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Top of the morning to you all. The score board is looking good; we are now in the red zone and need to finish the game strong. 80% of the field has been run and we need to push the ball across the goal line for a touchdown. Gather your teams, huddle up and Score for our Veterans and tackle all their needs. This can be achieved if we all work as a team. Leave everything on the field and give it your all.

4 Months from now we will gather in Orlando to celebrate our big win. June 16th – 19th at the Hilton Orlando in Lake Buena Vista we will come together to honor all your achievements for the year. This year will be bigger than any convention before. We will be celebrating our 50th Convention for the Detachment of Florida, a milestone moment. I encourage all who can attend to try to be there.

With all of that said, now is the time to think of the future. Who wants to take an office, committee, or commission? Start thinking now and get your endorsement in to the Adjutant today. Officers who are stepping down, have you mentored your replacement? Help those interested and guide them to better our Detachment for years to come.

I want to thank the SW Area and all of those who were able to attend the SW area ball. My wife and I had a wonderful time and look forward to coming back one day soon.

Traveling for me has not gone as I had hoped. That pesky thing called work has got in the way a lot. When things have come up to attend, well work has pulled me back. I really had hoped to see more of the state this year and meet new people. But we all know family, work and then the Detachment are the way we do things.

If there are events, get them in to The Source and on our web page, or email me so I can make a schedule to do my best to attend.

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* Legion Birthday

** Delegate Cut-Off

From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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I hope to see all of you at the area balls we have left and the homecomings for the Department Commander and President in April, as well as my own homecoming in May. As work and family permit, I will do my best to get to see more of you before the end of the year.

For now, let's suit up take the field and finish the game strong. Bring home the win for your team and for all our Veterans.

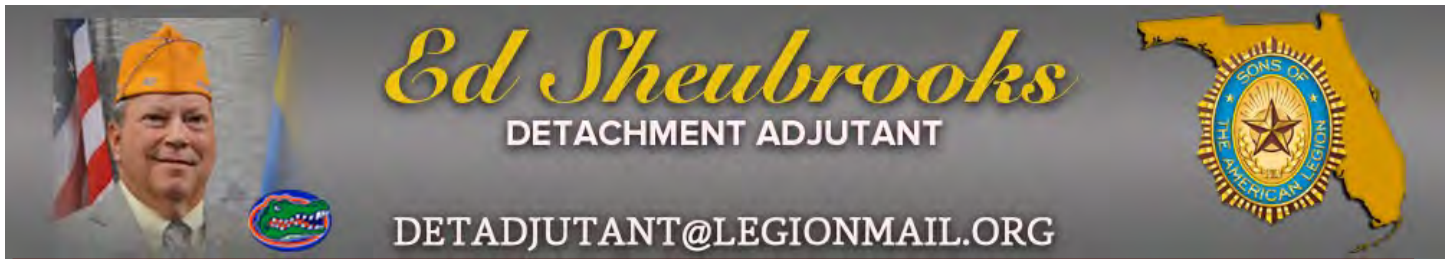
God bless our Veterans

God bless the United State of America

Scoring for Veterans by Tackling Their Needs

Brian Carter, Detachment Commander





Wow, how time is flying by us at a fast pace. It seems as if it was just Christmas a few weeks ago, but in reality we are in our last quarter of this Administrative Year. In just four short months we will be meeting in Orlando for our 50th Anniversary Convention. I know I have attended most of the 50 years of Conventions. My first one was in 1977, where I was elected to serve as Eastern Area Vice Commander. The next year was my first term as Detachment Commander, from there to the present, I have always been involved in this Organization and as long as my health permits, I will always be here for advice and support.

Yes, four short months away, and between now and then it is the busiest time in the Detachment. We have Squadron elections coming up, District Constitutional Conferences to elect new District Officers, and the finalization of our 2021 – 2022 Administrative Year. Bekki has the Year-end packets ready to mail out at the end of the month to all Squadrons. This packet contains all the forms that need to be completed and sent back to the Detachment Adjutant prior to the Convention. The Squadron Officer report, Consolidated Squadron Report, Americanism, Children & Youth, VA &R, Silver Star Award, and the MVP Award forms are all included.

There are three National required reports as well: The National Consolidated Report Form, Squadron Officer Report, and the Squadron Data Report.

