



Bernie Kessler Elected Detachment Commander



At the 56th Annual Convention of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio, Bernie Kessler of Squadron 181 was elected 2019 – 2020 Detachment of Ohio Commander.

National Commander Greg “Doc” Gibbs (NY) was on hand to enjoy the convention and provided great insight into the organization, and a phenomenal story and wisdom during his speech.

The Detachment of Ohio is honored to have Commander

Kessler and Commander Gibbs working for our Veterans, our children & youth, and our GREAT organization.

THANK YOU BOTH!!!



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A Message from the Detachment Commander



I want to thank all of you for your support as we begin our 2019-2020 year. As always, this will be about what you do to rise to the top, to become a better member. I will be here to assist you and to make your Squadron more involved with the Detachment.

"The men who lead are the ones who do work when there is work to be done." I don't know who said this or where it came from, but it has been with me since I was a Chaplain candidate.

To the Committee Chairmen, I am willing to let you take your position wherever you can do the most good. I am here to assist you and facilitate through Adjutant Thornton and Department Headquarters whatever you may need.

We have all seen Facebook videos. Have you ever thought of doing a PSA? Many Posts, Districts, and members have pages to share our story. There is even a Detachment of Ohio page. 30-seconds is not a long time to talk about what we do.

It could be as simple as, "I am state your name, from Squadron name and number, in the number District, Detachment of Ohio, Sons of The American Legion and I am the title for the year 2019-2020 and I want to tell you a little bit about our goals.

Like it or not, this is the future!

I was informed that our 2020 membership cards have not arrived yet at Headquarters and with all that is needed to make the Department Convention happen, Squadrons may not get cards until mid-July. Please remember that Detachment and District Officers can be available for Squadron installations. All you need to do is ask.

Member Training & Development is moving forward on getting Districts cleared by our first target date. Have you sent in the **O**fficer **C**ertification **F**orm & **C**onsolidated **S**quadron **R**eport? Detachment needs those forms before you can receive your Squadron cards.

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Finally, the charge given to you at installations says, “the welfare and success of the Squadron depends largely on you; and you must know also that upon your shoulders

equally rests the burden of preserving the integrity of the Sons of The American Legion.” “There is no rank among us.”

...to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Sincerely,

Bernie Kessler Detachment Commander
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First Vice-Commander



I want to thank those attending Detachment Convention in Mansfield for your confidence in electing me as First Vice-Commander for 2019-2020.

Closing out my year as Second Vice-Commander, I’m sorry to report that the state raffle fell short of my goal. Due to lack of support, it was decided to give 1 prize of \$500 and 2 prizes for \$250 to be fair and allow for some support for the intended charities. The \$500 prize went to D. Paquette from the First District, one \$250 prize to George Lapp from the Thirteenth District, and the other to our new First Lady, Nancy Kessler. That left \$610 to be divided between Operation Comfort Warriors and the National Emergency Fund. Thanks to all who participated.

I’m looking forward to representing you in my new position and will do my best with building membership with your continued support. I’m also looking forward to additional District conference invitations. It’s been great to see many new faces around the state along with those familiar Officers.

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It was truly an honor to deliver a speech at the Western Reserve National Cemetery Memorial Day weekend. I was amazed at the size of the grounds and the number of people attending the ceremony. Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice was truly humbling.

I was asked by Bill Towns at convention why I haven't emphasized donating blood at the Red Cross. I've been donating since 1984 and have recently gone past 24 gallons. My response was, "It's just something I do." I've been blessed in my life and what goes around comes around. Donating whole blood can help save lives, and your donation can help save more than one life. So, if you can, take the time, spend an hour or two out of your day to donate, organize a blood drive at your Post. To those of you do give blood, keep up the good work! Thank you, Bill, for the suggestion.

Hooves. Thank you for your continued support. I brought back \$1200 in donations from the Convention. Supporting our organization goes directly to serving our veterans. We will be traveling back to Chillicothe in September along with monthly retreats here at the Retreat Center. The Veterans Channel, previously mentioned, has filmed a full-length documentary of one of our retreats using the crew that works with the History Channel and Discovery Channel. It's available through Facebook or their website, just us your email address to join.

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Second Vice-Commander



Hello fellow members!

I would like to start by congratulating Immediate Past Commander Dale Anderson, II on a successful year and wish Commander Bernie Kessler's year would be

just as great.

For our raffle this year, I will be doing it in two separate drawings. The first will be a Henry Golden Boy .22cal rifle with a soft carrying case. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Please your District Officers for tickets,


or you may contact me. The winner will be drawn at the October D.E.C Meeting at Department Headquarters. The profit from this raffle will be donated to the Fisher Houses in Ohio.

The second raffle will be announced at the October D.E.C Meeting and winner for it will be drawn before the close of the Sunday Meeting at Summer Convention in Toledo which should be on the May 17. The profit from this raffle will be donated to the Commander's Program, NEF (National Emergency Fund).

Please remember if you would like for any the Detachment Officers to attend your events or meetings, please contact us and we will do our best to be in attendance.

Thank you all for continued support and may we all have a successful year with our fundraising programs.

Dennis Albright, First Vice-Commander
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**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Ohio Raffle**

Henry Golden Boy .22 cal Rifle

**Tickets are
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

**Winner will be drawn at Fall D.E.C.
Meeting in October 2019**

Winner need not be present to win

**All proceeds will be presented to the
Fisher House Program**

Chaplain's Corner



I would like to thank the Delegates at the 56th Detachment Convention for allowing me the opportunity to be the Detachment Chaplain for 2019-2020.

If you know of anyone who needs cards sent out to them, please contact me.

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Adjutant's Notes



New Detachment Officers Elected. Congratulations to Ohio's new Officers for 2019-2020: Bernie Kessler, Commander; Doug Hancock, First Vice-Commander; Dennis Albright, Second Vice-Commander; Dave Dilts, Chaplain; Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, NEC;

and Steve Honigfort, ANEC.

