



# THE SOURCE



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Detachment of Florida, spring is here and that means CSR's will be coming to you soon. These reports are very important to us and our Veterans. They are brought to Washington for Congress and our State Reps. to see all the great things the Detachment of Florida is doing for our Veterans and other programs throughout the year. Your Squadrons need to fill out and submit them by the dates posted on each one.

The most important one is the SDR (Squadron Data Report). This gives National and the Detachment all the information such as Dues, address and emails to stay in contact with you. If this is not submitted and 1 of your members pays online your Squadron will not see the full amount of their dues paid. For example: if your Squadron dues are \$30 dollars and the member pays through myLegion.org but you have not submitted the SDR your squadron will lose \$19.00. National and Detachment will get their part, the \$11.00 per capita, but you will have to find that member to collect the rest. So get them submitted as soon as they arrive.

Congratulations to all who have reached your 80% goal. 2 division managers are at 95%, and only a couple yards away from the first score for our Veterans.

Teams (Squadrons): we are at the 10-yard line and need that final play to push us over the goal line. June 19th will signal the final whistle that our season has ended.

Let's go out with a win and score for Veterans and tackle all their needs with a 100% touchdown. This would be a great way to start the celebration of our 50th Convention: The Superbowl of the Detachment if I may. The long history of this Detachment will be center stage for all of us to see. EVERYONE should make the effort to attend and be a part of the party. Your convention committee is working hard to make this a year to remember.

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## From the Detachment Commander (continued)

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I want to thank Squadron 275, for such a great time in my very first golf tourney. You showed my wife and I a great time. To my team (Gerard, Klinger, and Sid) I say "thank you for not laughing me off the course". The ball never went where I wanted it but did go where I thought it would. I managed to get a hole in one, in the water, in the woods, and even a screen room. I almost got a birdie, but he flew away. The clubs I borrowed hadn't been use in a while and I never got a chance to practice. So the first club I pulled, the grips were all rotten and sticky. I was given the name sticky balls from there on then rest of the day. The best shot I had was Fireball, and that didn't even help. I had so much fun and would do it all again if the time was right and got some more practice. I have to say Squadron 275 and the whole family raised over \$22,000 for Special Olympics, GREAT JOB. Thank you to George Steiger and his wife for a good time while we visited Post 238 again. To the post 155 Commander thank you for your hospitality, we will definitely be back again.

I want to apologize to the Central Area as I had to cancel my trip to the ball. That damn work thing got in the way again. I have plans for the Northern ball and the Commander's and President's homecoming in April, as well as the Eastern ball.

Save the date May 7th @ 6pm. Post 120 will be hosting a tailgate party for the Detachment Commanders homecoming. (See flyer in the source) Now let's get your team across the goal line and Score for our Veterans and Tackle all their needs.

Brian Carter, Commander

Detachment of Florida

God Bless our Veterans





Gentlemen,

The Countdown is on as we are in the Fourth Quarter with 2 months to go until we meet for our 50th Detachment Convention in June. This is perhaps the busiest time within the Detachment. Squadron Elections are being held. The Districts are setting up their Constitutional Conferences for elections and year end business. And Year-End reports are being worked on. By now, all Squadron Adjutants should have received the packet in the mail with all the reports in there. Please complete as soon as you can and send out to me or Department. Remember, even if you had NO Activity in your Squadron during the past year, please send in the reports stating such.

The 50th Anniversary Committee is working hard to assure that the Convention will be one to remember. Wow, 50 years we have been meeting as a Detachment. It seems like it was just yesterday that I started in this Organization as a green horn member. I quickly rose through the ranks and became Detachment Commander. When I took office in 1978, we had 700 members within the Detachment. Today, we have over 20,000 and are heading for Detachment Commander Brian's goal of 21,000. I know you will not fumble the ball and will score the winning TOUCHDOWN to put us over the top.

Speaking of the 50th Anniversary Convention, we have a lot planned for the event. A Challenge Coin has been designed and is currently in production. It is a 2" Coin and only 1,000 are being made. [Please click here to download a pre-order form to ensure you reserve the coins you'd want.](#) The cost of the Coins is \$10.00, and will be available at the Convention. A 50th Anniversary Program Book and a Commemorative Pin are in the works as well. This will be a package deal on these two items and again, will be available at Convention. Cost at this time should not exceed \$10.00 for both. We will be selling these in a package deal. Again, limited quantities will be available on these as well.

