



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Bernie Kessler, Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Ohio

My Fellow Sons,

While I am confident in my message, I am not sure how to begin. “The more things change; the more things stay the same” might be a start. The worldwide health crisis that was only expected to last six weeks in this country, is now six months with no real end in sight, or at least until after Election Day. While many, if not all, Posts have reopened, the ability to get back to normal has not happened. Due to social distancing, many gun raffles and fundraising events will not generate the monies of the past. How can we as a Detachment move forward? How do we raise our donations and awareness for Veterans in our Communities? How long will we need to do ‘virtual events’? Virtual events do not bring prospective members into our Posts. This is a tough time for all of us, but we must press on.

Last year in my Fall *SALute* article, I quoted from a report from Children and Youth Chairman Bill Clancy (NY). It seems truer now than it did last year. “Challenge every squadron to host an event that supports an American Legion children and youth program, the Child Welfare Foundation or other programs supported by The American Legion and SAL such as the Special Olympics, Children’s Organ Transplant Association, etc. Squadrons are to publicize the event in their local media and get inactive squadrons to participate. Why? Because if you do something for kids it builds excitement. If you build excitement, it helps our organization grow.” Personally, I believe the youth in our country need the guidance from our organization that our Preamble provides. I hope that our Preamble are not just words you say at a meeting but have become a guide to living in these tough times.

I am willing to travel not only for District meetings, but also if you are having a fundraising event. Make sure you schedule a Detachment Officer or Chairman to speak at your event. An email to Adjutant Scott Thornton, the Officer or Chairman is all that’s needed to start the process.

Now for a few other important Detachment items that require attention. MEMBERSHIP!! While from the period of 8/21 to 9/9, we increased our roll by almost 2000 members, we still have 199 ‘zero’ squadrons! While not acceptable by any District or Detachment Officer, I appreciate those who

are doing the work. Are you also aware that of those 199 squadrons, 65 still do not have their cards because there is no required paperwork on file at Headquarters? We need to get a handle on this major problem. There is a solution, it’s called training and we have a MT&D committee that is willing to help train on the Squadron level. On a more positive note, we have 80 Squadrons signed up with mySAL.org to process membership and have signed up over 200 new members for 2021. Great job, but as always, we can do better!

Finally, I have heard the comment that this is the most important national election of our lifetime. While this may be true, the hate, rioting and harassment needs to stop. I don’t care how you vote but I am concerned with what may happen to our Country. There are things in this world more important than oneself. Freedom, the Constitution of the United States, our way of life, Mom, baseball, apple pie, these things and so many more that make us uniquely American. We belong to something greater than ourselves. As complex and diverse and discordant as it is, this thing, called America binds us together in citizenship, community, and brotherhood. Once again, I hope that our Preamble are not just words you say at a meeting, it should be what we stand for as Americans and supporters of our Veterans. Please, whether at a polling place or at your local Board of Elections, vote and let your voice matter.

Be safe, stay healthy and make a difference for our Veterans and Communities.

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Fellow Sons,

2020, The year of the COVID-19 pandemic, church on Facebook live, virtual meetings, social distancing, American Legion posts closed, events canceled, limited travel, and VA volunteering suspended just to mention a few.

It's easy to feel separated from the usual activities in our lives. The new normal? I personally call it the new abnormal.

We've had enough issues with membership before the pandemic. Many Squadrons in the state have managed to start sending in 2020/21 membership and Officer Certification, but we have a lot of zeros.

With our Posts finally opening, with obvious restrictions, and having actual Detachment, District and Squadron meetings, things should get better. Let's do our best at all levels under difficult circumstances.

Let's all offer up prayers for those suffering with COVID-19 and the families of those who have lost the struggle, along with those dealing with national disasters.

HOOVES. As all charitable organizations are struggling with funding due to the pandemic, we are holding our own. We've been able to host a few weekend retreats after the Governor gave us the ok. There are a few things in the works to expand our reach and help pay the bills.

On July 17 I presented a check to Amanda for \$1,500 from my Squadron, 479 Swanton. We had planned to visit as a group but had to postpone. August 29 members from First District Squadron 454 Ridgefield Corners toured the facilities and brought a check for \$1,000.

