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56th ANNUAL CONVENTION CALL

The 56th Annual Convention
of the Detachment of Ohio of the Sons of The American
will be hosted by District 5 and Colonel Crawford Squadron No. 181
on Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, 2019.

The Detachment Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 116 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, OH 44902 (419) 525-6000 <http://www.holidayinn.com/mansfieldoh>.

Delegate Registrations Deadline is Friday, May 10, 2019 at Department Headquarters. All registrations for Convention Delegates, Alternates, and Advisors MUST be received at Department Headquarters by May 10, 2019. 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. Registration of attendees will be held Friday, May 17 between 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Each attendee must register individually at the designated registration table.

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 our discounted price. Reservations must be made by April 26, 2019.

The room rate for the Convention is \$89.00 (plus 13.25% tax) per night. Two nights would be \$201.59. A credit card will be required to complete the reservation. Do not go through Department Headquarters to make your reservation. The hotel will handle reservation requests on a first-come, first-served basis.



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A Message from the Detachment Commander



Greetings My Fellow Sons!

As my time as your Commander is quickly coming to a close, it has been a very busy and a wonderful experience. In the past four years, I have traveled all over our great state of Ohio, and met many remarkable men and women in the 14 Districts who are doing much for The American Legion Family and their surrounding communities. We should all be proud of these Veterans, Auxiliary, and let's not forget our fellow SAL Members. Not all are well known, some have never held an office in our organizations, but prefer to work in the back ground, but each and every one of them has found a way to help make us all better. Take a second to say thank you. They are cooks, barmaids, the people who clean up our Posts, who cut our grass, shovel the snow, etc.

In conclusion, I hope I have met or surpassed your expectations of my year as your Commander and wish the best to all our future SAL Commanders of our great Detachment.

Sincerely,

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2018 SUMMER EDITION for July, August, September
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2018 FALL EDITION for October, November, December
Due no later than September 14, 2018

2019 WINTER EDITION for January, February, March
Due no later than Friday, December 14, 2018

2019 SPRING EDITION for April, May, June
Due no later than March 15, 2019

First Vice-Commander



There has been a lot of thinking as I write my last article as a Vice-Commander. This article closes another chapter of my journey and allows me to reflect on where I, along with Nancy, have been and where the next chapter takes us. I have never been at a loss for

words, but finding the most effective words to give hope to those of you who want to become more involved is difficult. The easiest thing to say is, "Jump in! Find a Legion program that is of interest, and see where it takes you." If you want the Sons of The American Legion to survive, you need to participate. I have found that we have a strong support staff within our PDC's that will not let you fail and will lend guidance and encouragement to all.

"The Times They Are A-Changin'," written by Bob Dylan, was constructed in the early 60's during the hippie/civil rights movement. My take is that people don't resist change, people resist being changed...but, with a change in leadership and leadership style, change is coming. In early March, I called for a meeting with District leaders to discuss changes for the 2020 membership year. Adjutant Thornton was seated to my left and when I said to him that he was there to make sure we did everything correct, he replied, "You can't do this wrong because we have never done this meeting before." You will see that there is a need to be more aggressive in remaining, retaining, and renewing members to our organization. I think that there is quite possibly a dues increase in our near future. When and how much has yet to be determined, but your Detachment will keep you updated. This will make it tough to keep members, but if you can make them believe what you believe about the Sons, you will be successful in retaining members.

If you were at the Mid-Winter Conference, you heard me speak of having a 'Sons for Service' calendar for 2020. We will need photos of what you are doing to help the Veterans and youth in your communities. I will speak more about this at the Detachment Convention.

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I am hoping that the calendar has both State and National target dates along with the meeting times and dates of the Department Commission meetings, to keep us all working together. I have spoken to Department Adjutant Heller about this and she believes this to be a good idea.

