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### MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** BERNIE KESSLER, DETACHMENT COMMANDER  
SCOTT J. THORNTON, DETACHMENT ADJUTANT  
**TO:** DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
S.A.L. DISTRICT ADJUTANTS  
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDERS  
DEPARTMENT S.A.L. ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** MARCH 24, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** CANCELLATION OF THE MAY 15-17, 2020 DETACHMENT CONVENTION

As the conditions regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus continue to change, we have remained in contact with Department Commander Roger Friend and Department Adjutant Suzette Heller about whether we would still hold the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Detachment Convention in Perrysburg on May 15-17, 2020.

Our primary concern is for the health and safety of all our members, guests, and staff who would be involved with holding the Convention, and our assessment of the situation has led us to conclude that things are not likely to improve sufficiently by then, so **we are cancelling the Convention for the originally scheduled date and location.**

Adjutant Heller will be formally advising the Hilton Garden Inn Toledo/Perrysburg of this decision and will request that all room reservations currently made by our attendees be cancelled accordingly, so we will not need to do this ourselves.

Since the Department also has issues with their plans to convene in Toledo in late June, Commander Friend has directed Adjutant Heller to identify potential alternate dates and locations to hold a joint Legion / Auxiliary / Sons convention so we may all conclude our business for the year.

**The most likely location at this point will be in Cincinnati for the weekend of July 10-12 or July 17-19.** Adjutant Heller will be informing us of the chosen weekend once it has been set.

This will be a significant change in our routine, and we hope you will all be cooperative and supportive of this effort given the exceptional circumstances.

Please continue to submit your delegate registrations to Department Headquarters, either through the website or by means of the paper form. This will help us get a better assessment of the quantity of sleeping rooms needed to accommodate everyone. We will tentatively set the registration deadline as Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, although you are certainly encouraged to submit your delegates as soon as you can.

Thank you all for your understanding and we wish you well during this uncertain time.

Bernie Kessler  
Detachment Commander

Scott J. Thornton  
Detachment Adjutant



## Kessler Updates Events, Future



My Fellow Sons,

My Fellow Sons, first of all, thanks to SALute Editor Jeff Vrabel Sr. for giving me the time to rewrite my original article, and then to rewrite my rewrite. Now, under a little stress, you get this article.

Since Mid-Winter, many things have happened to our Country. We did not remove the President. We have a virus that is sweeping around the globe and wreaking fear and panic in its path. Fear of the unknown is something we all have. Currently, because of the virus, many of your District meeting and events have been cancelled.

This is the right thing to do. What happens next is anyone's guess. As you probably know by now there will **NOT** be a Detachment Convention in Perrysburg in May. It is my understanding that there will be a combined State Convention with the Auxiliary and the Sons some time, hopefully, in July. There is no one who wants this convention more, but if we have to move it from July to a later date, you know there is a bigger problem in our Country than if and when we have a convention.

On the good side however, your Detachment was well represented at the National Legislative Conference in Washington DC in early March. Bill Towns. Steve Honigfort and I attended meetings and monuments. I am sure you will see photos near the end of this issue.

I want to wish Doug, Dennis and Dave all the best as they assume their new positions. It has been a pleasure to serve with you and to serve this year as your 2020 Detachment Commander.

In closing, let me say, "Be safe, be helpful, be healthy, and wash your hands."

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

Sincerely,

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# An urgent message about coronavirus

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Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

The enemy we are facing isn't hiding in the bush. Nor has it buried a roadside bomb unbeknownst to us. Yet the enemy is just as dangerous and deadly.

The coronavirus has been classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The number of people who will test positive for the potentially fatal COVID-19 remains unknown, but there are steps we can take, and must take, to protect ourselves and help our fellow veterans and citizens.

I encourage you to use extreme caution and adhere to the best practices put forth by the health experts. Namely properly wash your hands frequently, use antibacterial rubs and practice "social distancing."

Coronavirus is particularly dangerous for those over the age of 50 who contract it so **please be cognizant of the risks** when planning post activities and functions.

At the same time, this is an excellent opportunity to **perform Buddy Checks**. Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus.

The coronavirus situation will be changing rapidly so we have to be nimble in our approach to serving our communities, states and nation. Among the best resources to follow are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and the World Health Organization ([who.int](https://www.who.int)).

Let's also keep our thoughts and prayers with our servicemembers especially those overseas, our National Guardsmen, first responders and others who will be taxed in coming months. They need our support now more than ever.

We have faced down enemies, foreign and domestic, throughout our nation's history. While this threat is ominous, we will once again work together to overcome it.

James W. "Bill" Oxford  
National Commander



To: National Officers  
Assistant National Officers  
National Executive Committee  
Assistant National Committee  
Past National Commanders  
Detachment Commanders  
Detachment Adjutants

Thru: National Adjutant Anthony Wright

From: Ken A. George, National SAL Liaison

Subject: Status of Resolution 8 and COVID-19 impact on the SAL

Over the past few weeks, we have observed mandates issued by health organizations, local, state, and federal governments to minimize the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. Recently, the SAL Sr. Leadership and the SAL Internal Affairs Commission created and passed forward to the SAL-NEC a resolution to cancel the upcoming Spring Meetings in May. The American Legion has created its own resolution and taken the same measures and actions. Below is an official message from National Adjutant Daniel Wheeler outlining the current state of affairs in relation to American Legion's meetings and upcoming annual programs. Please take note and forward the cancellations to your detachment membership.

SAL Resolution 8 was voted on this past weekend, and although the constitution and bylaws (CB&L) state that an electronic vote is open for 30 days, time is of the essence. Enough votes have been cast and recorded by Adjutant Wright and Brian Compton, where a simple majority has been declared, and the motion will carry. With the passing of Resolution 8, the following will occur immediately.

- The 2020 SAL NEC spring meetings and training classes are canceled
- All hotel reservations reserved via the meeting portal have been canceled
- Flights booked through the convention office at HQ are canceled. You are responsible for flight reservations you booked outside of the convention office.
- All travel for SAL National Officers and leading candidates is canceled until May 1st
- Any further decisions or cancellations that may impact The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion will be assessed and announced after April 8th unless something is known before that time.

- What does this mean?

Currently, all headquarters staff has been ordered to work from home until April 7th, to return on April 8th. In the meantime, all national staff has full capabilities to work remotely from anywhere. All staff is available during regular working hours 8 AM – 4:30 PM (EST). With our new phone and server capabilities, our office's numbers are connected with voice or texting capability, and all files can be accessed.

