



Well Hello Everyone. I hope everyone is staying safe and following the rules. I haven't heard of any Posts closing because of COVID, and the ones that were closed have reopened. With a third vaccine out hopefully the pandemic will be behind us come Convention.

The Detachment Convention is set for July 1st thru 4th. Remember to make your reservations early because the hotel always sells out. Anyone running for a Detachment office, District Commander, and District Vice Commander needs to submit their endorsement letter to the Detachment Adjutant asap. The rules and guidelines are on the Detachment Website and in this newsletter.

Membership-wise, you all are doing a great job. The 80% target date is March 4th and we have already passed that. We are at 85.77% as of this writing. The next target date is April 14th, which will be 90%. Let's keep up the FANTASTIC work you all are doing and go for our 26th consecutive all-time high. I know I can speak for all the Detachment Officers in saying how proud we are of you all.

It's time to start planning for your District Constitutional Conferences in which you elect new District Officers. The meeting has to be less than 60 days and more than 10 days prior to Detachment Convention.

It has been a very tough year for functions and fundraisers, but come Convention please remember to support our different charities. That's why we all belong to this Great Organization: To support Veterans and their families.

Until we get back to somewhat normal please keep your head on straight and have positive thoughts.

Until next time be good and take care

For God and Country,  
Tom Klinger  
Detachment Commander



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### 2020-2021 Membership Target Dates:

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February 4, 2021	75%	CONGRATULATIONS!
March 4, 2021	80%	CONGRATULATIONS!
April 14, 2021	90%	
May 6, 2021	100%	
June 16, 2021	20,750	Commander's Goal
Delegate Cut-off		



Gentlemen,

**MARCH MADNESS, MARCH MADNESS, MARCH MADNESS!!!**

When I started to write this month's column, I really couldn't come up with an opening line.

Then it hit me, March Madness! Why you ask, other than that's what all the talk is about in Basketball?

It also signifies the start of the fourth quarter of this Administrative Year! Yes, in four short months we will be meeting to elect a new Detachment Commander and other Officers to lead us in the coming year. Plans are still underway to have our 49th Annual Convention starting July 1st.

Between now and then, is perhaps the busiest time for the Detachment. We have Squadron elections coming up, District Constitutional Conferences to elect new District Officers and the finalization of our 2020-2021 Administrative Year. The mailing of the Year-end packet is set to go out at the end of this month to all Squadrons. This packet contains the forms that need to be completed and sent back to the Detachment Adjutant prior to the Convention: The Squadron Officer report, Detachment Consolidated Report, Americanism, Children & Youth, VA & R, Silver Star Award, and Life Guard Award forms are included.

Additionally, you'll find two new forms: The National Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) and the National Squadron Officer Report. The National Organization is requiring each and every Squadron to complete these and return to National.

The National CSR was a three copy form that used to get mailed to each Squadron. National has decided to go all electronic with this form this year.

The Squadron Officer Report form is something new that National is now requiring. The information from this will be used to update MySAL for each Squadron. It will be useful when membership is transmitted, and eventually will allow a member to pay online. These forms have been added to our Website already and can be downloaded from <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>.

Membership continues to flourish within the Detachment! We are already over the 80% goal for March 4th. I look at the National report and several Detachments are struggling to maintain their numbers. You all have always gone above and beyond! Keep up the great work!!

We are still accepting applications and or resumes for the office of Detachment Adjutant. If you are interested please email your information to [Fishermn9@aol.com](mailto:Fishermn9@aol.com). To date I have only received one application.

Anyone interested in running for a Detachment Office needs to submit a letter of endorsement to the Detachment Adjutant. You can email it, or mail it to me. All endorsements will be listed in The Source, and added to the website. My thanks to Christian Rapp and Ray Leventhal for keeping the website up to date. In next month's issue of The Source, there will be a complete schedule for the upcoming Convention!

Until next month!!

