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Hello from your Detachment Commander,

Fall is now upon us and the weather will soon be cooling off (we hope). This means outside events. This is the time of year where we start to have our picnics and outdoor events more. Poker runs with the riders, dunk tanks and BBQ's. Fundraising for all of our charities. I am looking forward to hearing all the wonderful things this Detachment has to offer. I am ready to travel and meet new friends and catch up with old ones too, so email me and let me know. Please submit all of your events to this newsletter and to the Detachment calendar so everyone can see the great work you are doing in your communities.

For the next couple of months I would like concentrate on Wreaths Across America as that date is fast approaching. December 18th is Wreaths across America day and you must submit your monies no later than November 29th to sponsor wreaths. Check out [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) to find your local cemetery and its coordinator for details on where to give your donations to keep it local. Simply go to the web page, click the menu button, and search locations/groups, click participating groups and type in your zip code. Zoom in on the map and this will bring up all of your area cemeteries that are participating in the program.

September has been fun. I was able to attend a weekend event in Lehigh Acres over the Labor Day weekend. My wife and I were treated to a melt in your mouth Prime rib dinner Friday night. I was asked to be a judge for the unit 323 Rib Cook-Off and I don't think anyone would say no to that. All of the contestants were fun to be with and the ribs were to die for. I can't tell you the winning recipes (Top Secret) but let's just say the other judges and I were happy. Then Sunday the Squadron had game after game going on, plus a Clam Bake and Lobster raffle as well as a

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### 2021-2022 Membership Target Dates:

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

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## From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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horseshoe tournament. 1 small rain shower slowed down outdoor activities for a few minutes but then it was back to fun in the sun once it ended. All their hard work was to benefit Fisher House. Thank you to the Post Commander Tom Burns and his wife and all of the 323 family for being so hospitable and we look forward to returning soon.

I attended a 9/11 ceremony at my Post, in Holly Hill (120). I took part with the honor guard to fire a salute and to remember the nearly 3000 lives lost that day. May we never forget!

I attended a ride for wreath Across America at Debary, Post 259. The turnout was great and I had a great time talking to all the participants. I then went to post 347 where I attended past Vice commander East Richard Duncan's celebration of life. Friends and family came to pay respects and tell some very heart warming and funny stories about this wonderful man. At the ceremony they retired the golden gavel on a plaque that Richard won his last year as a vice Commander to which they graciously gave to his wife Susan. In my eyes his legacy will live forever in this Detachment. I attended a 1st year remembering Veterans fall festival event to benefit Veterans, the Gold Star mother and their communities.

Let's talk about membership for just a minute. National says they are working on it, but that answer is not good enough. The leaders of this Organization have heard the voices of your Detachment and others. On a southern regional call a few weeks back many were very upset and have the same questions all of us are asking, what is taking so long? We hope to have real answers at the NEC meeting in October.

However, with all that said be sure your Squadron Adjutant has submitted your SDR (Squadron Data Report) and your officer report. If these are not submitted to Detachment and National you cannot sign up for MyLegion.org. If you have already done so then go to ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)) and register today. The future is the electronic world and it's here to stay so we need to get on board.

District Commanders I need you to start using the web page created on our detachment web site ([www.floridasons.org](http://www.floridasons.org)) for each District to announce your meetings and any other information pertaining to your Districts. This is vital so your Detachment officers can attend. We want to know what is happening in your Districts. This also gives your Squadrons another place to find information.

