



SALUTE

January 2020

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Welcome to 2020. With a new year our thoughts always seem to go to how are we going to improve ourselves and make the changes necessary to uphold our health, wealth, and happiness. I have a few ideas. We have some events coming up that could improve your happiness. On January 31-February 2, 2020 is our Mid-Winter Forum in Fort Scott. Come and enjoy the camaraderie that we all experience during these get togethers. I know we will have some great information presented by our Member Training and Development Committee. It's also time to be thinking about your future in this organization. Will you be at your District Convention? Are you interested in a District Office? I truly enjoyed my years serving District 7. Not only do you get the opportunity to work with like-minded people, but you can build many lifelong friendships by doing so. I would encourage anyone that has the desire to attend your convention and let it be known that you are interested in serving at the District level. I promise you won't regret it. The Detachment of Kansas is also always looking for good people to fill the offices at the Detachment Level. If you have interest please don't hesitate to contact Don Culver or myself and let us know. It is a commitment but one I have found to be well worth it. Elections will be held at our Detachment Convention in May. Continue to watch the SALute for those dates and location.

Once we finish up with Detachment Convention we will have American Legion Leadership College on the campus of Cloud County Community College. I hope to see a lot of our S.A.L. members there. It's not only a good time but it's also a great learning experience. There is something for everyone at Leadership College.

In closing, I hope that each and every one of you had the Merriest of Christmas' and a safe and prosperous New Year. Keep up the great work and even greater effort to make this organization work as it should.

Until Next Time "Always Remember the Mission"

Terry Harris

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020

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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank all of you for the efforts you have put forward on membership and helping to care for our Veterans and their families.

Once again the American Legion Family came together at Ft. Riley for another successful Operation North Pole. As always it was festive and there were lots of youngsters who were enjoying their time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We had some new characters in costume which added to the excitement and fun. If you haven't been to Ft. Riley for Operation North Pole or the Big Red 1 Turkey Run yet I would encourage you to put one or both of them on your schedule. You'll be amazed at the outpouring of gratitude from our Soldiers and families. Its well worth the trip and work.

As I write this I was hoping I could announce "0" Goose Eggs had been achieved. We've whittled the number down to 12 as of the latest report. There are 5 Districts who only have 1 Goose Egg left. Who will be the first to eliminate all their Goose-eggs?

Until next time is safe in your travels, keep working membership, and take time to honor and reach out to our Veterans and their families.

I hope to see a lot of you at the upcoming Legion events.

Respectfully,

Tom Wallsmith

Sons of the American Legion

Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

Membership:

2020 MEMBERSHIP ... "Goose-Egg" Squadrons

Unfortunately there are still 12 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.

2020 Legislative Reception:

This year's American Legion Legislative Reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Ave., Topeka, on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. The Reception will begin with a briefing at 5:00 PM and followed by the Reception which will last until 8:00 PM. Cost of attending the Reception is \$20 per person and includes cocktails and hors'doeuvres. This month's issue of the SALute newsletter has a registration form to let Headquarters and the hotel know how many to prepare for. **PLEASE be sure to R.S.V.P.** It would be great to see a bunch of S.A.L. caps in the crowd.

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.

Mid-Winter Forum:

Department Mid-Winter Forum is being hosted by Fort Scott Post #25 this year. The dates are January 31- February 2, 2020. **The S.A.L. will meet Saturday, February 1, 2020 at approx. 9:30 AM (following the joint opening session).** Registration information for both the Legion and S.A.L. is on the flyer in this issue of the SALute. **Please be sure to Register** and get your meal tickets (be sure to see the flyer regarding meals in this issue of the SALute) when you arrive. If you haven't made your room reservations yet please do so. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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

Don Culver

Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas
dlculver@swbell.net

"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is January, month 7 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: Burdett, Kingman

District 8: Brownell

District 9: Logan

Per Headquarters 1-02-2020

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

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 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

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The legislative reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Ave. in Topeka and is scheduled for Wednesday January 15. The reception will begin with a briefing at 5pm and followed by the reception until 8pm. Cost of attending the reception is \$20.00 per person and includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Please use the coupon below to let Headquarters and the hotel know how many to prepare for.

Legislative Reception

Yes, I plan to attend The American Legion Legislative Reception, Jan. 15, 2020 in Topeka. Enclosed is \$_____ (\$20 per person). Note: please list the name of each attendee.

No, I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ to help make this American Legion function a success.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

**Mail to: Dept. Headquarters
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612**



The American Legion Family

The American Legion, Department of Kansas Presents

Mid-Winter Forum at Fort Scott January 31 – February 2, 2020

January 31th, 2020. 4 – 8 PM. Registration at the Boiler Room Brewhaus - 2 S. National Ave. Sponsored reception with karaoke by Post 248 Commander Jerry Kriley.

February 1, 2020. 8:00 am – 12 pm. Day 1 of the Mid-Winter Forum at the River Room - 3 West Oak Street. Joint opening ceremony with the Auxiliary and S.A.L. Breakout rooms TBA.

February 1, 2020. 12 – 1 pm. Soup and Sandwich lunch from Marsha's Deli. \$8 per person.

February 1, 2020. 1 – 4 pm. Mid-Winter Forum at the River Room.

February 1, 2020. 5:30 – 7 pm. Filet Mignon dinner from the Fort Scott Elks. \$25 per person. Cash bar available. 7 pm. After dinner entertainment provided by Fort Scott's own Next of Kin band.

February 2, 2020. 8:00 am – 12 pm. Day 2 of the Mid-Winter Forum at the River Room.

Suggested Hotel Information:

Sleep Inn & Suites Fort Scott. \$99 per night.

Call 620.223.255 to reserve your room.

Free transportation from the Sleep Inn to the River Room.

*******Door Prizes*****50/50 Drawing*****Auctions*****Raffles*******

Mid-Winter Forum Meal Reservations

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Soup and Sandwich lunch. \$8 per person. Number of lunches _____

Filet Mignon dinner. \$25 per person. Number of dinners _____

Make checks payable to Carl Jowers.

Mail payment to: Carl Jowers, 725 Fairway Drive, Fort Scott, Ks. 66701.

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...??

District 1

Commander:	Kyle Scheitler	kascheitler@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Keith Meyerhoff	keithwmeyerhoff@gmail.com
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Adjutant:	Troy Shields	troyshields1@hotmail.com

District 3

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Vice Commander:	Ronnie Rommel	ronnie.rommel72@gmail.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	hecclles@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@nckn.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:	John Hall	jwh121@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	Joshua Ledbetter	redneckjm83@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Larry "Pete" Hall	dr_tr_outlaw@yahoo.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, 2019

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

January 15, 2020

- Legislative Reception... Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka ... must RSVP with Headquarters in Topeka

January 31- February 2, 2020

- Mid-Winter Conference ... Fort Scott Post #25

March 21-23, 2020

- District 3 Convention ... Arkansas City

March 22, 2020

- District 2 Convention ... Lawrence

March 28, 2020

- District 5 Convention ... Wellington

March 28, 2020

- District 7 Convention ... Great Bend

April 4, 2020

- District 6 Convention ... Concordia

April 4, 2020

- District 8 Convention ...

April 4, 2020

- District 9 Convention ... Colby

April 18, 2020

- District 1 Convention ... Marysville

April 18, 2020

- District 4 Convention ... Chapman

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

THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2019-2020 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**

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

Louisville, KY	August 28-September 3, 2020
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 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...!!!

