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60th Annual Detachment Convention Call

The 60th Annual Convention of the Detachment of Ohio of the Sons of The American will be hosted by District 1 and Squadron 3 on Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, 2024.

The Convention Meeting site is: Hilton Garden Inn Findlay
1050 Interstate Dr. West, Findlay, OH 45840
(567) 250-2525

Overflow Rooming site is: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Findlay North
1920 Express Way, Findlay, OH 45840
(567) 271-0330

Hotel Reservations – Deadline: Thursday, April 25, 2024 through the Hotel

Those desiring housing reservations **must contact the hotel directly** and mention they are with the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio Convention in order to receive the agreed-upon rates of \$139.00 (plus tax) per night, depending on the room type. A credit card will be required to complete the reservation.

All housing reservations must be made with the hotel by Thursday, April 25, 2024 since the room block must be released prior to the Convention.

The hotel will handle reservation requests on a first-come, first-served basis.
Please make sure you receive a confirmation number for your reservation.

Should you need to cancel your reservation, you must contact the hotel directly as well.
Make sure to get a confirmation number for your cancellation.

Do not confuse your Hotel Reservation with your Delegate Registration!

Delegate Registrations – Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024, at Detachment HQ

All registrations for Convention Delegates, Alternates, and Advisors **MUST** be received at Detachment Headquarters by **May 3, 2024**. *There will be no Convention registrations accepted after this date, nor will any be taken at the Convention except for Guests/Visitors.* All registrations must be on the proper form and the registration fee is **\$5.00** per person, to be included with the registration form.



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Registration of attendees will be held Friday, May 17th between 4:00 and 6:00 pm and Saturday morning, May 18th between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Each attendee must register individually at the designated registration table. **This will also be the time to make any changes (i.e., Alternate becomes a Delegate) or to register any last-minute Guests.**

Program

There will be a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee at 6:30 pm Friday evening to conclude any outstanding business for the administrative year and discuss any general convention and activities information for the weekend.

The opening session of the Convention will be called to order on Friday, May 17th at 8:00 pm and will include Greetings from several state and district officers, the Introduction of Guests, and the assignment of delegates to serve on the various Detachment Convention committees.

The business session on Saturday will begin at 9:00 am and will include committee reports, award presentations, and voting on any proposed resolutions.

The Sunday session will begin at 9:00 am and will be devoted to the election of officers and any other outstanding business. Prior to the Sunday morning session, a Memorial Service will be held commencing at 8:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Dress Code will again be enforced this year. Legion-casual attire (SAL polo shirt, slacks – no jeans or shorts – and uniform caps) is acceptable for the Friday and Saturday sessions. At the Sunday session you are required to wear a coat, dress pants, shirt, and tie. ***All Detachment Officers are expected to wear a coat and tie at all sessions. Detachment Commission and Committee Chairmen are expected to wear a coat and tie when delivering their reports.***

Activities

See the enclosed forms for additional information.

A WORD OF CAUTION: The hotel facilities are for registered hotel guests ONLY and neither the hotels nor the Ohio American Legion will accept responsibility for the personal safety/well-being of the registered guests attending the Convention.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Attendees Registration

Registrations to attend the 2024 Detachment Convention must be in this office no later than May 3, 2024. ALL registered members must have a paid 2024 dues card on file in Department Headquarters by May 3, 2024. Some squadrons have not turned in any 2024 membership. Please see that any dues cards are in to Headquarters by May 3rd to determine the voting strength of your squadron.

No. of Members	No. of Votes		No. of Members	No. of Votes
10 to 15	1		76 to 85	8
16 to 25	2		86 to 95	9
26 to 35	3		96 to 105	10
36 to 45	4		106 to 115	11
46 to 55	5		116 to 125	12
56 to 65	6		126 to 135	13
66 to 75	7		etc.	etc.

Election Rules to be in Effect

The 2024 Detachment Convention will follow these rules: Each squadron will be allowed one vote (the squadron must have a minimum of 10 members). However, all squadrons will be entitled to one additional vote for every ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, enrolled (ten members are needed to retain a charter) in Department Headquarters by May 3, 2024. If your squadron has 34 members enrolled by May 3rd, your squadron will be entitled to three (3) votes.

A squadron must have at least the number of paid-up 2024 members present at the Convention to vote the full number of votes assigned to the squadron. (Example: A squadron is entitled to 5 votes but has only 3 paid-up 2024 members attending. The squadron will only be allowed 3 votes.) This is in keeping with the policy of The American Legion, Department of Ohio.