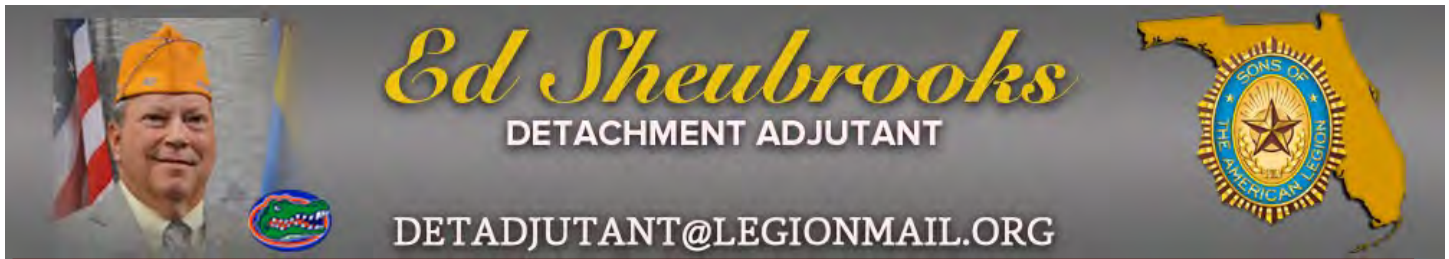
For District Meetings, you do not have to hold your meeting the same time as the Legion does. Not all Posts are big enough for the whole family. District Commanders, try to attend your meeting to give updates and report to what the Sons are doing.

As we near Fall Conference, now is the time for Officers of the Detachment to start thinking of the future. Mentor your replacement and give them the tools and information they need to continue your legacy and the work you have done. Going in blind will not get the job done. We need to let them know what is expected of them and guide them to a better tomorrow.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who continue to post articles here in The Source. Keep up the good work. Together if we work as a team to score for Veteran by tackling their needs we will all come out winners on the field. Remember our Fallen, Honor those who serve. Teach our youth the value of freedom

God bless our Veterans!

Brian Carter, Detachment Commander  
Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida



Great News!!! In just one short month we will be heading to Orlando for our 18th Annual Fall Conference. This will be our first Conference since 2019 due to the Covid Pandemic. I am sure you all are looking forward to this as much as I am. There will be some changes, so please make sure you look at the schedule elsewhere in this issue of The Source and on the Website.

What changes am I talking about? Well, for years we have had feedback from you, the Squadron members, that we need more training sessions at the Conference. We have made that happen this year. The Member, Training, and Development Committee have been busy working on classes to present at the Conference. The Classes will be held on Friday, November 5th starting at 1:00pm. There will be information presented on the MyLegion area as well. On Saturday afternoon, we will once again have the Question and Answer Session. This has been very popular in the past with many misconceptions cleared up.

We will be accepting donations for all of our Charities at the Conference. This includes Florida Special Olympics, The Child Welfare Foundation, Project Vet Relief, and Detachment Commander Carter's charity, Fisher House. I can tell you that the Fisher Houses are so grateful for the donations that we send them. From the ones donated at Convention to the Fisher Houses, I have received letters and phone calls of Appreciation from them. With the Holidays approaching, please also remember Detachment Commander Carter's other charity, Wreaths Across America. Hopefully your community has a Wreaths across America program. It is a great program. I personally have participated for several years with placing the Wreaths in my community. Keep up the GREAT work that you do!!

Now onto Membership. As many of you know, Detachment Membership Chairman John Jennings developed Covid Pneumonia and was in the hospital for several weeks. He is now home and recovering, but still has a ways to go. This is not the reason why there has been no Membership report sent out. The National Organization is still having issues with the conversion from MySAL to the new MyLegion program. The Detachment Leadership Team have been asking and raising questions on a weekly basis to find out when this will be completed. The answer is: soon! They were able to send a final report out this week and the Detachment finished with 20,745 members. Great Job everyone! Now full steam ahead for the 2022 goal.

The Detachment Roster is still being worked on. I cannot believe that a Squadron is not willing to submit their Officer Report. This will not only affect what information you receive from the Detachment, it will also affect and preempt your Squadron's Adjutant from accessing the MyLegion.org program once it is complete. There is a check and balance system in place for access to this. First the Squadron submits the report to Department. Next the Squadron Adjutant requests permission from National to access the system. National then notifies Department for verification of the Squadron Adjutant. If this is not on file at Headquarters, then the request is denied. It's a simple form that can be filled out online or mailed to Department. It takes less than five minutes to complete. If you are unsure if your Squadron has submitted, contact Detachment [Assistant Adjutant George Aichele](#) and he can give you that answer. Email data bases are also being compiled from these reports to send the flow of information from the Detachment direct to the Squadron. Communication is the key to our Organization's success and it starts with the SQUADRON!

