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Hello from your Detachment Commander,

May is upon us and that is National Military Appreciation Month. Please take time to thank a Veteran every day. We owe a great deal of gratitude to all those who have and are serving The United States of America for their sacrifice, duty, and honor.

We have reached the closing minutes of the game, with just about a month left we need to push that membership across the goal line. If you are a part of the email list you have seen the achievements many Squadrons, Districts, and Areas have made through the membership report. Let me start with the 97 Squadrons that have reached the end zone and have gone the extra distance beyond end zone. Great job by all of those teams. 2nd, the six District Commanders and their staff for doing the same. We have 1 Detachment vice Commander who has become the first and as of April 22nd the only one to have achieved and surpassed 100%.

Gerard Sambets, Vice Commander Central: Congratulations to all of your Squadrons as well as the 16th, 15th, and 7th Districts. Gentlemen with the play clock ticking we need to play our best game right now. At this time, we stand at 94.82% and May 5th is the goal to reach our 100% so let's get to work and bring home the Victory for the Detachment.

By the time you have read this it may be too late but don't forget the Tailgate Party on May 7th @ 6 PM @ post 120 in Holly Hill for the Detachment Commander's Homecoming. \$15.00 at the door, and that will all go to help Fisher House and our Veterans families.

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Membership Chairman	5	December 2, 2021	45%	45.67% Awesome!
Judge Advocate	6	January 12, 2022	60%	Congratulations!!
National Executive Committeeman	9	February 3, 2022	75%	78.92% Awesome!
Southwestern Area Commander	11	March 3, 2022*	80%	85.21% AMAZING!!
Public Relations Chairman	12	April 14, 2022	90%	93.32% Fantastic!
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By now all Squadrons should have their report packets and be filling them out to completion. We need a better reporting turn-out than in past years.

All the information you put in those reports goes before Congress to help them understand what it is we, as the American Legion Family, do for our community, State, and Nation. The mylegion.org is now a crazy part of our organization and the [Squadron Data Report \(SDR\)](#) must be filled out by every single Squadron. This information is vital to your Squadron being able to collect all your dues for those who pay on line. If a member pays on line and your Squadron has not turned this form in, your Squadron will not receive full pay. The per capita will come out and the Squadron will lose the rest, so be sure to turn this in to National and Detachment.

Finally, as we come to the end of another year, elections are happening in our Squadrons, Districts, and the Detachment. Officers of all the Detachment at any level, if you plan to step up or retire from your duties please remember to mentor the next in line. Just because they were elected does not mean they understand all that office entails. Be sure the right person has been picked for the office and help guide him through his year. Keep in contact when possible so that they may achieve the goals set before them. This year marks our 50th Convention and we as leaders need to ensure those who follow will live up to the legacy of the ones who made this Detachment what it is today. I hope by the next edition of The Source we can say we did our best and achieved another all-time high.

Remember, Honor, and Teach

Veterans First, God bless them all

Brian Carter, Detachment Commander
Detachment of Florida





Gentlemen,

In just six short weeks we will be meeting for our 50th Detachment Convention. It's an exciting time for the Detachment as this is a milestone event in our history as a Detachment. The 50th Anniversary Team has done a fantastic job putting the festivities together. I am sure you will all enjoy what has been planned and done. The 50th Anniversary Coins are in, and they turned out great. There is an order form elsewhere in The Source to pre-order. These can be picked up at the Convention.

Six short weeks until we meet, and a lot needs to be accomplished in a short period of time. Squadron and District Elections are some of the most important along with completing and sending in the Year-End Reports. I have already started receiving some reports in the mail. My THANKS to those that have taken the time to complete these and mail them to me. Can we have 100% reporting from our Squadrons? We could, but I think we will only hit around 75%. That is a shame, as the ones that did not submit are not eligible to compete for any of the Awards. You are only hurting your own Squadron by not submitting the reports.