The offices to be filled by election: Detachment Commander, Detachment First Vice Commander, Detachment Second Vice Commander, Detachment Chaplain, National Executive Committeeman (2-year term), and Alternate National Executive Committeeman (2-year term). National Convention Delegates will also be selected.

Get Your Registrations in Early

All those members who wish to nominate or second a nomination must register with the Detachment Adjutant before the start of the Convention session at which nominations are made (Sunday).



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Attendees Registration Form

Delegation Chairman: _____

SAL ID # _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Squadron # _____

District # _____

City: _____

plans to be represented at the 60th Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment Convention hosted by District 1, May 17-19, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn Findlay, 1050 Interstate Dr. West, Findlay, OH 45840.

The Registration Fee for **ALL** in attendance during the Annual Convention is **\$5.00** each. Enclosed is a check/money order for \$ _____ to cover _____ attendees.

Below is a list of members, advisors and guests that will attend. Please designate those in attendance by marking a **D** (Delegate), **A** (Alternate), **AD** (Advisor), or **V** (Visitor) in the space before their names.

	Code	Name	ID#		Code	Name	ID#
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6.				16.			
7.				17.			
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9.				19.			
10.				20.			

All registrations for delegates, alternates and advisors must be RECEIVED BY May 3, 2024.

There will be no Convention registrations accepted after this date, nor will any be taken at the Convention except for guests / visitors.

All registrations must be on the proper form.
Additional reservations may be put on a copy of this sheet.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Rules of Behavior

Welcome to the 60th Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment Convention. In order to make your stay as convenient as possible we have outlined below the rules concerning the behavior of those members under your care as well as yourself, the Rules and Order of Business governing the Convention, and the Rules of the Election.

Our 2024 Detachment Convention will witness our 32nd annual hotel convention. Therefore, in the best interests of the Sons of The American Legion we have listed below some guidelines and rules of behavior. We want you to impress upon your members that they should:

1. Treat the hotel's property like their own. Anyone damaging or destroying hotel property will be held financially responsible. Towels, ashtrays, etc. are not provided by the hotel as souvenirs. Please leave them in the room when you check out.
2. Hotel policies regarding the pool, game room, and playground are well marked. Please be sure that none of your members violate these policies as well as any other rules posted by the hotel. In addition, these facilities are for registered hotel guests only and neither the hotel nor the Ohio American Legion will accept responsibility for the personal safety/well-being of the registered guests attending the Convention. **For example: Swimming is at your own risk.**
3. All Squadrons should have their junior members' emergency medical cards with them if a parent or guardian is not present.
4. **All reserved rooms will be held for guaranteed payment unless the reservation is cancelled. The deadline to cancel a room is two (2) weeks prior to the day of your scheduled arrival. If cancelling, please be sure to get the name of the individual to whom you spoke and a cancellation number. A cancellation number will be required in order to receive a refund of your advance hotel payment.**
5. Should an individual check out and not pay their incidental charges (i.e., telephone, room service, etc.), their Squadron will be held liable.



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6. **We do not condone the use of alcohol at any SAL function.** We do nevertheless realize that the majority of those attending the Convention are of the legal drinking age and trying to totally eliminate its use would be impossible. Therefore, the following rules will apply and will be strictly enforced.
 - a. Unaccompanied minors are not to be in any rooms where alcohol is being served.
 - b. Anyone providing or facilitating the access of alcohol to a minor is in violation of state law. We will see that anyone doing so is prosecuted as well as seeking the forfeiture of their membership in our organization for conduct unbecoming a member.
 - c. The parents of any inebriated minors or those caught consuming alcohol will be called and advised to remove their child from the Convention site.

Discipline

Inebriated individuals, or anyone causing a disturbance (whether inebriated or not), or anyone using profane language in a vociferous manner will be dealt with accordingly. Disciplinary action will be taken if a situation cannot be resolved and will range from being barred from any remaining convention sessions and activities to bringing formal charges with the possibility of expulsion from our organization.

All rules violations which cannot be resolved between the Department Liaison and affected parties will be handled by a special meeting of the Department SAL Advisory Committeemen in attendance at the Convention.

If Visiting Any of the 1st District's American Legion Posts...

