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Greetings Team!

There are so many wonderful events going on and I thank you all for your dedication and support of our programs. After attending several more installations around the state, it was very inspiring to meet the Squadron Commander, John Mammano, at 336, North Fort Myers. The squadron already has donations boxes set out on the table tops for our Detachment Charity, C.O.T.A. Fantastic, and I thank you. Several of us, Department Commander Jessica Moore, Bob Matheson, Rick "O", Bruce Carl, myself, Tom Beck, Ken Arrant, and Robert Huddle attended the American Legion Baseball Annual Dinner in Clearwater. It was wonderful to be involved with the caliber of these young athletes, and to hear their stories and devotion to patriotism and community service. July 3rd was a proud day as Post 303 past Boy's State Representative, Tanner Coleman stopped in to see us. Tanner is now a counselor at Boy's State, and still lives in Naples.

Another proud moment, Commander Tom Beck used our Detachment Coin, C.A.R.E., for the first game toss. Awesome.

I had the pleasure of attending installation in District 9, installing the officers at 180 for Commander Jesse Bogle, and also attended installation at Squadron 310 for returning Commander Martin Kraemer.

August 8th was a very moving Pow/Mia Remembrance and Recognition Ceremony sponsored by Squadron 189 in Sebastian. Peter Puzzo was the "MC" and had a special presentation of Canes for The Purple Heart Veterans, all hand made with the veterans' names embossed. A very impressive young man from the Navy JROTC was there helping serve the dinner.

Continue working your membership. Call your members and see how they are doing. Thank them for their continued support and let them know about our challenge. I would like to see every member recruit at least ONE new member this year so we can surpass our next goal. Recruit, renew, rejoin and retention. This is vital for our growth and survival.

If you would like me to attend any of your events, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to traveling to EVERY SINGLE District in the State of Florida. This is going to be a fantastic year and with your help, I am looking forward to meeting all of you and working together. We are The American Legion Family, Florida

September 19th to 20th, many of us will be attending Florida's 5th Annual Seven Bridges POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. On Saturday, September 27th at Winter Haven Post 8, there will be a Car and Motorcycle Show sponsored by The Sons of The American Legion, with proceeds going to our charity, C.O.T.A. Please show up and support this wonderful cause.



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We are now in September and are approaching the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Please go through your preparedness checklist and get yourselves, your neighbors, family and friends in readiness for potential emergencies or challenges. We **are** The American Legion Family, Florida Strong. Use **#SALCares** in all your social media and advertising so I can follow you.

September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, and every month should be about preventing suicide, especially for our military and first responders. These heroes face unimaginable trauma every day, and far too often, they do it alone. Our mission is clear, to provide mental wellness support, suicide prevention information, and family resources to help them survive the job and life afterwards. Some signs to look for are increased alcohol or drug use, withdrawing from family and friends, feelings of guilt, shame, or failure, and mood swings.

These are very trying times for many people. Continue your "Buddy Checks "Be The One". We are all in this together. Check your roster. Give them a phone call or stop by their residence. Say hello and thank them for their continued support. If they haven't renewed for a while, offer some assistance. Renew, Recruit, Re-join, and Retention. These are all very important to our survival.

Why? **Because We C.A.R.E.** We are members of The Worlds Greatest Veterans Organization, The American Legion. Be proud to let others know of the great work we do for our veterans and their families, for our children and youth, in promoting Americanism. Remember to engage your members in our challenge. Each member should recruit at least one new member this year. We have been achieving some amazing goals. Let's keep it going.

Thank you for all you do, in supporting our mission, C.A.R.E. and our Charity, C.O.T.A. As always, if you are having a special event you would like me to attend, feel free to get in touch. This will be an amazing year and I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you and your squadrons. Use our hashtag **#SALCares** in your social media and flyers so I can follow you.

For God and Country,

Michael Nigbor

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Hello Sons!

September is here! National Convention is behind us, Installation Season is complete and our winter residents should start returning. We're all going to get into our busy season with our events and membership. My article this month will hopefully provide you some tips to help make your year successful.

FALL CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 21-23 AT CARIBE ROYALE ORLANDO

As you start preparing for your new year, do not forget to reserve your rooms for our annual Fall Conference. Fall Conference is an important mid-year meeting for us. Not only do we discuss important business, but it is your chance to get training on various topics both from the Florida Sons of The American Legion and the Florida American Legion. (Yes, the SAL are welcome to participate in some of the American Legion training sessions.) The Detachment of Florida Member Training and Development team has not yet finalized their training sessions. If there is something you would like training on, please reach out to MT&D Chairman **Pete Puzzo** at mtd@floridasons.org and discuss your needs. The Department of Florida does not have all of their classes set yet, but you can keep an eye on what's offered by checking <https://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/fall-conference/classes/> periodically before the Conference.