The National Consolidated report is easy to complete once you have done the Detachment's forms. I know there is a lot of redundancy in reporting, but it is necessary. Even if your Squadron has had NO ACTIVITY, please send the reports back with that written on the reports. All of these forms are on our website and can be completed on line and emailed to myself or National Headquarters. Please do not send return receipt when mailing to me. I live a good distance from the Post Office that serves my area.

Membership is coming in at a steady pace. However, we need some trick plays to move our Teams and ball down the Field. Half time and the third Quarter is behind us. It's the fourth Quarter and seems like 50 yards to go to score that winning touchdown.....21,000 members!

Endorsements for Detachment and or District elected offices must submit a letter of Endorsement from your Squadron. It must be on the Squadron or Post letterhead and signed by the Squadron Commander and Adjutant, or Post Commander and Adjutant. Endorsements can be mailed, or emailed to me. All endorsements presented in the proper form are uploaded to the Detachment Website.

Plans are still being discussed for the 50th Convention. The Committee is working hard to make sure it is a festive occasion and a memorable one for everyone in attendance. More information will be forthcoming!

Until next month!!

Ed Sheubrooks,
Detachment Adjutant



Greetings Detachment Membership Team,

It is hard to believe that we are a few short months away from our Convention in June and the end of another great membership year.

All teams are on the fields, all the fields are in great shape, the footballs have the correct air pressure in them, the fans have their hotdogs and sodas and are ready for the playoffs.

The Director of Player Personnel is ready to go, the Commissioner has let us play ball, the Division Managers, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches have been working hard with their Teams to get them ready for the playoffs.

Some Teams are ready and other Teams are having some real problems putting a Team on the field. We are in the PLAYOFFS for the SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP and the overall team SCORING for the Detachment is at 80.53%.

The Detachment is being led by District #12 with team Pete Puzzo, District #6 with team John Gorsuch III, and District #16 with team Gregory Tong. A big congratulations to each of you and your teams for a great job. Please pass this on to all your other teammates. We are also at 79.55% of the Commanders goal of 21,000 by delegate cut-off. We can make this have for our Commander and make our 50th Convention even bigger and better.

The Detachment has made our first 6 membership scoring targets, what a great job under the condition of our lack of reports. The 80% target will be here about the time this news article reaches everyone. Congratulations on reaching our 80% goal early and I am hoping we are closing in on the 90% by the time you are reading this article.

We must continue to work the 3 – R's as we "Reinstate and Renew" our current members and work to "Recruit" new members. Keep up your great work, as we all look forward to another great year in membership.

We still have ongoing issues with the MyLegion membership portal and are being told that the portal will for online membership will not be operational until the Detachment has 90% of its Detachment on board with the SDR forms.

Please continue to work with your Post Officers and get your access. Each of you that have not completed the REQUIRED Squadron Data Report form (SDR) must complete the form and send to the National mailing address or the National email address that is on the form so your information can be put into the database.

The SDR form is available on the Detachment website [here](#). When sending to National, please send our Detachment Adjutant (Ed Sheubrooks) a copy for our records. This gives the Detachment a check and balance when someone says that they did not receive it. We have something to show it was sent and when.

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From the Membership Chairman (continued)

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I am sure that you will hear a lot more about the Squadron Data Report form in the very near future.

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

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

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During the Fall Conference there were several amendments to our Detachment Constitution that were read. During the meeting I indicated that we would publish these before the Detachment Convention via The Source for everyone to have an opportunity to see the proposals.

Below are the amendments to the Detachment Constitution that are being proposed and submitted by the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws Committee during the Fall Conference.

2022-01 Amendment to Detachment Constitution, Article V (Detachment Convention), Section 2

CURRENT - Section 2 - The Detachment Commander shall request the Department Headquarters of The American Legion to issue a call to the Detachment Convention to each Squadron not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Detachment Convention.

