

The Ohio SALute



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A message from Commander Dennis Albright

Good day my fellow S.A.L. and Legion Family Members,

I hit the ground running the week after elected detachment commander. I started at Dayton National Cemetery; I drove there in the rain, but it cleared up by the time I arrived, and stayed clear for the ceremony. We must have had S.A.L. National Chaplain Gibson looking out for us that day. Several youth groups and Scouts were present to help with putting out the 59,000 Flags that day within 40 minutes or less.

From there I traveled back to Chillicothe and participated in the memorial service at Yoctangee Park. This year, they honored the Vietnam Veterans, 23 in total, from Ross County that are POW/MIA. Certificates were passed to the families and officers from local organizations claimed those who had no family present. My home Post claimed 6 of them to honor the veteran.

Following the Ceremony, I participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the six unclaimed Veterans rode in my passenger seat as my copilots through the parade. These names will soon be displayed at our Post 757.

The next day I traveled to the 9th District to visit and speak at Memorial Services in Youngstown and Poland. These ceremonies were hosted by Mahoning Valley Squadron

15. My legion Family I encourage you to attend these Ceremonies if you ever have the opportunity, they do a spectacular job. It was an honor to speak to veterans and guests present that day; but

it was also an honor to have not only one, but four World War II Veterans present with us that day at the Inn at Poland Way.

My apologies if I did not respond to anyone quickly during the first nine days of June as I have been in out of urgent cares or ER for kidney stones. Getting back to speed now hopefully. I missed Girls State due to work but was able attend at Buckeye Boys State on June 18.

The remains of Joseph W. Hoffman have been found and identified. This is the veteran that Post 757 is named after. The tentative date for his return is August 20 I will keep everyone posted as I get more details.

District commanders, please get with me at the DEC on July 23 Department Headquarters. I would like to meet with you virtually once a month to see how things are going in your districts and if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you for electing me as Detachment of Ohio Commander. I look forward to the coming year.



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Commander Albright presiding over his first meeting, the post-convention Detachment Executive Committee.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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I hope everyone recovered from our convention in Portsmouth, OH. I would like to thank all the delegates that voted for me so I could become First Vice-Commander of the detachment. We are looking to work hard this year on membership to make a great success. By Thursday August 4, 2022, all districts should be cleared.

Detachment Target Dates

LAP	DATE	TARGET GOAL
1	Thursday August 4, 2022	District Cleared
2	Thursday October 6, 2022	40% of Membership Quota
3	Thursday December 1, 2022	55% of Membership Quota
4	Thursday January 5, 2023	75% of Membership Quota "Blue Jugs" Awarded
5	Thursday February 3, 2023	85% of Membership Quota
6	Thursday March 2, 2023	100% of Membership Quota
7	Thursday April 6, 2023	100% of Membership Quota
8	Thursday May 4, 2023	100% of Membership Quota

PLEASE NOTE: Handling membership cards by mail from the Squadron, through the Detachment, and on to National HQ can take three weeks.

We recommend using the mailing dates to the right to ensure you meet the lap dates. Or send all the cards you have ready by the end of each month.

The membership report on the Ohio Legion website will not reflect your submissions until the cards have been processed and payments posted to the member's record in the National membership database.

Detachment target date lap awards will be determined based on Department HQ's transmittal submission dates and may not be published for a couple of weeks after the target date has passed once National processes them.

LAP	MAILING DATE
2	Sep. 27, 2022
3	Nov. 30, 2022
4	Dec. 27, 2022
5	Jan. 24, 2023
6	Feb. 21, 2023
7	Mar. 28, 2023
8	Apr. 25, 2023

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Tim Conway, Second Vice-Commander

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I would like to congratulate all the new officers of the Detachment of Ohio. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you, Past Commander Doug, for everything you did for the Detachment.

I am asking all S.A.L. members to help First-Vice Commander Dave get other members to pay their dues in a timely manner so we can reach quota early for the 2022-2023 year.

This year's Second Vice-Commander's special project is a meat raffle. The first ticket drawn will win a half of beef that will be processed the way the winner would like it cut up. The second ticket drawn will be a half of hog processed the way the winner would like it cut up, this includes the curing and smoking of the ham and bacon. The third ticket drawn will win a steak bundle, and the fourth ticket drawn will win a meat bundle.

Tickets for this raffle are a \$10 dollar donation per ticket. The money raised by this raffle will be donated to Operation Comfort Warrior and the National Emergency Fund. For tickets contact any S.A.L. District Commander, S.A.L. First Vice-Commander or you can contact me at trucker-tim622001@yahoo.com or 419-276-6422.



Detachment Second Vice-Commander Tim Conway and Fifth District Historian Colton Conway raise the American Flag at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Ashland Cemetery Monday, May 30, 2022 after the parade.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Chaplain

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Greetings,

First and foremost, I'd like to thank everybody who has supported me in my last three years of campaigns. I look forward to working closely with all of you over the next year.

If you have any cards that need sent out, please email me and I will get it taken care of right away.

The Vindicator

Sacrifices remembered

June 27, 2022 | Bob Coupland | bcoupland@tribtoday.com



A new Korean Defense Monument was dedicated at the Korean War Memorial in Austintown on Sunday. Taking part in the ceremony are Jeff Vrabel Jr., detachment chaplain, Sons of the American Legion Mahoning Valley Inc. Squadron 15, left, and Mike Ekoniak Jr., commander of the Korean War Veterans Association of the Mahoning Valley Chapter 137.