Let's take a minute to talk about three National reports. 1) [The Squadron Data Report form](#), 2) The [Detachment Squadron Officer Report](#), and 3) [The National Consolidated Squadron Report](#). The SDR needs to be completed EVERY YEAR and submitted to National Headquarters. If we ever hope to have the capability of having Members renew on-line, this form needs to be completed. I have said before, it is to your advantage to send this in. If suddenly National decides that they're going to activate on-line renewals, and a member pays his dues, he will only be required to pay the per capita which currently is \$11.00 per member. Your Squadron will lose out on their portion. The National Squadron Officer report lets National Headquarters know who is eligible to access MyLegion for your Squadron. And the last is the same as the Detachment Consolidate Report form which tells us all the man hours and various donations and hours for the programs that your Squadron worked during the year.

We will be collecting checks for all our Charities at the Convention. This includes donations for Detachment Commanders Carter's project Fisher House, Florida Special Olympics, The Child Welfare Foundation, Florida Children & Youth Fund, and Project Vet Relief. Please make sure you make the checks out payable to the Charity you are donating to. Do not make it to the Detachment of Florida.

Please take note that there will not be a TRAINING SESSION on Thursday afternoon that was listed in the Agenda. That class will be presented at the Fall Conference along with others in development by the Member, Training and Development Committee. I am sure you all are looking forward to the new Courses.

This may be my last Column as the Detachment Adjutant. I am not certain if we will do one in June yet or not. I am stepping down as your Detachment Adjutant after this Convention. A successor has been picked and should be ratified by the Detachment Executive Committee in June.

I wish to Thank Detachment Commander Carter for the opportunity to serve with him. He has had a great year and should be proud of his year of service.

Regards,

Ed Sheubrooks,
Detachment Adjutant

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800 S Brocksmith 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

Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida



Greetings Detachment Membership Team,

WOW!!! We have also most completed another year. Our 50th Anniversary Convention and an opportunity to celebrate our 27th consecutive all-time high is fast approaching. 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 4th quarter, and we have had a time out called with 4 minutes on the clock. The Team needs to score 1,075 points to win our 27th consecutive game. What a record to work for!!!! We cannot let our fans down. We also are working toward our Commanders goal of 21,000 members by our delegate cut-off date which is June 2nd. I am hoping that by the time this article is sent out we have reached our 100% goal.

We are 1,330 members short of Commander Carter goal of 21,000 members. Let's get this done.

The Squadrons that are not reaching goals or are below Squadron strength (10) must be coached up to strength. Trust me, they have a problem going on. Some of the "0" Squadrons need to be contacted and 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 are to really be doing, and who we are here to support. To answer this question read our 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.

The Detachment has made our first 8 membership scoring targets, what a great job under the condition of our lack of reports. The 100% target will be here about the time this news article reaches everyone. Congratulations on reaching our 90% goal early and I am hoping we have reached our 100% by the time you are reading this article.

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.

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 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. 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.

So, as we move closer to Convention let us continue to stay focused on the prize. We are the fifth (5th) largest Detachment in the Country, we are an example to many other Detachments in the Country, our Leadership is modeled all over the country, and everything we do we do and have done for our membership in mind. We are always asking the question, what is best for our Membership? This is the Detachment of Florida!

The 2021-2022 Membership Target Dates are on page 1 of this newsletter.



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.

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.

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



Your Detachment of Florida National Leadership Team attended The Sons of The American National Executive Committee Meetings in Indianapolis, In. April 29, 30, & May 1st, 2022. Great men have said "We live in Exciting Times" and so we do. We brought forth at the fall conference the resolutions enacted to revamp our national Organization. Here are some of the implementations of those resolutions.

Our organization has received permission from The American Legion to have a more self-guided organization. This is not to say we are or ever will be a separate organization, because we will not ever be. We will continue to be a program of The American Legion, but we will now be governed by The American Legion Oversight Committee for the Sons of The American Legion headed by a Past SAL National Commander who is a dual member. This is a step in the right direction in appearance. The actual reality of the restructuring is that we have exchanged the TAL IA subcommittee for the SAL to TAL Oversight Committee for the SAL. It still appears to be a work in progress that could be a change for the better but only time will tell if the oversight committee has the best intent for the SAL or not.

