



THE SOURCE



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Hello and greetings from your Detachment Commander.

As some of you may have heard, John Jennings (JJ) has contracted this nasty virus with phenomena. At last update he is off oxygen and improving well breathing on his own. Ed has been in contact with Martha and may have more information in his report. Please keep JJ and his family in your prayers. JJ get well soon we are all hoping to see and hear from you soon.

We've just returned from National Convention (it was a dry heat) and the Detachment of Florida shined once again. Our National Commander was unable to attend do to contracting the covid virus. However it was streamed live on Facebook and Commander Bolt made a speech before the convention floor as it was opened by our 5 national Vice Commanders in his absence. I want to thank PNC Jim Roberts, NEC Bill Kelly, vice Commander Central Gerard Sambets, PDC Bernie Wildrick and NECA Tom Klinger for being delegates to our 49th National Convention. I believe we all had a good time.

I met a lot of good people this year hope to stay in contact with all of them. I did attend the 4 corners party put on by post 41. What great people and they know how to have some fun.

Immediate PDC Klinger accepted the Arthur D Houghton award for the highest percentage in membership increase in the 12,000 + category, Florida having 102%. He also accepted the Udie Grant and the Garland Award for Florida's contribution to the Child Welfare foundation, as well as the highest per capita donation of \$3.10. PDC Klinger also accepted the best overall Children and Youth award for a Squad-

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2021-2022 Membership Target Dates:

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| September 2, 2021 | 10% |
| October 7, 2021 | 25% |
| 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** | 201,000 Commander's Goal |

* Legion Birthday

** Delegate Cut-Off

From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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ron and for the the Southern Region which both went to Squadron 117 Palm Bay. All of you are what make this Detachment the best and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Now let's talk Communication. Last month several of you submitted articles to The Source and I want to thank you all. I asked for this at the beginning of the New Year and you stepped up. Keep sending the information to help better the Detachment as we move forward and if you didn't submit an article, there is always next month. Every little bit can make a big difference. Detachment Public Relations Chairman Christian Rapp has created a page for each district on the Detachment website. District Commanders, please get with your Legion Commanders and get a list of your meetings for publication, especially if you hold your meetings together. Use the calendar to add your dinners and events. If you post it they will come. By doing this and using the tools given to you, you could double attendance to your function.

I attended several installations in the District 17 and District 5. I attended a day at the Legion Jr. Baseball tournament in Jacksonville where I was honored to throw out the first pitch. I also attended a Legion Officer training in the District 17. I will be in District 13 on this Labor Day weekend and will be attending Richard Duncan's Celebration of life on the 18th in Lady Lake.

Side line Pep Talk ----- Communication is the key to success Call me or e-mail and let me know what is going on so I can come join in the fun at your Squadron or districts.

As for membership I attended the membership meeting while at Convention. National didn't really have much to say other than they are working on it and they will get it out to us as soon as possible. This Detachment will be working closely with them for any update as they come about. I as well as all of you would like to see the numbers. Keep your teams motivated and let's not see ZEROs on the scoreboard.

Please do not forget to keep the men and women of our military in your hearts. Let us hope for peace and good will soon. I have seen multiple Posts do a tribute to the fallen 13. These were very moving; thank you all for sharing on social media.

Let us never forget Sept 11th and say a prayer for all the families that lost someone on a most tragic day. Remember those who rushed in to search and rescue only to never come home. And to all those now suffering from illness because of this cowardly attack.

Everyone stay safe and out of harm's way in these uncertain times. Take care of your families and support you're Legion and Auxiliary with all your heart. Hope to see you soon on the field of play.

Supporting Our Veterans by tackling their needs.