Staff photo/Bob Coupland

AUSTINTOWN — A new marker commemorating all military members who have served in Korea since the Korean Armistice was unveiled Sunday at the Korean War Memorial at Austintown Veterans Park.

A special Korean War and Korean Defense veterans memorial ceremony and laying of the roses was hosted by the Korean War Veterans Association of Mahoning Valley Chapter 137. A dedication of the Korean Defense Veterans Monument also took place.

The ceremony, which was attended by more than 30 people, included reading the names of nearly 120 service people from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties who were casualties of the Korean War.

Mike Ekoniak Jr., commander of Chapter 137 who served in Korea in 1967 and 1968, said the Korean War lasted from June 1950 to July 1953 and resulted in the deaths of more than 40,000 U.S. service people as well as those who went missing.

'As of today, more than 7,500 U.S. troops are still missing. Every year there are less and less veterans of the Korean War,' Ekoniak said, noting the average age of Korean War veterans still living is 88.

He said the memorial was erected so the 119 service people who served during the Korean Conflict would not be forgotten.

Ekoniak said it was 72 years ago this week when the Korean War began. In July, it will be the 69th year since the signing of the armistice that halted the war.

He said the new marker is dedicated to those who have served in Korea from 1953 to the present who have been killed in active combat.

Bob McCullough, the treasurer for the Ohio Korean War Veterans Association, was given the honor of laying the roses on the new marker.

Austintown Trustee Robert Santos, a Marine Corps veteran for 11 years, said he credits the generation of service people before him as the reason he also served the nation.

"You all sacrificed your lives for the freedoms of the next generation. Those who have served or are serving our nation are all acts of heroism. You all put your lives on the line to save others. You had dedication and honor for what you did. I appreciate the honor to come here and speak today and to honor all of you," Santos said.

He said he enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 22 and it changed his life and gave him a deeper appreciation for those who have served before him.

Frank Sloat, Chapter 137 chaplain, said it means a lot to the veterans for family, friends and others to show their support.

Jeff Vrabel Jr. of Poland, who is the detachment chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion and a member of Mahoning Valley Inc. Squadron 15, said his grandfather, Joe Vrabel, was among those instrumental in getting sections of the Korean War memorial established in Austintown.

"My grandfather was with one of the last guys to be killed in the Korean War. Sgt. Harold Cross was with my grandfather when the war was ending, and a shell came in and killed Harold. They were best buddies during the war," Vrabel said.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Vrabel, Jr. is an Associate Member of Korean War Veterans of America Chapter 137.

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New Detachment Officers Elected. Congratulations to Ohio's new officers for 2022-2023: Dennis Albright, Commander; Dave Dilts, First Vice Commander; Tim Conway, Second Vice Commander; Jeff Vrabel, Jr., Chaplain; Gary Lang, NEC; and Jon Coakley, II, ANEC.

New Officer Certifications & Old Membership Cards. As I write this, we have received 2023 Officers Certification Forms from 179 of our 314 squadrons, for 57.01%. Our Detachment Constitution sets the reporting deadline as May 1, so if yours isn't one of the 179 then you're late and we need you to submit your report immediately – this is one-third of the requirement to receive your new 2023 membership cards. Department cannot update our contact lists without the new officer details – even if you have no changes to report.

The reporting form is available in multiple formats from the SAL section of the department website at <https://ohiolegion.com/sal/>. DO NOT RETURN YOUR OLD 2022 CARDS TO HQ – they don't want them back!

Annual Squadron Data Report. The national organization continues to work toward making online renewals an option for individual Sons members. In order to enable this function, we need all squadrons to submit the Annual Squadron Data Report to the detachment by April 15 each year. This allows time for department staff to transmit them by May 1.

At this time, we have 121 of the 314 reports submitted. If you haven't filed yours, please obtain a copy from the state website and get it sent it. This form MUST BE FILED EVERY YEAR, even if the information has not changed.

If you do not have a current report filed with national when the individual online renewal function is enabled, national will only charge your members the \$10 combined per capita dues for national and Ohio. It will be up to you to contact your members separately for any local squadron dues, and

your members will not understand why they're being asked to pay their dues twice.

2022 Consolidated Squadron Reports. Your 2021-2022 Consolidated Squadron (and District) Reports are also due to Department Headquarters by May 1st, but we have received 128 so far for 40.76%, but can and need to do better. We them to be filed by July 1st at the latest in order to receive your 2023 cards in the first batch of deliveries – assuming your officers are certified and your SDR is filed! Please get yours in so we don't have to hound you about it.

The current form is also available from the Department website.

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 "2022" and "2021" – and DONT LEAVE THEM BLANK, EITHER.

Summer D.E.C. Meeting – July 23, 2022. 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.

2022 National Convention – August 26-28. The 50th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 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 8th. This is not a postmark date. Any registrations not received at Department Headquarters by that date will not be delegates. 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. CDT on Friday, and the installation of officers is on Sunday afternoon. All delegates are required to attend all the

convention sessions unless specifically excused by the delegation chairman, Doug Hancock. Any absences will be reflected in a reduced stipend after the convention. Dual members attending Legion meetings will be excused from the S.A.L. sessions but are not entitled to a reimbursement share for those sessions.