I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and our parent organization on the State and National level. I have met so many wonderful people. It was an honor to attend the Centennial Ball recently in Columbus. I know that there were many dual members there, and I was not the only one wearing a Sons cover. While not a big fan of video proclamations, but they were necessary for the evening, the program was very informative. I share in all those who praised the Department staff for their hard work in making this happen.



In closing, I look forward to your support in Mansfield and beyond as we ***“Recognize the Past and Redefine the Future.”***

Bernie Kessler, First Vice-Commander

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Second Vice-Commander



Greetings to the Ohio Sons!

Hopefully warm weather should be upon us by the time you read this. Jan. 6 I attended the 5th District Conference in Elyria, and the 4th District Conference January 13 in Harrison. Thank you guys for the

hospitality. I enjoyed seeing everyone at Midwinter, ending a busy month.

I was also able to attend our 1st District Conference March 3 at my Post for elections. Thank you Bernie for installing our Officers. March 24 I was in the 13th District in Parma, and in the 10th District in Canton. I enjoy the chance to travel around our great state seeing what's happening in your areas.

The State Raffle, as usual, is off to a slow start and I'm hoping for a good finish this year.

Continuing in my personal dedication to our Veterans, as of March 11, I'll be volunteering at the Toledo area VA outpatient clinic. I trained that Monday and Tuesday and traveled to Ann Arbor for my official ID. Those first two days were a personal blessing, offering greetings, assisting with wheelchairs, and helping navigate the building if necessary. It seems to be a perfect fit in my retirement.

I'm asking for prayers for HPDC Bob Mendoza and his wife Emma. They both have had medical issues in the past few years, and Bob is going through some serious issues.

I'm trying to visit them at least weekly, Bob and I have traveled together for the past few years and his dedication to the SAL, especially to our 1st District Officers, is greatly appreciated.

Once again, I offer thanks from all of us at Hooves for your past and continuing support. There is a daily need for funding, and my Legion Family has been an integral part of our success.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock, Second Vice-Commander

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Chaplain's Corner



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Adjutant's Notes



Squadron and District Officer Elections. Welcome to Spring and election season for the Sons of The American Legion! It's time to be thinking about who will lead your squadrons, districts, and the detachment for the year 2019-2020. Please remember that your new squadron and district officers

are required to be elected and certified to Detachment Headquarters by May 1. Links for the combined squadron and district certification form (PDF, XLS and online) are available from the "Other SAL Forms" section of the Forms page on the department website, <http://www.ohiolegion.com/forms>.

New district officers should also use the links in the "Cap Order Forms" section of the Membership area on the same page to order their new uniform cap and name tag. Squadron officers may order their own caps and name tags from Emblem Sales at National Headquarters directly.

Consolidated Squadron Reports. Along with the 2020 Officer Certification Forms, your Squadron Adjutant should be receiving your 2019 Consolidated Squadron Report Form from HQ soon. This is the form you need to use to document all your activities, programs, donations, etc. for the 2018-2019 administrative year. Please take a few minutes to tally your hours and the monies involved in support of Sons of The American Legion programs.

District Adjutants should also file a report for their District's activities independent of the squadrons in their boundaries.

Contact Mike Kennedy at Department Headquarters if you haven't received a blank report.

Again, this year there will be a Microsoft Excel version of the report available from the detachment website to help you get everything right (once we confirm the changes for this year). Enter your data in the yellow fields on the "Details" sheet to have the report form filled in automatically. Just print three (3) copies of the completed report, like the blank paper one from HQ.

Whichever way you choose to create the report, you need to file two (2) paper forms as your official, submitted copies.

Not every Squadron or District will have information for every item, so just report what you have done, whether it's a little or a lot. At a minimum, fill in the squadron summary details at the top and send it to HQ so we know you at least looked at it.

Please note: Prior Year and Current Year do not mean 2019 and 2018! We want your paid membership counts for last year (final) and this year (to date).

I would suggest that you use the period from the end of one state convention to the next as your dates of inclusion and file it by the convention. Note that if your squadron wishes to be considered for the Commander's Program Award, your report and all donations must be received at Detachment HQ by May 1.