Post Home rules governing behavior, the sale/consumption of beverages and the admittance of minors to the Post clubroom will be in effect. Remember, as Advisors you are serving as the example for those people accompanying you. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any Detachment Officer or Department SAL Advisory Committee member. We want your stay to be safe and enjoyable. Please be careful and use your common sense. HAVE A GREAT CONVENTION!



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Rules and Order of Business

At the 60th Annual Convention of the Detachment of Ohio of the Sons of The American Legion, May 17-19, 2024, the following Rules and Order of Business will be followed.

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications.
2. A minimum of eight (8) Squadrons shall constitute a quorum.
3. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the number of his Squadron before proceeding.
4. While the Convention is in session each delegate and alternate must wear his identification badge. Squadron caps should also be worn.
5. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker.
6. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes except under such special rules as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
7. Only two (2) delegates from any one (1) Squadron delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one subject. If a delegation disagrees one (1) delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the subject.
8. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one subject. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The presiding officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without giving the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal. On request of a delegate, any Resolution contained in a Committee report shall be considered separately at the conclusion of the vote on the report and after discussion noted upon at that time.
9. Any resolution originating on the floor of the Convention must be in writing. Any such resolutions will automatically and without reading be referred to the Adjutant who will refer it to the appropriate Committee for their action and report thereon.



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10. Any amendment originating on the floor to any resolution shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the presiding officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment, in all cases except where a word is stricken and another inserted which can be done by the one making the report or introducing the resolution.
11. Decisions of Rules and Debate or Parliamentary Order by the presiding officer may be subject to appeal by any two (2) delegates from two (2) different districts under a point of order. Such an appeal shall take precedence over any pending question and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
12. In the event a Squadron has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman or acting Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
13. Those recognized by the Detachment Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor, or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention anyone creating a disturbance or interfering with order of procedure.
14. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing any member of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio from serving on a Convention Committee.
15. The consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
16. The Detachment Commander will have the authority to appoint a Parliamentarian to assist the Judge Advocate for this Convention.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Rules of the Election

The 2024 Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio Annual Convention will follow these election rules.

1. Each properly registered Squadron will be allowed one (1) vote and all Squadrons will be entitled to one (1) additional vote for every ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof enrolled in Department Headquarters by May 3, 2024.
2. A Squadron must have at least the number of paid-up 2024 members present at the Convention to vote the full number of votes assigned to the Squadron. Example: A Squadron is entitled to five (5) votes but has only three (3) paid-up 2024 members attending. The Squadron will only be allowed three (3) votes.
3. The total number of delegates listed must be present to cast the total number of votes for the Squadron.
4. The order of Election of Officers shall be the Detachment Commander, Detachment First Vice Commander, Detachment Second Vice Commander, Detachment Chaplain, National Executive Committeeman (2-year term), and Alternate National Executive Committeeman (2-year term).
5. National Convention Delegates will be selected pursuant to the procedure described in the Detachment Constitution, Article VI, Section 6.
6. Only delegates or their accredited alternate may be heard or given recognition in the nomination of candidates. Those who wish to nominate or second a nomination must register with the Detachment Adjutant before the start of the Convention.
7. Nominating speeches for Detachment Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. Seconding speeches are limited to two (2) minutes. Not more than one (1) nominating and one (1) seconding speech shall be made for any candidate.



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8. Election of officers shall be by ballot except when a candidate is unopposed, at which time the vote may be by acclamation. On all votes requiring a ballot the Squadron Delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor, mark the appropriate ballot, and deliver it to one of the election tellers.
9. Delegations may arrive at a vote in such a manner as they choose, but it shall be in terms of full unit and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote.
10. All Past Detachment Commanders, while in good standing with their respective Squadrons, shall be life delegates to all Detachment Conventions, with vote, to be exercised with their respective Squadrons.
11. Prior to the election of Detachment Officers, the Detachment Commander shall appoint a Chief Teller and any number of additional tellers as he deems necessary provided that the total number of tellers shall be an odd number. All appointments must be approved by the Convention. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one (1) teller of his choice.
12. When more than two (2) candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one (1) candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. If on any ballot taken no candidate receives the necessary majority to elect, a new ballot shall be taken for the place to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention Awards