There will be a luncheon on Saturday to recognize the 50th National Convention of the S.A.L. The cost is \$45 per person. The price includes a ticket to the luncheon, one of the 50th convention commemorative challenge coins, and a copy of the commemorative book created by Ohio's own National Historian, Bill Towns, Jr.

The Detachment Executive Committee approved purchasing a block of 45 tickets for the luncheon. Please let me know ASAP if you wish to attend and be considered for one of the tickets in our block.

If you have any questions about the Milwaukee convention, please contact me or Department S.A.L. Liaison John Robinson and we will get them answered for you.

Bill Towns, Judge Advocate

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Required Annual Squadron Reports. As of the date of this writing (mid-June), there are only 109 of the over 300 Detachment of Ohio Squadrons that have submitted the required annual Squadron Consolidated Report Form, and the numbers are similar for the Squadron Data Form, the Squadron Officers Form, and although I have not seen a report I will throw in the required annual Post and Squadron Commanders and Adjutants Form. I am truly hoping that by the time this gets through the system, and you are reading it that those numbers have improved. The most disturbing part is that this is nothing new. Going back to the 1980's these forms, or similar forms have been due before the Detachment of Ohio's Convention in May of each year.

Each year District and Detachment Officers must hunt down and try to get copies of these forms, as without them, like the American Legion you will not be sent your membership cards until they are filed. This seems to be a three-part problem:

1. Turnover at the squadron officer level without the new officers being trained on what is required of the position.
2. Lack of participation and communication between the squadron and the districts as many squadron officers are not attending the district meetings.

3. Squadron Officers emailing forms in and not getting received or credited.

Now one and two are easy enough to cure. If squadron members attend District and Detachment meetings, they learn policy and procedure. If District and Detachment Officers do Squadron Visitations and Inspections, they now get to meet Squadron Officers and can get them the correct information. Number three seems to be the biggest complaint.

I often hear, "BUT I SENT IT IN!" After several discussions with Adjutants whose Squadrons are delinquent in the last report and state that they have been submitted the common denominator has been where the forms were emailed. The Squadron Data Report and the Squadron Consolidated Report are national forms and go to National. The Squadron Officer Report is a Detachment specific form which goes to Detachment. However, Detachment needs and uses the information on all three forms. The information on the Squadron Officers Form is also used at the district level.

A suggested cure would be to get in the habit of doing the following:

1. Download the required forms from <https://www.Ohio-legion.com/SAL/> and save a copy.
2. If you are able, Fill the three forms in online, if not print them out fill them in and rescan, but either way save a copy.
3. Email copies of all three forms to the Detachment Adjutant saladjutant@ohiolegion.com, Your District Adjutant, Your Squadron Advisor, and SAVE A COPY just in case!

I do not know if there is anything in place that allows information sent to national first, to trickle back to the detachment, then to district officers in a timely fashion. I do know that your district and detachment cannot contact your squadron officers if you do not let district and detachment know who they are. And squadrons will not receive their new cards until these forms are filed.

If questions later arise, all you would need to do is push attach file and resend. Problem solved.

What is the difference between Constitution and Bylaws?

Definition of Constitution and Bylaws:

- Constitution is the main document of an organization that determines the fundamental aspects of the said organization.

- Bylaws determine the detailed guidelines of the fundamental aspects of the organization and also states the daily work of the organization.

Connection:

- Bylaws are based on the constitution. So, bylaws are governed by the constitution.

Ability to Change:

- The constitution should consist of fundamentals that are not going to be changed.
- Bylaws should be constructed with the ability to change them.

Specific Nature:

- Since the constitution is covering the fundamental aspects of the organization, this can be sometimes not very specific.
- Bylaws are more specific.

These are the differences between a constitution and bylaws. Though they are two different documents, remember that they are related to each other. Without a constitution, there will be no bylaws. Both are essential for the functions of an organization. Both should be reviewed and updated every five years or as organizational changes demand.

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In this new role, I will be assisting Judge Advocate Bill Towns with some of his duties, including reviewing Constitutions and By-Laws for squadrons and districts.

If you have any documents you would like to have reviewed, please send them to both Bill and I, and it will get taken care of for you.

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Greetings,

Congratulations to Dennis Albright, our new Detachment Commander, and to the rest of the Detachment Officers and ALT NEC Jon Coakley. It was nice to see everyone at the State Convention in Portsmouth. Thank you to the 7th District and John Conley for putting on a very fun and informative convention.

A big Congratulations to our National Commander Michael Fox for succeeding his goal of placing one million flags for

Flying Flags For Heroes. That is a really big accomplishment. It shows you that when you put your mind to a project, and with the help of the Blue Cappers, you can accomplish any project.

Our National Convention is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year Aug 26-28. I hope to see as many of you that have signed up to be a delegate to be there for a very informative meetings and good time. I have been there before it's a very nice city and plenty of things to do.

The 2023 State Convention is in Marietta, hosted by District 11 and Squadron 389. Other than our meetings, we will once again have a ride on the Valley Gem. More information on the ride will come out as we get closer to the convention time.