2019 Detachment Convention – May 17-19. The call and related files for the 56th Annual Detachment Convention have been published on the website – see the Detachment Convention page under the Events link. We will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - Mansfield, hosted by District 5.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS BY MAY 10! This is not a postmark date. No registrations will be accepted after that except to register guests.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL BY APRIL 26! Call (419) 525-6000 and refer to the Sons of The American Legion Convention to get the agreed room rate.

Anyone wishing to be selected as a delegate to the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN should be in attendance at the Detachment Convention. District Commanders should prepare their delegate lists in the order they wish to nominate their members.

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2021 Detachment Convention Bids. Any district and/or squadron wishing to bid as the host for the 2021 Detachment Convention should have their bid package ready and submit it to Convention Screening Chairman Buster Sutterlin or me **before** the opening session on Friday in Mansfield. Any entries submitted after that time will not be considered.

See you all in May!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Scott J. Thornton, Adjutant

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National Executive Committeeman



I would like to tell you a little about our trip to Washington, DC for the Washington Conference. It was very informative. I would like to thank Bill Towns and Bernie Kessler for their guidance to make this a successful trip. When I was Detachment Commander in 2005,

I went to the Washington Conference but we didn't stay to go on the Hill on Tuesday. And things do change.

We spent a day laying wreaths at the different memorials and watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where National Commander Doc Gibbs placed a wreath. We spent a day attending select meetings. I attended the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation meeting. (I will elaborate more at the Detachment Convention in May). Another day we went to Capitol Hill to discuss the different legislative priorities of the American Legion. We were assigned to various congressmen. I was assigned to Tyler Fitzgerald aide to Rep. Michel Turner; Rep. Bill Johnson, Nicholas Semanko, aide to Rep. Joyce Beatty; Zachary Prager aide to Rep. Tim Ryan; and Rep. Bob Gibbs.

The trip was well worthwhile and I enjoyed the experience of talking to the various legislators and aides.

And now, let's discuss convention screening. We are looking for bids for the 2021 Detachment Convention. These bids must be submitted before the start of the meeting Friday, May 17 at Mansfield, Ohio.

I encourage you, the members, to attend our convention at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, OH. May 17 – 19, 2019. This is an opportunity to talk to other members, to learn how they do activities, and what is done in other areas of the organization. I look forward to seeing you in May! Until then, may God Bless our Soldiers, our Veterans and you, the members.

PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin,

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Alternate National Executive Committeeman



Fellow SAL Members,

As this year quickly slips by, we must look back and think of the many things that were done by each Squadron. Ask yourself, did I do everything to make a difference so far this year? Did I advance things or did I slack a little? Think back to when at Detachment meetings when the meeting rooms were busting at the seams because the attendance was greater than anyone could imagine. It would be nice to see that again. Remember, we are here for the veterans who fought and died for our freedoms and the ability to be an SAL member. It is time to put away our differences and band together to grow the SAL Detachment of Ohio.

Please use all the info afforded to you to advance our membership. We need to also sign-up eligible Veterans to The American Legion, as the SAL would benefit also in member strength. If you look around you will notice in our meetings that many of us are not getting any younger, it is vital that we as a group add younger members to our organization.

On the National level, The Detachment of Ohio can influence change more if we have a larger membership as numbers speak volumes. Change is the same as growing pains and sometimes it just has to happen to better all. Please send articles to PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. for *The Ohio SALute* newsletter to show what is going on in this Detachment as it also gives new ideas to others and

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might influence other Squadrons to participate at SAL events, and they may get more involved.

It has been a fun time for me with fellow members and I have made many friends. Sure there might be a little work involved, but there are many good times and memories.

For God and Country,

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Legislative Update



Hi!

G I Bill Fairness Act

This is a bill to amend title 38 United States Code to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purpose of eligibility for post 9/11 educational assistance and for other purpose.

Let's not forget about are Veterans that are homeless let do all we can to help them!

