



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

**Doug Hancock, Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Ohio
2021 - 2022**

Greetings fellow Sons,

Spring has arrived and warmer weather should be on the way. I hope. My time as your Detachment Commander is coming to an end.

My predecessors have made the statement "It goes by so fast." I have to agree. I hit the ground running as I traveled to Miami University in June to give greetings at Buckeye Boys State. It was an eye-opening experience. The enthusiasm was off the charts and because of Covid it was at half capacity. I plan to spend the week this year.

My travels took me to the Mid-Ohio race track in July and the next day I was in Belleville to

march in the Independence day parade and made a brief speech to the crowd.

Also in July, Rita and I traveled to Independence to give greetings to the Legion and Auxiliary Conventions. Thanks to Bill, Buster, Bernie, and Tim for joining me. Congratulations to Commander Jean and President Colleen. Also in July, I was in the 10th District at Cadiz Post 34 to give greetings from Detachment and assist with handing out awards to district squadron members.

We had a great time in Phoenix for National Convention. Getting together with old friends from around the country and making new acquaintances. It was really nice having the Convention center so close to our hotel.

We attended Commander Jean's Homecoming in September. It was a great tribute to a great woman. Harrison was a great city for Rita and me to drive to Cincinnati Airport to fly to our Cabo vacation.

My Homecoming in November was just a little cramped due to a scheduling issue, but we had a great time. Thanks to my table officers and Jeff Sr. for the props and horse dance I wasn't expecting but I'll do what it takes to support HOOVES.

Then came Midwinter Conference. Along with our meetings I gave greetings to the Legionnaires and the Auxiliary meetings with fellow officers. Rita and I attended an Awards banquet along with Commander Jean and President Colleen and her husband Tim.

Sadly, Bob Mendoza passed away. Bob was our first district advisor for many years. To me he was a mentor and someone you wanted to make proud, we traveled together quite a bit. His memorial was held at Adams post in Toledo, his eulogy was written and given by a friend from childhood and was a great tribute to a great man, he will be missed.

In February I traveled to Washington DC with Bernie Kessler and Bill Towns for the wreath ceremony. I had the honor to place the Ohio wreath at the WW II Ohio pillar, my personal honor to my father, his brother and my father-in-law who served in the Army.

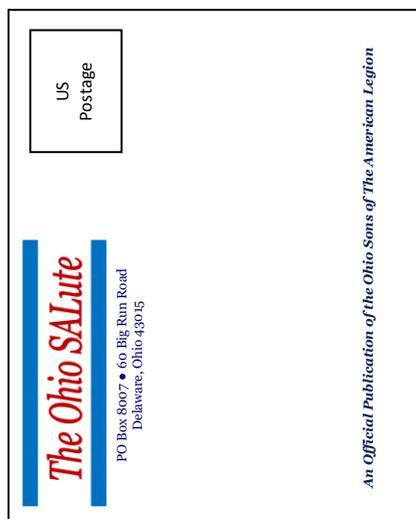
We visited the Vietnam Wall, the Korean Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. It was a very memorable experience for me.

On our way home we stopped in Hancock Maryland for breakfast at the Hancock American Legion post. I'd been there once before. They'd recently opened up a diner in their hall. Great place to stop if you're in the area.

In March I traveled to the 7th District in Chillicothe bringing greetings from Detachment and install their newly elected officers.

On April 9th I'll be in the 5th District in Wellington for dinner and meeting, and the 3rd District in Kettering for their meeting the next afternoon.

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I want to thank everyone for your support throughout my year as Commander and looking forward to seeing you in May.

I want to add this information on my special project HOOVES donations. Checks are to be made out to HOOVES not to Detachment, they will be recorded, and you can report them under VA&R on your CSR.

Thank you for your continued support.

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The 58th Annual Detachment of Ohio Convention

Rules of The Election

The 2022 Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio Annual Convention will follow these election rules.

1. Each properly registered Squadron will be allowed one (1) vote and all Squadrons will be entitled to one (1) additional vote for every ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof enrolled in Department Headquarters by May 6, 2022.
2. A Squadron must have at least the number of paid-up 2022 members present at the Convention to vote the full number of votes assigned to the Squadron. Example: A Squadron is entitled to five (5) votes but has only three (3) paid-up 2022 members attending. The Squadron will only be allowed three (3) votes.

