



SALUTE

June 2021

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Thank you to all who attended our Detachment Convention this year. And *Thank You* too for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Detachment Commander. As membership year 2021 is drawing to a close, remember, there's still time to collect the unpaid renewals still out there. The new membership year "2022" starts on July 1st but you can still get last year's paid till the end of the year. So let's see if we can get those last few renewals paid up. We don't want to lose any members simply because no one bothered to ask them to renew, so please... ask them.

I would like to come out and see as many of you as I can. So send me a text or email of your events and I'll see what I can do. Your best recruiting tool is word of mouth and visibility. Get out in your communities to those Fairs and Parades and talk us up. There are so many recruiting tools out there. Just check out the National Website or even see what Department has in stock.

If you're looking for some events visit our webpage and Departments webpage. They try to keep it updated with the happenings around the state but you need to send it to them. There is also training on there. If you don't see something get a hold of one of the Officers and we'll be more than happy to help you out.

Reminder: Consolidated Squadron Reports... please be sure your Squadron completes and submits one to Adjutant Terry Harris. They are due to Adjutant Harris no later than July 1. Each year only about a third of our Squadrons submits a CSR. They are simple to complete and the data is used by national to show congress the impact our Legion Family has on our communities.

In closing, I'm looking for a great year and hope you are too. Until next month, keep working on membership renewals and continue to do what you do for our Veterans and your communities.

James Snyder

Sons of The American Legion

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-22

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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

Membership is important to our organization. It is our members who provide the support of our events and everything we stand for. It is through our members that future leaders are developed. It is through our members working together we can accomplish great things.

This past year has been challenging with the Covid pandemic, and many of our functions that bring us together had to be postponed or even canceled. This has affected our usual ways of contacting members and renewing memberships. But hopefully the light is at the end of this long struggle.

Now is the time to move forward. Officers, take a look at your membership lists and find out who has not renewed yet - reach out to those members - they are our family! Membership is everyone's responsibility – if you know of someone who has yet to renew their membership, step up and talk with that member. One on one communication is oftentimes the best way to get results.

The membership goal for 100% is June 9. Time is running short, but if we all work together, we can achieve this – we have done so many times in the past. The Kansas Sons of The American Legion have a proud history of membership we can draw upon.

Thank-you to all of the Squadrons who have achieved 100% membership – Job well done!

And *Thank-you* to all Squadrons for all your efforts on membership this past year..!

Jim Gallentine

Sons of The American Legion

Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2021-2022

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

Detachment Convention:

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you that attended The Detachment Convention. We were very pleased with the attendance this year. We were able to pass the hat and collect \$1,310 for The Child Welfare Fund. Commander Wallsmith was also to donate a fine of \$20.00. His Commander's Project was The Child Welfare Fund and \$3000.00 of his project went to that. Also, the Detachment itself gave another \$3000.00 for a grand total of \$7330.00. Has your Squadron thought about a donation to CWF? The Sons Of The American Legion has been the leading supporter of the fund taking all of The American Legion Family into consideration.

Consolidated Squadron Reports (CSR):

Have you been working on your Consolidated Squadron Report? They have been slowly trickling in where we would like to see them pour in. I hope everyone understands just how important these reports are. They are a snapshot of what your Squadron does. It's not a bragging sheet, it's to just show what you do for your community, your post, and how you support the 4 Pillars of The American Legion. Please, don't let all of your efforts be for nothing. Please take the time to complete yours and submit it to Detachment Adjutant Terry Harris.

If you have any questions about completing the Consolidated Squadron Report contact:

Terry Harris det.adj.ks@gmail.com, Gerald Hammerschmidt ghammers@eaglecom.net, or Don Culver dlculver@swbell.net.

Squadron Data Report (SDR):

We turned in about 70 SDR's into National. That was all of them that were received. I do appreciate the help of several people that jumped on this project and got the word out to our Squadrons across the state. I'm looking forward to being able to accomplish more online with the tools we are to be given.

Squadron Elections:

Article VII, Section 5, of the Detachment of Kansas By-Laws specifies that Squadrons will conduct annual elections and those elections shall be held during a regular meeting not more than 60 days or less than 15 days prior to the Detachment Convention, and said officers shall be installed prior to the Detachment Convention. This year's Detachment Convention was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Topeka. All Squadrons should complete the Squadron Officers Report Form and forward to Headquarters in Topeka... even if there are no changes from last year!! The 2021-2022 SQUADRON OFFICER Form is enclosed in this month's SALute for your use. Please insure your Squadron completes and sends this form to Headquarters. It is due to Topeka by July 1, same as every year. A place on the form has been added for the e-mail address of your officers. Please be sure to complete this line(s) also. Take the time to complete this form following your Squadron elections and forward to Headquarters ... Do Not leave it in your briefcase. Fill it out and send it in. Very Simple. It is difficult to communicate if we can't get ahold of you.

➤ **Do you visit our Detachment Website? www.salkansas.org**

➤ **Do you visit the Detachment Facebook Page? <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal/>**

As always, if I can be of help feel free to contact me.

