



SALUTE

March 2022

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Well it has been a tough road working on the membership but I know that everyone is giving it their all. We didn't make our 75% for February but I think you all still can make the next deadline of 80% by March 9th.

It is almost District Convention time. Vice Commander Gallentine and I are looking forward to visiting your Conventions. We have split them up between us so we can make it to all of them.

Just a reminder to check out our Facebook page for National Commander Fox, and his Flying Flags For Heroes. This is a great way to incorporate some of the other groups within your communities.

Don't forget Detachment (state) Convention is June 3-5, 2022 in Topeka at the Ramada Hotel. The S.A.L. will conduct its Convention on Saturday, June 4.

In closing, keep working on your membership, if anyone needs any help with membership or anything else, don't hesitate to reach out to your Detachment. Also, keep a record of all the great things your Squadron is doing for the Consolidated Squadron Reports. I know that I saw a lot of happenings over the past year but the reporting wasn't showing all of it. In closing I look forward to seeing everyone on the road. Stay safe out there..!!

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Sons of The American Legion

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-22

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Detachment Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Comments

Greetings Team Kansas,

Thanks for everyone's help with membership!

Congratulations to District 10 – at 106.02%!!!

Congratulations to Districts 1, 4, and 10 for eliminating all your "Goose-egg" Squadrons..!!!

We are making progress, but there is still work to be done.

The latest national membership report indicates we have finally achieved the membership goal of 75%, but the 80% target date is next Wednesday, 3-9-2022. We need 300 renewals by March 9 to achieve the 80% target. How close can we get ?? Give it a shot !!

Currently as a Detachment our renewal rate is only at 69.81%. We all know we can do better than that..!! We still have 12 "Goose-egg" Squadrons, and there are 59 Squadrons that are below 75%. There's well over 300 renewals right there..!!

Detachment and District leaders have been making contact with "Goose-egg" Squadrons – thanks for the help..!! Now, please follow up with all of your Squadrons and help lead the membership drive to success. I believe that it is good communication at all levels – Detachment, District, and Squadron that is the key to success.

Jim Gallentine

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2022 Membership:

Have you looked at your membership card lately? I was looking mine over and noticed across the top that it says "2022". What does yours say? Do you realize that sometime around July 1, 2022 that the 2023 Membership Cards will be sent to my Squadron Adjutant and I will then be able to pay my dues for "2023"? Right now there are many members that have not renewed for 2022. Do those members realize that their memberships are suspended until they get their 2022 renewal paid? This means, you have lost all benefits of being a member of the Sons of The American Legion. I don't know why you are a member of this great organization but let me tell you why I am. My Father was a Veteran. He served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. My Mother was a Korean War era Veteran. I do what I do to honor these 2 great Americans. I also do what I do to honor the Veterans in your family. Please, get your membership caught up and let's honor them together.

2022 MEMBERSHIP ... "Goose-Egg" Squadrons

Unfortunately there are still **12** Squadrons that have not made a membership transmittal for the 2022 Membership year. Any "Goose-egg" Squadron effective January 1 became a Squadron "not on good standing" both with the Detachment and the National Organization as their members, or those handling membership at the Squadron, have let all their memberships expire. Please do not put your Squadron at risk of having its Charter suspended, or even cancelled, simply because someone did not transmit the membership dues your members paid in good faith. If your Squadron is on the "Goose-egg" list, please ask the person handling membership at your Squadron to make a membership transmittal immediately, unless the Post has decided to turn in the S.A.L. Charter for their Post.