As we continue through our summer activities, whether it be parades, picnics, or homecomings, let's not forget all that have served to allow us these freedoms. Remember to reach out to those veterans that have still not reoriented back into a social life since the subsiding of COVID. Also, use these summer activities to help recruit new members and encourage existing members to get their dues in and participate in functions.

Being newly elected to this position, I hope that I can fulfill this position by relaying information from the national level as it becomes available. I look forward to seeing everyone in July at the DEC meeting.

Jon Coakley, II

Alternate National Executive Committeeman

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Greetings fellow Sons of The American Legion,

I would first like to start off by saying "Thanks and great job" to John Conley, Adam Jones, and the 7th District for making our Detachment convention a success!

Next, I would like to thank all of you who supported me for ANEC. It means a lot to have your trust in co-representing the great Detachment of Ohio. I look forward to bringing back the information provided to us at the Fall NEC in Indianapolis and passing along any additional information that I receive.

I'll see you in July at the DEC meeting, and a lot of you once again at National Convention in Milwaukee!

Keep up the great work and see you soon!

Matthew Baxter, Historian

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Gentlemen,

Let me take this time to congratulate our new Detachment Commander, Dennis Albright. We are looking forward to a GREAT year as Ohio Sons. Thank-you to Commander Dennis for asking me to continue as Historian. I will do my best to make the Detachment look great.

That said, I would like to ask all district officers to submit any photos that include the detachment commander or any other detachment officers that come to speak or visit your meetings or functions. It would be nice to include pictures from around the detachment besides the regular meetings. You may send them to my e-mail address. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone or e-mail.

Thank you in advance.

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Doug Hancock, Immediate Past Commander

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HOOVES

A huge thank you to @ohio past detachment commanders club, 5th District Sons of The American Legion, and Sons of The American Legion District 8 Ohio for helping us keep the mission going and saving the lives of our veterans. We deeply appreciate you!

And to our board member and veteran organization liaison [Doug Hancock](#), thank you for your continued support!

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Jeff Vrabel, Sr., National Vice-Commander

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I want to thank the members and leadership of the Detachment of Ohio for all the support over the past year. Serving as your National Vice-Commander is truly an honor, and it is something that I will never forget. I also want to thank the Past Detachment Commanders for thinking that I could do the job, and for the encouragement, support, and help. I have been a member for twenty-eight years, and this is definitely a highlight of my time with Sons of The American Legion.

I also want to thank the Department of Ohio members, leadership, and staff for supporting me and supporting me whenever I needed it.

It's nice to know that we have a strong American Legion Family in Ohio, and you prove it every day! Thank you all!!!

When you receive the next edition of [The Ohio SALute](#), it will be Independence Day weekend. It will also be day one of my [First Annual Membership Independence Month](#) initiative. I am calling this the first annual initiative because I want to see this become something that we do every year. It will take a few years, but I truly believe we can do it!

I have challenged every detachment in the Central Region to hit 25% by July 31. This is a big goal. Some say, "We can't do that." I say, "Why can't we do that?" This is a new way of thinking. It's an attempt to change the mindset of our members, and will begin a change in the culture of our annual membership program. Squadrons in all regions and all detachments are encouraged to do the same, reach a minimum of 25% by the end of the month.

Think about how much more time your squadron leadership will have to devote to other projects like recruiting,

fundraising, special events, volunteering, and whatever else your squadron wants to do.

It is important that all squadrons receive information about this initiative. I am asking each detachment leadership and district leadership team to make sure this message gets out. Maybe make it a contest in the detachment or district, giving special recognition to the squadrons that make it.

While we are working on this new initiative, we cannot forget our members who have not renewed for 2022.

Buddy Checks are the key to the success of this initiative. We need to stay in contact with our membership, especially the ones who may not attend meetings or events. Remind them how important they are to the organization and that their membership is appreciated. See if there is a reason they aren't attending, and ask if there is a program they may be interested in. This will bet the conversation started, and I am sure you will see positive results. By doing this, we will change the mindset of when dues are paid, and the culture of our membership program will also change, as members know what to expect and when to pay every year.



We honor the veterans who made us eligible every day by our membership in Sons of The American Legion. Let's honor ALL veterans by renewing in July during Membership Independence Month.

The National Target Dates have been released, and as you will see, the 25% goal isn't until October 13, 2022. Think how far ahead we will all be if we can do some work during my [First Annual Membership Independence Month](#) initiative to get members paid early, the numbers up, and more money in the accounts of squadrons. Think of the impact that will have on squadron operations.

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Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible
PLEASE RENEW TODAY