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Oratorical

*Rocky Searles, Chairman
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POW • MIA

Gentlemen,



I would like to share this article as my report. It is an honor for me to pass along the information to all of you, and to keep you informed of the progress of the defense POW/MIA Accounting agency.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Navy Fireman 3rd Class Willard I. Lawson, 25, of Butler County, Ohio, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 27, 2018. This identification was initially announced on Nov. 26, 2019.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Lawson was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Lawson.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uauu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable, including Lawson.

In April 2015, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a policy memorandum directing the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma. On June 15, 2015, DPAA personnel began exhuming the remains from the Punchbowl for analysis.

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To identify Lawson's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,738 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II. Lawson's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Lawson will be buried April 27, 2019, in Madison, Indiana.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil.

As always, it is my honor to report this information, and to pay the highest respect for the soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

For God and Country,

Matt Hoisington, Chairman
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CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

PDC Rob Brewer, Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation

American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation



Two Child Welfare Foundation milestones. One accomplished, and one soon to be. The Sons of The American Legion celebrated, last month, when donations arrived in Indianapolis that put us over the eight million dollar mark for lifetime donations to CWF. Chatter on Facebook said that it was a donation from the Detachment of New York. **Our own First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler received a meeting agenda**

that listed the Detachment of Ohio's Mid-Winter donation to CWF as the one to put us over. Well done Sons!

The other goal we should accomplish this year is the Detachment of Ohio passing the one million dollar mark for lifetime donations. We started the year about \$22,000 short. So get those donations in before the May 31 end of the year.

Eight million nationally from the Sons and one million from Ohio. As Mel Allen, the sportscaster, used to say "How about that!"

Currently, Ohio ranks 8th in the nation with just over \$5,500.00 officially turned in. (I believe there are still some monies in Delaware that haven't been passed on to Indianapolis yet). We need to get going if we are going to catch Arizona this year. Arizona currently has just over \$38,000 turned in.

April is Children and Youth month. Please consider a dinner or event to raise money for CWF or any of the other C&Y charities. Then list those donations on your Squadron's Consolidated Report. Get them in before May 1 please.

I look forward to seeing you all in Mansfield in May.

Cary Kuhl, Chairman
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Children's Miracle Network



Children's
Miracle Network

As springtime approaches, it is a time of renewal and growth. The one thing that remains constant is the need to support the programs of The American Legion, in particular, the Children's Miracle Network. As you know the services that they provide are immeasurable, but the results are measurable, so I am here to remind all those who donate from the Districts, Squadrons, and individuals that support the Children's Miracle Network, along with the other American Legion programs, it is a very important obligation to complete.

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Thank you in advance for your support of our sick and injured children through your donations to the Children's Miracle Network.

Bruce Forshey, Chairman
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Special Olympics



Hello,

I want to thank Detachment Commander Dale Anderson for the appointment to be the 2018-2019 Special Olympic Chairman.

What is Special Olympics? It is a year-round program offering training and competition in 22 different types of sporting events with local, area, and state level competitions throughout the year. As well as opportunities for athletes to participate in both the national and international level events.

I am from Scioto County. In Scioto County on March 30 at Noon on the campus of Shawnee State University at the James Rhodes Athletic Center in Portsmouth, Ohio there was a Hardwood Heroes basketball game.

The local coordinator is Melissa Gampp and Community Relations Coordinator is Lori McNelly. A large portion of the year's budget comes from this basketball game between "local celebrities" and the team at Vern Riffe School Cardinals as well as the Shooting Stars team.

I participated in this year's game representing the Detachment of Ohio Special Olympics. I am asking for donations towards this program. Donations may be made to this program by contacting Scioto County Developmental Disabilities.

In the 7th District of The American Legion, our long time Legionnaire of the Special Olympics was Charles Harris. Mr. Harris passed away last year on July 15, 2018. In honor of his ardent support of Special Olympics the program was renamed the Charles Harris/Special Olympics Program. I am also pleased to be doing this in his name as well.