If you or your squadron is planning to attend, don't delay in reserving your rooms. The cut-off date for reserving rooms is **OCTOBER 30, 2025**. You can find up-to-date hotel information on the Department of Florida website at <https://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/fall-conference/hotel-information/>

COMMUNICATE

This is the first word in Commander Nigbor's **C.A.R.E.** acronym for this service year. While I have known that communication has been poor, I've greatly noticed it in the last few months. For example, prior to our National Convention I had somebody ask me if the agenda for the Convention was available somewhere. I asked that person if they read '**The Source**', to which they said 'Yes, but only the Commander's article'. I informed the person that I had published the agenda in the last edition of the newsletter. Additionally, I had created a National Convention page on the Detachment of Florida website (www.floridasons.org) on June 30th. **It is important that we all read all communications, whether an email or a news letter, all the way through.**



FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR STEPS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

At our Detachment Convention, I had created signs with a QR code to sign up for the mailing list and had them displayed around our convention hall. I also placed a copy in each Area and District Commander's packets and asked that they display them at their meetings/installations and encourage their members to sign up. Since that time, we've only had 25 new sign up requests, a few of which came from our National Convention. I asked one District Commander about it, and he said he forgot it was in his packet. I've heard so many officers say that 'we need to increase communication', but then something like this continues to happen by the same people that made the statement.

Everyone that contributes to creating an article for 'The Source', or creates and sends out a membership report or other information takes the time to do so in order to keep our Detachment of Florida members informed. Sadly we currently only have 487 of 27,041 subscribed to get our mailings - **that's only 1.8%!**

TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION - ALL AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

- ♦ Print out the QR code page located at the end of this newsletter and display it in your Post Home. I've been to a few Posts since Convention, and haven't once seen it displayed.
- ♦ Print out a copy of 'The Source' each month and display it in your Post Home. You don't have to print it in color (although it IS pretty!), simply select the 'Print in Black & White' option before you hit the print button.



PREPARING FOR REPORTING SEASON

I have been working on something that, if completed on time, will greatly assist in our year end reporting. While doing so, I have noticed some inconsistencies in our various reports as well as some ways to clarify them. Over the next few months, I will be recreating some of our report forms to make them easier to fill out and to better display some valuable information that is currently not on the forms. I will also set the PDF versions up to do calculations for you.



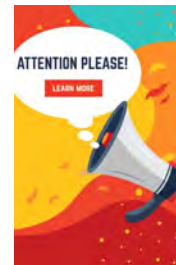
Once complete, I will let you know when the revised forms are completed via email to the Area and District officers and by utilizing our mailing list. Subscribe to our mailing list and keep an eye out for the notice.

PROMOTING YOUR EVENTS

When creating promotional materials for your events - whether flyers, Facebook posts, or other advertisements - please remember to include your **Post/Squadron number and location**. Many of us follow pages from across the Detachment and even nationwide. By clearly listing your location, you increase the chances of attracting members from neighboring Squadrons, Districts, or even traveling Legion Family members who happen to be in the area.

Also, feel free to **tag the Detachment** in your Facebook posts (@FloridaSAL). I'll be happy to share your event on the Detachment page and save it for inclusion in the next edition of "The Source." You can also email your event details directly to me for promotion.

A successful event can lead to **RECRUITING** of new members to your American Legion Family and the **EDUCATION** of what the American Legion Family does.. Let's help spread the word and support each other's events!



INVITE THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER TO YOUR EVENTS

As I am sure many of you have noticed by now, Commander Nigbor loves to travel. If you would like Detachment Commander Nigbor to attend your upcoming events, please send him an email at commander@floridasons.org. Commander Mike enjoys meeting members and traveling throughout the Detachment, as you may have noticed from his recent updates!



By reaching out in advance, you help him keep track of his visits and make it easier to coordinate additional stops along his travels. Your invitation is always welcomed and appreciated.

FRIENDLY REMINDER REGARDING EVENT PHOTOS

As you take photos during your events, we kindly ask that you take a moment to review and edit your pictures before sharing them publicly, especially on social media or organizational platforms. Specifically, please make an effort to crop out or blur any visible alcoholic beverages.



This simple step is important in helping us maintain a positive public image. The American Legion Family continuously works to challenge the outdated stereotype that our organization is merely a gathering place for veterans to drink and swap war stories. By presenting a more accurate reflection of our programs, community service, and family-friendly activities, we can show the true mission and values of The American Legion Family.

Thank you for your help in promoting the professionalism and purpose of our organization.

CAR SIGNS & BUSINESS CARDS

Detachment Officers and District Commanders: If you would like car signs or business cards, I have pre-made templates available and would be happy to share the files with you. These items can be submitted for reimbursement - just remember, in order to be reimbursed, car signs must not include personal names, so they can be passed along to your successor.

If you'd like a personalized template for business cards or a template for car signs, simply email me at adjutant@floridasons.org and I'll send you everything you need to get them printed.



I think that's it for now. Remember that your Adjutant Team cares about you and is here to help **YOU** be successful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. **#SALCares**

For God and Country,

Christian M Rapp

Detachment Adjutant

Sons of The American Legion

Detachment of Florida

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Gentlemen,

The 2025-2026 year is well on its way, and the Holidays aren't far behind. This year we focus on **#SALCares**. These are Communicating, Acting, Recruiting and Educating. We have heard these words in many different ways over the years. It will be our common theme, and it is a great one now and in the future no matter how it is said. If we don't Communicate we will fail as an organization. What we don't know WILL hurt us! If we don't change(Acclimate) and then Act upon those changes, we fail. If we don't Recruit and retain Membership we fail. If don't Educate ourselves and others on who we are and what we, do we fail.