PROPOSED - Section 2 - The Detachment Commander shall request the Detachment Adjutant to issue a call to the Detachment Convention to each Squadron no more than forty-five (45) days and no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the Detachment Convention

This amendment would bring the Detachment Constitution in line with the Detachment By-Laws, Article I, Section 1. In its current form there is a conflict between the two documents

2022-02 Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article VI (Detachment Officers), Section 2

CURRENT - Section 2 - Detachment Officers shall be elected at each Annual Convention, except that the Detachment Commander shall appoint the Detachment Judge Advocate, the Detachment Adjutant, the Detachment Assistant Adjutants, the Detachment Finance Officer, the Detachment Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and they shall be ratified by the Detachment Executive Committee. Such Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Detachment Convention following their election.

PROPOSED - Section 2 - Detachment Officers shall be elected at each Annual Convention, except that the Detachment Commander shall appoint the Detachment Judge Advocate, the Detachment Adjutant, the Detachment Assistant Adjutants, the Detachment Finance Officer, the Detachment Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and they shall be ratified by the Detachment Executive Committee. Such Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Detachment Convention following their election. No Detachment Officer shall assume office prior to providing the Detachment Adjutant with proof of eligibility.

This amendment would be to add a provision that requires a Detachment Officer to provide proof of eligibility to the Detachment Adjutant. This is based on policy that has been issued by the National Organization.

2022-03 Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article VII (Detachment Executive Committee), Section 15

CURRENT - Section 15 - All members of the Detachment Executive Committee shall provide De-

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partment Headquarters with proof of membership eligibility within thirty (30) days of adjournment of the Detachment Convention.

PROPOSED - Section 15 - All members of the Detachment Executive Committee must provide the Detachment Adjutant with proof of membership eligibility after the election on the day of adjournment of the Detachment Convention.

This amendment would be to add a provision that requires members of the Detachment Executive Committee to provide proof of eligibility to the Detachment Adjutant. This is based on policy that has been issued by the National Organization.

2022-04 Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article X (Squadron Organization), Section 13

CURRENT - Section 13 - All officers of Squadrons, except the Squadron Adjutant and the Squadron Judge Advocate, shall be elected and certified to the Department Adjutant and Detachment Adjutant, not more than sixty (60) days, nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Detachment Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department Adjutant. Squadron Officers shall be installed by the District Commander or his designated representatives, take office and enter upon their duties at a date to be fixed by the Squadron or Post, which date shall be subsequent to, but not later than sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Annual Detachment Convention. In the event of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or removal from office, the name and address of the successor shall be reported to the Department Adjutant and the Detachment Adjutant within one week after such vacancy has been filled.

PROPOSED - Section 13 - All officers of Squadrons, except the Squadron Adjutant and the Squadron Judge Advocate, shall be elected and certified to the Department Adjutant and Detachment Adjutant, not more than ninety (90) days, nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Detachment Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Detachment Adjutant. Squadron Officers shall be installed by the District Commander or his designated representatives, take office and enter upon their duties at a date to be fixed by the Squadron or Post, which date shall be subsequent to, but not later than sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Annual Detachment Convention. In the event of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or removal from office, the name and address of the successor shall be reported to the Department Adjutant and the Detachment Adjutant within one week after such vacancy has been filled. No Squadron officer shall assume office prior to providing the Post Adjutant with proof of eligibility.

This amendment is updating language for the election of Squadron Officers to 90 days to allow for new national reporting requirements for the MyLegion Portal. This also is adding language to include providing proof of eligibility of Squadron Officers to Post Adjutant prior to assuming office.

2022-05 Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article X (Squadron Organization), Section 14

CURRENT - Section 14 - Members may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Sons of The American Legion only upon proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges must be made in writing and under oath by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial. Any Squadron that conducts disciplinary proceedings through a trial must notify the District Commander at least ten (10) days in advance of any such trial of the date, time, and location where the trial is to be held. The District Commander shall detail a District Officer to attend the trial as an observer. The decision at trial may be acquittal, reprimand, suspension, expulsion, or in the case of an Officer, removal from office and shall be reported to the Squadron forthwith and acted upon by the Squadron at its next meeting. The Squadron

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except for a decision of acquittal, may affirm, modify or reverse any decision by the trial.

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This amendment is adding language to provide for the procedure and rules governing trials and appeals.

2022-06 Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article X (Squadron Organization), Section 18

CURRENT - Section 18 - Officers of the Squadron may be reprimanded, suspended or removed from office upon charges based on disloyalty to the Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion or to the National Government, neglect of duties, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member or officer of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges shall be made in writing by an accuser and no officer shall be reprimanded, suspended or removed from office until given a fair trial. The procedures to follow are as in the Department of Florida Constitution, Article X, Section 18.

