



SALUTE

November 2020

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Hard to believe we're closing out October already! Congratulations to all of our members who are working on renewals we're still staying on track for the membership goals at this point in time having achieved 42 % as of the 30th of October which exceeds the November 12th target of 35%.

Of a greater concern again are the number of "GOOSE EGG" Squadrons we still have. At this time last year there were 41 out of 126 Squadron's with no membership turned in. This year we have 45 Squadrons with no membership, "GOOSE EGGS". Out of those numbers 26 of the Squadrons are repeats from a year ago for 0 membership and 18 are showing 0 membership that had members submitted this time last year. Unfortunately, that means for each Squadron with 0 members there are duly elected Officers as well as members who are not recognized by State or National Headquarters. If you have paid your dues and still aren't recognized by State or National how does that make you feel?

Every year since I have been active at District and Detachment positions I have been made aware of Squadrons that do not submit membership on a timely basis, preferring to make a lump sum transmission. Just suppose you subscribe to the LIT insurance program and suffer a loss. If you survive your benefits won't be honored for a loss of limb. If you die your death benefits won't be paid to your family even if you in good faith had paid your dues and they hadn't been transmitted. Pretty sobering thoughts for any one responsible for dues submittal. I encourage all of us to be diligent towards membership and our shared responsibility for it.

I recently attended the Family Vice Commander and Vice President Homecoming. It was a very pleasant ceremony, well attended and I believe enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Vice Commander Jeremy Ehart, Vice Commander James Snyder and Vice President Annette Schaefer.

We're rapidly approaching our fall and winter holiday season, be safe, enjoy family and friends but above all look after our Veterans and active military and their families. Continue all you do for Veterans and their families and local communities. Until next time Thank You for all you do and being part of this great program.

Tom Wallsmith

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-21
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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

First I want to say congratulations to the following Squadrons for meeting their Goal: 9th District Logan #281 and Agra #357. Good Job. We have made some progress on the Goose eggs. There are still 45 Squadrons that still haven't turned in any membership. On a good note, for our Target Date in November the quota is 35% and as of October 30th we are at 42%. Good job to everyone that is working the membership.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Vice Commanders Homecoming in Abilene on October 17th. It looked like a good time was had by all. The weather was great and there was about 70 people that showed up.

Just a reminder that if anyone needs assistance in getting ahold of the Squadrons just let me know and I'll be more than happy to help.

James Snyder

Sons of the American Legion

Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-2021

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2021 Membership :

Does your membership card say 2021? The year is running out quickly and you don't want to be late paying your dues. See your Squadron Adjutant or whoever does your membership and get your new card. Remember, your adjutant can now make that transmission online, and things are processed much quicker that way. Hopefully your Squadron is signed up for MySAL.org and are using it regularly.

2019 – 2020 Membership :

REMINDER: We are still doing our best to finish out the 2019 – 2020 membership year with a bang. Please contact those who haven't renewed and remind them that we need them. They are very important to this organization to be able to help with the many events that your Detachment helps with. Our members are what drives everything we do. Let's get all of them back onboard.

Up-Coming

Obviously this has been an unusual year for our membership. Not one of us has been unaffected by what has been going on in the world today. We were able to hold our Detachment Convention and get our new officers in place. As of this writing, The Big Red 1 Turkey Run has been **CANCELLED** for this year. If you haven't heard, Operation North Pole has also been **CANCELLED** for this year. These are such great events that involve the entire Legion Family and I'm sure many of you were planning on attending. Hopefully we can bring both of these events back bigger and better in 2021. Last month I wrote about the Department Golf Tournament. The final tally is in and it looks like we raised just over \$6,000.00 for this event. I will ask again, do you play golf? I don't but I tried anyway. Glad I was able to embarrass myself and still raise money.

- **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.

If you have questions or comments feel free to contact me.

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

Here it is November, month 5 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, Linn, Hanover

District 2: Lawrence, Paola, Kansas City 188, Kansas City 213, Spring Hill, Moran

District 3: Columbus, Coffeyville, Cherokee, Arma

District 4: Emporia, Herington, Peabody, Council Grove, Lyndon, Wamego,
Overbrook, Dwight

District 5: Whitewater, Halstead, Sedgwick, Wichita 273, Wichita 401, Andover

District 6: Glen Elder, Ellsworth, Scandia

District 7: Pratt, Isabel, Larned, Sterling, Hardtner, Geneseo, Kingman

District 8: Garden City, Jetmore, Utica, Brownell

District 9: Norton, Oberlin

Per Headquarters 10-30-2020

Team Kansas:

It's November already...

Why are there still "Goose-Eggs"..??

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
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District 3

Commander:	Ronnie Rommel	ronnie.rommel72@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Chris Perkins	perkinschrisw@johndeere.com
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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 are due to Headquarters in Topeka*

November 11, 2020

- Veterans Day

December 5, 2020

- Department Holiday Party ... Great Bend Post 180 ... Luncheon at 12:30
- R.S.V.P. REQUIRED ... contact Commander Marri Krupco at mkrupco@gmail.com

January 29-31, 2021

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

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

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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, 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!**