This will be a monumental year again if we can accomplish our goals. 30,000 Members WOW!!! Focus on our Monthly Goals. At printing of the Source, September 4th, 2025 we should all be at least at 10%. For some this is very easy to do. For others they seem to struggle and once behind it is difficult to catch up. Area Commanders, please keep watch on your Districts but also know your struggling Squadrons. District Commanders, make sure you find out why a Squadron isn't at 10% or at the very least Minimum strength (10 members) by now. If your Squadron doesn't know then ask the Post Commander. They too are responsible for the Success or Failure of the Squadron.

So far this year the Detachment is doing we are at 19.48% which is a great way to start off. Every District is also at 15% or better except one. All 6 of our Areas are also above 15%. Please set yourselves up for success this year by meeting the goals each month and make sure you let others know if you are having trouble. I know we will show up and stand out again this year as a Detachment. You men come through like always no matter the challenge put in front of you. This makes me proud to be a Member of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida. October 9th is our 25% Goal.

Get 'Er Done Be a Son

#SAL Cares

For God and Country,

Paul Stawicki

Membership Chairman
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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RENEWAL POSTCARD MAIL DATE

1ST NOTICE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

2ND NOTICE: FEBRUARY 12, 2026

3RD NOTICE: APRIL 9, 2026

RECEIVING DATES

SEPT 28 – OCT 3, 2025

FEB 22 – 28, 2026

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When we consider the important things in life, I hope we list health, family, faith and love as some these. Without health, we cannot provide for or be an active part of our family. Without family, we ache for the love and fellowship that everyone craves. Without faith, we know not love, and without love, one can easily fall into despair.

I've written before about the differences between despair and lament, but I think it is worth a re-visit. Both of these experiences begin with an understanding that things are not at all well. How we deal with that understanding makes all the difference.

Despair is where the enemy of life and light gets a foot hold. Despair is a downward spiral where self is most important and joy is a distant memory; despair leads us to believe that we're without merit, without purpose and without love. Simply put, despair does NOT come from God.

Lament, on the other hand, is a recognition that things are not as we'd wish, but in that recognition, we turn to our Lord God in faith, and pray for the strength to change what we can so that we may project and reflect His love.

If you feel you're on the edge of despair, please pause and look inward, but only for a moment. In that moment, remember that you're part of something far larger than yourself. You're part of the faithful. You're part of a family of children of Almighty God. You're part of an organization that grasps the differences in us all and unites us under the banner of faith in God and love of Country, a Country founded in hard work and the deep seeded faith needed to affect positive change.

With that knowledge, look inward again and see the light that exists in all of us. That light is the gift of life, and that gift is from the one true God, the Creator of the Universe. That light is what drives the good in us, the need to be part of something bigger, the joy of being in the family of the faithful; those of us who serve for the love of service because in working with and helping others, we feed and nurture the essence of life, which I believe is kindness.

Do not believe that despair surrounds you. I pray that you'll turn to Him if you're in that mindset. Our heavenly Father has never failed to see us, to know us and to love us unconditionally. No matter the circumstance, the life you've been given is worth living. As humans, because we're of the world, not just in the world, we can find our inner light to be lacking at times. When this happens, and it does happen to all of us, I pray the purest love a human can know – the unending love of God – washes over you and restores your view that He is Lord, and our life should be in service to His word.

For God and Country,

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The Detachment of Florida hosted The Sons of The American Legion 53rd National Convention in the J W Marriott across the street from The American Legion's 106th National Convention in the Tampa Convention Center.

The Convention Committee Meetings began early Friday morning with the Detachment of Florida represented at all the Convention Committee Meetings.

The Pre National Executive Committee at 10 AM began by discussing some of the convention committees and upcoming convention. The resolutions floated before the NEC were withdrawn for further study before the NEC started.

Our new Detachment Commander Micheal Nigbor completed the National Member Training and Development Committee's Detachment Commanders Class.

Welcoming the Sons of The American Legion and National Commander Joseph Navarrete were over 20 Florida Buccaneer Pirates who participated in the opening of 53rd National Convention just after 1PM on August 22 2025. Detachment of Florida National Assistant Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks read the call to convention, the roll call of officers and Detachments for the National Adjutant. Past National CDR. James K Roberts III from Florida welcomed the delegates to Tampa Florida on behalf of The Detachment of Florida for the National Organization.

The Florida delegation was led by Convention Chairman Rocky and Administered by Convention Secretary Christian Rapp that consisted of 57 delegates, alternates, plus 2 for a PNC and National Officer votes, the exact number of credentials handed out will be left to the Convention Secretaries Report.

The National Organization runs things a little differently from Florida where our JA reads the convention rules the Adjutant reads and The Legislative & Rules Convention Committee Chairman entertains a motion to accept the rules of the Convention at the opening resulting in the same outcome.

Friday night was one of the largest events that the host detachment presents at convention. After much searching the night club Dallas Bull was found. The detachment provided bus transportation, food and a cash bar for over 200 SAL & Legion family members. It was an overwhelming success. BIG THANK YOU to the SAL Convention Committee especially Ed Sheubrooks, Gerard Sambets and everyone else who assisted in this successful event.

Day Two is the big day with most of the Convention Committees reporting. Florida was presented with its CWF & membership awards culminating with Florida receiving its second National Convention TRIPLE NICKEL Award. This highest award consists !05% Membership, 85% renewals, and 5 new Squadrons. What an outstanding year for our Florida Membership and Leadership Team. **A job well done!**

The Sons of the American Legion Annual Convention Children & Youth Academy with close to 20 participants was once again an overwhelming success for our future leaders.