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## From the Detachment Adjutant (continued)

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October brings Fall to the Country and Halloween for the kids. I know several Squadrons host Halloween Parties for the kids in their Community. Another idea is to have a Trunk or Treat at your Post. This is accomplished in the parking lot and the kids go from car to car for Tricks, games, or Treats. If you have never participated in one it is really fun to see the different ideas that people come up with. Keep in mind that you can purchase Halloween Coloring books from Department and National to hand out instead of Candy. What a great way to get our emblem out in the Community!

That's about all for this month! See you all at the Fall Conference in November!

Ed Sheubrooks, Detachment Adjutant



The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida Membership year is well underway and I know you're Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Needs. Your 1st question for me is, Why is our National and Department of Florida not providing The Detachment of Florida with Squadron, District, and Area Membership Reports? The answer on The Department of Florida website says it all, "SAL Reports are not available at this time". When we ask WHY? The American Legion National Headquarters Staff replies that, "we are working on the problem." At the SAL National Convention Post NEC, we addressed the National Commander and asked to make it a priority this year to address and solve the membership reporting problem. The National Executive Committee Meeting will be October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in Indianapolis In. and I am hopeful we will have an answer on the membership reports.

The NEC looks to have a full plate of resolutions upcoming at the meetings. Resolutions which are a driving force behind the betterment of our organization will be considered by the NEC Committeeman. My new national committeeman assignment has me taking up where JJ left off on the resolutions subcommittee. We have had one conference call and have another scheduled the weekend before we go to Indianapolis October 1st thru the 3rd and have our meeting of record. A report will be given in the November The Source and at Fall Conference.

Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Need is not just our Membership Theme but something we as Sons of The American Legion we should be doing every day. While a lot of Posts are doing well, some Posts have suffered during the pandemic; see if your Post may need your Squadron's assistance by donating some money or time. Several years ago we disbanded the CMN committee and explained to everyone that if we donated directly to the All Children's Hospital in Tampa and Miami more would go to our hospitals. Consider donating to The American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior where 100% of your donation goes to the Warrior instead of Wounded Warrior where you're paying for their advertising. Our oldest foundation founded in 1925 was renamed The American Legion Veterans & Childrens Foundation. The Veterans part of this foundation is one of the most important American Legion services by paying for the training of the National, Department, and Post Service Officers. The trained Post Service Officers provide to all veterans assistance with their military service benefits and with Veteran Affairs Services and their G I Bill Benefits by providing needed help.

The Childrens part of the foundation assists Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). This grant is awarded to minor children of Veterans or active duty military to meet the needs of shelter, food, utilities, or health expenses. Understand please we are not telling you one foundation is better than another but it is suggested

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## From the National Executive Committeeman (continued)

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we fund our American Legion Foundations before we fund outside foundations since most of your money was obtained by membership or donations from American Legion Family members.

We will be accepting donations for those we just mentioned at The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida Fall Conference November 5th-7th 2021 at Renaissance Orlando at Seaworld. We also will be accepting donations for our most popular charities, Including the Commander's Project, Donations for FL. Special Olympics, National Emergency Fund, and Child Welfare Foundation and remember if you wait for the Detachment Convention in June your CWF Donation will not count for this year, so please donate before the May 31st 2022 cut-off date for this year.

The Detachment Fall Conference is coming soon so get your hotel reservations in. That Fall Conference information is available at [floridasons.org](http://floridasons.org). Speaking of our website, when was the last time you visited it? Not getting the monthly Detachment Newsletter The Source? You need to sign up for the SAL Google group mailing list. Just one of the priorities Commander Carter wants is communication. Let's see how many new sign-ups we can have before the Fall Conference. Rumblyings out of the Member Training and Development Committee is a new class on "End of The Year Reporting". After the successful turnout and classes at Convention I know they will have another outstanding success story.

Till next month's report let's get out there and Score for Veterans by Tackling Their needs. See you at Fall Conference.