Remember • Honor • Teach

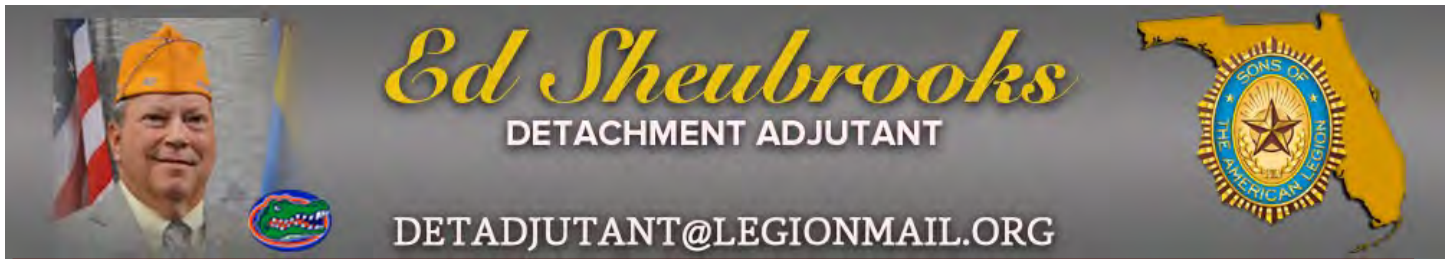
God Bless The United States of America

Brian Carter, Commander

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida





Gentlemen,

The National Convention is now behind us. I am not going into too much detail on it as there are other articles on the Convention in this issue of THE SOURCE! The Detachment was well represented and continues to shine within the National Organization. We received several Awards including Best Children & Youth Report for the Southern Area, and Palm Bay #117 won the National Overall Children & Youth Report. Great Job Guys!. In addition to that we took several Child Welfare Awards including the U.S. Udie Grant Legacy Award and the Garland D Murphy Award. The Awards concluded with Detachment receiving the Arthur D. Houghton Trophy Category V for having the greatest percent increase in membership.

In addition to the Awards and renewing friendships and making new ones, N.E.C. Bill Kelly was appointed to the Subcommittee on Resolutions, and Ed Sheubrooks was reappointed to serve as National Assistant Adjutant. Congratulations to everyone that attend and for a job well done.

Detachment Assistant Adjutants George Aichele and Christian Rapp have been in touch with the Area and District Commanders with the Squadrons within their respective Area's that have not yet submitted a Squadron Officers Report. I receive at least two to three emails a week of Squadrons that are trying to log into MyLegion. You must create an account first, then have your Squadron Adjutant's name on file before the process can begin. Also we are trying to create the Detachment Roster and we need this information to complete it. If you are unsure if your Squadron has submitted this, please contact either George, Christian or myself for verification.

Next issue: please do not send dues and cards to this Office. All membership is either transmitted online or sent to Department Headquarters for processing. If it is sent to me, it delay's the process as I have to re-package it and then mail to Department Headquarters for processing.

Now let's talk about the Fall Conference scheduled to be held November 5 to November 7, 2021 at the Renaissance SeaWorld Orlando. The hotel is located at 6677 Sea Harbor Dr Orlando, FL 32821. This is located across from Sea World. Tentative plans are to have instructional Courses on Friday afternoon from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. The Member, Training and Development Committee is busy putting these classes together. I know one will be on the MY/Legion.Org and the My/SAL which is now under the My/Legion banner. TOn Saturday, November 6th, will have the DEC meeting, the Opening Session, and the Committee and Commission meetings and reports. Each year the Fall Conference is geared toward the needs of our members and officers. As Detachment staff we look forward to your participation and insight into making each aspect of conference a value for you and the members of local posts/squadrons you are representing. In the past we have started the Committee and Commission meetings prior to the opening session. This year that will change to see if we can more interest from our members to work with the Committee's and Commissions.

I constantly hear that the Detachment is run by a just a few members. That is true to a degree, because in the end no one else steps up to the plate to help and work the programs. There are lots of promises and

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talk at Convention and the Fall Conference to step up. It is now time to put up or shut up. This is not just my Detachment; it belongs to every one of the 20,000 plus members that we have.

We will be taking any donations for the various programs that we work. Please keep in mind Detachment Commander Carters projects this year are Wreaths Across America, and The Fisher House. I had the pleasure of talking with a Representative from the Orlando Fisher House. She could not get over the donations from the past Convention. That's your actions at work!!