Early on Legion Riders from Post 320 Maumee sponsored take out fish din-

ners in support of HOOVES. They have actively supported us for the past four years. The American Legion Family always comes through!

Thank you for your continued support for our deserving Veterans.

For God and Country,

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I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this pandemic.

It is very odd since we did not have our Detachment Convention or our National Convention this year. Please practice safe social distancing and wear your mask and listen to our Governor and Health officials. This is something that is new to all of us and I pray for all of you during this time.

Hopefully, our activities will be back to some normalcy soon. If you are going to have any functions at your Squadron or District level and want a Detachment Officer to attend, please give us a call so we can make arrangements to come and represent our Detachment. We are one family from Squadron, District, and Detachment and work together as one. There is no I in teamwork. We are there to assist our Veterans that fought for this great country of ours.

For God and Country
Full Steam Ahead
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Dave Dilts, Chaplain

Adjutant's Update



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A Point of Personal Privilege...

Some time I would really like to be able to write my article for the Fall issue of the *Ohio SALute* and not have to harp about Officer Certification Forms and Consolidated Squadron Report Forms that aren't filed because every squadron has completed them. (Yes, I hate writing it as much as I'm sure you hate reading it.) That would really be something. Could I get a little help in this area, please? I'm sure my fellow Detachment Officers and our PDCs have the same thought. (*sigh...*)

Squadron Paperwork – Not Cleared Status

The first target date for the 2021 membership drive was August 6. All squadrons should have filed their 2021 Officer Certification form and their 2020 Consolidated Report form. Most achieved this goal, but several have not.

Here are the current details of the squadrons with a work left to do in this area.

Dist.	No 2021 OCF	No 2020 CSR
1	135 143 253 305 316 635 725	135 143 253 305 316 373 539 635 725
2	268 323 330	330
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5	717	717
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12	239 430 486	239 430
13	339 738	339
14	272	272

Congratulations to District 4 for being the first to be clear! For everyone else, please do your best to get these items handled soon. I know the social distancing requirements imposed due to the COVID-19 response has made physical meetings difficult if not im-

possible, but a few phone calls could get the simple answers of, "We're keeping the same officers in place," and, "We have no activity to report for last year." If you as a district officer can get those responses from the squadrons that are listed above, please email that to me and I'll pass it along to Department Headquarters to get them cleared.

New Officer Certifications & Old Membership Cards

As I write this, we have received 2021 Officers Certification Forms from 266 of our 317 squadrons, for 83.91%. Our Detachment Constitution sets the reporting deadline as May 1 and we have not relaxed that date despite the conditions we are all facing.

We need every other squadron to submit their report immediately – this is half of the requirement to receive your new 2021 membership cards. Department cannot update our contact lists without the new officer details – even if you have no changes to report.

The reporting form is available in multiple formats from the SAL section of the Forms page on ohiolegion.com.

DO NOT RETURN YOUR OLD 2020 CARDS TO HQ – they don't want them back!

2020 Consolidated Squadron Reports

Your 2019-2020 Consolidated Squadron (and District) Reports are also due to Department Headquarters by May 1, and we have received 257 so far for 81.07%, but we need to finish this.

Note that the content of the reporting categories has changed for this year – **DO NOT USE OLD FORMS** or we'll just kick it back. The current form is also available from the Department website.

The American Legion uses the data provided on the reports to help demonstrate to the U.S. Congress just how much we do in support of our nation's veterans and children when the national commander appears before it. Please submit the CSR form as soon as you can, even if you only update your membership data at the top,

and make sure to use your paid membership counts for this year and last – not "2020" and "2019."

2021 Membership Dues Deadline

Did you know...? Membership dues for the Sons of The American Legion are payable by October 20 for the upcoming calendar year.

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 shall be classified as delinquent.

If his dues are paid on or before February 1, he shall be automatically reinstated.

If he is still delinquent after February 1, he shall be suspended from all privileges.

If he is still under such suspension on June 30 of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited.

A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs.

It's difficult for your members to comply with this payment requirement if you haven't cleared your paperwork and received your 2021 membership cards from Department Headquarters.