New Officer Certifications & Old Membership Cards.

Just as the Detachment of Ohio has recently installed its new officers for 2020, all our Districts and Squadrons should have done so as well. If you haven't yet sent your Officer Certification Forms to Detachment Headquarters, please get them in now (they were due May 1, 2019). We need to update our contact lists, and your Squadron won't receive its 2020 membership cards until the report is filed.

Note that you no longer need to return your old cards to HQ – they don't want them back! Please hold on to them in case you get late payments for 2019 so you can issue the card. I suggest destroying whatever you have left after January 2020.

2019 Consolidated Squadron Reports. Dropping the previous requirement to return your unused cards has been replaced with a stronger push to submit your Consolidated Squadron (and District) Reports to headquarter-

ters. We are asking that they be filed by July 1, 2019 in order to receive your 2020 cards in the first batch of deliveries – assuming your Officers are certified!

The American Legion uses the data provided on the reports to help demonstrate to the U.S. Congress just how much we do in support of our nation's Veterans and children when the National Commander appears before it. Please submit the CSR form as soon as you can, even if you only update your membership data at the top, and make sure to use your paid membership counts for this year and last – not "2019" and "2018."

Summer D.E.C. Meeting – July 20, 2019. The Detachment Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 am at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015. All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders and District First Vice Commanders are required to attend. Among other business we will approve the final slate of delegates, alternates and guests for the National Convention.

I would ask everyone who will be giving a report at the D.E.C. meeting to file a copy with me (electronically, if possible) to facilitate the preparation of the minutes in a timely fashion. This really makes things much easier.

2019 National Convention – August 23-25. The 48th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. All members listed and approved as delegates at the Detachment Convention should have received housing reservation forms by now. It is also available on the OhioLegion.com website. Please make note of the registration deadline: July 12, 2019. **This is not a postmark date.** Any registrations not received at Department Headquarters by that date will not be delegates. ***This year you must make your reservation through Department Headquarters.***

When making your travel plans, please keep in mind that the opening session of the convention is at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, and the parade is on Sunday afternoon. All delegates are required to attend all three convention sessions and the parade, unless specifically excused by the Delegation Chairman, PDC Dale Anderson, II. Any absences will be reflected in a reduced stipend after the convention. For the parade, please wear the light blue Ohio S.A.L. shirt and khaki shorts.

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If you have any questions about the Indianapolis National Convention, please contact me or Department S.A.L. Liaison Mike Kennedy, Sr. and we will get them answered for you.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Scott J. Thornton, Adjutant

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National Executive Committeeman



I would like to announce to those who don't know, Past Detachment Commander Jeff Vrabel, Sr. is Ohio's leading candidate for National Vice-Commander of the Central Region in 2021. I wish him the best in this new adventure. Thank you for representing the

Detachment of Ohio.

We had a great convention in Mansfield and had good discussion on several different topics. I appreciated Past National Commander Fred Hartline's remarks during the meeting. It was great to have National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs join us at our Convention. Doc enjoyed talking with the members. We benefitted from his encouraging remarks. Everyone enjoyed the tour of the Mansfield Reformatory and traveling to the Loudonville and Bellville Posts. Thank you to everyone who helped with the convention to make it a success.

I wish Commander Bernie, the Officers, and Chairmen a successful year. I look forward serving as your NEC this coming year.

I wish all of you an enjoyable summer.

PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin,

National Executive Committeeman

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Alternate

National Executive Committeeman



Fellow SAL Members,

Another year is quickly going by and I am sure many of you have done a lot for our Veterans and the communities in your area. Many things go unnoticed, but a good PR Tool would be to get pictures and

write articles about all you do and get them published any way you can. Not only will people then notice the good that we all do, but it will also help recruit new members. As we all age, our wisdom grows, and that wisdom should motivate us to round up the younger group of eligible members to take hold and start a growth spurt we need.

The youth of this state and country need to be educated on the importance of keeping the memories of our Veterans alive. They need to realize that their freedoms were not free and that many service members sacrificed so much for them to enjoy the lives that they have. To ensure the continuation of The American Legion Family into the future, we need to work hard to accomplish that goal by garnering more new members into The American Legion, The Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion. As we age, wouldn't be nice to sit back and observe a bright future for our organization.

Please notice we have a great newsletter that PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. works hard to make the best in the country. Use it to your advantage. Sitting on your hands gets nothing done for the better. Let's make the Detachment of Ohio shine bright.

For God and Country,

PDC Steve Honigfort,

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Immediate Past Commander



I want to thank each and every one of you who helped me in the past 4 years as I came thru our Detachment chairs. It was a very rewarding and educational experience. I met many outstanding men and women at various Posts and Districts; not only the Officers, but the people in the background that make each and every Post work. Remember, Our SAL Squadrons couldn't be as successful without them.

Congratulations Commander Kessler and your Officers! I know you are looking forward to a great year, and through your leadership, it will be.

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Legislative Update



Hi!

I would like to thank Past Commander Anderson for the appointment last year as Legislative Chairman, and to Commander Kessler asking me to stay

on.

The American Legion is calling on Congress to extend the current recognized war era back to Dec. 7, 1941 to honor all military who served with honor, but whose service fell in gaps between war ears. There are 12 unrecognized war periods in which U.S. Military personnel was put in harm's way, resulting in approximately 1,600 members of the armed forces being killed or wounded. On March 3, 2019 Rep Luis Correa (D-CA) introduced H-R1641 the Let Everyone Get in Opportunities for Na-

tional Service (LEGION) Act. This would allow The American Legion, as opposed to the U.S. Department of Defense, to determine the requirements for membership. Please contact with your Congressmen and have them push this because all that served should be allowed to be in The American Legion as Veterans and be covered by the VA for their service.

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POW★MIA



Fellow comrades,

Recently I had the privilege of attending a POW★MIA Chair Dedication Ceremony at the Logan Hocking City School District. It was a very moving ceremony. I would like to attend more of these events if my schedule will allow.