3. The total number of delegates listed must be present to cast the total number of votes for the Squadron.
4. The order of Election of Officers shall be the Detachment Commander, Detachment First Vice Commander, Detachment Second Vice Commander, and Detachment Chaplain. The National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman are elected in even-numbered years for two-year terms.
5. National Convention Delegates will be selected pursuant to the procedure described in the Detachment Constitution, Article VI, Section 6.
6. Only delegates or their accredited alternate may be heard or given recognition in the nomination of candidates. Those who wish to nominate or second a nomination must register with the Detachment Adjutant before the start of the Convention.
7. Nominating speeches for Detachment Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. Seconding speeches are limited to two (2) minutes. Not more than one (1) nominating and one (1) seconding speech shall be made for any candidate.
8. Election of officers shall be by ballot except when a candidate is unopposed, at which time the vote may be by acclamation. On all votes requiring a ballot the Squadron Delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor, mark the appropriate ballot, and deliver it to one of the election tellers.
9. Delegations may arrive at a vote in such a manner as they choose, but it shall be in terms of full unit and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote.
10. All Past Detachment Commanders, while in good standing with their respective Squadrons, shall be life delegates to all Detachment Conventions, with vote, to be exercised with their respective Squadrons.

First-Vice Commander



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Greetings my fellow S.A.L. and Legion Family Members!

The past couple of years have been rough collecting dues from our members, but we still have reached several of National's percentage goals this year. We currently have 65 Squadrons in our Detachment that have made quota or exceeded.

As of March 10 our Detachment is 85.21%, according to National. Congratulations Detachment of Ohio. You met and exceeded the March 9 Lap goal of 80% and are currently only 4.8% away from hitting the April 9 Goal of 90%.

Congratulations also goes out to the 4th District, which is currently only 20 Members from being a quota District. By the time this is being read, I have no doubt that those numbers will be obtained. The 4th District is at 98.97%. Great work, and again thank you for the hard work of 4th District Commander Chuck Castle, and your fellow District Officers.

Squadron Adjutants, please make sure to get set up with my-legion.org if you have not done so already. The 2022-2023 Membership year is just around the corner, and with that year will be many changes. For instance, we will no longer be receiving the green bar roster sheets as all will be available for you to print off the site. The new Squadron Data Report (SDR) is now a required form for National to be able to assist in collecting Membership dues for your Squadrons online and be able to send any money over the Per Capita to the respective Squadron.

I would like to thank all the Districts I have visited this past year for all of hospitality and allowing

me to speak at your meetings and help with your award banquets.

Second Vice-Commander



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Where has the year gone? It sure doesn't seem like the year is coming to an end. It feels like we just got started.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated on the toolbox raffle hat was held at the Detachment Mid-winter Conference. We cleared \$1,423.00 which went towards Gifts for Yanks program.

We will be raffling off a patio burner at this year's Detachment Convention. One ticket for \$1.00 or ten tickets for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn the last day of Convention, on Sunday. You must be present to win. The proceeds will go to Task Force 20.

Patio Burner

You will have to be present to win it
will be raffled off on Sunday the last Day of Convention
1 for \$ 1.00
10 For \$ 5.00
Tickets on sale Friday Saturday and Sunday before meeting



From the Chaplain



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As we get closer to the end of the year, please make sure you get as many dues collected and sent in so we can reach quota. Don't forget to get all your reports sent in on time.

The winner of the wooden flag I raffled off was Ron Wissman of the 4th District.

Please send me names and addresses of anyone you need me to send a get well or condolence card out to.

Adjutant's Update



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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 2022-2023. Please remember that your new squadron and district officers are required to be elected and **certified to Detachment Headquarters by May 1st**. 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 2023 Officer Certification Forms, your squadron **must complete a 2022 Consolidated Squadron Report Form.** This is the form you need to use to document all your activities, programs, donations, etc. for the 2021-2022 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.

Please note that National is no longer printing paper reports. They are encouraging everyone to use a fillable PDF file or the squadron's mySAL portal.

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 2021 and 2022! 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, 2021 to May 31, 2022. 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 2023 membership cards until both the 2023 Squadron Officer Certification (SOC) Form AND the 2022 Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) Form have been submitted to Department Headquarters. BOTH forms are due by May 1!