One of the positive changes from this and from the dues increase several years ago is now our new SAL Liaison Kevin Mook and staff member Brian Compton are full time employees of the Sons of The American Legion. Congratulations to them and we look forward to working with them. Remember, the point of contact for all correspondence with national is and will continue to be our Detachment Adjutant and NEC.

One of the new committees created was a national Committee on Committees which has transformed into the Sub-Committee On National Appointments (SCONA). They will now make all the recommendations to the National Commander for National Officers and Committees. Anyone who would be interested in representing your Detachment of Florida on a Committee please contact the NEC, Adjutant or the JA for more information.

Another new committee, The Century Committee (CENTCOM) preparing for the SAL to move into the next century. They brought in a private marketing group to conduct four Focus Groups which Florida was proudly represented.

Highlights of the NEC Meeting

Child Welfare Foundation Surpassed the NINE Million Dollar mark of total donations from the Sons of The American Legion. Our SAL National donated \$5000.00 and the Detachment of Florida donated \$1,500.00 to CWF.

Internal Affairs Updated the NEC on the SAL National Constitution and ByLaws revisions to more mirror The American Legion Constitution and ByLaws. This will be brought forward at the National Convention.

The Member Training and Development submitted a resolution to begin development of a new class to update or replace the National Management Institute, a 20+ year old class.

Membership National Reports over 94% and Florida reports over 95%, both on their way to 100%.

Squadron Data Forms were a hot topic, National required a 90% detachment reporting rate and to help Detachments, the national membership committee put forth a resolution to add a category on the national SDR reporting form for detachments called "Inactive Squadrons". This is for the ZERO Squadrons (for 3 -5 years) that the Department Executive Committee hasn't removed that will not count against the detachment 90%. Our FL Adjutant has kept up on this and, unlike other Detachments, we have very few of these Inactive Squadrons. Membership is also looking to revise the National Membership Targets Dates at the Spring Meetings

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Unfortunately, there were some unforeseen problems which were brought forth in the discussion so it was returned to the membership committee for further development of the resolution.

Americanism presented a resolution to move Commander Fox's National Commanders Project into a National Program of the Sons of The American Legion.

One last note, your National Team, who attends and represents you at these working weekends in Indianapolis and National Conventions, need to be provided with your respect by your reading and familiarizing yourself with the ongoing struggles at National, IT AFFECTS YOU.

Remember everyone sworn or affirmed last July that they would do their job, so, Do Your Job! I want to thank National Assistant Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks, Past National Commander Jim Roberts, and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Tom Klinger for their superb representation which makes Florida a force to be reckoned with at National Executive Committee meetings and National Convention. And last but not least A Big Thank You to all my Florida Brothers who are out there Doing Your Job.

See you at the Convention.





Hello Sons!

This may be my final article before convention, as we typically don't publish "The Source" just prior to Detachment Convention.

I would like to thank the Great 8th and the Mighty 13th Districts for their hard work and dedication this year! As it stands according to the membership report issued May 6, 2022. The Great 8th District is at 101.59% in membership with the Mighty 13th at 97.83%. The Mighty 13th is only 59 new/renewals short of the 100% goal with May 11th being the 100% date. The Detachment is only 71 members away for achieving our 27th CONSECUTIVE ALL-TIME HIGH for membership. If District 13 alone makes their goal, that leaves plenty of room for the rest of the Detachment to chip in and help us reach our National 105% goal!

Kudos to Great 8th District Commander Ernest Sheffield and his Squadrons for beating the Mighty 13th to 100%. Thank you also to Mighty 13th District Commander Michael Nigbor for his continued hard work, dedication and support of the 13th District Squadrons and our Veterans – I know you will be an important factor in getting the 13th District to 100+% before Convention.

I'd also like to thank the members of the Southwestern Area (as well as outside of it) for reaching out and communicating your events to the other Districts in your Areas. American Legion Southwestern Area Commander Jessica Moore and I started the year promoting Communication between the Districts and our Area as well as throughout the state level. We have seen a noticeable increase in the communication and participation state-wide. I hope that this trend will continue to grow next year and in the future.

