next couple of weeks, my/our Officers will be attending both The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Department Conventions on June 29 and 30.

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Last, but not least, on Independence Day, July 4, I will be heading to the Twelfth District and Post 535 for their annual parade.

If you are interested in one my red Commanders shirts, information is on the web site or call me. All profits will go to Child Welfare. My Homecoming will be on Saturday, Oct. 20th at my home Post 703, located at 7667 York Road, Parma, Ohio. Cost is \$20 a person for dinner and open bar. Also, a quick reminder, our Fall Conference will be at the same location starting at noon, any questions please give me a call.

In closing, I want to thank all of my Officers for their support, and I look forward to working with them and the newly elected Auxiliary President and Department Commander.

Sincerely,

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First Vice-Commander



I want to thank you for your support of my journey and effort to make our organization the best it can be. No man becomes great on his own. The people around him help to make him great. The people we surround ourselves with either raise or lower our standards.

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They either help us to become the best version of ourselves or encourage us to become lesser versions of ourselves. We become like our friends.

We all need people in our lives who raise our standards, remind us of our essential purpose, and challenge us to become the best version of ourselves. This is why I love and appreciate what you do for Veterans and The American Legion family.

If you have done the paperwork, you should start receiving your cards soon. Now is the time to remember the names on the Officers Certification Form and send in that \$21.00 along with the appropriate cards...more if you have 2019 members paid.



As we move into the 2019 membership year, keep in mind not only the Detachment target dates but also the 'mail by' dates so that your cards are received and counted toward Squadron and District targets. Our first target date after we get everyone off the 'zero' is 35% before October 4. By my

calculations, the 'mail by' date should be no later than September 18. Personally, I am not happy that it now takes this much time to do what was done in a few days total, but I guess that's progress. I also believe that National is preparing us for the time when we process membership online. Please get your name on Bill Towns' weekly update, as I will be posting the 'mail by' dates as they get nearer to the targets.

As I said previously on Bill Towns' update, "If you have completed your CSR, maybe it's you that can contact a nearby Squadron that hasn't yet and set up a time to help them out. We all know it doesn't take long once you find the time to start. If you are a Squadron that needs help, call me. Maybe I can talk you through it or set you up with someone who can."

Let's have a great membership year as we celebrate the 100th Birthday of our parent organization. Remember the 4 R's...Renew, Retain, Recruit, and Remain.

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Second Vice-Commander



Hey guys, It looks like summer's actually going to show up. First of all, I want to congratulate Evan Mahlman on his great year as Detachment Commander, great job Evan!

On that same note, I completed my year as Detachment Chaplain and am stepping up to First Vice-Commander.

As Second Vice-Commander, I'm in charge of the Detachment raffle. This year will be a cash prize raffle, with proceeds to benefit Comfort Warriors, the National Emergency Fund, and Hooves PTSD healing. Information and tickets will be available at the end of July, with the drawing at next year's Detachment Convention in May. I hope you will consider helping these worthy causes.

Hooves. As a board member, I want to thank all who have contributed to date. Hooves is growing and serving our veterans, thanks to The American Legion Family. We now have a permanent home with nearby cabins to accommodate the veterans and spouses for the three-day workshops. Funding has been coming in from additional sources allowing us to serve not just the veterans, but spouses and children. PTSD affects the whole family. Feel free to contact me for additional information and funding opportunities.



THE VETERANS CHANNEL™

I would like to get the word out about a new online show called The Veterans Channel. They were in town Saturday March 10 to film an episode on Hooves. It is expected to be an ongoing series. This will be a great opportunity to get the word out and expand our reach to Veterans outside of our area. I was interviewed to explain The American Legion Family's support in getting us where we are today. I received emails thanking me in association with my Legion Family, and expect to be in contact with me to help get the information out in our area about the channel.

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Once again, I want to say thank you for the continuing support.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our DEC meeting in July.

Thank you!

For God and Country,

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Chaplain's Corner



Thank you everyone for choosing me to be your Chaplain for this membership year. I will do the best that I can to answer and reply to all your e-mails and any requests you may have in regards to sick call or

Squadron Everlasting.

