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"Remember always Veterans First"

WOW, what a great Convention!! I would like to thank each and every one of you for being in attendance in Orlando on the 17th and 18th. It was well attended, and the amount of money raised for our charities is unbelievable. Over \$207,000 from all of YOUR efforts in funding these charities. I can't be any more proud of what you all have accomplished!

Also, the Membership numbers were outstanding and if you look closely, you will see that there were Squadrons that didn't make the 100% goal. With that said, that is where we start for this year! Let's all help those Squadrons achieve their goals. We need to focus on them, tell those Squadrons how we get there! Do we mail out letters? Postcards? Have a membership drive? Maybe all of the above. All Detachment Vice Commanders are now part of the Membership committee, so it is up to them to try to work on it. Get with the District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, and attend the first District meeting and ask questions! Find out what happened last year and help them correct the issues.

We did so well last year that we need everyone on board with membership. Please help your neighboring Squadrons if they are struggling.

As I said numerous times during our Convention: [ADJUTANT@FLORIDASONS.ORG](mailto:ADJUTANT@FLORIDASONS.ORG)

That is how you get help on anything involving your Squadrons, please ask questions!

Also, that is how you contact everyone in a leadership role, including myself at [Commander@floridasons.org](mailto:Commander@floridasons.org). Your **District Commanders and Vice Commanders** email addresses are on the website. Your questions will be addressed and answered in a timely manner, and if I do not know, I will find out for you and get back to you!

Now is the time for your Installations and the District and Vice commanders should be available at most of them. I know I am going to a few and I am available to help if needed. The schedules are tight, so reach out ASAP. I would like to visit each area this year so let me know what is going on in your District and Area.

Thank you all again for supporting my Charity this past year. You helped Veterans and Children which is our goal. This year the charity is My Warrior's Place located in Ruskin, FL and Punta Gorda, FL. My Warrior's Place is a retreat center for our veterans, military, law enforcement, fire fighters, Gold, Blue and Silver star families.

Additionally, My Warrior's Place offers programs for those who have put their lives on the line for our safety and well-being. Each program plays an important part in the healing and coping process. Please contact them to find out what a great program this is and how supporting them will directly be helping veterans and their families.

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## 2023-2024 Membership Target Dates:

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January 11, 2024	60%
February 8, 2024	75%
March 7, 2024*	85%
April 4, 2024	90%
May 9, 2024	100%
May 31, 2024**	105%

\* Legion Birthday (March 13th) \*\* Delegate Cut-Off

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## Detachment Commander's Remarks (continued)

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Once again, I am proud to be representing all of you. Especially at National Convention, this year in Charlotte, where we get to brag about how good Florida is!

KEEP DOING WHAT YOU DO BEST

Gerard Sambets, Commander  
Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of Florida



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Hello Sons!

We're back from our 51st Annual Convention, and my first as your Detachment Adjutant. I want to thank Ed, Jim, JJ & Bill for your help and guidance during the Convention when I needed it. It wasn't perfect, but it will get better. Thanks to all for your constructive advice and patience as I continue to learn my new position. Here's a few things we should be addressing while we are in the middle of "installation season":

### SQUADRON OFFICER REPORTS (SORs)

We have not received Squadron Officer Reports from every Squadron in the Detachment. All District Commanders and Area Commanders should be making sure these reports are being turned in. One way to do it would be to take a blank SOR with you to each Installation and have it completed then, even if the squadron says they submitted the report. Once completed, you should send the reports to me. You can find the report online at <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/03-SOR-rev-06-2023.pdf>

### ANNUAL SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDRs)

Yes, I'm going to mention this again. I know don't have all of these turned in yet. As we continue to move forward with the myLegion.org system it is imperative that these forms are turned in. This tells the National organization how much to collect for dues when members pay online. More of our members are starting to use the online pay feature. National is also advertising it. Please check to see if your Squadron has done this. I should have a report this week who has/has not sent one out. Look for a group email soon. The SDR report can be found at <https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SDR.pdf>

### EMAIL ALIASES

As we discussed during Convention, we're setting up email aliases for Detachment Officers, Committees/Commissions and District Commanders and District Vice Commanders. Keep in mind that these are aliases and not actual email accounts. Any email set to these addresses will be forwarded to your personal email address that we have on file.

