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**Greetings from your Detachment of Florida Commander!**

I would like to begin this article by checking in with our Detachment Vice Commanders. Please get back to me in regard to our recruiting competition. I asked every member to recruit at least one new person this year. We are coming close to the end of this service year. How are the numbers adding up in your area? Who is taking our membership seriously? Please call or text me, 262-370-8733, or email at commander@floridasons.org. Thank you for your efforts and dedication to our organization. Keep reaching out to those that have yet to renew. Let them know you appreciate their continued support. Get them engaged so they will come to your post to support your programs and events.

District Officers, the same request as well as getting in touch with your squadrons. I will take calls from anyone in our organization. It's called Communication. Recently I sent 21 test emails out to our Detachment and District Officers. I only received 8 replies back. We are working on this to see what the issues are. As you are reading these articles, please get in contact with me as to how we are all doing. I appreciate feedback. We are a team and this newsletter is for all of us. As members of the Sons of The American Legion, show some C.A.R.E.-Communicate, Act, Recruit, Educate. Continue to share the great things our squadrons are doing.

**This is your newsletter.** Share your events with us so we might be able to come and support you. We would like to see more engagement with our members in The Source. Communication and teamwork are the foundation to our success. The time is now to show our mission is cemented in service, patriotism, kindness and community engagement, honoring all those who served and continue to serve.

March 19,20,21 and 22, I attended The American Legion College. I would recommend this class to everyone. Excellent training and instructors, giving information to help us be better, knowledgeable leaders. April 4th was the District 13 Picnic at Post 323. It was very well attended and we had generous donations for our charities. April 10th and 11th were fantastic days at Posts 394 and 117, all supporting April Military Month of the Child and Children and Youth Picnic. The children performed their Military Child Table Setting. It was so wonderful to have so many junior members present and showing their respect.

By now we are all working on our year end reports. Remember to send in your SIR report after your elections. Let's work hard and accomplish 100% completion this year. Stay in contact with your neighboring squadrons and see if they need help. Reach out to your Detachment and District staff if you have any questions. Communicate, engage, and let's get it done.

Thank you for all you do to prove The Detachment of Florida is an unwavering force. Send me invitations to your meetings and events. I would love to meet your members. Keep the lines of communication and engagement thriving. Help promote each other's events. For God and Country,

Michael Nigbor  
Detachment Commander | Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida

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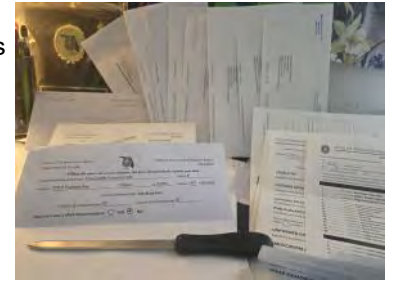
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## WELCOME TO MAY!

This is our last month before our Annual Convention in June. You all should be working on your reporting, if you haven't already. Almost all of your **reports are due by June 15** in order for us to have time to collate the data prior to our Convention. We now have a few options for you to submit your reports, with another much easier way to do so next year:

- ◆ **USPS** (Snail Mail) - The old 'tried and true' method. However, it takes time to process these as I have to scan each report and send them off to the designated person in charge of collating them. I also need to send the SIRs to Department so they can update their records and assign membership processing abilities for the next year. Look at the picture to the right. This is just **3 DAYS WORTH** off reports I have to process, not to mention the ones that were emailed to me.
- ◆ **EMAIL** - You can scan and email your reports to me at [reports@floridasons.org](mailto:reports@floridasons.org). I still have to forward them to the appropriate people, but it eliminates the need to scan them.
- ◆ **ONLINE** - As I showed in my article - **for those of you who read 'The Source' all the way through** - I have set up an online portal at [reporting.floridasons.org](http://reporting.floridasons.org) where you can upload all of your saved reports on one screen. All you need to do is save your completed report to your computer, go to the portal and upload them. You get a copy of what you emailed, as well as me. The reports are also automatically forwarded to their assigned person. **This is the most convenient, time-saving option for all.**



**NOTE:** All of our reports are on our Detachment of Florida website under the **REPORTING** tab. They are fillable PDF files you can use your computer to complete. Simply fill out the form, save it to your computer and then use one of the electronic methods to submit. If you are using your computer to fill them out, there's no reason you can't submit them electronically.

## DISTRICT & SQUADRON ELECTIONS

**According to Article IX (District Organization) Section 8 of the Detachment Constitution:** In addition to any other conference that may be held in the several Districts of the Detachment, there shall be held in each District a District Constitutional Conference not more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Detachment Convention.

**According to Article X (Squadron Organization) Section 13 of the 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.

### **THIS MEANS YOU SHOULD ALL BE HAVING YOUR SQUADRON ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCES (DCCs) NOW**

As soon as these elections are done, your Adjutants should be sending in their **Squadron Officer Reports (SIR)** for the Squadron and the **District Officer Report (DOR)** for the District Officers. These must be done **IMMEDIATELY** after the elections, not sent in with your year end reports. Again, all forms are available on line and can be completed on your computer for electronic submission. Links are below:

#### **SQUADRON OFFICER REPORT (SIR):**

<https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/03-SIR-0525.pdf>

#### **DISTRICT OFFICER REPORT (DOR)**

<https://floridasons.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/dist-officer-report-05-12-25.pdf>

**AS OF THIS WRITING I HAVE ZERO (0) DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS.**

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### **SPEAKING OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS...**

#### **According to our Detachment Constitution Article IX SECTION 6:**

*District Conferences shall be composed of Delegates and Alternates from each chartered Squadron in the District, each of which shall be entitled to two Delegates and two Alternates, for the first ten (10) members, and to add one additional Delegate and Alternate for each additional ten (10) members or major fraction thereof over and above ten members, Alternate delegates shall be recognized in the numerical order certified; and provided that the per capita tax has been received by Department Headquarters ten (10) days prior to the District Constitutional Conference. It shall be a further duty of the Detachment Adjutant to publish to the Squadron and District Officers of the respective Districts in the Detachment a bulletin listing the official voting strength of each Squadron not later than five (5) days prior to the District Constitutional Conference.*

***I HAVE HAD ZERO (0) DISTRICTS REACH OUT TO ME OR THE REST OF THE ADJUTANT TEAM FOR THEIR DELEGATE STRENGTH REPORTS.***

### **SPEAKING OF DELEGATE STRENGTH REPORTS...**

Currently, there is at least two contested elections to take place at our upcoming Convention. If you have a candidate that you would like to see win their election, it is important that you pay for your complete delegate strength, not just apy for the delegates on the floor for Convention.

*Personally, I recommend **ALWAYS** paying your **COMPLETE** delegate strength. The \$5 per delegate helps the Detachment of Florida offset their cost for Convention, which is rapidly increasing each year.*

### **DELEGATE STRENGTH FORMULA (BASED ON THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT AT CONVENTION TIME)**

Sadly, while every tenured member of the Detachment of Florida should know the delegate strength formula, most do not. Here is the formula:

- ◆ 1 vote for your squadron Charter
- ◆ 1 vote for every 10 members
- ◆ 1 Vote for every At-Large Member that is on the floor at voting time. **AT-LARGE-MEMBERS ARE:**
  - \* Past Detachment Commanders
  - \* Current Officers (Commander, NEC, ANEC, Area Commanders, Chaplain, SAA, Historian)
  - \* Current District and Elected District Vice Commanders (if your district has more than one Vice Commander, only the **ELECTED VICE COMMANDER** counts)
  - \* Adjutant Corps, Assistant SAAs and Judge Advocate do not count as they are appointed officers

### **ENDORSEMENTS FOR OFFICE**

Endorsements for office for the 2026-2027 Service Year are still coming in. However we are missing quite a few. If you are considering running for a Detachment Officer Position, or a District Commander/Vice Commander position you may still submit your endorsement. All endorsements will be posted on our website at <https://floridasons.org/detachment-officer-endorsements/>, as well as be published in 'The Source' as they come in. 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.

