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Well Hello Everyone. I hope you all and your families are doing well and 2020 has been good so far. The Detachment has a membership target of 75% on Feb. 12th. The Department has us now at 80%. The National membership final report for 2019 came out and has us finishing last year at 103.997% with 20,034 members. I couldn't ask to be a part of a better Detachment. You guys are unbelievable. We have just about 4 months till Convention to make our 25th all-time high in membership. Let's keep up the fantastic work and give yourself a pat on the back.

With Convention on the horizon your Squadron should be full steam ahead on fund raising for the Detachment's various charities. Remember we are here to help our Veterans and their families. I have received various calls about all the great work Squadrons are doing all over the state and I salute you. If you want a Detachment Officer at your function please let us know. "The Source" is there to advertise your function, so please use it.

January was a very sad month with the passing of Assistant Adjutant Tim Bell. He is the one who walked me through my very first Convention many years ago and has been a very good friend since then. He had said he was going to retire from the Assistant Adjutant

job 2 years ago, but stayed on just to serve with me as Commander. I will always remember that and respect him.

If you're interested in holding a position with the Detachment of Florida, please get your endorsement letter in. The directions on how to do this are on the website; it is easy to do. Those of you who are just thinking or wishing about being an officer, go for it. The ones who have been here for a while are getting older and we need some younger members to step up. Remember we all will be here to help you. Don't forget to make your reservations for your room as the Convention hotels sell out quickly.

Before I close I just want to say Thank You all for what you do and for allowing me to be a part of it. Remember have fun, make money, and give it away.

Be good and take care. Until next time!

For God and Country,

Tom Klinger
Detachment Commander



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2019-2020 Membership Target Dates:

September 1, 2019	15%	Congratulations! 15.96%
October 9, 2019	25%	Congratulations! 30.10%
November 14, 2019	35%	Congratulations!
December 11, 2019	45%	Congratulations! 55.61%
January 15, 2020	60%	Congratulations! 73.57%
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 next several months will be busy within the Detachment. Several Areas will have their Area Balls, District Constitutional Conferences are being planned and homecoming events for the Detachment Commander, Department Commander and Department President. These are just the tip of the iceberg.

With the planning of the District Constitutional Conferences I would like to remind each of our District Commanders to please get with your Legion District Commander to make plans to have a meeting and elections. We have stated in the past, the Sons of The American Legion do not have to meet at the same date and time as the Legion does. However, it could help your attendance if you do in an effort to include your dual members. Once your date is set, please notify the Detachment Webmaster and I so that we can post it on the web site and Facebook pages.

The deadline for the return of the year end reports is June 1, 2020. We will have a reminder mailing again in March or April with all of the reports that are to be submitted. Additionally, the National Consolidated Squadron Report will be mailed to you at the same time. Please use this time to gather your information together for completing these forms. It is so much easier to have a monthly log of your activities and volunteers put together, then when it comes time to complete the required reports, you will have the information easily available to you. No National Awards will be awarded using any other forms other than the National Consolidated Squadron Report Form. You must complete the National Consolidated Report Form to have any of your Squadrons work counted on the National level. Same goes with the Detachment Reports, you must complete our forms to received Detachment recognition. Time will go by quickly so stay on top of your reports.

Please make your reservations for the Convention as soon as possible. Rooms sold out early last year. The Convention will be held June 25-28, 2020. We continue to look at our schedule for convention as last year's went well. We are continuously looking at things that may be of interest and this year will be no different. A tentative schedule should be available in the March or April edition of The Source.

Please note that the cut-off for donations for the Child Welfare Foundation is approaching and all donations must be received by National Headquarters no later than close of business on May 31st. It must be there on this date to be credited for this year.

Thank you all again for all that you do. Until next month!

