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Hello from your Detachment Commander,

I hope this edition of The Source finds you and your family well and in good health as we start another great year. I am honored to serve as your Detachment Commander for 2021-2022.

I want to start by congratulating all the Detachment officers as well as the Squadron officers new or returning. There is no rank among us for we all serve as equals for our communities, and our Veterans.

Thank you to our Department officers and all of the Department staff at headquarters for a successful Convention. Thank you to all that were in attendance and as you left convention I hope all of you took something good back to your Squadrons.

Now let's get down to business. This year will be about the grid iron, a field of battle. I want to see who can march down the field to a 100% touchdown in membership. Yes, this year is all about the game of football. **Scoring for our Veterans by tackling their needs.**

District Commanders and Vice Commanders you will coach your respective Squadrons and help lead them to victory. Detachment Vice Commanders you will command your divisions by overseeing the needs of your district and not having a **ZE-RO** score at our first look of the score board on September 2nd. Once your installations have been completed, all officers should hold their 2022 membership cards. This is a showing of strong leadership, influence, and guidance to your Squadrons. Last year we reached another milestone. The Detachment made its 26th all-time high and now stand at over 20,000 Members strong. We collected over \$176,000 Dollars for various charities. As a team we can make this season stand out above all others, we just have to work together as one team.

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2021-2022 Membership Target Dates:

September 2, 2021	10%
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November 11, 2021	35%
December 2, 2021	45%
January 12, 2022	60%
February 3, 2022	75%
March 3, 2022*	80%
April 14, 2022	90%
May 5, 2022	100%
June 1, 2022**	21,000 Commander's Goal

* Legion Birthday
** Delegate Cut-Off

From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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How can we do this? **COMUUNICATION** is how. I cannot stress this word enough. Emails, phone calls, and even checking in on your team mates. You need to communicate with your Squadron and its membership. Get an email group list together for your Squadron. Let them know what is happening with in the Squadrons, ask for their help and get them involved. Too many come and go because they just don't know or lose interest. Information is knowledge and we want them to stay and help make our organization better than ever. If we all work together we can march down the field to victory. With communication you and your team could be holding the winning trophy at Convention.

Commanders and Adjutants, the computer age is here to stay and it is the best way to stay informed. With that said membership will now be managed online only. The day of stamps and mailing membership transmittals are gone. If your Squadron doesn't have access to a computer do a fund raiser to purchase one. Ask your Legion family or another Squadron if you may use theirs until you're able to get one. In any case you will have to come on board today. Yes we know the new system has ruts in the turf and National is working to fill them. Be patient and we will all get through this as a team.

I've selected two charities for this year: **Fisher House and Wreaths Across America**. Fisher House and Wreaths Across America focus on and represent FAMILY. They supply comfort to families keeping them close in times of need and give support to those missing a loved one in remembrance. Please support these organizations as we do all of our charities with a kind heart and loving support. The Sons of the American Legion raises the money, has fun doing it, and proudly gives it to those in need. Then we start it all over again.

I know it is early but everyone be thinking of some great ideas for next year's Convention. It will mark the 50th Convention of the Sons of the American Legion. We want to make it big and show we are living up to the legacy of those before us. More details will be coming in the future so stay tune.

I want to thank Squadron 238 Safety Harbor for one of the best 4th of July's my wife and I have had in a long time. From riding in the parade, asking me to speak at your town ceremony and representing the Detachment, to the friendship and hospitality at your Post, and for picking up the tab for our hotel, your Post is tops in my book and we will return soon for more fun.