by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

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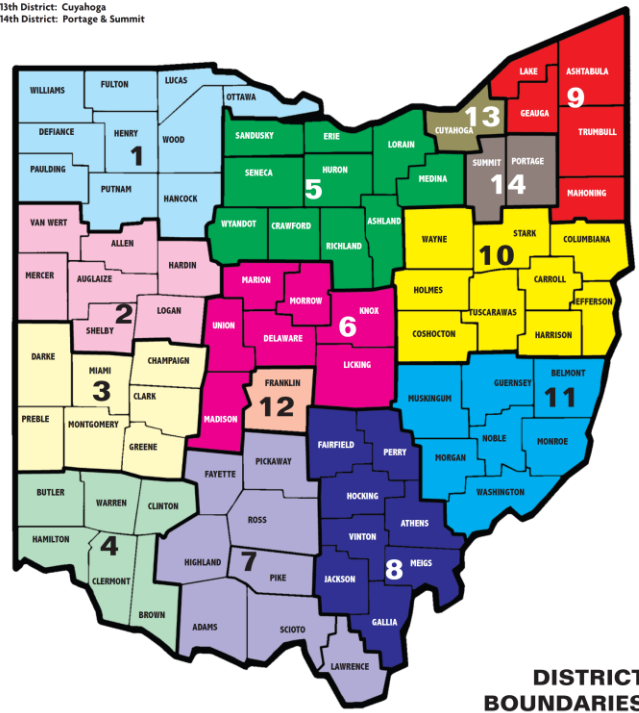
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- 3rd District: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery & Preble
- 4th District: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton & Warren
- 5th District: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca & Wyandot
- 6th District: Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow & Union
- 7th District: Adams, Fayette, Highland, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross & Scioto
- 8th District: Athens, Fairfield, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Meigs, Perry & Vinton
- 9th District: Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning & Trumbull
- 10th District: Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Stark, Tuscarawas & Wayne
- 11th District: Belmont, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Washington
- 12th District: Franklin
- 13th District: Cuyahoga
- 14th District: Portage & Summit

RENEW TODAY!

by Jeff Vrabel, Sr.

We are Sons of The American Legion.

We are all #SALSTRONG!



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Greetings from the 2nd District!

I hope everyone is ready for our new year. We are working on getting our squadrons' paperwork cleared. We need to work, but it is coming around.

Please remember our veterans and help them when you can.

If your name is Jeff, please email NVC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. at jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com and get ready for a big announcement coming soon.



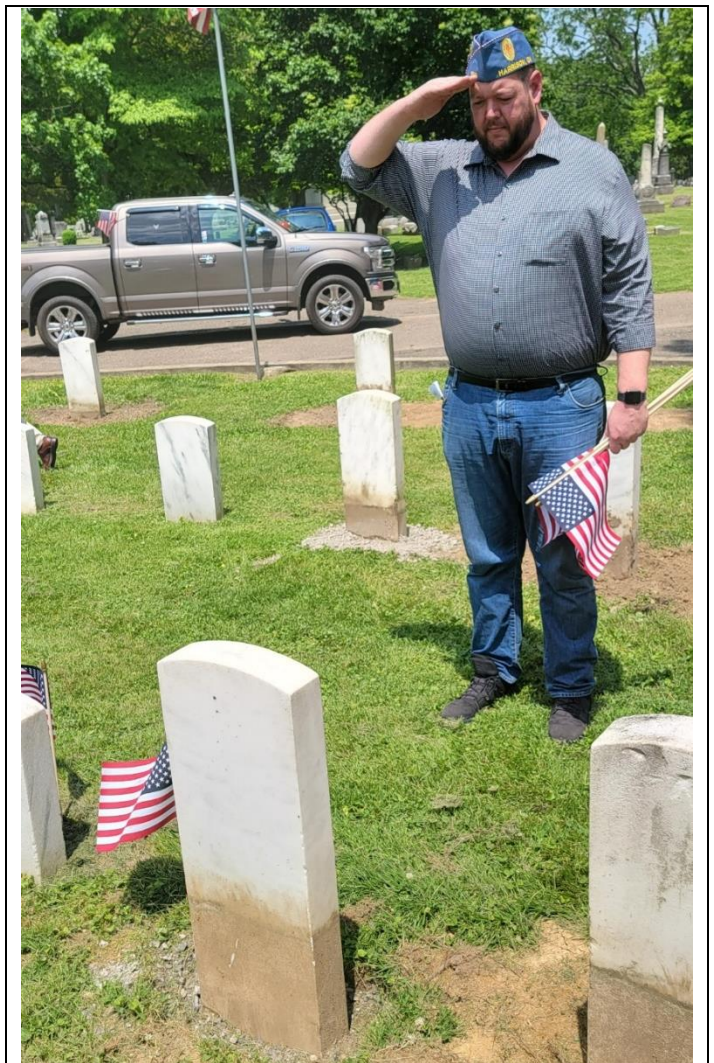
District 3

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The 3rd District annually sponsors a picnic for patients at the Dayton VAMC. As has been the case the last couple of years, we have had to cancel. This year we still could not sponsor the onsite activity, but we could donate for it. The district allocated \$750 for a catered meal for those that would have been able to attend.



Ripley Squadron 367 members preparing flags to be placed on veterans' graves.



Squadron 199 Commander Jeff Harper at Glen Haven Cemetery.



Adjutant Dan Sagraves, Dayton VA staff Steve Stetler, and Commander Troy Davis.

District 4

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The squadrons in the Fourth District were busy this past Memorial Day with placing flags on Veterans' graves, marching, and attending Memorial Day services. 4th District squadrons reported to National Commander Michael Fox's project "Flying Flags for Hero's" the 14,780 flags were placed. Fourth District squadrons that placed flags were 69, 72, 199, 288, 367, 406, 484, 534, 554, and 615.



Gary Stroup, Chaplain of Squadron 72, giving an opening prayer at their Memorial Day service.

Recently, Past National Commander Bob McBride was in town to visit with friends. During his visit he stopped at Stuart G. Luginbuhl Post 72 in Mt. Carmel, Ohio where Bob is a member.