That's it for now, I hope to see many of you at the Commander's Homecoming this month! Please reach out to me or the rest of your Adjutant Team if you need help with ANYTHING.

For God and Country,

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Gentlemen,

Gentlemen, this is another article on Squadron reporting and its importance. As we continue to move toward our annual Convention our reporting process becomes a priority for all Squadrons, large and small. We are now weeks away from our Convention and reporting is now a major priority along with membership.

This continues to be a **HIGH PIRORTY** for the Vice Commanders, District & District Vice Commanders, this is the time you need to communicate with your Squadrons and give them any assistance they may require. You helping them will help us do our jobs collecting the information and delivering that information to the General Assembly at Convention.

**ALL** Squadrons need to complete **ALL** Detachment required paperwork that reflects the work of your Squadron to be supplied at or before our Annual Detachment Convention **EACH & EVERY YEAR**. This year is no different the any other year. Vice Commanders, District Commanders, and District Vice Commanders, please see that this information is given to all the Squadrons in your areas of responsibilities. Thank you in advance for your help and support. Let's make this year our best reporting year yet!

### REQUIRED SQUARDON REPORTS

#### ◆ SQUADRON CONSOLIDATED REPORT (CSR)

- **NATIONAL CSR** can be completed from two locations.
  - [www.MyLegion.org](http://www.MyLegion.org) for those in the Squadron with access.
  - [www.floridasons.org](http://www.floridasons.org) under the reporting tab and follow the instructions to mail to National Headquarters or use the supplied email.
- **DETACHMENT CSR**
  - [www.floridasons.org](http://www.floridasons.org) under the reporting tab and follow the instructions

- ◆ **SQUADRON INFORMATION REPORT (SIR)** – To be completed after Squadron Elections and can also be used for Officer changes during the year. This form is very important for the development of our Detachment contact directory.
- ◆ **ANNUAL SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDR)** - The 2027 per printed SDR's were mailed to your Post. If you have not received yours, contact your Post Adjutant/Commander and discuss this with them. Follow the instructions supplied with the form.
- ◆ **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT** – This is an individual Squadron Award report that will be graded at Convention.
- ◆ **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** – This is an individual award to be determined by the VA & R Committee at Convention.

The priority reports are the *National and Detachment Squadrons Consolidated Reports (CSR)*. **BOTH** reports are critical that the Squadrons complete **BOTH** reports and submitted as instructed. These reports are different and the calculations serve to different functions. The Detachment report supplies the Detachment with information so we the Detachment can submit our Detachment report to National. The National report is used to collect all information need to put together information for the American Legion National Commander when he addresses Congress at the Washington Conference. As you see these reports have different importance and both need to be completed.

**What our squadrons do everyday matters - but if it is not documented, it is invisible beyond our four walls.**

#### **WHY DOES THE CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT MATTER:**

The Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) is not paperwork for the sake of paperwork. It is one of the most critical documents a squadron can complete. Information reported by squadrons is combined nationwide, used by The American Legion, forwarded to the U.S. Congress, and relied upon to apply for and verify many awards.

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*(Detachment Assistant Adjutant continued)*

Every volunteer hour served and every dollar donated turns good intentions into verifiable proof of impact. The CSR captures how Sons of The American Legion support veterans, youth, military families, and local communities. When documented, local service becomes part of a statewide and national narrative that proves relevance, effectiveness, and mission execution.

Accurate CSR reporting protects the organization's nonprofit standing. It demonstrates transparency, accountability, and charitable purpose - essential when facing audits, regulatory reviews, or public scrutiny. Service that is not reported cannot be defended, validated, or verified.

CSR data strengthens the organization's ability to secure funding, grants, donations, and partnerships. Grantors, donors, and sponsors expect measurable outcomes. Squadrons that document their service help justify continued support and position the organization for future opportunities.

At the department and national levels, consolidated CSR data drives advocacy, visibility, and influence. Leadership relies on these numbers to speak with authority to legislators, government agencies, and community partners. Real data - not anecdotes - demonstrates the true scope of our nationwide impact.

### **WHY AWARDS MATTER BEYOND THE CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT**

Awards are not about bragging rights, and they are not limited to CSR-based recognition.

Awards establish standards of excellence across membership growth, retention, engagement, leadership, administration, and community service. They define what "good" looks like and push squadrons beyond minimum compliance toward continuous improvement.

- **Recognition drives member engagement and retention. Members are more likely to remain active when their service is acknowledged, when they see tangible results from their efforts, and when their squadron takes pride in striving for excellence.**
- **Awards build credibility and trust. Squadrons that earn recognition are viewed as organized, accountable, and effective - by members, donors, sponsors, community partners, and the public. That credibility attracts new members and strengthens long-term support.**
- **Pursuing awards develops future leaders. It requires planning, coordination, delegation, accountability, documentation, and follow-through - the same skills required to lead at the district, detachment, and national levels. Awards programs are, in practice, leadership development pipelines.**
- **Many awards rely on CSR data to validate service and impact, but many others recognize leadership, innovation, growth, professionalism, and excellence that cannot be captured by any single report. Together, these programs ensure well-rounded, mission-focused squadrons.**

When squadrons participate, the benefits extend beyond the local level. Strong participation elevates the Detachment, strengthens the Department, and presents a unified, professional organization nationwide. One Squadron's excellence strengthens the credibility of all.

When squadrons fully document their service through the Consolidated Squadron Report and actively pursue available awards, they are not checking boxes.

More to come in the future month articles. Any questions please contact me at [fl.johnjennings@gmail.com](mailto:fl.johnjennings@gmail.com) , I am here to help, always.

For God and Country,

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Gentlemen,

The Sons of The American Legion met for their spring National Executive Committee Meetings May 1st - 3rd 2026 at the Sheraton city Center in Indianapolis Indiana.

After flying in Friday Morning Alternate Sambets and I attended our assigned meetings. As the lead NEC man for Internal Affairs I attend the sub-committees for IA.

First up was the **Member Training & Development Sub-Committee Meeting**. The committee has received approval and the National Liaison will be uploading the approved Training Library on the SAL website. The committee has finished work on the SAL Commanders and Adjutants GuideBook. The Book has been sent over to The American Legion Commanders Advisory and TAL Internal Affairs Commission for approval. The MD&T will Not have Detachment Commanders School at the National Convention. There will be a list of four training classes provided with The National Convention Information. The committee is requesting all Detachment and National Officers complete TAL Basic Training Course online.

#### **Next up was Membership & Squadron Activities Sub-Committee**

Before the-meeting got under way I presented Chairman Butch Ray and his Vice-Chairman CDR Nigbor's pin. We had received our Detachment of Florida Friday Membership Report confirming our 100%.Membership. Chairman Ray was excited and praised everyone for the outstanding job. At 94% nationally 2 percentage points the previous year. The committee is working on a Membership Tool Kit to assist members using a calendar and targets, TAL terns Mentor Guides, Buddy Checks and informational websites. Instructions on how to put together an Arizona Membership Briefcase.