Oh, and don't sit on membership dues in your squadron. A member is not technically paid-up until his National per capita is recorded in Indianapolis. **NOTE:** Transmitting your renewals and new members via mySAL.org means National gets paid right away. Get signed-up if you don't have an account!

see Thornton page 4 ↻

**Fall D.E.C. Meeting
October 17, 2020**

The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 2:00 pm (tentative) at Colonel Crawford Post No. 181, 123 E. Rensselaer St., Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. *Cmdr. Bernie Kessler will be having his Homecoming dinner there later that day, so we decided to combine the two.*

All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders, and District First Vice Commanders are required to attend.

I would ask everyone who will be giving a report at the D.E.C. meeting to file a copy with me (electronically, if possible) to facilitate the preparation of the minutes in a timely fashion. This really makes things much easier.

Leadership for Next Year...

In closing, it's not too early to be thinking about running for an office next year or submitting your name for consideration as a commission or committee member on the state and / or national levels. Contact National Executive Committeeman Buster Sutterlin for more information.

Proud Possessor
of a Priceless Heritage,

Scott Thornton, Adjutant

**National
Executive Committeeman**



**PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin,
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I hope all of you are well. This has become a challenging time forcing us to reconsider how to accomplish our goals. 2020 has been challenging and hopefully it will pass soon.

The fall conference for the National Executive Committee has been changed from the first weekend in October to September 26. It was voted to hold the NEC meeting Sept. 26 vir-

tually, meaning we will not be traveling to Indianapolis as we have in the past. The committees have been having online meetings during this past month to prepare for the NEC meeting.

Please note that there are monthly committee conference calls which are open to anyone having an interest and would like to listen in. Contact me or Bill Towns for specific information. Anyone thinking about being on a committee/commission, I would recommend listening in on the monthly calls, if you can.

Now is the time to think about being on a national committee/commission for next year. I don't know how this will work but it is better to be prepared.

PDC Bill Sutterlin, NEC

**Alternate National
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Fellow SAL Members,

With not much going on due to the pandemic, it's still **Full Steam Ahead**. The virtual meetings and phone conferences have taken the place of face to face meetings. It's not the same but it keeps things moving a little. On the local front, we are still helping where we can.

Let's work on membership to grow the Detachment Ohio. With new eligibilities in place for The American Legion, we should show an increase in new members. Signing one Legion member could gain us several SAL members.

On the PR front, let's show off our fundraising events to the public and other Squadrons through newsletters, newspapers, etc. Showing these different functions proves we do much to help the many. It also shows we are active and striving to make this world

a better place, especially for our Veterans whom we owe so much.

Patching up old friendships and "burying the hatchet" so to speak, to bring back members who have become discouraged by misunderstandings that need to be put to rest. We need to work together to grow the Detachment of Ohio. No one is perfect and we all make mistakes. Let's "Get Er Done" Ohio. I miss seeing you all, and hope all is well.

For God and Country,

*PDC Steve Honigfort, ANEC
Public Relations Chairman*

From the Editor

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*"Serving Those Who Served...
Full Steam Ahead"*
#SALSTRONG
MEDIA ALLIANCE



It is now October. The weather is changing, and we are preparing for fall full of events, meetings, conferences, and celebrations. Please get pictures of your events and write a short article to be included in *The Ohio SALute*. We have an amazing newsletter and need to showcase what we do in the Buckeye State.

When you submit your information, please include the who, what, where, and why. It is very important that people in pictures are identified.

In other news, as everyone knows, there has been much change at Department Headquarters. With these changes, we again have to ask for members who would like to have *The SALute* mailed to them to let us know. I will now be the keeper of the list. I will forward the list to Detachment Headquarters with each edition of the newsletter. A form to request a hard-copy appears later in this edition.

Proud Possessor
of a Priceless Heritage,

PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

Around Ohio



District 1



On June 13, 2020 McClure American Legion Auxiliary Unit 332 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 332 held on the Frank Verbeke, Jr. Memorial Golf Outing with proceeds going to the Sonny Smiles Foundation.

30 teams of four people participated and did it without any major problems. 120 golfers, 45-hole sponsors, and everyone had a great time. Over \$4700.00 has been raised for Kevin, who gave his all over Iraq, and he will never be forgotten

Together we can make it happen and move a Mountain if we have to.

Go forward and God Bless America.