I would like to thank everyone in the Area, Detachment, Post 323 and my wife Shari for your support over the time that my Sons of the American Legion career has developed. This will be the last year that I can serve as an Area as District Commander. I can't announce why at the moment, but you will find out at our 50th Convention in six short weeks.

Finally, I would like to thank my mentor, Ray Leventhal, for getting me back active in the Sons of The American Legion after my 10 year absence and guiding & encouraging me to do all the things and hold all of the positions to get me where I am today. The accomplishments I've achieved in the Sons of The American Legion would not exist if it weren't for your guidance, support, leadership and friendship!

Thanks for all you do! This year has been a great year and I can't wait to see what next year has in store!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Vice Commander Southwestern Area
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Hello Sons!

The end of the year is upon us and it is time to fill out those pesky year end reports. If you've lost your packets which were mailed to you Squadron, don't worry – we have all of your reports available online. Simply go to the Detachment Website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/> and each form you need will be at your fingertips. All forms on the website are fillable on your computer. You can fill them out, save them, and save a stamp and email them to Adjutant Sheubrooks and National (if needed). **MOST REPORTS ARE DUE BY MAY 16, SO DON'T DELAY!**

We've had a good response to people using the website to submit their events and information. Please continue to do this. It makes it so much easier to spread the word about the fantastic things your Squadron is doing. Also, if you have an event and submit a flyer through the website, It will be added to "The Source" in the next edition. So PLEASE, help your Squadron out and help boost attendance to your events by submitting through the website.

Also, I welcome feedback on how to make the website better. Whether it is through layout, accessibility, or a feature you think should be added, your PR Team would like to hear from you! Simply send your thoughts to me at PR@floridasons.org.

That's it for now! Hope to see you soon!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp
Public Relations Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Greetings to everyone from District 13,

This is a very busy time of year. Elections happening and lots of new faces coming on board. Thank you so much to the officers that are staying in place and to the new people accepting their positions. Your dedication to The Sons of The American Legion is greatly appreciated.

As you take your new positions and have any questions on running your Squadron, please feel free to contact me anytime, I am here to help you. I have been getting a lot of Squadron visitations done, and it is an absolute pleasure to meet so many wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

I have to ask you to please, make sure your charters are available for all to see and so I can document it on the worksheet. Another issue I see is numerous members on the Squadron rosters do not show any email addresses or phone numbers. This information is very important to be able to do your "Buddy Checks". When you issue the renewal card, make sure to communicate with the member to get this information.

We really need to concentrate on the "Buddy Check" program. These are very trying times for a lot of people. You have no idea how much it means to a person to hear from you, and know they are not just a number, that they are appreciated. If needed, put a committee together for this program and have them make the contacts.

Lastly, we all have events going on. Let's make an effort to attend each others programs and support each other. We are all in this together and need to help each other. Please let me know if you would like me to attend your special event or meeting and I will make every effort to be there.

All of us at District 13 are here to help you with any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate in contacting us. The Convention June 16th to 19th is approaching quickly. It will be a pleasure to meet many of you and spend some time together.

Let's get the camaraderie booming and make the 2022-2023 service year amazing for all of us. 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. .



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

Thursday, June 16, 2022

1:00pm - 4:00pm	Registration
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

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. 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) Mark Getty (152, Tampa)</u>
Southwestern Area	<u>Ernest Sheffield (266, Sarasota)</u>
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		
2		
3		
4	<u>Timothy Susskind (155, Crystal River)</u>	<u>Steven McKim (77, Inverness)</u>
5		
6	<u>John Gorsuch (347, Lady Lake)</u>	
7		
8	<u>David Thompson (24, Bradenton)</u>	
9	<u>Paul Stawicki (142, Pompano Beach)</u>	
11	<u>Michael Mathias (258, Green Acres)</u>	
12		
13	<u>Michael Nigbor (303, Bonita Springs)</u>	<u>Sean Wing (90, Cape Coral)</u>
14		
15	<u>Michael Thorpe (152, Tampa)</u>	
16	<u>Greg Tong (158, Treasure Island)</u>	<u>Gary Sanderson (238, Safety Harbor)</u>
17		



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

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



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!

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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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.