



SALUTE

January 2021

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

As I write this 2020 is almost over. I'm sure we're all ready to greet the New Year. I hope you all had a good Christmas and are maintaining your health. I had a quiet one with no travel involved. We did have the Department Christmas Party with a good turnout. Argonne Post 180 in Great Bend did great as our host and we had the opportunity to each adopt one of the Veterans for Christmas who was at Fort Dodge Soldiers Home to help the ALA with their program of support to Veterans. This was great since we weren't able to go there to help them with the Christmas Store this Year.

As we close out this year, I'm proud of the membership this year for all the work to maintain the membership renewals and recruitment with the limits placed on all of us for gathering size. We're ending this year with 64.43% membership which exceeds the January 21 goal of 60%. We are however struggling with 18 Squadrons having no membership reported. Last year at this time we had 12 with no membership reported.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and a safe one. Thanks for all you do for our Veterans, their families, communities, State and Nation. Keep up the good work, what you do makes a difference to a lot of people.

Tom Wallsmith

Sons of The American Legion
Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-21
wacuma2016@gmail.com

Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

Well 2020 is gone and 2021 will be a better year. This has been a difficult year in trying to get out and get the members to pay their dues. I know several of the Squadrons work with the Posts and have days set up for the members to come in and pay, but that has been hard to do without having a lot of people show up, since a lot of Counties have had restrictions on the amount of gatherings.

So let's start making them phone calls and send emails to those Squadrons that are still lagging behind. I realize that most of you realize this already. If you need anything, phone numbers or emails, get a hold of me and I'll give you what I have or I'll try to get it for you.

Congratulations on meeting the January Target Date already. Just remember that it starts to slow down as we get in to January and on.

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

James Snyder

Sons of the American Legion
Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-2021
jjaws111@aol.com

Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

Here is hoping that you had a very Merry Christmas. During these times of a pandemic, things have been done so differently. Let us all stay safe. Remember to wear your mask to not only protect yourself but to ease the minds of the people around you.

We are all hoping and praying that the New Year brings happiness and joy to each and every one of you.

Membership:

We are well into our 2020-2021 Membership year. We are doing well but there are way too many goose-eggs still out there. Keep plugging away. If you are needing assistance please don't hesitate to contact our Detachment Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman James Snyder. He will make sure to give you all the assistance you need or get you in contact with your District officers.

January Dates:

- The Department Bowling tournament is coming up. This year's tournament will be held at Flint Hill Lanes, 1519 W. 6th Ave. in Emporia January 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and 30-31, 2021.
- Mid-Winter forum will be held in Independence, Ks. hosted by Post 139. The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Kansas will meet on Saturday January 30 after the joint opening session. Additional info in this issue of the SALute.
- The Legislative Reception that was to be held in January has been CANCELLED!

All Squadrons can now process membership online. Please check this edition of the SALute for details.

- ❖ *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 January, month 7 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, Overbrook

District 5: Wichita 401, Andover

District 6: Ellsworth

District 7: Isabel, Larned, Sterling, Kingman

District 8: Utica

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

Per Headquarters 12-31-2020



**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

DEPARTMENT

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

January 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 2021

Flint Hill Lanes

1519 W. 6th Ave.

Emporia, Kansas



Information and entries for the 74th State Bowling Tournament are being mailed to all past participants and bowling alleys. If your local bowling alley does not receive the information please contact State Headquarters. This year's tournament will be held at Flint Hill Lanes, 1519 W. 6th Ave. in Emporia January 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and 30-31, 2021.

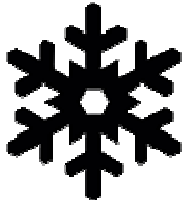
Mid-Winter Forum

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.

Mid-Winter Forum

January 29-30-31, 2021

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	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@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*

January 9-10 , 16-17 , 23-24 , 2021

- Department Bowling Tournament
- Flint Hill Lanes, Emporia

January 29-31, 2021

- Mid-Winter Forum ... Independence Post #139

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:

Michelle Johnston, Membership Secretary
membership@ksamlegion.org
785-232-9315

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Always fill out return address

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 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.

