



SALUTE

February 2021

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Mid-Winter Forum will be conducted this weekend in Independence Kansas. As we close out January that leaves us just 5 months from the end of this membership year. We achieved the January 2021 goal of 60% in December and are well on the way to achieving the February goal of 75% with 72.50% on January 28th. That gives us 3 weeks to gain the additional 2.50% needed. That's only another 168 members and easily achievable. Thank you to each of you for your continued efforts on membership. Collectively we continue to make progress but there is also much work yet to do. Congratulations to District 6 and 8 for joining District 9 as "0" Goose Egg Squadrons. We now have 13 squadrons with no membership reported compared to 10 this time last year.

District Conventions will start in March. I encourage all of you to attend your District Convention so your voice can be heard as the new officers are elected. Once again it will depend on the Covid restrictions whether these are real time or electronic meetings. Either way it is important to participate.

Until next time again Thank You for all you do for the American Legion Family, our Veterans and their families. Stay safe and healthy, your membership and participation make a difference in more ways than you realize.

Tom Wallsmith

Sons of The American Legion
Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-21
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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

Congratulations to everyone. We have made our 5th Target Date (January) and are working towards our February goal of 75%. Kansas was one of the 7 out of 11 Detachments in the Midwest Region that helped to make the National goal. Everyone's hard work on membership is truly appreciated. We are still on track to hit 100%, but it will take all of us to roll up our sleeves and keep after the renewals. The easy ones are behind us and now we need to get the rest.

District Conventions are coming up in March and April. I would like to attend your Convention either in person if we can or virtually if that is what needs to happen. Let me know your Districts plan and I will get it on my schedule.

If there is anything I can help with just get a hold of me.

Stay safe and healthy...!!

James Snyder

Sons of the American Legion
Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-2021
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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2021 Membership :

WOW! 13 Goose eggs. Is your Squadron one of them? Remember, if you haven't renewed, you are no longer a member in good standing. Please, take the time to renew. We need you and we want you. Get with your membership people in your Squadron and get this done. Let's not forget our Veterans and their families and all the good things that the American Legion Family does for them.

Events :

Hopefully we will soon be able to return to some form of normalcy. It will be great when we can start attending Post events again. I've always enjoyed attending all of the different things that are held at other Posts. It sure gives us all kinds of ideas of what might work at our own. Get out there and see what others are doing. If you support others, they just may come and support you. I hope to see you as I attend many of these events.

Up-Coming :

Mid-Winter Forum is this weekend in Independence Kansas. If you are attending, I want to personally thank you. If not, please make an effort to attend Detachment Convention in May in Topeka. I've said it before, and I'll say it again. We need leaders. Your District conventions are coming up in March and April. Try to attend yours. Look at stepping up and helping your District to succeed. Again, We need good leaders. Do you fit that bill?

- **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.

As always, if I can be of help feel free to contact me.

Terry Harris
Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas
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"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is February, month 8 in the new membership year,

And these Squadrons have not transmitted any membership...zero, zip, nada.

Definitely not a badge of honor..!!

District 1: Topeka 001, Troy, Hiawatha, Hanover

District 2: Kansas City 188, Kansas City 213, Spring Hill

District 3: Cherokee

District 4: Lyndon

District 5: Andover

District 6: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 7: Isabel, Sterling, Kingman

District 8: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 9: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

Per Headquarters 1-28-2021



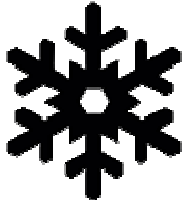
Mid-Winter Forum

January 29-30-31, 2021

Independence Post 139

1531 W. Main St., Independence, Ks.

Mid-Winter Forum offers every member, especially Post leaders and chairmen, the opportunity to learn more about The American Legion, its programs and the direction each program is expected to take if there are any changes being considered, including changes directed by National Headquarters. In addition, the Forum provides information about how and why The American Legion functions in the manner we do as an organization.



The American Legion will conduct its meeting at **The Memorial Hall Building, 410 N. Penn Avenue, in Independence.** The “Call to Order” of the Joint Opening Session will be at 8 AM Saturday morning January 30.

The S.A.L. will meet immediately following the Joint Opening Session at 9:30 AM also in The Memorial Hall Building. *Please be sure you register.*

Lunch will be available at the Memorial Hall Building. Be sure you utilize the coupon on the next page to RSVP your lunch (and dinner). It lets our hosts know how much to prepare.

As we all know the new “normal” is masks and social distancing. Be prepared to comply or stay home.

