Greetings Team Kansas,

We made it through Mid-Winter Forum. What a great job that Post #25 at Fort Scott did. A special thanks goes out to Carl and Myra Jowers for the job they did. If you missed it, you missed a great time and an opportunity to learn.

At our Detachment meeting there were many current issues that were discussed. Hopefully those in attendance will take the information back to their Districts and get it passed around to their Squadrons. We discussed the $10.00 dues increase that you voted for at last year’s Detachment Convention and then was approved by the Department Executive Committee at their DEC meeting in Concordia. Please remember, this coming membership year that you will transmit $20.00 instead of the $10.00 we used to send.

Have you started transmitting your Squadrons dues online yet? Your Squadron Adjutant or whoever is taking care of your membership transmittals has the ability to do this. Keep watching and it won't be long and there will be even more functionality coming down the road. For instructions and how you need to gain access visit salkansas.org/membership and it will guide you through the process. I've not been able to do this yet, but the Squadron Adjutants I’ve spoken with have said it is one of the best and easiest tools we have. Please take advantage of this new feature and look forward to what is coming down the road. The American Legion has done a lot of Research and Development on this project and given us a great tool. I look forward to what more is coming.

At Mid-Winter Forum we had several people announce for different officer positions for the upcoming membership year. If you are interested in being a Detachment Officer or serve on a Detachment Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Adjutant Don Culver, Vice-Commander Tom Wallsmith or myself and we will get you headed in the right direction. We are always looking for good talent to help lead our cause.

Don't forget your District Conventions that are quickly approaching. I hope to see many of you there. I will do my best to get to as many as possible.

One last thing. Detachment Convention is coming sooner than you think. It will be held on May 16, 2020 in Topeka, Kansas at the Downtown Ramada Inn. Here is another great opportunity to learn what is going on and to help you and your Squadron stay informed. I am issuing a personal invitation to each and every one of you. I hope to see you in Topeka on the 16th of May.

Until Next Time “Always Remember the Mission”

Terry Harris
Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020
Flstfi_2005@hotmail.com
Greetings Team Kansas,

I was able to attend the Legislative Conference earlier this month in Topeka along with other members of our Legion Family. The attendance was down from previous years with only 3 of the Sons present so that was a little disappointing for us. Once again the Governor chose to hold her State of the State address the same time we were to meet with Representatives and Senators so it impacted their participation. We had some of them come by early prior to and during our briefing which was appreciated and also had a decent turn out after the Governor was finished so were able to visit with a decent number of them. We didn’t have as much to discuss in our briefing as the legislative body hasn’t introduced anything involving Veterans yet. We again discussed another State Hospital in the North East part of Kansas so that continues to be an item of importance along with increasing the Budget for Veterans Assistance in Kansas. I encourage more of you to get involved with the Legislative activities in the Legion Family. You can sign up to receive Legislative alerts via E-mail on the National American Legion web site which keeps you aware of the National Program and you can visit the Kansas State web site to check on activities in our Legislature and Senate.

By the time you receive the February SALute and read this, the Mid-Winter Forum will have been held. I hope to have seen a good number of you there.

Membership is always a topic in these monthly letters for me. Thanks to all of the members who are constantly working on retention and recruiting. I’ve done some comparison between our membership numbers on February 7 this Year and February 1 of last year that I want to share with you. We have 3 Squadrons with “0” goose Eggs this year, District 7, District 8 and District 9. Last year we only had District 8. The Squadrons which make up the new District 9 also had “0” but were still in District 6. Total Goose Eggs this year are 8 compared to 6 for last year. Total membership this year is 5375 compared to last year’s 5304. To summarize it’s encouraging to see membership up a bit however we still have the goose-eggs to get rid of. Our Leadership Team doesn’t seem to be contacting the delinquent Squadrons as much as needed. Six Districts have Goose Eggs, 4 of them with just 1 and 2 Districts with just 2. Shouldn’t take much to contact them to resolve the issue. We have 5 months left in this Membership year so let’s eliminate the last 8 goose-eggs and reach for the goal of 100%.

Until next month thanks for what you do on membership, keep up the good work of helping our Veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

Tom Wallsmith
Sons of the American Legion
Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020
wacuma2016@gmail.com
Detachment Adjutant’s Notes:

Membership:

2020 MEMBERSHIP … “Goose-Egg” Squadrons

Unfortunately there are still 8 Squadrons that have not made a membership transmittal for the 2020 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, May 16, 2020 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 2020-2021 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. If you would like a Detachment Officer to attend please contact me and we’ll arrange for someone to be there.

Have you checked out our new website:  www.salkansas.org  ??

Let us know what you would like to see posted and we’ll see what we can do.