Jim Roberts | Detachment Adjutant





Greeting Membership Team,

As we move toward Convention and our 25th consecutive all-time high we need to continue to stay focused on our membership. We all need to remember the 3 "R's" (Recruit, Reinstate, & Renew). We had passed our midway point in membership and we have made our first (5) five targets. Our January 16th, 2020 membership report had the Detachment at 73.57% with our 75% target date February 12th, 2020. Our renewal rate for the Detachment is 57.11%. We still have 11 ZERO Squadrons that need the attention of the District Officers and membership teams. An issue of concern for me is that we have several Squadrons that are 100% and have been for weeks. Great job getting to the 100% mark, but the issue is they have not RECRUITED any new members in weeks and/or months in some cases. What is up with that? If we as a Detachment are to grow, we must recruit new members into ALL Squadrons. I know everyone is working hard on membership and Commander Klinger and I do thank you for that. Renewals are another issue with our growth. As noted above our renewal rate is 57.11%. If you look at the overall numbers you will see as I see, we are missing the mark on renewals. We are losing membership. Why?

We continue to have issues with numbers with the change to the transmittal portal. I am working with Headquarters to get this corrected and I believe we are on the right track. To date we have 84 Squadrons that are signed up for MySAL. If you are not signed up talk to your Post Commander or Adjutant to get on board with the new process. It does help with reporting and will in time make it much easier to get your membership done. I have talked with several Squadron Adjutants and they really like the ability to work their membership from a desk and not have to mail information. So, if you are not signed up, get signed up. Your Squadron Officer report form is the first step.

.Until next month, safe travels and let's make a BIG SPLASH for Commander Klinger as we move toward his goal of 20,750 members. We can do this!!!

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We are moving to complete another year as Convention time is growing near. With Convention comes the need for your Squadron reports. These reports are important to the Detachment as well as the National organization. Now is the time to start putting your forms together and be ready by the deadline. Forms are available on our Detachment web site (www.floridasons.org). With the passing of the Legion Act and the implementation of the MySAL membership portal it is imperative that your Squadron Officer report forms are completed and those get to the proper person for processing. If this form is not on file with the National organization, you cannot get access to MySAL. This is a must. As of January 21, 2020, we had 84 Squadrons signed up to use My SAL, this number must increase. Let me repeat, that you must completed and transmitted to the responsible party the completed Squadron Officers report form in order to get your temporary log-in information. The Squadron Adjutant will be verified with Department before access is given. I am sure that Adjutant Roberts will have more to say about this issue.

We are continuing to have issues with our members not knowing who to contact for questions and concerns. We have got to get this right. Our web site has all the Detachment Officers and Commission/Committee Chairman that you may need to contact. A Detachment directory has been completed and sent to the District and Area Commanders for distribution. Texting, Facebook, messenger, Face Time are not the way to contact and communicate with one another. We need to be making a phone call or sending an email to the person you are taking to. This way if others are needed in the conversation they can be included, and you will get the information you were looking for. We must improve our communication skills.

I am going to keep discussing the Member Training & Development Committee and our need for additional instructors. We have been dissing this for a long time and no one has stepped up. WE NEED INSTRUCTORS. Please provide Jim Roberts (Chairman) or John Jennings (Vice Chairman) a resume of your interest and of your instruction capabilities. We must get this done and it needs to happen very soon if we are going to provide training to our membership. We only have 3-4 instructors and we need your help. If you have the background or think you are interested, please get with the MT & D Committee Chairman or me.

While we are discussing the MT&D Committee, we have had only one organizational class in 2019-2020. This concerns me! I know that a lot of interest was shown at Fall Conference, but no one has communicated the need. We need to continue to educate our members as we continue to grow. We will surpass the 20,000 members mark this year and I have a hard time believing that all of our members understanding the workings of the Squadron much less the Detachment or the National organization. I make this statement. Do we not have a need and an obligation to our membership to educate them?

Please read and memorize the preamble to our Constitution. Read each line and stop for just a minute and reflect on the words. These words are powerful and should have great meaning to us all. Think about what each line is saying. It is why we do what we do! This would also be a great training opportunity at each Squadron meeting.

Internal Affairs (continued)

PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE, WE MALE DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF THE GREAT WARS, ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER AS “SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION” FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;
- to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars;
- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses;
- to make right the master of might;
- to promote peace and good will on earth;
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
- to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands;
- and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Programs

The Sons of the American Legion has a broad range of programs for Family, Youth, Community and National Affairs. With over 27 different programs, we've got you covered from the baseball diamond to our nation's borders. Additionally, we make a difference not only within our local communities, but nationwide as an organization.