Annual Squadron Data Report. Along with the two Ohio forms mentioned above, it is also time to submit your Annual Squadron Data Report to national HQ and Ohio. This form updates your key Squadron addresses, phone numbers, websites, meeting times, etc., and the dues rates you charge your regular, dual, and junior members. This form is available from the national website, <https://www.legion.org/sons/publications>. Scroll down to the "Forms" section and click on the link for the fillable form. Send your completed form(s) to the email address in the form's instructions and copy me for the state records. This needs to be done annually now for the yearly changeover of the membership database at national.

2022 Detachment Convention – May 20-22. The call and related files for the 58th Annual Detachment Convention have been published on the website – see the Detachment Convention page under the Events link. We will be at James Dickey Post No. 23 in Portsmouth, hosted by District 7.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS BY FRIDAY, MAY 6th! 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 THREE HOTELS BY FRIDAY,

APRIL 22! Call the numbers listed on our website / in the call to get the agreed room rates. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

2024 Detachment Convention Bids. We will be reviewing bids to host the 2024 convention at this year's Detachment Convention in May. Please submit all bid packages to either NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin or me before the opening session on Friday night. Contact either one of us if you need a copy of the bidding guidelines and documents.

See you all in Portsmouth!

Judge Advocate



**Bill Towns,
Judge Advocate**
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Annual Reports Due May 1. This is a reminder that we should all be holding elections for our district and squadron officers for the 2022-2023 administrative year before the May 1, 2022 deadline of submissions.

The Detachment of Ohio Constitution and By-Laws mandate that all officers must be certified to Detachment Headquarters by May 1.

It is also time for all squadrons to submit their 2022-2023 Squadron Data Report to detachment and national. Without this form on file, national will only charge members the national and state per capita dues amounts when they renew online individually. The squadron will not receive any local dues monies and will have to contact their members separately to be paid.

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2022 – 2023 Squadron Forms Due

Squadron Officers Certification Form
https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/SAL_OH_Officers_Certification_Form-1.xlsx

Squadron Data Report
<https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021-SAL-Annual-Squadron-Data-Report.pdf>

Consolidated Squadron Report
https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/SAL_CSR_Form-Rev_2021-01.xlsx

Download and share them throughout your districts and let's try to get a big jump on reporting this year.

Detachment Commander's Award

It is not too late to be considered for the Detachment of Ohio Commanders Award to be given out at the 58th Detachment Convention in Portsmouth. By simply filling in and submitting the Award form found in the Detachment Convention Call online at [2022-SAL-Convention-Call-Packet.pdf](https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/2022-SAL-Convention-Call-Packet.pdf) ([ohiolegion.com](https://www.ohiolegion.com)) Your squadron members can be recognized for the work they have performed.

The Commanders Award is earned by:

1. Renewing 87% of your 2021 membership,
2. Sponsoring 1 delegate to either Buckeye Boys State or Girls State, (for those that cannot sponsor a delegate, donate a minimum \$1.00 per member to the National Emergency Fund),
3. Donate a minimum \$1.00 per member to the Child Welfare Foundation,
4. Donate a minimum \$1.00 per member to Commander Doug's special project H.O.O.V.E.S.

5. Complete and submit your Squadron Consolidated Report Form.

All submissions must be received at Department Headquarters before Saturday, May 1, 2022 to qualify. Please send to:

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National Executive Committeeman



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Spring Greetings to Everyone,

It was good to see many of you at Mid-Winter Conference. It was good to meet Chris Carlton. Chris is the National Leading Candidate. He enjoyed meeting the members and attending our meetings.

We nominated seven members for National Commissions and Committees; Jon Coakley for CWF, Jeff Vrabel, Jr. to continue on the Century Committee, Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Dennis Albright for Children and Youth, John Robinson for VE&E, Buster Sutterlin for VA&R, and Bernie Kessler is continuing on Legislative. This year National Commander Michael Fox appointed Jeff Vrabel, Jr. to the new committee, Century Committee. The Century Committee is planning for the S.A.L.'s 100th anniversary.

I am serving as NECLC for the 50th Convention Commemoration Committee. This committee is new this year. All of the Committees/Commissions are appointed an NEC member to attend the conference calls being held. The purpose of this assignment is to listen and help answer questions or make suggestions, if asked. The NECs then report a summary of what is happening in that group to Clifford Smith, NECLC chairman. I also

listen to the monthly VA&R calls since I am particularly interested in that program. Anyone who is interested in any calls for the programs can connect through zoom or through the conference call. Contact Bill Towns or myself for that information. These calls are very informative, especially about what is happening in other states.