Ed Sheubrooks  
Detachment Adjutant



Greeting Membership Team,

"CONGRATULATIONS" to everyone on reaching our first seven membership goals (10%, 25%, 35%, 45%, 60%, 75%, and our 80%). As of February 28th, 2021, the Detachment is at 85.65% with our 80% goal being March 4th, 2021; you guys have blown that out of the water. You guys are the best. Keep up the hard work!! Let us make another "BIG SPLASH" for Commander Klinger give him another all-time high along with his goal of 20,750 members. To reach Commander Klinger's goal, we need to reach 20,750 by June 16th, 2021. We can do this, and we need to make up the lost ground from last year. Let us make this a priority in our membership campaign to give it all we can toward that goal of 20,750 members for our Commander. We can and we will reach that number with your hard work and continued support.

I am again asking the Area, District, and Vice Commanders to look over their membership report. We have a lot of ZERO's that need to be addressed. As of our February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 report we have 14 ZERO Squadrons. This number is decreasing but we must make improvements in this area. Get on the phone, send those emails, attend meetings, and have those conversations about what the issues are and let them know we are here to help. We must communicate with these Squadrons as the issues will not just go away. I would also ask each of you to work with the Squadrons that make their 100% early. These Squadrons have historically not submitted any more membership the rest of the year. WHY? For the Detachment to continue to grow we must ALWAYS be recruiting NEW members while retaining our current members. Let us watch this during this membership year.

We need to continue to always stay focused on our membership. We all need to remember the **3 "R's"** (Renew, Reinstate, & Recruit). **"RENEW"** our current members, **"REINSTATE"** our AWOL members, and **"RECRUIT"** new members to continue to grow your Squadron, the Detachment, and our National organization. It is a process, so let us work the process.

The 2021 Recruitment Award application is available and can be accessed by clicking here. When completed and sent, it gives the recipient an opportunity to be properly recognized for their work in helping to grow our organization. The pins are genuinely nice. Just to let you know, we are in the South Region and Jason Roberts is the go-to person and his contact information is on the form.

MySAL is a wonderful tool for all Squadrons to use. Once it is set up you can submit your membership, complete address changes along with other functions. It is an extremely easy process. Go to the Detachment website [www.floridasons.org](http://www.floridasons.org) and find the MySAL icon. Click on the icon, print the instructions and application, fill out the application and follow the instructions. The only issue at this time the Squadron Adjutant will be given the access by National. Therefore, the Squadron must have submitted a Squadron Officer Report form, or they will have to submit one before access will be granted. It is an easy process if we have done our jobs. As of our December 17th, 2020 membership report we have 76 Squadrons that have been reported to me using MySAL. As great as that is, this number represents only 37.23% of our Squadrons within the Detachment. This number must increase and once again I am tasking the Area and District Staff to work this issue. The National organization will be going completely electronic in the very near future. We need to be ready for that transition. Get with your Post Officers and get the guidance on getting signed up. We will get this done.

The Squadron Administration Manual is a great resource and all Squadrons should have at least one available. Look at the target dates and get them in the hands of our Squadrons. They need to know what is expected and understand that is especially important that we reach these targets. Membership is our life line.

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## Membership (continued)

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We need to have better contact information for all members. Phone numbers, email addresses, and up to date mailing addresses. COVID-19 showed us why that is important. So, let us be proactive and put a plan in place and execute it, by doing this we will have much better-informed members.

SPLASH II (The Sequel) is underway, and we need to keep our pools cleaned and treated. District Commanders you must take the lead as a lifeguard and give them the needed swimming instructions. Each Squadron, each District, and each Area play a big part to our success with membership. We must communicate regularly with each Squadron. Let them know you are available and willing to help. Go to their meetings with positive information, conduct training classes that they may need on using MySAL and subscribing to our email list. Communication will be an very big topic this year. We must make improvements in our communications.

Commander Klinger and I are looking forward to a GREAT 20-21 MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

Each Squadron is responsible for their membership. But when they are not taking care of their membership it now becomes our problem. Communicate with them and ask them if they need help with anything, please ask. We are an email or phone call away.