Saturday evening was a fund raiser event for Children's Organ Transplant Association at FL Post 138. This was an outstanding event recognizing Florida and other Departments for their previous years fund raising. A Big Thank You to Post 138 Family for their hospitality. *(FYI Detachment of Florida Commander 2025-2026 Micheal Nigbor CDRs Project is COTA. Start planning your fund raisers today.)*

Day 3 began with our Sons of The American Legion Memorial Service. Seeing the 4 pages highlighted on the big screens of our members who have passed into Squadron Everlasting gives us all time to reflect as the Detachment of Florida members in attendance stood and saluted. Our Detachment was further honored by Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida Lakeshore Squadron 137 Color Guard Member Jim Steele performed taps to end the Memorial Service.

We then resumed and finished convention business. With that we suspended further regular convention business for the purpose of electing national officers for 2025-2026. The Sons of The American Legion elected William (Bill) Clancy III NY and 5 National Vice Commanders with Bryan Hine TN being assigned to represent the SouthEast Region as National Vice Commander. The installation of the national officers followed the election of The Sons of The American Legion at The 53rd National Convention in Tampa FL.

(National Executive Committeeman continued)

Before the conclusion of the Convention PNC James K Roberts III FL. rose to proclaim the virtues of James ED Sheubrooks National Assistant Adjutant for his years of Service to The Sons of The American Legion National Organization. Jim then made the motion to proclaim James ED Sheubrooks with the title of National Adjutant Emintaris of The Sons of The American Legion and seconded by PNC Brian O'Hearne MA and passed unanimously. Pending TAL approval.

The Post National Executive Committee Meeting of The Sons of The American Legion preceded the Convention where the NEC men were sworn in for 2025-2026 year. The appointments by CDR Clancy were ratified unanimously by the Executive Committee. CDR Clancy made it clear that anyone not doing their job this year will be quietly asked to resign from their position. With that it was all over and The Sons of The American Legion 53rd National Convention was in the history book.

Last but not least is the BIG THANK YOU to Ed Sheubrooks for practically everything concerning the convention. Christian Rapp & staff for everything else including the design on the pins and coins. Gerard Sambets for the Pirates, (weren't they great?!) The Department of Florida & National Staff and everyone else who helped participated in allowing The Detachment of Florida to create a National Convention to remember. **Thanks again!**

William D Kelly, Jr

National Executive Committeeman
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida



Hello from the Eastern Area!

First of all, thanks again to Sonny Perchitti and Andy Campbell and staff for all your hard work in getting the Squadron Officer Installations completed. Special thanks to Gary Raymond for getting started early in District 12 with their Installations. You all deserve a big hand for all your hard work. There were many miles traveled and hours donated to get this work accomplished.

The new membership year has begun, and everyone is hard at work getting membership renewals done. Looks like Andy is off to a great start for District 12 and is leading District 6 by 16.4% to 11.54 % as of the first National report. It will be exciting to watch Andy and Sonny battle to see who is ahead at Fall Conference and gets the Golden Gavel. I encourage both Districts to get your membership renewals in as soon as possible. Our area is next to last currently. That is not a good place to be, but I expect great gains in the future as you guys always step up to the plate when challenged.

I am also excited to be attending the National Convention next week and to watch Rocky and the Detachment of Florida be awarded the Triple Nichol Award. Great job on membership for the Detachment of Florida!

The first District 6 meeting is Saturday, September 6th at Post 63 in Winter Garden at 10:00 AM, - Registration at 9:00 AM. I hope to see you there. Our own MT&D, Pete Puzzo will be there to present some short training. He always does a fantastic job. Please come out and support your District and Pete.

The next District 12 meeting is Saturday, Sept 20th at Post 81 in Melbourne at 10:00 AM, - Registration at 9:00 AM. At the last meeting they had some great training by Pete Puzzo that started at 9:00. So, get there early. I hope to see you there. Also the first District 12 Picnic for Boys and Girls State will be on October 11th at Post 81 in Melbourne as well. Band starts at Noon.

Please feel free to contact me at vceast@floridasons.org for any needs you may have and to invite me to your events.

For God and Country,
Danny Roe
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Detachment of Florida



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Hello from the Northern Area!

It is quite an honor to have been a delegate to our National Convention.

The opportunity to interact with fellow delegates from numerous Squadrons across the nation.

In case you have not heard - not only did your efforts with membership earn the Detachment of Florida the "Triple Nickel", but also contributed to the membership of the Sons of the American Legion growing to over 400,000 members!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and hard work, but also to encourage you to continue to actively work your membership – don't stop doing what you have been doing.

My own contribution may have been seen as annoying by some, at the same time – it seems to have been effective as well. Keeping in communication with my peers, my squadrons, and my leadership, having open and honest discussions concerning everything from where the squadron was (membership reports) to processes, Constitution & Bylaws and issues.

So, I ask: What worked for your membership team? What is it that was done that helped? Was it something new? Something old, just done with a different twist. Did you host "reach outs" or plan big membership drives?

I would ask each one of the members in the Detachment of Florida to share what makes your membership year so successful. Let's reach out to those around us - maybe what you have done will help a Squadron that is struggling. Perhaps a friendly rivalry, or a flat-out competition?

