



Well Hello Everyone. The State is slowly getting back to normal. Posts, bars and restaurants are now open. It's time to get back to work on our functions, fundraising, and membership. Whatever activities you choose to do please do them safely. Remember CDC guidelines. We haven't seen most of our members in quite some time so let's do our Buddy Checks. Call them up, say hi, and remind them to pay their dues. Make them feel wanted and needed. A simple hello and a pat on the back goes a long way.

The National Awards have been announced.

The Detachment of Florida has won:

- The Legacy Scholarship Award
- The CWF U.S. Udie Grant Legacy Award
- The CWF Highest Donation Award
- The Arthur D. Houghton Award Category V (biggest increase in membership from previous year)
- The Children and Youth award goes to Squadron 347 Lady Lake.
- The Snapshot of Service Award goes to Charles L. Futch (189 Sebastian)

Way to go guys! Give yourself a round of applause; you deserve it.

If your Squadron or Post is having a fund raising event let your District or Area Commander know. They are both supposed to write an article for the Source. This will let the entire Detachment know about it. The more communication we have the better off we'll be. Now that things are slowly get back to normal I hope to see you all down the road somewhere.

In closing remember to follow CDC guidelines.

For God and Country,
Tom Klinger
Detachment Commander



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Delegate Cut-off		



Normally this month we would start off by discussing plans for the Fall Conference. But what is "NORMAL" in these trying times? I certainly cannot answer that question and I am pretty certain that most of you would agree with me on it. At least our Post Homes are now open and we can start getting back to our normal way of doing things.

First and foremost we must reach out to our members that have not renewed for last year. Let's see if we cannot get them back into our membership ranks and get them in good standing. We don't know what the reasons are that they have not renewed unless we ask. It may be a financial issue or just plain oversight on their behalf. Whatever the issue is there is always a solution.

Secondly we must begin working our programs again. I know it has been hard with the Posts closed, but in these trying times our support is needed more than ever. Programs like Florida Special Olympics, Project Vet Relief, and the Child Welfare Foundation are just a few that rely on your generous donations and volunteer hours to survive. Even with the closure of our Posts and Squadrons in March, on our we still managed to donate over \$1,600,000.00 and over 210,000 hours to our programs according to our Year End Reports. That was from just 89 Consolidated Squadron Reports. Just imagine if all of our 184 Squadrons in the Detachment actually submitted their reports. I can only imagine what our combine numbers would be like.

Please remember to follow the Safety Guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Governor's office with the opening of our Post homes. Even though we are in Phase 3 of the Governor's opening, we still must adhere to social distancing, constant cleaning of all surfaces and the wearing of a face mask. If in doubt contact your County for their requirements.

Halloween is this month and I know some will be hosting Halloween Parties for the kids. Please take every precaution to make sure that you and the children stay safe and healthy. It's time for us to kick this Covid Pandemic and get back to normal life and times!!! Stay safe and healthy!!!!

Until next Month!

Ed Sheubrooks
Detachment Adjutant





National Awards 2019 - 2020

Even though we did not meet for our Annual National Convention, the National Committee's and Commissions met and reviewed all of the National CSR Forms that were submitted from the various Squadrons around the Nation. Award winners were determined from these reports and announced by the various Committees. Florida continues to "SHINE" bright in the Nation. It is by your hard work and reporting that we continue to be a driving force in the South and within the National Organization.

Here is the list of the Award Winners.

The Arthur D Houghton National Membership Award, Category V was awarded to the Detachment of Florida. For Detachments with 12,000 plus Membership. The Detachment was at 100.519% to win this award.

Child Welfare Foundation:

- The Florida American Legion Family received the U.S. "Udie" Grant Legacy Award. It is presented to the Legion Family that contributes the highest monetary donation to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Highest Donation for the Southern Region to the Child Welfare Foundation:

- USS South – Detachment of Florida - \$22,620.00
- \$1.00 Dollar or more per Capita - Detachment of Florida

Americanism Awards:

- Legacy Scholarship Award
 - Detachment of Florida
- Children & Youth Award
 - Veterans Memorial Squadron #347, Lady Lake

Public Relations and Media Awards:

- Snap Shots Of Service Awards - Americanism
 - Charles L Futch - Squadron #189, Sebastian

Congratulations to all of the winners! Keep Florida's bright light "Shining" within the Nation.



Greetings Membership Team!

We are having an issue with our per capita payments with membership transmittals. When transmitting membership remember the per capita the increase. **Our per capita is \$11.00 per member.** The Detachment then sends \$5 of those \$11 to National.