**LETS MAKE A BIG SPLASH!!**





Greetings Detachment of Florida,

As of this article planning is underway for our Detachment Convention scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. I am excited that we just might get together again and renew our friendships and make some new ones. The convention information is posted on the Department of Florida website and I am sure it will be posted on our website as soon as the information is made available to the webmaster. Keep your eyes on the prize! It will be a wonderful Convention with lots of awards to be given out.

Each Squadron at this time should be making plans for the nomination & election of new Officers for the 2021–2022-year, Squadron Officers report form (a requirement) completed and sent in, both Detachment and National consolidated report forms, and any other activity reports that your Squadron has done during the year. An example of the things a Squadron can report on, work hours in the Post, monies donated to the Post, Help with dinners or activities other than the Squadron activities. Squadron activities generally as a fundraiser for a program and should be in that program report. These are just a few of the examples of what each Squadron should be collecting and reporting on.

District Commanders should be looking at and planning their Constitutional Conferences for the purpose of Officers elections for the 2021-2022 year so that they can be ratified at Convention.

Back onto communications. Does your Squadron have an email account? If not, why? In these times communication is especially important to maintain good communication with our members. Talk with your Post Commander or Adjutant and discuss using their computer if the Squadron does not have one. Perhaps you could have a fundraiser and purchase one for the family.

NOTE: I attended a National Conference call last month and there is an ongoing push towards electronic reporting. Please review Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks' article and get the forms from our website.

### **PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR POST COMMANDER!**

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

I made this same statement last month. As we continue to grow our needs will be ever changing and we must be prepared for these changes. Our National Organization is working toward an all-digital future, and this is not too far away. We need to prepare now and be ready for the future, now is the time to get those changes done and be ready for the future. 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.
- Improve Communication
  - Gather email addresses for Squadron members
  - Gather email addresses for Squadrons
  - Ensure that postal mailing addresses are correct
  - Ensure that phone numbers for members are correct

**As you can see MySAL is an especially important tool for all Squadrons. It is coming and we need to be ready.**

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## Internal Affairs (continued)

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The Source is the official Detachment of Florida Newsletter, published each month of each service year—this is a wholly underutilized tool that every Squadron should be leveraging to their benefit. It is NOT just a place for Detachment Officers, Chairs of Committees and Commissions and District Officers. Every Squadron or District Officer are welcome to [submit articles of interest](#), [promote events in their areas](#) and tout the great works that we as Sons of the American Legion perform every day. Let's spread the word to everyone about these great works. The more information we supply, the better it will be for membership. Recognize those that work hard for our Veterans, their families and our communities.

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. 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 meaningfully 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.

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### **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.](#)



I can't tell you how busy the last year has been for me and I am truly appreciative for the support and kind words. However, I am still busy as ever with all things relating to the pandemic. As a result of my workload and travel schedule I asked to not seek reappointment as the Detachment Adjutant because the last half of the year really took a toll on what I was able to do and not do outside of my role as a Public Safety Professional.

I want to thank Detachment Commander Klinger for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Detachment Judge Advocate this year. I want say that I have reviewed many Squadron Constitution and By-Laws over the last few months and in most cases I have to turn several away with recommendations. Those should be getting back to those Squadrons who submitted them very soon. Thank you all for your submissions.

There are a couple of changes that were made at the National Level over the last year to be compliant with The Legion Act. These are changes that will need to be made in your Constitution and By-Law submissions or they will be denied and rejected immediately.

First, the Preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion has changed and is as follows:

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.

Second, there was a change to National Constitution Article IV – Eligibility. The change is to Section 1 and is as follows:

Section 1. All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

So please make sure that you update your documents as appropriate before submitting them.

Because this was a change of the National Constitution and By-Laws as approved with "The Legion Act" it would be considered an automatic change for the Preamble and the Eligibility clause to any Squadron Constitution & By-Laws that have been previously approved. This change can be made without resubmitting.

Squadrons that submitted Constitution and By-Laws documents for review prior to the release of this month's newsletter have not been updated with these changes and some others. So, they will need to be resubmitted for approval once the changes have been made based on the letter that you will receive.

