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WELL HELLO EVERYONE. I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. Haven't talked to most of you in awhile. Almost all Squadrons should have had their installations by now. To all the new Squadron Officers I say thank-you, I salute you, and welcome aboard. If you have any questions or problems please let your District Officers know and together we can resolve them.

Convention went very well and I want to thank everyone who attended. The agenda and times changed some and that will be continued to be worked on. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let one of us know. By the way Thanks for reelecting me.

Now let's talk membership. All Squadrons Officers' dues should have been sent in by now. For members who did not pay for 2019 and want to keep their consecutive years send their 2019 dues and card in. As a membership push, send out reminder postcards to everyone on your roster - both past and current. Districts can set up battles between each other in their area. The 6th & 12th In the Eastern Area and the 8th And 13th In the South-

western have been battling for years. The winner gets bragging rights.

I don't want to write an article every month on what I have done. I would rather write it on what you all have done. My travels and visitations are known and documented. I want to let the Detachment know what your Squadron is doing and has done. The work your Squadron is doing is why we are where we are. We belong to one of the largest and the BEST Detachments there is. It's not because of the Detachment Officers – Yes you put us here – but were here because of you and the fantastic and unselfish work you do. You have no idea what that means to me and I thank you for it.

Until next time be good and take care.

Thank you for all you do and what you do.

For God and Country,

Tom Klinger,

Detachment Commander



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2019-2020 Membership Target Dates:

September 1, 2019	15%
October 9, 2019	25%
November 14, 2019	35%
December 11, 2019	45%
January 15, 2020	60%
February 12, 2020	75%
March 11, 2020	80% Legion Birthday
April 8, 2020	90%
May 13, 2020	100%
June 11, 2020	20,500 Commander's Goal Delegate Cut-Off



The Detachment Convention is well behind us, and what a Convention it was! It was very productive and well attended from all Squadrons around the Detachment. We had a very good attendance at the meetings. This speaks very well for the organization and for you the members of this GREAT DETACHMENT! The Convention concluded with the election of Thomas Klinger of Squadron 7 Clearwater as your Detachment Commander for 2019-2020. A complete list of the new Detachment Officers is in this issue of The Source.

We continue to be very successful in our programs. It was very evident in Membership with another All Time High of 19,700+ members. We had 106 National and Detachment Consolidated Reports, 59 Children & Youth Reports, 50 VA&R Reports, 60 Americanism Reports and 109 Squadron Officer Reports submitted this year. These numbers are down considerably from last year, so we really have some work to do for this year. I personally wish to THANK everyone that submitted the reports. From the reports submitted, a total of \$3,878,397 was donated to various programs and over 970,537 man-hours were recorded. A hearty JOB WELL DONE to all of you everything you all did this year.

We will make another attempt at putting together a Detachment Roster this year. We were not successful last year due to a myriad of reasons, to include a lack of reporting. With 109 Squadron Officer Reports submitted we will give it another try. This will take some time to complete so bear with us. The District and Area Commanders will be getting a list of the Squadrons we are still looking to get very soon and will begin to follow up with those Squadrons to get the information. Without this information on file at Department Headquarters, your Squadron will not receive any information from the Detachment. If you have any questions or wish to check and see if a Squadron has submitted one since Convention, please contact me.

By now, all Squadrons should have received their membership cards for 2020. The cards were delivered at Convention. Department Headquarters should have mailed out any cards not picked up at the Convention. If you still have not yet received them, please contact the Membership staff at Department Headquarters. They can assist you in getting your cards. I know of one instance where cards were not sent by National HQ and we are working through that now.

In closing, I wish to thank Detachment Commander Klinger and the Detachment Executive Committee for reappointing me to serve as your Detachment Adjutant for this my 4th year. It has been an honor and a privilege.

