



# THE SOURCE



## Brian Carter

### DETACHMENT COMMANDER

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I hope everyone had a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving this year. My family and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and prosperous New Year. May this year find you joy, peace, and love in all of your hearts.

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who attended our 18th Annual fall conference. The turnout was great and I hope all of you enjoyed it and could bring knowledge back to your squadrons. To the first time attendees I hope this gave you a chance to see how things are handled at the Detachment level, and it has encouraged you to attend our 50th Convention to be held in Orlando at the Orlando Hilton, Lake Buena Vista June 16th –June 22nd, 2022.

This year we had 2 MT&D classes for administrative and the Adjutant courses. It looked to be very well received and we hope to continue in the future with more courses at convention and next year's fall conference. I would like to thank Christian Rapp and George Aichele and the entire MT&D committee for putting these together and helping to keep us informed and educated about our organization.

MyLegion.org is a mess to put it nicely. Many of you have had problem processing membership transmittals. Detachment is asking that you not hold your membership but to go old school and mail it to Department as we have done in the past (**DO NOT WAIT!!!**). If you do not have the transmittal form please download it by clicking this [here](#). This can be completed on line or if your computer skills are not that great just print them, fill them out, and send them in.

National has sent a report on SDR's. Many of our squadrons have not submitted these forms. This is a new form that came in your packet at the beginning of the year. They **MUST** be turned in to National and the Detachment Adjutant. Without this form on file, your Squadron will not receive any monies if a member should pay

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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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their dues on-line. National and Detachment will be pay their share and that's it. Please check you records and be sure to send them in if you have not already.

Membership is at its lowest in years. There are too many zeros and this is unacceptable. At the very least your Squadron Commander and Officers should have their membership turned in. District and Vice Commanders I am asking all of you to get to these Squadron ASAP and find out why. We are working our 27th all-time high this year and at this time it doesn't look good. We stand 21 in the nation, again the lowest ever for Florida.

I was honored to attend a Veterans Day ceremony and speak before family and friends. I also played a part in the honor guard firing volleys to pay respect to all those we have lost. I was also honored to have dinner with our Auxiliary Department President during her visit in the 17th district.

My plans were to travel to the 5th and 13th districts at the beginning of the month along with Department Commander Jerry Brandt, but due to work scheduling conflicts, I will not be able to. I will make to these districts as time allows.

Wreath across America Day is coming on fast. Dec 18th will be a time to remember to Honor and to teach. I will be attending my home Squadron event helping to remember over 2000 Veterans for their service and duty to this great country. I hope you can take a moment locate your ceremony and pay tribute to a Veteran.

As Son of the American Legion we need to do our best to live up to their legacy and Honor all Veterans and teach our youth the value of the freedoms we take for granted every day.

Please contact me if you have any events happening that you think I should or would like me to attend. District picnics, Area balls, and any fund raisers to help benefit our charities, Posts, and most important our Veterans. I am here to serve all of you and to help make Florida the best Detachment around.

In closing I would like to thank the entire Detachment for all that you are doing. Together we are all 1 team, scoring for our Veterans and tackling their needs.

As the holidays are upon us let us not forget those who cannot be home with their loved ones, because they are serving this great country. Remember the families that have lost a Veteran. Invite families and active service personnel to your Post if you are planning a dinner. We don't **know** them all but we do **owe** all them all.

REMEMBER OUR FALLEN  
HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE  
TEACH OUR YOUTH THE VALUE OF FREEDOM

God bless our Veterans.