First District officers Tom Hurst, Wayne Lienau, Squadron 454 Commander Roger Lulfs deliver a check for \$1,000 to Amanda Held of HOOVES.



Detachment First Vice-Commander Doug Hancock hands over a check for \$1,500 to Amanda Held of HOOVES from his squadron 479 Swanton.

District 3

Third District Summer conference was held at Post #200 in Huber Heights. The Third District welcomed Mia Walters and Craig Peters from the Dayton Airport USO. She discussed local needs for the USO organization. After her presentation she was presented donations from the district and Squadrons 215 Eaton and 598 Kettering.



Dan Sagraves, Mia Walters, Dan Ferryman



Warren Gibbs, Mia Walters, Dan Ferryman



Doug Spisak, Mia Walters, Dan Ferryman

District 4

For those who did not know, the 4th District S.A.L. is celebrating our 30th Anniversary (1990-2020) this year. Lapel pins and t-shirts were produced to commemorate this historic year. All proceeds will be used to support our veterans at the greater Cincinnati area Veterans hospitals. Our 4th District members are looking forward to celebrating our 50th year.

Chuck Castle, Commander
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(513) 284-7478 – cell



District 5



SAL 257 Commander, Tim Rush (left) handing our first SAL Commander, Roger Arnholt, his 50 Continuous Years plaque.



Tim Conway and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin of Sq. 257, and C.J. Schachel raised the flag at the Loudonville High School home football game this season.



District 9



Squadron 15 members Ninth District Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr. and Ohio House of Representatives Member Al Cutrona participated in a POW*MIA chair dedication at Austintown Fitch High School. Anthony Traficanti, Mahoning County Commissioner and Squadron 15 member also participated.

District 13



PDC Dale Anderson, II purchased a vintage American Legion lighted globe, had it restored, and donated it to Post 703.

Legislative Update



PDC Craig Smith, Chairman
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The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee will be holding a hearing on suicide prevention legislative titled SB 785. Leading the way to comprehensive mental health care and Suicide Prevention for Veterans.

As we all know the suicide rate is 22 per day among Veterans and the rate of homeless Veterans is growing. Our Congress needs to address this too. We all need to get in touch with our representatives and let them know how we feel.

PDC Craig Smith, Chairman

Veterans Affairs Commission



PNVC Dan Sagraves, Chairman
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As we all know, 2020 has been a difficult year. We have not been able to conduct our normal business. We have not been able to visit or participate in activity at our VA medical centers. We are now starting to see opportunities opening again at the VA locations. There are still restrictions but where are there not anymore. Go to va.gov and select their find a location to get information on your nearest VA facility. From the local facility website go to Volunteer/Donate to see where you could be able help. If you can't go, they are always still in need of all kinds of donations. The same goes for the Fisher Houses in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Dayton. They could especially use grocery gift cards. At this time, they are not allowed to have organizations come in and prepare meals like they have in the past. They use the cards to buy individual prepackaged food. Let's not forget the veterans in their homes. If you are able, go to them. The American Legion promotes the "Buddy Check" program. Sometimes a veteran just needs to see someone to know they are not forgotten. I hope to have more in the future when this current situation is over.



The American Legion Family

National Membership Update

The calendar on the wall says October. Do you have your 2021 membership card yet? If not, stop reading and contact your Squadron Adjutant right now. We need to get you paid right away!

If your Adjutant tells you that he doesn't have the Squadron's cards yet, that means one of two things; either the Squadron Officer Certification form or the Consolidated Squadron Report has not been filed with Detachment headquarters. Please ask him to take care of that right away.

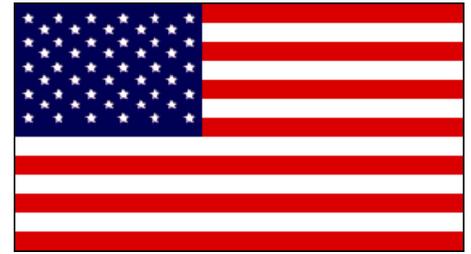
We are in the process of changing how we do things, and paying our dues early is the most important part. When we pay our dues early, our Squadron has more money in its account, and it can spend time on our projects rather than chasing people for their dues payment.