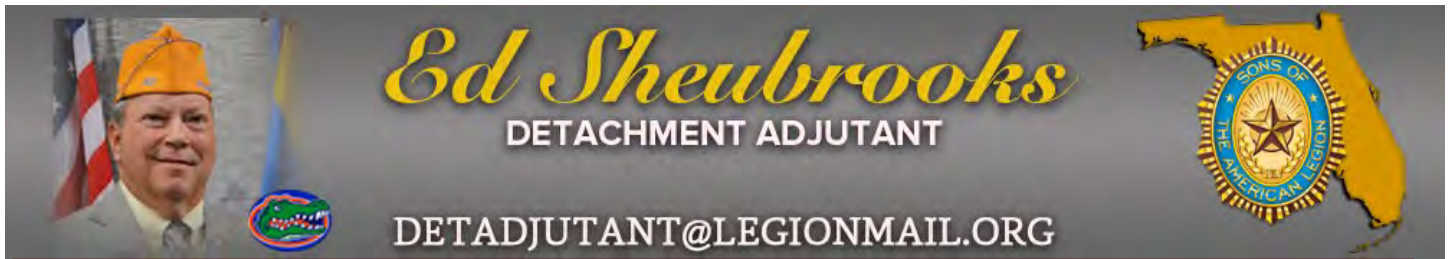
In closing if you have any functions or events happening in your Post or your area that you would like to have a Detachment officer attend, please contact us so we can schedule it today. I am ready to travel and see how this season plays out. So suit up, get on the field and score for our Veterans by tackling their needs.

Remember our Fallen, Honor those who serve, teach our youth the value of freedom

God bless our Veterans

Brian Carter, Detachment Commander





Our 49th Annual Detachment Convention is now behind us. It was our first face to face meeting since the Fall Conference in 2019. I can tell you it was great to see everyone in person, instead of on a zoom call or a conference call. The Convention was well attended with 78 Squadrons registered. We had several "FIRST" at the Convention, including two Training Sessions on Thursday afternoon. The Member Training and Development Committee worked hard to put together the Commanders Class and the Adjutant's Course. Look for more classes in the future. The Convention concluded with the election of Brian Carter of Squadron #120 as your Detachment Commander for 2021-2022. Congratulations Commander Carter!

Even with the pandemic, we continue to be successful in our programs. It was evident in Membership with another All Time High of 20,133+ members. We had 100 Detachment Consolidated Reports, 44 Children & Youth Reports, 38 VA&R Reports, 47 Americanism Reports and 96 Squadron Officer Reports submitted this year. There is a new Report that needs to be submitted to National Headquarters. It is the Squadron Data Report or SDR. I am not certain how many of these have been submitted yet to National. Why this report??? Once the MYLegion (formally MySAL) site is up and running again, the individual Squadron member will be able to go on-line and pay his dues. If the information from the SDR is not on file at National Headquarters, that member will be able to pay only the per-capita which is \$11.00. The Squadron will not receive any payment. That is why it is imperative that your Squadron Adjutant send in this report to National. You can complete this on-line and transmit it to Headquarters.

I want to personally "THANK" the Squadrons that took time to submit their reports last year. From the reports submitted, a total of \$1,505,693.00 was donated to various programs and over 255,371 man-hours were recorded. Considering the challenges that faced all of us with the pandemic, these figures are fantastic. A hearty JOB WELL DONE to everyone for what you did this year.

The Assistant Adjutants are working on the Detachment Roster as I type this news letter. They will be contacting the Area and District Commanders for them to attempt to garner the missing Squadron Officer Reports. We are shooting for a deadline of August 31st to have all the missing Officer Reports in hand. Without this information on file at Department Headquarters, your Squadron will not receive any information from the Detachment. Please remember to have a valid email address as we are all moving into the electronic age and getting away from snail mail.

By now all Squadrons should have received their membership cards for 2022. The cards were handed out at Convention. Any not picked up at Convention were mailed out to the Post or Squadron. If you still have not yet received them, please contact JoAnn Collins at Department Headquarters and she will assist you in getting the cards. On a side note, some of you may see a change in your Membership ID number from National. The reason for this was that when the MySAL was rolled into the MyLegion, it was discovered that some of the Sons had the same number as a Legion member. Hence the change.



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Adjutant's Corner (continued)

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In closing, I wish to thank Detachment Commander Tom Klinger for bestowing me with the Albert J. Farforth Memorial ,SAL Member of The Year Award. It was truly a surprise and I am proud to join the ranks of those that have preceded me in getting this Award.

In Honor of Those Who Served and Those Still Serving!