This past Memorial Day we remembered soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Installing a POW★MIA chair or flying a POW★MIA flag helps us remember that they gave their today for us to have their tomorrow.



For God and Country,

Matt Hoisington, Chairman
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CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

As in the past, I am going to report on fundraising efforts at Toledo and Akron Children's Hospitals.

At Toledo, they have started a program called Mission Partners where they join businesses and civic organizations in a partnership to raise funds for the hospital. There is a very diverse group that has been assembled with very good results. If any District or Squadron would like to look into this possibility, please contact Cristina Crites at Toledo Children's Hospital (cristina.crites@promedica.org). On June 29, Kaitlyn's Cottage Golf Event and Barn Dance was held at Auglaize Golf Course and the Barn Dance at Kaitlyn's Cottage.

At Akron Children's Hospital the Friends of Akron Children's Hospital are sponsoring the Bruce F. Rothmann Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, September 9, 2019 at Firestone Country Club. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more information see the website under the giving page. Also, at Akron they are having a Walk for Babies on October 6, 2019 in Canal Park in downtown Akron. Their goal is to raise \$165,000 this year. So, form a team or to sponsor a walker contact events@akronchildrens.org.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to represent the Sons of the American Legion as the Children's Miracle Network Chairman for the last four years. Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler has asked me to be the Chairman for the Children and Youth Commission and I have accepted.

Bruce Forshey, Chairman
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Child Welfare Foundation



Following Detachment Convention, I was copied in on an email from Detachment Adjutant Scott Thornton to a number of National gentlemen. His description of our weekend was just about perfect, so with Scott's permission, I've copied it here.

Gentlemen,

The Detachment of Ohio held our 56th Annual Convention on May 17-19, 2019 in Mansfield, Ohio and we

were honored to have National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs as our guest for the weekend.

At our opening ceremony on Friday night, Detachment Commander Dale Anderson, II presented to PDC Rob Brewer the plaque we received from Nat'l Cmdr. Gibbs at the Spring NEC recognizing the Detachment of Ohio for making the donation to CWF that put the SAL over the \$8 million mark in total donations. PDC Brewer had been a big part over the years in Ohio's push to be the largest supporter of the Child Welfare Foundation.

During the Sunday session of our Convention PDC Brewer returned the favor to National Commander Gibbs, presenting him with a check for \$16,659.84. This put the Sons of Ohio over the \$1 million mark in donations since the 1996-1997 donation year (the farthest back for which National has records).

The memo line on the check refer(red) to Ohio's P.E.T. Project - a play on "pet project" and a reference to three of Ohio's biggest supporters of CWF over the years: PNC Pat "Bubba" Shea (2009, Hon.); PDC Earl Cox (2006, Hon.); and PNVC Tom Getz (2006-2007), all of whom are now members of the Squadron Everlasting. Their efforts over many, many years helped drive the Detachment of Ohio to be the Number One Donor to this incredibly worthy program.

We are planning to present a ceremonial "million-dollar" check to Commander Gibbs at the National Convention in August.

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

Scott J. Thornton
Detachment Adjutant, Ohio
Sons of The American Legion

Thank You Ohio!

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Photo Courtesy Dayna Beyer, ALA Dept. Historian

Congratulations Ohio!!!



**on surpassing the \$8 million mark
in donations to Child Welfare!!!**



(l to r): Mark Nave, Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Dale Anderson II, and Greg "Doc" Gibbs with the plaque the Detachment of Ohio received for surpassing the \$8 million mark to the Child Welfare Foundation in Indianapolis.



Dale Anderson II, on the left, receiving the Child Welfare plaque from Dennis Boland at the recent NEC meetings in Indianapolis.

submitted by PDC Dave Brown



Children's Miracle Network

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Special Olympics



Greetings,

I want to once again thank Immediate Past Detachment Commander Dale Anderson, II for appointing me the 2018-2019 Detachment Chairman of Special Olympics. I thank Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler for re-appointing me to the same position as 2019-2020 Detachment Chairman of Special Olympics. I really appreciate it!

I look forward to working with Detachment Children & Youth Chairman Bruce Forshey, as well as the Department of Ohio American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

I contacted Rob DuVall, Vice-President of Marketing & Development of Special Olympics Ohio, and we had a good conversation. He stated that he was thrilled to be working with The American Legion Family in the coming year. I also contacted Jessica Stewart, President & CEO of Special Olympics Ohio as well. She invited me to attend the Hospitality Tent on Saturday June 29 the weekend of the State of Ohio "Summer Games" Special Olympics held at The Ohio State University.

"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance."

PDC Adam Jones, Chairman
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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

In the last couple of years, the Detachment of Ohio has become more involved with the Fisher House program. There are some that may not know what that is. So, to answer the question, what is the Fisher House?

Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military & veterans' families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private

bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room and an inviting living room. Since inception, the program has saved military and veterans' families an estimated \$451 million in out of pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

Fisher House Foundation also operates the Hero Miles program, using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members as well as the Hotels for Heroes program using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

We now have three locations in Ohio that have Fisher Houses. They are in Cincinnati, Dayton, and the newest in Cleveland. There are many volunteer opportunities at these houses. I encourage everyone near a Fisher House to stop in and meet the house manager to determine what you can do to help.

Remember that we are proud possessors of a priceless heritage. That is why we serve.

PNVC, PDC Dan Sagraves, Chairman
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NORTH REPORT

OVH Sandusky. The 5th District SAL hosted a pizza/bingo event the Saturday before Easter, April 20, 2019. We had a good turnout of veterans and volunteers. There were over 60 Veterans and more than 30 volunteers. 30 pizzas made and eaten, and \$700 dollars in prize money was handed out. Homemade cookies, pop, Easter candy, and cases of Pepperidge Farm cookies and crackers was passed out, which were donated by numerous 5th District Squadrons.

On Thursday, May 23 over 4,300 flags were placed on headstones.

