

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF



61st Annual Detachment Convention Awards

1. Membership Awards - A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron having the greatest percentage increase over its 2024 membership as of May 1, 2025, in each of the following categories.
 - **Lawrence Hartline Award** – for Squadrons reporting 10-24 members in 2024
 - **Tom Getz Award** – for squadrons reporting 25-45 members in 2024
 - **George Powell Award** – for squadrons reporting 46-65 members in 2024
 - **Robert McBride Award** – for squadrons reporting 66-99 members in 2024
 - **John Taylor Award** – for squadrons reporting 100-139 members in 2024
 - **Ed Van Houten, Jr. Award** – for squadrons reporting 140-169 members in 2024
 - **Fred Hartline, Sr. Award** – for squadrons reporting 170-215 members in 2024
 - **Mike Wiswell Award** – for squadrons reporting 216 or more members in 2024
2. William R. Welsh Membership Award - A plaque will be awarded to the Squadron that achieves the greatest percentage increase over its 2024 membership as of May 1, 2025. *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, 2024, to April 30, 2025. 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, 2025. 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, 2025.
 - **Membership:** Achieve 87% of renewals of its 2024 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 2024–2025 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 2025 membership count at the time of the CSR submission.



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