Don't forget "Flying Flags For Heroes" is the National Commander's project. He is asking for 1,000,000 American flags to be placed on Veterans' graves through-out the year. He wants every squadron to place the flags in local cemeteries and get pictures. This project can include Auxiliary, Legionnaires, and others. Go to the website www.flyingflagsforheroes.com for details. Please report how many flags you place on Memorial Day since that is when many of you honor our deceased Veterans. Remember, it can include any cemetery, small or large.

As many of you know, it is that time to get your information ready to report on the Consolidated Squadron Report. Even if you don't attend meetings, what you do for volunteer activities are important and that is reported on this report. The individual members need to report to your officers (or whoever is doing the report in your squadron) what you did, how many hours and how much money you spent since last May. A lot of volunteering is done but just not reported. Are you a volunteer fireman, EMT, coach for youth sports, attend school events and sports, work concession stands or any other volunteer activities? If you need help completing the form, call Bill Towns, Scott Thornton, or myself and we will help you. The Consolidate Squadron Report Form and the Officers Certification forms are due May 1, 2022.

Now is the time to get the bids together for the 2024 SAL Detachment Convention.

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These bids are due, at the latest, before the drop of the gavel at the Friday night Detachment convention meeting at Portsmouth on May 20, 2022. I hope to see many of you at the Detachment convention in Portsmouth May 20 – 21, 2022.

**Alternate National
Executive Committeeman**



**Steve Honigfort,
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Executive
Committeeman**
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Greetings,

With the completion of another calendar year for the current officers, our national commander has ideas that try to bring younger members into our organization. There is still time to do so, we need the youth for survival and growth. Active members are decreasing and as a result, so are events. We need to nudge existing SAL friends and families to do more.

The Covid scare still has kept many at home, and it is up to us to keep the wheels turning. Phone calls to say how are you doing and wishing them well would open communication, and possibly make them think, “I’ve got to get back involved.” It is also important to retain existing members, as many of them started the Squadrons from the beginning and are still valuable assets for our organization.

Our Detachment Commander Doug Hancock could also use everyone’s support to finish his year successfully. Think to yourself, did I do enough? Would the Veteran whom you got your eligibility through think you are working at your best to honor their service to this country? Survival of those memories are our responsibility not just the person next to you.

Numbers speak volumes, and more is possible at many levels to keep

our group alive and have a voice at State and National events.

Try signing up a veteran to The American Legion, as our parent group needs help and assistance also. The whole American Legion Family would benefit as new members would also be created for The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion.

We must work together for the future, or there will be no future. Do you want the veterans to be forgotten and all the sacrifices they have given to this country?

It is up to you and everyone else to Git “R” Done.

Thank You!



**National
Vice-Commander’s
Update**



**Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
National
Vice-Commander**
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It’s hard to believe that another administrative year in Sons of The American Legion is coming to an end. Where has the time gone? Members have done great things this year, and membership numbers continue to rise, but the work is far from over.

In a few short weeks, we will be hosting National Commander Michael Fox at our 2022 58th Annual Detachment Convention in Portsmouth. Over that weekend, Ohio Sons will participate in Commander Fox’s National Service Program, Flying Flags For Heroes. The program is designed to honor veterans in America’s cemeteries throughout the year, with a goal of placing at least one-million flags on their graves.

For those who have not attended one of these events, I can tell you that you will find it a very rewarding and moving experience.

We will then take our experience at this FFFH event back home as we work towards Ohio’s goal of placing 100,000 flags. We will reach or exceed our goal in preparation for Memorial Day, with Sons scattering in cemeteries across our great state honoring our veterans.

It is very important that there are pictures taken, and that the placements be added to the FFFH website www.flyingflagsforheroes.com. If we don’t record our work here, it will not be officially counted.

You can also list upcoming events on the FFFH website so others can participate if they would like to. FFFH should also be promoted throughout local communities, as well as sent to news media.



www.flyingflagsforheros.com

Our membership program continues as we make sure we to renew as many delinquent members as possible. We will again ask ALL members to renew in the month of July as we continue to change the mindset and culture of our membership program.