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## Judge Advocate (continued)

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Finally, I would strongly suggest that if your Squadron is updating existing Constitution and By-Laws or creating new ones, that your leadership review and use the Suggested Form of Constitution and By-Laws in the 2021 Squadron Handbook. I have seen a few that have copied our Detachment Constitution and used it as a base and in most cases there are several items that do not apply to the Squadrons.

If using the Squadron Handbook for suggestions, there is Article X Rules of Order. I would suggest that you do not use the language in the handbook for this, but instead use the language as follows:

Section 1 – The procedure at all squadron meetings shall be governed by the Sons of The American Legion Squadron Handbook as produced by the National Organization.

Section 2 – For matters of procedure that are not included in the Sons of The American Legion Squadron Handbook, Roberts Rules of Order will be the governing authority.

Thank you all for what you all do.

Jim Roberts | Detachment Judge Advocate



The American Legion National Legislative Agenda for the 1st Session of the 117th Congress is now out. The American Legion needs our help and as a Son of The American Legion your primary mission is to support Veterans. Nothing does more to support veterans than to tell our elected officials our concern. Oh, but as I hear all the time I'm not political. You don't have to be.

Please open The American Legion website at <https://www.legion.org>, click on

Programs->Legislative->Legislative Action Center and arrow down to find Officials.

Enter your zipcode. The site may ask for your address, as your particular zip code may be in a split congressional district. Pick your Congressman or Congresswoman,

It is pre addressed. Pick a topic from TAL Legislative Agenda i.e. topic 1, Toxic Exposure and Burn Pits, in the Subject area, in the Message Body tell your legislator that i. e. I'm a Registered Voter, a Son of The American Legion and we are veteran advocates for The American Legion. They have been urging Congress to reintroduce and pass the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) 2020 Act. We would like you to consider supporting this legislation for our veterans. Thank you for supporting veterans too.

That is how easy it is to support our veteran in the legislative process. Please consider taking the time to support The American Legion/Sons of the American Legion Legislative Commission with this important service for our veterans. Please share this important [Legislative Agenda](#).





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## The Post 137 Family's Polar Plunge — Bill Kelly (147, Jacksonville)

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During these extraordinary times of this pandemic we Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Florida and our Legion Family both here in Florida and throughout our nation are still doing incredible work to support The American Legion Programs and we commend them for their actions.

Last October 2020 my task was to represent the Detachment at the Department Commanders Retreat in Orlando as previous reported in the Source and the Legion Link. At Commander Johnson's Retreat, he asked if American Legion Lakeshore Post 137 was having a polar plunge. I provided the answer we all should use when unsure, "I'll find out".

When our Post Commander and Unit President were told that Commander Johnson would like to attend, they brought together the entire Post 137 family and planned an event that was to include a full weekend of activities, music and meals. This concluded with the Polar Plunge on Sunday at high noon.

Commander Johnson's project this year is the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) so it was decided we designate all donations for this charity. When you're a part of event planning and months go by between the planning and the event the last couple of days are always the worst because the anticipation of whether everyone will show up and all will come off is nerve-racking.

When the weekend finally arrived, everyone showed up – in fact far more than expected joined in to help. All the planned meals, entertainment were set and the Plunge had more than 25 participants, including American Legion Commander Johnson and Detachment Vice Commander Brian Carter who represented Commander Klinger. Additionally, many other Department and Detachment officers from the entire Florida American Legion Family were in attendance.

The event was a tremendous success for COTA and all of the children that they serve and raised \$10,451.00

On behalf of the American Legion Lakeshore Post 147 Family, thank you to the Florida American Legion Family for the amazing support of this Children & Youth project.

Remember, small things like making a small snowball while at the top of a mountain and rolling down the mountain, can grow larger and larger and moves faster and faster. This is exactly how this fundraiser grew from humble beginnings to the huge donation to COTA. Thanks to all who made it possible and fun.





Greetings from the Eastern Area.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. As of this writing the 2021 Detachment Convention is on, I hope to see all of you soon.

I want to give a shout out to the 6th and 12th District upon attaining all their membership targets and keeping the Eastern Area in first place in the Detachment. Keep up the good work.