Additional information on upcoming events may be found on the Special Olympics Ohio website. To donate by mail the address is:

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The Summer Games will be June 28-30, 2019 at The Ohio State University

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From the Editor



Gentlemen,

It has been another GREAT year for *The Ohio SALute!* Thank you for all your hard work and dedication not only to our organization but also to our publication.

You all do an outstanding job for our Family, and it's great that many of you are not afraid to toot your own horn.

For our next edition, let's make sure we have a lot of content for our Detachment Convention, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and other events that were sponsored or participated in.

THANKS AGAIN!!!

PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor
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Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club Reverse Raffle

Our annual OPDCC Reverse Raffle was held on Saturday January 26, at Post 532. It was by far our best raffle we have held during the past 10 years. Once again, I can't thank Rocky Searles, Jeff "The BIG Chief" and the rest of the American Legion Family of Post 532 for their support and hospitality they have once again shown us. Words cannot describe how Post 532 has embraced this event over the years. Thanks also go out to all OPDCC members who participated in the Raffle, either selling tickets donating items to raffle, and helping at the event. A big thank you goes out to all who are not OPDCC members who go above and beyond with your support.

Thanks as always goes out to Cary "Dewey" Kuhl, and Lt. Dan Finnell for being by my side supporting this all along. It could not have been done without both of you. Also, thanks go out to all winners who donated their winnings back to the cause.

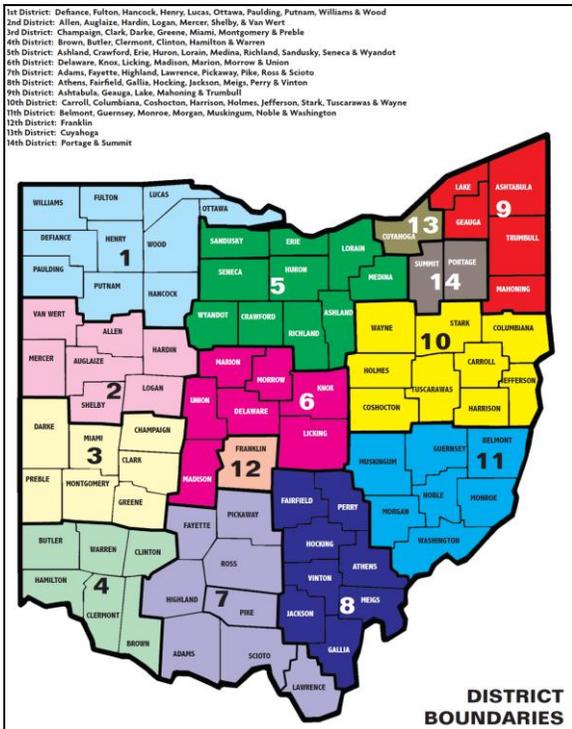
As mentioned before, the OPDCC was formed with the purpose of supporting the Children and Youth of this nation, and your participation in this event and donations allows us to continue that mission. What a run it has been.

It has been an honor serving as Chairman of this event for the last 10 years, but I feel it's time to let someone else take over. I look forward to supporting whoever chairs this event in the future.

Rob Brewer
PDC 07-08

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AROUND OHIO



Prize Winners

Drawn	Ticket #	Name	Amount Won
1	96	John Conley	\$10.00
20	257	Dan Maskovich	\$10.00
40	295	Rick Stacey	\$10.00
60	33	Jason Shoemaker	\$10.00
80	25	District 1 SAL	\$10.00
100	278	NVC Matt Christie	\$10.00
120	274	Russ Bohlan	\$10.00
140	285	Continental SAL	\$10.00
160	221	Steve Honigfort	\$10.00
180	329	Rock	\$10.00
200	202	Nancy Lang	\$10.00
220	185	Nancy Dixon	\$10.00
240	116	Tim Conway	\$10.00
260	37	Nancy Kessler	\$10.00
280	293	District 1 SAL	\$10.00
300	106	Lenny Talmage	\$10.00
320	164	Bernie Brogan	\$10.00
340	104	Dennis Albright	\$10.00
345	334	Jeff Jr	\$100.00
Grand Prize Split			
118		Tim Rush	\$250.00
197		Tabitha Spurlock	\$250.00
72		John Conley	\$250.00
183		Shiela Hanlin	\$250.00