God bless the United States of America

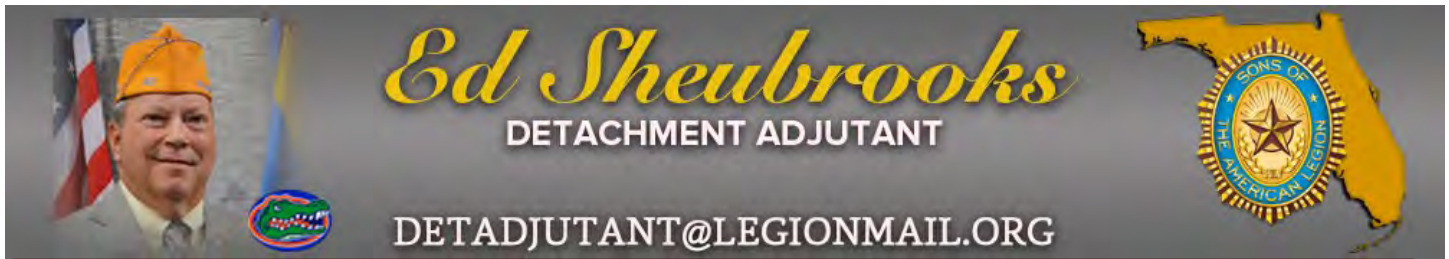


For God and Country,

Brian Carter, Commander

Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of Florida



This month's article combines November and December. We did this to include the information from the Fall Conference. Yes, we were finally able to meet once again and have a Fall Conference. The attendance was pretty good for the Sons and our meetings well attended. I appreciate everyone that participated in the Committee and Commission meetings. They were very productive and the information passed down to the membership was fantastic.

The Member, Training and Development Committee presented two training classes at the Fall Conference. These were conducted on Friday afternoon prior to the start of the Conference. The classes were well attended and will continue next year. In addition to the Classes, a Round Table Question and Answer Session were held on Saturday afternoon. From the feedback from the members in attendance, the classes and Round Table were well received. The more we inform and train our Officers and Members, the stronger our Detachment will become.

We had several donations made at the Conference. The donations are as follows; Florida Special Olympics - \$5,530.00, The Child Welfare Foundation - \$1,750.00, Children's Organ Transplant Association - \$750.00, Project Vet Relief - \$15,136.00, and for the Detachment Commanders project of Fisher House - \$750.00. This is a total of \$23,916.00. Not bad totals for the Fall Conference. Detachment Commander Brian and I appreciate all your hard work to raise the money donated at the Conference.

There have been many questions about the MyLegion site and when will it be operational. If you are holding dues because you cannot get into the site to transmit, put them in the mail to Department Headquarters. ([Download the transmittal form by clicking here](#)). We can and do still receive dues this way. I read a list of Squadrons that have not yet submitted the Squadron Data Report to National Headquarters. Once the MyLegion site is up and running, National must have your Squadron information or you will still not be able to sign into the site. There are a process of checks and balances. First, submit the **SDR** (Can be submitted on line), Second, call or email for authorization, Third, National will contact Department to see if you are the Commander or Adjutant of the requesting Squadron. That is why you must submit the Squadron Officer Report to Department and Detachment. Please do not confuse this with the National SDR. Yes, National will verify your information, but more important is what you are supplying them and that is the amount of your Squadron dues and per capita. If and when we go live with this, if this information is not on file and a member of your Squadron goes on-line to pay, he will only be charged the per capita rate that is supplied to National by the Detachment. So you see, only the Squadron loses if you have not supplied the information to National and Department

We are now accepting Endorsements for Detachment Office and District Commanders and Vice Commanders. This will be published elsewhere in this issue of The Source. In addition, the Endorsements will be placed on the Detachment Website for anyone to review.

With this being the Holiday Season, please keep our Service men and women in your prayers. Also remember those in our Communities that need a helping hand to get through this time of the Year. We are a great organization and can be proud of what we do for our Communities!!!

In closing, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. On behalf of my wife and family, We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Alrighty Now! With our Detachment of Florida, Fall Conference in the books, I would like to take a moment to compliment Commander Carter, our Adjutant Sheubrooks and staff, MD&T Chairman Aichele and Committee, our Class Instructor Rapp, our Judge Advocate Roberts, all of our Detachment Officers, Commission Chairman and Committeeman and all of you blue caps who took the time out of your busy schedule to attend and participate in this very successful fall conference. Thank you.