Until next month!

Ed Sheubrooks, Detachment Adjutant

18th Annual Detachment Fall Conference—Tentative Schedule

November 5 - 7, 2021 - Renaissance Seaworld, Orlando, Florida

Friday, November 5, 2021

1:00pm to 4:30pm Training Classes presented by the Member, Training and Development Committee

Saturday, November 6, 2021

7:30am to 8:00 am Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

8:15am Opening of General Session

8:45am - 9:15am Committee and Commission Meetings
(All members present are URGED to participate)

9:20am - 11:30am General Business
Detachment Commission and Committee Reports
Americanism Commission
Children & Youth Commission
Special Olympics Committee
Legislative Commission
Community Affairs Committee
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Project Vet Relief
Internal Affairs Commission
Commanders Advisory Committee
Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Convention Committee
50th Anniversary Convention Committee
Finance Committee
Squadron Activities Committee
Member Training & Development Committee

11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 3:00pm Fall Conference General Session
Detachment Commission and Committee Reports - Continued
Internal Affairs Commission (Continued)
Membership Committee
Public Relations Commission
Keynote Speaker - TBA
3:00pm - 4:30pm Training and or Round Table Session



Alrighty Now....It's official, PDC Tom Klinger and I were sworn in as your Florida SAL National Executive Committeeman and Alternate for 2021-2022 by National Commander Michael Fox. We thank all of you for your support and we look forward to representing you with the National organization.

Attending The Sons of The American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. and even after 12 years leaves me awestruck and proud of our Detachment and Organization. When the National Convention is so far away our delegate numbers are smaller but as always your Florida SAL Delegation is always strong and looking sharp dressed in our coats and ties.

The National Convention opened early on Friday morning August 27th with all the Convention Committee meetings to conclude their business from the year 2020-2021. This year was unusual without JJ in attendance. I was prepared to represent the Detachment with voice and vote at the Pre-National Executive Committee Meeting immediately before the opening of the Convention. PDC Tom Klinger attended even though he would not be sworn in as ANEC till the Post NEC Meetings. He attended so as to have a better understanding of how things work. PNC Jim Roberts attended the meeting to complete the FL NEC delegation.

This was my last National Legislative & Rules Committee Meeting rolling off after my 3 + 1-year National appointment because of Covid. Our TAL National Legislative Committee is advising all SAL Members to contact their Congressman and Senators concerning House Bill 2372 and Senate Bill 952 The Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2021. Tell them you are part of the Florida American Legion Family and you support Veterans and would like for them to support HR 2372 & S 952. If you need help contacting your FL Congressman and/or Senator go to legion.org/legislative (Take Action)

The SAL National Convention was gaveled open by our 5 National Vice Commanders due to Commander Clint Bolt's absence because of Covid 19, promptly at 1 PM on Friday, August 27, 2021, in the Phoenix AZ. Convention Center. Florida's Delegation included PDC Tom Klinger Delegation Chairman, PNC Jim Roberts Delegation Secretary, Current Detachment Commander Brian Carter, ANEC Bill Kelly, Detachment Vice Commander Central Gerard Sambets, PDC Bernie Wildrick, and Dual Member Jesse Figueroa. This Sons of The American Legion National Convention was one of the 1st Conventions to be Live Streamed out to all our members. My apologies if that information did not reach you in time to watch. The Detachment of Florida was seated right upfront due to your outstanding showing of 102%+ in Membership and the category 5, Author D Houghton Membership Award for the Largest increase of a Detachment 12,000+. Thanks to all of you for your hard work in pushing us over 20,000.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation President, our own FL NEC Dennis Boland displayed and wore his FL SAL Squadron 323 cover. This was a great honor that one of our own Florida Legion Family Members presented The Detachment of Florida with the two highest CWA Awards. 1st The Udie Grant Award for the most contributions by the FL American Legion Family and The Garland Murphy CWF Award for the most money contributed to the Child Welfare Foundation by the Detachment of Florida.

