



SALUTE

February 2022

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

The Department conducted our Mid-Winter Forum in Salina this past weekend. Salina Post 62 was our host this year and did a fabulous job..!! The event was very well attended by the Legion Family. One of the larger turnouts in recent years. If you were unable to attend make certain to put it on your calendar for next year. A great time was had by all who attended.

Next up will be the District Conventions. Be sure to attend yours ... the dates for each District are included in this issue of the SALute. But not only attend, but participate... maybe even step up as candidate for a District office. There is a lot of work to be done and you could be part of the solution.

Right in the middle of the District Convention schedule will be the Department Oratorical Contest. This year it will be conducted on March 12 at Manhattan Post 17. If you have never attended this event you have truly missed out on seeing some of the sharpest students in Kansas. Try to attend if you can, BUT, don't be late ... the doors are secured at 9 am when the contest starts.

Now just a little about membership. First and foremost, thank you for all your hard work on membership this year. Together we continue to achieve the membership targets set by national, but we still have over 20 "goose-egg" Squadrons out there. District Commanders: If you need help please let us know and we will try to assist.

Did we mention 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. We look forward to seeing you there and bring a friend with you..!!

In closing, keep working on your membership, keeping up on the reports and keep a record of everything 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 we look forward to seeing everyone on the road. Stay safe out there..!!

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2022 MEMBERSHIP ... "Goose-Egg" Squadrons

Unfortunately there are still 23 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.

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.

S.A.L. District Conventions/Elections:

March and April are the months for all Districts to conduct their District Conventions. Sons of The American Legion Districts are expected to conduct their District Conventions and elections the same weekend as their American Legion District Convention. Please make certain you submit your new S.A.L. District Officers listing to Headquarters immediately following your convention/elections.

- **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.

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"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is February, month 8 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: Troy

District 2: KC Armourdale #188, KC Argentine #213, Fort Scott

District 3: Columbus, Cherokee

District 4: Burlington, Lyndon, Wamego

District 5: Halstead, Wichita 401

District 6: Scandia

District 7: Pratt, Isabel, Larned, Sterling, Hardtner, Kingman

District 8: Utica, Brownell

District 9: Selden, Colby

District 10: Hanover

Per Headquarters 1-28-2022

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...!!