National Membership Chairman Thom Skelley has established the “Chairman’s Cup” that will be awarded to the Region with the most points based on which regions meet National Target Dates. I would love to have that Cup come home to Ohio, but I need your help. We all need to get out and talk to our delinquent members and ask them to renew. We will never have a 100% renewal rate, but

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we can get as close as possible Will you help me, and the Central Region win?

We honor the veteran who made us eligible every day through our membership in Sons of The American Legion. Let's all honor them in July and get paid up for 2023. Will you help? Will you help get this message out? Will you be a leader in this process? **Who's next?**

Finally, I want to thank the Mahoning Valley Squadron 15, Mahoning Valley Post 15, Mahoning Valley Unit 15, the Dynamic Ninth District, the Detachment of Ohio, and the entire Ohio American Legion Family for the support I have received leading up to and during my term as National Vice-Commander Central 2021 – 2022. None of this would have been possible without you.

Keep up the hard work, and I will see everyone in Portsmouth!

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are all #SALSTRONG!



District 1
Duffer Rosenbauer, Commander

District 2
Randy Matthews, Commander

Happy Easter everyone! I hope everyone has a blessed holiday.

Here in Van Wert, we are having a Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 at Post 178. Breakfast is from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you're in the neighborhood, please feel free to stop by.

In the middle of February, I sent out letters to all Squadrons in District 2 and asked them to fill out their Squadron Data Form and send it to Detachment and National Headquarters. Shortly, we will start asking for them to elect Officers and to complete their Officer Certification Form as well as the Consolidated Squadron Report.

Our next District meeting will be held March 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Delphos Post. First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright has been invited to be our Guest Speaker.

District 3
Troy Davis, Commander



Do you have one? If not, pleasea contact click [HERE](#) for more details.

District 4
Charles W. Castle, Commander

They say that "Lightning never strikes the same place twice." Well, in the 4th District, it happened in the form of winning the Blue Jug for the second consecutive year. This was only done with the entire district working together as one to achieve this goal. It is our duty as Sons of The American Legion to show our parent organization that we support them in all aspects. We were again proud to stand by the 4th District American Legion in celebrating this achievement. A Brown Jug - Blue Jug dinner was held on February 26 at Mt. Washington Post 484. Ohio Department Commander Jean Wilson attended along with American Legion National Vice-Commander Jerry Wilson and Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright.



Pictured Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright presenting 4th District S.A.L. Commander Charles W. Castle with the Blue Jug.



Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright with Squadron 72 Commander, Perry Lombardo



Dennis with Squadron Commander 773, Shawn Cashner.

Williamsburg Squadron 288, along with Trustees from Jackson Township, Ohio have been working together to install flag poles at local cemeteries. Late last year, a flag pole dedication was held at Greenberry Cemetery. This was the first of three new flag poles to be installed.

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The remaining are scheduled to be installed before Memorial Day this year.



At the dedication are Post 288 Legion member Gary Hutchinson, Post 288 Commander Richard Barndollar, Squadron 288 member Joe Heflin, Post 288 Chaplain Bill Graybill, Squadron 288 member Don Burroughs, Squadron 288 Commander David Lytle, Jackson Township Trustee Joe Speeg, Post 288 member and Clermont County Commander Frank Morrow and Squadron 288 Sgt.-at-Arms Daniel Colone.

Our 2022 Winter Conference was held on February 6, hosted by Halker-Flége Squadron 69. The conference was well attended and very successful. On behalf of all the members of the 4th District, a big thank you to Detachment Chaplain Tim Conway for attending. Our 2022 Spring Convention will be hosted by Stuart G. Luginbuhl Squadron 72 and will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

District 5

Dewey Kuhl, Commander

District 6

Ted Kohler, Jr., Commander

District 7

John Conley, Commander

**Convention Notes from
Adam Jones
and Host Squadron 23**

Thank you for attending and welcome to the 58th annual Detach-

ment Convention in Portsmouth May 20-22, 2022 hosted by American Legion James Dickey Post 23, 705 Court Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

We are looking forward to the Detachment of Ohio coming to Portsmouth and enjoying our southern hospitality.

For those members of the Detachment staying in any of the 3 Convention hotels they offer breakfast. Super 8, Quality Inn & Rodeway Inn offer hot breakfast, cold, & continental.