On May 27 at 9:00 a.m. the OVH hosted the Sandusky Memorial Day Parade and Services was held on their grounds. I attended the services and it was very impressive.

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The Greater Cleveland Fisher House. June 11, 2019 was the Ribbon cutting for the 2 new Fisher Houses in Cleveland. Effective March 1, 2019, The Greater Cleveland Fisher House will have a new mailing address:

**The Greater Cleveland Fisher House
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This American Legion Auxiliary Junior Member helped check bingo cards at the recent OVH bingo/pizza party.



Veterans enjoying the bingo party at OVH.



Cemetery at OVH following Graves Decoration.



Veterans at the OVH Memorial Day Parade.

SOUTH REPORT

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From the Editor



Gentlemen,

As we begin a new membership year, I want to try something new with the distribution of *The Ohio SALute*.

As you know, the newsletter is posted on the Detachment website. I believe it would be a good idea to also email the link to anyone who signs-up to receive it.

The process will be very simple. Send PDC Bill Towns your name and email address and you will be added to his "**Your Towns SAL News.**" Bill can be emailed at docbill@neo.rr.com. If you already receive his weekly update, no need to submit anything. If you do not, here's your chance.

This will be an additional avenue we can use to not only get our information out but recruit it to more members into The American Legion Family.

With Independence Day right around the corner, please make sure that your events are submitted for the next edition of *The Ohio SALute*. Don't forget; Who, What, Where, When, and Why. This information is vital for a good article or description.

THANKS!!!

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
JEFF VRABEL, SR.
FOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER



Greetings by Bob Schmitt, Jr.

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The American Legion
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2018-2019

Detachment of Ohio
56th Annual Convention
May 17-19, 2019

Some Things Mansfield is Famous For...



Dale Anderson, II
Commander, 2018-2019



Holiday Inn & Suites
Mansfield Conference Center

Hosted by
The Fifth District



56TH DETACHMENT CONVENTION
MANSFIELD, OHIO
MAY 19, 2019

AROUND OHIO



2019 Detachment Convention Recap

Award Winners

Lawrence Hartline Award	Beaver Squadron 578	Batesville District 11
Tom Getz Award	Scherer Squadron 493	Jackson Center District 2
George Powell Award	Roger More Squadron 175	Stow District 14
Robert McBride Award	Loveland Squadron 256	Loveland District 4
John Taylor Award	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
Ed Van Houten, Jr. Award	James Dickey Squadron 23	Portsmouth District 7
William R. Welsh Award	Beaver Squadron 578	Batesville District 11
Greatest Percentage Attending	Mahoning Valley Squadron 15	Poland District 9
Farthest Traveled	Mt. Washington Squadron 484	Cincinnati District 4
Robert J. Mendoza Award – Most New Squadrons	Ed Long Post 34	Cadiz District 10
Robert Mendoza	Bill O'Linn	Lithopolis

Award – Highest % of Quota Squadrons	Post 677	District 8
Best Historian's Report	Teddy M. Zieja Squadron 627	Newburgh Heights District 13
Best Scrapbook	Joseph Freeman Squadron 476	Wilkesville District 8
Betty McAdow Activities Award	None submitted	
Best Americanism Program	Brakeman-King Squadron 336	Painesville District 9
Pat Shea Child Welfare Award	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
Butch Badgett Memorial Gifts for Yanks Award	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
Richard S. Riviotta, Sr. Rehabilitation Award	Mahoning Valley Squadron 15	Poland District 9
Al Brick "Advisor of the Year" Award	David Robertson Post 181	Bucyrus District 5
Earl Cox "Outstanding S.A.L. Member of the Year Award"	None submitted	
Commander's Award	Franklin Squadron 1	Columbus District 12
	Spirit of '76 Squadron 8	Wellington District 5
	Bellaire Squadron 52	Bellaire District 11
	Don V. Cross Squadron 357	Minerva District 10
	Russell Chadwick Squadron 389	Beverly District 11
	Garfield Memorial Squadron 566	Akron District 14
	Walker-Hecox-Hickle Squadron 677	Lithopolis District 8
	Streetsboro Squadron 685	Streetsboro District 14



While taking the self-guided tour at the Mansfield Reformatory, pictured here is PDC Dan Sagraves (Sq. #200) sitting in a cell.



Submitted by PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, after the Convention meetings, members went to the historic Mansfield Reformatory for a self-guided tour. Pictured in a room at the reformatory are 5th District Commander Tim Conway, Past Detachment Commander Dale Anderson, NEC Buster Sutterlin, National Commander Doc Gibbs, and Gary Boden (Post #257).



Relaxing and socializing together are SAL members (L to R) Brad Swires (Sq. 192), Gary Boden (Sq. 257), Legs Zickefoose (Sq. 257), National Commander Doc Gibbs, Tim Conway (Sq. 257) and Buster Sutterlin (Sq. 257)



Submitted by PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Attending the Detachment Convention on May 19, Legion Member Bill Edwards, Brad Swires (Sq. 192), Rusty Dial (Sq. 192), PDC Adam Jones, Alt. NEC Steve Honigfort, PDC Craig Smith, National Commander Doc Gibbs, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, and Historian Verge Dilts.



Submitted by Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq #257

Pictured is special guest speaker, Nick Vogt, a Veteran of the Afghanistan War. He spoke about the Gary Sinese Foundation. The Gary Sinese Foundation built Nick a smart home so he can live independently while being paralyzed from the waist down. Nick married one of his nurses and has two children. A collection of over \$600 was collected for that foundation. Past National Commander Fred Hartline looks on.



Submitted by Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq #257

National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs had never met Past National Commander Fred Hartline until attending this convention. Doc was glad to have the opportunity to meet Fred. Pictured is Alternate NEC Steve Honigfort, National Commander Doc Gibbs, PNC Fred Hartline, and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin.



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PDC & 7th District Advisor Mike Holz, PDC & Special Olympics Chairman Adam Jones, and Detachment Second Vice-Commander Dennis Albright.



