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Greetings All!

We are fast approaching the finish line to receive the checkered flag. Let us not let up! We must drive forward to achieving all our goals.

Do not forget our year end reports. Area and District Commanders it is your obligation to ensure Squadrons fully participate in these important documents. Our Adjutant will have more on these vital documents.

Membership-wise, you are doing a fantastic job. The 90% target date is April 3rd, and we have already passed that. Let us keep up the FANTASTIC work you are all doing and go for our 30th consecutive all-time high. We must STAY in touch with our Squadrons and their leadership that are having a problem with membership. The Committee members will be contacting the District Leadership with the questions on Squadrons that are not reaching goals, struggling with membership, and have a retention rate below the suggested average. It will be our job to see that membership stays strong and finishes strong,

As we approach the election process, we will have some new Officers taking over our Squadrons, District, Areas. Their success as Officers is directly associated with the knowledge of our organization and its history and traditions. To those who may be stepping down It is part of your job to ensure that the new officers are mentored to their respective positions. The knowledge we have acquired should be passed down to these enthusiastic members as we move forward.

My trips have included a visit to Post 16, Gainesville, thank you to PDC Steve Gordon for his hospitality Squadron 189, Sebastian, the 9th District meeting at Post 157, and the Department of Florida Oratory contest. I also attended the 4th District Meeting at Post 230, Hawthorne where I had the honor of receiving a United States Flag that was flown over the Capitol, and a proclamation by the United States Congress which states:

"This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol.

This flag was flown For Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida Commander Rocky Cirigliano for honoring Veterans of All Wars."

For me, this flag was flown for all the people who make up the American Legion Department of Florida, and the Detachment of Florida for their tireless efforts in helping all veterans.

We must continue to do the work to support and assist our veterans. In addition, the rightful care, and education of the children of our country, and devoted service to the community, state, and nation.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO

For God and Country,
Rocky Cirigliano
Detachment Commander | Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida

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Hello Sons!

It's that time of the year! We meet in Orlando for our 53rd Annual Convention in just **TWO MONTHS!** Now is the time to start holding your District Constitutional Conferences to elect your District Leadership for the 2025-2026 year. It is also time for every squadron to start working on their end of year reports. With the end of the year upon us, the focus of my article again this month to provide you the information you need to prepare for the end of year 'festivities'.

END OF YEAR REPORTING

Department sent out the end of the year packets the week of March 16, 2025. I have mine of my squadron, you should have your too. If you haven't seen the packets and you get mail at your Post, check with your Post Adjutant. If you receive mail via a PO Box, make that trip to the Post Office NOW. If you've done the above and still can't locate your packet (it's a letter size manilla envelope) please email Bekki at Department HQ. Her information can be found on the floridalegion.org website.

The new date for all reports to be submitted is **MAY 15**. This gives your Adjutant team time to collate the data and prepare for Convention. If you have the capability of filling out the reports on your computer, you can find all of the report forms on our website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>.

THE ONLINE SUBMITTAL PORTAL IS LIVE!

For those of you who are tech-savvy, I've created an online report submission portal. On just one page, you can submit all of the important reports such as your Consolidated Squadron Reports, Squadron Information Reports and even your District Officer Reports. Look for the **REPORT SUBMISSION** link in the reporting menu of our website.

Reporting Meetings: Area and District Commanders: A good suggestion for getting squadrons to complete their reports would be to hold a meeting in your Districts and Areas and get a representative from each squadron to attend and assist them in completing their reports as a group. The 16th District does this each year and usually has 100% reporting in their district. If your Districts are spread out, you may want to hold two meetings. If you need help in completing your reports, or are not sure what qualifies for what report(s), please reach out to an experienced member in your area. You can also email the Committee and Commission Chairmen, as well as Member Training and Development (MT&D) for assistance.

CHANGES IN THE REPORTING PACKETS

There have been a few changes this year. I encourage everyone to open the packet and go through it, even if you use the forms online to complete your reporting. Here's a couple of notable changes:

- **Annual Squadron Data Report (SDR)** - John Jennings will talk about this in his article, we've also sent out emails recently about this. This report only needs completed if your squadron information (such as dues) has changed or needs corrected. If you are submitting an SDR, **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING BLANK**.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report (VA&R)** - VA&R Chairman George Worton has revised the instructions on this page to help everyone better understand how to complete the report. Please read these instructions (especially Section II) prior to completing your report. Everything we do at our squadrons counts in some way for VA&R—**EVERYONE SHOULD BE COMPLETING A VA&R REPORT**.