Look at what the Detachment of Florida was able to accomplish - By working together, sharing information, asking questions and genuinely communicating!

Congratulations and Thank You!! Keep It up!

For God and Country,
Denton 'Shay' Woods
Vice Commander Northern Area
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Florida

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Greetings from the Central Area!

August started off slow, but man did it finish crazy!

Thanks go out to Commander "Doc" Bowen and Squadron 119 for the invite and the hospitality once again for having us for meat bingo. As always, it was a fun evening, and we even won a few pieces of meat. I look forward to the next one!

I had the pleasure of attending the American Legion Norman McLeod Post 26 general meeting this month alongside District 15 Commander Eric Rikansrud and District 15 Auxiliary President Andrea Sherman. The Post has been steadily growing, and they are in the process of trying to build the family even more by rechartering their Auxiliary and starting a new Squadron! The three of us were there to answer any questions anyone may have had and to network and establish connections to be able to support them as they move forward. I look forward to hopefully having this new Squadron underway soon!

On behalf of the Post 138 family, I want to thank everyone who came out to join us for our grand reopening celebration, including Commander Nigbor. I also have to give a huge shoutout to Squadron 238 who rented a bus and brought what felt like half of the Post 238 family with them! The outpouring of support over the past year for our post has been amazing, and to have it culminate with everyone coming together for our official reopening was overwhelming. Thank you all again for all your support.

The week following the reopening brought the 53rd National Convention of the Sons of the American Legion into our backyard here in "sunny" Tampa (it was liquid sunshine all weekend). It was awesome getting to represent the Detachment of Florida along with my fellow delegates in our home state. Congratulations go out to Past Detachment Commander Cirigliano and the entire Detachment of Florida for earning the coveted Triple Nickel award. Glad to see everyone's hard work paying off!

Congratulations to newly elected National Commander Bill Clancy (NY) and all the other National officers on your election. I look forward to seeing what this year brings. I also want to send out my congratulations to now-Past National Commander Navarrete (NM) for a very successful year, culminating with the national Sons membership surpassing 400,000 members! What an amazing milestone! And one final shoutout to Past National Vice Commander John Lawrence (LA). Thank you for not only taking the time to visit Florida throughout the year, but also for attending the many events that Post 138 hosted during the week of Convention. Your mentorship and friendship are greatly appreciated.

On August 26, I had the somber honor of conducting a remembrance ceremony at Post 138 for the 13 US servicemembers killed in action four years prior during the attack on Abbey gate in Kabul, Afghanistan. In just a few short weeks, we will be remembering and honoring the 2,976 Americans lost in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the countless servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the wars and conflicts since. Whether it was 4 years ago or 24 years ago, we must always continue to honor and remember those who paid the ultimate price serving and fighting to keep this country free, and those who have made our membership in the Sons of the American Legion possible. We made a promise long ago to "Never Forget." Let's all strive to keep and honor that promise.

As I mentioned in last month's article, the Central Area ball will be on Saturday March 7th at Post 7 in Clearwater in District 16 this year. It will be a Margaritaville themed casino party with a Jimmy Buffet inspired buffet! You can check out all the details on the attached flyer or on Facebook! We'll once again be splitting the proceeds between the Department Commander, Detachment Commander, and Department President's charities, Special Olympics, COTA, and Florida ALA Disaster Relief. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or to RSVP. We will be reaching out to our posts, squadrons, and units for volunteers, donations, and raffle baskets at a later date, and there will also be sponsorship opportunities announced later.

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 County,

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

(Vice Commander Central continued)



VC Central Sherman, SQ 119 Commander 'Doc' Bowen and D15 Auxiliary President Andera Sherman attending Squadron 119 Meat Bingo Fundraiser



VC Central Sherman, D15 Aux President Sherman and D15 CDR Rikansrud at Norman McLeod Post 26 General Meeting



VC Central Sherman and Detachment CDR Nigbor attending the Post 138 Grand Reopening



The Florida Delegation at the Sons of The American Legion 53rd National Convention

(Vice Commander Central continued)



The 13 US service members killed in action four years prior during the attack on Abbey gate in Kabul, Afghanistan



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Welcome back after National Convention!

9th District has come out of the gate kicking butts and taking renewals!

Installations are almost done and new brethren, as well as seasoned ,are taking their positions. The 9th District family is working together to make this another banner year. The 9th District has once again showed the we are not only active in our District but assisted our Southern Area Commander as we traveled to the 11th and 14 districts to assist with their installation as a Family should do.

The Riders have been busy as well with their charities and supporting our posts.

Our Auxiliary is on fire with projects and supporting their charities. They are always there when help is needed.

I ask that you all keep your eyes focused on what we stand for and get the family involved in everything we do. I am proud to be the VC of the 9th District SAL and humbled by the support.

#SALCares

For God and Country,

Sam Aloï
District 9 Vice Commander
Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida



MITCHELL PACE

13TH DISTRICT COMMANDER
DISTRICT13@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Greetings from the Mighty 13th District!

I would like to thank all the Squadrons in District 13 for your hospitality as we have completed all scheduled installations. Congratulations to all officers on your elections. Now it is time to get to work. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Through our membership we have a voice in veterans affairs and benefits through Congress. So, it is very important to get our membership renewals started. Numbers count and the sooner we can get the numbers the sooner we can make a difference.

