



SALUTE

April 2022

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Congratulations to the new Officers that have been elected at their District Conventions so far. I know that you will do a great job and remember that you are not alone. Rely on each other and help is always out there, all you have to do is ask.

As we are coming out of the shortest days of light, it has got me to thinking. A lot of our meetings or events happen in the evening. That means that you were probably driving home in the dark or maybe snow. Even during the day I have found that it seems that there are more drivers driving faster and faster. With that being said, there are a lot of our members that are not aware of the fact that there is free insurance and all you need to do is sign up for it. The Legion Insurance Trust (LIT) is free insurance to members of the Legion family in the case of Accidental Death. It will pay your beneficiary a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. But you must sign up for it. The information is on the kansaslegion.org home page. Remember, it is for the whole Legion family.

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

If anyone needs any help with membership or anything else, don't hesitate to reach out to your Detachment officers. We're here for you.

James Snyder

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,

I want to start off by saying Thank-You to everyone for their hard work on membership!

As Sons of The American Legion, we are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage. Our membership is a key part of who we are. Our members make things happen, and make good on the principles of our great organization. In my humble opinion, our members are our most valuable asset.

At last check, the Kansas Detachment is at 80.48%. The 90% goal is approaching fast on April 23. We still have 7 "goose-egg" Squadrons who have not turned in any memberships – please send in those memberships ASAP.

A lot of effort is being made to contact members and Squadrons – Thanks very much for your help - we are close to reaching our goals. Our membership is our family – it is important that we take care of our family and support the principles that our organization is founded upon.

Jim Gallentine

Sons of The American Legion

Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-22

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2022 Membership :

Do you know when our membership year starts and ends? Our year is the same as The American Legion's. We run from July 1, to June 30. We need to start on membership as soon as we receive our cards. One of our problems is we don't seem to worry about membership until later in the year. The sooner we can get our membership work done, the faster we can get onto carrying out the mission of The American Legion. Please, if you have questions, Contact one of your Detachment Officers and we will do whatever we can to help.

2023 Membership:

While we are on the subject of Membership, it will be sooner than later when the 2023 membership cards are here. It is much easier to work your renewals when you get your cards than it is when your old cards are expired. The Department of Kansas sends all of our cards out to the Adjutant that is listed on your Squadron Officer's Report. This is why it is so important to get this report to Department as soon as your elections are complete. I get numerous calls from Squadrons that say they never received their cards. I promise you that they are sent out and we have tracking numbers and also the person that they were sent to. You will be receiving your new cards around the 1st of July. **Please** take the time to get started on your membership right away. There is no point in waiting. Please, get it done.

Up-Coming:

Detachment Convention is coming. June 4, 2022 The Detachment of Kansas, Sons of The American Legion will be having our convention at the Downtown Topeka Ramada Inn. If you have questions about **YOUR** organization, this is the perfect time to ask them. This is also the time to elect our Detachment Leadership. Come to Topeka and help make this organization in Kansas everything it can be. I look forward to seeing many of our members at this one day event.

- **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 April, month 10 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: **Cherokee**

District 4: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 5: ~~Wichita 401~~ Post has CLOSED and turned in its Charter

District 6: **Scandia**

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

District 8: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 9: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 10: ZERO Goose-eggs

Per Headquarters 4-01-2022

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:	David C. Williams	dc58williams@outlook.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:	John Cintron	jpc8382@outlook.com
Vice Commander:	Roy Adger	royadger@gmail.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:	Bob Diester	diester211@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:

June 3-5, 2022

- Annual Department Convention
- Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6th St., Topeka
- Room reservations available now... call (800)-432-2424
- S.A.L. Convention will be Saturday, June 4, 2022,
- S.A.L. "Call to Order" will be immediately following the joint opening session (9:30 AM)

June 10-12, 2022

- American Legion Leadership College ... Concordia

July 1, 2021

- *Updated 2022-2023 Squadron Officer lists are due to Headquarters in Topeka*

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...!!