Here is a list of email aliases so far:

#### OFFICERS

Commander Sambets: [commander@floridasons.org](mailto:commander@floridasons.org)  
Nat'l Exec Committeeman: [nec@floridasons.org](mailto:nec@floridasons.org)  
Nat'l Exec Committeeman Alt: [neca@floridasons.org](mailto:neca@floridasons.org)  
Adjutant: [adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.org)  
Asst Adj Soeder: [asstadj1@floridasons.org](mailto:asstadj1@floridasons.org)  
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Southwestern Area: [vcsw@floridasons.org](mailto:vcsw@floridasons.org)

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## Adjutant's Corner (continued)

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### DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Note: For District Vice Commanders add vc after the District number (ex: [district1vc@floridasons.org](mailto:district1vc@floridasons.org))

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District 2: [district2@floridasons.org](mailto:district2@floridasons.org)

District 3: [district3@floridasons.org](mailto:district3@floridasons.org)

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District 6: [district6@floridasons.org](mailto:district6@floridasons.org)

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Membership: [membership@floridasons.org](mailto:membership@floridasons.org)

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Please update your contact information to reflect those addresses. The intent is to have a constant email address for each position like the American Legion does. This way, when the positions change, the person taking the position will still be able to communicate with those that have the email address.

One last thing, I am in the process of updating the website. It's not an instantaneous thing, please have patience.

Have a great time with your installations, and have a great year! Remember to submit your events to us through the website and personally invite Commander Sambets to your events by emailing him at [commander@floridasons.org](mailto:commander@floridasons.org).

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp  
Detachment Adjutant  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida





Membership Team,

First and foremost, I want to thank the members of the membership Committee and you, the members, for your hard work so that the Detachment of Florida was able to reach all these great goal. Congratulations on a job well done!!!

- \* Richard Cummings – Squadron 158 – Treasure Island
- \* Paul Stawicki – Squadron 142 – Pompano
- \* Chris Richert – Squadron 117 – Palm Bay

WOW! WOW! WOW! What a *GREAT MEMBERSHIP YEAR!!!!*

#### 2022 - 2023 MEMBERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, .....10% - 16.01% Congratulations
- October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, .....25% - 25.94% Congratulations
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, .....35% - 41.32% Congratulations
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, .....45% - 52.72% Congratulations
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, .....60% - 75.28% Congratulations
- February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, .....75% - 85.08% Congratulations
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023\*, .....80% - 93.60% Congratulations
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, .....90% - 99.11% Congratulations
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, .....100% - 102.15% Congratulations
  
- Detachment 28<sup>th</sup> Consecutive All-Time High – 21,094 - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 21,328
  
- Commanders Goal – 22,250 – Delegate Cutoff- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 22,476
- National 100% Goal – 22,519 – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 21,882 – 102.15%
- National 105% Goal – 22,600 - June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 22,604 – 105.04%

As of the writing of the article the Detachment of Florida stands National at 105.54% with 22,712 members and with an 83.64% renewal rate. The National delegate cutoff is July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, before the National Convention.

As you can see the Detachment of Florida had a really great year in membership. If you missed the Convention the donations were as great as the membership and the work all the Commissions and Committees did though out the year was also great.

Thank you, Commander Sambets and our Staff, for the leadership for a great year for the Detachment of Florida. I am super excited to see what 2023-2024 brings.

I would like to at this time introduce you to your 2023-2024 Detachment of Florida Membership Committee Members.

- ⇒ John Jennings – Chairman
- ⇒ Paul Stawicki – Vice Chairman
- **North:** Gerry Kaufman
- **Central:** Rick Cummings
- **East:** John Gorsuch
- **Southwest:** Michael Nigbor
- **South:** Michael Mathias
- **West:** Henry Richard

These are the Committee members that will be contacting you, the District Leadership with the questions on Squadrons that are not reach goals or are struggling with membership. It will be our job to see that membership starts strong and finishes

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## Membership (continued)

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strong. Our targets will be coming out soon.

### **SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR FOR SOME – THE TRIPLE NICKLE AWARD**

Awarded by National at National Convention and we have won this award in the past. This is what we must do to qualify.

1. Charter 5 New Squadrons
2. 105% Membership by National delegate cutoff
3. 85% renewal rate by National delegate cutoff

As we continue to work through our membership year let's all remember the three 3 Rs of membership. Reinstate – Renew – Recruit – This would be a great Squadron meeting topic to discuss the meaning of each word and the value it brings to the Squadron. Just what do these three simple words mean to you and your Squadron.

WE need to get focused and submit our REQUIRED SDR (Squadron Data Report) form ANNUALLY. This is no longer an option to submit and must be submitted to National no later than MAY 1st of EACH YEAR BY EACH SQUADRON.

The instructions after the form have been completed. 1st- Save a copy for your Squadrons file. 2nd - email your submission to our Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp at ([adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.org)). Adjutant Rapp will batch submitted to the National IT Department as required keeping record of those submissions which will hold the National IT Department accountable for correct posting or incorrect posting. We will get this resolved with your help and understanding. The form is available on our website. ([www.floridasons.org](http://www.floridasons.org)).

For our membership campaign to be a great success, we must work on it each day. Membership is not a part time job – it is a full-time job, and it requires WORK. When a Squadron reaches the 100% goal and does not move from that 100%, what does that tell you? I watch this, and I hope all of you will also.