**The last Meeting on Friday was the 100th Anniversary ad-hoc Committee.** Last year when they were looking for a representative from each Detachment. We asked but no one volunteered so to keep in contact I volunteered for the committee. Florida has provided a list of our past Detachment Commanders but they are still looking for photos from past years.They have a Facebook page and are looking for members to join. They are looking to create a Time Capsule and a 100 Year History Book. They are working on creating a special membership card for 1932.

The next day ANEC Gerard Sambets and I started at 8AM in the **National Convention Sub-Committee**. The National convention is in Louisville Ky. The Detachment will be selling pins, coins and mugs. The Friday August 28th night social will be at Ky Post 220 from 5.30 to 8.30PM with music, a fish fry and electronic gaming. Some of the tours and activities are Triple A Baseball games Louisville Slugger Musium, Ky Derby Musium, Distillery Tours (Old Forester, Evan William) Tours.

[www.gotolouisville.com](http://www.gotolouisville.com)

**Internal Affairs Commission Meeting** Chairman Bill Hill received the reports as previously stated above from Conventions & Meetings Committee Chairman Watry, Membership Training & Development Committee reported by Chairman Davis, and Membership and Squadron Activities reported by Chairman Ray.

*The above reports were the Commission and Committee meetings I attended personally; the rest of these reports were reported to the NEC in session.*

**The Sons of the American Legion National Executive Committee Meeting** convened at 2PM for the first time in many years at The American Legion National Headquarters at 700 N Pennsylvania St. 4th floor TAL NEC Meeting Room. Here are some of the Commission and Committee highlights

Commander Clancy and National Liaison Kevin Mook reported The American Legion National Emergency Fund's Trustees have agreed to rewrite the NEF Letters of Trust to include The Sons of The American Legion availability in the NEF Program.

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**Americanism Commission** reported TAL & SAL are moving to expand Jr Shooting to all 50 Departments. TAL Baseball is working to create a 100 Anniversary replica jersey.

**Child Well Being Foundation** reports \$236,000 in donations, up 11% over the previous year.

**Children & Youth** reported that the Youth Academy will be back at the National Convention. SAL C&Y is looking to expand donations to COTA, V&C Fund and CMN. C&Y is looking to expand the Victory Garden Program. C&Y is asking us to increase by 10% donations to TAL Boys State Program.

**SAL** is asking every Detachment to consider establishing a Flying Flags For Heroes Program in each detachment. TAL National Oratorical Contest is looking for volunteers May 15-17 2026 in Hillsdale MI. Please encourage your Squadron to participate in the celebrate AMERICA 250.

**Finance Commission** reported that they had reviewed the SAL 2027 budget and presented it to the NEC.

**Media & Communications** Reminded members to use the SAL Nat. Facebook page and submit articles to the Millennium our Nat. Newsletter. Remember Snapshots and Videos of Service Contest are DUE by June 30th. TAL & SAL request you Share Your Why Campaign.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission VAVS** is looking for volunteers in Veteran Hospitals. Consider contacting, donating, and volunteering at USO, K-9 for Warriors, or take the Veterans Suicide Awareness Training.

## RESOLUTIONS

NEC Spring 1 2026, NEC S-5 2026, NEC S-6 2026,

NEC S-7 2026, NEC S-8 2026 were all candidate endorsements that were received and filed.

NEC Spring-9 2026 Ratify and Govern Historically Recognized National Awards.

NEC Spring-11 2026 Modernization of the National History Book Awards

NEC Spring-12 2026 Establishing National Convention Award Cutoff Timelines.

That evening Gerard Sambets, Greg Tong and myself attended the National CDRs Candidate Reception

Sunday Morning The NEC reconvened at TAL HQs for a host of distinguished speakers including The American Legion National Commander Dan Wiley, TAL National Auxiliary President Pam Ray, TAL Nat, IA Commission Chairman Patricia Harris, TAL Nat. ALR Chairman Dave Heredia and our own TAL CWF President Denis Boland and PNC and Chairman of The American Legion Commanders Advisory Committee for the SAL (SALCA) J..R, addressed the NEC.

The meetings ended with the announcements and former National Assistant Adjutant & Americanism Chairman Jeff Hicks was officially named the candidate for National Commander 2029.

For God and Country,

William D Kelly, Jr

National Executive Committeeman

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



Gentlemen,

By the time this article comes out we will have less than 2 months before we need to have our Goals met for the Year. Can we do this? I do believe we can!! I looked back on last year and we are ahead of where we were then. So again, I say **YES!!!**

**LAST YEAR: 24,816 Members that was 96.43% Membership and a Renewal Rate of 81.55% per National.**

**THIS YEAR we sit at 26,763 Members that is 97.58% Membership and a Renewal Rate of 97.58%.**

So, can this be done? If we continue the small number of weekly transmittals, it won't happen. **We need your best.**

We need your consistent pursuit of those struggling Squadrons to get their work done. We need the **MAXIMUM** number of Squadrons to Reach 105%+. Squadron Commanders be the Ambassador and Recruiter to your Post that you are supposed to be. District Commanders and Staff you must visit the Squadrons who need help and really HELP them.

**Area Commanders (MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE)**, do your best and get the District Staff the help they need. Don't be afraid to ask the Legionnaires for their help too. Communicate always. As was said previously, The Detachment does not sustain itself. It takes work from us all.

God Bless and Stay Safe,

**Let's show everyone how Florida gets things done!  
#GetErDone #CARE**

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	RECEIVING DATES
1 <sup>ST</sup> NOTICE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2025	SEPT 28 – OCT 3, 2025
2 <sup>ND</sup> NOTICE: FEBRUARY 12, 2026	FEB 22 – 28, 2026
3 <sup>RD</sup> NOTICE: APRIL 9, 2026	APR 26 – MAY 2, 2026

# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WHY MEMBERSHIP GOALS MATTER

**RENEW EARLY - HELP US HIT OUR TARGETS!**

## **STRENGTH IN NUMBERS = INFLUENCE**

Meeting our Detachment & National goals shows that the SAL is **large, united & active**. Strong membership means having a **louder voice** for veteran causes across the country.

## **FUNDING & PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Membership dues help fund our scholarships, youth programs & veterans assistance. **Strong membership numbers** help ensure these important programs are fully supported all year long.

## **RECOGNITION & PRIDE**

Squadrons & Detachments that lead the way in renewals receive **public recognition** that boosts **morale & pride**.

## **MOMENTUM MATTERS**

Our goals have specific checkpoints to keep our momentum going (30% by Oct. 1; 60% by Dec. 31, etc.). Hitting targets early in the year makes it **easier to reach 100%** by the end.

## **UNITY ACROSS THE LEGION FAMILY**

Strong SAL numbers show that we are **active partners** in the **Legion Family** & ready to serve.

## **MISSION READINESS**

Reaching membership goals ensures we're **ready to support** our **veterans**, their families & our communities.

***"But I paid my dues for the whole year, and I want my money's worth"***

If you renew early, you can get an entire 1½ years out of your membership!

**EVERY RENEWAL HELPS US HIT OUR GOALS - DON'T WAIT TO RENEW FOR 2026!**

[LEGION.ORG/SAL-RENEW](https://legion.org/sal-renew)



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### FAITH, FREEDOM, AND THE LIVING PROMISE OF AMERICA

As members of the Sons of the American Legion, we are bound together not only by our respect for service and sacrifice, but also by a shared reverence for the principles upon which this nation was founded. Those principles - rooted in faith, guided by wisdom, and sustained by courage - continue to shape the American story today.