Photo Courtesy Dayna Beyer, ALA Dept. Historian

...to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands.
PDC & Special Olympics Chairman Adam Jones with Detachment Assistant Sgt at Arms & 7th District SAL Commander John Conley. James Dickey Squadron 23 in Portsmouth was awarded the 58th Annual Detachment Convention for May of 2021.



PDC Adam Jones seconding the nomination of David Dilts for the High Office of Detachment Chaplain.

Ohio Past Detachment Commanders Club Centennial Coin Raffle

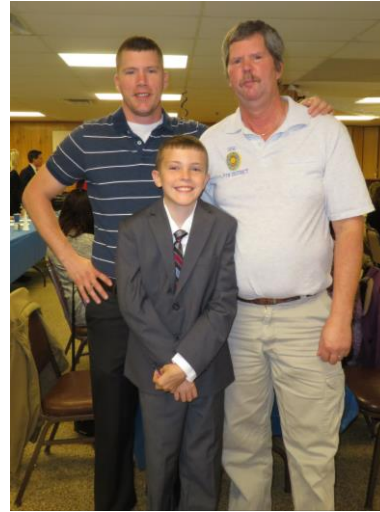


The Ohio Past Detachment Commander's Club Fundraiser of The American Legion 100th Anniversary Coin set is presented by Past 5th District Commander, Craig Smith, Squadron 535 to winner Don Raver, Navy Veteran & Post 535 Adjutant.



Thank you to all who supported this, and other fundraising programs, sponsored by your Ohio Past Detachment Commanders, who have not stopped working, leading, or giving back to the programs of The Ohio American Legion Family.

Fifth District



Ashland American Legion #88 held their Birthday dinner March 16, 2019. Membership awards were handed out. Ten-year-old Colton Conway received a 10-year award. Pictured here is 5th District Commander Tim Conway (#257), his son, Derrick Conway, and his grandson, Colton Conway. E-6 Derrick Conway is national army reserves being changed to active duty and is being deployed to Kuwait in a short time.

Submitted by PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Loudonville High School Senior Awards assembly was held May 23, 2019. Loudon SAL Squadron 257 presented a \$500 scholarship. Pictured here is Timothy Hartman Sq. 257 presenting the scholarship to recipient Emma Hinkle.

Squadron 181 Flag Retirement Ceremony



Scouts receiving the final charge from the Commander.



Scouts placing the flags on the retirement rack.



Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler lights the fire.



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Pictured are the Miss Poppies and M. Poppies at the Poppy Shop Day April 7, 2019 at Ohio Veterans Home. Pictured in the back with his SAL cover is Ian Carson Sq. 566.



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

The 5th District SAL held a bingo party at the Ohio Veterans Home recreation hall on April 20, 2019. Pictured here is Ron Osborne (Sq. 292), Legs Zickefoose (Sq. 257), and Dewey Kuhl (Sq. 8). Prior to the bingo party for the residents, these guys put their heads together to get this cart assembled.



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Poppy Shop was held at Ohio Veterans Home on April 7, 2019. Pictured here is former SAL First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, American Legion Auxiliary Department Poppy Chair Sandy Van Houten, American Legion Auxiliary Department President Kathy Heichel, and NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin.



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Attendees at the 5th District Junior Girls Convention at Post #535 Bellville. Sitting at the front table is Bev Flynn, Junior Girls Co-Advisor, Unit #535. In the back from the left is Deb Altman Unit 535 and next to her is American Legion Auxiliary Department President Kathy Heichel (Co-Advisor Unit 535). In the back on the right is 5th District SAL Commander Tim Conway.

WWII veteran's grave, at an American Legion, or VFW Post or, in your back yard. The call may have also been sounded as part of a program held during the day. The important thing was to honor and remember those that gave of their lives on that fateful day.

Convention Screening

As Convention Screening Chairman, I want to announce that the 2021 Detachment Convention will be held in Portsmouth, Ohio. Additional information will be provided throughout the year.

NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Chairman
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Finance Report

PDC Lenny Talmage, Chairman
ltalmage@2007@gmail.com

Ninth District



Ninth District Commander Jeff Vrabel, Jr. (Sq. 15) participated in a worldwide event to commemorate D-Day and honor the American Soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice, a sounding of Taps took on June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Buglers and trumpeters will sound the Call of Remembrance-Taps. This event was sponsored by Taps For Veterans and the 100 Nights of Taps Gettysburg program and will coincided with the 7:00 p.m. service held in Gettysburg National Cemetery where 11 Soldiers who fell on beaches at Normandy rest in honored glory. Vrabel played Taps in front of the Clock Tower in Poland Village, Ohio.

Each bugler was asked to select a special location to sound Taps. Preferably the ideal location was at a WWII monument. Taps may have also been sounded at a

Member Development and Training

This may be only my opinion, but I feel that next to membership recruiting and retention, Member Training and Development is our most important committee. If we don't train them, how will they know?

We have so many programs that our members need a better understanding of, and a need to promote. We will get to those soon, but right now educating Squadron Commanders, First Vice-Commanders, and Adjutants will be the number one goal, and must be done as there are too many Squadrons not certified that have yet to send in the required forms. Each year our Detachment and District Officers spend countless hours chasing down Squadron Officer certifications and consolidated reports, which are due the same time each year on May 1. Way too many hours are spent getting Squadrons to submit membership cards in a timely fashion and doing them correctly. Time spent correcting the obvious keeps us from growing and producing results.

Each year a Squadron Adjutants manual is sent out. Both the Detachment and National organizations have training programs available.

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Please utilize these resources. With this information in hand, I am asking that all Past Detachment, District, and Squadron Commanders review this week's membership report and Squadron Cleared report on the website then contact (TEACH) at least two Squadrons with no Officers certified, and/or no members turned in.

It is an embarrassment the documents due each May are still not in at this date.

Let **"Each One Teach One"** the policies and principles of the organization we love and respect.