Between now and the national convention

- The SAL Sr. Leadership and I will work together to determine the next course of action for future meetings and the convention. As something is known, all concerned will be notified soon as practical.
- HQ staff will work with convention staff to determine options for an NEC meeting that can take place at the convention.
- Commission and Committees are encouraged to work in the same manner as they do between meetings (phone conferencing). Make sure someone is keeping accurate minutes of each meeting you are conducting. C &C's will not meet at the convention, but each chair will be required to have an official roll-up report to be read, and hard copy turned in at the convention NEC. If you need an assistant adjutant assigned to your phone meetings, make a request through Adjutant Wright ahead of time. Allow time for scheduling; do not wait until the last minute to make your request.
- There may be more resolutions created so that we can make the necessary adjustments to conduct business at the convention and may not be addressed in the CB&L.

I would like to state that I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we face the challenges and make sacrifices in the face of a pandemic that threatens our friends and loved ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

*Ken A. George*

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To: All Legion Leadership  
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Subject: COVID-19 Update  
National Headquarters

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First Vice-Commander.....Doug Hancock  
Second Vice-Commander.....Dennis Albright  
Chaplain.....Dave Dilts  
Adjutant.....Scott J. Thornton  
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Alt. National Executive Committeeman.....Steve Honigfort  
Immediate Past Commander.....Dale Anderson, II

Due to the uncertainty of when our nation will overcome the COVID-19 virus, and because we want to ensure that a minimum number of people are infected, we have taken the following steps to limit exposure of Legionnaires, program participants, and the national headquarters staff:

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The National Oratorical Finals scheduled to be in Indianapolis near the end of April have been cancelled.



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- The Spring Meetings have been canceled.
- The Junior Shooting Sports competition scheduled for July has been cancelled.
- Boys Nation, also scheduled for July, has been cancelled.

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We advise departments to consider similar measures. Right now, it is too soon to predict the effect that the virus will have on the American Legion World Series or the national convention, but those decisions will be made within the next couple of months.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES: All submissions are to be made electronically to [sal-news@ohiolegion.com](mailto:sal-news@ohiolegion.com). If you need assistance, please send an email to same. All articles must be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

In the meantime, your national headquarters continues to function – some employees are in the offices, many others working remotely from home. You should still be able to reach the vast majority of us via email or phone. If you need assistance with something and cannot reach the person responsible in a timely manner, please let my assistant Mary Rooney know (contact information below), and she will work at getting an answer for you.

**SUMMER EDITION** for July, August, September due no later than June 14

**FALL EDITION** for October, November, December due no later than September 13

**WINTER EDITION** for January, February, March due no later than December 13

**SPRING EDITION** for April, May, June due no later than March 13

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**EDITORS NOTE:** Much of this edition was submitted prior to the cancellation of the Detachment Convention. There will be another edition with our current Officers and Chairmen. As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, schedules and events will change. Please refer to the Detachment website and Facebook page for updates.

## First Vice-Commander



Hello fellow Sons!

Spring is on its way and warmer weather to follow. Unfortunately, we've been in the middle of the coronavirus and I pray that you are all well. Hopefully it will be under control by State Convention.

Membership is on track for another good year and as of this writing Ohio should be close to or at 90%. Thank you, Jeff Vrabel, Sr. for your weekly up-dates on the Central Region.

**Hooves.** As many of you know, Hooves has been in financial distress due to a large corporation backing out of promised support. In February we began a Go-FundMe account and media campaign to raise enough money for the down payment on the property and to fund this year's weekend retreats. The generosity of individuals, veterans' organizations, and businesses came through. In 5 weeks \$112,000 was raised!

If any of you have veterans suffering with symptoms of PTSD in your district contact us at [www.hoves.us](http://www.hoves.us). Scroll down to events. Monthly retreats are as follows:

- April 16 is filled
- May 28 available
- June 11 our first Vietnam retreat
- July 23 all-female veterans
- Aug 20 and Sept retreats, and Oct 5, all female vets.

Thank you, Legion Family, for your continued support.

Lastly, I was invited to join an incentive called the Hospice Veteran Partnership. There are a number of them in the country, two in Ohio, advocating for veterans in the end of life situations.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock, First Vice-Commander

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## Central Region Membership Update

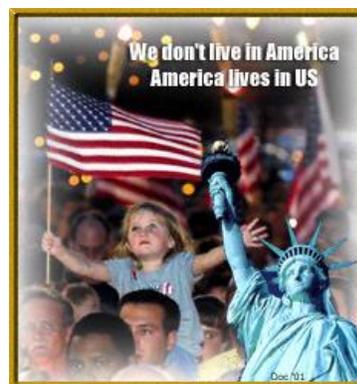


## Round-Up

The Membership Newsletter of  
Sons of The American Legion  
Central Region

Volume 1 – Issue 1 – November 11, 2019

On November 11, 2019, *Round-Up* began as a way to update Central Region members on the region's membership progress. It is sent to all Detachment Commanders and First Vice-Commanders, along with many others. It is the intent that this newsletter be forwarded to as many people as possible. If you would like to be added, please send an email to Sons of The American Legion Central Region Membership Chairman Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at [jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com](mailto:jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com). This publication will continue for the 2020 – 2021 year.



## Second Vice-Commander



Good day to you my fellow SAIL. and Legion Family Members. I am pleased to report that as of March 15<sup>th</sup> \$540.00 has been turned in so far on our State Raffle let's keep up the great work. As a reminder if you have any tickets or money

ready to be turned in you may mail them to my home address. Dennis K. Albright, 1778 Liberty Hill Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 and make check payable to me as we, the S.A.L., currently do not have our own account.

We know that you may be tired of hearing about please fill out your Consolidated Squadron Report forms but as it is a vital piece of information. The CSR and you Officer Cert forms are key pieces of information stating to National, Department, and Detachment that your Squadrons and Districts our keeping active.

With all the questions of COVID-19 going around the best advice I can give you is to look up your local Health Department website for any information of closures or updates. Here is a hotline number for the Ohio Department of Health if you would have any further questions 1-833-427-5634.

See everyone in May at Perrysburg.

*Dennis Albright, First Vice-Commander*

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## A Message from the Chaplain



It's amazing how quick the year is going. We did have a light turnout for the Mid-Winter Conference this year, but we have to look into the future and prepare for our Convention in May in Perrysburg.

I need a favor and am asking each District Chaplain for assistance at the Squadron Everlasting Memorial Service in May. If you are planning to attend and would like to participate during the service, please let me know. Make sure you have all your Squadron Everlasting members to Scott or me by May 1 to recognize them at the service.

In closing, always remember and respect all of our Veterans who are serving and have served this great country. We are a great brotherhood and a great organization, and we stand proud. #SALSTRONG.