William D. (Bill) Kelly

Sons of the American Legion,  
National Executive Committeeman



The Mighty 9th District installations are now complete except for Squadron 36 which will be October 3rd. I have also had 4 visits with Squadrons after their installations.

I have attended their meetings and answered all of their questions and received their District visitation reports. The big challenge the Squadrons continue to face is getting set up on mylegion.org to process membership electronically.

They are all diligently working on this as I stressed the importance of meeting the detachment membership targets. We had a district 9 meeting on Saturday September 18th at Squadron 92 in Hollywood. We had 7 out of 10 Squadrons in attendance as well as our Southern Area Commander Chris Holden. Our discussion topics were, of course, membership as well as bylaws, communication and supporting each other's events.

The Mighty 9th is working hard and will continue to do so!!

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

Rob McCarten

Commander, District 9

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## From the 9th District Adjutant, Jesse Figueroa

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Greetings my fellow Sons,

I went to New York City at the 9/11 memorial last Saturday, 9/11/2021 to commemorate the attacks on America 20 years ago. The ceremony was somber but commemorative. I was in attendance in honor and respects to my Army National Guard comrade who died in the rubble. He was a Port Authority Police officer who rushed over to the World trade Center from his precinct at the Holland Tunnel to assist with the evacuation of the Twin Towers. He died when the South Tower collapsed. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, yours truly rendered a slow hand salute to all nearly 3000 victims and represented the S.A.L. Detachment of Florida. On my way out, I was greeted by firefighters from Broward County: Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Miramar, and Plantation; from Martin County and Clearwater. I exchanged my history with these bravest of the Sunshine State along with New York's Finest, New York's Bravest and with those, just to name a few, who came to New York City from:

- Cicero, NY
- Detroit
- Chicago
- Los Angeles
- Glendale, CA
- Mexico
- Jersey City
- Connecticut
- Long Island

I'm pleased to be back in Florida to write this article for The Source.

Thanks.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

For God and Country,

Jesse Figueroa, Adjutant  
District 9, Detachment of Florida  
Sons of the American Legion



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## 18th Annual Detachment Fall Conference

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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





Greetings Detachment of Florida,

I am glad to hear Membership Chairman, John Jennings is doing better, and wish him a speedy recovery.

National continues to work diligently to resolve the issues concerning MyLegion. Some are reporting they are not able to sign in and are receiving an error (ERR\_SSL\_PROTOCOL\_ERROR) when attempting to sign into MyLegion.org. This is currently being investigated by their team. If you are experiencing this error, please sign into your internet service provider's website or mobile app to "Allow Access" to log-in.personifygo.com. For further assistance, please contact your internet service provider.

Throughout the year, it is necessary for National to contact Squadrons regarding membership renewals, awards, and general communications. In addition, National receives daily requests for Post and Squadron information from members and potential new members or others who are looking for information about The American Legion at the local level. Maintaining your Squadron's current information with National Headquarters has become more important than ever. 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. The Annual Squadron Data Report must be forwarded to your Detachment & National Headquarters

MAIL: THE AMERICAN LEGION  
ATTN: IT/DATA SERVICES  
PO BOX 1954  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206  
SCAN & EMAIL: dsforms@legion.org

Improvement with communications with our Squadrons and their membership is needed.

- 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](#) and our Detachment e-mail group.
- The Detachment should have a valid email address for each of the Squadron Officers.
- Improve communication within the Detachment of Florida.

Please join us for Fall Conference November 5-7, at the Renaissance SeaWorld Orlando, located at 6677 Sea Harbor Dr Orlando, FL 32821. This is located across from Sea World. The room rate is \$135 per night, plus tax, and you can call 407-351-5555 Direct. Be sure to ask for "American Legion" room block.

Fall Conference is a great experience for first time attendees as well as seasoned officers. It is our goal to make Conference a successful and enjoyable experience for all.