PDC Bill Towns, Chairman

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saljudgeadvocate@ohiolegion.com



2019-2020 Detachment Officers and Chairmen

Bernie Kessler	Commander
Doug Hancock	First Vice-Commander
Dennis Albright	Second Vice-Commander
Dave Dilts	Chaplain
Scott Thornton	Adjutant
Chase Ordway	Assistant Adjutant
PDC Bill Towns, Jr.	Judge Advocate
Bill "Buster" Sutterlin	National Executive Committeeman
Steve Honigfort	Assistant National Executive Committeeman
PDC Dale Anderson, II	Immediate Past Commander
Mark Behm	Sergeant-At-Arms
Brad Swires	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
Jared Miller	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
Chet Crooks	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
John Conley	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
Verge Dilts	Historian
PDS Evan Mahlman	Americanism
Jim Rowen	Buckeye Boys State
PDC Craig Smith	Legislative
Rocky Searles	Oratorical Contest
Matt Hoisington	POW ★ MIA
Bruce Forshey	Children & Youth
Cary "Dewey" Kuhl	Child Welfare Foundation
Adam Budner	Children's Miracle Network
PDC Adam Jones	Special Olympics
PNVC Dan Sagraves	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Robert Showalter	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – North
Gerry Palmer, Sr.	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – South
Bob Carson	Veterans Employment & Education
PDC Steve Honigfort	Public Relations
PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr.	<i>The Ohio SALute</i>
PDC Buster Sutterlin	Convention Screening
PDC Lenny Talmage	Finance
PDC Bill Towns, Jr.	Member Development & Training
PDC Buster Sutterlin	Appointments
Mike Kennedy, Sr.	SAL Liaison

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- SALChaplain@OhioLegion.com
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- SALHistorian@OhioLegion.com
(for photos and newspaper clippings)
- SALNews@OhioLegion.com
(for submissions to *The Ohio SALute*)



Membership Commission

First Vice-Commander Doug Hancock – Chairman
All District Commanders
All District First Vice-Commanders

Activities Commission

Second Vice-Commander Dennis Albright – Chairman
PDC Buster Sutterlin – Convention Screening

Americanism Commission

PDC Evan Mahlman – Chairman
Jim Rowen – Buckeye Boys State
PDC Craig Smith – Legislative
Rocky Searles – Oratorical
POW ★ MIA – Matt Hoisington

Children & Youth Commission

Bruce Forshey – Chairman
Dewey Kuhl – Child Welfare Foundation
Adam Budner – Children’s Miracle Network
PDC Adam Jones – Special Olympics

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

PNVC Dan Segraves – Chairman
Robert Showalter – VA & R North
Gerry Palmer, Sr. – VA&R South

Public Relations Commission

PDC Steve Honigfort – Chairman
PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. – *The Ohio SALute*

Finance Commission

PDC Lenny Talmage – Chairman
PDC Rex Buchs – 2-year member
PDC Mike Wiswell – 3-year member
Adjutant Scott Thornton
SAL Liaison Mike Kennedy

Member Training & Development Committee

PDC Bill Towns, Jr. – Chairman
PDC Dan Finnell
Commander Bernie Kessler
Jim Rowen
PDC Rex Buchs

2019-2020 District Officers

First District

Todd Bidlack	Commander
PDC Lenny Talmage	First Vice-Commander
Tom Hurst	Adjutant
Bernie Rau	Advisor
Duffer Rosenbauer	Second Vice-Commander
PDC Evan Mahlman	Finance Officer
Doug Hancock	Chaplain
PDC Steve Honigfort	Judge Advocate
Jake Wisnewski	Historian
Bruce Lyell	Sergeant-At-Arms
Chase Ordway	Immediate Past Commander

Second District

Jim Rowen	Commander
Joe Glaze, Jr.	First Vice-Commander
PDC Bill Vorhees	Adjutant
Mike Homan	Advisor

Third District

Steve Spraley	Commander
Dan Ferryman	First Vice-Commander
PNVC Dan Segraves	Adjutant
Bob Steggemann	Advisor
Dan Ferryman	Immediate Past Commander

Fourth District

Jack Fisher	Commander
Kevin Shew	First Vice-Commander
Ron Wissman	Adjutant
Jim Monroe	Advisor
Mark Haeufle	Second Vice-Commander
Ed Crawford	Finance Officer
Kevin Swensen	Chaplain
Shawn Allen	Sergeant-At-Arms
Chuck Castle	Immediate Past Commander

Fifth District

Tim Conway	Commander
Jerry Logan	First Vice-Commander
Dewey Kuhl	Adjutant
Skip Craun	Advisor
PDC Rob Brewer	Second Vice-Commander
Mark Behm	Finance Officer
Richard Russell	Chaplain
PDC Dave Brown	Judge Advocate
Tim Conway	Immediate Past Commander

Sixth District

Ted Kohler, Jr.	Commander
Tub Morris, Sr.	First Vice-Commander
Mark Field	Adjutant
Ralph McCoy	Advisor
Ted Kohler, Jr.	Immediate Past Commander

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Seventh District

John Conley	Commander
Mark Kendall	First Vice-Commander
Gerry Palmer, Sr.	Adjutant
Mike Holz	Advisor
Adam Giles	Second Vice-Commander
Gerry Palmer, Sr.	Finance Officer
PDC Adam Jones	Chaplain
Dennis Albright	Judge Advocate
Art Pierson	Historian
Geoff Grimes	Sergeant-At-Arms
John Conley	Immediate Past Commander

Eighth District

Matt Hoisington	Commander
Bill O'Linn	First Vice-Commander
Phil Lightfoot	Adjutant
Bill O'Linn	Advisor
Shannon Murphy	Second Vice-Commander
Les Angell	Finance Officer
Steve Chiki	Chaplain
Ernest Jones, Jr.	Sergeant-At-Arms
Mott Hosington	Immediate Past Commander