Please use our website as it is full of information. It is just one of many tools to help you help your Detachment, District, and most importantly your Squadron.

Sign up on our website for the Goggle mail distribution where we send information out to our membership. It is simple to sign up. Go to www.floridasons.org and scroll to the bottom of the first page. You will find a button asking you if you would like to sign up for the google group. Click the button, enter the information and submit. You are now signed up to receive Detachment only information and if you find you do not want it do the road, you can unsubscribe.

Always remember that our Detachment is only as strong as it's member. We need to continue to recruit, reinstate, and renew if we want to continue to grow. Let's continue to our 25th consecutive all-time high in membership.



From the Editor of 'The Source'

Fellow Sons,

Throughout this edition of the Detachment of Florida Newsletter, you've read about the importance of properly filling and submitting the end of year forms. These forms are now available as form fillable PDF documents and can be downloaded from the Detachment Website. Make use of this valuable asset if you are able. Detachment Report Forms are available here: <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>

Thank you for all you do in service to our Veterans, their families and our great organization!

Ray Leventhal, Editor

Commissions and Committees Update

Special Olympics – Randy Chilcott, Chairman

February's Special Olympics Events:

Date	Event	Venue	City
02/01/2020	Area 9 Equestrian Competition	InStride	Nokomis
02/02/2020	Area 7 Equestrian Competition	Heavenly Hooves	St. Cloud
02/04/2020	Health and Fitness Webinar Series		
02/04/2020	Fundraising Event: Strikes for Special Olympics Florida	Main Event Jacksonville	Jacksonville
02/07/2020 - 02/08/2020	State Basketball Competition - South	The Big House	Tavares
02/08/2020	Area 4 Equestrian Competition	Stirrups 'N Strides	Citra
02/11/2020	Special Event: Special Olympics Capitol Hill Day	Capitol Hill	Washington
02/15/2020	Area 5 Equestrian Competition	Cecil Equestrian Center	Jacksonville
02/15/2020	Seminole County Summer Games	Lake Mary Prep	Lake Mary
02/15/2020	Coaches Training School - Athletics	Saint Francis Catholic School	Gainesville
02/18/2020	Lee County Tennis Competition	Rutenberg Park	Fort Myers
02/20/2020	Pasco County Summer Games Competition	River Ridge High School	New Port Richey
02/20/2020	Alachua County Volleyball Competition	Southwest Recreation Center	Gainesville
02/21/2020	Monroe County Bocce Competition	Higgs Beach	Key West
02/21/2020	Pasco County Summer Games Competition	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel
02/22/2020	Monroe County Cycling Competition	Higgs Beach	Key West
02/22/2020	Miami-Dade County Bocce Competition	Moore Park	Miami
02/22/2020	Area 10 Equestrian Competition	Adequan Global Dressage Festival Show Grounds	Wellington
02/22/2020	Brevard County Summer Games	Eau Galle High School	Melbourne
02/22/2020	Palm Beach County Tennis Competition		
02/22/2020	Sarasota County Summer Games	Pineview School	Osprey
02/22/2020	Charlotte County Bocce Competition	Punta Gorda Elks	Punta Gorda
02/22/2020	Coaches Training School - Cheerleading	Uknight Training Center	Winter Park
02/24/2020	Leon County Cheerleading Competition	Leon High School	Tallahassee
02/25/2020	Alachua County Tennis Competition	Westside Recreation	Gainesville
02/25/2020	Alachua County Bocce Competition	TB McPherson Recreation	Gainesville
02/26/2020	Alachua County Athletics Competition	St. Francis Catholic Academy	Gainesville
02/26/2020	Marion County Volleyball Competition	Marion Technical Institute	Ocala
02/27/2020	Marion County Tennis Competition	Fort King Tennis Center	Ocala
02/28/2020	Clay County Athletics Competition - Elementary Schools	Panther Stadium – Ridgeview High School	Orange Park
02/28/2020	Clay County Volleyball Competition	Orange Park Jr. High School	Orange Park
02/29/2020	Collier County Summer Games	Golden Gate High School	Naples
02/29/2020	Duval County Summer Games	Episcopal School of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
02/29/2020	Lee County Athletics Competition	Bishop Verot Catholic High School	Fort Myers
02/29/2020	Manatee County Bocce Competition	Trailer Estate Mobile Park	Bradenton
02/29/2020	Marion County Summer Games	Forest High School	Ocala
02/29/2020	Martin County Athletics Competition	Jensen Beach High School	Jensen Beach
02/29/2020	Nassau County Summer Games	Yulee High School	Yulee
02/29/2020	Clay County Athletics (Adults) and Cycling Competition	Panther Stadium – Ridgeview High School	Orange Park
02/29/2020	Clay County Soccer Competition	Orange Park Junior High	Orange Park