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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,

We are just a few weeks from our Annual Fall Conference, and the MT&D Committee will again be hosting training sessions. The training sessions for fall conference will be an expanded course on Year End Reporting, covering all aspects of our reporting forms and processes. This course will go over each report in detail and how to properly calculate your totals for volunteer hours and monies donated as well as how to complete the forms properly. There will also be an expanded Adjutant's Course for new and experienced Squadron and District Adjutants, covering all aspects of the position. These classes will be held on Friday November 5th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please see the FINAL conference Agenda for the room location.

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 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!

Before closing, I want to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to SW Area Vice Commander and Detachment Assistant Adjutant Christian Rapp for all the tireless efforts that he has put into these courses. The MT&D would not be able to provide these quality courses if not for his efforts!

I hope to see a great many of you at Fall Conference!



We wanted to advise everyone to keep your vigilance up concerning Covid as I have managed to contract it and have heard from multiple posts that it is still causing problems for their membership please stay vigilant.

I wanted to thank Peter Puzzo, District 12 Commander, for putting together a very good training program for Squadron Adjutants and Commanders for registering and processing Membership. As we all know by mid-October, we should ALL be using My Legion as the vehicle to get this done and we need to get this addressed ASAP. Membership numbers are a mystery for now, but this will be remedied soon, and we need to make certain that we are not falling behind. Get training set, encourage the Squadrons that are not on-line to do so and get them to work with their posts to get the help they need.

Check your District webpage or social media to see what is going on in your Area/Districts and get your activities on those resources. If they don't know about it they will not come. The district 12 picnic will be on October 2nd at Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935. They will be raising money for Boys State transportation, and it should be a good time for all!

I mentioned lost warriors in September, and we now know that the Celebration of Life for Fred Tartaglia Squadron 183 Commander and District 6 First Vice will be on October 23 at their OctoberFest from Noon until 5PM at 2706 Wells Ave in Fern Park. Fred had a great heart and his commitment will be missed RIP buddy.

Yours for God and Country,

George Worton, Eastern Area Commander



Hello Sons!

I hope all is well and you are all getting back on track and having events now that the Fall season is upon us. This time of year is usually very busy for all of us!

Over the last month I was fortunate enough to attend the District Meetings in both the Great 8th District and the Mighty 13th District, and all I can say is that BOTH Districts are on the way to doing some great things this year, and it makes me proud to be your Southwestern Area Commander!

I'm not going to talk about membership, as I know that is a sore subject and your Detachment Leadership has probably addressed it in their articles. All I can say is to keep working your membership and transmit what you can via the myLegion.org system. NOTE: if you have a member transferring to your Squadron, you will have to do it the old-fashioned way and use the **MEMBER DATA FORM** and do a **MANUAL TRANSMITTAL** for that member. If you do not have the blue four part member data form, please contact headquarters. Manual transmittal forms can be found in your Administrative Manual and can also be found [online](#).

### **SOUTHWESTERN AREA UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### *District 8*

- Saturday October 23 District Picnic at Post 254 | North Port. Picnic starts at 12pm

#### *District 13*

- Saturday October 30 | Open House and Welcome Home Veterans at Post 192 | Fort Myers 11am – 4pm
- Saturday November 20 | First Annual District Fall Family Picnic at Post 303 | Bonita Springs 12pm

As I ask every month, if your Post Family is holding an event, please let me know. I would like to attend your event, if possible. Also - for those on Facebook – you can submit your event on the [American Legion Southwestern Area Events Group](#)

One last thing: If you are planning on attending Fall Conference at the Renaissance Sea World Resort Held November 5-7, **BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW**. At Conference, We will be holding a Comprehensive Reporting class on Friday Afternoon at 1pm. Other training will also be available. The training complete agenda will be out soon!

Thanks for all you do, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp,  
Southwestern Area Commander

Sons of the American Legion,  
Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons! Instead of littering this edition of "The Source" with a million different articles, I will combine them all here for you in one place. (I'm sure the Editor will appreciate that!) [Ed: I do]

I'll start this article with **Public Relations**:

We're still receiving an increase of articles and events being submitted to "The Source" and the website/social media pages. This is FANTASTIC! I know now that season is upon us, there should be more. Please keep them coming! Remember, "The Source" is for everyone in the Detachment to communicate their events/happenings/ other information – NOT JUST YOUR DETACHMENT OFFICERS. It's a free service provided by the Detachment, please use it!