Ed Sheubrooks

Detachment Adjutant

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Detachment Adjutant

Detachment of Florida

Donations Update from the 49th Annual Convention of the Sons of the American Legion.

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

Recipient	Donations Presented
Child Welfare Foundation	\$5,750.00
Florida Children & Youth Fund	\$9,941.00
Children's Miracle Network	\$1,900.00
Fisher House	\$19,150.00
Children's Organ Transplant Association	\$37,075.00
Project Vet Relief	\$31,663.00
National Emergency Fund	\$11,675.00
Florida Special Olympics	\$52,533.00
National Veterans & Children Foundation	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,525.00
Total presented on the Convention floor	\$176,212.00

In addition to the above figures, the Detachment of Florida made a donation to the Child Welfare Foundation before the May 31st deadline of \$50,000.00

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

From the Outgoing National Executive Committeeman, John Jennings

Greetings Detachment of Florida,

I wanted to take this time to say thank you to everyone for your help and support as I represented you, the best Detachment in the country as your National Executive Committeeman for 12 years. It has been my pleasure and honor to represent the finest group of men in the county. The decision did not come easy not to run again, but as I have always said, when it becomes a job and not fun any more it is time to move out of the way. So, I have.

I do want to congratulate Bill Kelly (NEC) and Tom Klinger (NECA) on their elections to these high offices. I will assure you that the Detachment of Florida is in good hands moving forward. They will be installed at our National Convention in August in Phoenix, AR. Again, congratulations and best wishes.

I could go on and on with "Thank You's" but I will spare you the pain, but I do what to take this time to say Thank You to Bill Kelly as we moved through the past 12 years together. He was always there with support and conversation. Thanks, Bill, for everything you did and what you will do.

As the Detachment grows and our needs change, we must change with the needs to grow. I believe those that attend our Convention saw changes take place. I saw changes in several places and I am sure other changes will follow. We must keep up with the changes.

This is not an exhaustive list, but here are some things we must change to continue to grow:

- Communication line to our members.
- Communication to and from our Detachment Officers.
- Communication to and from our Commission and Committees.
- Communication improvement tools – phone numbers, email addresses.
- Goggle group growth.
- Training our Officers and members.
- Squadron reporting.

Again, thank each of you for a great 12 years and I will always be around in support of the greatest Detachment in the Country.

God Bless you all!

John Jennings

From the Outgoing Detachment Commander, Tom Klinger

I wanted to write a quick note to say thank you for allowing me to serve as Detachment Commander for the past 3 years. I have had some great times and have met some fantastic people. I know the last year and a half was rough, but you all pulled through it with flying colors. To those who attended Convention, thank you for the great time and all the great gifts you gave me. I will cherish them always. The beach party was a nice change to the standard meeting so let's put some fun in all the meetings to come.

Remember, 'have fun—make money—and give it away'.

Thanks again for everything and thank you for electing me to the position of National Executive Committee-man Alternate. I hope to see you all in Phoenix for National Convention or down the road somewhere.

Be good and take care

Tom Klinger, PDC



Greetings Detachment Membership Team,

WOW, what a great Convention we had. We completed the Convention reporting 20,003 members and our 26th consecutive all-time high. We had a parade of Districts with pool items and lots of awards given. To those that attended "Thank You" and to the ones that were unable to attend, you missed a great time. While we must start to say goodbye to 2020-2021 and hello to 2021-2022 it is bittersweet. You guys faced so many obstacles during the 2020-2021 membership year and still were able to set another record in membership for the Detachment of Florida. The work you guys did was amazing to say the least.

By saying goodbye to our 2020-2021 membership year we must continue to "Reinstate and Renew" our current members. Keep up your great work!

While we transition into our 2021-2022 year, we still have on going issues with the MyLegion membership portal and are being told that the portal will be up and operational soon. Please continue to work with your Post Officers and get your access. Each of you that have not completed the REQUIRED Squadron Data Report form (SDR) must complete the form and send to the National mailing address or the National email address that is on the form so your information can be put into the database. When sending to National, please send our Detachment Adjutant (Ed Sheubrooks) a copy for the record for the Detachment. This gives the Detachment a check and balance when someone says I did not receive it. We have something to show it was sent and when.