There is no breakfast offered at American Legion Post 23! There is a breakfast for the Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club on Saturday morning May 21, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. in the "Bartlett Room" of American Legion Post 23.

There are many restaurants nearby; McDonald's, KFC/Taco Bell, Giovanni's Pizza of Rosemount, Bob Evans, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Hut, Penn Station, Ollie's Burgers & BBQ, and Wendy's, just to name a few.

Stop in the Scioto Ribber on Gallia Street for the best smoked ribs & steaks in the state.

There will be entertainment at the American Legion Post 23 Friday and Saturday evening.

See Detachment Sgt. at Arms/7th District SAL Commander John Conley for more details on Saturday evening's entertainment & dinner.

A shuttle service/system will be provided by Access Scioto County & American Legion Post 23 upon request.

Saturday afternoon is planned with activities with National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Mike Fox going to Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth, Boneyfiddle Military Museum & Floodwall Murals.

For further information, questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact:

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District 8

Phil Lightfoot, Commander

District 9

Tom Foss, Commander

District 10

Matthew Baxter, Commander

District 11

Chet Crooks, Commander

District 12

Rocky Searles, Commander

District 13

Adam Budner, Commander

District 14

*PNC Fred Hartline, Sr.,
Commander*



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**Reports of
Committees & Commissions**

**AMERICANISM
COMMISSION**



**Randy Matthews,
Chairman**
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I hope this finds everyone well, and helping everyone you can. We are in a position that your neighbors may need your help. Keep helping your Post and our Veterans as well. We are in this together, and we will come out the other side by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The world is at war in Ukraine, and we must be aware of what can happen. Pray for peace as soon as possible.

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At home, the time is coming to elect new congressmen and senators in Ohio and across the country. Make sure you get out and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Buckeye Boys State



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Legislative Update



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Before any troops are sent to Ukraine some in Congress want a say. The house passed a bill to expand health benefits for veterans exposed to toxic pits. The buddy check is one of the best examples of peer support.

Oratorical



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CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION



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Children's Miracle Network



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Like most nonprofits, children's hospitals rely on donations and right now, the United States is facing a monumental crisis when it comes to protecting the health of future generations. Children's hospitals are on the front lines of this dilemma. Together, we are leading the charge for improving children's health by raising critical funds needed by local hospitals. 400+ Campuses. 300,000+ Student Participants. \$300M Raised for Kids since 1991.

Miracle Network Dance Marathon is a program of [Children's Miracle Network Hospitals](http://Children'sMiracleNetworkHospitals.org) (CMN Hospitals). CMN Hospitals raises funds for 170 children's hospitals that support the health of 10 million kids each year across the U.S. and Canada. Donations go to local hospitals to fund critical life-saving treatments and healthcare services, along with innovative research, vital pediatric medical equipment, child life services that put kids' and families' minds at ease during difficult hospital stays and financial assistance for families who could not otherwise afford these health services. When we improve the health of all children and allow them the opportunity to reach their full potential, we also improve our communities for years to come.

Through Miracle Network Dance Marathon, students and campus communities have raised \$300M for local children's hospitals since 1991. As a fundraising program, each campus's Miracle Network Dance Marathon organization works throughout the year to raise funds and awareness to change kids' health and change the future for their Children's Miracle Network Hospital. For every dollar donated to a CMN Hospital: 18% helps provide Charitable Care; 15%

goes to Life-Saving Equipment; 12% supports Medical Research; and 55% provides Education, Patient Services and Advancement Services. By participating in the Dance Marathon movement, you are helping CMN Hospitals address the urgent needs brought on by the pandemic. On top of treating kids with COVID-19, children's hospitals continue to care for everything from broken bones to cancer, and all the moments in between. Most Dance Marathons here in Ohio are held in the Spring. Several are taking place on April 9th. Consider making a donation to a College/University Dance Marathon in your area dance-marathon.childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org/find-a-dance-marathon/?province=Ohio. These boys and girls are our future. Now more than ever, kids can't wait.