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Commissions and Committees Update (continued)

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From the Special Olympics Chair

I need your help to know about any events you are doing for Special Olympics so I can come and participate. Contact me at saldistrict12@legionmail.org

Cash donations can be made by sending your tax-deductible donation payable to;

Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida Special Olympics

Mail to:

Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida
1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

To receive recognition at our convention please forward copies of the checks/money orders along with a letter describing the donation to:

Randy Chilcott, Special Olympics Chairman
Detachment of Florida
189 Veterans Dr.
Palm Bay, FL 32909

From the Children & Youth Chair, Tom Soeder

Save the dates for:

C&Y Family Picnic (Kids included) – Titusville, Post 1 April 4

<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/children-youth/picnic-2/>

C&Y Golf Tournament – Bradenton, Post 24

<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/children-youth/picnic/>

From the Community Affairs Chairman, George Aichele

Happy New Year to all! Now that the holidays are behind us, its time to shift into high gear! There are so many things that we can do for our communities. I know that we live in sunny Florida, but this is the time of year that we have those rollercoaster weather patterns. That being said, lets not forget to check on the elderly in our communities. They may need a little extra support during those cooler times. Also remember our homeless veterans, sometimes a warm blanket or pair of socks can make a big difference. Our veterans in nursing facilities are another group that we can help in a big way with just small gestures. Remember, some of these heroes don't have family or maybe just none nearby. An hour of our time is little to us, but may mean a great deal to them!

In the coming months there are lots of opportunities to make an impact in our community. One idea would be to contact local churches to see if there are families in need. Possibly your squadron could "adopt" a family in need. Its not just at the holidays, but all year long that we can help our fellow man.

Now, I am going to challenge all of you out there! Let's see what you are doing in your communities. I would to see some photos or stories about what your squadrons are doing in your communities. It will be a preview of the Community Affairs Scrapbooks for Detachment Convention.

Endorsements for Office



It is the policy of the Detachment of Florida that no endorsement be posted prior to the Annual Fall Conference. The Detachment of Florida provides this information for the benefit of our membership. The addition of endorsement information does not indicate support for an individual candidate by the Detachment of Florida.

In order for an endorsement to be posted to the Detachment Newsletter "The Source" or the Detachment Website, an endorsement letter must meet the following requirements.

1. Each endorsement letter must come from a Florida Squadron or Post and must be signed by the Squadron Commander and Squadron Adjutant, or the Post Commander and Post Adjutant or any combination of these.
 - a. The letter must be on Squadron or Post letterhead and include the date that the Squadron or Post made the endorsement and that the membership approved said endorsement.
 - b. This letter should contain information explaining why the individual should be considered for the office he is seeking and a narrative of positions held to show his leadership potential.
2. Endorsements will only be accepted for the elected Detachment Officers, District Commanders as follows:
 - a. Detachment Commander, Detachment Vice Commanders, National Executive Committeeman, National Executive Committeeman Alternate, Detachment Historian, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms and the District Commanders

Endorsement letters must be submitted, in writing, to the Detachment Adjutant as follows with the required signatures (in the format listed above).

1. Endorsement letters can be sent via the US Postal Service to the Detachment Adjutant Jim Roberts – 2691 Mount Pleasant Rd, Quincy, FL 32352.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at floridasons@legionmail.org. Scanned documents are required to be in an Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) and must have all of the original signatures as required and be of good quality.