We are slowly getting back to normalcy. The 6th District will be holding their annual picnic.

6th District Party/Picnic

March 13, 2021 - 2 PM - 7 PM

Post 55, 1063 W Desoto St, Clermont, FL 34711

The 12<sup>th</sup> District will be holding their District Meeting, at Post 359, 7260 S US Highway 1, Titusville, FL. 32780, March 20, 2021 @ 10:00am

Please remember the upcoming Department Children and Youth Picnic, to be held at Post 1, 1281 N Highway 1, Titusville, FL. 32796, April 3, 2021, 2-7pm.

As usual please check with the respective Posts to confirm the events are taking place

Thank You for All You Do, stay safe, healthy, and keep the traditions of the Sons of the American Legion in your endeavors.

Rocky Cirigliano

Vice Commander-East

Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons!

Not to sound like JJ again but, "WOW!" you guys are doing a FANTASTIC job on membership! As of this writing, District 13 stands at 87.20%! Our **MARCH 4 GOAL is 80%**, you all are killin' it! Our next goal is 90% by April 14<sup>th</sup>. I have no doubt you all will reach and exceed this goal.

Take a look at the membership report "**SHORT OF GOAL**" column. There are a few of you that are 14 members OR LESS away from making 100%. Let's get that 100% and then some and help our mighty Detachment of Florida reach its 26<sup>th</sup> Consecutive All-Time High for membership. If you haven't recently, download a new "ALL MEMBERS" CSV from mySal.org and sort it by the **Last Paid Year** column. That will help you determine who you need to reach out to for renewal.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**MARCH 14, 2021 11AM:** District Meeting at Post 136, St James City.

This will be our final District Meeting of the year (other than DCC). If you would like to be on District Staff next year, please be in attendance and make your interest known.

**APRIL 17, 2021:** 13<sup>TH</sup> District Picnic at Post 110 in Port Charlotte. More details to come soon

**MAY 8, 2021 8am :** District Constitutional Conference at Post 103, Punta Gorda.

This is where we elect our District Commander and Vice Commander and the new Commander appoints his staff. If you want to be on staff, you need to be in attendance to be ratified.

**JULY 1-4: CONVENTION AT MARIOTT WORLD CENTER IN ORLANDO**

As of this writing, Convention is still a go. BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW!

THAT'S IT FOR NOW. I WILL SEE YOU ALL VERY SOON!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

13<sup>th</sup> District Commander 2020-2021

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida







Hello Sons!

We're in to the homestretch of our 2019-2021 Service year(s). There are many things that we need to get completed before Convention. Adjutant Sheubrooks has already highlighted those things in his article, so I will not repeat them.

My request for you all, however – **especially the Area and District Commanders** – is for you to submit your information of your final District Meetings and District Constitutional Conferences through our website in order for us to post them to the website and The Source.

As we move forward into the new service year and we are all returning to being able to have events, fund-raisers, etc., I am again requesting that everyone submit their event through our website. This will allow us to post your event on the Detachment Calendar, Facebook Page, Website **AND** The Source. (you should see a few ads for events on the final pages of this edition). As PR Chairman, it is my duty to promote your events and help you be even more successful – please let me help you.

Also, if your squadron/post family/district has a Facebook Page and/or website, please email me that information directly so I can update your information on the website.

That's it for now – Keep up the good work!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Public Relations Chairman  
Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Florida

UNITED  
WE  
STAND



## Detachment of Florida — Call to Detachment Convention

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The 49th Annual Convention of the SAL, Detachment of Florida is hereby called for in compliance with Article V of the Detachment Constitution.

**PURPOSE:** The convention is called for the electing of Officers, receiving reports and for the transaction of such business which may be properly brought before it.