He was presented a framed picture of himself along with his national commanders cap. The picture and cap will be displayed along with Past Department Commanders Stuart Luginbuhl and Ron Hartman, both from Post 72.



Past Department Commanders Bob Ray and Ron Hartman, Past S.A.L. National Commander Bob McBride, Past S.A.L. 4th District Commanders Ron Wissman and Detachment Asst. Adjutant Charles Castle.



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Loudonville Cemetery Memorial Day May 30, 2022. Squadron 257 members who marched in the parade are Doug Smith, Chaz James, Bruce Karcher, Cecil Neighbarger. Not pictured are Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Ralph Adams, Rick Eggerton, Dave Brown.



Participating in or attending the American Legion Loudonville Post 257 Flag Retirement on June 11, 2022 are Squadron 257 member Ralph Adams, Chaz James, Bruce Karcher, Bruce Smith, PDC Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, and PDC Dave Brown.

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*Sons of The
American Legion Post 336
Dave Lory Memorial Golf Outing*



Saturday August 13th, 2022

*Four man scramble \$75.00 per player
shot gun start 9:00am*

*Black Brook Golf Course
8900 Lakeshore Blvd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060*

*Includes: lunch at the turn, dinner after golf at
Black Brook Golf Course, chance to win \$25k hole in one*

For questions, see Rex Buchs or Rick Shea

Hole Sponsors \$100.00 per hole

Proceeds benefit the Dave Lory Scholarship Fund

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District 10
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Tenth District officers and squadron members look on as then Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright update the members on Detachment of Ohio events.



Tenth District officers and squadron members look on as (then) Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright update the members on Detachment of Ohio events.



Kaela Bartley and Calee Luhowski, students at Minerva High School, represent District 10 Squadron 357 as their chosen Delegates to Buckeye Girls State.

Post and Squadron members assist Minerva Troop 150 with flag disposal



Danny Toalston Squadron 357 member and Scout Troop 150 leader reads the opening prayer.



Post 357 Commander Mike Lee plays "To The Colors" as Danny Toalston, Squadron 357 member and Scout Troop 150 Leader Prepare for the flag disposal ceremony.



Danny Toalston Squadron 357 member and Scout Troop 150 leader with scouts performing final inspection and preparing the first flag for proper disposal.



The M3 Stuart Light Tank from WWI stands its Post at the Minerva Veterans Memorial Park as Scout 150 members Place flags in the fire.

District 11

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District 13

Adam Budner, Commander

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Hope this edition of the SALute finds you all well.

As this membership year comes to a close, I would like to thank all the squadrons in the 13th District for making us a quota district. With all the hard work that you put in we can achieve anything together. Here's to a great upcoming membership year and a great year of events/activities.

District 14

Bob Carson, Jr., Commander
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Gary Lang and Charlie Brown trucks showing off their Ohio Sons of The American Legion license plates.



Reports of Commissions and Committees

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Randy Mathews, Chairman
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I hope everyone got out and saluted veterans that gave all for our freedoms.

I would like you all to please try to help a veteran in your area. Just an act of kindness goes a long way. Remember to also keep track of what you do and report it on your Consolidated Squadron Report next year.

Also, help your post whenever you can. They do support us, so please support them.

Remember to get out and vote and speak your mind.

Have a good summer!

Buckeye Boys State

John Vrzal, Chairman
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Legislative Update

Craig Smith, Chairman
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THE TOXIC EXPOSURE BILL WOULD REWRITE AMERICA'S COMPACT WITH VETERANS. The exposure of military personnel to toxic substances, both while deployed overseas or stationed at home, has been an ongoing issue across a range of wars and generations.

It took decade for the V.A. to provide relief for veterans of Vietnam exposed to agent orange. The U.S. government still has yet to do its work for Vietnam Veterans. This bill would offer new health care and tax-free disability benefits as high as \$3,332 a month to as many 3.5 million veterans at a cost the Congressional Budget Office has pegged at more than \$300 billion over 10 years. So, we need to get the word out and contact our Senators and have them get behind this bill.

The George B Evans Veterans Advocate of the Year Award instructions and guidelines our on the national website. Find someone worthy submit their name by July 25th.

Oratorical Contest

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POW★MIA Committee

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CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

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Children's Miracle Network

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Hope this article finds you all well.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN Hospitals) is celebrating the record-setting \$673,275 raised by Panda Express Associates during the annual Associate Giving campaign in March 2022! Panda associates are passionate about this campaign, the long-standing partnership with CMN Hospitals, and helping kids in the communities they serve, as evidenced by their incredible giving year over year. Through one-time and recurring paycheck deductions and credit card donations, Panda Associates joined together

and made a significant impact on their local communities this year, raising the most the annual campaign has ever raised since it began. Because of this generosity, patients at member hospitals of CMN Hospitals will have access to special care that supports their entire well-being, including their mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. Since 2003, Panda Associates and guests have raised more than \$125 million for CMN Hospitals. To learn more about the impact of the Panda partnership, read the latest stories and see firsthand what the Panda Cares Center of Hope is all about. Join CMN Hospitals in celebrating Panda Express associates for the many ways they continue to change kids' health to change the future!