Special Commemorative Bags are being printed. These will be for all that register. There will be some free goodies in these bags. I am not going to let you know all of them now! Let's keep it a surprise. A CELEBRATION GATHERING is being planned for Saturday evening. We are still working out the details on this, but will be similar to the Kick-Off Party on Thursday. More information will be available in next month's issue. Make your plans to attend this milestone event for the Detachment of Florida!

Please see the schedule of events for the Convention in this issue of The Source. This is the same schedule as last year. I will confirm the Training Course scheduled on Thursday with the MTD Committee.

That's about it for this month! It has been a long road to our 50th, but all is coming together! I cannot wait until June!

Until next month!!

Ed Sheubrooks,  
Detachment Adjutant

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Detachment of Florida  
Limited Edition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Commemorative Challenge Coin**



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Your Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Only 1,000 of these coins will be created to commemorate this auspicious event.  
Reserve YOUR collector's item commemorative coin today!**

**Preorders will be available for pickup at the Detachment Convention in June**

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**Include this form and your check, payable to SAL Detachment of Florida, for \$10/coin and send to:**

**Ed Sheubrooks, Detachment Adjutant  
800 S Brocksmit Rd  
Ft Pierce, FL 34945**

**The deadline for pre-orders is June 1, 2022.**

**Coins will be distributed at the Detachment Convention in June 2022**

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Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida





Greetings Detachment Membership Team,

We are fast approaching the completion of our 27<sup>th</sup> membership campaign year and the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Convention. What a great time to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion and the best Detachment in the country, the Detachment of Florida. We have done a lot in a short time. The reality is, we still have a football game to finish. We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the clock is ticking. We are moving the ball and cannot afford to fumble it. The Team needs to score 3,070 points to win our 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive game. What a record to work for!!!! We cannot let our fans down.

Let's talk about transmittals. I do know that some Squadrons are having issues and I am waiting to hear from them to see what I might be able to do to help them out. But we must be real.... If we need 3,070 members by delegate cut-off (June 1<sup>st</sup>--???), that gives us approximately 11 weeks to reach that 3,070. So, let's do the math.... 3,070 divided by 11 weeks = 280 cards weekly. Do I need to say any more? We can do this, but the clock is ticking, and we do not have any time-outs left. We must make the right calls and make each play count.

The Squadrons that are not reaching goals or are below Squadron strength (10) must be coached. Trust me, they have problems going on. Some of the "0" Squadrons need to be contacted in order to get them in the game, but if you do not coach them, they may be lost forever. I have a question for you. Are we in the business to lose Squadrons or to keep and gain Squadrons? We must remember who we are, what we really need to be doing, and who we are here to support. To answer this question read the preamble to our Constitution that should be read at the beginning of each official meeting of the Sons of The American Legion. The preamble will answer the questions to who and what we are.

***We are 3,325 members short of Commander Carter's goal of 21,000 members. Let's get this done.***

The Detachment has made our first 7 membership scoring targets, what a great job under the condition of our lack of reports. The 90% target will be here about the time this edition of The Source 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.

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.

Please continue to work with your Post Officers and get your access to mylegion.org. 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 data base. The SDR form is available on the Detachment website. When sending to National, please send our Detachment Adjutant (Ed Sheubrooks) so the Detachment has a record of your submission. This gives the Detachment a check and balance when someone says they did not receive it. We'll have something to show it was sent and when.

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

Commander Carter and I want this year (2021-2022) to be another record year. I am asking now that each Area, District, and Squadron get on top of your membership early. Being early just gives you a better seat in the room.

I want you guys to look at the District report. Who are the District Commanders on top? They are both new Commanders over large Districts. I bet if you ask them what they have been doing they both would tell you that they communicate with each other regularly. They have District meeting to discuss and correct issues.

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## From the Membership Chairman (continued)

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Talk to them as I am sure they will discuss their successes with anyone.