PROPOSED - Section 18 - Officers of the Squadron may be reprimanded, suspended or removed from office upon charges based on disloyalty to the Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion or to the National Government, neglect of duties, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member or officer of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges shall be made in writing by an accuser and no officer shall be reprimanded, suspended or removed from office until given a fair trial. The procedures and rules controlling the bringing of charges and the trial, for any trial held within the jurisdiction of the Detachment of Florida, shall be as set forth by the Detachment Executive Committee in a document entitled Rules Governing Trials and Appeals.

This amendment removes the reference to the Department Constitution Article X, Section 18 which does not provide for procedure. It also adds language to provide for the procedure and rules for governing trials and appeals.

In accordance with the Detachment Constitution, Article XV (Amendments), Section 1 – These amendments were submitted and approved by the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws Committee and subsequently submitted to the Detachment Adjutant during the 2021 Fall Conference. I also provided an update on the proposed amendments to the Detachment Executive Committee and the General Membership to give everyone some situational awareness that these would be read and voted on at the Detachment Convention.

Please share this information with your members so they are knowledgeable about these prior to attending the convention. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is jim.robertsfl@gmail.com.

James K. Roberts III Detachment Judge Advocate



With the coming of March, spring is on its way and NEC Meetings will be soon and it won't be long before Detachment Commander Carter will be calling to order our Detachment Convention. Before that, we need every Squadron member to ask all of our unpaid members to renew their dues and see if they have any friends who they would like to sign up as a new members.

Next is the preparation for your Squadron elections and End of the Year Reports. Starting last year the National Headquarters implemented the Squadron Data Report (SDR) that needs to be sent directly to National Headquarters. This SDR is required for your Squadron to register and transmit membership electronically at MyLegion.org. In the near future membership will only be accepted electronically, which is the reason for the importance of completing the SDR. The SDR will include the Squadron Commander and Adjutant's names, email and telephone contact information plus more for 2022-2023.

Your Squadron Consolidated Report (SCR) and all the other Program Reports are required and get sent to our Adjutant to be sorted and tallied. If you are unsure when and where to send each page of the report, look at the bottom of the page, it's right there.

The SCR is simply all the work and money raised this past year for Veterans and Children, ON PAPER. Why? Because in early March The American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard will be before Congress and will report proudly to them what you did.

District Commanders please contact your Squadrons and make sure they are done. A great time is when you contact your Squadrons to make sure they will be attending your District Constitutional Conference and have completed their year-end reports.



From the Legislative Chairman, William D, Kelly, Jr

Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Florida.

The American Legion Department of Florida will be Marching on Tallahassee, our State Capitol to meet with our State Representatives and Senators to discuss Veteran's needs in Florida.

Join us on March 19th, 2022 0800 at American Legion Post 13 in Tallahassee for a "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO". Dress is Business Formal (Coat & Tie) and your SAL Cover and Name Tag

We are hoping Detachment Commander Carter will be able to clear his schedule to attend. We hope to have a strong showing and would like as many members of the Sons of the American Legion as possible.

Sons of the American Legion, National Organization

The Washington Conference is virtual again this year. The National Commander has of the Sons of the American Legion, Michael Fox (CA) has chosen to do the Memorial's this year even though we would not meet our elected officials.

We in Florida have chosen not to participate because lobbying our Legislators for Veterans is the main reason for going and the extremely high expense (\$2000.+) of sending our representatives does not justify the cost of spending your Detachment's money.

One of the most important pieces of legislation should be passed by the House of Representatives. Having been passed by the Senate this bill should go to the President's desk to be signed into law and will provide services to our Veterans for Exposure to Toxic Burn Pits. Thank you to all who contacted your U.S. House of Representatives and Senators.

Till next time remember we are proud possessors of a priceless heritage.





Hello Sons!

It is such a pleasure to be serving as your Southwestern Area Commander! You men are amazing! As of this writing, the Great 8th District stands at 84.08% in membership and the Mighty 13th District stands at 81.25% in membership.