During the month of May people helped to change kids' health for local children's hospitals! They shopped online or in-warehouse at Costco and donated to help kids. For 35 years, Costco and its members have rallied together raising more than \$500 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. When we help fund medical treatments, equipment and facilities—we ensure children live healthy, fulfilling lives and foster the scientists, artists, and leaders of tomorrow. Through donations, hospitals provide treatments and healing patients desperately need today, so they can fulfill their potential for tomorrow. Ultimately having ripple effects positively impacting our communities and our world for years to come.

Remember that May was National Mental Health Awareness month, a time when communities came together to spotlight the importance of caring for our mental health. And that includes our youth.

Lastly, while on a trip to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, I came across a CMN donation drive. Of course, I had to do my part to help. See attached pictures.

Information taken from CMN Hospitals website

Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Todd Bidlack, Chairman
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I would like to thank Commander Dennis for appointing me as your detachment Child Welfare Foundation Committee chairman.

The commander has set the bar high for my fundraising efforts. To do this, I will need help from everyone!! I intend to assemble a fundraising packet to be sent to all the squadrons in Ohio. This should go out in the next few weeks. It will contain information about CWF and how to donate.

In the past, we have been the most generous detachment in the nation when it comes to CWF. It is my intention to surpass previous records this year!

It's with your help that we can reach this goal. There will be more info in the mailing and in future newsletters.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Dan Sagraves, Chairman
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As I have said in the past, we are still limited in what we can do at our VA Medical facilities. Things are changing, so stay tuned here and to other sources for more information in the future.

We are always reminding everyone to fill out their Consolidate Squadron Reports each year. I can assume by reading some of these that you may not completely know what to enter in you report. I want to help. Here is what we want to see. The section marked VA Medical Centers and Facilities is for work done at VA hospitals or Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC). If you do work at or make donations to the Sandusky or Georgetown State Veterans homes, that is noted in the State Veterans facilities section.

National Veterans Assistance Day is the 3rd Saturday in May. Any activity for that is recorded in that section. There are also sections for Operation Comfort Warrior and the Fisher House. Finally, there is a section for Other VA&R Projects. Those are the things you do at any other location. It can be doing something at your home for the project or working at

a veteran's home. All of the sections of the form have a DONATIONS and an HOURS area. The donations area is for any money donated or money spent to fulfill your project. The hours are for the time spent.

Be sure to record hours for all involved. If five members of your squadron work two hours, that should be listed as ten hours not just two. The Veterans Employment and Education section has similar areas to fill out.

I hope that this information is helpful and will result in more detailed reporting. As always if you need assistance, feel free to contact me.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

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Gerry Palmer, South Chairman
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We had our Flag Retirement ceremony on June 14, and it went well. Our VA has both entrance and exit open. We haven't heard anything new, and they canceled a few outdoor events. We are still having paint ball games and dinner for vets. The Eagles Club in Chillicothe is putting it on and is sending three people to wheelchair games.

Here is some pics from Tuesday.

Veterans Employment and Education Committee

Wayne Lineau, Chairman
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Steve Honigfort, Chairman
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Fellow SAL Members,

With the detachment convention completed, I would like to congratulate our new Detachment Commander Dennis Albright and all the officers who were newly elected to their positions. Let's all back our new officers for the next year and make it a good one for the Detachment of Ohio.

Our Detachment is capable of accomplishing many things if we work together as a group. We have stagnated on our membership for too long as other detachments pass us by.

It is time for the longstanding membership to grab the bull by the horns and take the time to push for more new members once again, and to invite back our old ones. Numbers do not tell lies, as attendance is dropping at many events.

Whether there are reasons or problems that are causing this, or losing members to Squadron Everlasting who were the driving force for our group, we miss many, but someone else needs to step up and help us move ahead and keep the memories of good times past live on. We are not getting any younger and if we hope to grow the SAL something needs to go to the positive side of things while we can.

As I have said before we do many great things in our state to help and assist our communities. Come on guys, tout your horns, and get the word out to the general public via newspapers, TV, radio, and the SALute newsletter. There are many who still do not know the good we do. Excuses are a dime a dozen, and everyone has one, but excuses do not or would not support a program.

There can be many new ideas brought forth if we listen to all members and use these ideas to spring board to a brighter future for the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio. Thank You!

For God and Country.

The Ohio SALute



Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Editor

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I want to thank Commander Albright for the appointment to continue as The Ohio SALute editor. I appreciate the confidence he has in me to serve in this position.

As we start our new year, we all need to understand the importance of making submissions to our newsletter. For some members, this is how they get their information on what is happening at the detachment level.

I think PDC Bill Towns says it best, "If we don't tell them, how will they know?" Members of our detachment like to see what is going on across the Buckeye State. Some see what events are coming up and attend because it's something they are interested in.

Again this year, the detachment commander and I are reminding every elected officer, district commander, commission & committee chairman, the adjutant, judge

advocate, and liaison to prepare and submit an article by the established deadlines. Squadrons are also encouraged to make submissions.

When submitting your information, please take note of the following;

1. Chairmen with multiple assignments should submit a separate article for each assignment. For example, If you are an appointed officer and a chairman, two articles should be submitted.
2. All articles should be typed and submitted in Word format.
3. Articles should not be typed in all capital letters, or typed with the first letter of each work capitalized.
4. Please proof read and spell check before making a submission.
5. Photographs and artwork should be submitted in jpeg format.
6. Identify people in pictures.
7. Identify the event where pictures are taken.
8. Flyers should be submitted in pdf format.
9. If submitting a coming event, please follow-up in the next edition on that event.