**REPRESENTATION:** Representation shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the Detachment Constitution and other sections that may be applicable. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be paid to the Detachment Convention Headquarters for each delegate and alternate registered.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** Voting strength of Squadrons shall be determined by the membership paid into Department Headquarters by the close of business on June 17, 2021. Forms for the certification of delegates and alternates are in the administrative manual. We will keep in accordance with Article XI, Section 8 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws that reads as follows: “No post or squadron with past due accounts owing the Department of Florida and unsettled before the convening of the Annual Department Convention

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## Detachment of Florida — Election of Officers

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In accordance with the Detachment of Florida Constitution, Article IX District Organization, Section 8 and Article X Squadron Organization, Section 13.

All Squadrons must be elected annually and certified to the Detachment and Department Adjutants not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the opening of the Annual Detachment Convention. The election of Squadron and District Officers this year must be held between Monday, May 3, 2021 and June 22, 2021.

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## Detachment of Florida — District Constitutional Conferences

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District elections must be held in accordance with Article IX, Section 8 of the Detachment Constitution, which states, “there shall be held in each District a District Constitutional Conference not more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Detachment Convention.” This means that your elections must be completed between May 3, 2021 and June 22, 2021.



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## From the Editor

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All Squadrons are urged to submit highlights of their events to The Source. Let's let the world know how the Detachment of Florida 'rocks the house' when it comes to making the words in our preamble come to life.

The Source will continue to be a great place to let the rest of the Detachment know about your upcoming events and your fundraising successes. Thanks to the Detachment of Florida's Public Relations Chairman Christian Rapp, it is now easier than ever to make a submission for publication in The Source.

Simply visit <https://floridasons.org/the-source-source-article-submission-form/> to submit your article. Submissions are due by the 23rd of each month, as we make every effort to publish on or near the 5th.

Now more than ever it is important that we use all means available to us to remain connected and in communication. The Source is **your newsletter** and is intended to serve all we do as Sons of the American Legion. If you know anyone, in or out of the American Legion family, who could be inspired by what we do, ask them to subscribe.

Subscription is easy and free. Simply join the [Detachment of Florida Mailing List](#).

**The Source can only continue to be a viable and vital tool with your help and involvement.**

In an effort to provide the easiest access to important forms and information, we've compiled this quick reference list of links for you:

- [Detachment of Florida Website](#)
- [Squadron Administration Manual](#)
- [All Squadron Report Forms](#)
- [Squadron Membership Report](#)
- [District Membership Report](#)
- [Detachment Officer Endorsements](#)
- [Detachment Email List Subscription](#)
- [Article Submission Form for The Source](#)
- [Event Submission Form — Promote Your Event\(s\) to the entire Detachment](#)

Thank you for what you do and for helping to keep The Source focused on what we do and who we are!

Happy New Year to you all. I continue to wish and pray that this year will bring us all back to a normal, connected and thankful existence.

Respectfully,

Ray Leventhal • Editor, The Source



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## 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 Ed Sheubrooks – 800 S. Brocksmit Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34945.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at [floridasons@legionmail.org](mailto: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	<a href="#"><u>Brian Carter (120, Holly Hill)</u></a>
<b>Office of Detachment Vice Commander</b>	
Western Area	<a href="#"><u>Robert Farley (240, Pensacola)</u></a>
Northern Area	
Eastern Area	<a href="#"><u>Randy Chilcott (117, Palm Bay)</u></a>
Central Area	
Southwestern Area	<a href="#"><u>Christian Rapp (323, Lehigh Acres)</u></a>
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	<a href="#"><u>Tom Klinger (7, Clearwater)</u></a>
Detachment Chaplain	
Detachment Historian	<a href="#"><u>James Reed (1, Titusville)</u></a>   <a href="#"><u>Chris Richert (117, Palm Bay)</u></a>
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	

## District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
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12	<a href="#"><u>Peter Puzzo (189, Sebastian)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Steve Vilgats (163, Eua Gallie)</u></a>
13	<a href="#"><u>Michael Nigbor (136, St James City)</u></a>	
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## The Detachment of Florida is searching for an Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant

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Anyone interested in seeking the job of Detachment Adjutant or Assistant Detachment Adjutant needs to send a resume to fishermn9@aol.com, fl.johnjennings@gmail.com, or kellyjrwmd@gmail.com. Please provide your experience with Computers, excel, email, and power point presentations.