While the membership reporting has not been totally cleared up, we are now receiving some squadron information, you should be proud of the active part The Detachment of Florida has taken by calling on TAL/SAL National Headquarters Staff to resolve this problem. We will continue pressing till the reporting problems are completely resolved.

At the fall conference, we reviewed and highlighted the Post Convention NEC and The National Executive Committee Meetings October 1st-3rd 2021 in Indianapolis, IN, and made sure you understood that we still had not received The American Legion SAL Sub-Committee of TAL National Internal Affairs Report to The American Legion National Executive Committee's Final Report. Without this report as we explained we could not be sure of the results. A week or so after our conference the written report from TAL/SAL National Headquarters arrived with confirmation.

These are the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee Resolutions passed and approved by The American Legion. WHY must we wait for TAL approval? Simple: because we are a program of The American Legion.

#### SAL FALL 2021 NEC RESOLUTIONS

**NEC Fall 2021 # 1** Recognizing a Recipient of the Marvin P Nay Outstanding Veterans Employment & Education Commission Contributor of the Year Award. Passed

**NEC Fall 2021 # 2 & #3** National Commander's Recommendation Committee and National Leadership Selection Committee. Is Returned to The Detachment of OK. Reason TAL IA Memo

**NEC Fall 2021 # 4** Creation of the Sons of The American Legion National Squadron Commander of the Year Award. Passed. More information and qualifications will be forthcoming.

**NEC Fall 2021 #5** Funding for the 50th National Sons of The American Legion Convention Commemoration Committee Passed

**NEC Fall 2021 # 6** Creation of Standing Committee from and Funding for Century Committee(CENTCOM) Passed by vote 29-15 Florida Voted Yes. Details of NEC FALL 2021 #6: This Resolution made CENTCOM a Standing Committee for 5 years and beyond into the next SAL century 2032 and funded CENTCOM.

The FL NEC (Bill Kelly) was the only NEC to go on record and state that this resolution contained something he and his Detachment didn't like and that the process with the TAL/SAL could have been handled better. It was assured in IA and Resolutions meetings that this committee CENTCOM will be adapted and help the SAL move into the future. It was a shame that very little was said/debated on the SAL NEC floor.

**NEC Fall 2021 #7** Donation to Veterans & Children Foundation of \$500,000. From the Reserve Fund Passed

**NEC Fall 2021 # 8** Donation TAL Baseball \$130,000. From the Reserved Fund Passed

**NEC Fall 2021 # 9** Amend the make-up of the 50th National Convention Commemoration Committee. Passed

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## From the National Executive Committeeman (continued)

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History may well show that the Fall 2021 NEC meeting was one of the most important NEC Meetings in decades.

Preceding our Fall NEC meeting, The American Legion National Internal Affairs Commission met at The National Convention in Phoenix AZ. and restructured the National SAL organization by dissolving three national committees. The three national committees dissolved were the Commanders Advisory Committee, Committee on Committees, and The National Commander's Panel. The new SAL Leadership Committee created was named Past National Commanders (PNC) Advisory Board made up of 5 PNCs. This committee will provide our organization interviewing, selecting National Commander future candidates, Commission and Committeeman appointments along with various other tasks. We look forward to entering a year in which the National and Detachment celebrate their 50th Conventions with these National and Detachment moves to further enhance our organization.

We will be entering the holiday season and hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving. I would like us all to remember our active duty and Veterans this holiday season and may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy and Safe New Year and Happy Holidays to everyone.



Greetings Detachment of Florida

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with Family and Friends.

Fall Conference is now behind us, and the 2021-2022 year is in full swing. We had a very well attended Conference with great classes presented by Membership Training and Development.

The Internal Affairs Commission discussed the need for Committee chairs to reach out to their committee members and keep them informed of the goings on within their respective committee's. In addition, we discussed the classes being presented by MT&D, and we welcome any suggestions from all members affecting classes or matters related to Internal Affairs.