Ninth District

Jeff Vrabel, Jr.	Commander
Tom Foss	First Vice-Commander
Gary Minadeo	Adjutant
Charles Stennis, Jr.	Advisor
Rich Duruttya	Immediate Past Commander

Tenth District

Matthew Baxter	Commander
Mike Campbell	First Vice-Commander
PDC Bill Towns, Jr.	Judge Advocate
Ed Long	Advisor
Dan Bekar	Second Vice-Commander
Jim Ash	Finance Officer
Wayne Kinard	Chaplain
Odie Bacorn	Sergeant-At-Arms
Mike Campbell	Immediate Past Commander

Eleventh District

Chet Crooks	Commander
Troy Tucker	First Vice-Commander
Charlie Brown	Adjutant
Dick Johnson	Advisor
Jared Miller	Second Vice-Commander
Charlie Brown	Finance Officer
Verge Dilts	Chaplain
Dave Dilts	Historian
Mike Jochumsen	Sergeant-At-Arms
Bruce Forshey	Immediate Past Commander

Twelfth District

Rocky Searles	Commander
Glenn Hickman	First Vice-Commander
T.J. Rowe	Adjutant
Glenn Hickman	Advisor
Vern Hall	Second Vice-Commander
Glenn Hickman	Finance Officer
Steve Ebersole	Judge Advocate
John Tepper	Sergeant-At-Arms
Rocky Searles	Immediate Past Commander

Thirteenth District

Stix Metro	Commander
Dan Maskovich	First Vice-Commander
Larry Myers, Jr.	Adjutant
Richard Wright	Advisor
Adam Budner	Second Vice-Commander
Adam Budner	Finance Officer
John Lusoski, Sr.	Chaplain
PDC Dale Anderson, II	Historian
Ron Flowers	Sergeant-At-Arms
Stix Metro	Immediate Past Commander

Fourteenth District

PNC Fred Hartline, Sr.	Commander
Ian Carson	First Vice-Commander
Dave Cobb, Sr.	Adjutant
Steve Masowick	Advisor
Freddy Hartline, II	Second Vice-Commander
Dave Cobb, Sr.	Finance Officer
Ed Fast	Chaplain
Steve Masowick	Judge Advocate
Mikey Pettijohn	Sergeant-At-Arms
Bob Carson, Jr.	Immediate Past Commander



Past Detachment Commanders

† David Yeary	1963 – 1964
Ron Schulze	1964 – 1965
Allen Grate	1965 – 1966
Dan Reese	1966 – 1967
Terry Molique	1967 – 1968
PNC Bob McBride	1968 – 1969
Ron Reese	1969 – 1970
Ed Hughes	1970 – 1971
PNC Fred Hartline, Sr.	1971 – 1972
William Verhelst	1972 – 1973
Chris Reay	1973 – 1974
Mike Holz	1974 – 1975
Robert Verhelst	1975 – 1976
† Gary Wepler	1976 – 1977
Tim Keith	1977 – 1978
Tim Keith	1978 – 1979
Walt Chambers	1979 – 1980
Paul Powell	1980 – 1981
Rick Waterman	1981 – 1982
Lenny Talmage	1982 – 1983
Dennis Rowe	1983 – 1984
Dan Sagraves	1984 – 1985
Jonathan Morgan	1985 – 1986
Ron Szymanski, II	1986 – 1987
Jim Imbronyev	1987 – 1988
Terry Kettering	1988 – 1989
Dale Hartley	1989 – 1990
Richard Pohlable, Jr.	1990 – 1991
Craig Smith	1991 – 1992
Kent Blanchard	1992 – 1993
Randy Roof	1993 – 1994
† Roy Turner	1994 – 1995
† PNC Pat “Bubba” Shea	1995 – 1996
† Tom Getz	1996 – 1997
Rick Riviotta, Jr.	1996 – 1998

† Ed “Spanky” Van Houten	1998 – 1999
Bill Towns, Jr.	1999 – 2000
Bill Vorhees	2000 – 2001
Bruce Stirling	2001 – 2002
Joe Wylandt	2002 – 2003
Randy Eicher	2003 – 2004
Bill “Buster” Sutterlin	2004 – 2005
† Earl Cox	2006
Jeff Vrabel, Sr.	2005 – 2006
Grant Martin	2006 – 2007
Rob Brewer	2007 – 2008
Adam Jones	2008 – 2009
† Dave “Stoney” Young	2009 – 2010
Rex Buchs	2010 – 2011
Steve Honigfort	2011 – 2012
Mike Wiswell	2013
Gary Lang	2012 – 2013
John Coakley, II	2013 – 2014
Kyle Catlett	2014 – 2015
Dave Brown	2015 – 2016
Dan Finnell	2016 – 2017
Bob Mendoza	2018
Evan Mahlman	2017 – 2018
Dale Anderson, II	2018 - 2019

† - Deceased



PDC & Special Olympics Chairman Adam Jones & Past Department President Carol T. Robinson during ceremonies at Dayton National Ceremony for Memorial Day and Graves Decoration.



PDC & Special Olympics Chairman Adam Jones, his son & Squadron 23 member Jayden, and Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler during ceremonies at Dayton National Ceremony for Memorial Day and Graves Decoration.

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PDC Dann Finnell, Second Vice-Commander Dennis Albright, and Post 164 members were joined by players of Grove City Little League® 9/10 Orioles and their families to assist with Graves Decoration at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lockbourne, Ohio.



SAL members, including PNVC Dan Sagraves and Third District Commander Steve Spraley, and the Powderkeg group.

Memorial Day weekend is a busy time in the 3rd District. We sat out Saturday morning with the grave decorating ceremonies at the Dayton VA National cemetery. District Commander Steve Spraley and Adjutant Dan Sagraves were in attendance from the district. Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler was one of the speakers. After the grave decorating, PDC Dan Sagraves took Commander Bernie and his wife, First Lady Nancy, on a tour of the VA facilities. The weekend concludes with the annual picnic for patients at the VA Medical Center. This is done for a specific group of patients that are able to get to the activity building. District 3 has sponsored this picnic for several years now. About five years ago, members of a motorcycle group joined with us. They are the Powderkeg HOG from Mason, Ohio. They assist with the serving and bring gifts for those in attendance.