Reminder: Squadron Elections:

It's just about that time of year again for all Squadrons to elect their Officers for the upcoming year. Article VII, Section 5, of the Detachment of Kansas By-Laws specifies that Squadrons will conduct annual elections and those elections shall be held during a regular meeting not more than 60 days or less than 15 days prior to the Detachment Convention, and said officers shall be installed prior to the Detachment Convention. This year's Detachment Convention will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 in Topeka. All Squadrons should complete the Squadron Officers Report Form and forward to Headquarters in Topeka... even if there are no changes from last year!! The 2022-2023 SQUADRON OFFICER Form is enclosed in this month's SALute for your use. Please insure your Squadron completes and sends this form to Headquarters. It is due to Topeka by July 1, same as every year. Something new: A place on the form has been added for the e-mail address of your officers. Please be sure to complete this line(s) also. Take the time to complete this form following your Squadron elections and forward to Headquarters ... Do Not leave it in your briefcase. Fill it out and send it in. Very Simple. It is difficult to communicate if we can't get ahold of you.

Squadron Data Reports:

Hopefully we are getting closer to being able to eliminate some paperwork. Granted, the roll-out of the new MySAL.org hasn't been the smoothest but National is working day and night to get it right. We are still needing your Squadron Data Reports (SDR's). Please do not take a picture of the form and text or email that to me. Please **scan** the form and email to my address. We don't want to send in something that's not very readable into National. If they can't read it, it won't be entered and then you won't be able to use mysal.org. If you don't have the ability to scan, just drop them in the mail. If that's not feasible, then call me. We can fill these out over the phone. This is going to be a great tool for each and every one of us and is very important to get this done as quickly as possible. I have sent a number of these reports in but we are still missing quite a few. If you have any questions, please contact me or your District Commander and let's get this done.

- **Do you visit our Detachment Website? www.salkansas.org**
- **Do you visit the Detachment Facebook Page? <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal/>**
- **Has your Squadron submitted its new Officers list to Headquarters ??**

The blank form is in this issue of the SALute.

If you have questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Terry Harris

Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas

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"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is March, month 9 in the membership year,
And these Squadrons have not transmitted any membership...zero, zip, nada.

As of January 1
the below listed "Goose-Egg" Squadrons
are no longer be Squadrons in "good standing"
and their Charters are at risk of suspension or cancellation.

District 1: *ZERO Goose-eggs*

District 2: **Fort Scott**

District 3: **Columbus, Cherokee**

District 4: *ZERO Goose-eggs*

District 5: **Halstead, Wichita 401**

District 6: **Scandia**

District 7: **Pratt, Isabel, Hardtner, Kingman**

District 8: **Utica**

District 9: **Selden**

District 10: *ZERO Goose-eggs*

Per Headquarters 3-03-2022

We Need You ...
Your Membership is Important...
Please Transmit TODAY ... !

THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2022-2023 S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICERS LIST

THE OFFICERS OF (City)_____ SQUADRON #_____DISTRICT #_____

**MAKE SURE EACH OFFICERS NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER and E-MAIL IS COMPLETED**

COMMANDER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FIRST VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SECOND VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ADJUTANT: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FINANCE OFFICER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

CHAPLAIN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SGT.-AT-ARMS: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

HISTORIAN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AMERICAN LEGION ADVISOR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

MEETING DATE & TIME _____

ANNUAL DUES _____

SQUADRON'S PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

WE'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT DETACHMENT MAILINGS NOT BEING RECEIVED OR SENT TO
THE WRONG PERSON. BY RETURNING THIS FORM WE WILL HAVE THE CORRECT
INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AFTER YOUR ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS AT THAT MEETING
AND FORWARD THIS FORM TO HEADQUARTERS**

S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

Got a question...?? Need a contact in your District...??