This is a great time to be a member of the SONS, changes are being discussed for the betterment of our organization. National is working on new developments that will carry the SONS well into the future with its new Century Committee. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Detachment continues to monitor the challenges experienced by mylegion.org. National has set up weekly calls with the IT division director with a question-and-answer session where adjutants and department headquarters staff can ask questions, voice concerns, and get answers.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Sons of the American Legion will continue to work for the benefit of our veterans who helped make this country great and for the children who will help make this country even greater.

In closing, I leave you with the Preamble. I believe, as we all should, these words are meaningful for you as a member and us as a Veteran Organization.

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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.





### Greeting from the Eastern Area

As we rapidly move towards the Holidays, we will need to pay attention to some issues in order to accomplish our mission. First, do a buddy check for a Veteran, Sons member, Auxiliary member to verify that they are in good health and have what they need. Next, push the Squadrons to get memberships up to date. Lastly, as we continue to emerge, encourage that they put together activities that may help fund raising and attract new members, that is the lifeblood of our organization.

Buddy checks can be a simple phone call, a visit, or offer to take them to a store, doctor or other activity that they would appreciate. Many have issues due to isolation and a visit may go a long way to help them cope.

Memberships are vital to our organization and a requirement for officers or members to participate in Squadron or Post activities. Officers cannot participate in meetings without a current card. Bartenders or door greeters need to check cards and encourage them to renew their membership.

Activities that contribute to our ability to support worthy groups are a great way to show what we do, and why we are needed. It will also show the community that we are indeed more than a local bar, we are a Veterans service organization worthy of their support. This should be a great portal to attract new members to our organization.

Many of us are looking forward to the Holidays and hope that the New Year will bring us a little closer to "normal" than we have seen recently.

God Bless you, all our members of the Armed Forces, and every other American and wishes for a bright future!

For God and Country,

George Worton

Eastern Area Commander

Proudly serving the best Service Organization in the world





Gentleman,

Thank you to all who attended the fall conference. It was informative and well presented.

Special thanks to the MT&D. trainers and speakers, they were outstanding.

As the Central area commander, I would like you all to know that the central area is alive and well. We are experiencing some membership problems and will be addressing them shortly. I need all Squadrons to know that zero percent Squadron membership numbers are unacceptable and will be worked on with the District Commanders and myself.

On a positive note, we had a District picnic at #252 in Seminole to raise funds for a scholarship fund that the Squadrons do each year. Lots of basket sales, raffle items, and 50/50, plus a dunk tank that we put the Detachment Commander Brian Carter in numerous times. We Raised almost \$ 5,000.00 that day! What an awesome day for the Sons. Another event I would like you all to know about is Squadron 238, Safety Harbor, [thinking outside the box] held a Putt-Putt event at Celebration Station to raise funds for Special Olympics. What a great day to be a Son! They were able to raise over \$9,000.00 that day. The Safety Harbor Squadron had been working on that event for a few months and their efforts paid off.

We as the central area will rise to the top with the help of all Sons working together with the Auxiliary and Legionnaires on our upcoming projects.



Gentlemen,

First, I would like to thank the members of the MT&D Committee, especially Vice Chairman Christian Rapp for all the work that went into the classes at Fall Conference. I would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to all the members that attended. These classes are just the first of many that will make up the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida College System.

In the future, we plan to offer a full catalog of classes available to be taught both at Annual meetings and in the field at gatherings in your District or Area.

The committee distributed a Survey to the attendees at Fall conference asking for feedback on the current classes and suggestions for future trainings. This survey will also be available on the Detachment website. I would ask you to please take a few moments and complete the survey with your honest critiques and desires for classes that you would like to see developed. I would also ask the Area Vice Commanders and District Commanders to talk with the Squadrons as you make your visits and gather information regarding the classes/topics that are important to your members.

The focus of the MT&D is to train our members and future leaders. For some of us who have been around since mullets and bell-bottoms were in style, it means to train our successors. I have heard many new officers and chairmen state that they really do not know exactly what to do. This is quite distressing when it comes from a new District Commander or a new Chairman of a committee/commission. In addition to train-

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## From the Membership, Training and Development Committee Chair (continued)

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ing our new members, we need to be mentoring and training our members as they ascend through the ranks of the Squadron, District and Detachment.