It's a simple thing to accomplish. Dues are payable July 1 each year, so pay in July. Our entire Detachment could be well over 50% if we just jumped on board and began doing this. Let's see how many we can get by the end of the month and shock the organization with how well we did.

Who's next?

Serving Those Who Served... Full Steam Ahead

Jeff Vrabel, Sr.,
Central Region Chairman
National Membership Committee



Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Address _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____

_____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____, Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant) _____

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RECEIPT

Date _____

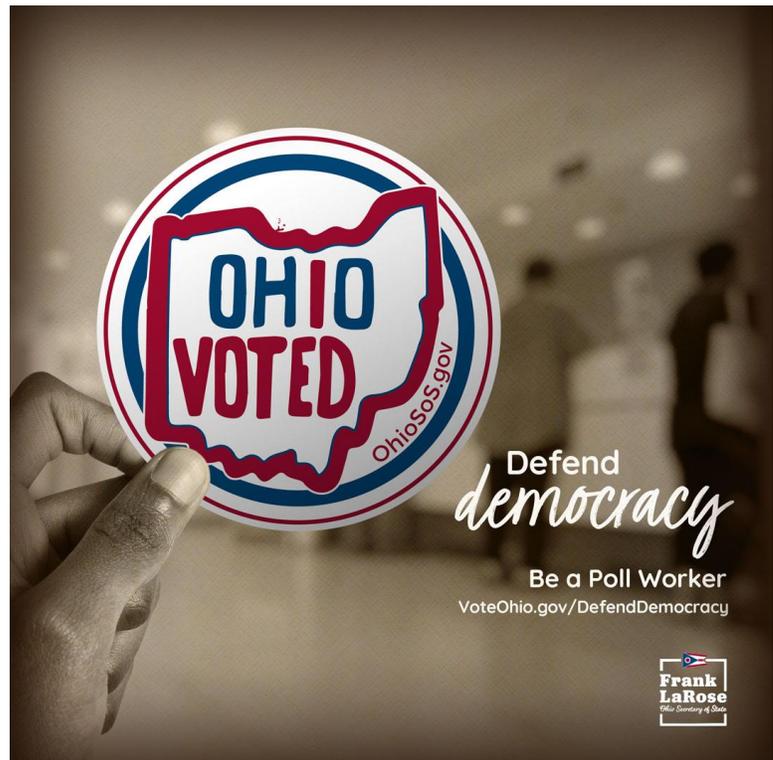
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For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____



Have You Heard of Us?

Special to *The Ohio SALute*



Although we've been around for a while (since 1932), you may not have heard of our organization. It's more likely that you've seen us out working in the community. Each year, the members of Sons of The American Legion sponsor the Veterans Graves Decoration Project that decorates Veterans' graves with American Flags on Memorial Day weekend. Or perhaps you've seen our Color Guard leading the annual Independence Day or Memorial Day Parades. Your parents may have attended one of our Veterans' Day events in November.

We're involved in a lot of different activities and we've got some very dedicated members who work to make these programs a reality. Every day and in so many ways, we work to make a difference in our community, state, and Nation.

Ours is a fraternity of service, dedicated to helping others, providing educational, recreational, and leadership opportunities to people from all walks of life. Preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship are what this organization is all about.

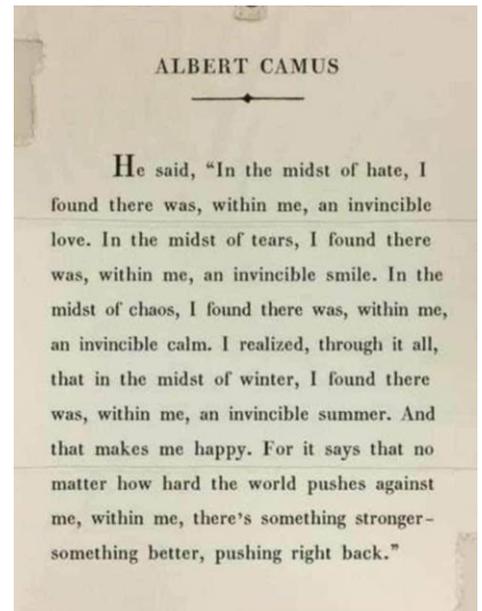
Not just anyone can join the Sons – you've got to be someone special. Our members are male descendants (sons, grand-

sons, great grandsons, including adopted or steps) of America's veterans from World War I to today's current war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our members are the most important part of this great organization. Without them, we could not accomplish anything. With them, we can do anything. We hope that you will join us!

