



# SALUTE

May 2022

## A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

With the District Conventions behind us, I hope to see a lot of you at our Detachment Convention in Topeka on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend, The American Legion is hosting American Legion Leadership College in Concordia. This year there will be several leadership classes for the SAL being led by Vice Commander Jim Gallentine. We look forward to seeing you there.

Boys State and Cadet Law needs our help. As of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, these two Programs are way behind where they need to be for Delegates. Cadet Law has 7 Delegates signed up. Two years ago the program was in jeopardy of ending due to the lack of delegates. Boys State currently has 140 Delegates signed up. Their goal is 500 this year. So as you can see, they need some help recruiting.

It is great to see how these young minds operate. I just spent the weekend at the National Oratorical Contest and was thoroughly impressed with the speeches that those young adults gave. I feel it is our obligation to get them involved with these Programs.

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! At last check, the Kansas Detachment is at 84.64% of our yearly goal - this is behind the national goal of 90%. Still have work to do. We have improved on "goose-eggs" over last month – we are down to 3 "goose-egg" Squadrons. It is important that we have everyone on board with this. Please keep after those renewals..!!

There are several events this spring that need our help and participation. Boys State is around the corner, and so is Cadet Law Enforcement Academy. These are simply outstanding programs that do an excellent job at preparing youth for the future. To find out more information, go to [www.kansaslegion.org](http://www.kansaslegion.org).

This time of year Squadrons should be submitting their updated officer lists to Detachment – if you have not, please do so, they are due to headquarters July 1. Accurate information is a big part of getting materials and information out to everyone.

Remember: Membership is key to our great organization – lets get it done!

### **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 value your membership in the Sons Of The American Legion? I know I do and I know a lot of people that think just like me when it comes to membership. Have you looked at a membership report lately? Department does a great job getting these reports to us. They are also a good tool to see how your squadron is doing at a glance. I'm positive that some of your members that haven't renewed just need a quick reminder. I know we are all busy but, we also need to support our organization. Just Ask. That's all I ask. Just Ask that member that hasn't renewed and welcome them back. Let them know how important they are. You Detachment officers are always willing to help. Don't hesitate to contact any of us and we will assist any way we can.

## Squadron Elections:

Have you held your Squadron elections yet? Please see the new form "*Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants*" located in this newsletter. It is also on our website, [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org). The form is not "new" but has been revised by National to include more data. Every Post was sent this to be completed and returned to Headquarters in Topeka. Talk with your Post leadership and make sure they have filled this form out and then have sent it into Department. The only information that needs to be provided is very self-explanatory. Again, if you need have any questions please, don't hesitate to contact me or your District Commander. They have all been sent this form in a writable PDF format and then can be emailed to Department once it's filled out. I can't begin to tell you how important it is to fill this out. Please, check with your Post and see if it has been done.

## Up-Coming:

Do you want to get involved? There are several things coming up that you would enjoy attending. Our Detachment convention will be held Saturday June 4 at the Downtown Topeka Ramada Inn. Please attend and help guide the future of our organization. It's because of you that we have this organization serving our veterans. June 10,11 and 12 is Leadership College at Cloud County College. The cost is \$50.00 and that covers your room in the dorm as well as several meals in the cafeteria. There will be sessions on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> specifically for the S.A.L. Please, try to attend and see what is available to you. There will be more information coming.

## Consolidated Squadron Report:

This year's Consolidated Squadron Report will only be available electronically. This is a fillable PDF. It is a 3 copy form. One goes to National, one goes to Department and one goes to Detachment. Please, look this report over and get the Detachment copy to me by July 1. Mail it to me at: 1222 Toles Ave., Larned, Ks 67550

This is one of the most important things you can send in. This gives you and your Squadron a chance to brag on all the things you do. Please, let's work at getting this filled out and sent to me by July 1. **You can find these forms on our website, [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org), or contact me and I'll email you a copy.**

- **Do you visit our Detachment Website? [www.salkansas.org](http://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**

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# "GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is May, month 11 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: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 3: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 4: ZERO Goose-eggs

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

District 6: **Scandia**

District 7: **Isabel, Hardtner**

District 8: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 9: ZERO Goose-eggs

District 10: ZERO Goose-eggs

Per Headquarters 5-06-2022

**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**

**CALL FOR  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF KANSAS**

The Annual Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Kansas, is hereby called, and in conformity with the action of the Detachment Executive Committee, fixing the time and place of this Convention, **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, Kansas, beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

Representation at the Convention shall be by Squadrons, and in accordance with the provisions of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws.

“Each Squadron shall have representation at the Detachment Convention on the basis of two delegates from each Squadron composed of ten members, and one additional delegate for each additional ten members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received at Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Detachment Convention, and to one alternate for each delegate.” All Delegates and Alternates must be duly registered for the Convention.

In addition to the above, Past Detachment Commanders are delegates at large to the Detachment Convention, with vote, whose vote shall be exercised with their respective Squadron, provided they are registered for the Convention and present.

Each Squadron is entitled to elect a number of alternates equal to the number of delegates to which such Squadron is entitled. Alternates will have the power to vote only in the absence of their Squadron’s delegates.

A meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee is hereby called and will be held at the close of the Detachment Convention,

All Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, & District Commanders are expected to attend the Detachment Convention.

S.A.L. Registration will be available from 1pm to 6pm, Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 7:30am – 12pm in the Ramada Hotel.

**Be sure to tell them you are a S.A.L. Delegate when you register.**

# **Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Kansas Annual Convention, Saturday June 4, 2022**

The American Legion, Department of Kansas, will conduct its annual convention June 3,4,5, 2022 in Topeka Kansas.

The Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Topeka will serve as the site of the annual Convention of the American Legion Department of Kansas.

Joining the Legion in Convention will be The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion who will hold their own independent conventions in addition to two joint sessions involving all three groups.

Now is the time to make housing reservations by calling the Ramada Hotel toll free at 1-800-432-2424. Be sure to tell them you are with The American Legion.

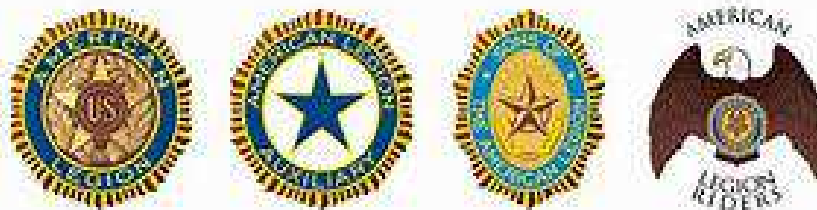
The Department Convention will conclude on Sunday with a Joint Memorial Service followed by the election of American Legion Department Officers for the 2022-2023 membership year.

**The S.A.L. Convention will “Call to Order” at Saturday 9:30 AM June 4.**

**All S.A.L. members are encouraged to attend the Detachment Convention as a delegate, alternate, or guest.**

**All S.A.L. members attending the Convention are required to be registered.**

**Registration desk for all Legion/ S.A.L. delegates is located in front of the main ballroom.  
Be sure to tell them you are S.A.L.**



## **The American Legion Family**

# Department Convention to Feature Child Welfare Foundation Buffet Dinner

This year's Department Convention will again feature a dinner as a means to raise funds for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. The dinner will be held Saturday evening, June 4 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel, 420 SE 6th St. in Topeka.

Meal choice includes: Boneless Chicken Breast with a creamy white sauce or Meatloaf with garlic mashed potatoes. A tossed garden salad with choice of dressing, honey glazed carrots, rolls and butter, coconut cream pie, water, iced tea, or coffee service. Cost is \$36 per person and reservations must be received no later than Monday, May 23 in order for the Ramada to adequately prepare enough food. **You must indicate Entrée preferences below.**

The purpose of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is: "To contribute to the physical, mental emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs." "To make wider, more effective use of the knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations to the end that such information will benefit youth and be more adequately used by society."

To make reservations for the Saturday, June 4 dinner please complete and return the coupon below to Department Headquarters, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66612. Reservations must arrive by May 23; or telephone your reservations to 785-232-9315. Payment is due no later than May 23 without exception!

## CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER

JUNE 4, 2022  
RAMADA, TOPEKA, KS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Unit/Squadron # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinners to be reserved at \$36.00  
each \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée preference: Meat Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail To: Kansas American Legion  
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, Kansas 66612**

# KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

This year's Kansas American Legion College will take place at Cloud County Community College in Concordia June 10-12.

This year there will a Hands-On Class dealing with **mylegion.org** being taught by a member of the National Staff. If you are a Post Commander or Post Adjutant this is a prime opportunity to actually input and make changes to Members of your Post. PLEASE ensure you bring your laptop or iPad to get the full effect of the training.

There will be a Representative from the Gaming Commission and the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to update us on the new laws and regulations dealing with pull tabs and liquor sells within your Posts. An uniformed Post is not a good situation.

We are working on Post Commander and Post Adjutant modules that will hopefully be available by KALC time. We will try and incorporate them with the training that Bryan will be conducting.

Hopefully, we will have another VA Roundtable or Symposium. Everyone really enjoyed being able to ask a pinpoint question to the person that is the expert of that particular Division of The Veterans Hospital/Administration out of the Dole V.A. Medical Center and Veterans Service Center in Wichita.

The American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. An enrollment coupon is provided below for your convenience. Cost of the College this year is \$50.00 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Concordia Post 76, and Sunday breakfast. In addition the enrollment fee includes air conditioned dorm housing at the College—attendees must bring their own sheets, pillow, pillow case, blanket, bath soap, towels and personal items. Those needing only meals will be \$30 total.

Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 10. Dinner will be available from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15 AM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday, June 11 and 12 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon.

## LEGION COLLEGE REGISTRATION

ENCLOSED IS MY \$50 REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE  
KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE  
JUNE 12-14

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of: \_\_\_\_\_ Post, Squadron, Unit (circle one)

Post Service Officer Training \_\_\_\_\_ YES or NO

YES, I will need housing at the college

NO, I will NOT need housing at the college

Mail To: Department Headquarters  
1314 SE Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, KS 66612



# S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

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

## **District 1**

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## **District 3**

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## **District 4**

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Adjutant:	Jace Phillips	bightmeagain2@yahoo.com

## **District 5**

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## **District 6**

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## **District 7**

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## **District 8**

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Adjutant:	Ty Weber	tyweber810@gamil.com

## **District 9**

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Adjutant:	Jim Gallentine	jim.gallentine@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

***Congratulations to all the S.A.L. District Officers for 2022-2023***

# Upcoming Events/Dates:

## June 3-5, 2022

- Annual Department Convention
- Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> 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
- Registration form is in this issue of the *SALute*

## July 1, 2021

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

## August 26-Sept. 1, 2022

- National Convention, Milwaukie, 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

# Communication Tools:

- Detachment of Kansas web site: [www.salkansas.org](http://www.salkansas.org)
  - Detachment of Kansas Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal>
  - S.A.L. National web site: [www.legion.org/sons](http://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

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*Please be sure to renew your membership...*

*We need YOU as part of Team Kansas...!!*