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## Adjutant's Notes



**COVID-19 Outbreak News.** I'm going to begin this article with some comments related to the global health crisis we are all facing today, so my usual remarks after at this time of our administrative year should be tempered by them.

First of all, your Detachment and Department Officers want to make sure everyone is aware of and following the recommendations of national, state, and local health and government guidelines to help slow the spread of the virus. It is our duty to keep you and your family's health at the forefront of considerations.

**With that in mind, we have decided to cancel the Detachment Convention planned for the weekend of May 15-17 in Perrysburg.** Department Adjutant Suzzette Heller will be asking the Hilton Garden Inn to cancel any reservations already made by our members, so you will not need to worry about it.

**We are working on arranging a joint Ohio Legion Family Convention later. This is most likely going to be in Cincinnati on July 10-12 or July 17-19.** More details will be published as we have them.

**For now, we are asking everyone to continue registering their delegates for the convention either through the OhioLegion.com website, or by using the paper form available there as well.** This will assist us in determining the number of sleeping rooms we need to block out with the hotels in Cincinnati.

Many Legion events and activities have been canceled or postponed, such as the Oratorical Contest, many of our District Conferences, and even our regular meetings.

*see Thornton page 8*

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Let's all do our best to get through these difficult conditions safely and responsibly.

**Squadron and District Officer Elections.** The S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio Constitution requires all Squadron and District Officers to be elected and **certified to Detachment Headquarters by May 1**. The social distancing policies in effect now put a real crimp on holding elections for new Officers and getting them certified.

We realize that many, if not most, of you haven't held your elections yet and now may be physically prohibited from meeting to do so. Commander Kessler, Judge Advocate Towns, and I will be discussing the possibilities in this area, i.e., can we change the deadline or not, are conference calls or email exchanges valid to conduct elections, etc. I will send out a separate announcement when we have some directions.

In the meantime, 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>.

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 2021 Officer Certification Forms, your Squadron **must complete a 2020 Consolidated Squadron Report Form**. This is the form you need to use to document all your activities, programs, donations, etc. for the 2019-2020 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.

The Microsoft Excel version of the report is available from the Department website to help you get everything right. 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 once you're finished.

Contact Jon Vulgamore at Department Headquarters if you need a blank paper report.

Whichever way you choose to create the report, you need to file two (2) paper forms with the Department 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.

Please note: Prior Year and Current Year do not mean 2020 and 2019! We want your paid membership counts for last year (final) and this year (to date).

The form calls for using the period from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. 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.

**NOTE: Squadrons will not receive their 2021 membership cards until both the 2021 Squadron Officer Certification (SOC) Form AND the 2020 Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) Form have been submitted to Department Headquarters. BOTH forms are due by May 1!**

**For now, the May 1 deadlines are still in effect. Should that change we will send out news to alert everyone.**

**2020 Detachment Convention.** The call and related files for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Detachment Convention have been published on the website – see the Detachment Convention page under the Events link. **We have canceled the May 15-17 event at the Hilton Garden Inn Toledo/Perrysburg, hosted by District 1.**

ATTENDEE REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DETACHMENT HQ BY [TBD]. This is not a postmark date. No registrations will be accepted after that except to register guests. **Please continue to send registrations now for the joint Convention (in July).**

HOTEL RESERVATION DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED ONCE THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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

**2022 Detachment Convention Bids.** Any District and/or Squadron wishing to bid as the host for the 2022 Detachment Convention should have their bid package ready and submit it to Convention Screening Chairman PDC Buster Sutterlin or me **before** the D.E.C. Meeting on Friday at the Detachment Convention. Any entries submitted after that time will not be considered.

Stay safe and be well!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Scott J. Thornton, Adjutant

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## National Executive Committeeman



Thank you for attending Mid-Winter Conference to all who attended. We had a successful conference. Doc Pfeiffer, Central Division Vice Commander, was our guest. He enjoyed our meetings and socializing with the members in attendance. He is a good guy doing a great

job as Vice Commander and we enjoyed getting to know him.

As we are going through this coronavirus crisis and many activities being cancelled, now is a great time to review this past year and work on the Consolidated Squadron Report form. The CSR is due May 1, 2020. The information from the CSR is vital to the wellbeing of The American Legion.

Ask Bill Towns, Steve Honigfort, and Bernie Kessler about their trip on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

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## Alternate National Executive Committeeman



Fellow SAL Members:

I just returned from the Washington Conference. It was very informative. We also met with some of our Representatives from Ohio to push for items to better help with the veterans and military of this country. Discussions were held to push the House and Senate to work better together for our country. Informational meetings were also held at the hotel that were very interesting.

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With our Detachment Convention getting close, please find the time, if you will, to invite new members to attend and to get acquainted with the Detachment of Ohio. We have a great hotel with many things to do in the area within the Great First District. The hotel assures us that they take great care of the facility and it would make for a great weekend.

For God and Country,

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## Judge Advocate



Someone asked, **"I AM JUST ONE, WHAT CAN I DO?"**

Let's start with...

- Maintain law and order
- Foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism
- Inculcate a sense of individual obligation to your community, state, and nation
- Combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses
- Make right the master of might
- Promote peace and goodwill
- Safeguard the principles of justice, freedom and democracy
- Sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness
- Assist in carrying on for God and Country

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### Connecting with Members During the COVID-19 Crisis

- Have you found ways to continue to support The American Legion Family and its programs and projects?
- Are you holding virtual meetings?
- Are you completing your Buddy Checks?
- Will you share your successes with others?



## AMERICANISM COMMISSION

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### Sons of The American Legion 10 Ideals and 5 Star Programs

**10 Ideals:** This program is designed to help us better understand what true Americanism is and give us a better working knowledge of leadership skills. Programs like this cover many important and sometimes forgotten ideals and skills such as Patriotism, Health, Knowledge, Training, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence, and Comradeship. This is not just a program for our youth, adults will also benefit from participation in this program. At this time your Americanism Commission is working hard to bring the 10 Ideals into an electronic format. Due to the fact that most youth of today are more in tune with electronic media. Having the program in this format should hopefully assist with more youth participation.

**The 5 Star:** Program teaches you how to demonstrate a working knowledge of; Patriotism; history of the flag, proper display, and proper respect to it. Citizenship; participation in community events and having a working knowledge of the qualities of a good citizen. Discipline; respect for rules and obedience to them. Also noted are Leadership; principle requirements of being a good leader. And Legionism; thoroughly understands the ritualistic workings and the programs and activities for the Sons of The American Legion. Please be aware that this program can be completed one section at a time and individual awards can be given for each of the five categories. After completing all five points the 5 Star Medal can be presented to the graduate.