I would also like to congratulate post 123 Sanibel on their grand reopening this month as well this post has worked hard to get back open not once but twice as it was damaged by 2 hurricanes.

I would like to give you all a reminder of our first District 13 Family meeting on September 21st, 2025 at Post 103 Punta Gorda . The Riders will meet at 9am, and the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL will meet at 10am. I encourage all District 13 officers and interested members to attend. This is a good time for you to promote your coming events. Speaking of upcoming events, please send those events to me and I will get them posted and distributed.

Thanks for all you do! I look forward to serving as your 13th District Commander this year!

#SALCares #oneteamonedream

For God and Country,

Mitchell Pace
13th District Commander
Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Florida





ROCKY CIRIGLIANO

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN

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Greetings!

At the Sons of the American Legion 53rd National Convention held in Tampa, the Detachment of Florida was presented with the following awards:

- The Child Well-Being Foundation Highest Donation for the Southeast Region
- National Children & Youth report for conducting & promoting C&Y Activities - Squadron 323 Lehigh Acres
- Largest Squadron Membership Award - Squadron 273 | Maderia Beach
- National Detachment Recruitment Award for recruiting the highest number of new members (Category IX)
- Arthur D. Houghton Award which on Jan 1 of each year, has attained the greatest membership percentage increase over the previous year.
- **THE TRIPLE NICKEL AWARD - 105% membership, 85+% Renewal Rate and 5 new squadrons!**

I couldn't have been more proud of the Detachment of Florida than I was going onstage and accept these awards. I am honored to have been elected as your Commander for this amazing time in our history. Now let's do it again and help Detachment Commander Nigbor achieve these same feats and more!

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 Fall Conference. 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.com. We need to make every attempt to educate our members to support our growth and development.

DETACHMENT EMAIL GROUP

All Squadrons and Squadron Officers should have an email and should be signed up to our Google email group and have been receiving the Detachment communications. If you are not signed up, WHY? 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 Google Group. Click the button and just follow the props. 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. Area & District Commanders, you can help with this issue by talking with your Squadrons during your visits and helping them to help us get the much needed information distributed. This is another item that needs great attention and correction.

A full page version of the QR code you to the right is available at the end of this edition of 'The Source'. Print it out and display it at your Post!

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

MT&D continues to work on training needs for our Detachment. Please Contact the Detachment Member Training & Development Chairman Peter Puzzo, on your interest to hold training classes for your Squadron, in your District or Area. You can email him at mtd@floridasons.org. We need to make every attempt to educate our members to support our growth and development. Also, please contact him if you have any suggestions as to specific training needs.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Paul Stawicki, thank you for your untiring efforts in reporting membership. We have a lot going on with membership as our numbers continue to grow. It is becoming increasingly important that everyone participates in membership and that the growth of our Squadrons and Detachment gets the attention of everyone. We now begin our quest for our 31st consecutive all-time high. **#SALCares**



Scan to join our mailing list!

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.





PETE PUZZO

MEMBER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT
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I hope everyone has hit the ground running since Convention !

Remember that the groundwork you establish now will increase your success rate by the end of the year. Start setting up Event Calendars and attendance sheets. That way you will be ahead of the End of Year Reports. If you need help just drop me an email and I will send it over to you.

You should be considering the training your Squadron needs. We are already visiting Squadrons and Districts. Using the Chain of Command as discussed at Convention contact your next level Officer and copy me as well. I believe if your Squadron members would like to attend the training at Fall Conference, it will be on the Friday before the Saturday Conference. The more they learn, the better the Squadron will be.

If there is a topic that you would like see discussed for training, either for Fall Conference or for you Squadron/District/Area, please let me know. Send an email to me at mtd@floridasons.org. If your request is for Fall Conference, don't delay as your MT&D team will need time to develop the curriculum as our Fall Conference is November 21-23 this year.

For God and Country,
Peter Puzzo

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



DANNY ROE

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION CHAIR
CHILDRENYOUTH@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Hello from Your Children and Youth Commission Chairman!

I would like to say what an honor it is to represent Children and Youth for the Detachment of Florida. I would like to reach out to everyone and ask that you keep me informed of any Children and Youth events you are having. It is my desire to attend and support as many local events as possible. I encourage you to post your events on social media and here in The Source.

Save the Dates: More info to come as we get closer to the events

April 4th: SW Area C&Y Picnic

April 11th: Department C&Y Picnic, Hosted by Palm Bay Post 117, Great venue and always a great time raising money for C.O.T.A (Childrens Organ Transplant Association)

April 26th: District 13 C&Y Picnic, Hosted by Post 323 Lehigh Acres.

May 16th: C&Y Golf Tournament, Hosted by Lady Lake 347 Family (Will go on sale early 2026)

Please plan to support these events. Feel free to contact me at childrenyouth@floridasons.org for any needs you may have and to invite me to your events.

For God and Country,
Danny Roe

Chairman | Children & Youth Commission
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



BOB O'NEAL

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB CHAIRMAN
VAR@FLORIDASONS.ORG



Hello Sons!

Volunteer hours are critical and deserve to be recognized. This past year only about 20% of our squadrons submitted VA&R reports. Encourage your members to track and turn in their volunteer hours monthly to your adjutant, so your squadron gets proper credit at the end of the year, with a possibility of recognition at the convention in June.

WHAT COUNTS AS VA&R HOURS?