As of the submission of this article a big congratulations goes out District #12 Commander Pete Puzzo and District #6 Commander Gregory Tong for being the two Districts that are setting the pace. Please pass on to your staff and your Squadrons on a job well done. Who will be the first 100% District???

We still have on going 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.

So, let's all make the commitment that Zero Squadrons and slow reporting Squadrons will not be an issue this year. You ask how? 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**.

John Jennings, Membership Chairman  
Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Florida

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## A Message from the IT Director of the American Legion National Organization

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### **The Department and National Membership reports have been updated to correct two issues.**

The previous version of the report counted members who had proformas that were included in unsubmitted (open) online transmittals. The intent was to show memberships that would become active once the online transmittal was posted. In practice, though, we found two problems with this. Posts can make changes to these online transmittals over time which caused confusion because this caused count changes in the Membership Goals reports. The new version of the report does not include members in an unsubmitted transmittal.

We also updated how transfers are counted. Previously, when a member transferred from Post A to Post B, the membership was counted towards Post A. The report now looks at which post has an invoice for the member, so the transferred member now counts towards the post where they paid dues. There was also an attempt to filter out records with bad transfer data which is no longer needed and has been removed. The removal only affects the errant details.

There are unsubmitted online transmittals that have been open for a long period of time causing memberships to be counted without ever being posted. We will be contacting Posts with old open transmittals asking them to post or cancel.

### **DMS Issue**

We are aware and working on a fix for those members who have found a way to renew via DMS but aren't actually eligible.

DAVID SUTTON

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**THESE CHANGES WILL CAUSE A CHANGE TO YOUR NUMBERS AND IN SOME CASE REDUCE YOUR MEMBER ON THE REPORT**





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.

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#### **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

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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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**PROPOSED** - 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 except for a decision of acquittal, may affirm, modify or reverse any decision by the 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 is adding language to provide for the procedure and rules governing trials and appeals.

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### **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.

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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](mailto:jim.robertsfl@gmail.com).

James K. Roberts III Detachment Judge Advocate



April is here and it's time for all of us to DO THE JOB that we raised our hand last July and swore/affirmed we would do.

- My Elected Job as National Executive Committeeman is to attend The National Executive Committee Spring Meetings in Indianapolis and represent us at the NEC Meetings. This is where we will be trying to make sure our National Organization plays by and follows the rules to better run our organization all the way down the line and back up again.
- My Elected Job is to try and make all the monthly National Vice Commander Conference Calls and report to our Executive Committee.
- My Appointed Job as Chairman of the Commanders Advisory Committee is to provide counsel to Commander Carter and assist him along with the other committee members with options and suggestions to help make his year a success. We DO NOT run the Detachment of Florida that is done by the Officers of Detachment Executive Committee.
- My Elected Job as a member of the Detachment Executive Committee is to make all the DEC Conference Calls and Meetings.
- My Appointed Job as a member of the 50th Anniversary Convention Committee is assist the committee with the history research and to try to make all the Conference Calls.
- My Elected Job, along with NECA Klinger as members of the Distinguished Guest Committee, is to prepare for and escort our National Guest(s) at the Detachment Convention in June.
- My Appointed Job as Legislative Chairman is to provide both National and State Legislation concerning our Veterans and asking everyone to support Veteran Legislation.
- My Elected Job as a 23 consecutive year Squadron Finance Officer is to attend meetings and provide the Post/Squadron with finance reports.
- My Appointed Job as Squadron Judge Advocate is to review revisions of our Squadron Constitution and By-Laws. Plus in my spare time, my TAL 137 Legion Family Dinner Crew and myself put out 96 Corned Beef St Pattys Dinners and raised \$500.00+ for our Post Building Fund.

**This is NOT about me, this is about US.** This is about everyone taking responsibility for THEIR JOB.

All Squadron Commanders and Adjutants need to be scheduling their upcoming elections for next year. Squadron Commanders and Adjutants need to start preparing to fill out ALL of The End Of The Year Reports.

District Commanders need to schedule their District Constitutional Conferences, then call and notify each of your Squadrons and notify the Detachment Adjutant and the webmaster so it's up on the web calendar. District Commanders need to finish up their Squadron visitation reports, finance reports, and make sure their Squadrons have completed their Squadron End of Year Reports.