Commander Carter and I want this year (2021-2022) to be another record year. I am asking now that each Area, District, and Squadron get on top of your membership early. Being early just gives you a better seat in the room. So, let's all make the commitment that Zero Squadrons and slow reporting Squadrons will not be an issue this year. You ask now? Communication, Communication, and Communication and follow up with visitations, visitations, and visitations. We must Communicate and Visit to reach Commander Carter's goal of 21,000+ members.

Below is some great information that needs to be communicated to every Squadron along with this article. If we are asking for them to react, they need to know what to react to. Please pass this along.

You will see below that our first and 10% membership target date is September 2nd, 2021. Looking at the dates you will also see that we have a target date each month up to our delegate cut-off date.

Let's make this year even more fun as we will be having our 50th Anniversary Convention when all the great work is disclosed.

I have one special, early request. I would like each District to select a team name and supply me with the name so I can have some fun also. Thanks in advance.

This year, the Detachment Membership Theme is:

"Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Needs"

Now is the time to get your "FIELDS" in shape and make sure that all of your playbooks are updated so that we may "Tackle Veteran's Needs".

The Detachment Commander will serve as the "Commissioner". The Detachment Membership Chairman will serve as the "Director of Player Personnel". The Detachment Vice Commanders will serve as the "Division Managers". The District Commanders will serve as the "Coaches". District Vice Commanders will serve as "Assistant Coaches". And finally, the Squadrons will be the "Teams".

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From the Membership Chairman, continued

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This year the Detachment Commander's goal for membership is 21,000 members by the delegate cut-off date of June 1st, 2022.

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The Detachment of Florida Celebrates 50 Years of Service

A message from John Jennings, Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Convention Committee

Detachment of Florida & Legion Family Members,

As we move toward our next Convention in June of 2022, it has a special meaning. It is our 50th Anniversary Convention. I accepted the appointment by Commander Carter to chair this Committee. I want to thank Commander Carter and everyone for the confidence shown in me to make this appointment.

This Committee has not been totally filled at this time but will be completed soon. The Committee will have 5-6 members and each member will be task to complete items and report back to the Committee. The Committee has the full support of Department and staff. I am expecting our Committee conference calls to start sometime in August as we have work to complete before our Fall Conference in November.

I had a lot of people asking to be part of the Committee and I will say that not everyone will be selected to serve on the Committee, but I do appreciate your interest in serving.

I cannot at this time let you know the particulars of the 50th Anniversary Convention other than it will be a grand time.

Lots of information will start to appear, so be looking and planning on celebrating with the Detachment our 50th Anniversary Convention and be part of another history making event.



Alrighty Now! The Sons of The American Legion 49th Annual Detachment of Florida Convention is in the books, and we ended with the election and installation of a new Detachment Commander Brian Carter and his slate of new Detachment Officers for 2021-2022 year. Congratulations to CDR Brian and all the newly installed officers. It was a bittersweet convention, my long time comrade John Jennings chose to step down as National Executive Committeeman and nominate me. I was elected by you as our new National Executive Committeeman, for which I'm very grateful. While I will be assuming the position of NEC, No One Can or Will Ever Replace John as NEC. All I will say is I will do my best to represent Florida and our membership as your voice at National. We are still lucky to be able to count on John for his counsel and as our Detachment Membership Chairman. WOW!

National Convention is on the horizon in Phoenix Arizona and with all the Covid 19 protocols NEC Jennings has chosen not to attend. This means as National Executive Committeeman Alternate I will be the voice of the Detachment at the Pre Convention National Executive Committee Meeting. One of John Jennings legacies is that the NECs & NECA get the National Resolutions sent out in advance of the meetings, Thanks JJ.

The National Convention will start Friday August 27th with our Commission & Committee Meetings and the Pre NEC in the morning and the Convention opening in the afternoon. Saturday the 28th we go all day and then Sunday morning the 29th we conclude regular business of the convention with the election of the new National Commander, the installation of officers, concluding with the Post NEC Meeting where NECA elect Tom Klinger and I will be sworn in by the National Commander as your NECA and NEC.