ENDORSEMENTS FOR OFFICE

Endorsements for office are coming in. You can see a list of the current endorsements at the end of this edition before the special events flyers. You can also find them on our website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-officer-endorsements/>. If you look at the current list (at the time of this writing), there are only **7 out of 16** endorsements for **District Commander** and only **40 out of 6** endorsements for **District Vice Commander**. We need leaders! If you are considering running for a Detachment Officer Position, or a District Commander/Vice Commander position you may now submit your endorsement. There is a format that all endorsements should follow:

- All endorsements must be on Post/Squadron letterhead and must have **two** signatures.
- Signatures can be any combination of Post or Squadron Commander and Post or Squadron Adjutant.
- **YOU CANNOT SIGN YOUR OWN ENDORSEMENT** if you currently hold one of these positions.

(Detachment Adjutant Continued)

DISTRICT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCES (DCC)

I am asking all District Commanders to provide information on their DCCs. To date, I only have a handful of notifications. We will be emailing each District and District Vice Commander to get this list. Watch your email from one of our Detachment Assistant Adjutants. I would like to distribute this list via email and our website so that anyone running for office could attend your meetings, as well as Commander Cirigliano.

SQUADRON ELECTIONS

Per Article X, Section 13 of our Detachment Constitution:

"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."

The first day of our Annual Convention this year will be **June 13, 2025**. This means that your squadron elections cannot be any sooner than MARCH 15, 2025 and no later than JUNE 3, 2025. Once your elections are complete, you must immediately send in the Squadron Information Report (SIR). This form provides information on your elected officers that not only lets Department and Detachment build their directories, but allows Department to assign permissions in the mylegion.org system to those who process membership. The form can be found on our website, and will also be included in your end of year packets.

That's all for now. Please let me and your Detachment Adjutant Staff know if you need anything.

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Detachment of Florida Adjutant



Gentlemen,

I had the honor of attending the American Legion Washington Conference February 22-26, 2025. Here is my report:

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida attended The American Legion Washington Conference February 22nd through 26th 2025 at The Washington Hilton and Capital Hill in Washington D.C.

We traveled to D.C. and on Sunday participated in The Sons of The American Legion National Legislative Commission Annual Bus Trip to Memorialize our fallen heroes in the Washington D C area. The Florida American Legion Family delegation on our bus trip included Department Adjutant Bruce Comer & wife, Legislative Chairman Stuart Scott & wife, PDC Jerry Brant & PDP Wanda Brant, DVC Central & SAL Liaison Mike (Tank) Sherman, VA Chairman Larry Roberts, Past Eastern Area Joe Marceggiani.

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida purchased the wreath and our Florida Delegation presented the wreath at the WWII Memorial, VietNam Memorial Wall and the Korean War Memorial. We then proceeded across the Potomac River to Arlington National Cemetery and at 1 PM we observed The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 1:15 The Sons of The American Legion National Commander Joseph Navarrete presented a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Monday morning arrived and for the first time The American Legion National Legislative Commission had their Commission Meeting on Capitol Hill in the U.S. House of Representative's Cannon House Office Building. Department of Florida Legislative Chairman Stuart Scott and I sat in and observer PNVC and current National Legislative Commission Vice Chairman Paul Martel(FL) participated in the Commission. The Commission Chairman Mathew Shuman outlined The American Legion 2025 Legislative Priorities & Agenda for The 119th Congress 1st Session. The Commission had things well organized with transportation to and from Capitol Hill.

Monday afternoon was "The Commander's Call". This is where our national leaders of The American Legion Family CDR. James LaCoursiere, ALA. President Trish Ward and SAL CDR Joseph Navarrete. The guest speaker was the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins. Secretary Collins who is also an ordained Minister and served in the U.S. Air Force as a Chaplain during the Iraq War is quite an enthusiastic speaker. He gave his pledge to The American Legion Family, Veterans will be taken care of, for which he received an arousing response from the 1000 or so attendees.

Tuesday Morning starts bright and early with the "Know Before You Go" This is the briefing for everyone to familiarize themselves with The Legislative Priorities before we head over to Capitol Hill.

meet with recently promoted Chief Legislative Council Richard LaMura who I've met on several previous occasions and having made the appointment several weeks in advance I was able to email over The American Legion Priorities.

(Legislative continued)

My assignment from The American Legion Department of Florida was to meet with U.S. House of Representative Arron Bean (FL-4) at 1PM in the 2459 Rayburn House Office Building. Unfortunately Congressman Bean was attending a Ways and Means Committee meeting and other obligations on the Floor of the House of Representatives. Luckily for me I was able to meet with recently promoted Chief Legislative Council Richard LaMura who I've met on several previous occasions and having made the appointment several weeks in advance I was able to email over The American Legion Priorities.