The American Legion Children & Youth Committee presented Past Detachment Commander Klinger the outstanding Children and Youth Squadron Awards for the Southern Region and The National Children & Youth Squadron of the Year award both for Florida Squadron 117 in Palm Bay. Outstanding Job Squadron 117.

On day 2, Convention delegates presented all the Resolutions stemming from the Legion Act passed several years ago and approved by the Legion/SAL NEC. All changes to the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution must be approved by the National Convention to be finalized. The delegates also presented a Resolution that would allow National reimbursement to the NECs for the National Convention,

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From the National Executive Committeeman (continued)

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since they do have two meetings at Convention. This only affects the smaller Detachments without the resources to provide reimbursement

The next and final day of the convention the elections were held and Michael Fox (CA) was elected National Commander and Jason Roberts (GA) was elected by the Southern Region National Vice Commander.

The Post NEC Meeting occurs almost immediately after the installation of the National Commander and Vice Commanders to make all the appointments for the National Organization in the upcoming year. This is very similar to our Detachment Convention. I was proud to be appointed to one of only two Committees that an NEC may be appointed to. My National Committee appointment is to the National Sub-Committee on Resolutions. I will proudly represent The Detachment of Florida to the best of my ability.

At the NEC Meeting, while seated between PNC Jim Roberts and ANEC Tom Klinger. While under New Business, I asked National Commander Fox if we could make it a priority this year to solve the SAL portion of the MYLEGION.ORG problems and informed him that our Squadrons had not received a Squadron Membership Report since April. He wrote a note to himself at the podium and said he would personally look into this matter. We now have this matter in the minutes and on the official record.

The Sons of The American Legion 49th Annual National Convention concluded on Sunday, August 29, 2021. We thank the Arizona American Legion Family for their hospitality, we all made our way back home to Florida.

On Sunday, August 7th, while attending the American Legion District Meeting in District 5, I was awarded the Department of Florida's Mentor's Pin from Department Commander Jerry Brandt and was thanked for mentoring him. This program is meant to recognize and facilitate members of our Florida Legion Family to help them in the learning process about all of our American Legion Family programs and our organization by mentoring that individual, which segues nicely into the point that almost everyone of our SAL Officers and Chairman has a counterpart in the American Legion Department of Florida.

My counterpart is Dennis Boland who serves as the Department of Florida's National Executive Committeeman. You should know our counterpart and be working with them and assisting that Legionnaire Officer to better our SAL program by Scoring for Veterans by Tackling their Needs.

Let's all try to make contact with our FL Legion Counterpart by Fall Conference and find a Squadron Officer, or another SAL Member who thirsts for knowledge and help them quench their thirst for knowledge by mentoring them. Sometimes it's as easy as giving a Squadron Member a SAL Squadron Handbook.

Don't forget I'm always available to talk with any member in the Detachment about a SAL matter but if it is a problem it needs to follow the standard operating procedure i.e. Squadron Members need to talk to his Squadron Commander, Squadron Commanders speak to your District Commanders, District Commanders speak to Detachment Vice Commanders. Problems following these SOPs will get solved quicker.

William D (Bill) Kelly
National Executive Committeeman
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Just returned home from National Convention held in Phoenix. I was sworn in as the Detachment of Florida's NECA. First, I would like to thank the members of our Detachment for electing me to this position. I will do my best to represent you the way you deserve.

NEC Bill Kelly's article has listed all the awards we received and there were many. I was proud, honored, and humbled to be asked on stage to accept the numerous awards you all earned and deserve. Special shout out to Squadron 117 for receiving two National awards for their great work for Children and Youth. Let's keep up the great work so the Detachment can receive the same awards and more next year. We were the envy of the entire Southern Region. You Guys are the greatest.

Oct. 2nd. And 3rd. Bill Kelly and I are off to Indy. For the Fall NEC Meeting. We will report everything that happens back to you and looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Conference. Once again, I would like to THANK each and every one of you for three great years as your Detachment Commander. I was proud to have represented you in any way I was able.