1. Membership Awards – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron having the greatest percentage increase over its 2023 membership as of May 1, 2024, in each of the following categories.
 - **Lawrence Hartline Award** – for Squadrons reporting 10-24 members in 2023
 - **Tom Getz Award** – for squadrons reporting 25-45 members in 2023
 - **George Powell Award** – for squadrons reporting 46-65 members in 2023
 - **Robert McBride Award** – for squadrons reporting 66-99 members in 2023
 - **John Taylor Award** – for squadrons reporting 100-139 members in 2023
 - **Ed Van Houten, Jr. Award** – for squadrons reporting 140-169 members in 2023
 - **Fred Hartline, Sr. Award** – for squadrons reporting 170-215 members in 2023
 - **Mike Wiswell Award** – for squadrons reporting 216 or more members in 2023
2. William R. Welsh Membership Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron that achieves the greatest percentage increase over its 2023 membership as of May 1, 2024. *A Squadron must have 20 members to be eligible.* New and reinstated Squadrons are ineligible.
3. Attendance Awards – Two plaques will be awarded. One will go to the Squadron that has the greatest percentage of membership attending the Annual Convention. The other will go to the Squadron which traveled the farthest to attend it.
4. Robert J. Mendoza District Advisor's Awards – Two plaques will be awarded. One will go to the District SAL Advisor chartering the greatest number of new Squadrons from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. The other will go to the District SAL Advisor that has the highest percentage of Quota Squadrons within the District. A District must have at least three (3) Squadrons to compete.
5. Squadron Historian's Report (Activities Awards) – Two plaques will be awarded. One will go to the Squadron presenting the best written report. The other will go to the Squadron presenting the best scrapbook of its activities during the past year.
6. Betty McAdow Activities Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron submitting the best single project for the year as outlined on the Squadron Historian and Activities Report Form.
7. Americanism Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron submitting the best report of its activities in the area of Americanism by May 1st each year. Data from the Consolidated Squadron Reports will be utilized to determine the winner.



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8. Pat Shea Child Welfare Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron donating the most money to the “Child Welfare Foundation” program by May 1, 2024. If you donated directly to National Headquarters you must submit receipts to Department Headquarters by May 1st.
9. Butch Badgett Memorial Gifts For Yanks Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron turning in the greatest amount of money for the “Gifts for Yanks” Program by April 1st each year.
10. Richard S. Riviotta, Sr. Rehabilitation Award – A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron submitting the best report of its activities in the area of Rehabilitation by May 1st each year. Data from the Consolidated Squadron Reports will be utilized to determine the winner.
11. Al Brick “Advisor of the Year” Award – A plaque will be awarded to the distinguished advisor of the year as determined by the current Detachment table officers upon review of the nominations received.
12. Earl Cox “Outstanding SAL Member of the Year” Award – Each Squadron may nominate one (1) member from their Squadron for this award. A complete resume of the member must be submitted to Detachment Headquarters or turned in before the opening session of the convention in order to qualify for judging. The judges for this award will be the members of the Department SAL Advisory Committee that are present, at which time selection will take place. There will be one winner and two runners-up. In all cases, the decision of the judges will be final.
13. Commander’s Program Award – A plaque will be awarded to all Squadrons that meet the following goals by May 1, 2024.
 - **Membership:** Achieve 87% of renewals of its 2023 Membership
 - **Americanism:** Sponsor at least one (1) delegate to either Buckeye Boys State (\$300) or Buckeye Girls State (\$350) per person (**OR** Donate to the National Emergency Fund if it cannot afford that level of participation)
 - **Children & Youth:** Donate to the Child Welfare Foundation
 - **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation:** Donate to Operation Comfort Warriors
 - **Commander’s Project:** Donate to “Task Force 20”
 - **Admin:** Submit its 2023-2024 Consolidated Squadron Report FormThe monetary donations to the Americanism, C&Y, and VA&R programs, as well as the Commander’s Project, must all be at least \$1.00 per member based on the Squadron’s current paid-up 2024 membership count at the time of the CSR submission.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention History – Narrative Award

The rules below apply to all histories.

1. INTRODUCTION (15 Points)

A. Title Page

1. History of Squadron / District
2. Name of Historian
3. Administrative year (i.e., 2023–2024)

B. Foreword or Dedication

C. Picture (5”x7”), black & white or color, of Commander

D. Prayer (selected by Squadron)

E. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

F. Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion

2. HISTORICAL CONTENT (50 Points)

A. List of Elected Squadron Officers

B. List of Squadron / District Chairmen

C. List of any District, Detachment, or National Awards won by the Squadron received at the previous year’s convention or during the administrative year.

D. The history should be written as a narrative, beginning with the installation of officers and ending with the close of the year.