Commander Carter has also appointed me as his Chairman of the Commanders Advisory Committee along with committeemen PNVC & PDC Ed Sheubrooks, PNC, PNVC, & PDC Jim Roberts, and immediate PDC Tom Klinger. In our preliminary discussions Commander Carter has related to us his intent to make Communication a Priority. That means we, Detachment Officers need to work together to ensure every SAL Squadron in the Detachment has a Contact Email (not a personal email) here is an example: fl.sqdn.000@(service providers, gmail,att, comcast,etc) .com or .org.

Commander Carter at the Ambassadors Class also challenged all Detachment Officers by stating he would like to see articles in The Source from all Vice Commanders and District Commanders, so I will be looking forward to reading all your articles in The Source

Last but not least my door and phone are always open for consultation. Give me a call on my home phone 1st before you try my cell and always remember to follow the chain of command, that means don't call the Commander first if you haven't called your District Commander and your Vice Commander with a problem.

Alrighty Now! Let's have a Great Year.





Hello Sons!

I am honored to be serving as your Southwestern Area Commander for the 2021-2022 service year. Even with the COVID and the related craziness, including the membership processing portal being down for months, the Detachment of Florida achieved its 26th consecutive all-time high for membership. The Detachment ended the year with **100.34%** in membership. The Mighty 13th District came in 2nd overall for membership with the Great 8th District not far behind.

I am proud to be serving this year side-by-side with Jessica Moore, the American Legion Southwestern Area Commander. Jessica and I have known each other for most of our lives. We have grown up in American Legion Post 323 (in Beautiful Downtown Lehigh Acres!) went to school together and are now pursuing our American Legion careers together.

Jessica and I share the same goal for the Southwestern Area. Our goal is based on what we've heard said in many an installation: **"Unity, Family, Collaboration and Communication"**. We know that each Post Family is great collaborating as a family, but family shouldn't just be your Post Family. We are encouraging everyone in the Southwestern Area to not only share events with the Posts in your District, but with the Posts in the entire Southwestern Area.

Please share your events with us. We will share them to the entire area and do our best to bring support from the 13th to the 8th and support from the 8th to the 13th for your events. You can email your events directly to me at cmrappfloridasal@gmail.com. I will share them with Commander Moore. For those on Facebook, we also have a special group for the Southwestern Area. It can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/americanlegionswareaevents/. Join this group and start sharing your events today!

That's all for now. Good luck in the New Year, I know you all will be successful! Remember to invite not only your Commanders, but everyone from the Southwestern Area to your events!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Southwestern Area Commander

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons! Congratulations to all newly elected officers for both the Detachment and Squadrons. We are set to have another banner year!

My goal as your Public Relations Chairman and Detachment Assistant Adjutant is to help you get your message out. As we discussed at Convention, the COVID Pandemic made us realize that as a Detachment we need to improve our communications throughout the Detachment so nobody is left out. We are in the process of taking steps to make improvements not only for communication, but to make your administrative jobs easier. I'll highlight a few of those items here.

- 1) We are in the process of setting up new floridasons.org email addresses for each Detachment Officer, District Commander and **Squadron Commander**. These email addresses will be **aliases** which will forward to each person's current address. In order to accomplish this task, we will need a valid email address for everyone. While we have this information for the Detachment Officers, our list of Squadron email addresses is incomplete. While the Squadron Officers Report should have been filled out immediately after elections, we are still missing many. Please go to our website and download/complete the form and send it Adjutant Sheubrooks. You can find the form at: <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/officers-report-0421.pdf>
- 2) We've made all of the report forms available online, as well as the Administrative Manual. Additionally, we've adjusted all of these to be fillable using your computer. You can now fill them out on your computer, save them to your computer and then submit them electronically instead of mailing them. All of these items can be found by going to floridasons.org and going to the ADMINISTRATION tab. The 2021 Squadron Handbook can also be found here.
- 3) I could go on and on, but I'll stop here for this month. Use your Detachment Staff and the provided tools. Submit your events through our website. Submit an article to "The Source". "The Source" is not just for the Detachment Officers to relay information, it is for **OUR MEMBERS**. As you can see from this edition, more than just the Officers had submitted articles. Share your events. Share accomplishments of your members/squadrons. Help bring attention to your Squadron/District/Area accomplishments. Let everyone know about the amazing things happening in YOUR Detachment! You can submit all of these things by using the menu items on our website under NEWS & EVENTS.