Front: Detachment Adjutant Scott Thornton and Detachment Historian Verge Dilts. Back: Detachment Chaplain Dennis Albright, Detachment Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Dilts, Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, Detachment Judge Advocate Bill Towns, and Detachment Second Vice-Commander Doug Hancock.



Detachment Judge Advocate Bill Towns with American Legion Auxiliary Fifth District President Deb Sutterlin. Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler can be seen "photo bombing" in the background.

2019 Mid-Winter Conference Recap



Past Detachment Commander Adam Jones and Past Department President Carol T. Robinson.



SAL Officers bring greetings to The American Legion Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference attendees Friday January 25, 2019. Left to Right: PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., PDC Adam Jones, Judge Advocate/PDC Bill Towns, Alt. NEC Steve Honigfort, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Central Region First Vice-Commander Matt Christie (IL), Commander Dale Anderson, Second Vice-Commander Doug Hancock, and First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler.

2019 Washington Conference



At the Washington Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, Commander Dale Anderson chose to place the Ohio wreath at the Women In Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in honor of his mother, from his whom his eligibility was earned.



Members of The American Legion Family during the 2019 American Legion Washington Conference. Members are seen here in the hallway outside of US Representative Michael Turner's office. On the left side are Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, Department Adjutant Suzette Heller, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Turner's Aide Tyler Fitzgerald, and Commander Bob Schmitt on the far right.



Washington Conference In the office of US Representative Bill Johnson seated Left to Right: Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, Department Adjutant Suzette Heller, Detachment Commander Dale Anderson, Department Commander Bob Schmitt, and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS 1919
 STILL SERVING VETERANS & COUNTRY 2019



Detachment First vice-Commander Bernie Kessler and his wife Nancy at the Department of Ohio Centennial Celebration in Columbus, Ohio on March 15, 2019.

Photo Courtesy Dayna Beyer, ALA Dept. Historian



First District



Annual Membership Ball honoring members for years of service, and to honor local veterans. This year veterans from the Vietnam War were recognized, as was the 100th Centennial of The American Legion.

Todd Bidlack,
Squadron 541 Adjutant
& First District 1VC

Fifth District



Squadron 257, District 5 presented individual presents to Veterans at the Loudonville Veterans Home on Saturday, December 22, 2018. Left to Right: Gary Boden, Greg Harvey, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Brad Swires, Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler.



Loudonville Squadron 257 presented fruit bags to all residents at the McMullen Assisted Living. Pictured here is Left to Right NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin presents a Veteran a fruit bag with Brad Swires, Legs Zickefoose, Jody Harvey, Greg Harvey, and Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler.

Ninth District



On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Squadron 15 First Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr. accepted a Resolution from the Poland Village Council on behalf of Mahoning Valley Post 15 in recognition of The American Legion and Post 15's Centennial Celebration. L. to R. Councilman Anthony Lattanzio, Vrabel, Mayor Tim Sicafuse.





On Thursday, March 7, 2019, 15 First Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr. accepted a Resolution from the Mahoning County Commissioners on behalf of Mahoning Valley Post 15 in recognition of The American Legion and Post 15's Centennial Celebration. The Commissioners declared March 15, 2019 American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 Day in all of Mahoning County. L. to R. Commissioner and Squadron 15 member Anthony Traficanti, Commissioner Carol Righetti, Vrabel, Commissioner David Ditzler.



Ohio House of Representatives member and United States Navy Veteran Don Manning presented a Special Citation to American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 marking its Centennial Celebration. Accepting on behalf of Post 15 is Squadron 15 First Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr.