When you think about children's hospitals, doctors and nurses readily come to mind. And for good reason. But there's another group of sometimes unsung heroes. Meet the child life specialists. Child life specialists support the emotional and mental health needs of hospitalized kids and their families. Child life programs include art therapy, music therapy, pet therapy, play activities and comfort toys and tools. Children's hospitals care for the whole child, not just the physical side of things. Programs like child life are often funded almost completely by philanthropy. In fact, in 2020 CMN Hospitals raised more than \$90 million to fund patient services, including child life programs.

With March being Child Life Month, consider making a donation to your local CMN hospital today.

Information taken from CMN website



Child Welfare Foundation



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Chairman**
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I once again thank Detachment Commander Doug Hancock for this appointment to serve as Child Welfare Chairman.

Please have all donations to CWF in to National by May 31.

I encourage you to wrap-up your individual Squadron and District CWF raffles, fundraisers, and collect monies from your CWF piggy banks and turn in at Detachment Convention in Portsmouth.

Squadrons exceeding \$1 per member complete and send in 100% per capita format by June 1.

Encourage your area non-profit organizations to apply for 2023 CWF grants. Applications will be accepted May 1 to July 15. The National Child Welfare is less than \$40,000 from reaching \$9 million in donations from the Sons.

National Chairman Mark Nave states, "the CWF is preparing a fundraising template for future use".

Remember that the Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION



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LET THEM KNOW WE CARE!

The Ohio SALute

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee



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Hello, how's all of you doing?

Lots going on down in south region. They are trying to close the VA hospital down in Chillicothe.

We the people of southern Ohio are trying to keep it open. The director that is in there now wants it closed. She will not talk to any veteran or employee, and sits behind bullet proof glass and is escorted in mornings and escorted out every evening.

A lot of clubs in southern Ohio are having town meetings to inform all the veterans what is going on. At least they are starting to allow family in to see the veterans that live there.

Squadron 62 is gearing up for its annual golf outing in September. The convention in May is coming along well. I hope everyone enjoys it this year.

I think that is about it lots. There will be more about the VA but let's see how things work out for now.

Veterans Employment and Education Committee



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The Ohio SALute

From the Editor



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#SALSTRONG
MEDIA ALLIANCE

The next time an edition of *The Ohio SALute* is published, we will have a new Detachment Commander, new Committee and Commission Chairmen will be appointed, and new District leadership will have been elected.

With these positions comes great responsibility and many additional duties will be assumed. One of those duties is to provide four, that's right, four articles for this newsletter. It's not too hard to put something together, and it is expected.

For many members, *SALute* is where they get information about programs, to see what is happening across the state, and to find out who is sponsoring events and hosting meetings.

For the 2022 – 2023 administrative year, please don't let our deadlines pass without a report being submitted. It is vital to the success of our Detachment and our organization. It is also important that Squadrons and District let everyone know about the hard work that has and continues to be accomplished, when meetings are held, and how to contact Officers.

This is YOUR newsletter, but it cannot be successful without YOU! Please help get the word out and submit articles, photos, and events.

Convention Screening Committee



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INSPIRE
TEAMWORK**

2022 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION
GOLF OUTING
TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS
AND POST 11 AMERICAN LEGION



**PUMPKIN VINE
GOLF COURSE**
SATURDAY JUNE 25TH
8AM SHOTGUN
START

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
PLAYER 2: _____
PLAYER 3: _____
PLAYER 4: _____

**4 PERSON BEST BALL FORMAT
CASH PROXIMITY PRIZES**

-\$70 PER PLAYER INCLUDES GOLF, LUNCH ON THE COURSE
AND DINNER AFTER THE ROUND AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 11.
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO S.A.L.
DROP OFF OR MAIL TO AMERICAN LEGION, 279 CANAL ST, LANCASTER, OH 43130
-HOLE SPONSORS AVAILABLE FOR \$50.
INCLUDES CUSTOM SIGN ON COURSE WITH COMPANY INFO OR LOGO.



**FLYING FLAGS
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Spanky Memorial Golf Outing June 11th, 2022



Little Apple Golf Course, Bellville Ohio
Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.



4 Person Team
\$200 entry fee per team

Includes skins, cart, donuts and juice at the start,
hot dogs at the turn, and pork chop dinner to follow.