Detachment Vice Commanders need to be contacting their District Commanders to make arrangements to attend some of your District Constitutional Conferences and help the District Commanders clear the Goose Eggs Squadrons.

Finally, it's time for everyone to make arrangements to attend the Detachment Convention and finish up your finance reports. Information is available at [floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org) & [floridasons.org](http://floridasons.org).

Speaking of our website, when was the last time you visited it?

Now I would like to take a moment to Thank every one of you for all you do for our Detachment of Florida. Time's up, Now let's get out there and DO OUR JOBS that we volunteered and swore/affirmed we would do.



Gerard Says-

I would like to thank the District Commanders for their work on Membership and CDR reports; their hard work is paying off in this fourth quarter. We still have a way to go but, Greg in the 16th and Mark in the 15th are close. Rick in the 7th is not far behind. Also, Rick has contacted the two zero Squads and is making progress. I personally have been working membership, and there are some issues, but I have been getting help from other Squadrons and our Executive Committee. The point is, there is no excuse for not getting help and completing the membership goal.

Please get some help and continue sending your membership in.

As a candidate for Detachment Commander, I would like to ask anyone if they are interested in working on a Committee or Commission, please let me know.

You can contact me at sambetsg@gmail.com. Please understand that these are suggestions not appointments to positions, and all positions must be approved by the Executive Committee.

So, gentlemen this is the final push! Let us score BIG for the Commander's goal in membership of 21,000! And keep the 27-year streak alive!

Gerard Sambets

Detachment Vice Commander Central

Commander, Squadron 275







To all Area, District and Squadron Commanders for the State of Florida,

I want to thank you for all your hard work and donations of time and effort for this year.

I know it hasn't been an easy go. I commend you all for your efforts. We are coming to an end to another amazing year. We will make this another banner year for our State.

I am writing to remind all Squadron Commanders to please fill out your End of the Year reports. You should have them or be receiving them shortly. Please make sure that they are filled out correctly. National and State forms need to coincide.

Please contact your District, Area, or me if you are unsure of anything. NO BLANKS! PLEASE USE A DASH, SLASH, (NA) or (0) if you have nothing to report.

District Commanders, this is your responsibility to help out. Make sure all of our Squadrons complete these forms. It shows what we do for the American Legion for Florida and Nationally.

Thank you all for what you do every year. We lead with all our volunteering and donations to the American Legion and all the great things we do for the community.

Thank you and God Bless our Veterans and all Active Duty Soldiers,

God Bless our POW and MIA Soldiers as well,

Paul J Stawicki

Squadron Activities Chairman

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615-525-6384





## Mentoring

I trust this message finds everyone is healthy and in good spirits.

Mentoring is a term that has been used for years in the business world. Why is it so important?

As we approach the election process, we will have some new Officers taking over our Squadrons. Their success as an Officer is directly associated to the knowledge of our Organization and its history and traditions. As a current Officer, it is part of your job to ensure that the folks around you are knowledgeable enough to run your Squadron, District, and improve upon what you have achieved. If you look at well-run outfits, you can see structure and programs in place to build upon.

At your next meeting, asks if anyone wants to learn about becoming an Officer. Have those who are interested 'buddy up' with one of your current Officers and begin the learning process. In the event of an opening, you will get a much more knowledgeable replacement. If you intend to move up the ladder, or move out of the picture, teach someone to take your place. Our organization needs to have a progressive future that comes from new blood and ideas.

As always, I am willing to help, just ask.





Hello Sons and greetings from District 13,

Wow, time is flying by. We have all been busy with events at our Squadrons and many more happenings still coming up in our areas. What a great time to get out and support each other.

Looking ahead, this is the time of year for elections and the year-end packets with all the reports that need to be filled out. Make sure to get your letter of endorsement sent in if you would like a District position. The National Consolidated report is easy to complete once you have done the Detachment forms. Yes there is a lot of repetition, but it is necessary.

The Squadron Consolidated Report and all the other Program Reports are required and need to be sent to our Adjutant to be sorted and tallied. This is where all of our hard work counts.