When I was received into the new office of Congressman Bean by Mr LaMura I handed him The American Legion Legislative Agenda with my business card pinned with a "Be The One" pin. I asked that Richard pass on our thanks for supporting our servicemen and women and veteran legislation. We discussed The Veterans Administration and told Richard that Secretary of the V.A. Doug Collins was in to speak with us the day before. We wanted to be sure that the Congressman knows how important National Security and Lethality of the U.S. Armed Forces are to the American Legion. We also wanted to pass along the importance of the Parity needed for the Reserves and National Guard. We also believe in the Modernization of the Transition Assistance Program (TIA) and of course legislation to protect The U.S. Flag. We spent close to 45 minutes and I thanked Richard for his time hoped to see him next year.

I next proceeded to House of Representative Kat Cammack (FL-3) just around the corner 2421 Rayburn House Office Building for my appointment. Meeting up with Department CDR Hamrick and Legislative Chairman Scott we entered and met up with Congresswoman Cammack's Veterans Services Director Dave Hill. I handed Mr Hill The American Legion Legislative Agenda with my business card pinned to it with a Be The One pin. Since it was my honor to be accompanied by the CDR and Chairman I decided to turn the meeting over to them. After a discussion of about 45 minutes which included Department of Veteran Affairs and National Security Mr Hill had one of the Congresswoman's staff walk us over for a staff tour of the Capitol and escorted us to the U.S. Senate tram that we boarded to ride over to the Hart Senate Office Building.

Our next appointment was at 110 Hart Senate Office Building with the U.S. Senator Rick Scott. Unfortunately the Senator was on the floor of the Senate so we met with Legislative Assistant Sarah Salas. The American Legion Florida Legislative Team all met at Senator Scott to show unity for all the veterans legislative support Governor & now Senator Scott has shown to veterans.

That evening the Department of Florida took the entire Legislative Team out for an enjoyable dinner. The next day we flew home knowing we had done our utmost to enhance veterans legislation.

Now it is your chance to help support veteran legislation The American Legion Grassroot Action Center. When a bill is about to be voted on you will receive a notice email to contact your Congressman or Senator. By already being registering with Voter Voice all you will need to do is click on the email and a prewritten email is sent to your Congressman or Senator supporting the veteran legislation. Simply go to www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative and click on grassroots or use the QR code.

Finally I would like to thank The American Legion Department of Florida Commander Hamrick, Adjutant Comer, Legislative Chairman Scott and the rest of the Florida Family Washington Conference Legislative Team for your inclusion and support of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida Legislative Commission.

Grassroots Action Center



The American Legion's Grassroots Action Center provides updates and alerts on legislation of interest to the organization. Scan this QR code or visit legion.org/legislative to visit the center, learn about bills and contact congressional delegations.

We would also like to encourage members of the Sons of The American Legion to get involved and thank the Detachment for the financial support to allow the Detachment of Florida Legislative Commission to participate in this National event.

William D Kelly, Jr

Legislative Commission Chairman
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida





PAUL STAWICKI

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Gentlemen,

We are coming upon the last 3 months of our 2024-2025 Membership Year. This is the time for us to focus on what we have accomplished this year. This means getting your monies donated and time that has been spent volunteering by all your members. All this you will need for your end of year reports. Don't wait until the last minute to tally up what you have done since last July. You will forget something if you rush through these reports. Additionally, you will also want to look back at your last couple of years Roster lists and see if you can bring back some of your members that have fallen off. You have done a great job recruiting all year but to do your very best with membership you need to keep all the members you can from years past. I am going to give you a paragraph from John Jennings, our Past Membership Chairman for many years said to us.

"As we continue to work through our membership year let's all remember the three 3 Rs of membership. Reinstate (Members that have slip away and not paid their dues) – Renew (Current members) – Recruit (The easiest of them all)– The reinstatement and renewal of our membership takes time and work. We must at all levels improve on our Reinstatements and renewals. 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."

Written by John Jennings May Source Membership Report 2024

This has been something I have always done from the time I was 1st Vice Commander for my Squadron, through to my years as a District Officer and Detachment Vice Commander. If you lose membership you need to find out why. Don't just let them fall off. There will always be some attrition because of deaths or people moving away. Any other reason is something that can be fixed in most cases. You won't know unless you ask, however.