Both Districts (as they have all year) have surpassed their monthly target. The current target was 80% by March 3rd. Keep up the great work! District 8 only needs 291 more new or renewed members and District 13 only needs 511. I am very confident that both Districts will achieve 100% well before we go to convention.

Speaking of Convention, this will be our 50th Convention and there are some great things planned to make this Convention memorable. I sincerely hope that we have an incredible turnout for this year's convention. Convention this year will be held at the **Hilton Lake Buena Vista** located at 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. If you haven't done so, please reserve your rooms NOW. Call the hotel at (407) 827-4000 and ask for the **AMERICAN LEGION RATE**. Convention will be held June 16 – 19.

The last regular Southwestern Area District Meetings of the year will be held this month. The next meetings for the Southwestern Area will be the District Constitutional Conferences held on May 14th, 2022. District 8 will meet at Post 159 (Venice) at 9am, and District 13 will meet at Post 103 (Punta Gorda) at 1pm. This is where we elect District Officers for the upcoming year. Please be in attendance. It would be nice to see more people getting involved with our great organization.

Please continue to send me your upcoming events, I would like to attend if possible. If you need me, I'm only a phone call away. Please feel free to reach out at any time.

Keep up the fantastic work – I hope to see you all soon!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp, Vice Commander Southwest

Detachment of Florida





Greetings from the Eastern Area

We may sound a little like a broken record, but it is very important to get those SDR's into both Detachment and National or it could hurt those Squadron's that aren't on board. Some of us have been traveling to and "helping" Squadrons fill them out and send them in while reminding them why membership is so important to our organization.

We face another issue, trying to get Volunteer hours from existing and new members so we can continue the good work we do. Some Squadrons have been offering pizza or other food at meetings to attract attendance. Some have been offering a drawing for Queen of Hearts tickets or other in Post drawings. If you keep trying, we may pick up a few new faces to help the Steady Eddies that always show up when we need them!

If you have some ideas that have worked in your Posts, please share as we all are facing potential burnout from the core Volunteer group. Volunteers are so very important; I have heard some referred to as "The Thoroughbred's and we need to recognize and support them.

Buddy checks really work, take time to call a member, veteran, or neighbor in need can be just what that person needs to make it another day. You can make a difference and helping someone in distress, it can be rewarding for them and for you too!

God Bless every member of our Armed Services and all Americans and we are looking forward to a brighter future!

Yours for God and Country,

George Worton

Eastern Area Commander



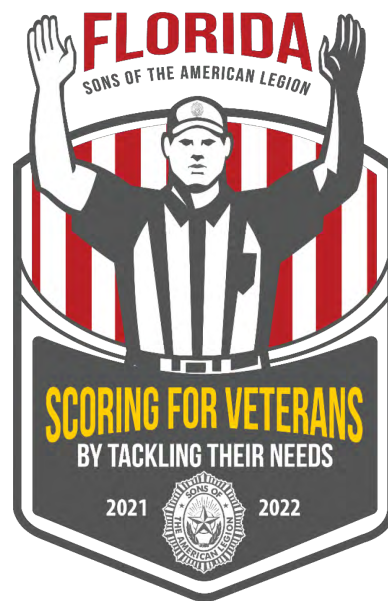


Greetings from the 12th District.

Our Membership numbers are doing very well. This is a terrific effort in spite of the slow start caused by MyLegion problems.

We are in the process of organizing our Mentoring Program. Picking up hints from the M T & D Committee, we have written and handed out training booklets on Sgt At Arms, Finance Officer, and Adjutant Training. Before the end of the year we hope to complete the Commander & Chaplain training. These booklets are not Gospel or written in stone, but rather a guideline aimed at new and upcoming Officers.

If anyone wants a copy please send me an email asking for the booklet and I will send you a PDF file copy. We do this for the cause, not the applause.





Hello Sons and Greetings from District 13,

I am hoping this finds everyone doing well as we enter the new year. By now we should definitely not have any "0" Squadrons. The 2022 renewal cards have been out since July 2021. The 2021 cards expired in December 2021. Your officers should have had their 2022 cards since July 2021.

