



SALUTE

September 2020

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

The Detachment of Kansas Annual Convention was held in Topeka, KS on August 1st. The Officers were elected and installed. The Committee Chairmen were appointed and the members of each committee designated. There is still an opening for Historian which would be a great opportunity to get introduced to the Detachment level of Leadership so if you've been thinking of getting more involved here's an opportunity. The membership year 2020-2021 is fully operational and off to a good start having surpassed the September membership goal of 10% prior to Sept. 1st.

While we are launching the new membership drive let's not forget we have unfinished business, namely continuing to pursue renewals for the previous year. We have until the end of the calendar year to add renewals, so as you work membership arm yourself with the names of non-renewals and encourage them to submit dues for both years. Bear in mind there is a dues amount change so be diligent with your reporting when turning them in to your Adjutant. At Squadron level your source for those names lies with your Adjutant and the Vice Commander in charge of membership. The Adjutants who have begun using the new electronic transmittal be aware that for renewals for previous years you must continue to use paper format. This problem will be resolved after the first of 2021.

This year I would like to stress the importance of good contact information throughout the State at all levels of Leadership. Let's redouble our efforts to get the contact information up to date. Has your Squadron turned in a list of current Officers to the Detachment Adjutant? If not let's get it done with complete information and legible printing.

Thanks for all you do for our Veterans and their families. Keep up the good work and be safe.

Tom Wallsmith

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2020-21
wacuma2016@gmail.com

Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

I am honored that you have elected me as your Vice Commander for this year. I've only been around the S.A.L. for a couple of years, but with the Legion for about 10 years. I was involved with the new Squadron at my Post 36 in Oskaloosa 2 years ago. It's not that difficult to start one, just 10 interested prospects and a helpful Post.

Enough about me. This ought to be a great year with the excellent leadership that is in place. We are still short for renewals for the year 2020, so if you can get anymore in it will still count. We are off to a good start for 2021 and don't want to lose the momentum.

My challenge to everyone is no different than what you have heard in the past, to get our Squadrons to 100%. I also challenge everyone personally get a new member. It has been said that we can't meet our goal because of losing members to the Squadron Everlasting. If that is so then what about all those eligible from the Legion Act that was passed last year? 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
jjaws111@aol.com

Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2021 Membership Cards:

Each Squadron in the Detachment of Kansas should have their 2021 membership packets. Let's see how quick we can get those to our members and then transmitted. Remember, you can now make that transmission online.

Membership.....

Team Kansas...

REMINDER: The 2019-2020 Membership Year is winding down. However, it's not over yet !! Your hard work on membership this year is to be commended. You achieved all the National Membership Target dates except the 100% target. We still have a way to go. Try and get those who haven't renewed for 2019-2020 as you are working on your 2021 Membership. Remember, each and every member is very important to this organization. While you are at it, please get with your membership people and make sure everything has been transmitted.

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. A decision is still being made on Operation North Pole. These are such great events that involves the entire Legion Family and I'm sure many of you were planning on attending. Remember, the Department Golf Tournament on September 29 at the Shawnee Country Club in Topeka. Registrations due by September 18.

Has your Squadron submitted its 2020-2021 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

det.adj.ks@gmail.com

2020 Detachment Convention

This year's Detachment Convention was held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Topeka on Oct. 1, 2020.

Tom Wallsmith, Squadron 363, was elected to serve as the Detachment Commander for the coming year.

The Detachment leadership team for the 2020-2021 membership year is:

Commander: Tom Wallsmith - Sqd. 363

Vice-Commander: James Snyder - Sqd. 36

Adjutant: Terry Harris – Sqd. 180

Asst. Adjutant: Austin Wiley - Sqd. 36

Finance Officer: Don Culver – Sqd. 136

NEC: Steve Ward – Sqd. 250

ANEC: Doug Evans – Sqd. 192

Master-at-Arms: Matthew Krupco – Sqd. 279

Master-at-Arms: Jim Gallentine – Sqd. 351

Chaplain: Gregg Thompson – Sqd. 136

Judge Advocate: Neal Warnken – Sqd. 68

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Detachment of Kansas Leadership Team.



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 July Squadron meeting collect 2021 dues from those in attendance
3. Make a 2021 Membership Transmittal to Topeka
4. Do the above in JULY and let's see if we can eliminate all "Goose-eggs" by August 1
5. 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.*



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. 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 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

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 are due to Headquarters in Topeka*

September 4-7, 2020

- ~~Camporama ... Wakefield City Park (adjacent to Milford Lake)...~~ **CANCELLED**

September 26, 2020

- Department Golf Classic ... GreatLIFE Golf & Fitness, Topeka (Shawnee Country Club)
- For additional info contact Lonny Cook 785-286-2134, or Gaylord Sanneman 620-290-3482

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

- ~~S.A.L. Fall NEC Meeting and Detachment Commanders Forum ... Indianapolis ...~~ **CANCELLED**
- There will be a Virtual NEC Meeting to be 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

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>
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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.