I want to thank everyone for this year's great numbers so far. It has been a been an honor and a pleasure reporting them to you. April 9th is our next Goal of 90%. Many of us are already there. I hope to see many more make it. For those Squadrons and Districts that are having issues with Membership, if you haven't reached out for help do it now! If you know what your issues are then do your best to fix them. Do not just roll over and give up. We have gone through much adversity over the past several years and have persevered and triumphed to make our Goals. We are a model for all the Detachments in the Sons of The American Legion for all to see.









Let's finish this year off strong.

God Bless and Be Safe,

Paul Stawicki

Membership Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



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RECTITUDE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

A great American, Patrick Henry, who served our nation in its earliest days is, for some reason, one of the least quoted of our founding Fathers.

Henry's legacy includes being a representative to the First Continental Congress where he signed the Petition to the King, a document he helped to draft. His popularity in his home state of Virginia grew substantially due to his skills as an orator, and as an articulate and outspoken man who stood firm regarding our God given rights and the injustices heaped upon the colonies from the King and his government.

That being said, the most famous quote from this hero of our past is one that rings clear even to this day in the hearts and minds of all of us who seek to preserve the liberties granted to us by God and written into the great works that formed the first Government of the United States of America: "Give me liberty or give me death"

But these words alone do not define the man, nor his purpose. Henry served as the first and sixth post-colonial Governor of Virginia. Henry gave a glimpse into what made him such a staunch supporter of our Liberty and, what also relieved him from caring what those who opposed him had to say in a speech given on the 5th of June, 1788, two years after his final term as Governor. In that historic speech, he stated "Conscious rectitude is a powerful consolation".

Rectitude is a word seldom used in today's lexicon, but it is perfect as spoken by Henry in that fateful speech. Rectitude is 'morality, rightness of principle or practice; uprightness of mind; exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct either by divine or human laws.'



This, my friends, is yet another example of the faith in the one true God that our founding fathers kept so dear. We are a nation founded with the base knowledge that God's law is above all others. We are a nation who's construct is steeped in the truths of the Holy Bible and God's word. We are a nation that needs, in my humble opinion, to return to an undying undertone of Conscious Rectitude. A rightness and righteousness of spirit and mind, within the lanes of our own ability, and guided by the truths given to us by our Lord God.

Regardless of the politics of our leaders, this underlying faith is what made us a great nation and what keeps us a great nation. This underlying faith is something we all should focus on and keep alive in our hearts. This underlying faith should be seen in what we do, in our interactions with friend and foe alike and it must continue to be what we teach our children and our grandchildren, so that **their** children and grandchildren can stand tall in the Liberty that has been granted to us by God.

Keep the faith. Always remember you are a child of God!

As always, I'm available to anyone who would like fellowship, a conversation, a joke or just company.

For God and Country,

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Greetings from the Southwestern Area!

We had another great series of fantastic events to attend. It is wonderful to see the camaraderie and exchange of information between us. So many Sons members with good ideas on how to promote their squadrons. Very excited to see how this year continues and what the new 2025-2026 service year brings. Please get out and support other squadrons and invite them to yours.

Our membership is looking good. Lots of new members applying to join us. New membership is always good, but as Paul Stawicki asks, "Can we keep them interested in wanting to come back and participate in what we stand for"? Retention is extremely important. Call your members and thank them for their continued support. If they haven't renewed, find out why, do they need help?. This is a good way to do your "Buddy Checks". If you notice a fellow members absence from your meetings or events, reach out to them and offer your support. Small gestures of concern and care can have a significant impact to ensure that member feels like more than just a number.

As leaders within our communities, we must remain vigilant and visible, standing as pillars of hope and support. Let us strive to "Be The One" that makes a positive difference in someone's life. As we continue our membership year, remember the three R's, Reinstate-Renew-Recruit. This is a good squadron topic and discuss the meaning of each word. Get your members motivated to help with the progress of your membership.

Work for a cause, not the applause

For God and Country,

Michael Nigbor

Vice Commander Southwestern Area

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



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Greetings from the Central Area!

WASHINGTON, DC BUS TRIP

At the end of February, I had the pleasure of once again attending the American Legion's Washington Conference in our Nation's Capital of Washington, DC. On Sunday, February 23rd, I had the honor of representing the Detachment of Florida on the annual Sons of the American Legion National bus trip to Arlington National Cemetery along with NEC Bill Kelly. We were also joined by Legion Department Adjutant Bruce Comer and his wife, Department Legislative Chair Stuart Scott and his wife Amanda, Department Veterans Employment Committee Member Joe Marcheggiani, Department VA Entitlements Chair Larry Roberts, Past Department Commander Jerry Brandt, and Auxiliary Past Department President Wanda Brandt.