I would like to apologize for any late responses to any correspondence in June. My Father was in the hospital for the first weeks. To give you an update they have inserted a feeding tube, radiation treatments are completed and has had first chemo treatment tumor has reduced in size and should be ready to get up and start traveling and again with me soon.

Please if you have any sick call or any other notices we need to attend to please send me an e-mail with the appropriate address information so that I may send the appropriate correspondence to the family in the Name of our Detachment.

For God and Country,

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Adjutant's Notes



New Detachment Officers Elected. Congratulations to Ohio's new officers for 2018-2019: Dale Anderson, Commander; Bernie Kessler, First Vice-Commander; Doug Hancock, Second Vice-Commander; Dennis Albright, Chaplain; Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, NEC; and Steve Honigfort, ANEC.

New Officer Certifications & Old Membership Cards.

Just as the Detachment of Ohio has recently installed its new Officers for 2019, all our Districts and Squadrons should have done so as well. If you haven't yet sent your Officer Certification Forms to Detachment Headquarters, please get them in now (they were due May 1). We need to update our contact lists, and your Squadron won't receive its 2019 membership cards until the report is filed.

Note that you no longer need to return your old cards to HQ – they actually don't want them back! Please hold on to them in case you get late payments for 2018 so you can issue the card. I suggest destroying whatever you have left after January 2019.

2018 Consolidated Squadron Reports. Dropping the previous requirement to return your unused cards has been replaced with a stronger push to submit your Consolidated Squadron (and District) Reports to Headquarters. We are asking that they be filed by July 1 in order to receive your 2019 cards in the first batch of deliveries – assuming your Officers are certified!

The American Legion uses the data provided on the reports to help demonstrate to the U.S. Congress just how much we do in support of our nation's veterans and children when the National Commander appears before it. Please submit the CSR form as soon as you can, even if you only update your membership data at the top, and make sure to use your paid membership counts for this year and last – not "2018" and "2017."

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Summer D.E.C. Meeting – July 21, 2018. The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015.

All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders, and District First Vice-Commanders are required to attend. Among other business, we will approve the final slate of delegates, alternates and guests for the National Convention.

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.

2018 National Convention – August 24-26. The 47th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. All members listed and approved as delegates at the Detachment Convention should have received housing reservation forms by now. It is also available on the OhioLegion.com website. Please make note of the registration deadline: July 16. **This is not a postmark date.** Any registrations not received at Department Headquarters by that date will not be delegates. ***This year you must make your own hotel reservation DIRECTLY with the Marriott City Center - Minneapolis, (612) 349-4000.***

When making your travel plans, please keep in mind that the opening session of the convention is at 1:00 pm Central Daylight Time on Friday, and the parade is on Sunday afternoon. All delegates are required to attend all three convention sessions and the parade, unless specifically excused by the Delegation Chairman, PDC Evan Mahlman. Any absences will be reflected in a reduced stipend after the convention. For the parade, please wear the light blue Ohio S.A.L. or Commander Mahlman's shirt and khaki shorts.

If you have any questions about the Minneapolis convention, please contact me or Department S.A.L. Liaison Jared Hickle and we will get them answered for you.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

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National Executive Committeeman



I have enjoyed serving as your National Executive Committeeman for the past two years, and look forward to the next two. I have enjoyed working with Steve Honigfort and we will continue to serve as a team. Thank you to all of you for this opportunity.

Congratulations to PDC Evan and to the 2017 – 2018 Officers and Chairman for a successful year. I wish Commander Dale and the 2018 – 2019 Officers and Chairmen a successful upcoming year. I want to remind you that your year can only be as good as you make it. It is important to get out amongst the members and enjoy the friendships and opportunities that you find.

We enjoyed having Jay Marsden and his wives, Kris, visit Ohio and attend our Detachment Convention. They attended all of the meetings. Jay and Kris enjoyed going on the bus trip, visiting the members at Convention, and the various Posts, and the steak dinner. Kris is very supportive and active with Jay in the SAL. Thank you to everyone for their courtesies extended to Jay and Kris.

Thank you to the various Posts for their hospitality for all of us.

I look forward to seeing you on July 21 at the Detachment Executive Committee meeting.