There is no excuse not to have some renewals. We were informed because of the issues with the new portal, we can send in the hard copies the old fashioned way to keep current. I have mentioned before, I am here to help any Squadron with their renewals. Feel free to contact me at michaelnigbor@yahoo.com

As always, a main objective of The Sons of The American Legion is to keep our membership thriving. Our youth is the future of our organization. I ask, how many new members have you recruited since becoming a member yourself? It is very easy to carry membership information and applications with you when you are out and about. Ask your friends and neighbors if they might be interested in becoming a member of the world's greatest veterans organization, The American Legion, and explain to them about the amazing work we do.

The Sons of The American Legion work hard, make lots of money, donate it to our charities, and do it all over again. The Sons are often referred to as "The Greatest Fund Raising Arm of The American Legion Family". We should be proud of our Squadrons' accomplishments and pass that enthusiasm along to others. We joined The Sons of The American Legion to honor and respect our Veteran family members and all Veterans that fought for our freedom.

Go through your Squadron roster and call your members. See how they are doing and thank them for renewing. This is a way of doing your "Buddy Checks". This is a very important program to keep active with. Check your renewals and make sure you are collecting phone numbers and email addresses. Call every member and let them know how much they are appreciated. Get involved with your community, schools, etc. and get the word out.

Visit other Squadrons and support their activities and invite them to yours. Lets get the camaraderie on the fast track and help each other. Please make sure you have completed a current Squadron Data Report so National can set up online dues collection on the mylegion.org membership portal. Thank you for all you do.

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor, District 13 Commander

Detachment of Florida

Detachment of Florida — Call to Detachment Convention

The 50th Annual Convention of the SAL, Detachment of Florida is hereby called for in compliance with Article V of the Detachment Constitution.

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

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

IMPORTANT INFO: Voting strength of Squadrons shall be determined by the membership paid into Department Headquarters by the close of business on June 2, 2022. Forms for the certification of delegates and alternates are in the administrative manual. We will keep in accordance with Article XI, Section 8 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws that reads as follows: “No post or squadron with past due accounts owing the Department of Florida and unsettled before the convening of the Annual Department Convention

Detachment of Florida — Election of Officers

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

All Squadrons must be elected annually and certified to the Detachment and Department Adjutants not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the opening of the Annual Detachment Convention.

The election of Squadron and District Officers this year must be held between Monday, April 18, 2022 and June 7, 2022.

Detachment of Florida — District Constitutional Conferences

District elections must be held in accordance with Article IX, Section 8 of the Detachment Constitution, which states, “there shall be held in each District a District Constitutional Conference not more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Detachment Convention.” This means that your elections must be completed between Monday, April 18, 2022 and June 7, 2022. .



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. 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	<u>Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)</u>
Office of Detachment Vice Commander	
Western Area	
Northern Area	<u>Gerald Kaufman (383, Oldtown)</u>
Eastern Area	<u>Peter Puzzo (189, Sebastian)</u>
Central Area	<u>Richard Cummings (238, Safety Harbor)</u>
Southwestern Area	
Southern Area	
National Executive Committeeman	<u>William D. Kelly, Jr (137, Jacksonville)</u>
National Executive Committeeman Alternate	
Detachment Chaplain	<u>Raymond S. Leventhal (323, Lehigh Acres)</u>
Detachment Historian	<u>James Reed (1, Titusville)</u>
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	

District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
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8	<u>David Thompson (24, Sarasota)</u>	
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13	<u>Michael Nlgbor (303, Bonita Springs)</u>	
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16	<u>Greg Tong (158, Treasure Island)</u>	<u>Gary Sanderson (238, Safety Harbor)</u>
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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



DETACHMENT COMMANDER CARTER'S **TAILGATE HOMECOMING PARTY**



SATURDAY, MAY 7
STARTING AT 6PM

-  **GAME DAY APPETIZERS**
-  **PIZZA & WINGS**
-  **CASH BAR**
-  **DRESS: FOOTBALL CASUAL**
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL ATTIRE!

LOCATION

AMERICAN LEGION POST 120
461 WALKER STREET | HOLLY HILL, FL
(386) 258-5275

HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN

137 AUTO MALL CIRCLE | DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32124
(386) 944-5988

GROUP: SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
RATE: \$149.99 PER NIGHT

TICKETS: \$15 AT THE DOOR

R.S.V.P TO COMMANDER @ FLORIDASONS.ORG



PROCEEDS BENEFIT FISHER HOUSE



Sons of the American Legion Post 8

300 Avenue M NW

863-293-7029

Winter Haven, FL 33881-2406

Dear Friends,

The Sons of the Legion Annual Golf Outing is Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at Cypresswood Golf & Country Club. It is the catalyst to raise funding for our Children and Youth programs in our community. Your donation will be gratefully appreciated.