We spent the morning placing wreaths at several monuments around Washington, DC, including the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, the Serviceman Statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. It was an immense honor joining our National Commander Joseph Navarrete and representatives from all the other Detachments in honoring our veteran forefathers and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation.



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After a short lunch break, we loaded back up on the buses and departed for the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. After the changing of the guard ceremony, National Commander Navarrete placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then the Tomb Sentinels came out and spoke with us. It is always a truly moving experience to stand on such sacred ground. If you ever can attend the SAL bus trip or even just visit Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on your own, I highly recommend you take it.

CENTRAL AREA BALL | CASINO ROYALE

On March 8th, months of hard work and planning came together, and we held the Central Area Ball Casino Royale at Post 8 in Winter Haven. I want to thank everyone who helped with and attended the Ball and made the event a resounding success! Thank you to my counterpart, Legion Central Area Commander Rick Orzechowski, for trusting us to do this for you and for allowing us to make this a Legion Family event. I also want to send a special thanks to the Winter Haven High School JROTC for their help with prepping, serving, and cleaning up.

I also need to give a huge shoutout to my wife, Auxiliary Central Area Membership Chair Andrea Sherman, for taking the lead on the planning and cooking and making it the huge success that it was. The food was delicious and from all the reports I've seen, everyone had a great time! We couldn't have done it without your hard work! Special thanks also go out to 15th District Riders Chair Steve Tyler (no, not the singer) for all your help in the kitchen and DJ Earl Gloster for providing the tunes all night. It truly was a team effort pulling this off.

By the time it was all said and done, we raised around \$2,400 that will benefit all three Department/Detachment leaders' charities: Department Commander Chris Hamrick's charity COTA, Department President Charlotte Bass' charity, Operation 300, and our own Detachment Commander Rocky Cirigliano's charity, Operation Comfort Warrior. Again, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended, donated, and supported this event.

POST 138 UPDATE

A lot of people have been asking me for updates on my home post, Post 138 in South Tampa. As many of you know, our post was one of several in the Central Area that sustained heavy damage from last year's hurricanes. Post 273 in Madeira Beach has reopened fully and Post 158 in Treasure Island, who took the worst of the damage of any post, is still working on rebuilding.

I am happy to report that Post 138 has reopened the main bar area inside the building, along with the tiki bar on the back deck. There is still some construction going on in the front hall and kitchen, but we've come a long way. We'll still be using the temporary hours and only open on Thursdays through Sundays for the time being, but we're getting there!

As always, please let me know what your squadrons or districts have going on. I would love to come out and participate in and support your events!

For God and Country,

Michael "Tank" Sherman Jr.
Vice Commander Central Area
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida





Hello from the Eastern Area!

I would like to start out by saying great job Eastern Area for already making April's goal of 90% ahead of time. Keep up the good work!

The race to the finish line is getting really tight for the golden gavel which I will be presenting at convention to the winner between the 6th and 12th district.

In March I attended the 6th District meeting held at Squadron 347 Lady Lake which had a good turn out and lunch served after the meeting. I attended the 12th District picnic held at post 117 with a great turn out with all the money raised going to boys and girls state transportation.

We have reached our 90% target being the team owner of the Eastern Area race team I am asking my crew chiefs and race teams not to take a pit stop and step on the gas and keep the Eastern Area in first place. I am still challenging my crew chiefs to be at 100% by April 3rd which is the 90% target date. I think with a little fine tuning of the race teams we can do this.

If you would like me to attend any meetings or events let me know.

For God and Country,
Randy Chilcott

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



Greetings from the 6th District!

First a Big Welcome to **Squadron 239, Groveland-Mascotte**. Their charter has been approved, and we will be installing officers on March 24th. That is the 2nd new Squadron this year and I am excited to see them and Squadron 331 Orlando grow and get their programs going.

Our membership is chugging along, and we are neck and neck with District 12. We are at 93.77% and District 12 is just ahead at 95.54% as of Friday 3/05/25.

Thank You to all who attended the District 6 meeting at Post 347 Lady Lake on March 1st. It is my hope that you were able to walk away with some valuable information.

Our next District 6 meeting will be May 10 at 10:00 AM, at Post #80 in St Cloud. Remember, this is the DCC meeting and we will be electing our officers for District 6. Please consider running for an office. We always need new people to get new ideas. Don't forget the Post 347 Family C&Y Golf Tournament supported by Department/Detachment. It will be **May 17th**. See flyer, in The Source. (Only a couple foursomes left, but lots of opportunity to sponsor a hole or donate to this great cause.) All proceeds will be donated to Children and Youth Programs.