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ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN



I would like to thank Commander Dale for appointing me PR Chairman. I know I have some big shoes to fill as Stoney did a great job at this post.

First of all, the newsletter that Jeff puts out is an excellent way to communicate to members all that you do! We all need to toot our horn to let everyone know what we do. Jeff made a point at Convention, "We have an excellent means at which to communicate out to our members by means of the newsletter so let's use it".



There is literature available to pass out promoting the SAL at events to younger future members. We need to get this done, as there are not a lot of new faces at SAL func-

tions. We have much to offer, but the word has to get out. The Detachment of Ohio can grow, but it is going to take all of us to push it.

There used to be many kids at Conventions, etc. but now as many of them have grown they no longer show up with their parents. As members, we all need to get them back into the fold by promoting ourselves and the good things that we do.

National also has Commercials available for TV & radio spots and they are working on more ideas in that area.

Promoting our American Legion Family will also help. They estimate that if we sign up a new American Legion Member we could gain 1-2 SAL Members, and also be helping the Auxiliary by helping them gain in membership. It is a Win - Win situation for all of us.

There are quite a few ways to get things done, but sitting on our hands is not it. Take the time to do a little promoting all you do. Let's get going again and take the Detachment of Ohio out of neutral.

Thank You!

For God and Country,

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POW • MIA



First and foremost, I want to express how honored I am to have this chairmanship. Thank you Commander Dale Anderson.

I have learned the following thus far: President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, during the historic summit in Singapore, the two agreed to the immediate repatriation of those fallen service members who are already identified. Roughly 7,800 Americans remain unaccounted for from the 1950-1953 Korean War.

The Korean military conflict technically lasted from 1950 -1953 but was ended with a truce, not a peace treaty.

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Of those 7,800 Americans 5,300 are believed to have been lost in battles in North Korea or prisoner-of-war camps.

Past efforts to recover U.S. war remains in North Korea ended abruptly more than a decade ago because of North Korea's nuclear development and lack of guaranteeing the safety of American recovery teams sent in to the country.

This is exciting news, so our POW/MIA Korean Conflict soldiers can be returned home to their remaining loved ones for a proper burial.

For God and Country,

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Child Welfare Foundation

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“Ohio leads the nation, again.”



Boy, I'll never get tired of hearing that! Will you? With a late surge of donations, Ohio jumped from 15th place, as of Detachment Convention,

to 1st place in SAL donations to the Child Welfare Foundation at the end of May. As such, this year at National Convention, Ohio will be receiving the Garland Murphy Award.

I'd like to thank all of you for your continued support of CWF. Thanks to Ted Kohler (Marion), Robert Showalter (Bettsville), John Garber (Bellville), and my own Squadron 8 (Wellington) for the CWF piggy banks turned in at Convention. I'm sure many more of you used them in your Posts and submitted the change as part of your Squadron donations. Thanks to everyone who has supported my sales of CWF merchandise.

Ohio now stands on the cusp of a CWF milestone. “Official” records of CWF donations only go back to the 1996-1997 donation year. The Ohio Sons, in that time, has donated almost \$978,000. The next nearest De-

tachment is more than \$400,000 behind us. This year, with your help, we will smash the MILLION-dollar mark for donations to CWF. Roughly \$13.50 of every \$100 donated to CWF has come from Ohio. Let's not stop now.

We all know Ohio is the best. In 2019, at the National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion in Indianapolis, let's make sure the world knows it too.

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NORTH REPORT

Sandusky OVH. OVH was able to purchase and upgrade some of our residents' beds. Recently, word was received that a nursing home located in the surrounding community, needed to update some of their beds. Through joint efforts, a decision was made to donate some of the replaced beds to the nursing home. OVH reached out to them and we were able to provide them with 19 beds, along with some extra parts.

Students from Sandusky High School English Class will be interviewing some of our families who have a loved one living at OVH on our Memory Care floor. The families will be sharing stories from the Memory Care veteran's youth to their later years.

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Once the stories are approved by the families and our resident's, the stories will be captured in essay form and posted outside of the resident's room.

Reading these stories will assist the staff in understanding their likes/dislikes, their hobbies and their interests.