Detachment Officer Endorsements

Detachment Commander	<u>Brian Carter (120, Holly Hill)</u>
Office of Detachment Vice Commander	
Western Area	
Northern Area	<u>Bryan Barcomb (270, Port Orange)</u>
Eastern Area	<u>Randy Chilcott (117, Palm Bay)</u>
Central Area	
Southwestern Area	
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	<u>William D Kelly Jr (137, Jacksonville)</u>
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	<u>Tom Klinger (7, Clearwater)</u>
Detachment Chaplain	<u>Randy Collinsworth (7, Clearwater)</u>
Detachment Historian	
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	<u>George Steger, (238, Safety Harbor)</u>

District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
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12	<u>Peter Puzzo (189, Sebastian)</u>	
13	<u>Christian M Rapp (323, Lehigh Acres)</u>	<u>Michael Nigbor (136, St James City)</u>
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Upcoming Events





PRESENT

A WHISKEY SOCIAL

Saturday, February 29 • 12:30-3:30pm
at Gigglewaters
737 Main Street • Safety Harbor, Florida

\$50 per person

limited tickets available • proceeds benefit S.A.L. Charities

INCLUDES

limited menu • one beer* or soda • social discussion on
American Freedom Distillery and Horse Soldier Whiskey
12 Strong movie viewing • sample of Horse Soldier Whiskey**
raffle ticket for autographed bottle of Horse Soldier Commander's Select



HORSE SOLDIER
WHISKY

*Must be 21 or over
**Available at American Legion Post 238



**Vietnam and all Veterans
of Brevard**

Present:

Florida's 33rd Annual All Veterans Reunion

The Nation's Largest Veterans Reunion
PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND

May 7th – 10th, 2020

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on display **May 3-10, 2020**

LIVE MUSIC

FOOD & DRINKS

MILITARY VENDORS

MILITARY DISPLAYS

THE SOME GAVE ALL MOVING TRIBUTE



Wall Escort May 3, 2020 Leaves at 10am
Eastern Florida State College Cocoa Campus
Reunion Web Page at:
floridaveteransreunion.com

Wickham Park
321-255-4307 - 2500 Parkway Dr
Melbourne, FL

No Coolers, Glass or Pets allowed
in the Reunion Area

Per Wickham Park: Golf Carts Permitted
For the Handicapped Only And Must
Abide By FL Highway Laws

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall
<http://travelingwall.us>

Call For Info
321-408-2698
321-652-4185

Vendor call 321-652-4185!

Vet.reunion.vendor@gmail.com
RaRusso1962@gmail.com
Candy1540@yahoo.com
Club Escort Lineup Info
vvbreunionescort@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!!!

APRIL 18, 2020

COMMANDER'S Homecoming and Luau



Post 273, Madeira Beach



Party begins at 1600...or 4:00pm for you civilians!!!

Tickets are \$35.00 per person

All Proceeds benefit Commander's Charities...

email - 16history@gmail.com for more info...

Upcoming Events

American Legion Commander's Homecoming Program Advertising

Ray Perez, would like you to know that you now have an opportunity to advertise, at a low rate, in the Commander's Homecoming Program book.

Information is attached, along with the cover!

Contact Ray Perez to get your tickets and advertise. Tickets and advertising space are limited, so please don't delay!

Make checks payable to Post 273, ATTN: Ray Perez and send to 600 American Legion Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708. For more information you call 727-412-5356.

Breast Cancer Awareness Event

February 8th, 2020 The Sons of The American Legion Post 38 will be hosting their first Official Charity Event for Breast Cancer Awareness. We would greatly appreciate it, if you could re-share our post on Facebook; Or even, post our flyer with a short description. Here is a link to the event post <https://www.facebook.com/events/3214810375201758/> If you have any further questions or concerns, e-mail SonsPost0038@gmail.com.