When we reflect on the Founding Fathers, it is important to remember that while they came from diverse backgrounds and held differing theological views, they were nonetheless influenced by a broadly shared Judeo-Christian understanding of the world. This worldview emphasized moral accountability, the dignity of the individual, and the belief that rights are not granted by governments, but endowed by a Creator.

This foundational belief - that human beings possess inherent worth and are accountable to a higher moral authority - helped guide the formation of a nation unlike any other in history. It helped form the Declaration of Independence and laid the moral groundwork for the United States Constitution, a document that remains one of the greatest achievements in human governance.

The Constitution itself is a remarkable expression of both humility and foresight. The framers understood human nature well enough to recognize that no system devised by man would ever be perfect or complete. Rather than attempting to construct a rigid or inflexible system, they created a framework designed to endure. They built into it the ability to grow, to adapt, and to be refined over time. In this sense, the Constitution is often referred to as a living document - not because its core principles change, but because its application can evolve to meet new challenges and circumstances.

This balance between permanence and adaptability reflects a deep wisdom. It acknowledges timeless truths - justice, liberty, equality under the law - while allowing each generation to take responsibility for preserving and applying those truths in its own time. It is a system that calls not only for obedience, but for stewardship.

Our form of government, born from this framework, is truly unique. It rests on the idea that power ultimately resides with the people, and that leaders are entrusted - not entitled - to serve. It rejects the notion that destiny is fixed by birth or status. Instead, it affirms that individuals have both the opportunity and the responsibility to shape their own lives and contribute to the greater good.

Nowhere else in the world has this idea taken root with such enduring strength. In America, it is possible - through hard work, integrity, and a commitment to truth and justice - for a person to change not only their own circumstances, but the future of their family and community. Within a single generation, one can rise from humble beginnings to positions of leadership, influence, and service.

This is not merely a matter of economic mobility; it is a reflection of moral and spiritual opportunity. It is the chance to live out values such as perseverance, responsibility, compassion, and faith. These values, deeply embedded in the Judeo-Christian tradition, continue to resonate across generations and across communities.

At its best, America is not defined solely by its institutions, but by the character of its people. The Constitution provides the structure, but it is the moral fiber of the citizenry that gives it life. The framers understood that liberty cannot survive without virtue. Freedom, in its truest sense, is not the absence of restraint, but the presence of self-governance - an internal compass guided by principles of right and wrong.

This is where faith, in its broadest and most inclusive sense, plays a vital role. A shared belief in accountability, in justice, and in the inherent dignity of every person helps sustain the social fabric that allows freedom to flourish. While our nation protects the freedom of religion - and rightly so - it also benefits from the moral traditions that have shaped its understanding of justice and human rights.

As we consider our responsibilities as members of the Sons of the American Legion, we are reminded that we are not merely inheritors of this legacy - we are its stewards. We honor those who came before us not only through remembrance, but



*(Detachment Chaplain continued)*

through action. We uphold their sacrifices by living out the principles they fought to defend.

This means striving to be people of integrity in our daily lives. It means seeking truth, even when it is difficult. It means extending respect and compassion to others, even when we disagree. And it means remaining committed to the ideals of justice and liberty that define our nation.

The challenges we face today are not insignificant. Each generation encounters its own tests - moments when the strength of our institutions and the depth of our convictions are called into question. Yet history shows that when Americans return to first principles - when we ground ourselves in faith, in moral clarity, and in a shared commitment to the common good - we find a way forward.

The Constitution endures because it is supported by a people willing to engage with it thoughtfully and faithfully. It is not a relic of the past, but a living promise - one that invites each of us to participate in the ongoing work of building a more perfect union.

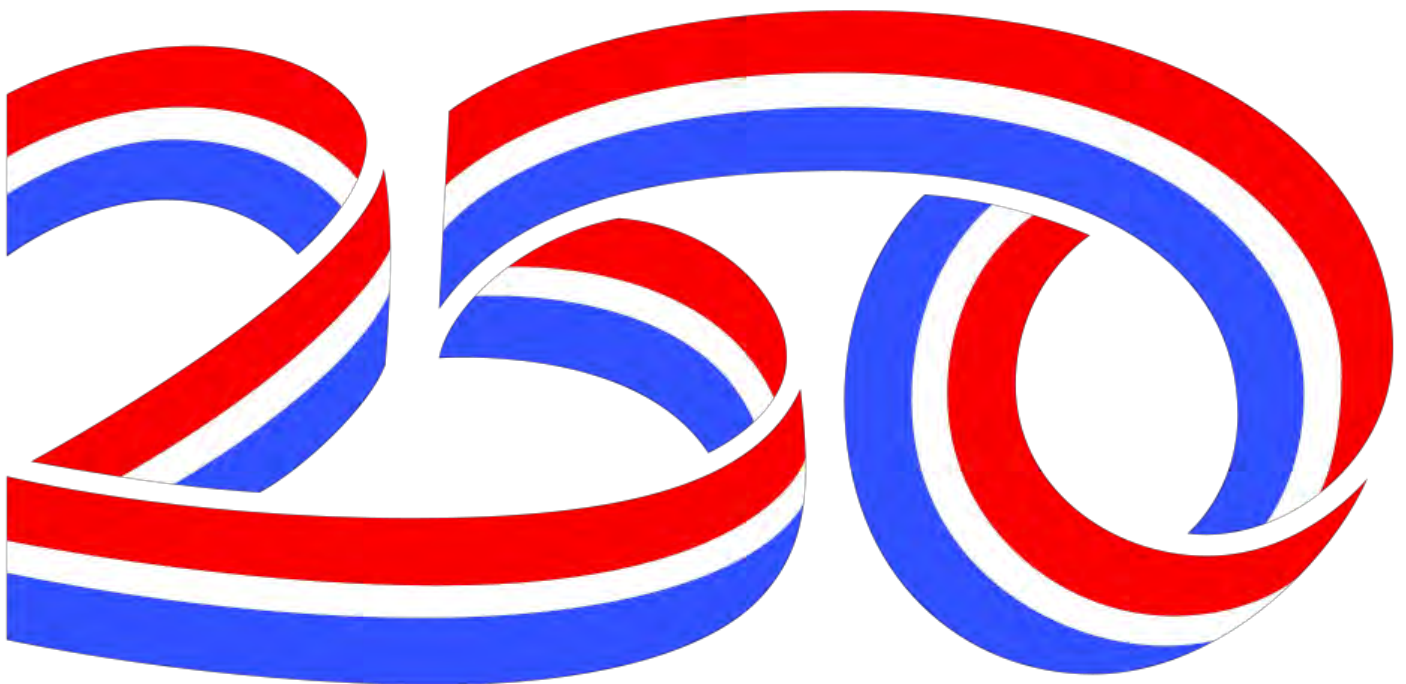
In that spirit, let us continue to reflect on the values that unite us. Let us draw strength from our shared heritage of faith and service. And let us recommit ourselves to the ideals that have made this nation a beacon of hope and opportunity.

For in doing so, we not only preserve the legacy entrusted to us - we help ensure that it remains vibrant and meaningful for generations to come, for the next 250 years and beyond.