Please keep in mind that we are seeking an individual that is looking a long term position. And one that can handle the day to day administrative operations of the Detachment. If you have any questions, please contact Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks at fishermn9@aol.com or by phone, 772-216-3063

*The*  
**SEARCH**  
*is on*

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### Special Events

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# 13TH District Picnic

**Saturday, April 17 AT Post 110 Pt Charlotte**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE 13TH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

**Bake Sale • 50/50**  
**Bottle Raffle • Silent Auction • Cornhole Tournament**  
**Chinese Auction • Show Me The Money**  
**and much more...**

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND SET UP  
INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS**

**LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY!**  
**ALL DAY COOK OUT WITH  
BURGERS, DOGS & MORE!**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 110 | 3152 HARBOR BLVD, PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33952**

**TICKETS**

**\$10**

Free For Children  
10 & Under!

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
**FAMILY**





# DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA CHILDREN AND YOUTH PICNIC APRIL 3, 2021 - NOON - 6 P.M.



**TITUSVILLE POLICE  
DOG DEMONSTRATION**



**1P.M.-?**



**Reenactors Camp**



**Titusville American Legion Post 1**

**1281 N US Hwy 1  
Titusville, FL  
321-269-9959**





To Benefit the  
AMERICAN LEGION  
VETERANS



# Yard SALE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH 9AM - 6PM**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST 12PM - 6PM**

**10 x 10 Sights**

**\$10 In Advance**

**\$15 Day of Event**

**Food and Beverages Available**

**Make Reservation here:**

**11421 Osceola Dr New Port Richey, FL 34654**





AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND

## SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

### EVENT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

MAJESTIC GOLF CLUB  
350 HOMESTEAD RD S | LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

- 7AM REGISTRATION | 8AM SHOTGUN START
- COST: \$75 PER GOLFER  
*INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, & LUNCH*

#### CONTESTS FOR:

- LONGEST DRIVE • HOLE-IN-ONE
- PUTTING • CLOSEST TO THE PIN

#### EXTRAS:

- 50/50 DRAWING
- 4 MULLIGANS (\$20 / TEAM)

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- DONATE A GIFT FOR USE AS A RAFFLE PRIZE

#### HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

- SILVER HOLE SPONSOR \$100  
*INCLUDES HOLE SPONSOR SIGN*
- GOLD HOLE SPONSOR \$350  
*INCLUDES 4 GOLFERS & SPONSOR SIGN*

**CUT-OFF DATE FOR SPONSORSHIPS**  
**APRIL 10, 2021**

**NO SIGNS WILL BE MADE AFTER APRIL 10**

### HOTEL INFO

QUALITY INN & SUITES  
1320 BUSINESS WAY  
LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936  
(239) 369-2121  
RATE: \$69 PER NIGHT

**ASK FOR AMERICAN LEGION RATE**  
**\* MUST BOOK BY APRIL 14 \***



### PAYMENT

SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

SQUADRON 323  
1124 ASHLAR AVENUE  
LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

QUESTIONS?

MIKE MASON: (774) 578-1161  
POST 323: (239) 369-3178

HOSTED BY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 323  
1124 ASHLAR AVE | LEHIGH ACRES



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**

**TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

**GOLFERS**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES** PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

GOLD SPONSOR (4 GOLFERS + HOLE SPONSOR SIGN)      **\$350**      \_\_\_\_\_

SILVER SPONSOR (HOLE SPONSORSHIP ONLY)      **\$100**      \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFERS ONLY (\$75 PER GOLFER)      **\$300**      \_\_\_\_\_

***SPONSORSHIP CUT-OFF DATE: APRIL 10, 2021***

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE TEAM      \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER      \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SQUADRON 323 1124 ASHLAR AVE LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

Any Questions? Call Michael Mason (774) 578-3178



## 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](http://floridasons.org))
- The Detachment of Florida's Facebook page ([facebook.com/pg/FloridaSAL](https://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.*

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Or e-mail us at [floridasons@legionmail.org](mailto:floridasons@legionmail.org)

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