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.](#)

**NOTE:** The agenda for Fall Conference will be updated on the Detachment Website shortly. Thank you for your patience as we work to get the website updated.

### **Member Training & Development**

Committee Chairman George Aichele and I are working on a Comprehensive Reporting Class to be held at Fall Conference. We have been allotted time on Friday, November 5th to hold this class, starting at 1pm. We are creating a course that gives you detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to complete all reports, including the "dreaded" end of year CSRs. We think this course will be very informative and beneficial to all members, both old and new. If you are attending Fall Conference, please attend if you can.

If you have a subject that you would like a course created for, please let us know. You can email us directly at [mttd@floridasons.org](mailto:mttd@floridasons.org).

### **Assistant Adjutant**

As you see above, we are implementing new @floridasons.org email aliases. These aliases forward email directly to your personal email on file with the Detachment. We have not yet received email addresses for all Squadron Commanders and Squadron Adjutants. Please take a moment and send us your Squadron Commander's and Squadron Adjutant's email address so we can verify we have them on file. We are working our hardest to ensure that the entire Detachment is kept informed!

Thanks for all you do, see you at Fall Conference!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp  
Assistant Adjutant  
Public Relations Chairman  
Member Training & Development

Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Florida





Hello and Greetings from District 13.

It seems time is flying by. Fall is now here which hopefully means cooler temperatures. I'm even beginning to see our Northern friends and out-of-state license plates returning.

For those who attended the District meeting in Punta Gorda, I thank you. It was great seeing the various squadrons and listening to the Department Chairmen who attended.

One of those speakers was Larry Roberts. He serves as the American Legion Department of Florida Northern VA&R chairman, the VA Entitlements chairman, and Project Vet Relief chairman.

Larry is a valuable resource for every Legion family including the Sons of the American Legion. He mentioned that 22 vets take their own life each day but during the Pandemic, that number doubled. The number 22 is a rallying cry for supporters trying to call attention to suicide among veterans, especially those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

October 10 is World Mental Health Day. It is critical that we perform our Buddy checks. If you know someone feeling anxious or depressed, help them reach out for help. As you work on your membership, take the time to ask how your members are doing.

As always, if there are events at your Squadron, please let me know so that I may attend them and advertise them for you.

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor, District 13 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



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## From Dennis R. Boland, President of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

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**September 10, 2021 update:** Last year the combined donations to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation totaled **\$503,223.42** from The American Legion family. **June 1, 2021 started our new awards years and tracking.**

Donations for the Awards year end on **May 31, 2022**. Presently we stand at **\$81,626.47** in donations for the 2021/22 year.

At our Virtual 2020 Board of Directors meeting we granted **\$740,889.00** to 19 Children Organizations for the 2021 year.

The following are the present donations from **June 1, 2021 to September 10, 2021**. Each organization with the highest donation on **May 31, 2022** will be awarded the Garland Murphy Shadow Box award.

Presently the 8/40 Departmental de California is leading in contribution with **\$651.00** The Department of South Dakota Auxiliary is in 1<sup>st</sup> place with **\$2,166.82**, Department of Florida American Legion is leading in donation with **\$2,870.00** The SAL Detachment of Minnesota is in 1<sup>st</sup> place with **\$3,346.00** in donations.

Below shows 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in donations.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	8 & 40	Aux	Legion	SAL
	California	South Dakota	Florida	Minnesota
Donations	<b>\$625.00</b>	<b>\$2,166.82</b>	<b>\$2,870.00</b>	<b>\$3,346.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Arizona	New York	South Carolina	Arizona
Donations	<b>\$415.00</b>	<b>\$1,325.75</b>	<b>\$2,191.00</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Florida	Oklahoma	Virginia	New Hampshire
Donations	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$1,308.06</b>	<b>\$2,046.79</b>	<b>\$2,705.00</b>

All donations have to be in by **May 31, 2022** to qualify for the Garland Murphy and U.S. Udie Grant awards.