Our education system today lacks the dissemination of materials that many of us older members were taught in school years ago. This lack of relaying information is due to the continuing concern for political correctness. The 10 Ideals and the 5 Star programs importance are greater than they ever have been before because of these changes. Today it is our responsibility as members of the Sons of The American Legion to train our youth in the importance and values these programs offer before they are lost. Every S.A.L. member should consider completing these very important and educational programs so that the knowledge noted within the materials continues "full steam ahead" for our future youth.

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- **Please Note:** After successfully completing each program the awards mentioned above are available through American Legion Emblem Sales.

**PDC Ernie Laberge**  
**National Americanism Commission 2019-2021**  
**Detachment of Massachusetts**

*"Serving those that served, full steam ahead!"*

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 **Buckeye Boys State**

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### **Legislative Update**



The American Legion strongly believes the U.S. flag is a symbol of our nation's freedom and all that we hold in common as Americans, secured by military men and women who sacrificed so much for all citizens. We need to urge Congress to approve an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will let Congress prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. We also need to support V.A. suicide-prevention efforts, as an estimated 22 veterans die by suicide every day.

I would like to thank Commander Kessler for letting me be this year's Legislative Chairman.

*PDC Craig Smith, Chairman*  
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**WE'RE**  
*in this*  
**TOGETHER**

## **Oratorical**

*Rocky Searles, Chairman*

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### **FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

The American Legion has cancelled its 2020 National Oratorical Contest in an effort to keep all competitors, volunteers, judges and others safe amid the coronavirus pandemic. The contest had been scheduled for April 17 to 19 in Indianapolis.

The cancellation follows recommendations issued by local, state and federal authorities to reduce the growing number of coronavirus cases by instituting "social distancing" policies.

For updated American Legion information and resources related to the coronavirus, visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and [www.legion.org/coronavirus](http://www.legion.org/coronavirus). For updated information about the pandemic itself, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and the World Health Organization website, [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).

### **POW\*MIA**



Fellow Comrades,

Besides being the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio POW/MIA Chairman, I am also the 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander.

I would like to share with you a little information about one of our own soldiers that never came back home.

#### **HELBER, LAWRENCE NEAL**

Born February 5, 1934 in Logan, Ohio. Helber was a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, his unit, Fighter Squadron 315, Marine Air Group 11 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing DaNang, South Vietnam. Aircraft was F4B "Phantom II."

On January 24, 1966 he and his crew departed the DaNang Airfield in a flight of phantoms on a strike mission into enemy held territory northwest of DaNang. At 1005 hours they rolled in to attack an enemy target hidden in lush jungle covered foothills rising out of the coastal plains. The last radio transmission from them was after they pulled off target approximately 5 miles southwest of Hue/Phu Bai Airfield.

*see POW\*MIA page 10*

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An extensive visual and electronic search and rescue efforts were immediately initiated for the fighter was believed to have been downed by enemy groundfire. Because the area of loss was under total enemy control at that time, no ground search was possible. When no wreckage was found and no contact with the crew could be established, Helber and crew were listed MIA. Helber is still unaccounted for as of today, along with 74 other Ohioans.

The Lawrence Neal Helber American Legion Post 78 in Logan, Ohio is a memorial post in his name. As the work of the POW/MIA Accounting Agency, maybe one day they can bring him home to his family.

HELBER, LAWRENCE NEAL	
Name:	Lawrence Neal Helber
Rank/Branch:	Major/US Marine Corps
Unit:	Fighter Squadron 315, Marine Air Group 11, 1st Marine Air Wing DaNang, South Vietnam
Date of Birth:	05 February 1934 (Logan, OH)
Home of Record:	Logan, OH
Date of Loss:	24 January 1966
Country of Loss:	South Vietnam
Loss Coordinates:	<a href="#">161900N 1073900E (YD830065)</a> <a href="#">Click coordinates to view maps</a>
Status in 1973:	Missing In Action
Category:	4
Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground:	F4B "Phantom II"
Other Personnel in Incident:	Albert Pitt (missing)



As always it is my honor to pass on the information of the POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION You can visit [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil) or on Facebook under POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

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## Special Olympics



## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

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PHONE: 740-362-7478 | FAX: 740-362-1429 | EMAIL: [LEGION@OHIOLEGION.COM](mailto:LEGION@OHIOLEGION.COM)

MEMORANDUM FOR Special Olympics Ohio Committee, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015

SUBJECT: 2020 Ohio Special Olympics Ohio Fundraising Goals

The Department of Ohio seeks the assistance of all Posts in the Department again this year, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion in support of Special Olympics Ohio.

The goal of the Department Special Olympics Committee is to raise \$35,000 for 2020 to support the newly expanded Special Olympics Ohio State Winter Games and State Summer Games.

In addition to these state-level competitions, your support helps to provide health screenings, free of charge, to Special Olympics athletes statewide.

Donations are the only means by which the Department supports these great programs. A minimum donation of \$50 is being sought from each Post, Unit, or Squadron.

Point of Contact for this memorandum is your American Legion District Special Olympics Chairperson (list can be found on the back of this memo).

Checks must be sent to The American Legion Department of Ohio-  
Attn: Special Olympics 60 Big Run Rd. Delaware, OH 43015

On behalf of Special Olympics Ohio's 22,000 athletes, thank you for supporting inclusion.



The Department of Ohio, Special Olympics Committee voted to give Special Olympics Ohio \$10,000 this year and give them whatever remains in account next year and dissolve committee in 2021, but nothing is official until the Department of Ohio, Executive Committee hears the report and votes on it.

PDC Adam Jones, Chairman  
[glimmer\\_man72@yahoo.com](mailto:glimmer_man72@yahoo.com)

# VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

PNVC, PDC Dan Sagraves, Chairman  
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## VA&R NORTH REPORT

**OVH Sandusky.** Gifts for Yanks passed out gifts on December 19, 2019. It was good to see a few more SAL Members present. There was even a large group of students from Whitmer High School Toledo. They were a great help passing out gifts. The 5<sup>th</sup> District SAL will host a pizza/bingo event. The Saturday before Easter April 11, 2020. The OVH always has an Easter egg Hunt. For kids and residents.