Thanks for all you do! I am looking forward to assisting you all with everything you do this year!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Assistant Adjutant

Public Relations Chairman

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida





Greetings Detachment of Florida,

Let me introduce myself, I am Rocky Cirigliano, newly appointed Chairman of Internal Affairs. Internal Affairs has jurisdiction over and coordinates the activities of all administrative or support committees. I have big shoes to fill, John Jennings has stepped down from Chairman of this office, he remains on the committee along with Dennis Kirsch, Squadron 80, and Mark Getty, Squadron 148. Thank you for serving. I will do the best job I can for the Detachment, and our veterans. Thank you, John, for all you do and continue to do for the Detachment.

A big thank you to Ed Sheubrooks for continuing his work as Detachment Adjutant and Finance Officer.

The newly appointed Committee Chairman of our 50th Detachment Convention in June of 2022, John Jennings, has already started his preparations for this event. In the months to follow you will be kept up to date on the progress.

How did you like the Commander and Adjutant training classes that were held at Convention? I want to thank the Membership Training & Development (MT&D) Committee for a job well done. As of this writing the MT&D Committee is working on new classes, more to come. I would also like to welcome George Aichele, Past Detachment Commander and current Assistant Detachment Adjutant, newly appointed Chairman of MT&D.

Our Membership Committee will be working hard to meet all our membership targets moving through the year. I am sure the Membership Chairman and his Committee members will have more to say as the year progresses. I look forward as Chairman of Internal Affairs working with Chairman Jennings and his Committee. The membership theme this year is "Scoring For Veterans By Tackling Their Needs", as you can see, we have football in the picture. Commander Carters membership goal this year is 21,000 members. We are all members of the Membership Committee, we need to work membership, as I am sure you will. Always take the time to promote membership at every opportunity and let everyone know what the Sons of The American Legion do for their communities, children, and most importantly what we do for our veterans.

We will continue the work started by previous Chairman John Jennings, which is:

Improve communications with our Squadrons and their membership.

Squadrons need to develop a communication line to their members with both phone numbers and email contacts.

- Explain to your membership the need for this information.
- Explain to your membership the importance and value of using our website (floridasons.org).
- Improve communication to our Squadrons.
- The Detachment should have a valid email address for each of the Squadron Officers.
- Improve communication within the Detachment of Florida.
- Improve communication with Commission/Committee Chairman.
- Commission/Committee Chairman need to involve the members.
- Regular communication should be held within the Commission/Committees as to what is going on and get them involved.
- Promote involvement to all members.

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From the Internal Affairs Chairman, continued

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- Improve and expand MT&D training.
- Improve the education of our Officers, our chairman, and most importantly our members.
- Improve Squadron reporting

To use MyLEGION membership portal, it is imperative that your Squadron Office's report form is completed properly. It is also imperative that your Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR) is completed. If this form is not on file with the National organization, you cannot get access to MyLEGION. The Squadron Adjutant will be verified with Department before access is given by National.

As my predecessor did, I will continue to publish the preamble with every Internal Affairs article. I also believe, as we all should, these words are meaningful for you as a member and us as a Veteran Organization. If you have not yet done so, please correct the language in your preamble to reflect the changes made by National to reflect, all wars from great wars.

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.

Thank You for All You Do





Hello Detachment Membership,

As newly appointed Squadron Activities Chairman I want to welcome you all to an exciting new year for us.

I want to congratulate you all, Detachment, Areas, Districts Squadrons and above all Members on our successes over the past years for everything we have accomplished. This is a new year and we know our bigger goals for this year will be seen through to completion.