Training is an ongoing process, we ALL learn every day, as not one of us knows everything about our organization. Mentor your new members, both young and old. Train them not only on the principals and ideals of the organization, but the "hands on" processes that go into making our organization what it is today. As the old saying goes, "just because there is snow on the rooftop does not mean there isn't a fire in the furnace". Our older or "seasoned" members have just as much to offer as the newer, younger members. However, these members can be easily discouraged if not taught and guided properly. There is nothing more important to the squadron than that member who is attending for the first time and has a desire to learn about our great organization. We must be ready to capitalize on the opportunity.

Proper training is the key to success for this or any organization. Especially as we grow, this year we will surpass 20,000 members in the Detachment of Florida, yet the story is the same in nearly every squadron. The same few members are there day in and day out working the programs and activities of the squadron. Member engagement is the key to success and teaching these members is one sure way to get them engaged.

If we are not doing everything that we can to teach not only the great principles for which The American Legion and The Sons of The American Legion stand for then we are doing ourselves and our members a great disservice.



Hello Sons,

Well, this was a very fast year. It's hard to believe it's already December. I am hoping this finds you all happy and healthy. Though 2021 has been a year for the books, our S.A.L. has so many things to be proud of. We had a wonderful showing at Fall conference and a huge thank you to Membership, Training and Development committee chair and vice-chair George Aichele and Christian Rapp and for some great information during their classes. We thank every Squadron that attended the convention and donated to our charities.

As always, a main objective of the Sons of The American Legion is to keep our membership thriving. Our youth is the future of this organization. How many new members have you signed up since you joined The American Legion, The Worlds Greatest Veterans Organization? It is very easy to carry membership applications with you when you are out and about. Ask your friends and neighbors if they might be interested in being a member if they are eligible and explain to them the amazing work we do.

The Sons are often referred to as "The Greatest Fundraising Arm of The American Legion Family". We should be proud of our Squadron's accomplishments and pass that enthusiasm onto others. We joined the American Legion to honor and respect the veterans and family members that fought for our freedom. I know the new processing system has been challenging, so you can continue with the old fashioned way and mail in the hard copy to keep your membership up to date. Thank you to our members that have renewed their dues in a timely manner.

The holidays can be difficult for people so please remember to continue your "BUDDY CHECKS". Grab your S.A.L. roster and take a few names every once in a while and call your members. See how they are doing and thank them for renewing.

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## From the District 13 Commander (continued)

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just a thought! If you need any stocking stuffers ideas, check with your Squadrons and support each other with whatever products you each have to offer. Some Squadrons have great tee shirts, hats, coozies, etc.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is observed annually in the United States on December 7 to remember and honor the 2,403 United States citizens who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. This was in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. Please take a moment to honor those who lost their lives.

Please check us out on Facebook at Sons of the American Legion District 13, and [floridasons.org](http://floridasons.org). Let us know about your events so we might be able to come and support each other.

I would like to end this by wishing ALL of our families a wonderful holiday season.

For God and Country,

Michael Nigbor

District 13 Commander

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Holiday Greetings from the 12th District:

It is my hope that everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. I wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season.

Since the Fall Conference, and may I say it was a very good Conference, the 12th District held its first District-Wide Meeting at Squadron 189 in Sebastian. It was an Informational & Training Meeting. We discussed the events of the Fall Conference, and then began the process of giving the Adjutants Training, followed by Info-Gram Training for the Officers.

The District Management Team has made the determination that we will begin the Mentorship Program. This will result in our training the membership and especially the Squadron Officers in how to do our jobs. It is then up to the Officers to go back to their Squadrons and mentor their members to be prepared to move up. We are welcoming Squadron 344 (Merritt Island) who are now in the Charter Process. I will be visiting the Kennedy Space Center Post (322) now that the Holiday is past to begin work on another Squadron.