### The Greater Cleveland Fisher House

Effective March 1, 2019, The Greater Cleveland Fisher House will have a new mailing address:

The Greater Cleveland Fisher House  
P. O. Box 1852  
Cleveland, OH

### Flag City Honor Flight (Findlay, Ohio)

The Honor Flight Network is comprised of 125 independent hubs that have met the rigorous qualifications to use the "Honor Flight" name. All official Honor Flight hubs are listed on our website at [www.honorflight.org/hubs](http://www.honorflight.org/hubs). The address to donate is Flag City Honor Flight P.O. Box 885 Findlay, OH 45839.



Students at Whitmer High School volunteered at the Ohio Veterans' Home at Sandusky.

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## VA&R SOUTH REPORT

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### From the Editor



Gentlemen,

With the announcement that the Detachment Convention is being delayed until July, there will be at least one more edition of *The Ohio SALute* for the 2019-2020 Officers and Chairmen. It is vital that we have a report from ALL of them. We need to communicate even more with the "Stay at Home" order issued by Governor DeWine. Please make sure to take care of business and make a report.

We need to make sure that things are taken care of, that members have the information they need, and that we are relaying as much information as we can.

During this time of uncertainty and while we are under both a State and National Emergency, communications must remain a priority.

Please make sure to check in on your members to make sure they are ok. If they have not paid their dues, ask for them to be sent in. And as always, please follow the directions of our health and government officials.



Please send any updates you have for publication. As the national crisis and information warrants, the number of editions of *The Ohio SALute* may be changed.

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On Thursday, March 12, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine suspended school for all Ohio students in grades K-12 due to COVID-19, the Wuhan Coronavirus. School is scheduled to resume Monday, April 6, but that is a fluid date as the suspension could be suspended.

Many students across the state will be spending time at home with parents, who may be completely overwhelmed with what to do. In my school district, assignments are being sent home, and distance students will participate in online learning. We will do what we can over the next month and see how it all plays out. Other states have also canceled classes, with more to follow.



Something we will be working on at "Dad Academy" will be my sons Kenneth and Phillip will be working on their 5 Star Program of Service and The 10 Ideals Program. They will also be assisting me with my



plans for the 2020 Memorial Day Processional Parade and Ceremonies in Poland, Ohio (if we get to have it this year). This is an unfortunate situation, but a great opportunity not only for my sons, but for Sons not in school across the country to learn these important programs of Sons of The American Legion. If our youth is our future, let's get started now and take advantage of our situation before it becomes a lost opportunity.

As we continue to adjust to our "new normal" way of living we must find new ways to operate Sons of The American Legion. We must find new ways to communicate, to meet, and to continue our tremendous work for our Veterans, our programs, and our communities, state, and nation. We are Sons and we always step up to the plate and meet our challenges head-on. There is no task we cannot complete. **WE ARE, #SALSTRONG!**

When you develop new ways of doing things, share them. There is no sense in reinventing the wheel. If something works for you, and you are able to continue the work of your Squadrons, let us know. There will be a special section for this in the next edition, and I really don't want it to be a blank space.

We are all in this together, and we need to remember that. I came across a letter this week in *The Southwest*

*Messenger*, a weekly newspaper published in Central Ohio, that goes like this:

**Message from Grove City Councilman on the coronavirus**

*Community needs to come together and help one another in time of crisis*

*We are a community – a family.*

*Regardless of whether feel the current concerns/fears relating to the coronavirus are warranted or you think they are exaggerated, there is a growing list of concerns and questions that many have.*

*We cannot control the national politics of the situation, but we owe it to our friends and neighbors to consider the concerns that many may have as they see the virus spread.*

*We are in this together, so even if you don't have a concern, check in with others to see if they have fears. Let people communicate and see if there is anything you can do to support them, so they feel more in control.*

*Make a list of the vulnerable people you may know such as seniors, health care workers and many others. Be sensitive to their concerns. The best way to tamp down panic is for all to listen with patience and help where there is a need.*

*Let people know you care and that they are not alone. Direct them to facts (CDC, Dept. of Health, etc.) not partisan posts aimed at tearing us apart as a community.*

*Wash your hands and support and love one another. Spread the love.*

*Ted Berry, First Ward Councilman  
Grove City, Ohio*

Everyone stay safe, follow guidelines and orders, and remember our veterans in this time of national crisis.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

*PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor  
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***"Serving Those Who Served...Full Steam Ahead"***

# #SALSTRONG



Since 2015, *The Ohio SALute* has been an online publication. Since that time, many members have asked how to obtain a printed copy. In order to receive a printed copy, please complete the form below. A list will be compiled at Detachment Headquarters and hardcopy editions will be mailed out. This program is intended for members who do not have internet access or are not computer savvy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to:  
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio  
60 Big Run Road  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

ATTN: Sons of The American Legion



*With the uncertainty surrounding our nation due to COVID-19 – The Wuhan Coronavirus, please do whatever you can to honor our heroes on Memorial Day.*

*It may mean a small gathering of less than 10 people. It may mean playing TAPS. It may mean just pausing at 3:00 p.m. for the National Moment of Remembrance.*

*Whatever you can do, REMEMBER THEM.*

## Commander's Travels

On Sunday, February 16, the Carl A Geiger, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 405 in New Washington held their annual Pork Chop Dinner. The proceeds of this dinner were to help the Tim and Cindy (Shell) Weithman family. On October 14, 2019, Cindy suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm. She is still under the care of doctors and undergoing treatment at Signature Healthcare in Galion.

The Sons of The American Legion greatly appreciate the support of our surrounding communities in our endeavors to give back to the communities we serve and to thank our Veterans for their service to our Country in the past, present, and future.



*Pictured in the photo are Tim Suver, Squadron Commander, Tim Weithman, Tom Young, Squadron Finance Officer, Andy Suver, and Bernie Kessler, Detachment of Ohio Commander.*



# Around HIO

Ohio Sons Participate  
in Washington Conference



**Proud Possessors**

## Ninth District

On January 7, 2020, The American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 Family held its Christmas Party. Members of Post 15, Unit 15, and Squadron 15 enjoyed a great event, and welcomed guests Al and Dayna Beyer.



American Legion Mahoning Valley Post 15 Family Christmas party. Post 15 is located in Poland, Ohio.



American Legion Department Historian Al Beyer and American Legion Auxiliary Department Historian Dayna Beyer.



Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 members 9D Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Ryan Johnson, Kevin Garayua, and 9D Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Soltis.



US Senator Rob Portman, center, a member of Mahoning Valley Squadron 15, met with members of the Ohio Delegation during the Washington Conference in March.

## Twelfth District

12<sup>th</sup> Sgt-At-Arms John Tepper was recently awarded the Silver Beaver in recognition of his long-time service and dedication to The Boy Scouts.

**CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!!**



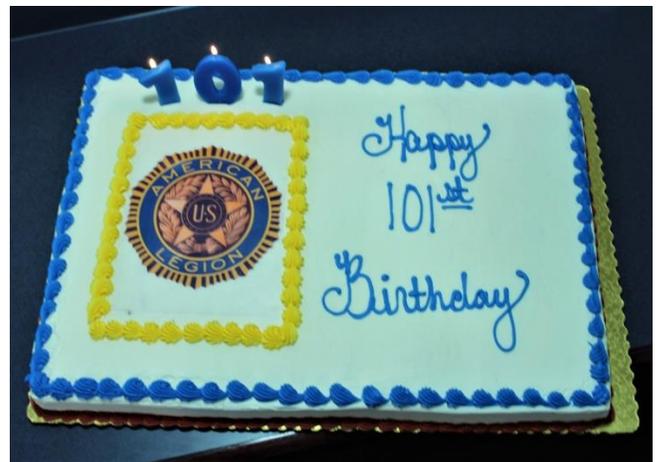
**John W. Tepper**  
Buckeye District

John began his Scouting experience as a youth, working his way from Cub Scout to Star Scout. After graduating high school and serving in the Army, John became the Scoutmaster for Troop 76 for 30 years, retiring in 2001. He volunteered for Troop 16, first as Assistant Scoutmaster from 2002 to 2010, then as a committee member since 2010. He will have been active in Scouting for 65 years come July. When he isn't working with Scouts, John volunteers at the Salvation Army, the VA Chillicothe Hospital and with the Special Olympics. He has been married to his wife Wanda for 47 years and they have two sons, Richard and Andrew, both of which received their Eagle Scout ranks. John and Wanda also have two grandchildren, Andrea and Michael.



PDC Jon Coakley, Unit 164 member Lisa Coakley, PDC Dan Finnell, Unit 164 Executive Board Member Vicki Flannigan, and Squadron 164 Advisor Mike Flannigan during the Squadron 164 Monthly Steak Fry.

Commander Kessler delivered remarks at The American Legion Department of Ohio 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Department Headquarters.



## Convention Screening

We are looking for bids for the 2022 Detachment Convention. These bids must be submitted before the start of the meeting Friday, May 15 at Perrysburg, Ohio.

I encourage you, the members, to attend our convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysville, OH. May 15 – 17, 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.

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## Finance Report

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



# MySAL

## MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

## Wash Your Hands



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(for submissions to The Ohio SALute)



Keep at least six feet between you and other people.

Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.



Look out for each other.



# Candidates Corner



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**JEFF VRABEL, SR.**

**FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER**

## **STEVE HONIGFORT CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN**

I would like to announce my candidacy for National Executive Committeeman for the Detachment of Ohio for the 2020 – 2022 term. I have been a member of the SAL for 42 years. Held offices of Alt. NEC (4 years), National Finance Committee (9 years) Detachment Commander 2011 – 2012. Also held Detachment 1st Vice-Commander, 2nd Vice-Commander, Chaplain, Adjutant, Asst. Adjutant, Americanism Chairman, POW★MIA Chairman, Special Olympics Chairman, and Public Relations Chairman. Held all 1st District and Squadron 63 Ottawa offices.

My eligibility is through my father, Robert Honigfort, a Korean War Veteran. I have strived to represent the Detachment of Ohio for many years and would like to continue to do so. I am proud of what we stand for, and for what my father and the Veterans of this country have done for us. With that, I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

## **GARY LANG CANDIDATE FOR ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN**

I am eligible for the Sons of the American Legion through my Great-Grandfather, George Huck, who served during World War I.

During my 24 years of being a Son of the American Legion, I have continually worked toward the good of the

Sons, through all levels (Squadron, District, State and National).

I currently own an Oil and gas production company in Beverly, Ohio and an oil service company in Jane Lew, West Virginia, which allows me the ability to fluctuate my schedule to complete any task that is needed. I have the continued support of my family which includes but not limited to my children, siblings and parents and of course Nancy has continued to support all my endeavors in both the Sons of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

My continued commitment to the Sons is shown by having only missed one National convention since I started attending them in 2006. On the National level, I have graduated from the 4 years of National Management Institute schooling at the NEC in Indianapolis and have attended both the fall and spring NEC meetings for the past 13 years missing only 2 which gives me the knowledge of how the business and procedures of how the National works. I have actively attended EVERY Mid-winter and State convention since I started attending them in 2002. Not only have I been a Past Detachment Commander, but I've also been on various Committees and served as Chairman.

My hope is to bring the updates of what is going on in the National level back to the State of Ohio to make our Detachment stronger.

I would appreciate your vote on this endeavor.

For God and Country and the Good of the Sons

Gary Lang, Detachment Commander 2012-2013  
Candidate for the Alternate NEC



# Candidates Corner



**★ ELECT ★**

**ADAM JONES**  
Alternate National  
Executive Committeeman  
2020 – 2022



Endorsed by Squadron 23 and the Seventh District

**ELIGIBILITY**

Proud son of Glenn Phillip Jones  
United States Marine Corps  
Vietnam 1960 – 1963

**MEMBERSHIP**

20 year Sons of The American Legion member  
James Merritt Squadron 142 in Waverly  
James Dickey Squadron 23 in Portsmouth

**EXPERIENCE**

**Detachment**  
Commander 2008 – 2009  
First Vice Commander  
Second Vice Commander  
Chaplain  
Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms  
Earl Cox Detachment Member of the Year 2004  
POW-MIA Chairman  
Buckeye Boys State Chairman  
Special Olympics Chairman

**Seventh District**  
Commander  
Second Vice Commander

**Squadron 142**  
Commander  
Chaplain  
Adjutant  
Public Relations Officer

**BACKGROUND**

Vietnam Veterans of America Associate Member  
South Shore, KY Chapter 1006

Master Mason  
Waverly Orient Masonic Lodge 321

Former Board Member  
Scioto-Northwest Local Schools

Treasurer  
Roy Rogers Festival

**WHY I'M RUNNING**

Elected positions should be contested and not just be "someone's turn." I believe I have the experience and the time dedicated in pursuing the High Office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for 2020-2022.



**JEFF VRABEL, JR.**  
for  
Detachment of Ohio  
Chaplain  
2020 – 2021



**VOTE**

**VRABEL**  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Member of Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 since 1999
- Ninth District Commander
- Past Ninth District Adjutant
- Past Detachment Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
- 2016 Youth Citizen of the Year from United Veterans Council of Youngstown
- 2017 Detachment of Ohio Earl Cox Outstanding Member of the Year
- Squadron 15 Memorial Day Parade & Memorial Ceremonies Co-Chairman since 2015
- Squadron 15 Color Guard Commander
- Led Past 15 Family Revitalization and has recruited over forty members this year

A Vision for the Future

## TIM CONWAY

### Candidate for Detachment Chaplain 2020-2021



I am a 37 year member of Loudon Squadron 257 in Loudonville, Ohio. I joined the SAL through the eligibility of my grandfather, Frank Conway, who served in the Navy during WWI. My son, Derek Conway, is a DUAL member, who is serving in the army and is currently deployed to Kuwait. He has been in the army for 15 years.