Yours for God and Country,

*John Dietz (KY),
Past National Commander
Sons of The American Legion*



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Name _____

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MySAL.org makes membership 'simple and efficient'

By Raymond Giehll Jr., Adjutant
Leo F. Welch Jr Squadron 495
Indianapolis, Indiana
MAY 18, 2020

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



MySAL

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE



As a Squadron Adjutant, I have been using the MySAL.org site since its beginning a few years ago. It has been a fantastic tool to keep track of member data, make labels for mailing, make needed changes to addresses and continuous years of membership. The time and paperwork it saves has been beyond value.

WOW! They found a way to make the site even better and more important to the Squadrons of the Sons of The American Legion. I am now able to transmit my Squadron's membership online without leaving my Post Home or my own home. I can transmit renewals and create new members all on the MySAL.org site. It has made membership so simple and efficient. Not to mention not having the cost of mailing or driving membership to our state headquarters.

I have heard some Squadron Adjutants worry about giving their bank account information to the national organization. I'm here to tell you there is nothing to worry or be concerned about with your account. We have never had a problem with the membership monies being taken directly from our account. It is making it even easier to track our Squadron's membership dues and our bank account.

The American Legion myLegion Request Form - Squadron



Sign up for mySAL! The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a secure internet site to assist Squadron Adjutant's in their day-to-day membership processing duties. This site serves as a direct portal from the local squadron to National Headquarters' membership system. You must have internet access to use this tool.

Features include:

- View and edit member information.
- Membership Processing: Renew, Add and Transfer Paying Members
- Generate membership reports
- Submit Consolidated Squadron Report electronically
- View Squadron Information

Prior to creating a site, a Request Form must be on file at National Headquarters signed by **both** the Post Adjutant and the Squadron Adjutant. No other signatures will be accepted.

**** Note:** Membership Processing is not available to all squadrons, based on Detachment approval.

Submit Form

Email: mylegion@legion.org

Fax: 317-860-3131

Mail To: The American Legion
IT, Product Support Specialist
5745 Lee Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Already have an account?

If your squadron already has an account, you do not need to complete a new form.

Call the myLegion Support Team at 833-253-9995 to assist with log in instructions.

Post/Squadron # _____ State: _____

Squadron Adjutant (Printed): _____

Signature *Required, must be Squadron Adjutant* _____ Member ID# _____

Post Adjutant (Printed): _____

Signature *Required, must be Post Adjutant* _____ Member ID# _____

Contact Information:
Does not have to be Squadron Adjutant. The information below provides us where to send correspondence and registration instructions to register a mySAL log in. Please note: Once the site is registered, only the Squadron Adjutant can request a username or password re-set.