The **Department Children & Youth Family Picnic** will be Saturday, April 5th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy a Burger or a Dog and celebrate our Children and Youth. Hosted by **Post 117 Pam Bay, 189 Veterans Dr, Palm Bay Florida**.

I would love to attend your meeting or just come for a visit, but I am not getting any invitations. Please call or email me a good time to visit.

(District 6 Commander Continued)

Remember, "End of Year" reports are coming soon. District 6, please reach out to me if you need help completing these reports. Also please send me a copy of your reports.

In closing, it's my honor to represent District 6 this year. Please feel free to contact to me at: dannyroe@prodigy.net for any needs you may have.

For God and Country,
Danny Roe
District 6 Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida



It's been a busy month for the mighty 9th !

All our squadrons are busy getting our numbers up. We have several that have gone over 100% and several that are right on the edge.

Several squadrons along with the family have put on some outstanding special events. Post 310 put on a Mardi Gras celebration that was such a huge success. Remember **"We are Family"** get together, plan together **SUCCEED TOGETHER.**

For God and Country,
Sam Aloï
District 9 Vice Commander
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida





Greetings from the 12th District!

First and foremost, thanks to all the squadrons for getting their membership renewals and new members in thus far! We have 5 Squadrons over 100% which are 191, 200, 117, 189 and 171 has 117%

Most of the other squadrons are over 90%. Let's continue to get those memberships in so we can take first place in the race to the finish.

We are currently in Second place and drafting right behind District 13 at the time of this writing.

District picnic was held on the 15th of March at Post 117, and we had a fairly good turnout but we need more participation from our Northern and Southern Squadrons.

By now you should have done your first round of nominations and on your way to finding those new folks that are interested in being officers for 2025-2026.

We should also be thinking about reporting that will be due in May. I sent out that spreadsheet to fill out last year that makes it super easy at the end of the year to do your reporting. Hopefully all our squadrons are using that. If you need help, please feel free to call me. I will be reaching out next month to make sure all of you have your reporting in. This is so important for us to do so we can show Congress what we do thru out the year.

If you would like something on the District 12 Facebook page please email me the flyer and I will get it up there!

For God and Country,

Andy Campbell
12th District Commander
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida

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Detachment of Florida,

Our year is moving along, and many things continue to jump up both good and surprising. We have lots to be thankful for and I am excited to see how our year finishes. Membership is strong, Member Training and Development is making some headway with training information, and we have a National Convention coming to Tampa, what more could we ask for. Just continue to do what we do, and we will have another very successful year.

I will continue to talk about acronyms as they are a big topic of discussion for me. Why? Because most of our membership do not encounter the acronyms we are using, and they will not ask what they are. We are failing them by not using full description with the acronyms until our membership understands their meaning. I as Internal Affairs Chairman and Past Detachment Commander ask, we the Detachment of Florida **STOP USING ACRONYMS**, so we do a better job of educating our membership on what these acronyms mean and how to use them if needed. Please continue to educate our membership.

COMMUNICATIONS

We continue to talk about our Detachment communications get to our Squadrons and to our membership. One way is through your Squadron email. Does your Squadron have an email account? If not, why? In these times communication is especially important to maintain good communication with our members. Talk with your Post Commander or Adjutant and discuss using their computer if the Squadron does not have one. Have a fundraiser and purchase one for the family. Just an idea. All Squadrons and Squadron Officers should have an email and should be signed up to our Google group and have been receiving the Detachment communications. If you are not signed up it is simple, just go to the Detachment website (www.floridasons.org) and go toward the bottom of the first page. You will see a button and information about the Google Group. Click the button and just follow the prompts. You are now set up to receive information about your Detachment. Oh, we do not sell email addresses, they are safe with us. This is just one of many communication tools available to our membership.

MEMBER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (MT&D)

Member Training & Development continues to work on training needs for our Detachment. Him and his Committee are making plans for another great training opportunity at our upcoming Convention. Please Contact the Detachment Member Training & Development Chairman Peter Puzzo, on your interest of hold training classes for your Squadron, in your District or Area. His contact information can be found on our website www.floridasons.org. We need to make every attempt to educate our members to support our growth and development.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Paul Stawicki has the Drivers all in order. The race to the top is on and I am sure it will be a true battle to the top as we work on our 90% target. Congratulations to all the Divers and Pit Crews for their hard work. Let's leave no one behind. On a special note, let's keep focus on the main prize ---105% by delegate cutoff. Congratulations on the I believe to be 4 new Squadrons. The door is now open for the **"TRIPLE NICKLE"**. Chairman Stawicki will be advising everyone on this great opportunity for the Detachment. We have a lot going on with membership as our numbers continue to grow. It is becoming more and more important that everyone is involved in membership and that the growth of our Squadrons and Detachment get the attention of everyone. One Driver and No one Team can do it all. It Take everyone one the track making the same laps and racing the same race!!! *Let's go RACING!!!*