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

Ray Leventhal  
Detachment Chaplain  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida

# AMERICA





# DANNY ROE

## VICE COMMANDER EASTERN AREA

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### Greetings from the Eastern Area!

Wow, here we are in May already. As we are busy with our summer events and convention coming, please remember to get your SIR, Squadron Information Report, forms sent in. This form is where your My Sal permissions are determined. Once you know who next year's officers are, get them in as soon as possible. Also, please be diligent in getting all your year-end reporting in as soon as possible. Using the online portal will help in getting the reports processed easier. Please turn in all reports even if you have no donations to claim.

**The competition between District 6 and District 12 continues to Convention.** Andy Campbell, District 12 Commander, is running away with the lead over District 6 Commander Sonny Perchitti! As of 4/13/26, **District 12 is 100.61% to District 6 at 96.30%.** Great Job! Congratulations, Andy on your hard work and achieving 100%. **Eastern Area is in 4th place.** It is a very tight race. The next goal is **100% on May 7th.** If we are going to get Commander Nigbor to his 30,000 Member goal, we must all work to get him there. Let's do all we can to **help Commander Nigbor reach this milestone.**

I hope District 12 members were able to attend the District 12 DCC on April 18th. District 6 DCC is on Saturday May 9th, Registration 9:00 AM, Meeting at 10:00 AM, Post 80, St Cloud. These are the most important of the district meetings as we elect the coming year's officers. Please support these meetings.

It has been a busy time for me. I attended **The Eastern Area Wrangler Ball** at Post #1 in Titusville. Great time was had, but I would have liked to have seen more people support this event. I attended the District 6 Picnic on March 21st at Hickory Point Park in Tavares. Both were great causes to raise money for the Department Commander's charity and Boys and Girls State Transportation. Congratulations to District 6 on your new format for the picnic this year, Great Turn Out and Great event.

**Detachment Convention** is just around the corner, Thursday June 11th to Sun June 14th at Hilton Orlando Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Check [floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org) for more information and alternative hotels. Or just come for the Day. I look forward to Peter Puzzo's training on Thursday beginning at 1:00 PM. **Hope to see many of you there!**

Please feel free to contact me at [vceast@floridasons.org](mailto:vceast@floridasons.org) for any needs you may have and to invite me to your events.

For God and Country,  
 Danny Roe  
 Vice Commander Eastern Area  
 Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



Detachment  
of Florida



# SAM ALOI

## 9TH DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER

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### Greetings from the Mighty 9th District!

As I write this we just got back from the Children and Youth picnic at Post 117. I wanted to thank the members of the post for a great weekend. Food was great and Doc Holiday was awesome. We brought our Motorhome and the posts awesome to let us park in their parking lot.

This month, I wanted to touch upon some explanation of our Preamble. Sins our Internal Affairs Chairman, Rocky Cirigliano, publishes the Preamble, I will not publish that here at this time. Please make sure to read Rocky's article on page 14. The MT&D Team has come up with a great 'Info-Gram' on the meaning of our Preamble. Please reach out to us and we would be happy to send you a copy or come to a training session in your area to present it.

For God and Country,  
 Sam Aloï

9th District Vice Commander  
 Member of the Member Training & Development Committee Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Florida



***Greetings from the 12th District !***

Well we are in the final stages of this years renewal process. We still have 7 Squadrons that are under the 95% We really need to work on this so that we can reach the Detachment Commanders goals!  
 Congratulations to the 9 Squadrons that are over 100%!

As of the time that I am writing this we are getting ready for the District Picnic here in District 12 and our District DCC. I hope that I saw many of you there! Gary Raymond will be running for next years District Commander and I will hopefully be moving up to Eastern Area Commander for the next year!

By now you should have done your 2nd or even 3rd round of nominations and on your way to finding those new folks that are interested in being officers for 2026-2027. When your elections are complete please send in your SIR and copy myself on it as well in the email or let me know you sent them in.

By now I am hoping everyone is well on their way to finishing your reporting for our District. If your not please reach out to me and I will assist you in getting this done. I know last year we had 100% participation in reporting according to my documentation. Let's get it to 100% this year as well

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



***Greetings from the Mighty 13th District !***

First and foremost, thanks to all the squadrons for getting their membership renewals and new members in thus far! We have 11 Squadrons over 100% Most of the other squadrons are over 90%. We are at 101.09 % for the district Great job lets keep up the great work .

Our Annual District Constitutional Conference on **MAY 17th** at Post 103 in Punta Gorda. The Sons ons will be meting at 12pm. Lunch will be available after for \$6 per person. I look forward to seeing you there!

For God and Country,  
 Mitchell Pace

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





# ROCKY CIRIGLIANO

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION CHAIR

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Greetings All,

I am writing to respectfully bring attention to the necessity for consistent, active engagement by Area and District Commanders within the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida. The effectiveness of the Detachment relies heavily on command-level leadership fulfilling its assigned responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and established policies.

Area and District Commanders serve as the essential link between Detachment leadership and the Squadrons. When these roles are performed diligently, they ensure uniform standards, timely communication, and effective support across all levels. However, persistent operational challenges suggest that this level of oversight is not being applied consistently. When leadership does not fulfill their assigned responsibilities, the following issues will surface across multiple Squadrons and Districts:

- ◆ **Inconsistent oversight of Squadron operations**, including limited or irregular District visits, inspections, and engagement with Squadron leadership.
- ◆ **Lack of enforcement of administrative deadlines**, particularly regarding membership reporting, dues transmittal, and required filings.
- ◆ **Insufficient guidance and follow-up** for Squadrons experiencing leadership, compliance, or financial difficulties.
- ◆ **Breakdowns in communication**, resulting in Squadrons not receiving timely information on Detachment directives, programs, or procedural changes.
- ◆ **Minimal accountability mechanisms** when District or Area responsibilities are not carried out as prescribed.

These issues place an undue burden on Squadrons, weaken organizational cohesion, and undermine the intent of the leadership structure established by the Detachment. More importantly, they risk diminishing member confidence and participation, which directly affects membership strength and program effectiveness.

This correspondence is offered in the spirit of dedication to the mission of the Sons of the American Legion. Our intent is to see the Detachment of Florida operate at the highest possible standard, in full alignment with the principles and purposes of our organization.

As a standing tradition, we include the Preamble to the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution in every Internal Affairs article. Members are encouraged to read and reflect on its powerful words. This is more than a statement, the foundation of why we serve.

Consider taking a minute at your next Squadron meeting to read the preamble together. Use it as a training tool and a reminder of the duty and sacrifice of the veterans who made our freedom possible.

For God and Country,  
Rocky Cirigliano  
Internal Affairs Commission Chairman  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida



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*(Membership Chairman continued)*

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## 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.





**DANNY ROE**  
**CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN**  
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**HELLO FROM YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN!**

As we move into May, everyone is getting busier with their events. Please keep an eye out for events in your area and support them if you can. There is nothing like putting a smile on a child's face simply by participating in what they are doing. From experience, I will tell you that helping children and adults that are less fortunate than many of us can be heartwarming and extremely gratifying.

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. As always, I am including C&Y events that are happening around the state. If you have an event or my information is incorrect, please let me know. I do like to put the events out there for you to be able to support them.

I just attended the Department C&Y Picnic on April 11th at Post 117 in Palm Bay. They have such a great facility, and it is one of my favorite places to go. It was a Great time and a fantastic turn-out. Lots of money was raised for C&Y Charities.