The Poland Township Trustees recognized American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 on its Centennial Celebration with a Resolution. L. to R. Trustee Ed Kempers, Squadron 15 First Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Trustee Eric Ungaro, and Trustee Joanne Wollett.



Tenth District



Minerva Squadron 357 1st Vice Jack Zwahlen receives High School Wrestling Award from Coach Chad Hilliard.



D10 American Legion Commander Brad Teis stopped by with words of encouragement to the D10 SAL Executive Committee Meeting held March 23, 2019. (L-R) Adjutant Drew Kinard, Chaplain Wayne Kinard, Finance Officer JD Ash, Commander Teis, SAL D10 Commander Mike Campbell, First Vice-Commander Matthew Baxter, and Second Vice-Commander Dan Bekar.

Convention Screening

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Member Development and Training

Legion District and Sons District Relationship. The American Legion and the S.A.L. District is a unique relationship. The S.A.L. District must have the approval of The American Legion District to become active. It is recommended that the Legion District Commander appoint an advisor for all of their Squadrons in the District. This ensures there is continuity from the Department of Ohio S.A.L. Commission, Legion District, and the Squadron Advisor.

Role of The Advisor

1. It is imperative that the Veteran wants the job.
2. The Veteran must be a Legion member of the sponsoring District and is recommended that he is an active SAL member.
3. Major focal point is to be the "GO between" for Post and SAL Squadron. The Veteran is the Advocate – Act as Liaison between Squadron and Post. Passing information, getting approvals from the Post and working toward a successful relationship between both the Post and Squadron.
4. The Advisor will need to provide guidance (mentor). As the S.A.L. is a program, this guidance is important to ensure that there are no illegal actions being taken and the Squadron leadership may need help in designing a proper direction of the Squadron. This does not mean to take over and make the decisions. The Squadron needs to make their own choices with the approval of the Post.
5. The Advisor must have strong leadership qualities. As a mentor, the Advisor will want to have example settings, good communications, and traits that can be emulated amongst the Squadron leadership.
6. The desire of the Advisor is to see the SAL Program grow will in fact assist the entire Legion Family. Positive inflection of doing it right, the membership and programs will get stronger. It would be recommended that District Advisors meet with District Commanders and 1st Vice Commanders after the Friday DEC meeting at the Mid-Winter Conference to discuss goals and programs.
7. Develop a great working relationship with SAL Leaders. This is done by providing advice and administrative guidance when necessary with all operations of the Squadron. Finance, membership, fund raising, program development, and completion of

programs are some examples of experience driven advice that can be given.

Advisor Functions

1. Monitor Administrative matters (address changes, data forms, preparation of membership cards, membership registers).
2. Recognition and Encouragement.
3. Communications with members.
4. Membership:
 - a. Growth.
 - b. Renewals.
 - c. Understanding how to form Membership Teams.
5. Activities based on age. This is due to the youth and adults in the same program.
6. Preparation of Reports for Post/Department.
7. Get involved with Post (Joint Activities).
8. SAL meetings (be in attendance) and know how to run the meeting to advise the Squadron Commander, if needed.
9. Assist with Bulletins; Newsletters.

Advisor's Responsibilities

1. To represent the best interest of both the Squadron and the Post.
2. To Advise.
3. To Mentor.
4. To Provide Leadership.
5. Teach.
6. To observe (see that meetings of the Sons of The American Legion are conducted according to the By-laws and Roberts Rules of Order).
7. Insure that Squadron operations do not conflict with Post policy and procedure or Constitution and By-laws.
8. All meetings to be with God and Country to be treated with the proper ritual, tradition, and decorum.
9. Respect the Flag.
10. See that all members' needs are being met and all programs and events held by the Sons of The American Legion are conducted in the best interest of the sponsoring Post and The American Legion Family.
11. Proper protocol is observed when working with all members of the Legion Family.
12. Communicate with District Advisors and the Department Commission members in your area.