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

Don Culver
Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas
dculver@swbell.net
Here it is February, month 8 in the new 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: Hanover, Troy
District 2: KC Armourdale
District 3: Columbus
District 4: Council Grove
District 5: Andover, Whitewater
District 6: Kensington
District 7: Zero Goose-eggs
District 8: Zero Goose-eggs
District 9: Zero Goose-eggs

Per Headquarters 2-07-2020

We Need You ...
Your Membership is Important...
Transmit TODAY ... !!
Mandatory Changes to the S.A.L. Preamble
And S.A.L. Constitution

The National Adjutant and the National Judge Advocate has directed National Headquarters staff and program
directors to immediately screen, edit, and update all publications that are impacted by the Legion Act and the
change to the American Legion Preamble. The staff is on a tight timeline to meet the printing deadline for the
2020 distribution; these changes have to take place immediately. Ken George, The Sons of The American
Legion Liaison on the national staff, is charged to review the Sons of The American program publications and
make the appropriate changes to the Sons of the American Legion Preamble and membership eligibility criteria
in all publications.

2019 marked some remarkable changes to The American Legion and, as a result, have a direct impact on the
Sons of The American Legion. At The American Legion Fall Meetings October 16-17, 2019, Resolution 1 was
submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Internal Affairs Commission and the National Executive Committee.
Upon the approval of Resolution 1, it authorized the changing of the 5th sentence of The American Legion’s
Preamble; “To preserve the memories and incidences of our associations in the Great Wars.” “The Great Wars”
has been stricken from the Preamble, and it now reads “To preserve the memories and incidences of our
associations in all wars.” The SAL preamble has “The Great Wars” in the first and fourth sentences. The first
sentence, “Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars,” and
the fourth sentence: “to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our forefathers in
the Great Wars.” In both sentences, “The Great Wars” must be removed and replaced with “All Wars.”

Additional changes made this year was the expansion of membership eligibility from the “LEGION Act” that
was passed by the 116th Congress. Instead of eight periods of membership eligibility, there are now only two.
Those periods are, World War I April 6, 2017- November 11, 1918, and December 7, 1941, to date. For The
American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion, this greatly expands the membership eligibility
potential and also requires the Son's membership application to be changed. Currently it states: “All male
descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of
veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, and Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon,
Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of
the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from
such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.” The new verbiage should
be as follows: “All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and
such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as
set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent
to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American
Legion.”

The above is effective immediately by direction of:

Robert E. Newman, Chairman, The American Legion National Internal Affairs
Commission

The REVISED S.A.L. Preamble follows on the next page
Sons of The American Legion

Preamble To The 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 association of our former 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 the 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.”
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

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 Don Culver.

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.
National Dues Increase

At the Sons of The American Legion National Convention on August 24, 2019 in Indianapolis the delegates to the National Convention voted to increase national dues effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020). This is the first increase in national dues since 1982.

In anticipation of this the delegates of the state convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Kansas, voted to increase state dues at its Detachment Convention on May 18, 2019 in Hutchinson. The dues increase was subsequently approved by the Kansas Department Executive Committee at their meeting on June 1, 2019 in Concordia.

Currently each Kansas Squadron transmits $10 per paid member to Headquarters in Topeka. Effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020) that amount will increase to $20 per paid member.

While many Squadrons may have to raise their member’s dues next year to afford the increase in transmittal fee it should be remembered that the transmittal fee is still much less than what the Post sends to Topeka for each Veterans membership.

Any questions regarding the increase should be directed to Detachment Commander Terry Harris or Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.
S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

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

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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, 2019
➢ **Updated 2019-2020 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka**

March 14, 2020
➢ Department Oratorical Contest
➢ Manhattan Post 17 … Doors are secured at 9 AM

March 20-22, 2020
➢ District 3 Convention … Arkansas City

March 21, 2020
➢ District 2 Convention … Lawrence

March 28, 2020
➢ District 5 Convention … Wellington
➢ District 7 Convention … Great Bend

April 4, 2020
➢ District 6 Convention … Concordia
➢ District 8 Convention … Garden City
➢ District 9 Convention … Colby

April 18, 2020
➢ District 1 Convention … Marysville
➢ District 4 Convention … Chapman

May 1-3, 2020
➢ S.A.L. Spring NEC Meeting and NMI Training Classes … Indianapolis

May 15-17, 2020
➢ Department Convention … Topeka … Ramada Inn … 420 SE 6th Street, Topeka
➢ S.A.L. will meet Saturday, May 16, 2020 immediately following the Joint Opening Session

June 11-14, 2020
➢ Kansas Legacy Run, beginning in Great Bend and ending in Abilene, traveling almost 900 miles to raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund

August 28-Sept. 3, 2020
➢ The American Legion National Convention … Louisville, Ky
➢ S.A.L. National Convention Aug. 28-30

October 10-11, 2020
➢ S.A.L. Fall NEC Meeting and Detachment Commanders Forum … Indianapolis
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: _________________________________________________

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PLEASE FILL OUT AFTER YOUR ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS AT THAT MEETING
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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

Future National Conventions

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

If not, your membership has expired.

Please be sure to renew your dues...

Then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.

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