Understanding who they were before they came to live with us will help us better understand their needs. Understanding their needs, will assist us in continuing to provide excellent care.

Greater Cleveland Fisher House. Ground was broken March 24th for the two Fisher Houses at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, at Cleveland. Once complete, up to 32 families can stay at the Fisher Houses free of charge on any given night, allowing them to be close to their loved ones at the most stressful time – during hospitalization at the Cleveland VA Medical Center.

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From the Editor



Gentlemen,

As you should have read by now, we have adjusted our deadlines and will be following the new schedule for this membership year. It should be an easy transition to the new dates, and hopefully it will improve how we move forward.

At our Detachment Convention last May, I gave a report that I felt was a long time in the making. It was from

the heart, and I meant every word of it. For those of you who could not attend, here's what I reported:

The Ohio SALute is a nationally recognized publication, having received numerous awards from The American Legion National Press Association. Our publication is one of the finest around, and it is because of the great participation we have had in the past from our members in leadership roles.

As most of us know, there have been a few issues with how things are done. We stopped mailing the newsletter to the entire membership and switched to an online publication. Members had the opportunity to request that they receive a mailing of the newsletter, but that appears to have stopped. The September and December editions were not posted on the website in a timely manner, and the March edition still has not been posted.

Speaking of the March edition, there are still people who have not submitted their information. This cannot continue. For 2019, the deadlines will be "hard" deadlines. The publication will be completed and forwarded to Detachment Headquarters to be posted within one week of the deadline, when possible. EVERYONE needs to make sure that their information is sent in and is on time.

The next deadline for The Ohio SALute will be released at the Post-Convention DEC meeting, and I will ask PDC Bill Towns to make sure it is sent out via his email blast.

Let's discuss distribution of the newsletter in more depth. Some time ago, we transitioned to an electronic publication. It may have been to save money. It may have been to engage younger members. Regardless of the reason, I feel that it is not working, and that we need to return to mailing out our newsletter.

I challenge our next Commander, and the new DEC, to do whatever it takes to have copies of The Ohio SALute printed and mailed to each member. Not only will it put our information into the hands of our members, but it can be used as a recruiting tool. When I can hand someone a newsletter and let them look at what we are doing, they can. When I tell them they have to go online and look, they might. The newsletter can be posted at our Posts for all members of The American Legion Family to look at.

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We must not lose our identity, and by not putting our quality publication and our messages and accomplishments out there for others to physically see, touch, and appreciate, we are setting ourselves up for disaster.

Another area where we have an issue is with our Detachment Program book. As you know, we were unable to publish one this year. Adjutant Thornton called it, "due to a lack of items." I call it due to a lack of interest. This is another example of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio losing its identity.

Let's think about something; why did you join this great organization? I can tell you that I didn't join for me. I joined because my father asked me to.

My eligibility was earned by Past Department Commander Joe Vrabel's US Army service during the Korean War. It was a great way for me to be involved with what he was doing, and I was able to make great friendships.

Do you know who else I joined for? Your fathers and mothers, and your grandfathers and grandmothers, who served our great nation, many of whom put their lives on the line, for us and Americans all around the world. Ask yourself, who did you join for?

When you answer this question, you will see that we are not here for ourselves. We are here to honor our predecessors who made us eligible for this organization.

So the next time there is an event, or fundraiser, or something that everyone should know about, make sure it gets submitted to The Ohio SALute. We want to blow our own horn. We want to tell the world what great things we are doing. And we want to honor those who served. And don't forget to submit as much as you can for your upcoming Memorial Day observation, Flag Day, Independence Day, and whatever else you are involved in.

We need everyone to submit information. We need everyone to submit events. We need to everyone to follow-up with pictures, announcements, and other information that is valuable to the rest of Ohio. Maybe there is an event somewhere that a member at another Squadron is interested in and may want to attend. Without someone telling us, and without that information being published, it affects member participation, financial dona-

tions, and could cost someone an award, including the Detachment of Ohio.

Maybe the answer is publishing the newsletter six times instead of four. Maybe it's going back to mailing it to everyone. Maybe it's getting it posted to the website in a timelier manner. Or maybe we should just throw our hands up and say we're not doing The Ohio SALute anymore. I don't think anyone wants that to happen.