THE SOURCE

The "SOURCE". What is it? It is the newsletter for the Detachment of Florida that is published monthly and **ALL ARTICLES ARE NOW DUE BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. NO EXCEPTION!!** The date change is to get in line with Headquarters and open up the opportunity on our "Source" being distributed to the American Legion Post and memberships on their list. More complete communication for the Legion Family. The only thing missing is **YOUR** articles.

Our last several newsletters did not have many articles. Why? The Source is not just for the Detachment Officers, Commission, and Committee to use. It is strongly recommended that articles of importance can be and should be submitted by Squadrons. You can do this online at <https://floridasons.org/the-source-source-article-submission-form/> All Officers are encouraged and should submit articles along with the Chairman of Commissions and Committees. It is a great tool to share with everyone what is happening within the Detachment, so I encourage each of you to submit articles and this is a real easy process through www.floridasons.org under the administration tab. Let us spread the word to everyone about the great things that are happening within the Detachment of Florida. All Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairman should be submitting article for The Source. The more positive information we supply the better it will

Annual SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDR):

PLEASE KEEP THIS ON YOUR HIT LIST FOR THE FIRST OF THE 2025 SERVICE YEAR. THE NEW 2026 FORMS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. Any questions please contact me at IA@floridasons.org and I will be glad to discuss with you. I hope to have good solid information soon.

SQUADRON REPORTING

It is getting to that time of year we need to prepare for our year end reporting. Several Districts are planning and/or having District reporting meetings to help all Squadrons within a District get the required paperwork completed and turned in in a timely manner. Such items are:

- Squadron Officer Information Form (SIR)
- District Officer Forms – Completed after District Constitutional Conference (DCC)
- Squadron Data Report Form (SDR)
 - Submit if YOUR Squadron is NOT already using the myLegion Portal.
 - Submit ONLY if your Squadron has CHANGES.
- **Detachment** Squadron Consolidated Report Form (CSR) *Before Convention*
- **National** Squadrons Consolidated Report Form (CSR)
 - BOTH SQUADRON CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN IN A TIMELY MANNER.

All the forms can be found on our web site at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-report-forms/>.

PREAMBLE

I will publish our Preamble with every Internal Affairs article I submit. Please read and memorized our preamble to our Constitution. Read each line and stop for just a minute and reflect on the words. These words are powerful and should have great meaning to us all. Think about what each line is saying. This is why, we do what we do! This would also be a great training opportunity at each Squadron meeting. I keep this in my article because I think it is something very meaningfully and important for you as a member and us a Veteran Organization. It is our duty, and it was the duty of all our wonderful Veterans, without them we would not be what we are today, **A FREE NATION**.

PREAMBLE TO THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

PROUD POSSESSORS OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE, WE MALE DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS, ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER AS "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION" FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,
- to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism,
- to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all wars,
- to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation,
- to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses,
- to make right the master of might,
- to promote peace and good will on earth,
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy,
- to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness,
- to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands,
- and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.



PETER PUZZO

MEMBER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN
MTD@GMAIL.COM



Let's start by asking the Squadron Members what they would like to learn about. This time of year (as we head towards election), maybe Officer Position Training would be appropriate. Perhaps a class in Americanism would get them to turn out for an hour or two one evening.

MT&D is happy to put together any type of classroom program you would like. If we don't have one on a particular subject we will be happy to make one for you

Training on a local level is best handled in a roundtable type atmosphere.

Remember the Info-Gram for your meetings. They may spark interest among the members. Contact **MTD@floridasons.org** for information.

For God and Country,
Peter Puzzo

Chairman Member Training & Development Committee
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



GEORGE WORTON

VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN
VAR@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Gentlemen,

As we approach the upcoming Convention, we are again asking that your members and your officers provide the following data for the end-of-year reports.

What constitutes VA&R hours?

- Time spent helping out at your Post
- Assisting a Veteran and/or their families with shopping, trips to a clinic or hospital.
- Preparing meals for the Veterans and family members at the Post.
- Doing Buddy calls to Veterans who are alone at home or in a hospital or assisted living.
- Preparing meals to deliver to Veterans who have difficulty preparing them.
- Cutting a Vets lawn, helping around their home with chores, sitting and listening.