- 1) Time spent helping out at the Post, such as the kitchen, food drives, charity events
- 2) Helping Veterans with meals, transportation to appointments, building access ramps
- 3) Making "buddy calls" to Veterans; interacting one-on-one; be a good listener
- 4) Volunteering at a local VA facility

There are most likely members in your Squadron, District or Area who are active in volunteering and squadrons are not getting the full credit due to a lack of reporting. Remember that each volunteer hour equates to \$30.

The more we report, the better the report to Congress regarding our support of Veterans. If you need assistance in filling out the VA&R form or the Volunteer of the Year form (Yes, you may have, at the end of the year, an outstanding volunteer who deserves to be recognized at the Detachment level), please contact me by email (var@floridasons.org)

We can definitely improve our reporting; lets make this the best yet!

For God and Country,

Bob O'Neal

Chairman | Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



BOB O'NEAL

PROJECT: VETRELIEF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
PVR@FLORIDASONS.ORG



How can we as individuals help reduce the 22 per day Veteran suicides? One way is by supporting the Department of Florida's Project: Vet Relief, a 501 (c)3 organization, whose two main initiatives are emergency assistance and suicide prevention within the state of Florida.

We need to spread the word and raise the awareness within our squadrons and members of the benefits of this project and the ongoing need to fund these efforts. The support for this organization has been declining, but the need has not.

I encourage District Commanders of this Detachment to pass this messages to all the Squadrons and encourage them add Project:Vet Relief to their budget, or increase their commitment. Last year we raised \$18,000, but were outdone by the Riders, who raised \$120,000. We could easily surpass that number if all the Squadrons participated.

For God and Country,

Bob O'Neal

Chairman | Project:VetRelief Committee
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida





Jessica Moore, Commander

commander@floridalegion.org



Each month, we pause to recognize the pillars of our American Legion family - those who give their time, heart, and heritage to serve our mission and strengthen our community. In July, we celebrated our Past Department Commanders (PDCs), whose mentorship and experience continue to guide us. In August, we honored the American Legion Auxiliary, whose timeless support and passion reflect the love and sacrifice of their service members.

This September, we turn our appreciation to the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) - the sons and grandsons of our brothers and sisters who have worn the uniform with pride. These men carry forward a legacy of service, not through military enlistment, but through unwavering dedication to the values of patriotism, remembrance, and community.

Legacy in Action SAL members embody the spirit of their forebears, honoring the sacrifices of veterans by volunteering, fundraising, and supporting youth programs. Whether it's organizing flag retirement ceremonies, assisting with post events, or mentoring young leaders, their presence is felt in every corner of our mission.

Unity and Service The SAL remind us that service doesn't end with discharge—it continues through generations. Their commitment bridges the gap between past and future, ensuring that the stories of valor and sacrifice are never forgotten.

A Living Tribute To every SAL member: thank you for being a living tribute to your fathers, mothers, grandparents, and all who served. Your dedication uplifts our organization and inspires us to keep building a stronger, more united Legion family.

#SALcares: A Motto with Meaning Our Detachment Commander's motto, **#SALcares**, is more than a hashtag—it's a mission. His chosen charity, **C.O.T.A. (Children's Organ Transplant Association)**, reflects his deep commitment to making a difference in the lives of families facing unimaginable challenges. His dedication to this organization is shown through this motto and the compassionate leadership he brings to every initiative. Through **#SALcares**, he reminds us that service is not just about honoring the past it's about uplifting the present and investing in the future.

For God and Country,

Jessica Moore

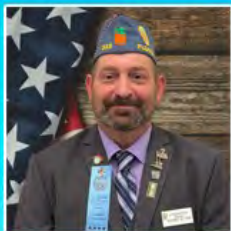
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2025-2026 COMMANDER JESSICA MOORE



CHRISTIAN M RAPP

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As I mentioned in my Adjutant's article, only 487 out of 27,041 members are subscribed to receive our mailings - that's just 1.8% of our membership. Each article submitted represents time and effort from members who want to share information they feel is important. On top of that, it can take up to two weeks to put together and proof one edition of The Source.

We also rely on our email group to distribute membership reports and other vital updates. But with such a small portion of our membership receiving these communications - and with some of those subscribers being Legion and Auxiliary members or SAL members from other states - the actual percentage is even lower. This has led many of us to question whether maintaining the email group and investing the time to create a monthly newsletter is truly worth the effort.

I ask everyone reading this, including Legion and Auxiliary members, to print out the last page of this newsletter with the QR code and display it in your Post. Help YOUR Sons of the American Legion extend the reach of their communications.

Newsletter Subscription Progress

487 of 27,041 (1.8%)

Again, my goal this year is to have every Area Commander, District Commander and Committee and Commission Chairman submitting articles every month. Ideally, I'd like Squadrons submitting articles regularly as well. 'The Source' is **FOR EVERYBODY**, not just Detachment Leadership.

The due date for submitting articles for 'The Source' is **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 Email List Subscription](#)
- [Article Submission Form for The Source](#)

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 | Editor of 'The Source', the Detachment of Florida Newsletter

IN LOVING MEMORY
ROBERT AIME LESSARD SR.
MARCH 22, 1951 – AUGUST 21, 2025



JOIN US IN A
CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



1 P.M.



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

American Legion Post #1
1281 N. US Highway 1, Titusville, FL 32796
321-269-9959



The American Legion Post 138
5535 W. Prescott St.
Tampa, FL 33616
(813)839-5119
(South Westshore Area)

Note: All Youth (15 & under) registered in the fishing tournament gets a free rod/reel from: Gandy Bait & Tackle!

Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) "Kenny McCall Memorial"

24th ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

By Boat or by Land – Let's Go Fishing! Trophies & \$1,425.00 in total Prize Money

Saturday, Sept 20, 2025

6:00 AM—4:00 PM

Captains Meeting Friday, Sept 19th, 2025, begins at 5:00 pm at Post 138:

- Latest S.A.L. & FWC tournament instructions will be provided
- Can pick up fishing package. Entries receive: Free: T-Shirt, dinner ticket & raffle ticket
- Sponsors get: Free Tournament Entry, 2 Free T-Shirts, dinner ticket & raffle ticket

Should you have questions, call Steve Lentz, S.A.L. Commander, 813-435-8238

Net proceeds donated to Veteran & Children Charities

Open to the Public - Adults & Youths



Snook

1st Place Adult 16 & Over - \$400
1st Place Youth 15 & Under - \$150



Redfish

1st Place Adult 16 & Over - \$350
1st Place Youth 15 & Under - \$125



Seatrout

1st Place Adult 16 & Over - \$300
1st Place Youth 15 & Under - \$100

Tournament begins at 6:00 am - Final FWC review at 4:00 pm. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded at 5:00 pm at the American Legion Post 138

RULES FOR WINNING

Weigh-In Rules for Winning Fish in each Category: Method 1: Heaviest fish wins; 2. If tie, Longest Fish wins. Method 2: Should FWC Red Tide Order be in place, photo required with S.A.L. provided yardstick (at Captain's Meeting)—longest fish wins. If need be, any ties in either method will be placed into a "pool" and winner drawn by the S.A.L. Commander

Register Today at Post 138, see your bartender for Entry Forms!

Adults 16 & over, \$55; Youth 15 & under, \$10;

Family; 2 Adults with 2 Youths, \$75



POW-MIA DAY

Sept. 19, 2025

Ceremony at 6 PM

At Post 189-Sebastian, FL

**Sons of The American Legion
Squadron 189-Sebastian, FL
Will host a Ceremony to both
Honor & Remember the 80,000+
American Military Forces still
unaccounted for since WW I.**

**Enjoy a Fish & Shrimp Dinner served by the Sebastian Area
Veteran Honor Guard and stay for the Ceremony.**

**The 3rd Friday in September is the designated Day to honor &
remember those who need to be repatriated back home.**

**We Will Not Forget...
Will You?**

**John Kinlen-Commander
Peter Puzzo-Americanism Chairman**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 8

CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

PRESENTED BY
SONS OF THE
 AMERICAN
LEGION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

9:30 AM - 3 PM

REGISTRATION STARTS
AT 8:00 AM

GREAT FOOD BY
LEGIONARY GRILL

TROPHIES PRESENTED
AT 3:00 PM



\$25

ENTRY DONATION

TROPHIES INCLUDE:

1ST PLACE
2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE
COMMANDERS CHOICE

CONTACT DAN HEIER FOR MORE INFO
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FRIERSON-NICHOLS AMERICAN LEGION POST 8
300 AVE. M NW, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881

SONS OF THE
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LEGION

3RD ANNUAL TOM WOOD MEMORIAL RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**Saturday September 27th, 2025
Starting at American Legion Post 117**

KSU 10:30

Stops:

Post 163

Post 81

Post 189



Registration 9:30 AM Bike - \$15 Passenger \$5

Poker Hand - \$5 Extra Card \$5

2, 3 and 4 Wheels Welcome to Participate

Food Available - Raffles - DJ-Doc Holiday - Baskets - Auction



ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

FOR
**MILITARY/VETERAN
SUICIDE AWARENESS**

**Sunday, November 2, 2025
9:00am - 12:00pm**

2.2 MILE WALK & VETERANS EXPO

Join Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County
for a community walk to
Let's help END Military/Veteran Suicide!

**REGISTER
NOW!**

**SCAN QR
CODE**



Riverside Park

Registration at the Grand Pavillion - Opens at 9:00am

\$35 / person online ~ \$40 / person - day of walk

DJ ★ Gift Raffle ★ 50/50 Raffle ★ Wall of Valor

T-SHIRTS: Available for the First 200 walkers who register

EARLY SHIRT PICK UP: (if you registered online)

Thursday 10/30 from 10am-3pm at American Legion Post 39 • 1535 Old Dixie Hwy

Proceeds to Benefiting:



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7855 14th Lane, VB 32966

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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

<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 over 25,000 members this year donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

***For More Information about the
Florida Sons of The American Legion,
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www.floridasons.org
Or e-mail us at floridasons@floridasons.org

Source Articles

Scan the QR Code below to
visit our website



We are looking for your input and help to keep this newsletter going. We are looking for articles from the Squadrons, Districts, or Areas. Let us know what is happening in your Squadron, District & Area and we will inform the rest of the Detachment. It could increase attendance at your functions and or meetings!!!! This is your newsletter. ***Please send all articles to the Editor by the 15th of every month.***

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

STAY INFORMED!

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A CONFIRMATION MESSAGE. IT'S **THAT** EASY!

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