So please, everyone in this room, especially our leadership, make every effort to submit an article to the next edition of The Ohio SALute, and start making plans NOW to participate in our Convention Program book.

Thank you to our Veterans. Thank you fellow Sons.

Everyone needs to step up and contribute to both our outstanding newsletter and to our outstanding Detachment Convention yearbook. These are two areas we cannot afford to let get away.

With this issue, we will also begin to list Chairmen who had no report. This is not to call anyone out, rather to get their name and Committee/Commission out there. There may not have been much going on since the Convention, and hope that each Chairman will have a full article for us in the next edition.

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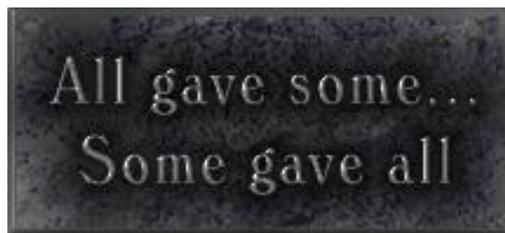
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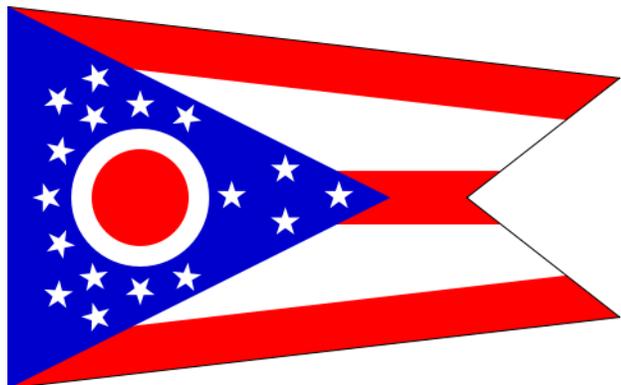
CONVENTION ROUND-UP



Central Division Vice-Commander Jay Marsden at the Sunday meeting during the Detachment Convention.

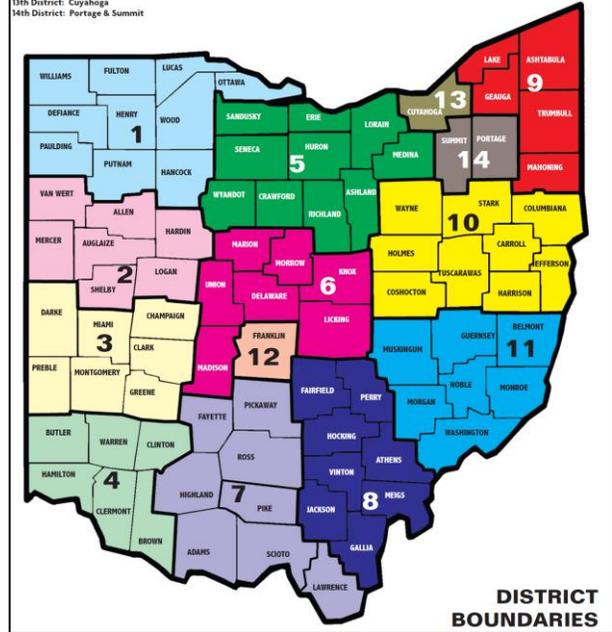


Chaplain Doug Hancock conducting the Memorial Service Sunday morning at Detachment Convention. On his left is Commander Evan Mahlman and on his right is Adjutant Scott Thornton.





