



SALUTE

July 2021

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

I hope everyone is as excited about the new year as I am. We are still behind our quota being at 92.59%, so let's not give up yet. We can still make it. Now to talk about the new year. Everyone should have their new cards by the time they get this. If you haven't then get ahold of Michelle at Department or one of the Detachment officers and we can track them down. Another reason for not receiving them is if your Squadron Officers have not been updated at Department.

If you are looking for ways to recruit new members, take some forms and get out to the County Fairs and parades this summer. You will never know if someone is eligible unless you ask. Speaking of fairs, every District is assigned a day at the State Fair in Hutchison in September. The Legion can use the help of the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. So, let's help them. The Department Commander will be around there all week and I plan on being there a couple days also. In closing I'm looking forward to a great year and hope to get to as many of your events as possible.

James Snyder

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Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-22
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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

I want to start off by saying Thank-You to everyone for their hard work on membership! As Sons of the American Legion, we are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage. Our membership is a key part of who we are. Our members make things happen, and make good on the principles of our great organization. In my humble opinion, our members are our most valuable asset. Membership is more than just paying your dues and getting your card. Membership is about stepping up and being proactive – knowing you owe your dues and getting the job done. Membership is about caring for your fellow members – reaching out to that new member who attends their very first meeting, making them feel welcome and including them in activities. Membership is about looking after our members – maybe someone not been to meetings or not been seen lately – do a buddy check and make sure they are OK and let them know that we care. Membership is about reaching out to those members that do not or cannot attend meetings, but are valuable members in other ways... many times it is their membership that makes them feel a part of the community and this great organization. In the last report, Kansas is at 92.8% of our membership goal. This is good work so far, but we can improve - there are still a lot of memberships that have not renewed for this year. These members cannot be left behind – contact them, let them know they are needed, and that we care! 100% membership is a very attainable goal. Right now, I am reaching out to as many people as I can to close the gap to 100% membership. I am serious about membership and want to make a difference. If you have ideas and want to help us drive membership forward, please contact me at jim.gallentine@gmail.com. Together we can make things happen.

Jim Gallentine

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Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-2022
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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2021 Membership:

Ok folks, It's time to get busy on the 2021 renewals. We have some time to be able to renew last year's memberships and meet our goals that have been set by National. Along those lines, each Squadron's membership packets have been mailed. Let's get busy getting our membership taken care of. There are many membership awards that are available for the individual member as well as the Squadron. Is your Squadron one of the award winners? You can be. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact a District Officer or Detachment Officer if you need any help.

2021 Kansas Legacy Run:

We had a great time on this year's Kansas Legacy Run. We started with about 40 bikes and 55 people. Day 1 we fought a lot of heat and humidity but everyone sucked it up and completed the first day. We want to thank Ness City Post #152 for providing a great lunch and Phillipsburg Post #252 for a great supper. Day 2 Concordia American Legion Family of Post #76 Served a great lunch and Sharon Spiker delivered us a wonderful supper at our overnight stay at Holton. Frankfort post #181 provided our lunch stop on day 3. Our Saturday night destination was Emporia post #5. A great meal was had and we want to especially thank Clay Childs, The ALR director at Chapter 5 for all of his help. Saturday night was a big get together. Hopefully you all can join us next year. The final day of the run always comes too soon. This year we were honored to have the City of McPherson Pipe and Drum band meet us at their Veterans Memorial. We finished this year's Kansas Legacy Run at Post #174 in Ellsworth. Had a great meal there before we all headed home. The final count for this year's run was \$31,601.00, with more promised. I've said it before many of the events of the American Legion Family cannot be done without the help of Posts, Units, Squadrons and Chapters from around the state. Thank you one and all for all of the support.

Up-Coming:

Do you want to get involved? Watch your addition of the SALute newsletter to get the times and dates of the upcoming Homecomings. August 14 will be the Homecoming honoring Department Commander Marri Krupco, Auxiliary President Annette Schaffer and Detachment Commander James Snyder. This will be held at Post #174 in Ellsworth. The Vice Commander's Homecoming honoring Department Vice Commander Jeremy Ehart, Auxiliary Vice President Marcia Cottrell and Detachment Vice Commander Jim Gallentine. This will follow the Eisenhower Pilgrimage across the street at the Grey Hound Hall Of Fame! Hope to see everyone there.

DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT. Nobody does everything but everyone does something. We need this information.

- **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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2022 Membership

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



All Squadrons have been mailed their 2022 Membership Packets.

Several things All Squadrons should be doing now:

1. Collect 2022 renewal dues from your Squadron Officers
2. At your July Squadron meeting collect 2022 dues from those in attendance
3. Make a 2022 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 (2021)...
 - *It's never too Late ...!!*
 - *Collect their dues for 2021 and 2022.*
 - *Let them know we need them as members*
 - *Be sure to Thank Them for renewing.*



THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2021-2022 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**

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

Department of Kansas

District 1 Splits

The American Legion District 1 voted at its District convention on April 24, 2021 to split the District due to the geographic area of the District making it difficult for District officers to effectively service the District with Post visitations, etc.

As a result of this action the S.A.L. of District 1 also split into 2 Districts.

The 2 new Districts will be District 1 and District 10.

The Squadrons in each of the Districts are as follows:

District 1

Topeka #1
Atchison #6
Leavenworth #23
Rossville #31
Oskaloosa #36
Holton #44
Troy #55
Leavenworth #94
Perry #142
Ozawie #225
Topeka #400
Topeka #421

District 10

Seneca #21
Hiawatha #66
Marysville #163
Clifton #227
Greenleaf #235
Linn #237
Hanover #306

The “new” S.A.L. District 1 and District 10 have both elected a slate of Officers.

They are reflected on the following page.



S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

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

District 1

Commander:	Jeff Kerns	blkcldkerns@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	RC Harmon	rcssskjjj@gmail.com
Adjutant:	James Snyder	jjaws111@aol.com

District 2

Commander:	Matthew Krupco	mwksal@outlook.com
Vice Commander:	Chris Hicks	royalsfan1980@gmail.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	heccles@yahoo.com

District 5

Commander:	Brian Simpson	simpsy408@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Bryan LaCount	bryanlacountusmc@yahoo.com
Adjutant:	Don Culver	dlculver@swbell.net

District 6

Commander:	Andy Phelps	lazyaqtr@wilsoncom.us
Vice Commander:	Jason McIntire	jasonmcintire@cox.net
Adjutant:	Damon Christensen	damoncc@nckcn.com

District 7

Commander:	Rick Munsch	rdmunsch@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Blake Ridgel	blake.ridgel41@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Chris Krueger	chrisk153@gmail.com

District 8

Commander:	Michael Weber	spidercreek220@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Dan Stacy	dstacy.am.legion@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Ty Weber	tyweber810@gamil.com

District 9

Commander:	Scott Hartzog	sthartzog@hotmail.com
Vice Commander:	Jim Gallentine	jim.gallentine@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Tom Wallsmith	wacuma2016@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

Contact your District Officers and ask how you can get involved..!!

Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2021

- *Updated 2021-2022 Squadron Officer lists are due to Headquarters in Topeka*

August 14, 2021

- Department Legion Family Homecoming
- Host: Ellsworth Post 174
- RSVP Required... see flyer

August 27- Sept. 2, 2021

- American Legion National Convention ... Phoenix, AZ.

September 10-19, 2021

- Kansas State Fair ... Hutchinson

September 18, 2021

- State ALR Rally ... Wichita Post #256

September 25, 2021

- Department Golf Tournament... Great Life Golf & Fitness at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka
- For info contact Lonnie Cook 785-286-2134 or email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net

October 12, 2021

- Eisenhower Pilgrimage ... Abilene
- Department Vice-Commander Joint Homecoming Luncheon ... Abilene
 - o Greyhound Hall of Fame ... across street from Eisenhower complex
 - o Immediately following Eisenhower Pilgrimage program

November 11, 2021

- Veterans Day

November 20, 2021

- Big Red 1 Turkey Run ... Ft. Riley

December 4, 2021

- Department Christmas Party Luncheon... Winfield Post #10

December 11, 2021

- Operation North Pole ... Ft. Riley

January 28-30, 2022

- Mid-Winter Forum ... Salina Post #62

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

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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	
Tampa Bay, FLA	August 22-28, 2025	
Louisville, KY	August 28-September 3, 2026	