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Independence Post 139

Housing:

The contracted Hotels are:

- Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel
3000 W. Main Street, Independence
Telephone number: 620-332-2222,
rate is \$89.00 (Single) and \$93.00 (Double).
- The Microtel Inn
2917 W. Main Street, Independence
Telephone number: 620- 331-0088,
rate is \$79.00 (Single) and \$83.00 (Double).
- The Super 8 Motel
2800 W. Main Street, Independence
Telephone number: 620-331-8288,
rate is \$57.00 (Single) and \$68.00 (Double).

**Be sure to tell them you are a part of the
Kansas American Legion block
to receive the reduced rates per room
per night.**

MID-WINTER FORUM MEALS

**JANUARY 30, 2021
INDEPENDENCE POST #139**

Lunch:

Sandwiches With all the Trimming, and Soup

Dinner 1:

Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans and Rice,
Salad, Bread, and a Dessert

Dinner 2:

Ham or Turkey, Mixed Vegetables, Salad,
Bread, and a Dessert

Name _____

Post/Unit/Squadron # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of lunches to be reserved at \$8.00
each. _____

Number of dinners to be reserved at \$10.00
each: Dinner 1 _____

Dinner 2 _____

Enclosed is check in the amount of

Mail to: Steve Aemisegger

PO BOX 252

Independence, KS 67301

All Squadrons in the Detachment of KANSAS can now process membership online

This feature utilizes electronic payment methods via MySAL.org, and eliminates the need for Squadron Officers to send the National and Detachment portion of the (3-part) membership cards and paper-checks to the Department/Detachment Headquarters office.

If you are currently a MySAL.org user, just select the "Process Membership" option in the left-menu. The attached instructions should help you navigate through this new feature.

If you are NOT a MySAL.org user, go to www.MySAL.org and sign-up by completing the "Squadron Authorization Form". Please print the attachment(s) for instructions and more details.

If you experience any problems or issues, Customer Support can be reached by calling 1-800-433-3318 or by email: MyLegion@Legion.org.

Justin McKay
The American Legion
MyLegion Department Services, IT



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NOTE:

Individuals CANNOT process or renew on-line at this time, ONLY Squadrons.

**If you have any questions please contact our Department Membership Secretary Michelle at 785-232-9315,
or Detachment Adjutant Terry Harris.**

Also,

Squadron On-Line Transmittals are an optional feature and not mandatory at this time.

Additional info /instructions can be found on our web page www.salkansas.org under the Membership Tab

S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

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

District 1

Commander:	Ross Snyder	snydizzal@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Keith Meyerhoff	keithwmeyerhoff@gmail.com
Adjutant:	James Snyder	jjaws111@aol.com

District 2

Commander:	Chris Hicks	royalsfan1980@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Matthew Krupco	nflmwk@hotmail.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:	Steve Zimmerman	szmowing482@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Don Culver	dlculver@swbell.net

District 6

Commander:	L. Reilly	barlrangus@ruraltel.net
Vice Commander:	Andy Phelps	lazyaqtr@wilsoncom.us
Adjutant:	Damon Christensen	damoncc@nckcn.com

District 7

Commander:	Brent McInnis	mcinnisbrent1@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Gerald Postlewaite	jpost21@cox.net
Adjutant:	Chris Krueger	chrisk153@gmail.com

District 8

Commander:	Michael Weber	spidercreek220@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Dan Stacy	dstacy.am.legion@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Jerry Stotler	jstotler@unitedwireless.com

District 9

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

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

Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2020

- *Updated 2020-2021 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka*

March 13, 2021

- Department Oratorical Contest ... Manhattan Post 17... Doors will be secured at 9 AM

May 14-16, 2021

- Department Convention ... Ramada Hotel, Topeka

June 4-6, 2021

- American Legion Leadership College ... Concordia

2021 Kansas District Conventions:

March 20, 2021

- District 9 ... Oberlin

March 26-28, 2021

- District 3 ... Winfield

March 27, 2021

- District 2 ... Lenexa

April 10, 2021

- District 5 ... McPherson

April 10, 2021

- District 7 ... Great Bend

April 17, 2021

- District 6 ... Concordia

April 17-18, 2021

- District 8 ... Garden City

April 24, 2021

- District 1 ... Topeka #400

April 24, 2021

- District 4 ... Leonardville

THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2020-2021 S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICERS LIST

THE OFFICERS OF _____ 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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

_____ 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@ksamlegion.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

Louisville, KY — ~~August 28-September 3, 2020~~ CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS
Phoenix, AZ August 27-September 2, 2021
Milwaukee, WI August 26-September 1, 2022
Charlotte, NC August 25-31, 2023
New Orleans, LA August 23-29, 2024

Does your membership card say *2020* on it...?

If it does, your membership has expired !!

It's time to renew your membership !!

Please be sure to renew your dues...

Then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.



TIME TO RENEW

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!