The American Legion sends Congress a booklet showing all the numbers and lets Congress know what we did. Last year the contributions in Florida were 255,371 total man hours equating to \$1,358,342.00, and this was with many squadrons not reporting.

Nationally The Sons of The American Legion total volunteer hours dollar value is \$54,017,600.00.

The Sons of The American Legion 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.

Lastly, go through your Squadron roster and call your members. See how they are doing and thank them for their continued support. This is a way of doing your "BUDDY CHECKS". Buddy checks are important. You never know how much words of love and encouragement will mean to someone that is struggling. Also make sure you are collecting phone numbers and email addresses when doing renewals. Visit other Squadrons to support their activities and invite them to yours. Get your event information sent in [here](#), so we all know what is going on.

Thank you all for what you do.

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor, District 13 Commander

Detachment of Florida



## Detachment of Florida — Call to Detachment Convention

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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

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## Detachment of Florida — Election of Officers

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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.

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## Detachment of Florida — District Constitutional Conferences

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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. .





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**50th Annual Florida  
Detachment Convention  
Agenda  
June 16, 2022 – June 19, 2022  
Orlando, Florida**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

1:00pm - 4:00pm	Registration
2:00—4:00pm	Commander's and Adjutant's Workshop (Tentative)
Convention Kick-off Party	Time/Location To Be Announced

**Friday, June 17, 2022**

8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration outside of Meeting Hall
8:30am - 9:30am	Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
9:30am - 11:00am	Detachment Committee and Commission Meetings
11:00am - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm— 4:00pm	Opening Session Committee and Commission Reports/Awards

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

7:30am - 12:00pm	Registration outside of Meeting Hall
8:00am	Memorial Service Remaining Committee and Commission Reports General Business / Area Caucuses
11:00am - 12:45pm	Lunch
12:50pm	Election of Detachment Officers Installation of Officers
2:00pm	Post Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
2:30 - 4:30pm	Leadership Workshop / Ambassador Instruction

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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. Brocksmitth 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	<u>Gerard Sambets (275, Dunedin)</u>
<b>Office of Detachment Vice Commander</b>	
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> <u>Paul Micieli (205, St. Pete Beach)</u>
Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms	<u>George Steger (238 Safety Harbor)</u>

## District Commander & Vice Commander Endorsements

District	District Commander Endorsements	District Vice Commander Endorsements
1		
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4	<u>Timothy Susskind (155, Crystal River)</u>	
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8	<u>David Thompson (24, Bradenton)</u>	
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13	<u>Michael Nlgbor (303, Bonita Springs)</u>	
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15	<u>Michael Thorpe (152, Tampa)</u>	
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



# 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](http://FLORIDASONS.ORG)**



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT FISHER HOUSE**



# 3RD District Picnic

**Sunday May 22 at Post 107, Live Oak**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE 3RD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

**50/50 RAFFLES  
BB GUN TURKEY SHOOT FOR KIDS & ADULTS  
BOTTLE RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES  
AND MUCH MORE...**

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND AND SET UP  
INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS**

**DJ MUSIC ALL DAY LONG!  
FISH OR CHICKEN DINNER  
WITH ALL THE SIDES**



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
**FAMILY**



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 107 | 10726 142ND ST, MCALPIN, FL 32062**



# 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

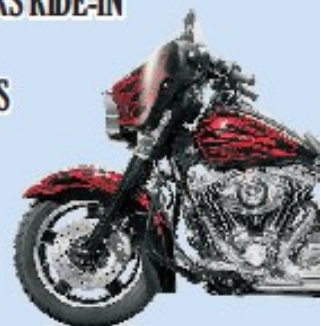
Picnic at Noon, Post 1

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2022)**

Golfer \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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"**





# *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](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'.

#### **Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida**

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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.*

**For More Information about the  
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Or e-mail us at [floridasons@legionmail.org](mailto:floridasons@legionmail.org)

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We are looking for your input and help to keep this newsletter going. We are looking for articles from the Squadrons, Districts, or Areas. Let us know what is happening in your Squadron, District & Area and we will inform the rest of the Detachment. It could increase attendance at your functions and or meetings!!!! This is your newsletter.

***Please send all articles to the Editor by the 23rd of every month.***

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