*(More info to come as we get closer to the events)*

**May 16th:** C&Y Golf Tournament, Hosted by Lady Lake Post 347 Family (See Flyer and let me know if you want to bring a team to represent your Post or Squadron.)

**May 23rd: Ride for The House** hosted by Post 40 at Fort Pierce. Registration at 10:00 AM. See Flyer in Source for details. Proceeds donated to **Ronald McDonald House Charities Orlando**. \$20 Single, \$35 Double

Please plan to support these upcoming events. Feel free to contact me at [childrenyouth@floridasons.org](mailto: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



Children and Youth Committee  
Tasks and Goals  
2025-2026



Assist the Americanism Commission with development of guidelines for Detachment level Youth Academy

Distribute and promote digital materials to plant a Victory Garden

 **Children's Organ Transplant Association.**

**SONS OF THE**  
 **AMERICAN**  
**LEGION**

Increase donations by 10% for the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA)

Increase donations by 10% for The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF)

Increase donations by 10% for Children's Miracle Network (CMN)

Increase donations by 10% for Ronald McDonald House

**BOB O'NEAL**  
**VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB CHAIR**  
 var@floridasons.org

I really think it's important to encourage any Veteran you know to sign up for the VA Healthcare system. I'm a member myself, and I can share that a close friend of mine didn't join, and when his health took a turn for the worse, he left his wife with a huge debt. I knew him well, but I was not aware of the "Buddy Call" system that we now encourage our members to use.

If you have questions about health benefits, you can call 1-800-222-VETS (8387) or visit the website [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits). Also, there's a Veterans crisis line available at 1-800-273-8255.

Please make a list of Veterans you know and stay in touch with them. Encourage them to share their service experiences, especially anything related to combat or other traumatic events. By doing this, you'll soon discover which individuals (men or women) might be struggling and need a way to express those hidden feelings.

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 CHAIR**  
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Project Vet Relief is a Florida-based initiative that provides emergency assistance and support services to veterans and their families facing financial hardships. Examples of financial assistance needs are shelter, food, utilities and emergency transportation.

The program is designed to help veterans navigate the challenges they face during their transition to civilian life and to assure they have access to the benefits they have earned through their service. The PVR tagline is ***"They fought for us. We fight for them"***

The initiative fosters a supportive community where Veterans can connect and help each other, reducing isolation and promoting mental health.

To determine eligibility for assistance, Veterans can go to <https://projectvetrelief.org>.

For God and Country,  
 Bob O'Neal

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



**PROJECT: VETRELIEF**  
 They Fought for Us. We Fight for Them.



**Greetings from the MT&D Committee!**

This month you will be electing the Squadron & District Officers. MT & D would love to be part of the process. The new or reelected District Officers should take this opportunity to hit the ground running for the 2026-2027 Fiscal & Fraternal Year. Pick a date for the 1-day Officer Position Training Sessions. Set the date, time and place. Have those Squadron Officers assemble and they will be ready to assume their Squadron duties.

Please be sure to submit the new SIR form to the District and Detachment Adjutants. The Convention Training will be on Thursday from 1-4 pm. I again ask that even if they cannot stay beyond that time, newly elected Officers will benefit from ANY session that we put on.

I wish you a good DCC, remember to submit the End Of Year Reports as directed. They are one of the final tasks required of the Officers this year. Remember to teach others how to do them as well.

Memorial Day is to honor those Americans who have passed & those who gave their lives for our freedom. Enjoy your BBQ, but take time to remind your children and grandchildren why the holiday exists.

For God and Country,

Pete Puzzo

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



Gentlemen,

As we approach the end of this year, I am sure everyone is working on their donations for our various projects. There was much discussion at the Fall Conference on keeping our donations within the state and the reasons behind it. Please know that we are not telling you that you cannot donate to whoever your Squadron chooses to. We just wanted to provide information back to you on how our funds are being used.

Detachment Commander Nigbor's Charity this year is the Children's Organ Transplant Association, or COTA for short. To date, you all have raised over \$20,000.00 for his program. I am certain more donations for COTA will be coming in at Convention in June.

Other Charities that we can donate to are Project Vet Relief (Funds stay in Florida). The Florida Children & Youth Fund, Florida Disaster Relief Fund, of which the SAL is eligible to receive Funds from, and Florida Special Olympics. All monies raised for these Charities stay in Florida.

On the National level there is the Child Well-Being Foundation (CWF), Operation Comfort Warriors, American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, and the National Emergency Relief Fund (NEF) of which the SAL is not eligible to receive funds from.

Please keep in mind that when you are writing checks for the various Charities, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.....make the check payable to the Charity. DO NOT MAKE IT PAYABLE TO THE DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA.** If it is made payable to the Detachment, then we must deposit it into our account and then write a check out to the Charity it was intended for.

Expense Vouchers: Just want to address that receipts are needed for reimbursement, including tolls. If you expect to get reimbursed, the receipts must be legible as well. Only Mileage does not require a receipt and that is at .35 cents per mile.

For God and Country,

Ed Sheubrooks

Chairman | Detachment Finance Committee Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Florida



***My Fellow SAL Members,***

The Department of Florida made several changes and updates to their Constitution and By-Laws over the last couple of years which has necessitated that we conduct a review of our documents. Over the course of the last few months, I have reviewed all the information and began preparing the items in our Constitution and By-Laws that would need to be updated and more in line with the Department of Florida and to make sure our documents do not conflict.

There are numerous amendments that I am proposing to the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Department of Florida were discussed when we met at the fall conference. These amendments were not be read in their entirety unless there are specifics that needed to be addressed with the membership or if requested by the membership until we get to the Detachment Convention where they will be voted upon. Each of these amendments will require a 2/3 vote of the Convention delegates present to be adopted and the changes to be made. These changes will become effective immediately upon approval.

Only one of these amendments is considered as an automatic update and that is the one that provides an update to the district boundaries for Districts 11 and 12. It is still published for everyone to understand the update. Be advised that this revision will not be updated in the document until after the 2026 Detachment Convention.

Please understand that these are updates to our Detachment Constitution and By-Laws and that everyone needs to be aware of the changes even though as of now none of these should impact our Squadrons. However, we want to make sure this information is shared with you so you can share amongst your members. This is the most amendments that we have had since our Detachment Constitution and By-Laws were first adopted in 1984.

Should you have any questions or comments, please attend the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws Committee Meeting at our Fall Conference and the Detachment Convention. You may also contact me by email at [judgeadvocate@floridasons.org](mailto:judgeadvocate@floridasons.org) or by phone at **(863) 559-1748**.

All amendments have been sent out to the Detachment Executive Committee, which includes the Area Vice Commanders, District Commanders and District Vice Commanders. The all have been charged with making sure each squadron receives a copy of the amendments for review. Additionally, they have been posted to our website, You can view each on in its entirety by visiting <https://floridasons.org/cbl-amendments/>.

**THESE AMENDMENTS WILL ALSO APPEAR AT THE VERY END OF THIS NEWSLETTER. THESE WILL REMAIN IN 'THE SOURCE' UP UNTIL OUR ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION IN JUNE. PLEASE READ THESE AMENDMENTS AND SHARE WITH OTHERS IN YOUR SQUADRON.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A COUPLE OF THE RESOLUTIONS HAVE CHANGED. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REVIEW ALL OF THESE PRIOR TO CONVENTION NEXT MONTH.**

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,  
James K Roberts III  
Judge Advocate  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Since last month, we've added **92 NEW MEMBERS** subscribe to our mailing list! That's a start, but still only equals 594 out of 25,905 new/renewed members - **just 2.29% of our membership. How did this happen?** I added/sent innovations to those who included the information in their submitted SIRs. Squadrons can submit lists of email addresses to me as they sign up new members - it only takes a minute to copy their address. As you have read in this edition, **WE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN OUR DETACHMENT.** Please do what you can to help!