I am running for Detachment Chaplain. My many years in leadership roles have prepared me to successfully serve as the detachment chaplain and the succeeding offices. I am currently serving a fourth term as the 5th District SAL Commander and a 3rd term as Squadron 257 First Vice Commander. I will be a staff member at Buckeye Boys State in June for the third year.

I am a committed member of the SAL and have demonstrated my commitment through the many years of actively participating in the SAL on all levels, as an officer or a chairman.

I have the support of my wife, Beckie, whom I have been married to for 21 years. I am endorsed by American Legion Post #257 in Loudonville, SAL Squadron 257, 5th District American Legion, and the 5th District SAL.

I am employed by Lanning's Foods, Inc., in Mt. Vernon, Ohio as meat cutter where I have worked for 6 years.

I ask for your support and vote for Chaplain at the Detachment Convention in May in Toledo. Thank you for your consideration.

# Always Be Prepared To Get A New Member



## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

**Please check appropriate eligibility era and branch of service below:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department/state address, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

ALA 08/2019

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

ALA 12/2013

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Required) \_\_\_\_\_  Birth - 17  18 and over

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) \_\_\_\_\_

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

**Veteran Served:**

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	

**Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	

**To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer**

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALA 09/2019

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

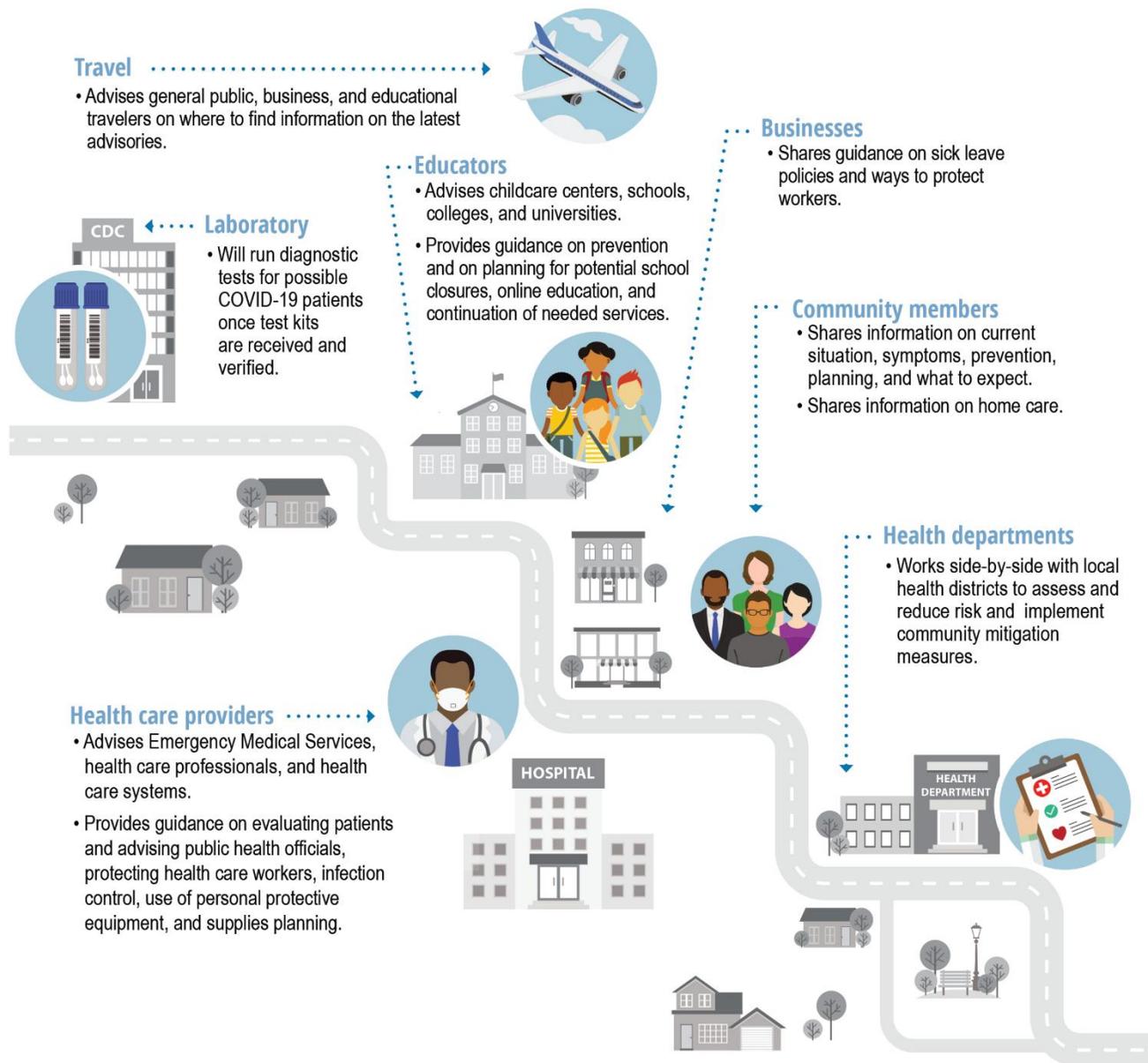
Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

## Protecting and Preparing Communities

The Ohio Department of Health is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19.