DINNER: BEEF TIPS WITH NOODLES

HOTEL: HAMPTON INN, 1103 US N HWY 19, CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429
(ROOMS: \$96/NIGHT)

CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY FOR RESERVATIONS—352-564-6464

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FREE ADMISSION

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

Children & Youth **PICNIC**

Learn Live Dream

FOOD

Cotton Candy
BBQ Chicken
Hot Dogs
Hamburgers

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

12:00 PM - 6:00PM

www.floridalegion.org

ACTIVITIES

Carnival Games
Vendors
Chinese Auction
50/50 Raffle
Dunk Tank
Riders' Ride-In

Join Us at:

American Legion Post 1
1281 N Washington Ave
Titusville, FL 32796

Questions? Dept, Les Martin, 941-201-7293 | SAL, Tom Soeder, 410-707-2331





Win a New Cadillac XT5

Longest Drive Contest
Hole-in-One Contest
Closest to Pin Contest

\$75.00 per golfer, includes
box lunch, 2 drinks on course
and early dinner.

9:00 AM Shotgun Start
Scramble Play



BENEFITTING The Programs and
Charities of the Florida American Legion
Children & Youth Commission

Early dinner, awards, raffles, 50/50
at American Legion Post 24
2000 75th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34209

**Hotel: Lantern Inn & Suites, 7251 N. Tamiami Trail (14th St. W)
Sarasota, FL 34243 941-355-7747
\$89 King, \$99 - 2 Queen - Ask for American Legion Rate
Reservation Cut-off - 4-10-2020**



CHILDREN & YOUTH CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 25, 2020
IMG ACADEMY GOLF CLUB
4350 El Conquistador Pkwy
Bradenton, Florida



Sponsorship Opportunities

HOLE or TEE (Silver): \$100

HOLE or TEE (Gold): \$250

BEVERAGE CART: \$500

LUNCH: \$500

DINNER: \$1,000

TOURNAMENT: \$2,000

DONATE A RAFFLE GIFT

**Cut-off date for sponsorships &
gift submission April 15, 2020**

Checks made payable to:
Sons of The American Legion Squadron 24
2000 75th St. W., Bradenton, Florida 34209
Attn: C&Y Golf Tournament

TAPS - The Detachment of Florida Mourns the Loss of Tim Bell



Timothy Duane Bell, 67

On the 13th of January 2020, the Detachment of Florida issued a notice that sent ripples through the very fabric of our entire organization.

Tim Bell, long time Assistant Adjutant of the Detachment of Florida was called to be with the Commander of us all.

Tim was a longtime member of the Sons of the American Legion and had served our organization with Honor, Integrity and Distinction. He was an example of who we are, and what we stand for and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Tim was born to Duane E. and Laree Bell (Trickey) on April 2, 1952 in Pontiac, Michigan. He was raised in Novi, MI and graduated from Novi High School.

As a boy, he was active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Novi and was also a member of the elite scouting group known as the Order of the Arrow.

Tim was a certified fly-fishing instructor with Courtland Fly Line Co. at the age of 16. He loved working at his parents' sporting goods store, Trickey's Hunting and Fishing in Novi. He later worked for the City of Novi, D.P.W. as a heavy equipment operator and also was a Sergeant on the Novi Volunteer Fire Dept. for 7 years, often commandeering the pumper.

Tim later moved to Nashville, MI where he bought a 40-acre farm. He enjoyed raising his two sons on the farm and hunting, fishing, gardening and raising a few hogs on the side. He was very self-sufficient. Tired of the cold, Tim and his family moved to Mulberry, FL in 1986. He retired in 2014 from the animal feed business after 37 years.

Tim was a member of the Sons of The American Legion since 1990, holding the offices of Squadron Commander, First Vice Commander, Adjutant, 7th District Adjutant and Detachment (state) Assistant Adjutant for a total of 68 years concurrently. He was also given a Life Time Membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Tim is survived by his loving wife of 22 yrs., Sandra Bell, Mulberry, FL, sons Joshua Bell, Tampa, FL, and Cody Bell (Meghann) of Bartow, FL; two grandsons, Cohen Cody Timothy Bell and Ryland Rider Maverick Bell. He is also survived by a sister, Kathy Bond (AI), brothers Thomas Bell (Mary) and Steven Bell; two Stepsons, Thomas Hashagen and David Hashagen; four step grandchildren, Eric Hashagen (Sondra), Courtney Hashagen (Anthony), Carissa Click and Hannah Hunt and two step great-grandchildren, Finnley Hashagen and Ember Hashagen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to C.O.T.A. (Children's Organ Transplant Assoc.) through the Sons of The American Legion.



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

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