In Honor of Those Who Served and Those Still Serving

Jim Roberts | Detachment Adjutant





Greetings Detachment of Florida Membership Team,

Let's start by saying a big "WOW" for the hard work everyone did during our 2018-2019 membership campaign. We had a good year and made most of our targets while making our 24th consecutive all time high. So that chapter is completed, and we now are heading into our 2019-2020 membership campaign.

As we move into the 2019-2020 membership campaign, I have some requests to make of each of you. Please stay on top of your targets. If you fall behind, we will fall behind. Once we get behind it is very difficult to catch up. This year will be special for the Detachment of Florida, as we have the possibility to make our 25th (Silver Anniversary) consecutive all time high. Think about that! We have made 24th consecutive all time high and we are looking at a history making year for the Detachment with our 25th. Let's make this happen not for the Commander, but for every member the Detachment of Florida has and/or will have. Let's make a big "SPLASH" (Sons Proudly Lending A Supporting Hand). How special will this be. It is up to each and everyone of us to work to make this "SPLASH" happen, I know you can do this.

Membership target dates appear below. Please keep this handy as it will be very important that we make these targets!

In looking over these 10 targets, please pay real close attention to the November, December and January target numbers. Historically, we've struggled during these months because of out of state members and, of course, the Holidays. Plan ahead by sending letters, making phone calls so that the entire Detachment can make that big 'SPLASH' at Convention with our 25th consecutive all time high. Let's make history for the Detachment of Florida!

'SPLASH'

'Sons Proudly Lending a Supporting Hand'

Respectfully,

John Jennings, Membership Chairman
Detachment of Florida
Sons of the American Legion



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Your Detachment of Florida 47th Convention in Orlando Florida June 27th thru June 30 2019 was a huge success. The 24th Consecutive All Time Membership High, and the Donations alone of over \$144,000 on the floor to Sons of The American Legion charities were overwhelming. Thank you to Commander Klinger, Adjutant Roberts and all the rest of The Detachment Officers and you Blue Caps who really made this outstanding past year possible.

Please make sure if you haven't submitted your 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Report it is very important that we have that information to contact your Squadron so we may have another outstanding year surpassing this past one.

John Jennings and I will once again be your representatives to the SAL National Organization. We are honored once again by your confidence in reelecting us to be your National Executive Committeeman and Alternate Team

The Detachment of Florida Legislative Commission continues to seek members to assist from your own home to support Veterans and The American Legion. How, by contacting your State Representatives and State Senators in Tallahassee. The Department and Detachment have partnered using the Mobile App. Rally Wise. Information is available at <https://www.floridalegion.org/resources/rallywise/>.

Every SAL Member needs to have this Mobile APP. downloaded on your phone so you can know who your State Reps. and Senators are and how to reach them. There will be a test at fall conference in November. Get your Rally Wise APP. now. Have a Great 2019-2020 Year!

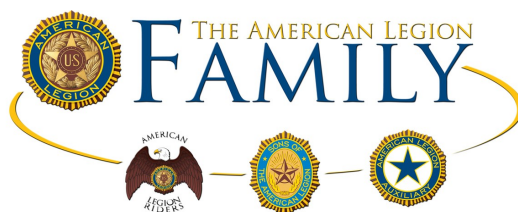
Detachment of Florida — The Source Spotlight

Our feature, 'The Source Spotlight' is intended to provide a forum to celebrate and share the good works done throughout Florida where members of the Sons of the American Legion participate.

To submit your suggestion for 'The Source Spotlight', please email pictures and articles to thesource@floridasons.org.

The Source Spotlight this month features a great job by District 1 in presenting a check for \$677.00 to their local Special Olympics.

Keep up the great work!



Detachment of Florida — Donations Update from the 47th Annual Convention

Detachment Finance Committee Chairman Ed Sheubrooks has issued an update to the donations presented on the floor of our recent Convention.