Terry Harris

Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas

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"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

As of January 1

The below listed "Goose-egg" Squadrons
are no longer Squadrons in "good standing"
and their Charters are at risk of suspension or cancellation.

District 1: **Hiawatha**

District 2: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 3: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 4: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 5: **Andover**

District 6: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 7: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 8: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

District 9: ***ZERO Goose-eggs !!***

Per Headquarters 6-01-2021

We need YOU...

Your membership is important...

Please Transmit Today...!!

2021 Detachment Convention

This year's Detachment Convention was held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Topeka on May 15, 2021.

The Guest of the Detachment this year was S.A.L. National Vice Commander Chris Cook (OK).

James Snyder, Squadron 36, was elected to serve as the Detachment Commander for the coming year.

The Detachment leadership team for the 2021-2022 membership year is:

Commander: James Snyder - Sqd. 36

Vice-Commander: Jim Gallentine - Sqd. 351

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: Randy Porter – Sqd. 17

Chaplain: Gregg Thompson – Sqd. 136

Judge Advocate: Neal Warnken – Sqd. 68

Historian: Josiah Weakley – Sqd. 36

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Detachment of Kansas Leadership Team.



CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT (CSR)

National Headquarters has changed the distribution of the Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) blank forms this year because the return rate of the 3 page paper CSRs did not justify the cost of printing and shipping them. Last year, only 800 paper forms were returned out of 6,400 sent out nationally **which is unfortunate as it is one of the most important documents a Squadron can complete.**

The data gathered from these reports is combined with that of other Squadrons and compiled into a single report used by The American Legion, which is subsequently sent to Congress. This report is to show Congress the difference/impact our American Legion Family makes in our communities.

Although not every Squadron is able to participate in all aspects of Americanism, Children and Youth and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, the key is to report all that the Squadron has accomplished during the current membership year. Counties, Districts and Detachments are also urged to submit a CSR.

The report is a single page and is simple to complete. **After filling out the form the Squadron should keep a copy for its file and then forward the form to Detachment Adjutant Terry Harris no later than July 1, 2021.** Adjutant Harris will then forward all copies he receives to National Headquarters to be received no later July 16, 2021.

The CSR is the basis by which the National Awards under the programs of Americanism, Children and Youth, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation are determined each year.

CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORTS:

The one page S.A.L. Consolidated Squadron Report forms for 2020-2021 have been mailed to all Kansas Squadrons. Department Headquarters in Topeka mailed them out the week of 3-16-21. Every Squadron is encouraged to record their volunteer hours and donations on the CSR form.

The cut-off date for receipt of these forms at National is July 16, 2021. No reports will be accepted after that date as the final report will be published for all Sons of The American Legion nation-wide. Every member of the S.A.L. in Kansas does something good ... please REPORT IT using the CSR form.

Please Note: Keep a copy for your Squadron file and mail the other copy as noted below:

Kansas Squadrons and Districts should mail their completed forms to:

Detachment Adjutant Terry Harris no later than July 1, 2021.

Terry Harris, 1222 Toles Ave., Larned, Kansas 67550

Each year only about 1/3 of our Kansas Squadrons turn in completed Consolidated Squadron Report Forms ... Please insure YOUR Squadron submits a completed CSR form this year.!!

What your Squadron has done this year IS IMPORTANT !!!

Should you need a copy of the CSR form contact Terry Harris or Don Culver and one will be sent to you.

Leadership College

This year's American Legion Leadership College will take place at Independence County Community College in Independence June 4-6. This year there will a Hands-On Class dealing with mylegion.org being taught by Bryan Page. 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. A uniformed Post is not a good situation. We are working on Post Commander and Post Adjutant modules that hopefully be available by ALLC 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 \$80.00 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner at Independence Post 139, 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 \$26.50 per day. Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 4. 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 1 and 2 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College.

LEADERSHIP COLLEGE REGISTRATION

ENCLOSED IS MY \$80 REGISTRATION FOR THE
AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP COLLEGE
JUNE 4-6, 2021

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Member of _____
Post, Squadron, Unit (circle one)

Post Service Officer Training _____ Yes or No

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Yes , I will need housing at the college

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No , I will not need housing at the college

Mail to: Department Headquarters
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

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 Ridsel	blake.ridsel41@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:

June 4-6, 2021

- American Legion Leadership College ... ~~Concordia~~
- **New Location:** Independence County Community College
- 1057 W. College Ave., Independence, Ks.
- See the article in this issue of the SALute

June 10-13, 2021

- Kansas Legacy Run ... info avail on ALR website www.kansasalr.com

July 1, 2021

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

November 11, 2021

- Veterans Day

November 20, 2021

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

December 11, 2021

- Operation North Pole ... Ft. Riley



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	

Does your membership card say *2020* on it...?

If it does, your membership has expired !!

It's time to renew your membership !!

Please be sure to renew your dues...

Then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.



We Need You As Part Of Team Kansas ..!!