E. The signatures of the Squadron Commander and Squadron Historian are to immediately follow the final paragraph of the history.



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3. INDEX (10 Points)

The index should be the last page of the history and must be in alphabetical order and double-spaced.

4. APPEARANCE (15 Points)

- A. Cover: The binder should be for loose-leaf paper, and have a Sons of The American Legion emblem on the cover.
- B. The paper should be plain white bond (8½" x 11").
- C. All information should be typed or neatly handwritten, neatly spaced with no errors noticeable.

5. ARRANGEMENT (10 Points)

- A. Written in third person.
- B. Correct spelling.
- C. Original and different in thought and presentation.
- D. Clear and grammatically correct.

6. DEADLINE

All Histories must be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday evening.



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60th Annual Detachment Convention History – Scrapbook Award

The rules below apply to both Squadron and District histories.

1. DEFINITION

- A. Any program or activity that directly benefits any person of the community or the community itself.
- B. Copies of submissions used in other service-related contests (i.e., Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation or Americanism reports) can be a part of the scrapbook.

2. CONTENT (50 Points)

- A. Cover: Complete name of Squadron, e.g., “Franklin-Jeffrey Squadron No. 1, Columbus, Ohio,” or District, e.g., “District 12, Ohio.”
- B. Title Page
 - 1. Administrative year (i.e., 2023–2024)
 - 2. Name and address of Squadron (or District)
 - 3. Name of individual who submitted the scrapbook.
- C. Main Body
 - 1. Any article in the newspaper written about the community affairs program.
 - 2. Thank you letters from recipients, or letters of acknowledgement.
 - 3. Pictures and certificates.

3. FORMAT (50 Points)

All submissions must have dates and descriptions. Only activities and articles taking place in the administrative year may be submitted.

- A. All submissions must be properly bound to ensure that the pages are secure and will not become loose and fall out.



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- B. Must be in chronological order, encompassing an administrative year, from one Detachment Convention to the next Detachment Convention.
- C. All information should be typed or neatly handwritten, neatly spaced with no noticeable errors, misspellings, or grammatical errors.

4. DEADLINE

All Scrapbooks are to be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday evening.



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Betty McAdow Award

To be awarded to the Squadron which in the opinion of the judges shall have completed the **Most Outstanding Single Project** during the last twelve (12) months.

The report must be submitted in a clear front portfolio and no more than ten (10) pages. It should contain photos, newspaper clippings, or other supporting articles. The project must be explained fully giving costs, hours involved, and the services or results accomplished.

Be sure this cover page is attached to your report and is signed by your Squadron Advisor or American Legion Post Commander and Squadron Commander.

This form must be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday in order to qualify for judging.

If additional space is needed, please use plain white paper and attach to this form.

We the undersigned, hereby certify the following information to be correct.

DATE: _____ SQUADRON NAME _____

SQUADRON # _____

SQUADRON COMMANDER _____

SQUADRON ADVISOR OR POST COMMANDER _____



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Al Brick "Advisor of the Year" Award

Each Squadron or District may nominate their American Legion Advisor to be considered for this award. A complete resume of the member must be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday in order to qualify for judging. The nominee must be present to be eligible for this award. The judges for this award will be the current Detachment officers, the only exception being, an officer who is a member of the same Post as the nominee. The judging will take place at the Detachment Convention. In all cases, the decisions of the judges will be final.

All entries must be submitted in a clear front binder with this entry form as the first page. Entries will contain no more than ten (10) additional pages of supporting evidence (photos, newspaper clippings, etc.), using only one side of each page. All entries must be typed.

Be sure this cover page is attached to your report and is signed by your American Legion Post or District Commander and Squadron or District Commander.

This form must be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday in order to qualify for judging.

If additional space is needed, please use plain white paper and attach to this form.

We the undersigned, hereby certify the following information to be correct.

DATE: _____ SQDN. / DIST. NAME _____

SQDN. / DIST. # _____

SAL COMMANDER _____

LEGION ADVISOR OR COMMANDER _____



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Earl Cox "Outstanding SAL Member of the Year" Award

Each Squadron may nominate one (1) member of their Squadron to be considered for this award. A complete resume of the member must be turned in before the end of the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting on Friday in order to qualify for judging. The nominee must be present to be eligible for this award. The judges for this award will be the Department SAL Committee, the only exception being an advisor who is a member of the same Post as the nominee. The judging will take place at the Detachment Convention. There will be one (1) winner and two (2) runners-up. In all cases, the decision of the judges will be final.