Dennis R. Boland  
President, The American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Send Checks to:

ALCWF  
P.O. Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206







## American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

*"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"*

### 100% Per Capita Banner Program 2021 – 2022

Each post, unit, squadron or salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year will receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify a post, unit, squadron or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total as of June 1, 2021. The post, unit, squadron or salon has from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 to complete its donation to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership total as of June 1, 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Total donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

317-630-1369 fax

**ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2022**





# AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 13 FOOD DRIVE

NON PERISHABLE FOOD GOODS  
HYGIENE SUPPLIES, CLEANING PRODUCTS, PET  
SUPPLIES, DISINFECTING SUPPLIES  
WATER, BABY SUPPLIES, PAPER PRODUCTS  
ANY IDEAS ARE WELCOME

GOODS COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
MAGNOLIA CARE CENTER FOR VETERANS  
IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

THIS IS A STAGING AREA FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION & COMMUNITY

GEORGE TICE, 1ST VICE FROM POST 38 FT MYERS IS THE LEAD 239-738-0601



# 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**



# Oktoberfest

at



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 24**



**October 9th - 4pm - 8pm**

**Music by Captain Carl**

**Bratwurst &  
Sauerkraut  
Goulash &  
Egg Noodles  
Schnitzel & Warm  
German Potato Salad  
Soft Pretzels  
German Chocolate Cake**



**50/50 Ticket Raffle  
Lucky Ticket Auction  
\$15 for One Ticket  
\$25 for Two Tickets  
Door Prizes**

**CASH BAR**

AMI Princess Paddlewheeler  
Back Alley Treasure & Gifts  
Beach Blossom (AMI)  
Beach Blossom (Jewelry)  
Bowlero Bowling  
Bridge Street Bistro  
Bull's Eye Gun Club  
Bishop Museum & Science Ctr  
Cigar Depot  
Cipriano's  
Clancy's  
Cody's Roadhouse

Cremesh Bakery/Restaurant  
Crowders Gift Shop  
Detweiler's Grocery  
Ed Naples Conceal & Carry  
First Watch  
Fish Hole Mini Golf (AMI)  
Fudge Factory (AMI)  
Hurricane Computer  
Isola Bella Restaurant  
Joey D's  
LaNorma Restaurant (AMI)  
Maurauder's Baseball Tickets

Oak & Stone Restaurant  
Paddy Wagon  
Popi's Restaurant  
Publix Grovery  
Select Wines, Misc Gift Baskets  
Slicker's Eatery  
The Barber Shop  
The Hair Company  
Total Wine & More  
Wine Country Gift Basket  
Winn Dixie Grovery  
Yeti Hopper Cooler

**FOOD ★ MUSIC ★ DRINKS ★ RAFFLES**





Presented by  
American Gold Star Mothers  
of Indian River County, Inc.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

## FOR MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**  
**Registration at 9:00am • Walk starts at 10:00am**

## 2.2 MILE WALK & VETERANS EXPO

Join American Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County  
for a walk including Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary

Register online at [www.ircgoldstarmoms.org](http://www.ircgoldstarmoms.org)  
\$35 / person

- 2.2 Mile Walk •
- Veteran Resource Expo •
- Food Trucks • DJ •

**Location:** Riverside Park – Walk starts & finishes at Grand Pavilion.  
Coffee & Donuts provided by Salvation Army Donut truck

**T-shirt:** First 250 walkers will receive a Walk T-shirt.  
Early pick up at Marine Bank & Trust • 1450 US1

Proceeds to Benefit:



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 [www.ircgoldstarmoms.org](http://www.ircgoldstarmoms.org)  
 570-885-2811