Many courses provide us golf packages. We use these at our golf outing as a tool to promote our Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. and our annual Youth Scholarship funding for the Polk County area.

Your donation is humbly appreciated and welcomed. We can also make arrangement to stop in and pick-up any donations you can provide.

We look forward to your support!

Dan Heier 1st Vice, Children & Youth Programs Coordinator

Sons of the American Legion Post 8

300 Avenue M NW

Winter Haven, FL 33881

Office 863-293-7039

cell 863-212-6327



Mardi Gras Gala

Saturday March 26, 2022 Tickets \$50 each

Doors open at 4p.m. Dinner 5p.m. Entertainment to follow
Formal attire Masks will be available and encouraged
American Legion/Auxiliary Dept. Headquarters
1912A Lee Rd. Orlando, FL 32810

Menu: Stuffed Pork Tenderloin or Beef Entrée, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable and Seasonal Dessert, tea, coffee & water

All proceeds to benefit the [National Creative Arts Festival Hospitality Suite](#) for veterans and caregivers

Basket Raffle & 50/50

For more info. or to donate contact Dept. Secretary secretary@alafl.org or 407-293-7411

Online ticket purchase: <http://alaflstore.org/> or mail check to
ALA Dept. of Florida 1912A Lee Rd. Orlando, Florida 32810

CHILDREN & YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT



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Sat. April 9, 2022

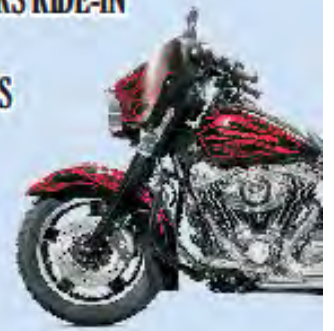
Golf - Shotgun Start at 8:00am, Indian River Preserve Golf Club

3950 Clubhouse Drive, Mims, FL

Picnic at Noon, Post 1

1281 N Washington Ave. Titusville, FL

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GOLF AWARDS
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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



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 347



EVENT INFORMATION:

Location: Harbor Hills Country Club
6538 Lake Griffin Rd. Lady Lake, FL 32159

- Shotgun – 8:15 AM
- Cost per Golfer – \$75.00
- Longest Drive Contest
- Hole-in-One Contest
- Closest to Pin Contest
- Prizes and surprises
- Mulligans

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Silver Hole Sponsor – \$100.00
- Gold Hole Sponsor – \$250.00
- Platinum Sponsor - \$500.00 & up
 - * Includes Table Space, Sponsor Sign & 4 golfers*
- Donate a gift to be used as a raffle prize

Cut-off date for sponsorships and gift submissions:

April 30th, 2022

Make all checks payable to:

Squadron 347

PO Box 1534 Lady Lake, FL 32158

ATTN: Children & Youth Golf Tournament

After the tournament, please join us at Post 347 in Lady Lake, for an Italian meal
raffles, 50/50, and more

Hotel: The Waterfront Inn

1105 Lakeshore Drive, The Villages, FL 32162

To make a reservation call the hotel directly at 800-592-0774

Ask for the American Legion Group Rate!



Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 347

(CUT-OFF DATE IS APRIL 30TH, 2022)

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Golfer _____

Hole Sponsor Silver _____

Hole Sponsor Gold _____

Platinum Sponsor _____

POC for the Team _____

POC Phone# _____

Additional Guests for Dinner at Post 347 are \$10.00 _____

Please make checks payable to: Squadron 347

PO Box 1534, Lady Lake, FL 32158

Attn: Children & Youth Golf Tournament

If you have any questions, please contact:

George Worton – (410)382-0473

Tom Soeder – (410)707-2331

BREAKFAST
Every Sunday Morning

The AMERICAN LEGION - POST 24

2000 75th. 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"



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.

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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www.floridasons.org
Or e-mail us at floridasons@legionmail.org

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visit our website



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.