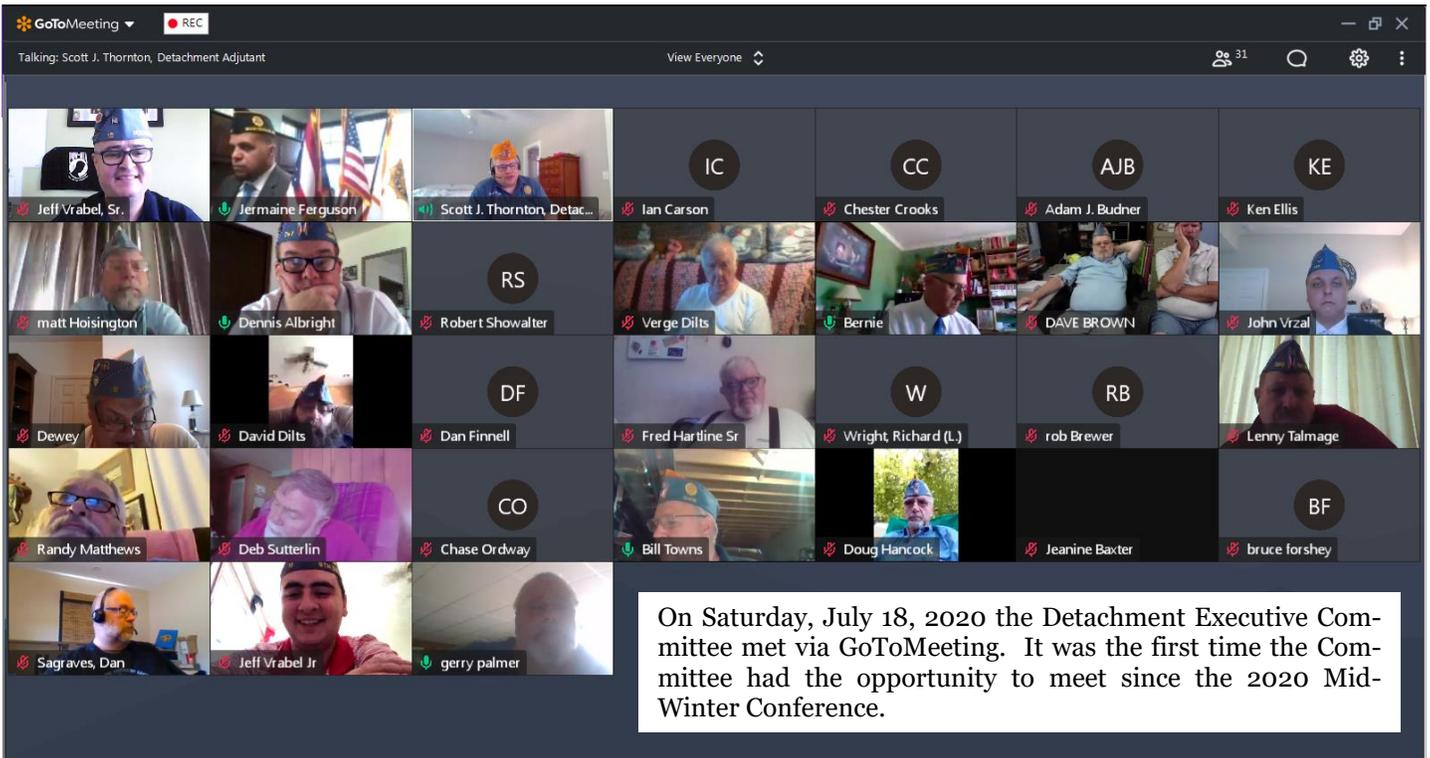
Contact Name (if not Squadron Adjutant): _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

E-mail (required) _____

Updated 3/4/2020

If you are a Squadron Adjutant and are not registered on My SAL.org you're missing a great opportunity to track membership and pay dues in a most easy and efficient process.



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**The American Legion
Department of Ohio
enlist in our
“Second Call to Duty”**

Columbus, Ohio
September 16, 2020

The American Legion Department of Ohio joins Secretary of State Frank LaRose in our collective efforts to (1) ensure that every veteran, every Ohioan is registered to vote, (2) that our members understand their voting options available to them, (3) and lastly but not least to recruit registered voters to serve as precinct elections officials in their local communities.

Today is American Legion Day – 101 years ago on this date, Congress presented The American Legion its federal charter. Since 1919, The American Legion has been an advocate for veterans’ benefits, children and youth, patriotic American values, a strong national defense, and quality of life issues for those serving in today’s armed forces. The American Legion

strengthens our communities, states, and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military, and their families.

In 1920, during The American Legion National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, when The American Legion went on record to urge all members to register to vote. We believe that we must exercise our constitutional responsibility to vote and to encourage our neighbors, friends, and love ones to do the same. We believe that the act of voting is the truest form of Americanism and personal responsibility to our government.

The American Legion, through its nonpartisan, Get Out the Vote campaign, encourage its members to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll workers, by voting, and by encouraging and assisting others in registering and voting.

We thank Secretary of State Frank LaRose and his office for their dedication to empowering every Ohioan to

have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming General Election. Secretary LaRose’s office has always kept an open line of communication with our organization, and their staff always provide quick responses to our member’s questions.

Earlier this summer, Secretary LaRose personally gave a brief to our leadership team regarding the 2020 General Election, which was very informative and beneficial for us to begin this meaningful conversation with our membership. Secretary LaRose exemplifies leadership and is a great representative of the veteran community.

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