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.*

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.



**EMAIL GROUP SUBSCRIPTION PROGRESS METER 5/6/26**

The due date for submitting articles for 'The Source' is **the 15th of each month.** This will keeps 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

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DISTRICT 1		
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DISTRICT 3		
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DISTRICT 5		
DISTRICT 6		
DISTRICT 7		
DISTRICT 8	RICHARD BUTLER   SQUADRON 113 – ROTONDA WEST	GERALD SPICHER   SQUADRON 74 – SEBRING
DISTRICT 9	MARTIN KRAEMER   SQUADRON 310 – HALLANDALE BEACH	
DISTRICT 11		
DISTRICT 12	GARY RAYMOND   SQUADRON 394 – PALM BAY	
DISTRICT 13	MITCHELL PACE   SQUADRON 323 – LEHIGH ACRES	CHRISTOPHER ELLSWORTH   SQUADRON 323 – LEHIGH ACRES
DISTRICT 14		
DISTRICT 15		VICTOR 'SCOTT' KELLY   SQUADRON 138 – TAMPA
DISTRICT 16		
DISTRICT 17		

This listing as well as guidelines for endorsements can be found on the Detachment website at:

<https://floridasons.org/detachment-officer-endorsements/>

All endorsements must be sent to the Detachment Adjutant at [adjutant@floridasons.org](mailto:adjutant@floridasons.org)

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA

# SPOTLIGHT

***Submitted by Paul Micieli | Squadron 305 | St Pete Beach***

A very nice story regarding an event on the eve of April 8th at our American Legion Post 305.

We had a very nice party for an active-duty soldier of the U.S. Army, His name is Patrick Hemond his rank, a CW2. He is of the 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, Attack Battalion of a Squadron of Apache Helicopter's. Patrick is the youngest officer in history of being an officer of the Air Mission Commanders of the Aviation Mission Survivability Officers. Patrick is being deployed for duty to be stationed in Syria. Our Post 305 had a nice party to say goodbye and God's Speed to Patrick.

Patrick is currently a dual member of our Post, an American Legion member, S.A.L. Member of our Squadron, and A Charter Member of the A.L. RIDERS Chapter 305.

Our S.A.L. Squadron Commander Paulie Micieli, and many of our Squadron members, our Legion Family and Patrick's Family were all present.

S.A.L. Detachment Commander Nigbor in his absence communicated Goodwill and Best Wishes awarding Patrick with Commander Nigbor's Challenge Coin. S.A.L. Commander Paulie Micieli awarded the coin to Patrick as to wish him Good Luck and Godspeed.

All our American Legion Family wished Patrick and his Battalion a safe journey, and a safe return home soon!

***God Bless and Godspeed to all of Our Military Personnel that's deployed throughout the world.***

For God and Country,

Paul Micieli

Commander, Squadron 305  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Florida





# DETACHMENT POLO ORDER FORM 2026-2027



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sqd #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### DELIVERY METHOD

Pick Up at HQ Orlando  Pick Up at Dept Convention  Delivery\*

*\*An additional shipping fee of \$10 is required for delivery.  
Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. You will be notified before shipment.*

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIRT OPTIONS *Enter Quantity for each style/size.*

Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Cost
S		M		L		XL		2X		3X		4X		\$

### TOTAL

Shirts are **\$40 each\*** with two lines of personalization\* included. \*Up to 20 characters per line, including spaces and special characters. See next page for options.

If tax-exempt, provide an exemption form if not already on file.

Check box if tax exempt

<b>Subtotal</b>	\$
<b>Tax (6.5%)</b>	\$
<b>Shipping</b>	\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$

### PAYMENT

Please return form and payment to Department Headquarters: **Email** ([emblemsales@floridalegion.org](mailto:emblemsales@floridalegion.org)) | **Fax** (407-299-0901)  
**Mail** (The American Legion, Dept of FL; Attn: Emblem Sales, PO Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854)

Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Credit Card

Card Type:  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  American Express

Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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May 16, 2026



## EVENT INFORMATION

**Location: Broad Stripes Golf Club**  
**11560 SE 176th Place Road**  
**Summerfield, FL 34491**

- Shotgun Scramble – Start at 8:00 AM
- Cost per Golfer - \$100
- Coffee & Breakfast snacks 7:30 AM
- **Double-Flight Scoring - Allows average groups a better chance to win on score.**
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**Golf Foursome Registration Starts**  
**February 1, 2026**

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**Attention: C&Y Golf Tournament**

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

**Danny Roe – (317) 508-6465**

**dannyroe@prodigy.net**



## 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.

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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.

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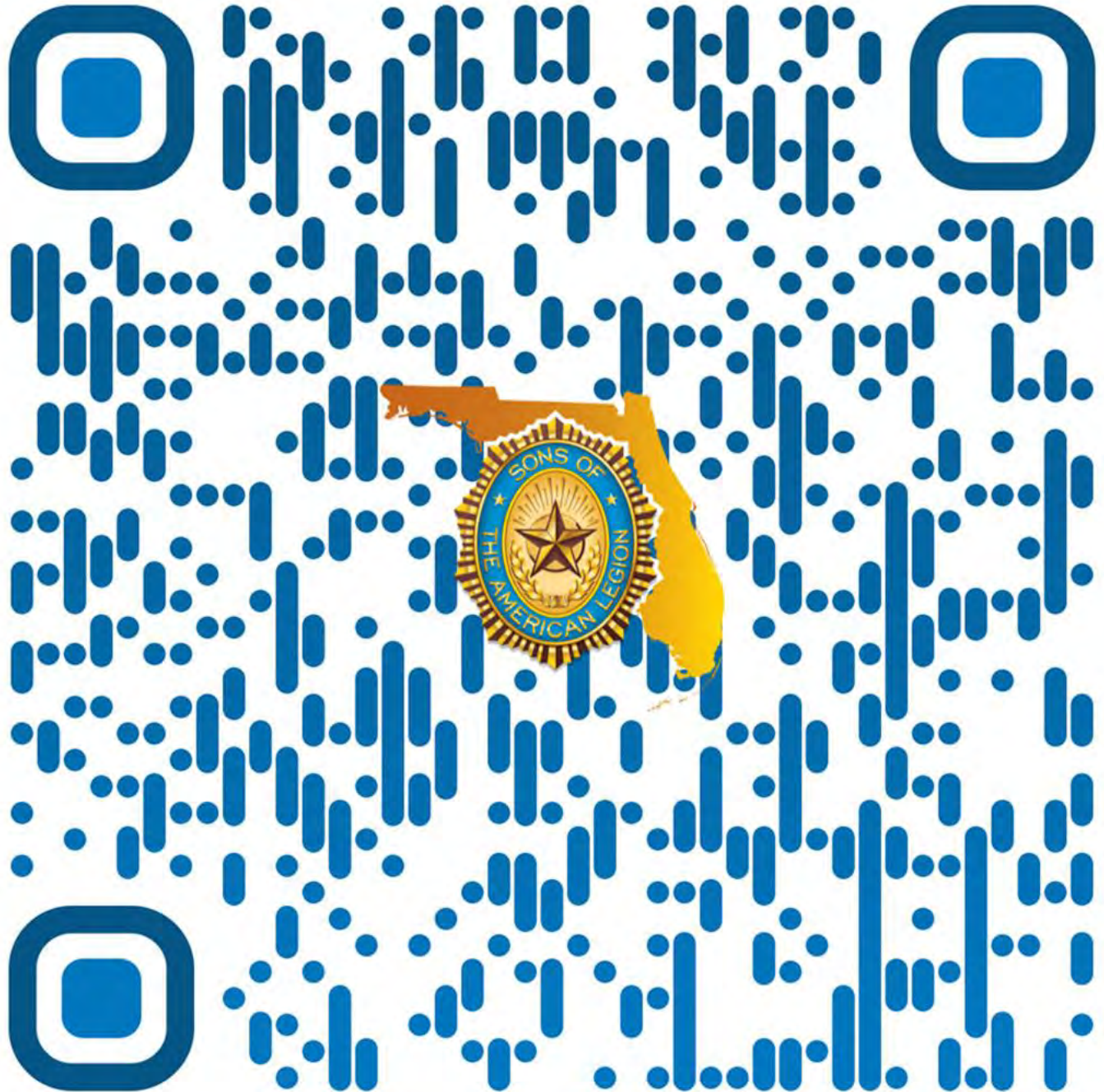