Recipient	Donations Presented
Child Welfare Foundation	\$15,295.23
Florida Children & Youth Fund	\$5,250.00
Children's Miracle Network	\$6,400.00
Fisher House	\$33,375.00
Florida Special Olympics	\$62,471.00
Children's Organ Transplant Association	\$4,525.00
Project: VetRelief	\$11,733.00
National Emergency Fund	\$10,175.00
Florida Emergency Fund	\$200.00
American Legion Baseball	\$2,014.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$4,250.00
Total Donations Presented on the Convention Floor	\$155,725.23

Another great job by the hard working, dedicated members of the Sons of the American Legion!



Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida For the 2019—2020 Service Year



Detachment Commander
Tom Klinger
Squadron 7, Clearwater



John Jennings
National Executive Committeeman
Squadron 71, Lake Wales



Bill Kelly
National Exec Committeeman Alt
Squadron 137, Jacksonville



Gerard Sambets
Vice Commander Central Area
Squadron 275, Dunedin



Brian Carter
Vice Commander Northern Area
Squadron 120, Holly Hill



Richard Duncan
Vice Commander Eastern Area
Squadron 347, Lady Lake



Paul Stawicki
Vice Commander Southern Area
Squadron 142, Pompano Beach



Ernest Sheffield
Vice Commander Southwestern Area
Squadron 266, Sarasota



Johnnie Wilson
Vice Commander Western Area
Squadron 356, Lynn Haven

Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida For the 2019—2020 Service Year



James Roberts III, Adjutant
Squadron 4, Lakeland



Tim Bell, Assistant Adjutant
Squadron 72, Mulberry



George Aichele, Assistant Adjutant
Squadron 117, Palm Bay



Tom Soeder, Assistant Adjutant
Squadron 247, Lady Lake



Randy Collinsworth, Chaplain
Squadron 7, Clearwater



Paul Micieli, Historian
Squadron 305, St. Pete Beach



Ed Sheubrooks, Judge Advocate
Squadron 40, Fort Pierce



George Steger, Sergeant-At-Arms
Squadron 238, Safety Harbor



Richard Smith, S.A.L. Advisor
Post 47, Lake Worth

**TOGETHER
WE CAN
AND WILL
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida District Commanders and Vice Commanders For the 2019—2020 Service Year



Robert Farley, District 1 Commander
Squadron 240, Pensacola



Neil Gahimer, District 1 Vice Commander
Squadron 240, Pensacola



Kent Smith, District 2 Commander
Squadron 82, Lanark Village



District 2 Vice Commander
This position is currently vacant



District 3 Commander
This position is currently vacant



District 3 Vice Commander
This position is currently vacant



John 'Jack' Bennett, District 4 Commander
Squadron 284, Belleview



Tim Susskind, District 4 Vice Commander
Squadron 155, Crystal River



Walter Rasco, District 5 Commander
Squadron 137, Jacksonville



Terry Phillips, District 5 Vice Commander
Squadron 283, Jacksonville



George Worton, District 6 Commander
Squadron 347, Lady Lake



Dennis Kirsch, District 6 Vice Commander
Squadron 80, St. Cloud



Doug Erskine, District 7 Commander
Squadron 72, Mulberry



Scott Kelly, District 7 Vice Commander
Squadron 72, Mulberry



James Edwards, District 8 Commander
Squadron 69, Avon Park



District 8 Vice Commander
This position is currently vacant

Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida District Commanders and Vice Commanders For the 2019—2020 Service Year