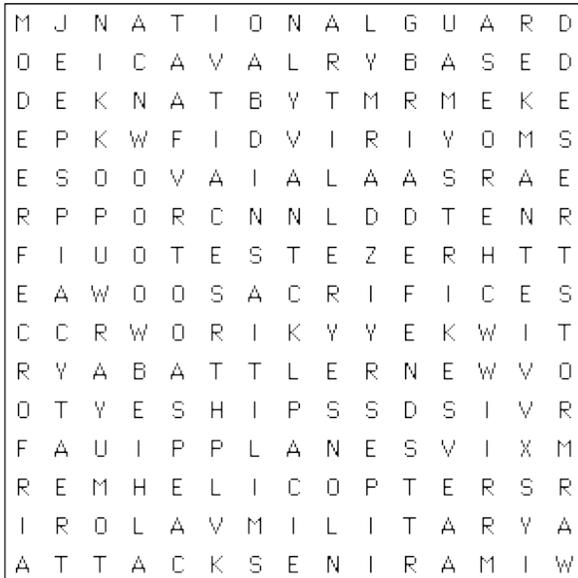
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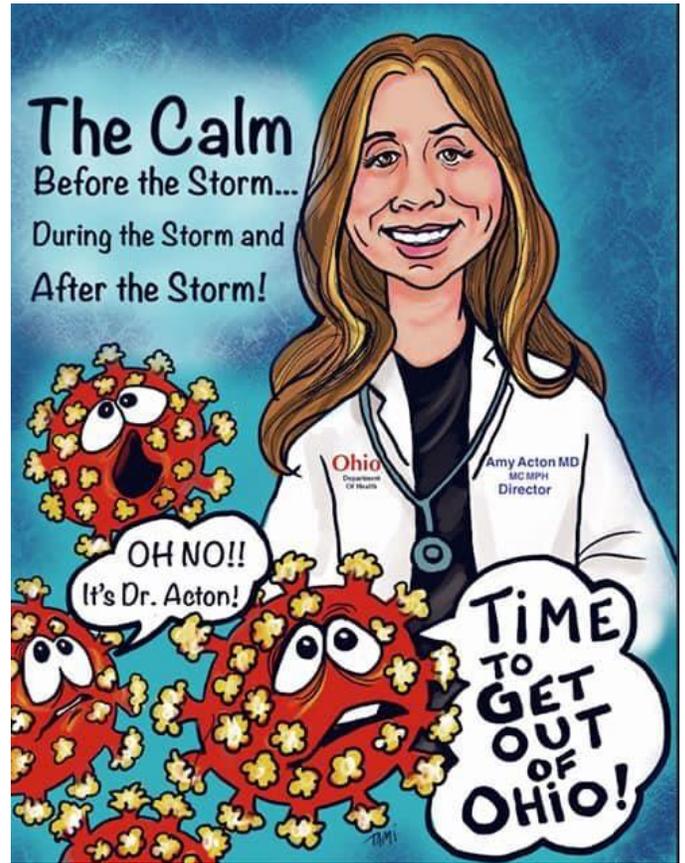
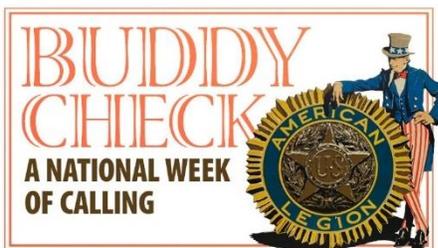
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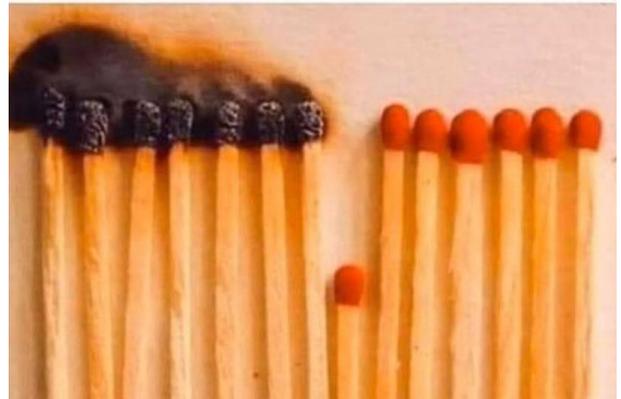


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| BIVOUAC       | MILITIA        | VICTORY    |
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This photo has been shared by doctors in Greece. "The one who stayed away saved all the rest"



**DO YOU HAVE ONE?**  
*It's not too late!*

## Let's Be Proactive!



Here is a list of things your Post might want to consider helping with your finances while your Post is closed. Some may be feasible for your Post and some may not, but we need to get creative to lessen

the burden on our Posts while on shut down.

These are just a few suggestions. Please remember you may have to wait on the phone; there are lots of people calling. Be courteous and be sure even if they can't help you thank them for their time and help. Be sure that your Post Officers know what you are trying to do. I do suggest, if possible, that the Post Finance Officer call as he/she has all the records and account numbers. I also suggest that you get the name of the person you are talking to and make a [written] record of it.

1. If your Post has a mortgage call them and see what arrangements, if any, can be made if you can't make your payment on time. They may work with you to wave late fees and penalties.
2. Contact your cable provider and ask to be shut off until you reopen. Example: DIRECTV® will put your service on hold for six months without charge. When you reopen you just need to call to reinstate service.
3. Contact your water and sewer provider. Ask them to turn your water off. Have them do it at the street. You will need to contact them to turn back on

and see what you will need to do to flush out your water lines.

4. Phone service – example Cincinnati Bell will not charge for two months.
5. Unplug any unnecessary plugs. Example: juke box, games, etc. even when not in use they are still adding to your electric bill.
6. Contact your insurance carrier to see if there are any coverages you can suspend while on shut down, i.e.: liquor liability insurance.
7. Trash removal – contact your trash removal company and ask to suspend service until you reopen.
8. Turn your thermostat down. I wouldn't suggest turning off your heat but turn in down to a level where it is safe for your Post.
9. Subscription services – if your Post uses a subscription service of Wi-Fi, Netflix®, Hulu®, sports applications, or any subscription services your Post or Canteen may be using, either call or log in to your account to cancel or suspend the service.
10. The President has implemented an extension of filing taxes. You may want to work with municipalities and cities to get those filings extended as well.

*Jean Wilson, First Vice-Commander  
The American Legion  
Department of Ohio*



# May Detachment Raffle

Winner to be drawn May 17, 2017

**\$1000  
IN PRIZES**

## GRAND PRIZE



**Pit Boss Copperhead Series  
3 Digital  
Electric Smoker**

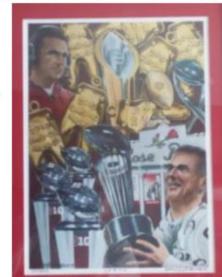
Can be operated by phone using iOS or Android app.

## SECOND PRIZE



**Smoke Hollow  
Digital Electric Smoker**

## THIRD PRIZE



**Urban Meyer  
Commemorative Print**

**TICKETS \$5.00 EACH  
OR 5 FOR \$20.00**

**S.A.L. Detachment of Ohio**  
Grand Prize  
*Pit Boss Digital Electric Smoker*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
*Smoke Hollow Digital Electric Smoker*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
*Urban Meyer Commemorative Print*  
Drawing May 17, 2020  
Need not be present to win  
**\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**




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← Cut out this ticket, write your name and phone number on the back, and return to:

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