- 1st District: Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Williams & Wood
- 2nd District: Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Shelby, & Van Wert
- 3rd District: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery & Preble
- 4th District: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton & Warren
- 5th District: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca & Wyandot
- 6th District: Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow & Union
- 7th District: Adams, Fayette, Highland, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross & Scioto
- 8th District: Athens, Fairfield, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Meigs, Perry & Vinton
- 9th District: Ashland, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning & Trumbull
- 10th District: Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Stark, Tuscarawas & Wayne
- 11th District: Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Washington
- 12th District: Franklin
- 13th District: Cuyahoga
- 14th District: Portage & Summit



Fifth District



On May 27, 2018 at the Western Reserve Cemetery for the Grave Decorating Ceremonies. **L to R Front** American Legion First Vice-Commander Bob Schmitt, American Legion Auxiliary First Vice-President Kathy Heichel and Sons of The American Legion NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin. **L to R Back** sons of The American Legion 5th District Commander Tim Conway, Sons of the American Legion PDC Dave Brown, Sons of The American Legion First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler

Ninth District

Sons of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 sponsors and presents the Poland, Ohio Annual Memorial Day Processional Parade and Memorial Ceremonies. US Army/US Air Force Veteran and Post 15 member Joe Trolio served as Parade Grand Marshal, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Mary DeGenaro served as Keynote Speaker, and Pastor Dan Hetzer served as Chaplain of the Day.



Marching and participating in the 2018 Memorial Day parade in Loudonville from Squadron 257 were Tim Conway, Dakota Sutterlin, Alan Heimberger, Doug Smith. Not Pictured but participating with the Firing Squad was Brad Swires, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Ralph Adams, Rick Eggerton.



District 5 Squadron 257 in Loudonville donated a grill to the local veterans' home. Pictured with the grill is veteran Paul Snyder, Scott Roberts, Richard Zickefoose, Brad Swires, Rusty Dial, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, veteran John Wiper, and veteran Steve Coates.



On June 16, 2018, Loudon American Legion Post 257 held a flag disposal service. The American Legion and VFW members performed the service. Attending the disposal were Squadron 257 members Chaz James, PDC Dave Brown, and Dakota Sutterlin. Also participating were PDF Bill "Buster" Sutterlin and Ron Butler.





aker, Poland Village Mayor Timothy Sicafuse, and Poland Township Trustee Chairman Eric Ungaro.

The chair will be dedicated during a ceremony this fall at Poland Seminary High School's Dave Pavlansky Field.



POW*MIA Chair. During Memorial Day Ceremonies in Historic Riverside Cemetery in Poland, Ohio, Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 and the Detachment of Ohio presented a POW*MIA chair to the Poland community.

Unveiling the chair are Poland Local School District Board of Education President Elinor Zed-



Flag Disposal. Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 held its Seventeenth Annual Flag Disposal Ceremony recently. The ceremony is part of the Celebrate Poland event.



Citizens are invited and encouraged to participate in this event, and children are specifically invited, as Squadron 15 uses this opportunity to educate the youngest members of the Community on the proper display and disposal of the American flag.

Tenth District

Columbiana Post 290 Raffle Winner. Incoming Post 290 Commander Ken Alcorn hands over the keys to a brand new John Deere Lawn Tractor. PDC Bill Towns purchased the winning ticket while attending the Tenth District Sons of The American Legion Spring Conference.



Eleventh District



United States Navy veteran George Goodman, and Detachment Assistant Adjutant Charleton Brown during Poppy Days in Marietta. The two talked for several minutes about Goodman's six tours overseas while stationed on the East Coast. Goodman has two sons that are members of the Sons of The American Legion, and noted that he has read *The Ohio SALute* that were mailed to his sons in the past.

Convention Screening



The 2019 Detachment Convention will be held in Mansfield and will be sponsored by District 5.

I have not received any bids for the 2020 convention. We will accept bids for the 2020 convention at the Detachment Executive Committee meeting July 21, 2018 or before.

see SCREENING page 16

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Finance Report

PDC Gary Lang, Chairman

Member Development and Training

PDC Dave Brown, Chairman

Appointments

NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Chairman

As you start this new year, think about what Offices, Chairmanships, and Committees you might be interested in serving on next year. It is important that we have members step up to the plate to serve this great organization. We are here to support our Veterans and we can only do that if you, the members, take on leadership roles at the District, Detachment, and National levels.



If you want to serve at the Detachment or National levels, you must turn in the National Appointment Form and/or Detachment Appointment Form before the start of the Friday night meeting at the Mid-Winter Conference. The forms will be found on the Legion website www.ohiolegion.org, then go to "About" and click on Sons of The American Legion, and on the bottom right side of that page is the listing for the forms.

