



SALUTE

October 2020

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

I hope you are all maintaining your health and not suffering from too much stress as we go through these trying times. I encourage all to continue with the Legion Family activities as best you can.

Our membership numbers continue to grow and we're ahead of the October 15 quota by 5% which is Good. We're down from last year this date by around 270 which isn't too bad since we got a late start. We need transmissions in a timely manner. I know there are memberships paid and members with current cards in hand but the transmissions haven't been made. Please continue to work on renewals for last year as you work on the new year's membership and remember the dues increase only applies to the new membership year (the cards say 2021 on them).

Until next month thank you for all you do, keep up the good work, and stay safe.

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: 1st Dist. Oskaloosa 100%, 4th Dist. Leonardville 119%, 6th Dist. Lucas 100%, and 9th Dist. Agra 100%. Good Job.

As I'm looking at our Target Dates, I want to say *Way to Go* Detachment of Kansas. Our September Target was 10% and the October Target 25%. As of 10-1-20 we were at 29%. While that is good, just remember that we always start out ahead but then start to slow down, especially after the First of the year.

Now, the other thing that caught my eye from the report is the Goose eggs out there. There are 126 Squadrons in the State and 63 of them with 0 current membership. I know that this has been an odd year but one would think that at least the Officers in the Squadrons would have paid by now.

My Challenge to the District Commanders is to either call, visit or email these Squadrons by the end of October. If you have problems getting ahold of someone then get ahold of the Post Commander for that Squadron and let them know what is going on. Or lack of. If anyone needs help with this PLEASE let me or any of the Past Detachment Commanders know and we will be more than happy to help.

If anyone needs any help at all don't hesitate to reach out to me.

James Snyder

Sons of the American Legion

Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-2021

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

Membership:

We are well into our 2020-2021 Membership year. We have a long way to go to achieve goals that National has set for us. 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.

October Dates:

Did you know that October 16 is National Bosses Day. Remember your boss with a good day at work and a kind word. He will then be most likely to let you off for all of those American Legion Family Events that we all enjoy participating in.

Of course, Halloween is coming on October 31. With the current situation that we are dealing with all over this great land, please stay safe. There are many ways to celebrate without having to go to large gatherings of people. Make sure that your Junior S.A.L. members also stay safe. Just make it a fun family day!

Recent Events:

Do you golf? It's too late this year to participate in the American Legion Golf Tournament held at the Shawnee Country Club in Topeka Ks. I haven't golf this century until I was invited to participate in this Legion Family Event. I was honored to partner with 3 Past Department Commanders that showed me it was better to have fun than to get too serious about golfing. If you get the chance, rather you golf or not, enter next years tournament. A great time was had by all plus all proceeds from the tournament will go to support the programs and services of The American Legion Family in Kansas.

*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 October, month 4 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, Seneca, Leavenworth, Holton, Troy, Hiawatha, Linn,
Hanover

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

District 3: Columbus, Winfield, Coffeyville, Cherokee, Arma

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

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

District 6: Salina, Russell, Glen Elder, Kensington, Ellsworth, Scandia, Wilson

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

District 8: Garden City, Sublette, Jetmore, Utica, Brownell, Bazine

District 9: Norton, Oberlin, Logan, Grainfield, Colby

Per Headquarters 10-01-2020

Team Kansas:

It's October already...

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

The American Legion Family Homecoming



HONORING:

JEREMY EHART – AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT VICE-COMMANDER

ANNETTE SCHEAFFER – DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMES SNYDER – SAL DETACHMENT VICE-COMMANDER

October 17th, 2020 12:00pm

Abilene National Guard Armory

619 N Rogers Street, Abilene, KS

\$15.00 (RSVP by October 10th)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating may be limited, RSVP quickly

LUNCHEON MENU: BBQ BY KNACKIES

Brisket and Ham

Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw, Baked Beans

Cupcakes, Water/Tea, Pink Lemonade

For additional information or to RSVP, contact: Jeremy Ehart 620-899-0010

Use jjehart23@gmail.com to send money via PayPal (include a note with whom the RSVP is for)

-or-

Please Make checks Payable to Jeremy Ehart and

send to 10601 West Snokomo Rd Hutchinson, KS 67502

-----Please cut and mail -----

Names: _____

Number of Meals _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount\$ _____

Post/Unit/Squadron _____

2021 Membership

*Yes...It's that time of the year...**Renewal Time**...for All of US..!!*

All Squadrons have been mailed their 2021 Membership Packets.

Several things All Squadrons should be doing now:

1. Collect 2021 renewal dues from your Squadron Officers
2. At your monthly Squadron meeting collect 2021 dues from those in attendance
3. Make a 2021 Membership Transmittal to Topeka
4. Continue to reach out to those members that did not renew last year (2020)...
 - *It's never too Late ..!!*
 - *Collect their dues for 2020.*
 - *Let them know we need them as members*
 - *Be sure to Thank them for renewing.*

S.A.L. 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.

Last year each Kansas Squadron transmitted \$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 Adjutant Terry Harris or Detachment Finance Officer Don Culver.

A copy of the revised Detachment Dues Transmittal Form is attached for your use.

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

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@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:	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*

~~October 10-11, 2020~~ - September 26, 2020

- S.A.L. Fall NEC Meeting and ~~Detachment Commanders Forum ... Indianapolis ...~~ **CANCELLED**
- Virtual NEC Meeting was held on September 26, 2020...

October 17, 2020

- ~~Eisenhower Pilgrimage ... Abilene ...~~ **CANCELLED**

October 17, 2020

- Department Vice-Commander Family Homecoming ... Abilene
- RSVP is REQUIRED ... Space is Limited... see the Flyer in this issue of the SALute

November 11, 2020

- Veterans Day

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

- Distict 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**

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!