District 1

Commander:	Jeff Kerns	blkcldkerns@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	RC Harmon	rcssskjjj@gmail.com
Adjutant:	James Snyder	jjaws111@aol.com

District 2

Commander:	Matthew Krupco	mwksal@outlook.com
Vice Commander:	Chris Hicks	royalsfan1980@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Troy Shields	troyshields1@hotmail.com

District 3

Commander:	Ronnie Rommel	ronnie.rommel72@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Chris Perkins	perkinschrisw@johndeere.com
Adjutant:	Jimmie Trenary	jimmietrenary1968@kanokla.net

District 4

Commander:	Randy Porter	bightmeagain2@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	John Trotter	johnet3@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Harvey Eccles	heccles@yahoo.com

District 5

Commander:	Brian Simpson	simpsy408@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Bryan LaCount	bryanlacountusmc@yahoo.com
Adjutant:	Don Culver	dlculver@swbell.net

District 6

Commander:	Andy Phelps	lazyaqtr@wilsoncom.us
Vice Commander:	Jason McIntire	jasonmcintire@cox.net
Adjutant:	Damon Christensen	damoncc@nckcn.com

District 7

Commander:	Rick Munsch	rdmunsch@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Blake Ridgel	blake.ridgel41@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Chris Krueger	chrisk153@gmail.com

District 8

Commander:	Michael Weber	spidercreek220@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Dan Stacy	dstacy.am.legion@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Ty Weber	tyweber810@gamil.com

District 9

Commander:	Scott Hartzog	sthartzog@hotmail.com
Vice Commander:	Jim Gallentine	jim.gallentine@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Tom Wallsmith	wacuma2016@gmail.com

District 10

Commander:	Mark Wessel	mwessel.alr21@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Keith Meyerhoff	keithwmeyerhoff@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Brett Ohlsen	brett.ohlsenbackhoe@yahoo.com

Contact your District Officers and ask how you can get involved..!!

Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2021

- *Updated 2021-2022 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka*

2022

March 12, 2022

- Department Oratorical Contest
- Manhattan Post #17 ... Doors secured at 9 am

June 3-5, 2022

- Annual Department Convention
- Ramada Hotel, Topeka
- S.A.L. Convention will be Saturday, June 4, 2022

June 10-12, 2022

- American Legion Leadership College ... Concordia

August 26-Sept. 1, 2022

- National Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- S.A.L. Convention Will be August 26-28, 2022

District Conventions

District 1: April 9, 2022 Oskaloosa

District 2: March 26, 2022 ... Lawrence

District 3: March 25-27, 2022 ... Chanute

District 4: April 9, 2022 ... Abilene

District 5: April 2, 2022 ... Newton

District 6: April 30, 2022 ... Salina

District 7: April 2, 2022 ... Hutchinson

District 8: April 23, 2022 ... Dodge city

District 9: April 23, 2022 ... Colby

District 10: April 30, 2022 ... Marysville

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DUES TRANSMITTAL

_____**Squadron #**_____

_____, **Kansas**

Date _____

To: Department Finance Officer, The American Legion
1314 S.W. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66612-1886

Dues for 20_____ New and _____ Renewal Members @ **20.00** \$ _____

Add shortage from previous transmittal _____

Less credit from previous transmittal _____

Total Amount Transmitted by Check # _____ \$ _____

Squadron Officer

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Squadron Officer, Sons of The American Legion.

_____, 20_____
_____, Kansas

This will acknowledge receipt of your Dues Transmittal of _____, 20_____
containing \$ _____ as National and Department Dues for _____New and _____Renewal
members of your Squadron, together with _____ “Detachment Record Cards”. Your total
Squadron membership is now _____ . Check # _____

Thank You,

RETURN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Always fill out return address

Michelle Johnston, Membership Secretary
membership@kansaslegion.org
785-232-9315

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Communication Tools:

- Detachment of Kansas web site: www.salkansas.org
 - Detachment of Kansas Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal>
 - S.A.L. National web site: www.legion.org/sons
 - S.A.L. National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionsons>
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Future National Conventions

Milwaukee, WI	August 26-September 1, 2022
Charlotte, NC	August 25-31, 2023
New Orleans, LA	August 23-29, 2024
Tampa Bay, FLA	August 22-28, 2025
Louisville, KY	August 28-September 3, 2026



Please be sure to renew your membership...

We need YOU as part of Team Kansas...!!