\$400 payout for first place
\$200 payout for second place

All proceeds will benefit
the Honor Flight program for veterans

Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion
Squadron #535

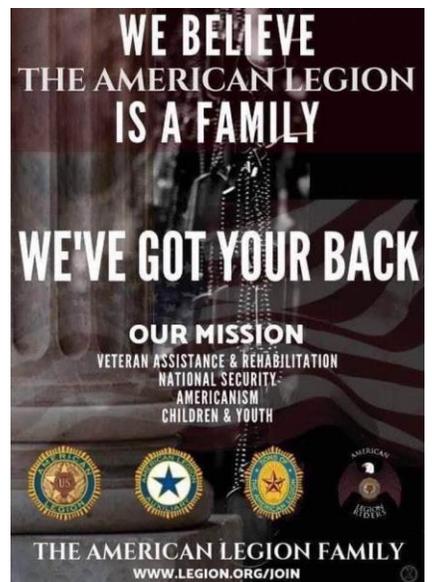
If you would like to put a team in or make a \$100 hole
sponsor, please contact Craig Smith at (419) 631-3743
or Bruce Hayes at (419) 566-1838

**A man
without a
vision for his
future, always
returns to
his past.**

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Great leaders are
masters at mentoring.
They are constantly
investing in,
and pouring into the
next generation
of leaders.

-NATE MILLER



**PROUD POSSESSORS
OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE**



Candidates Corner

MAHONING VALLEY SQUADRON 15
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
POLAND, OH



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Member of Mahoning Valley Squadron 15 since 1999
- National Century Committee
- Past Ninth District Commander
- Past Ninth District Adjutant
- Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms
- 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 Processional Parade & Memorial Ceremonies Co-Chairman since 2015
- Squadron 15 Color Guard Commander



JEFF VRABEL, JR.
for
Detachment of Ohio
Chaplain
2022 - 2023

A Vision for the Future



VOTE
VRABEL
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Gary Lang

Candidate for 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 26 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 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 15 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.

For God and Country and the Good of the Sons,

Gary Lang, Commander 2012-2013
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Ohio

Dennis K. Albright

Candidate for Detachment of Ohio Commander

Dennis K. Albright is a 41-year Member of Joseph W. Hoffman Squadron 757. He gained eligibility through his grandfather, Glenn Albright, who served in the Army WWII, and his father, Gary Albright, who served in the Army during Vietnam, and was a Life Member of Post 757.

Dennis has held all Squadron Offices, several District Offices, as well as Detachment Homeland Security, Special Olympics, Chaplain, Second Vice-Commander, and currently your First Vice-Commander.

Dennis is employed with OhioHealth as a Certified Pharmacy Technician for the last 5 years. He is currently at the Circleville Berger Campus.

Dennis is dedicated to the S.A.L and will do his best to make a successful year as Commander for the Detachment and its Members.

Candidates Corner



★ ELECT ★

ADAM JONES

Alternate National
Executive Committeeman
Detachment of Ohio



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
Child Welfare Foundation 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.

Candidate for Alternate NEC 2022-2024 PDC 2013-14 Jon W. Coakley II

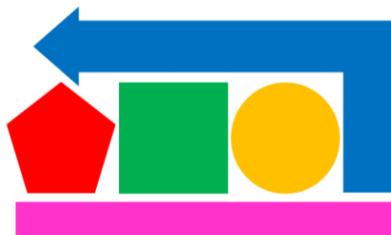


Previous and Current Offices and Accomplishments:

- Past Detachment Commander 2013-14
- Past Chairmanships include Detachment CWF, Detachment Americanism, and Detachment POW/MIA. Currently sit on the National CWF Committee (4th Consecutive year)
 - Graduate of National Management Institute and Commander's School.
- Attended Spring and Fall NEC meetings in Indianapolis for the past 12-14 years+.

I look forward to serving as Alt. NEC if so elected.

Thank you for your support!



If your name is Jeff, please email NVC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com and get ready for a big announcement.





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WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SON

- Support for our Veterans
- Children & Youth Programs
- To help those in need
- To protect our nation's flag
- To provide various services to our communities, states, and nation
- To be part of the world's largest volunteer veterans' organization
- Camaraderie

Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible
JOIN TODAY!



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP _____

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Space Force
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

D17010

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 and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ 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.

D17010

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT (please print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 18 and older

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 _____

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.**

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

If Living: _____

American Legion Member ID # Post # City State

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

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

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

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

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Female Spouse
- Grandmother
- Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter)
- Male Spouse
- Sister
- Mother
- Self

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 _____

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____