By mentoring your members, you ensure a flow of ideas and an exchange of viewpoints. The future of our Organization is dependent upon that flow of information and ideas. I would like to remind the Squadron Commanders that I gave you the Info-Grams at your Installation ceremony. It is up to you to open the book and pass the information to your members and fellow Officers. Anyone who did not receive the loose-leaf should contact me and I will see to it that I email you a copy of the Info-Grams.

Finally, while there has been much confusion with the inception of MyLegion, there is no longer ANY excuse to have a Zero Squadron. Mail the ID Cards in as we did for many years before, with a Transmittal Sheet and one check from the Squadron payable to the Detachment of Florida (\$11 per Card). Anyone still not understanding is advised to get hold of myself, or George Aichele our District Adjutant.

Thank you and I look forward to visiting your Squadrons soon.

Peter Puzzo-12th District Commander  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida

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## The Source Spotlight — Highlighting the best that we do as Sons of the American Legion.

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### Editor's note:

**Congratulations to Safety Harbor Squadron 238 for their Thanksgiving Turkey Fry successes. Your efforts help promote who we are as Sons of the American Legion Members and tell the story of what we stand for. You are this month's 'Source Spotlight!'**

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Squadron 238 of Safety harbor has done it again! For the past 4 years the Squadron has been selling deep fried turkeys on Thanksgiving and has seen constant growth.

In the first year only 12 turkeys were sold. In the second year that number doubled to 24 and in the 3rd year it doubled again to 48.

This year, however, there were over double the number of turkeys sold at 104!

Twenty-nine volunteers cranked up 13 turkey fryers and began bright an dearly at 6:30am, finishing at 11:00am. There was fun to be had by all ages despite the early morning and chill in the air with the youngest volunteer being a whopping 3 years old!

The event was held in the parking lot of post 238 where the 3 deep fryers were set up with tables for seasoning, boxing, storing, and delivering the turkeys directly into cars of those who ordered them.

The event raised over \$2500 for the Squadron. With the continuing growth of Squadron 238, more community outreach, the increase in volunteers, and fun next year is set to be even larger!



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### From the 16th District Adjutant, Jesse Figueroa

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I would like to thank you all for the love and support during these past two months of coping with my family's crisis. With that being said, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

God bless us all.

Amen.

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## Endorsements for Office



It is the policy of the Detachment of Florida that no endorsement be posted prior to the Annual Fall Conference. The Detachment of Florida provides this information for the benefit of our membership. The addition of endorsement information does not indicate support for an individual candidate by the Detachment of Florida.

In order for an endorsement to be posted to the Detachment Newsletter "The Source" or the Detachment Website, an endorsement letter must meet the following requirements.

1. Each endorsement letter must come from a Florida Squadron or Post and must be signed by the Squadron Commander and Squadron Adjutant, or the Post Commander and Post Adjutant or any combination of these.
  - a. The letter must be on Squadron or Post letterhead and include the date that the Squadron or Post made the endorsement and that the membership approved said endorsement.
  - b. This letter should contain information explaining why the individual should be considered for the office he is seeking and a narrative of positions held to show his leadership potential.
2. Endorsements will only be accepted for the elected Detachment Officers, District Commanders as follows:
  - a. Detachment Commander, Detachment Vice Commanders, National Executive Committeeman, National Executive Committeeman Alternate, Detachment Historian, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms and the District Commanders

Endorsement letters must be submitted, in writing, to the Detachment Adjutant as follows with the required signatures (in the format listed above).

1. Endorsement letters can be sent via the US Postal Service to the Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks – 800 S. Brocksmit Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34945.
2. Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at [floridasons@legionmail.org](mailto:floridasons@legionmail.org). Scanned documents are required to be in an Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) and must have all of the original signatures as required and be of good quality.