Until next time

For God and Country

Tom Klinger, National Executive Committeeman Alternate

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of FLorida





Greetings Detachment of Florida,

First and foremost I want to wish John Jennings a speedy recovery, my thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife, Martha. I hope all of you are well and taking the necessary safety precautions with all the different variants of this terrible virus.

National is working diligently on the MyLegion system. Below is a common issue they are working on:

Group access denied / My Groups tab not appearing / Posts or Squadrons not appearing

This is primarily caused when registering a new account with an e-mail address that does not match the e-mail address on the member record. Please use the e-mail address associated with your member account during registration so data and access permissions can be assigned correctly. Should you have any questions/problems with Mylegion please call 833-253-9995 Mylegion support.

To use the 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.

Our Membership Committee, headed by John Jennings, will be working hard to meet all our membership targets moving through the year. Our first target date is September 2, 2021, which is 10%. The membership theme this year is "Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Needs". 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.

The Membership Training and Development Committee, (MT&D), headed by George Aichele held a committee meeting on July 29, 2021, and are working on new classes for the Fall Conference. Commander Carter has suggested new classes that I'm sure you will find beneficial.

Regular communication should be held within the Commissions/Committees as to what is transpiring. I urge Commission/Committee Chairs to keep their members abreast of the goings on. Transparency is one of the most important principles for modern teamwork, ask for feedback from your team.

- 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.

Please be safe out there while continuing the work of the Sons of the American Legion.

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.

Thank You for All You Do



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From the Internal Affairs Chairman, continued

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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.





Gentlemen,

As we end Summer and welcome Fall that means that our Fall Conference is just around the corner. Your MT&D Committee is hard at work developing an exciting course to be unveiled at Fall Conference. It was our hope that we would be able to roll out a training course for the new MyLegion.org, however since there are still many things to be worked out with the system, we will postpone that course to a future time and place.

I would like to remind all of you that the MT&D, like all other programs of this great organization are YOUR PROGRAMS! We are here to support you and help make each and every one of you a better, more informed member. If there are future trainings that you would like to see the committee develop, please let your District Commander know to pass the information along. We want your input about what you want to learn!



The Mighty 9th District installation of Squadrons is going well overall. Everyone is responding positively to this year's theme: "SCORING FOR VETERANS WHILE TACKLING THEIR NEEDS" as well as the message from Detachment Commander Brian Carter. We are working diligently with several squadrons to get them up and running on Mylegion.org. The District 9 team would like to thank the District 9 American Legion team as well as the District 9 Auxiliary team for their partnership and team work. We have a great group!!

We have set up a District 9 staff and Squadron Commanders email group and that has had a positive effect. Increasing communication between the squadrons and keeping them aware of what's happening and the current areas of focus they should be looking at daily is crucial for our success. Wishing everyone success!!

"IF YOU'RE FULL OF PATRIOTISM, YOU'RE FULL OF LOVE FOR YOUR COUNTRY"

Rob McCarten

Commander, District 9

Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons! I hope your new year is going well. We've seen an increase of articles and events being submitted for "The Source" and the website/social media pages. Please keep them coming!

As I mentioned last month, we are in the process of setting up new **floridasons.org** email addresses for all Detachment Officers, Committeemen, Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. These will not be actual email addresses, but an alias. These aliases will forward email to your current email address on file with the Detachment. For example, the address pr@floridasons.org will forward an email to my personal address. The address district15@floridasons.org would forward email to District 15 Commander Mark Getty.

I sent out spreadsheets to the District Commanders in August so they can fill in the blanks with the missing addresses. The information I am looking for would be information that would be included on the **SQUADRON OFFICERS REPORT** which everyone should have submitted immediately after holding their ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the current year. Sadly, there are many squadrons that have not yet submitted this information. If you have not yet done this, or are not sure if you did, please take a moment to visit our website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/> and download, complete and submit the **CERTIFICATION OF NEWLY ELECTED SQUADRON OFFICERS** form. This form is located on the left hand side of the page towards the bottom.

We will need to update this information each year when we elect and install new officers, so your prompt response to this is imperative. By creating these email address aliases, it will allow us to increase our communication between our leaders throughout the Detachment.