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2021  
Cruise

November  
13 - 18



**Group Name - American Legion, Children & Youth \*\* Booking # P77QR7**

Elation - Exotic Eastern Carib 11/13/2021

Embarkation Information						Debarcation Information	
City	Port Canaveral					City	Port Canaveral (Orlando), FL
Port	Port Canaveral						
Pier	Cruise Terminals						
Begin time	12:30 PM			End time 2:30 PM			
Date	Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart	Info	<b>Questions?</b> Ernesto Romeo Vacation Planner Carnival Cruise Line  800-819-3902 ex 83026 Office 305-439-3325 FAX	
11/13/2021	SAT	Port Canaveral (Orlando), FL		3:30 PM			
11/14/2021	SUN	Fun Day At Sea					
11/15/2021	MON	Amber Cove, Dominican Republic	10:30 AM	6:30 PM			
11/16/2021	TUE	Grand Turk	8:00 AM	4:00 PM			
11/17/2021	WED	Fun Day At Sea					
11/18/2021	THU	Port Canaveral (Orlando), FL	8:00 AM				

### Florida American Legion Family Children & Youth Cruise

A Cruise has been set up for our Legion Family for November 13 - 18, 2021. Cabins are on a first come first served basis, so make your reservations soon.

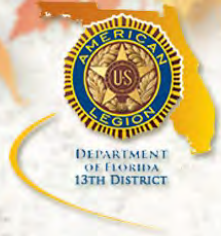
**Please call Ernesto Romeo**, who is filling in for Maureen Williams (Past Department Commander Rick Johnson's wife), as soon as possible. **Prices can change at any time.** Deposits can be made until August 30th, at which time the full payment will be due.

Booking after August 30, 2021 will require full payment. **Go to [Carnival.com](https://carnival.com) to see current prices.** Also, when on the website join the VIFP club prior to calling Ernesto to book your cabin. VIFP members receive discounts and other benefits.

**I will have hotel information for the night before the cruise as we get closer to the cruise date.**

**Les Martin**  
Children & Youth  
Chairman  
941-201-7293  
Captmarty48@gmail.com





THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
**FAMILY**



**13TH DISTRICT  
FALL FAMILY PICNIC**

**SAT NOV 20 2021**

**ENTERTAINMENT 12PM - 3PM**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT  
BURGERS & BRATS  
(INCLUDES SIDES)**

**\$10**

**ENTERTAINMENT 12PM - 3PM**

**BASKET RAFFLES!  
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT  
50 / 50, "THE WHEEL" MORE!**

**DISTRICT OFFICER DUNK TANK!  
DISTRICT OFFICERS MAKE SURE TO  
BRING YOUR SWIM SUITS!!**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE 13TH DISTRICT FAMILY CHARITIES**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 303  
27678 IMPERIAL SHORES BLVD  
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134**



# CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



## PICNIC

Sat. April 9, 2022

Golf - Shotgun Start at 8:00am, Indian River Preserve Golf Club

3950 Clubhouse Drive, Mims, FL

Picnic at Noon, Post 1

1281 N Washington Ave. Titusville, FL

FOOD  
FUN  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FUN  
AUCTION  
FUN  
LEGION RIDERS RIDE-IN  
FUN  
GOLF AWARDS  
FUN



Silent Auction



Golfers, dinner is available on Friday the 8th, at Post 1. Call ahead at least one week to let them know you are going to dinner, so they can have enough food for the night. (321) 269-9959

Hotel reservations for the 8th and/or 9th, Best Western Space Shuttle Inn, \$59 per night - (321) 269-9100

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022  
**Team Registration Form**

**GOLFERS**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIPS & FEES**

GOLD SPONSOR (4 GOLFERS & HOLE SPONSOR SIGN) \$325 \_\_\_\_\_  
SILVER SPONSOR (HOLE SPONSORSHIP ONLY) \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
GOLFERS ONLY (\$70 PER GOLFER) \$280 \_\_\_\_\_  
SPONSORSHIP CUT-OFF DATE: MARCH 25, 2022  
TOTAL SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

CONTACT PERSON FOR THE TEAM \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: S.A.L. Squadron 325. Put "C&Y Golf" in memo  
and mail to Squadron 325, 3412 HWY 301N - Unit 103, Ellenton, FL 34222

ANY QUESTIONS - CALL LES MARTIN (941) 201-7293



# *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**





## 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.



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## Having an Event? Let the Detachment of Florida Help!

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### 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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