All entries must be submitted in a clear front binder with this entry form as the first two pages. Entries will contain no more than ten (10) additional pages of supporting evidence (photos, newspaper clippings, etc.), using only one side of each page. All entries must be typed.

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SQUADRON # _____

SQUADRON COMMANDER _____

SQUADRON ADVISOR OR POST COMMANDER _____



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NAME OF NOMINEE _____

SQUADRON # _____ SAL MEMBER # _____

SQUADRON ACTIVITIES

OTHER CIVIC, SCHOOL, OR FRATERNAL GROUPS

In one hundred (100) words or less: WHY DOES YOUR NOMINEE DESERVE TO
BE NAMED THE OUTSTANDING SAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR?

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60th Annual Detachment Convention Commander's Program Award

Squadron No. _____

Submitted By: _____

The Detachment Commander's Program Award will be presented at the Annual Convention to all Squadrons that meet the following goals by May 1, 2024.

Category	Goal	Achievement			Date
		Paid:	2023:	Percent:	
Membership	Achieve 87% of renewals of its 2023 Membership				
Americanism	Sponsor one (1) delegate to Buckeye Boys (\$300) or Girls State (\$350) [OR Donate to the National Emergency Fund]	Program	Amount	# of Del.	
		BBS			
		BGS			
		NEF		n/a	
Children & Youth	Donate to the Child Welfare Foundation	Amount			
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Donate to Operation Comfort Warriors	Amount			
Cmdr's Project	Donate to "Task Force 20"	Amount			
Administrative	Submit its 2022-2023 Consolidated Squadron Report Form	How filed?			

The monetary donations to the Americanism, C&Y, VA&R, and Commander's Project programs must all be at least \$1.00 per member based on the Squadron's current paid-up 2024 membership count at the of the Consolidated Squadron Report submission.

Send donations for American Legion programs to Detachment Headquarters.

Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio, P.O. Box 8007, Delaware, OH 43015-8007

Make checks payable to "The American Legion – Department of Ohio."

OR

Send donations directly to National Headquarters.

The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055.

In that case, make checks payable to "The American Legion."

Either way, note the program name in the Memo line for proper handling and credit to the Detachment of Ohio, e.g., "SAL – CWF" or "SAL – Operation Comfort Warriors."

Make sure to keep proof of direct National donations for submission with your Detachment Commander's Program Award entry.

Send donations for non-American Legion programs directly to the charity.

Department Headquarters cannot process checks for non-Legion programs.

All submissions must be RECEIVED AT DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS BY Monday, May 1, 2024 to qualify. This is not a postmark date!



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Detachment Convention Screening Committee PDC Dan Sagraves, Chairman

The 2024 Detachment Convention will be held in Findlay, May 17-19, sponsored by District 1 and Squadron 3 of Findlay. The 2025 convention will be held in Chillicothe. We are currently accepting applications for the 2026 convention.

We have been asked by the Department of Ohio to again consider combining our convention with theirs. That would move ours from mid-May to late-June / early-July. I have asked this year through articles in the *Ohio SALute* for your opinion on this matter. I have had very few responses. From what I did receive and meeting with Department Adjutant JD Robinson, these are some of the thoughts.

Those in favor of the combined meeting mention only scheduling one event a year, saving resources for those that go to both. The ability to negotiate lower rates based on attenders. Possibly bringing more members traveling with families.

Some of those against mention the fact that we currently go to different locations and bring the detachment to the local areas where the combined meeting would be limited to five locations on a rotation. The lack of available rooms. The SAL being treated as "second class" attendees in reference to room availability and meeting space.

Miscellaneous comments include, schedules would need to be modified for both groups. The SAL must finish before The American Legion due to needing to ratify SAL business. SAL would probably need to change from three to two days. The SAL DEC yearly meeting schedule would need to change. Is The American Legion willing to change to an earlier schedule to accommodate the change? Attendance at all three conventions has seen a downward trend. Would this possibly help to increase attendance?

If we keep with the current system, we need to see more bids from other locations in the state.

I am asking all to be ready to decide at the convention in Findlay.

Note: Regardless of the body's vote, we will still decide on the location for a Detachment-only convention in 2026 because the Legion has already locked in their contract for that year. If the vote is in favor of combining the conventions, the first joint event would not be until 2027.