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Advisor Tools

1. Squadron Handbook.
2. American Legion Officers Guide and Ceremonies Guide.
3. Detachment Information & Officers.
4. Legion Experience National, Department, District and Post Constitution, By-Laws and policies pertaining to the S.A.L.
5. National, Detachment, District (where applicable) and Squadron Constitution, By-Laws and policies.
6. Roberts Rules of Order (the "For Idiots" Book will help).

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We're very excited to be reaching out to local Dragons fans for nominations for **CareSource's Veteran Salute** program.

The Dragons have partnered with CareSource for the Veteran Salute program, where **all season long, we will be honoring the Miami Valley's deserving and outstanding veterans by sharing their service stories during Dayton Dragons games.**

By telling their stories, fans not only gain a deeper understanding and sense of gratitude for what these men and women have done for us, but also inspire a future generation to lead and serve this great country. Each veteran honored is greeted with a standing ovation from a hugely supportive crowd of more than 8,000 fans. They also get to enjoy a one-of-a-kind ballpark experience with their family in a luxury suite.

Your nomination could result in recognizing a veteran you know in a HUGE way.

If you have veterans you'd like to nominate, visit www.daytondragons.com/veteransalute, where you can learn more about the program and fill out the form to nominate your veteran(s).

Please pass this information along to your coworkers, family, and friends – if you'd like a flier to distribute, please reply to this email – I'm happy to provide that to you. We'd love to learn about our area veterans!

Have a great evening!

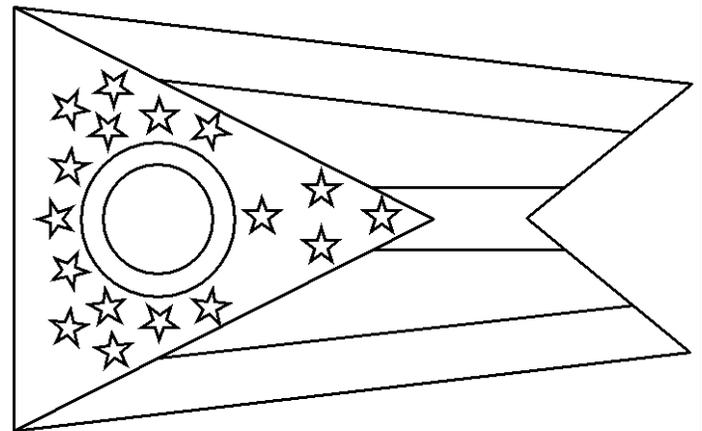
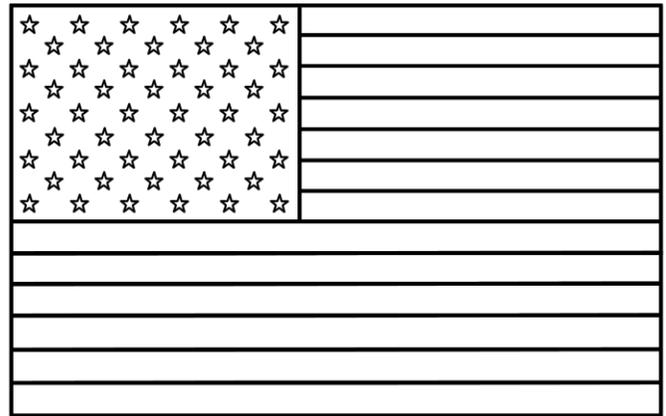
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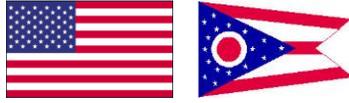
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Ohio

- The swallowtail design, known as the Ohio Burgee, was designed by John Eisemann.
- The white circle with a red center shows the letter "O" for Ohio. The blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys. The red and white stripes represent roads and waterways.
- The 13 stars around the circle represent the original states of the union; the 4 extra stars symbolize Ohio's joining as the 17th state.
- Adopted in 1902.



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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)