For my year for this Chairmanship I want us all on the same page. You all do a great job from Detachment all the way to Squadron level.

For our end of the year reports as it was in question this past year, we will have a new standardized judging rule. If your form has any blanks you will be disqualified from judging. Check boxes are excluded as these are if applicable. You MUST fill out dollar amounts and hours. NO EXCEPTIONS. N/A, ZERO, 0, OR A DASH(-) is acceptable. Just don't leave it blank.

You all do so much for your Squadron and Post. Please don't leave your volunteer times out and donations. This is so important for our numbers and more importantly the Posts numbers as well as everything we do goes as money and hours for our Posts.

Area Commanders and District Commanders need to stay on top of this. This is so critical for Detachment to provide real information to National.

Please use The Source and all social media and networking to get everything your Squadrons and Districts are doing and keep me and the Detachment Calendar in the loop. We want to know what you are doing so we can be there to support you.

Thank you all and God Bless.

For God and Country,

Paul J. Stawicki
Detachment of Florida
Chairman of Squadron Activities
615-525-6384





Gentlemen,

First, I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers of the Detachment of Florida! Also, a big thank you to the officers that have served our great Detachment during the past year and everything that has been thrown at us. You have all done an exemplary job!

Many of you who were in attendance at this past Convention were able to take part in the first of many training classes that will be hosted by the MT&D Committee. The Commander and Adjutant training classes that were held on Thursday afternoon were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the creation of these trainings and especially to the instructors. NEC John Jennings and ANEC Bill Kelly were the instructors for the Commanders class and PR Chairman and newly elected SW Area Vice Commander Christian Rapp and myself lead the Adjutants training.

Moving forward, the MT&D Committee are planning to have more in person trainings as well as virtual trainings to add to the website. We will be asking for input from ALL members of the Detachment of Florida as to the trainings that you want to see. In the future, there will be a survey page on the website asking for input for the MT&D committee. I urge everyone to take a moment and share with the committee the trainings that we should focus on.

Until next month, stay safe and thank you for all that you do!



“POW-MIA Ceremony” - This ceremony calls attention to Americans still unaccounted for from World War I & II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and other conflicts.

There are more than 82,000 American Service Members still unaccounted for. Their families are still waiting for closure. It is up to each of us to assist them in that search.

To be read at meetings: Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention, encourages all American Legion organizations to implement the Empty Chair Ceremony at all meetings. as a continual physical symbol of the POW/MIAS and the cause for which we stand, namely their return or full accounting. While the reading below is the recommended reading, you may use a different reading providing it is of the same meaning.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention of The American Legion, and Resolution NC 2-94. adopted at the 23rd National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of the Sons of The American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW-MIAS still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor!"

CLOSE: All say..."YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN"



Hello Sons:

I would like to introduce myself as your new District 13 Commander. I am looking forward to a great year. Currently, we are in the middle of Installations. It has been wonderful attending these and meeting all the new officers. Once done, I plan on visiting your Squadrons during your meetings and/or events.

I would like to give a huge shout out to Past District 13 Commander Christian Rapp and congratulate him on his new positions as Southwestern Area Commander and Detachment Assistant Adjutant. He does so much for our Sons of the American Legion. He is a great mentor to all of us.

The Squadron Administration Manual is a great resource and all Squadrons should have one available. Membership is our lifeline. I would like to have your contact information complete with phone numbers, email addresses and updated mailing addresses. I will then forward it to Commander Rapp so that you may be included in this newsletter and any other information about our events and programs. I look forward to attending your events so we can improve our camaraderie throughout the Detachment.

Please remember that you can find all of your forms at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>.

Do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns or news at michaelnigbor@yahoo.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Michael J. Nigbor
13th District Commander



The Mighty 9th District is off and running!! We have had 2 installations to date. Squadron 321 in Cooper City and Squadron 222 in Oakland Park. Both were well attended. It was great to see the excitement being back for these ceremonies. Both the Detachment Commanders theme and message are resonation very well with the audience. One tip to share is I made copies of the logo for our theme and had them out on the chairs at both installations.