Again, 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.

Please remember to submit all of your events, meetings and any other important information to us. You can easily submit events through our website at <https://floridasons.org/event-submission-form/>

Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

Thanks for all you do!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Assistant Adjutant

Public Relations Chairman

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons!

First of all, I would like to take a moment to wish our good friend and Detachment of Florida Membership Chairman (among one of the many titles he has) John Jennings a speedy recovery. JJ was in the hospital with COVID pneumonia and is now recovering. Thank you to all for your continued prayers and support.

Speaking of membership... I know many of you (if not all) are upset with the new mySAL/myLegion system being down and/or not able to get a membership report. I have been told that we should be able to get membership reports starting in October. As soon as we are able to, I know that the Detachment Staff will reach out and let us know. If you are still experiencing problems with the system, please contact me directly and I will do my best to help you.

I've seen many of you sharing your events, but definitely not all of you. With 13 Squadrons in the Great 8th District and 14 in the Mighty 13th District, we should be getting TONS of event notifications, especially with the Fall months knocking at our door. 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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/americanlegionswareaevents/>. Join this group and start sharing your events today!

District Meetings for both the 8th District and 13th District will be happening in September. Here is the schedule:

The 13th District Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12 at Post 103 in Punta Gorda. The Meeting Times are as follows: Riders: 10am | Sons: 11am | Lunch: 12pm | Auxiliary and Legion: 1pm

The 8th District Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18 at Post 25 in Lake Placid. Registration is at 11am with the meeting beginning at 12pm.

I hope everyone reading this can attend both meetings and show the Detachment that the Southwestern Area **IS FAMILY**. You might even just discover a great idea to bring back to your District!

That's all for now. I wish you continued success in this new Administrative Year. 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





I want to thank the members from District 6 and District 12 for electing me to serve as the Eastern Area Commander for this year. Serving alongside Daryl Bass Eastern Area Legion Commander, we are looking at supporting the Posts and Squadrons as they emerge from the Covid cloud that challenged us all in 2020 and early 2021.

Many organizations were severely impacted and sadly many lost some warriors that had bravely served the organization and they will be missed. We lost Richard Duncan last year and will honor him with a Celebration of Life on September 18 at Post 347 at 1PM-3PM.

Recently we lost another warrior Fred Tartaglia, Commander of Squadron 183 and Sixth District Vice Commander and a Celebration will be held in the near future. Both of these gentlemen and other valuable members were lost and again they will be missed.

It falls upon those members and officers to carry on and to do whatever we can to help our Squadrons and Posts to be successful. Some strain on our abilities to attract officers and members have surfaced and we need to all do our parts to attract new members to fill the ranks that keep our organizations viable. The most trying times are thankfully behind us and we need to look forward and to ensure future success.

Thanks to everyone's contributions in the past and now is the time to "Double Down" to emerge stronger that we were before. We are all members of The Legion Family and we all should be striving towards the common goals of serving Veterans, Children & Youth, and our communities.

Please check the calendars and support the events in your Districts, Areas, and Detachment.

God Bless the entire Legion Family.

For God and Country,

George Worton
Eastern Area Commander
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons:

Installations are done and District 13 officers are in place. I've been in contact with many of you and it's wonderful hearing your ideas, programs and events you're planning. I'm still compiling everyone's e-mail to increase communication and get involved with your activities.

Sunday, September 12th is the District 13 meeting. It will be at Post 103 in Punta Gorda and will start promptly at 11:00. Lunch will be served at noon. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all squadrons to meet each other and announce upcoming activities being planned.

As an organization, we pride ourselves on our fundraising and donations to our incredible causes. Detachment Commander Brian Carter's causes this year are Fisher House and Wreaths Across America. The S.A.L. work hard, make a lot of money, donate it to our charities and turn around and do it all again. Keep up this good work and document all you do.

On September 17 at 7:30 pm, Post 323 in beautiful downtown Lehigh Acres will be honoring Southwestern Area Commander Christian Rapp along with American Legion Southwestern Area Commander Jessica Moore. Both are lifelong friends and hail from Post 323. Come celebrate their successes and enjoy a fun evening.