Many of us do some of these every week and we need to report them to the folks that prepare the reports so proper credit is given.

This helps the Members, the Squadrons, and the American Legion when they show Congress how much our great organization affects Veterans.

If you report this data at your monthly meetings, or to the person running an event, please take a few minutes to pass this to the officers compiling the data. Once they develop the first set of end-of-year reports, they have a boiler plate for the following years!

Have a safe and healthy spring and we look forward to a great convention.

For God and Country,
George Worton
Chairman Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



CHRISTIAN M RAPP

CO-EDITOR OF 'THE SOURCE'
THESOURCE@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Gentlemen,

It's a New Year and we hope it is off to an amazing start for you. With the new year come a few changes. We are adjusting the due date for articles for publication in 'The Source' to **the 15th of each month**. This will keep us inline with the Department of Florida and their publication of '[The Legion Link](#)'. Additionally, we're working with Department to aid in distribution to their members that receive 'The Legion Link'. ***The more people we can cover with our information will make us stronger.***

Please submit your articles and event flyers so that we can continue to bring you this important information. Event flyers will run every month until the event is complete. If any of your fellow members do not get **The Source** delivered via email feel free to share it with them and encourage them to sign-up on the mailing list. 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!

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Co-Editor of 'The Source', the Detachment of Florida Newsletter



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA



THE SOURCE



CLARENCE HILL

THE AMERICAN LEGION
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER 2010-2011
2025 TAMPA CONVENTION CORP PRESIDENT



The latest from Clarence Hill, PNC, 2025 Tampa Convention Corporation President

As the Florida Legislature is in session, it is very important that you contact your state representatives to lobby for transportation money from this year's budget for this convention. Legislative Chairman Stu Scott will put out information on how to lobby. We really need to push hard to get it. The one-page information sheet we developed for last year's session will be posted on the website for your use. As noted, the transportation contract for our Tampa convention will cost \$236,000. We really need your help in swaying the Florida Legislature to help us with this convention cost. The number of tourists brought to the state plays a part, and National estimates that 8,000-10,000 members will attend. Local fundraisers would also be most welcome. The Chairpersons will be contacting volunteers soon to put their teams together. I have forwarded to them the volunteer forms submitted thus far and will continue to provide them as I receive them. Most of you volunteered for multiple committees so you may be hearing from more than one of them. I will meet with the Chairmen at the Department Convention in June to finalize plans.

This is an immense project that Florida has taken on, and the importance of your support and volunteering will be critical to its success. We'll probably need between 50 and 100 volunteers. Deadlines will start moving faster as we get closer. Hosting a National Convention is not an easy task, costs a lot of money and every member of all the other Departments is a critic. This is a great opportunity to showcase Florida. If you can help in any way or have any ideas, please provide them. If you can volunteer in any way, we need you. The volunteer form is on Floridalegion.org.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Want to volunteer to help with
2025 National Convention in Tampa?

SIGN UP AT floridalegion.org/volunteer2025 OR page 24

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE




The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida
2025 Tampa National Convention Committee
Chairman Bill Kelly

Committeeman Ed Sheubrooks, Jim Roberts,
Gerard Sambets, Christian Rapp & Detachment Commander Rocky
Cirligiano

This is your committee for the National Convention in Tampa in August 2025. We would like all of our members to help create an emblem for pins and coins and submit them to the committee. We would like the artist drawing or rendering to include a Florida and a Tampa symbols for example, palm tree, manatee, waterfront. We would like all submissions in by November 15, 2024 and decisions to be made at Fall Conference.

If any Squadron in the Tampa Area near the Convention Center would like to do an event for the Convention attendees, Please Contact the Committee.





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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) 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:
 - 1) 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 Christian M Rapp at 215 Greenwood Avenue, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.
- 2) Endorsement letters can be scanned and sent by e-mail to the Detachment at **adjutant@floridasons.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.

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By signing below, I agree that I have verified the information provided as correct and free of errors. I acknowledge that The American Legion, Department of Florida is NOT responsible for incorrect information provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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American Legion Family at Post #347

Charity Golf Tournament

NEW DATE==May 17, 2025=====



EVENT INFORMATION

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- Shotgun Scramble – Start at 8:00 AM
- Cost per Golfer - \$95
- Coffee & Breakfast snacks before golf
- Longest Drive Contests
Men & Women
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Men & Women
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Attention: C&Y Golf Tournament

If you have any questions, please contact:

Danny Roe – (317) 508-6465

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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/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

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The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 185 Squadrons and over 25,000 members this year donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

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Source Articles

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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 15th of every month.***

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