I would like to thank the District 9 team for being well prepared and organized which has resulted in the Sons portion of the ceremonies going very smoothly. Our challenge this year as always is delivering the message on the importance of getting ahead on your membership. We are urging all District 9 squadrons to process their membership weekly. We have also delivered the message of the importance of doing the processing electronically on Mylegion.org.

I have been working on the Sons page of the District 9 website (aldist9fl.com) and have sent in what I would like uploaded. That should be uploaded in the next couple of days. Wishing all Districts and Squadrons great success!! Rob

Rob McCarten
Commander, District 9
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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!

Respectfully,

Ray Leventhal • Editor, The Source





SOUTHWESTERN AREA COMMANDERS CELEBRATION



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE POST 323's VERY OWN

Jessica Moore Christian Rapp

FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
DEDICATION TO THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA
AND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

**FRIDAY SEPT 17
STARTING AT 7:30PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY
BOB & BILL VIDEO SHOW**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 323 | 1124 ASHLAR AVE | LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936



The American Legion Post 138
5535 W. Prescott St.
Tampa, FL 33616
(813)839-5119
(South Westshore Area)

Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) “Kenny McCall Memorial” 20th ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

By Boat or by Land – Let’s Go Fishing! Trophies & \$1,125.00 in total Prize Money

Saturday, Sept 18, 2021

6:00 AM—4:00 PM

Captains Meeting Friday, Sept 17, 2021, begins at 4:00 pm at Post 138: FWC has temporary Catch & Release Order in place until 16 Sept. Photo of Fish may be Required. Latest key tournament instructions will be given. Can pick up fishing package (Entries: Free: T-Shirt, dinner ticket & raffle ticket); (Sponsors: Free Tournament Entry, 2 Free T-Shirts, dinner ticket & raffle ticket)

Should you have questions, call **Steve Lentz, 813-435-8238**

Net proceeds donated to Veteran & Children Charities

Open to the Public - Adults & Children



Snook

1st Place Adult - \$350
1st Place Children - \$75



Redfish

1st Place Adult - \$300
1st Place Children - \$50



Seatrout

1st Place Adult - 300
1st Place Children - \$50

Tournament begins at 6:00 am - Final FWC review at 4:00 pm. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded at 5:00 pm at the American Legion Post 138

RULES FOR WINNING

Method 1: Should Red Tide FWC Order still be in place, photo required with S.A.L. yardstick—longest fish wins. Method 2: Should these orders be rescinded, Weigh-In Rules for Winning Fish in each category, within legal slot: 1. Heaviest fish wins; 2. If tie, Longest fish wins. If need be, any ties in either method will be placed into a “pool” and winner drawn by the S.A.L. Commander

Register Today at Post 138, see your bartender for Entry Forms!

**Adults \$50.00 – Children \$15.00 (12 & under)
Family Price – \$60 (Adult With 2 children)**



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WELCOME HOME PARADE AND CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 25TH

FOR US MILITARY STATIONED IN
AFGHANISTAN

NEWBERRY, FL -- The Newberry American Legion Post 149 is hosting a "Welcome Home Afghanistan Veterans" Parade and Expo on Saturday, September 25th, 2021, from 10am-9pm. The Parade will kick off at 10am at the Walker Lee Produce Stand followed by Opening Ceremonies and Expo at the Newberry American Legion, 26821 W Newberry Road. The event is free and open to the public.

BIKE NIGHT

BIKER BAY / AMERICAN LEGION POST 336

3RD Saturday of each Month

5PM ~ 10PM

Vendors

Food

Drinks

Music

and



a little something for EVERYONE

There will be Raffles

& 50/50 Drawings.

5770 Bayshore Rd, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 239 543 1919



SAL



**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
\$15.00**

**Corned Beef Sandwich, Chips and a
Pickle \$10.00**

August 20th 5-7pm

Entertainment By Joey 5-8pm

**American Legion Post 135
2296 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, Florida 34112**



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.

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Or e-mail us at floridasons@legionmail.org

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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 Editor by the 23rd of every month.**

The official way to submit articles for publication in The Source is to simply click here.