Christopher Holden, District 9 Commander
Squadron 92, Hollywood



Fernando Durand, District 9 Vice CDR
Squadron 92, Hollywood



Richard Smith, District 11 Commander
Squadron 47, Lake Worth



Anthony Lombardi, District 11 Vice CDR
Squadron 47, Lake Worth



Randy Chilcott, District 12 Commander
Squadron 117, Palm Bay



Pete Puzzo, District 12 Vice Commander
Squadron 189, Sebastian



Christian M. Rapp, District 13 Commander
Squadron 323, Lehigh Acres



Michael Nigbor, District 13 Vice CDR
Squadron 136, St. James City



Robert Beard, District 14 Commander
Squadron 31, Miami



Wayne Schorr, District 14 Vice Commander
Squadron 43, Homestead



Mark Getty, District 15 Commander
Squadron 148, Riverview



Jimmy Sutphin, District 15 Vice CDR
Squadron 111, Tampa



Richard Cummings, District 16 Commander
Squadron 238, Safety Harbor



Gregory Tong, District 16 Vice Commander
Squadron 158, Treasure Island



Bryan Barcomb, District 17 Commander
Squadron 270, Port Orange



Mark Wiemelt, District 17 Vice Commander
Squadron 120, Holly Hill

Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida Commissions and Committees For the 2019—2020 Service Year



Americanism Commission
Steve Gordon, Chairman
103, Punta Gorda

Members:
George Steger, 238 Safety Harbor
Mark Wiemelt, 120 Holly Hill
Tom Burns, 323 Lehigh Acres



Special Olympics Committee
Randy Chilcott, Chairman
117, Palm Bay

Members:
Tom Harris, 283 Arlington
Stan Borowy, 103, Punta Gorda
Paul Asplen, 286 Pine Castle



Children and Youth Commission
Tom Soeder, Chairman
347, Lady Lake

Members:
Anthony Galimidi, 148 Riverview
Ron Lechner, 103 Punta Gorda
Paul Miceli, 305 St. Pete Beach



Commander's Advisory Committee
Bill Kelly, Chairman
137, Jacksonville

Members:
PDC Ed Sheubrooks, 40 Ft. Pierce
PDC James Roberts III, 4 Lakeland
PDC John Jennings, 71 Lake Wales



Internal Affairs Commission
John Jennings, Chairman
71, Lake Wales

Members:
Rocco Cirigliano, 81 Melborne
Richard Duncan, 347 Lady Lake
Mark Getty, 148 Riverview



Convention Committee
James Roberts III, Chairman
4, Lakeland

Members:
Timothy Bell, 72 Mulberry
George Aichele, 117 Palm Bay
Tom Soeder, 347 Lady Lake



Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Ed Sheubrooks, Chairman
40, Ft. Pierce

Members:
James Roberts III, 4 Lakeland
George Aichele, 117 Palm Bay
Robert Lessard, 1 Titusville



Member Training and Development Committee
James Roberts III, Chairman
4, Lakeland

Members:
Vice Chair John Jennings, 71 Lake Wales
Ed Sheubrooks, 40 Ft. Pierce
Bill Kelly, 137 Jacksonville
Michael Nigbor, 136 St. James City



Finance Committee
Ed Sheubrooks, Chairman
40, Ft. Pierce

Members:
Bill Kelly, 137 Jacksonville
James Roberts III, 4 Lakeland
Rocco Cirigliano, 81 Melborne
Steve Gordon, 103 Punta Gorda
John Jennings, 71 Lake Wales



Squadron Activities Committee
George Worton, Chairman
347, Lady Lake

Members:
Thomas Bugg, 356 Lynn Haven
Chris Richertt, 117 Palm Bay
Brian Carter, 120 Holly Hill



Membership Committee
John Jennings, Chairman
71, Lake Wales

Members:
Richard Cummings, 158 Treasure Island
Joe Eckenrode, 120 Holly Hill
Greg Trammell, 402 Panama City Beach



Community Affairs Committee
George Aichele, Chairman
117, Palm Bay

Members:
Walter Rasco, 137 Jacksonville
Kent Smith, 356 Lynn Haven
Scott Pennington, 304 Dania Beach

Officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida Commissions and Committees For the 2019—2020 Service Year



Legislative Commission
Bill Kelly, Chairman
137, Jacksonville

Members:
James Reed, 1 Titusville
Gregory Tong, 158 Treasure Island
Bryan Barcomb, 270 Port Orange