The membership transmittal form is available on the [Detachment Website](#). This form is fillable, printable and savable. Using this form will ensure you are paying the correct per-capita per member.

Using 'Snail Mail' for transmittals is still OK, but it will take longer to reach the report. Each Squadron needs to be either using MySAL.org or preparing to as National is moving to an all-digital paradigm. It is important to get each Squadron on board with what **will become the norm**, so make your plans and remember that if you have questions, we are here to help.

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With the start of the 2020-2021 membership campaign, our first target of 10% was September 3rd. I am proud to say 'CONGRATULATIONS'. The Detachment was 15.75%. Great job, everyone. Doing this through the COVID-19 shutdowns proves just how hard you're working. Thank you for a job well done!

Our 25% goal is fast approaching and we are heading in the right direction to make this October 8th milestone. I'm certain that we will reach that goal. Let's make another BIG SPLASH for Commander Klinger.

As our membership year moves along, I am asking each Area Commanders, District Commanders and Vice Commanders to look over the membership report. We have a lot of ZEROS that need to be addressed. I would also ask each of you to work with the Squadrons that make their 100% mark early. Historically, these Squadrons don't submit any membership beyond their 100%. WHY? For the Detachment to continue to grow, we must ALWAYS be recruiting NEW members while retaining our current members. Let's watch this carefully this year.

The Squadron administration manuals should have arrived at all Squadrons. Check out the target dates as it is especially important that we reach these targets. Membership is our life line. With the start of this year, the Detachment is 187 Squadrons strong. We have had several new and reinstated Squadrons. There is more room for growth and I challenge every District Commander and staff to reach out to your Legion counterparts and ask about any interest that Post's without Squadrons may have about starting one.

I strongly believe that we can all say we need to have better contact information for all members. COVID-19 has shown that having accurate phone numbers, email and physical addresses are vital.

Remember the 3 R's (Recruit, Reinstate, Renew). Remember to use MySAL.org. I cannot stress how important this is. **If your Squadron is not using MySAL.org, contact your District Commander for assistance in setting this up as it will be required before long.**

Commander Klinger and I are looking forward to GREAT membership year. Each Squadron is responsible for their own membership. If you need help with anything, please ask. A phone call or email will get a reply!

LETS MAKE A BIG SPLASH!!



Greetings Detachment of Florida,

I hope this article finds everyone safe and healthy. With everything going on within our country please remember we have an election coming in just a few weeks. Please vote as it is especially important to speak up during the election. Your vote is one thing that you need to take seriously but do your research and cast your important vote. The outcome of the election is in the hands of all Americans. Please remember that we are NOT a political organization – your Civic Duty calls upon you to vote.

Post homes are opening back up, schools are opening, people are going back to work, restaurants are opening - this all great. Please continue to be safe and follow the State guidelines of masks, social distancing, large gatherings just to name a few.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR POST COMMANDER!

Your Post Commander has been given direction by the Department of Florida Headquarters

We are still experiencing issues concerning social media and posted pictures. Social media is an issue, so please use good judgement when posting any activity.

As we continue to grow, our needs will be ever changing and we must be prepared for these changes. *Our National Organization is working towards an all-digital future and this is not too far away.* We need prepare for this inevitability. We must:

- Improve the education of our Officers, our Chairmen and our Members
- Improve the use of MySAL.org by properly training our Squadron officers
 - Gain access with the application form online. Your Post leadership must approve this.
 - Use of MySAL.org is predicated on a current [Squadron Officer report](#). Ensure your information is up-to-date and submitted to the Detachment.
- Improve Squadron reporting
 - Fillable forms are available at the [Detachment Website](#).

I would like to say a big Thank You to the editor of The Source, Ray Leventhal (323, Lehigh Acres) and staff for a great job on the newsletter. It takes a lot of time to build and distribute The Source. The only thing that I see missing are articles. All Officers and Chairmen are encouraged to submit monthly articles. What Officers? Any Detachment Officer! It is a great tool and should be used to share all of your good works, events and fund-raisers with the entire Detachment. Article submission is easy and is done [at the Detachment Website](#).

It's not required that you submit an article each month, but do submit things of interest and definitely on the great work done by your local Squadrons and their members. Doing this will make our Detachment stronger!

TOGETHER
WE CAN
AND WILL
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

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Internal Affairs (continued)

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I will publish this with every Internal Affairs article I submit. Please read and memorized our 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. I keep this in my article because I think it is something very meaningful for you as a member and us a Veteran Organization.

PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGES TO OUR PREAMBLE. These changes were done by a resolution approved by the National Executive Committee after the Legion Act was passed. All literature is being updated and will be made available when changes are all completed.

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE, WE MALE DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF ALL 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 All 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.
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As our 2020-2021 year is underway and our 2019-2020 year has become our history, let us take time to reflect on the good things that you, your Squadron, and the Detachment have done this past year. Let us also begin thinking about what we can do to make this year even better - not for us, but for our Veterans, Children & Youth, Communities, and our Post homes.

If you haven't already, please sign up for our Goggle Groups mailing list. This is how we get information out to the entire Detachment. [Simply click here and enter your email address to subscribe.](#)

Always remember that our Detachment is only as strong as our membership. We need to continue to recruit, reinstate, and renew if we want to continue to grow. Through education, training & development, and communication we will become stronger as a Detachment.



Greetings from the Eastern Area.

I have been asked by members how can I get information from the Detachment, District, and other Squadrons.

Communication is the basis of organizational functioning, especially in our current environment. Listed below are resources that can help you keep informed and to share what is going on in your respective areas and the Detachment.

Detachment Newsletter – The Source. <https://floridasons.org/the-source/>

This newsletter will keep you up to date on what is going on around the State.

Florida SAL E-mail Group: - floridasons+subscribe@googlegroups.com

District Web Sites

- 12th District - <https://www.facebook.com/Sons-Of-The-American-Legion-District-12-Florida-1052415648115663/>
- 6th District - <http://www.fald6.org/index.php>

These sites help you let other Squadrons know what you are doing as well as letting you see what other Squadrons are doing. Hopefully, we can come together as a Family by supporting each other.

Detachment Web Site - <https://floridasons.org/>

This will assist you in keeping track of membership, review the Detachment Constitution & By-Laws, review the Administrative Manual, find the forms you need, put your events on the state events calendar, and names and e-mails of the Detachment leadership. You can also find a wealth of info here.

MySAL - <https://mysal.org>

Sons of The American Legion Squadron Adjutants and officers now have access to membership information, reports, and electronic membership tools at www.mySAL.org. The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis developed the website to mimic myLegion.org, which assists post, district, and county officers with their membership needs.

12th District Vice Commander Pete Puzzo is looking to hold 3 short seminars on MySAL. There will be one in the north section of the District, one in the central section Post 189, and one in the southern section. Please contact him, pooz1830@gmail.com if you are interested and if your Squadron would like to be a host.

I urge you to make use of the above resources in your day to day administration of your District and Squadrons.

Until next time stay safe and healthy.

Rocky Cirigliano

Vice Commander-East

Detachment of Florida



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Dear Sir/Madam:

American Legion District 13 is hosting a Ruck Walk and fundraiser on November 22, 2020 for Challenge 22. Our ruck walk is a 2.2 mile walk where participants walk in support of raising awareness to help eliminate veteran suicide due to PTS.

We are asking for your help in the form of gift cards or prizes for use as door prizes and/or raffle items that will help make this fundraiser a success. In doing so, you will be helping our community prosper as well as your business. We will also be accepting monetary donations that will be used for this event. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Donation checks can be written to American Legion District 13. 100% of the proceeds to go to our Challenge 22 efforts.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this fundraiser, please feel free to contact me. We thank you in advance for your generosity,

Jessica Moore

District 13 Commander

American Legion Department of Florida



13TH DISTRICT
DEPT OF FLORIDA

THE AMERICAN LEGION 13TH DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

CHALLENGE 22 RUCK WALK TO PREVENT AND END VETERAN SUICIDE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**22 VETERANS COMMIT
SUICIDE EVERY DAY.
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!**

*Join us as we walk in support to raise
awareness and raise funds to help eliminate
veteran suicide due to PTSD*



LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST 110
3152 HARBOR BLVD
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33952

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10:00 NATIONAL ANTHEM
10:22 2.2 MILE RUCK WALK ROUTE TBA
11:22 OPENING CEREMONIES WITH
GUEST SPEAKERS
12P -4P COOKOUT MENU TBA

**POSTS, UNITS, SQUADRONS,
CHAPTERS & DISTRICTS:
BRING YOUR BANNERS TO
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
DURING THE WALK!**

**LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLES
& GIVEAWAYS
ALL DAY LONG!**



**Bouncer
entertainment**

STARTING AT 12PM



STARTING AT 3PM



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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The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 185 Squadrons and nearly 20,000 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:

www.floridasons.org

Or e-mail us at floridasons@legionmail.org

Scan the QR Code below to
visit our website



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.

Submit articles by clicking [here](#).