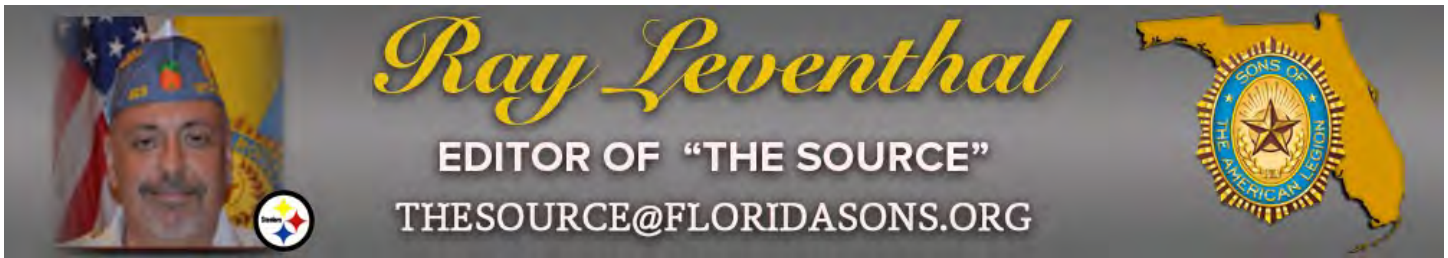


## Detachment Officer Endorsements

Detachment Commander	<a href="#"><u>Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)</u></a>
<b>Office of Detachment Vice Commander</b>	
Western Area	
Northern Area	
Eastern Area	
Central Area	
Southwestern Area	
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	
Detachment Chaplain	<a href="#"><u>Raymond S. Leventhal (323, Lehigh Acres)</u></a>
Detachment Historian	<a href="#"><u>James Reed (1, Titusville)</u></a>
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	

## District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

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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



***BREAKFAST***  
***Every Sunday Morning***

***The AMERICAN LEGION - POST 24***

2000 75<sup>th</sup>. Street W. Bradenton, Fl.

**8:30-11:30 AM**

**\$8.00 Breakfast**

***Includes:***

Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy,  
Grits, Potatoes, Pancakes, Toast and Coffee

Non-Smoking Building



***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

**All are welcome!**



**"All Proceeds and Donations go toward the support of Veterans"**





**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 18, 2021  
5:00PM – 10:00PM**

**WE INVITE ALL CHAPTERS OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND ALL BIKERS  
TO JOIN US FOR OUR  
*1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY***

**HOSTED BY  
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
CHAPTER 336  
5770 BAYSHORE RD  
NORTH FORT MYERS, FL 33917**

**THIS EVENT WILL BE A FUNDRAISER FOR  
OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**WE WILL HAVE VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, ICED  
COLD BEER, COCKTAILS, LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLES  
AND 50/50'S**



**EVERYONE  
IS  
WELCOME**



AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 323 PRESENTS

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# CASINO *Night*

AMERICAN LEGION POST 323 | **JAN 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
1124 ASHLAR AVENUE | LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

★★★★★ DOORS OPEN 3PM | GAMEPLAY 4-7PM ★★★★★

**BENEFITING** |  **Special Olympics** Florida

# **AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 13 FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00PM**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
PURCHASE DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR  
THIS EVENT, PLEASE VISIT  
[BLADESTIX.COM/AMDISTRICT13](http://BLADESTIX.COM/AMDISTRICT13).**

# *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**



# 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



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



## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Each member has access to many benefits including the National Emergency Fund if a natural disaster should occur. However, your dues have to be current at the National Organization for you to be eligible for this and many other benefits.

Remember, your dues also help support Squadron Programs, the Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, Fisher House and many more.

Without your support we cannot continue to support the great programs of the American Legion Family. Please follow up with your Squadron Membership Chairman to pay your dues and ensure they are transmitted for the current year.

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

### Attention all Sons of the American Legion

If your Squadron, Post Family, District or Area are having an event, we can help get the word out.

If you are interested in getting your event published and promoted using:

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

### There's only one thing you have to do: Let Us Know!

Visit the Detachment of Florida's online events calendar at

<https://floridasons.org/detachment-events-calendar/>, and click the button labeled 'Click Here To Submit Your Event'.

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