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee
Gerard Sambets, Chairman
275, Dunedin

Members:
Ernest Sheffield, 266 Sarasota
Randy Collinsworth, 7 Clearwater
Charles Coleman, 112 Winter Park



Public Relations Commission
Christian M. Rapp, Chairman
323, Lehigh Acres

Members:
George Steger, 238 Safety Harbor
Paul Stawicki, 142 Pompano Beach
Kent Smith, 356 Lynn Haven



Project: VetRelief Committee
Randy Collinsworth, Chairman

Members:
Ed Sheubrooks, 40 Ft. Pierce
Johnnie Wilson, 356 Lynn Haven

Distinguished Guest Committee



John Jennings, Chairman

Bill Kelly, Vice Chairman

Upcoming Events

August 22 through 26, 2019 — Sons of the American Legion National Convention, Indianapolis, IN

September 20, 2019 — District 1 POW/MIA Recognition Day Service

6112 POW/MIA Memorial Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32221

Gathering at the Pines at the Chapel of the High Speed Pass (Former Naval Air Station)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

October 11 through 13, 2019 — Sons of the American Legion National Executive Committee Fall Meetings
Indianapolis, IN

October 19, 2019 — Organizational Course (FSCS-02)

American Legion Post 148, Riverview

7240 US Highway 301 S, Riverview FL 33569

The course is made up of 8 units that will cover many things relating to the Sons of The American Legion. Items that will be covered include a video history of The American Legion an overview of the history of the Sons of The American Legion and the accomplishments of the Florida Sons. Additional units will cover the responsibilities of Squadron Officers, an overview of running a Squadron Meeting, programs supported by the Sons, membership and the Sons reporting requirements. We will end the day with a roundtable question & answer session.

There is no fee to register for this course and an online registration form is available on our website at – <https://forms.gle/S8iVZqgKqmcW6YWM6> – Registering online will guarantee the student will have seat in the class. Students that attend the class will get their certificate sent electronically, via e-mail, after the class. Students must be in class for the entire class to receive the certificate.

The MT&D Committee has indicated that there is no limit on how many can attend, but we need at least 15 members to register in order for the Detachment to conduct this course.

This course is being hosted by Sons of The American Legion Central Area and is open to all members of the American Legion Family who wish to attend.





HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Each member has access to many benefits including the National Emergency Fund if a natural disaster should occur. However, your dues have to be current at the National Organization for you to be eligible for this and many other benefits.

Remember, your dues also help support Squadron Programs, the Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, Fisher House and many more.

Without your support we cannot continue to support the great programs of the American Legion Family. Please follow up with your Squadron Membership Chairman to pay your dues and ensure they are transmitted for the current year.

Having an Event? Let the Detachment of Florida Help!

Attention all Sons of the American Legion

If your Squadron, Post Family, District or Area are having an event, we can help get the word out.

If you are interested in getting your event published and promoted using:

- The Detachment of Florida's Website (floridasons.org)
- The Detachment of Florida's Facebook page (facebook.com/pg/FloridaSAL)
- The Detachment of Florida's Newsletter, The Source

There's only one thing you have to do: Let Us Know!

Visit the Detachment of Florida's online events calendar at

<https://floridasons.org/detachment-events-calendar/>, and click the button labeled 'Click Here To Submit Your Event'.

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Those Who Served***

The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 180 Squadrons and over 17,000 members this year donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

For More Information about the Florida Sons of The American Legion, visit us on the Internet at:

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Source Articles

We are looking for your input and help to keep this newsletter going. We are looking for articles from the Squadrons, Districts, or Areas. Let us know what is happening in your Squadron, District & Area and we will inform the rest of the Detachment. It could increase attendance at your functions and or meetings!!!! This is your newsletter.

Please send all articles to the Detachment by the 23rd of every month. Articles can be e-mailed to TheSource@floridasons.org.