Detachment Convention Yearbook

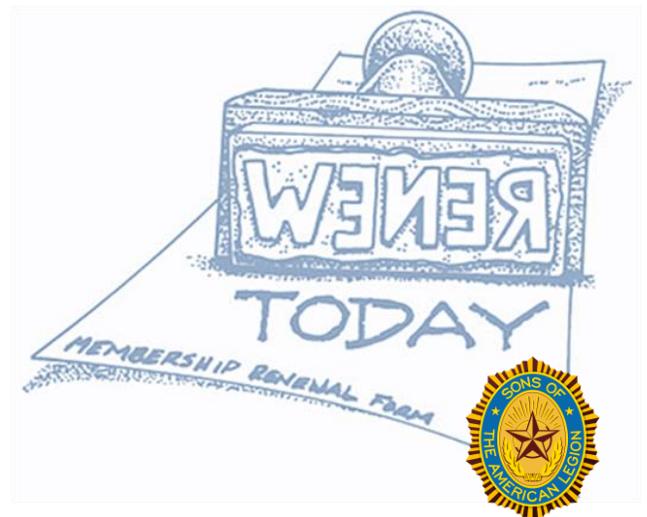
Each year, the Detachment of Ohio publishes a Detachment yearbook. This yearbook is distributed as the Convention Program, and details events for the Convention, as well as takes a look back at the Detachment for the current year.

In 2018, there was not enough interest to provide the program, and the yearbook did not get published. This is unfortunate, as Commander Mahlman did not get to have his yearbook printed, and a small piece of his term as Detachment Commander was lost.

In order to make the 2019 Detachment Yearbook happen, I will need the help of **EVERYONE**. If each Squadron and District participates, we will have the best yearbook ever! But it's up to you.

Let's make Commander Anderson's year just a little better by supporting the Detachment Yearbook! Advertising and other information will be available after the Summer Detachment Executive Committee meeting.

PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Chairman



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2018-2019 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio Shirt Order Form

Incoming Detachment Commander Dale Anderson is now accepting orders for the 2018-2019 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio shirts.



- ★ The shirt will be a red, button-down style with a pocket (same style as Evan Mahlman's blue 2017-2018 shirt at left).
- ★ The S.A.L. emblem will be embroidered above the pocket with OHIO above the emblem and the year below it.
- ★ Your first name will be embroidered on the right side.
- ★ 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) = \$33.00 each
 - ★ 3XL(T) - 6XL(T) = additional \$1.00 per "X"

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

Dale Anderson, II • 6780 Sherwood Trl. • North Royalton, OH 44133-1977

Contact Dale at DaleAnderson2@AOL.com or (440) 554-8388 with questions.

2018-2019 S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio Shirt Order Form

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Quantity _____
 Size(s) _____
 Name(s) to Add _____
 Total Cost _____

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage



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2018-2019 Detachment Commander Dale Anderson's Homecoming

Saturday, October 20, 2018
at
Parma Heights Post No. 703
7667 York Rd., Parma, OH 44130

- 5:00 pm – Social Hour
- 6:00 pm – Dinner (Chicken Marsala [boneless], Sausage & Peppers, Roasted Red-Skin Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Sticks)
- 7:00 pm – Program (M.C. Rob Brewer)
- 8:00 pm – Entertainment (D.J. Bobby Kiern)

** Casual Dress **
Dinner cost is \$20.00 per individual or \$40.00 per couple
** Open Bar **

Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 12, 2018

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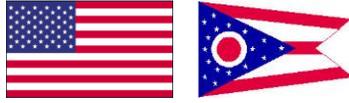
Contact Dale at SALCommander@OhioLegion.com or (440) 554-8388 with any questions.

A room block has been reserved at the following hotel for those who wish to stay over. Contact the hotel directly and mention the event to arrange your room. **Note: Availability is limited – please make your reservations as soon as possible.**

- Holiday Inn Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 (888) 217-5407

2018-2019 S.A.L. Detachment Commander's Homecoming Reservation Form

Name _____
 S.A.L. / Leg. / Aux. Office _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 No. of Guests _____ Total Cost _____



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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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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 _____

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

for payment

(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)