Membership numbers should always be moving in a positive way and never standing still. If a Squadron is to grow it must add new members if they and the Detachment are to grow. We have plenty of resources in Florida and we must reach out to them if the Detachment is to grow.



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The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida had their Detachment Convention June 15th -18th 2023 along with The American Legion Department of Florida at the Buena Vista Hilton in Disney Springs Orlando Florida.

Commander Gerard Sambets was elected for a second term, as were 6 Detachment Vice Commanders, elected by their respective areas. Additionally, District Commanders and Vice Commanders, elected at their respective District Constitutional Conferences were notes. All were sworn in on Saturday, June 17th. The installation was conducted by National Commander Chris Carlton and Past National Commander Jim Roberts.

National Executive Committeeman Bill Kelly and Alternate NEC Tom Klinger were elected by the Detachment and will be installed at the Post National Convention National Executive Committee Meeting.

The Detachment of Florida and I would like to thank CDR Eunice, Adjunct Bruce, and Coordinator Marcus, their Staff and every FL Legionnaire for the hospitality and adaptability shown for and to National Commander Chris Carlton. He only returned from Europe late Thursday night before flying into Florida early Friday morning, requiring a scheduling change from Friday to Saturday before The American Legion. He wanted to express what a warm reception and wonderful time he had in Florida to all of you.

Included in the Detachment of Florida Convention business was a Constitution and By-Laws amendment, changing the NEC and ANEC terms from one year to two years. This mirrors the American Legion Department of Florida Constitution and By-Laws.

A Resolution presented by the Detachment to The Department/Detachment of Florida Executive Committees elevating Ed Sheubrooks, National Assistant Adjutant for 27 years, to PNC status at the time of his retirement from National service was approved.

We introduced from the QR codes for 'Be The One' for veterans suicide prevention, online membership renewal, and Legislative Voter Voice, provided by the National Organization.

We wish our entire Florida American Legion Family another outstanding year in 2023-2024 and we hope to see everyone who attends National Convention in Charlotte.



Be The One is SAL  
National Commander's  
Slogan.

Be The One Who Helps!



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for the American Legion  
Voter Voice.



# RAY LEVENTHAL

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With the close of a most successful and well attended Detachment of Florida Convention, I offer thanks to, blessings for and pray God's guidance upon all of our newly elected and appointed officers and chairmen.

The pledge we make when we accept our positions is a promissory note, sworn before our entire American Legion family and God himself.

Our mission, both in the American Legion and in life, is to do good works for our fellow citizens and our nation. By living as an example of truth, honesty, justice and fairness we, through our actions, manifest God's will for all to see.

We're blessed by the service of all veterans of the US Military, past and present, and we're charged with keeping their interests fresh in the minds and hearts of our lawmakers. This is why our membership is important. This is why recruiting is important.

Without our combined voices speaking directly to our legislature, the needs of our veterans would go mostly unnoticed.

As Sons of the American Legion, we proudly walk in the footsteps and through the trails and roads paved by these patriot heroes. It is their service through which we are able to serve here and now, and I ask that you remember always that you think, consider, act and react with the spirit of those who came before.

As we enter this year of service, I pray you feel God's call in all you do. Listen to that still, small voice in your head, for that is the voice of your conscience and that is often how God speaks to us.

Seek Him out in all you do in good times as well as bad. Let your prayers be filled with gratitude and humility. Speak to God – He is always there for you. Be grateful and thankful that, though we live in troubled times, our wonderful nation was founded with His blessings and is still the most amazing place in which to live.

I'm honored to serve as your Chaplain again this year and am always available to anyone who reaches out.

For God and Country,

Ray Leventhal, Chaplain  
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Detachment of Florida

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# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA

# SPOTLIGHT

*The Source Spotlight is a feature of this newsletter, intended to highlight specific, noteworthy accomplishments and people associated with The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida. This month, we celebrate the future of our organization, as presented by Past Detachment Historian and current Squadron 305 Commander, Paul Micieli. [Ed]*

## From Past Detachment Historian, Paul Micieli (305, St. Pete Beach)

This past 51st Convention of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida was great! One item on the agenda at this convention weekend was regarding our very young S.A.L. members. These young S.A.L. members were escorted onto the stage and were introduced at the podium by Our Commander as our youngest S.A.L. members attending our 51st Convention.

Commander Gerard sent out the word that these young boys are the future of our Sons of the American Legion Program. As we all need to mentor them so that they someday are to become our future S.A.L. District officers, and maybe someday become our future Detachment Commander.



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA

# THE SOURCE





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As the newly elected Detachment Historian, it is my privilege to write my first article for *The Source*.