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DETACHMENT OF FLORIDA  
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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article V Detachment Convention, Section 2

Section 2 - **In the event it becomes impractical because of travel restrictions lawfully imposed by the State or National Government to hold the Annual Department Convention at the time or place designated, or if by lawful authority of the State or National Government attendance at the convention would be limited to less than the number of authorized delegates, then the place, the time, and the manner, of holding the Annual Department Convention during such emergency shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee.**

If approved all subsequent sections will change in sequence.

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AMENDMENT

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article VII Detachment Executive Committee, Section 1

Section 1 - Between Detachment Conventions the executive power of the Detachment shall be vested in the Detachment Executive Committee, which shall consist of the following: The Detachment Commander, the Detachment Vice Commanders **(6)**, **the National Executive Committeeman, the National Executive Committeeman Alternate**, the District Commanders **(16)**, ~~one (1)~~ **the elected** District Vice Commanders **(16)** ~~from each District~~, the Detachment Adjutant, the Detachment Finance Officer, the Detachment Judge Advocate, the Detachment Historian, the Detachment Chaplain, the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms, and all Past Detachment Commanders.

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article IX District Organization, Section 3

Section 3 - When a vacancy in the office of District Commander occurs in any District, the Detachment Commander shall appoint his successor **as provided in Article VII, Section 7, of this Constitution.**

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article X Squadron Organization, Section 9

Section 9 - Such charter may be suspended or revoked by the Detachment Executive Committee for the reasons and in the manner provided in Article VII, **Section 10 of this Constitution** hereof.

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article XI Finance, Section 7

Section 7 - There shall be a **Financial Review** ~~complete audit~~ of the finances, accounts, property and business affairs of the Detachment **made annually** at the same time as the Department of Florida ~~has its audit, in the same manner as provided in the Department Constitution, Article XII, Section 7.~~

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article XII Delegates to the National Convention, Section 1

Section 1 - Representation at the Sons of The American Legion National Convention shall be as follows:

- (a)** Delegates and Alternates nominated by the District Conferences as provided in Article IX **of this Constitution**, and elected at the next Convention.
- (b)** The **Immediate** Past Detachment Commander, by virtue of his office, shall ~~automatically~~ be a Delegate to the National Convention, and shall be the Chairman of the Delegation. ~~In the event the Immediate Past Detachment Commander cannot attend, the delegation will elect a chairman.~~
- (c)** The Detachment Adjutant, **by virtue of his office**, shall be an ~~Alternate~~ delegate to the Chairman of the ~~Delegation~~ to the National Convention and shall be the Secretary ~~to~~ **of** the Delegation.
- (d)** **The Detachment Commander, by virtue of his office, shall be a Delegate to the National Convention. In the event the Immediate Past Detachment Commander cannot attend, the Detachment Commander shall be the Chairman of the Delegation.**
- (e)** **The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, by virtue of their office, shall be delegates to the National Convention.**
- (f)** **All current National Officers (elected or appointed), by virtue of their office, shall be delegates to the National Convention.**
- (g)** **All current National Commission and Committee Chairmen and members, by virtue of their office, shall be delegates to the National Convention.**
- (h)** **All Past National Commanders, by virtue of their office, shall be delegates to the National Convention.**
- (i)** **All other Delegates and Alternates to which the Detachment is entitled, after the Districts have been allotted their quota, shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Delegation.**

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article I Detachment Convention, Section 5 Resolutions

(g) The Detachment ~~Internal Affairs Commission~~ **Resolutions Committee** at the Convention shall meet on the first day of the Convention.

(h) The Detachment ~~Internal Affairs Commission~~ **Resolutions Committee** shall be empowered to reject resolutions for any of the following reasons:

(i) The Detachment ~~Internal Affairs Commission~~ **Resolutions Committee** shall be empowered to:

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment Constitution, Article VII Detachment Executive Committee, Section 8

Section 8 - The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet within 24 hours after the Detachment Officers, **as provided in Article VI of this Constitution,** ~~as provided in Article VI hereof,~~ and also shall convene in special meeting when called for the purpose stated in Section 7 of this Article, and immediately preceding the holding of a Detachment Convention, regular or special; and meet at such other times as ~~in the By Laws may be provided~~ necessary.

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article I Detachment Convention, Section 13

Section 13 – The final official tally sheets and the ballots shall be retained as permanent record of the Detachment for a period of two (2) years. **To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast.**

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article I Detachment Convention, Section 12

Section 12 – Each officer to be elected at the Detachment Convention shall be voted on separately except that the election of the Detachment Vice Commanders may be elected collectively, **and the District Commanders, and District Vice Commanders may be ratified collectively.**

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article III Duties of Officers, Section 1

Section 1 – **Detachment Commander** – The Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander ~~is the executive head~~ **shall be the principal representative** of the organization **Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Florida**, at his level with full power to carry out the mandates and policies of the Sons of The American Legion as approved by The American Legion. He shall be the Chairman of the Detachment Convention and Detachment Executive Committee and shall appoint all Detachment Commission and Committee chairmen and members **as directed and authorized by these By-Laws and the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Florida**, thereof, subject to ratification of the Detachment ~~Executive Committee~~. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article III Duties of Officers, Section 9

Section 9 – **Detachment Assistant Judge Advocate** – When authorized by the Detachment Executive Committee, the Detachment Assistant Judge Advocate shall assist the Detachment Judge Advocate with his duties including construction of the Detachment and interpretation of the **National**, Detachment, and **National Squadron** Constitution & By-Laws. ~~and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office.~~ In the event the Detachment Judge Advocate is unable to fulfill his duties, the Assistant Judge Advocate shall perform those duties until the return or restoration of the ability of the Detachment Judge Advocate. The Detachment Assistant Judge Advocate shall file a copy of all opinions rendered by him with the Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Judge Advocate.

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A M E N D M E N T

Amendment to the Detachment By-Laws, Article V Membership Arrears and Dues, Section 1

Section 1 – Applications for Squadron membership shall be verified by the **Post Adjutant or** designated officials of the sponsoring Post of The American Legion having jurisdiction over the squadron.

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