This year we served nearly 100 people. We had members from Squadrons 200, 598, 613, and 668 from the 3rd District. We also want to thank Ted and Rita Kohler from the 6th District for their help.



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

The Grave Decorating Ceremony was held at the Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery in Rittman on May 25, 2019. Pictured L to R 5th District Commander Tim Conway, Detachment First Vice-Commander Doug Hancock, NEC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, and Dakota Sutterlin (Sq. 257).



Photo Courtesy PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin D-5 Sq. 257

Speakers Detachment First Vice-Commander Doug Hancock, American Legion Auxiliary First Vice-President Kristen Little, American Legion Department First Vice-Commander Roger Friend, Emcee Darrell Bishop (5th District Chief of Staff) and Chaplain Lenny White (5th District Commander),



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**47th Annual Memorial Day Parade
and Memorial Ceremonies**
Sponsored by
**Sons of The American Legion
Mahoning Valley Squadron 15
Poland, Ohio**



State Senator Michael A. Rulli served as Keynote Speaker during ceremonies at Historic Riverside Cemetery. Rulli is a 1987 graduate of Poland Seminary High School.

**Why We Don't
Walk Between the Colors;
This Is Hallowed Ground**

Between these flags that proudly fly
Let no man dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie, this is hal-
lowed land.

A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of the lads who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.



On sea or land these buddies died,
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is hallowed ground.
And it shall be forever blest
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaires,
Of these flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant Brave,
He desecrated those noble dead
As though he walked upon their grave.

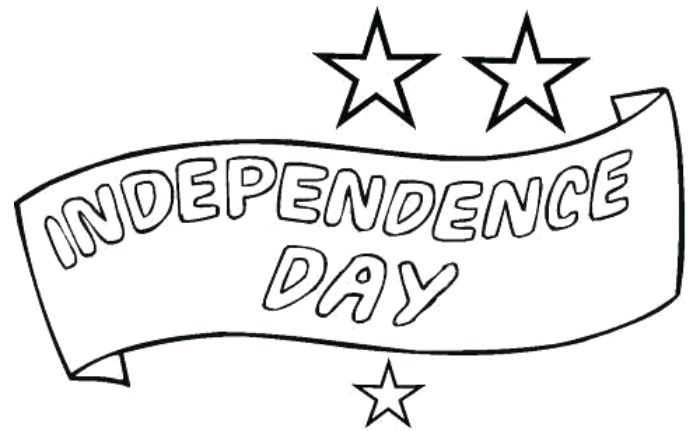


Activities for our Jr. Members

Ask our Jr. members to color these patriotic pictures and display them at your Post. They can also cut them out and give to anyone they'd like to.

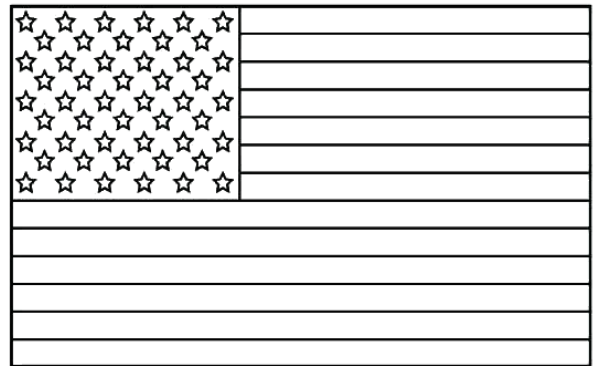


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COLOR the FLAG of the USA



Name: _____



America's National Independence Day Celebration

Name: _____



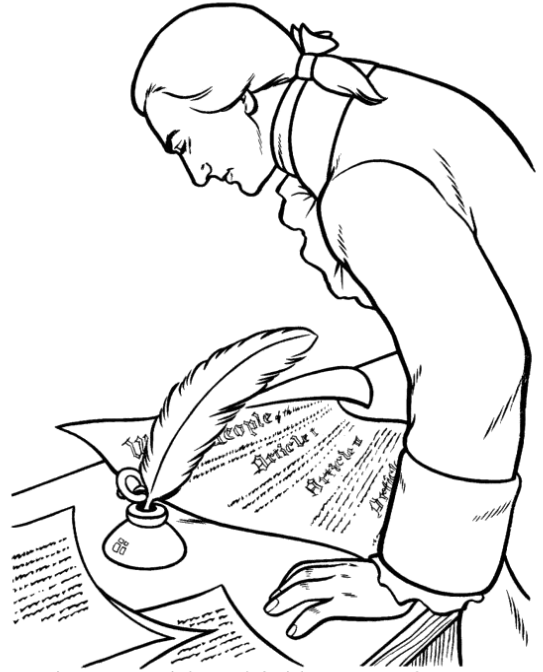
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The Convention worked out a draft of the Constitution and sent it to Congress to be submitted to each state for approval. With the vote of New Hampshire, the ninth state to ratify it, the Constitution became the supreme law of the land in June 1788.

Name: _____



Name: _____



The Spirit of 1776 leads America on.

Name: _____

Always Be Prepared To Get A New Member



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

_____ (Membership ID# Former Member) _____ (Email) _____ (Post #) _____ (Date)

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (4/6/17-11/11/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) | |

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Recruiter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address, go to www.legion.org.

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Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last) _____ Recruited by _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email Address _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit www.legion.org.

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Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Unit # and Location _____

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Birth - 17 18 and over

Have you been a member previously? Yes No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible through / name of veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (4/6/17-11/11/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46) | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Self |

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

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Recruiter's Name _____

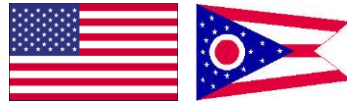
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Recruiter's Phone # _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address go to: www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters. Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine. **Membership pending approval of application.**



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