Being a 19-year member of The Sons of The American Legion I am frequently asked “what does the SAL really do?” Succinctly, my answer is to recite our contrived mantra “We raise money, we have fun, and we give It ALL away.” While that response often satisfies the curious, it raises another question, “HOW”? As I ponder that, too often I find myself trying to recall the events that we had, often bringing a smile to my face while reflecting upon the good times and the fond memories.

Does someone in the Squadron chronicle, then showcase, your events on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Tik-Tok, etc.?

But who views the electronic posts? Sure, members and friends of the Post, or the Unit or the Squadron, but, “what-if” there was a better way for your Squadron to share your successes & events with a broader audience, shared with other Squadrons in the District, and across the Detachment?

The existing rules of the SAL “Scrapbook Contest” & “History Contest” from the Squadron Administrative Manual (pages 30 – 31) fail to address how we use social media today. We need better methods and enhanced technological tools to allow us to “shout the SAL successes from the mountaintops...”

Do you share my Historian passion, do you have ideas, opinions, or expertise on the changes we need to include? I am looking for a steering committee to discuss, via Zoom and email with very little time commitment. Interested or with an opinion, email me: [historian@floridasons.org](mailto:historian@floridasons.org)

In the meantime, keep taking pictures and shooting videos of your SAL, Legion, and Unit activities.  
Bob Dylan may have said it best “The Times They Are A-Changin”

Brian R. Patt, Historian

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# THE SOURCE



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Hello Northern Area. We had a strong finish last year, but it was not good enough. As far as areas go, we finished in last place. If you do not know, The Northern Area consists of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 17th districts. We have a lot of ground to cover and only one year to get it done. BUT WE CAN DO IT. We can move out of the last place spot with a little effort. My District Commanders are capable and competent leaders with years of experience under their belts. These are good men who can get the job done for you.

As you can tell, my main goal this year is meeting our 100% mark, and not waiting until the last minute to do it. I am here to help our district commanders reach that goal. We will have some district and area training coming out on the calendar soon.

My charity of choice this year is Project: VetRelief. If you do not know me, I am not only a son (my father fought in WWII in the U S Navy) but also a Legionnaire having served in the U S Navy myself.

Gentlemen, let us all remember why we are here. Someone in our ancestry served and fought for our country. We are here to honor their legacy. Our country is in turmoil right now and we are needed to set the example. The same example our forefathers set when it came time to protect our country. Today we are not marching off to some foreign land to set an example, we are in our posts, communities, state, and nation setting an example for what is right and just. Lets make this year count.

For God and Country,

Gerry Kaufman  
The Sons of The American Legion  
Vice Commander  
Northern Area  
Detachment of Florida



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I hope everyone that attended the annual Convention had a good time and made it home safely.

With that being said, it's time to go to work. After seeing last year's year end reports, I know that you're working our programs.

Please keep us informed of any Squadron activities that help to keep our name out within your community.

If you're planning a function let us know so that we can try to have either Commander Sambets or one of the other Detachment Officers or Chairman attend.

Thank you all for everything that you do for the betterment of our Detachment.

Until next month.

For God and Country.

Steve Gordon  
Community Affairs Chairman.



Greetings from the Southwestern Area,

Wow, what an exciting convention we had in June. Thank you to Detachment Adjutant Christian Rapp and Detachment Chaplain Ray Leventhal for your training sessions. Wonderful insights and information. This event was full of surprises, to say the least, fantastic camaraderie and support from everyone that attended.

It was so nice seeing everyone at this year's convention. It is truly amazing, the fundraising and money we raise for our exceptional causes. I was truly humbled and more than honored to receive this year's SAL Member of the Year Award. Though I appreciate the recognition, it is truly a team effort. I was lucky to be surrounded with S.A.L. members and volunteers from every family. A special thank you to Bill Hoppner and Barry Roberts from Department for their hard work and generosity.

As I have been elected as the Southwestern Area Vice Commander, I have already had the opportunity to visit and witness meetings and installations. I look forward to the year ahead and getting to know you all. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me. I would like to attend your meetings and events. Let's all try harder to support each other at our events. We are a team.

Please continue to do your "Buddy Checks". This is a continuous effort that should be worked on endlessly. You have no idea how important it is for someone to hear from you. To know that you care. This is going to be a great year for all of us as we begin our rebuilding.

Many of us went to Sanibel Island on June 27th to help with their clean-up day. The main building is still closed from the devastation. They are so excited to get the property cleaned up and the adjacent tiki building put back together so they can have a 4th of July party for their members and community. Absolutely fantastic.

\* BE THE ONE \* KEEP IT REAL \* BE KIND

For God and Country,

Mike Nigbor  
Southwestern Area Vice Commander  
Detachment of Florida

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

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

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Visit the Detachment of Florida's online events calendar at

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