With the current situation of what's going on in the world, this would be a good time to reinforce your Buddy Checks. Please take time to check on your family, neighbors, and members.

Please remember that you can find all your forms at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions, concerns or news at michaelnigbor@yahoo.com. I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

For God and Country,

Michael J. Nigbor, 13th District Commander
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Greetings from the 12th District...

On September 11, 2021, America will observe the 20th Anniversary of the attack on the United States. There will be many events going on around us. I would hope that every Squadron would get involved in one of those events. In Indian River County, there will be an event in Sebastian, at Riverview Park beginning at 0830. In Brevard County, while there will be many events, the one that I have been to and would recommend all to go to (regardless of any earlier events that day) is at the Brevard Veteran's Museum in Merritt Island. That begins about 5 PM (check the Facebook Page in case of time changes).

On September 12, 2021, the 12th District will hold its first MyLegion Training Session. The purpose will be to get your Squadron up and running. All Squadrons are welcome to attend. It will be held at Post 1, Titusville, and will begin at 1400 hours (please arrive early)...it should take about an hour to complete. The largest problem people have when attempting to get on and open an account is that the Adjutant is not listed properly or has a different email address than has been listed.

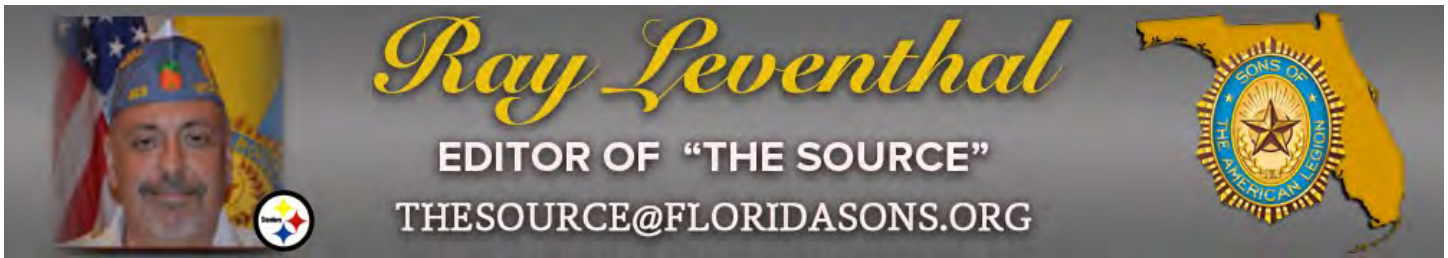
There will not be an SAL Quarterly Meeting, instead we will hold a District Forum following the Fall Conference. We are all welcome to attend the 12th District American Legion Quarterly Meeting on September 18th at 0900 at Post 359-Port St. John.

September 2, 2021 is the first membership target of 10%. If you haven't submitted any cards, you are behind. Let's all get this off our backs early. Stay well...

Peter Puzzo

12th District Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida





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.



**The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347
invites you to Celebrate the Life of
Richard Duncan**

Saturday, September 18th

**1:00 to 3:00 P.M.
699 W. Lady Lake Blvd.
Lady Lake Florida**

A light lunch will be provided

**RSVP TO: Bud Bowyer at 856-466-5707 or
walbow109@comcast.net**

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





1st Annual SAL CAR SHOW



Sponsored by Son's of the American Legion
Squadron 1

All Makes and Models Welcome

(Cars, trucks, military)

Titusville American Legion Post 1
1281 US 1 North Titusville, FL.



Saturday, November 6, 2021
Registration 11-3 3:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$20.00 Per Car; Trophy's for Best in
Show, Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best Import and
Best General Motors.

50/ 50 Drawing, Vendors, Food and Full Bar.
Music by Rockin ' Robbin Entertainment

**Proceeds for Homeless Veterans and
Special Olympics of Brevard**

Car Show Information, call:
John Hillman 321-536-1847
Rob Lessard 321-302-9163



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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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.