As we head in to Independence Day weekend, please make sure to submit your pictures and articles for the next edition. Don't forget pictures from the national convention and any Labor Day events you may participate in. Don't forget, pictures and announcements of events are always nice to see, and gives you a chance to toot your own horn and to brag about what you have accomplished.

This edition is a milestone for me, as it is the fiftieth newsletter that I have published for the Detachment of Ohio. There have been a lot of great articles, photos, and memories over the years, and I look forward to many more this year.

Thank you for your continued support of YOUR detachment newsletter!

Convention Screening Committee

Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Chairman

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Hi Everyone,

It was good to see many of you at the Detachment Convention in Portsmouth. John Conley and the 7th District did a good job hosting the convention and we had a good time. Thank you for all you did! I also want to congratulate all of

the winners of the awards and to those who submitted reports of their activities. Thank you for all you did and will continue to do for our organization, for the veterans, youth, and communities. Congratulations to Gerry Palmer for being recognized as SAL Member of the Year.

Thank you to those who submitted a bid for the 2024 Detachment Convention. The First District will hold the 2024 Detachment Convention in Finley, OH. And as a reminder, the 2023 Detachment Convention will be held in Marietta, OH.

I want to congratulate the new officers and wish them much success for the upcoming year.

Deb and I enjoyed our trip to Dayton and spending a little time with Dan Sagraves and Bob Steggemann. We attended the grave decorating ceremony at the Dayton National Cemetery. Department First Vice-Commander Brad Theis, Detachment Commander Dennis Albright, and President Colleen Phillips gave inspiring speeches. Thank you to everyone from the SAL who attended. I was surprised by the different youth organizations present to put the flags on the graves, several that I am unfamiliar with. Some of us also put flags out representing the Flying Flags For Heroes. Memorial Day weekend was busy for all of us with local parades and services. Thank you to those who placed flags, participated, and attended events to honor our deceased veterans.



Kneeling: Dan Sagraves Standing L to R: Ken LeVoy, Brad Theis, Al Buxton, Adam Jones, Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Mike Blackwell, Dennis Albright.

I also want to recognize Past 5th District Legion Commander and Executive Director Ken Estep and his team from the Richland County Veterans Service Commission for an outstanding project. They put footers and headstones on 148 graves of veterans in the Old Soldiers Ground in the Mansfield Cemetery. They held a very nice dedication ceremony. I am glad we were able to attend.

Thank you to everyone for your support while I have served as your National Executive Committeeman.

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Committee Appointments Committee

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Steve Honigfort, President
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I believe it is time that some of the new members of The Sons of the American Legion of Ohio learned about who some of the Awards are named after. So, I will begin with a few who I know most about.

George Powell award named after the Father of past detachment Commander Paul Powell. George was a very active Legionnaire in the 3rd district belong to Northridge post 746. He began serving on the Department of Ohio.

Sons of the American Legion Committee in 1964. George served as Chairman for 6 years. He along with a few others member sided with the Department Liaison to help mold the detachment organization and lay the ground work for the future. I Cannot find a photo of him but still looking. He passed away I believe in 1975.

Hartline award named after Lawrence Hartline Father of Past detachment Commander Fred Hartline.

Larry was active Legionnaire of Garfield Memorial Post 566 in Akron, Ohio the 14th District. He Joined with George Powell In serving on the Department Committee also In 1964. The two George and Larry teamed up with others to help set up and guide future leaders of The SAL battling at that time JP (Pat) Hone who would argue with the Committee about the Programs future during meetings. Afterwards they would go somewhere normally Southway post to set and talk and relax. Larry served in the 29th division in WWI being in the 2nd wave to land at Omaha beach. He served on the Department Committee until his health forced him to retire in 1972. Sadly, he passed away in June of 1976 Just 3 weeks before his wife Eleanor was elected Department of Ohio Auxiliary Treasurer.

I am still looking for information on the Betty McAdow award. I can remember it was named after one of the members of the early Committee but cannot find any more information. So, if anyone can help, please let me know.

Fred Hartline PNC, PDC





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June 16, 2022

From: Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant

Subject: Official Dress for National-Level American Legion and SAL Events

The official dress for **national-level** American Legion and SAL events is as follows. Definitions appear at the bottom. Commission chairmen and national staff should ensure the widest possible dissemination of this information.

Meetings:

- **All Commission and Committee Meetings:** Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- **National Executive Committee Meetings, audience:** Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- **National Executive Committee Meetings, dais:** Business dress.
- **National Convention, audience:** Business casual. Those preferring to wear business dress may do so.
- **National Convention, stage appearances:** Business dress.

Meals:

- **National Commander's Banquet in Honor of Distinguished Guests (national convention):** Business dress, except for the head table where dress is formal.
- **National Commander's Dinner in Honor of the National Executive Committee (Spring and Fall meetings):** Business casual, except for the head table, where dress is business dress.
- **For all other official national-level meal events:** Business casual.

Definitions:

- Business dress: Shirt, tie and jacket and appropriate parallel dress for women
- Business casual: Trousers and collared polo shirt – preferably Legion polo – for men and appropriate parallel dress for women
- Formal: Black tie

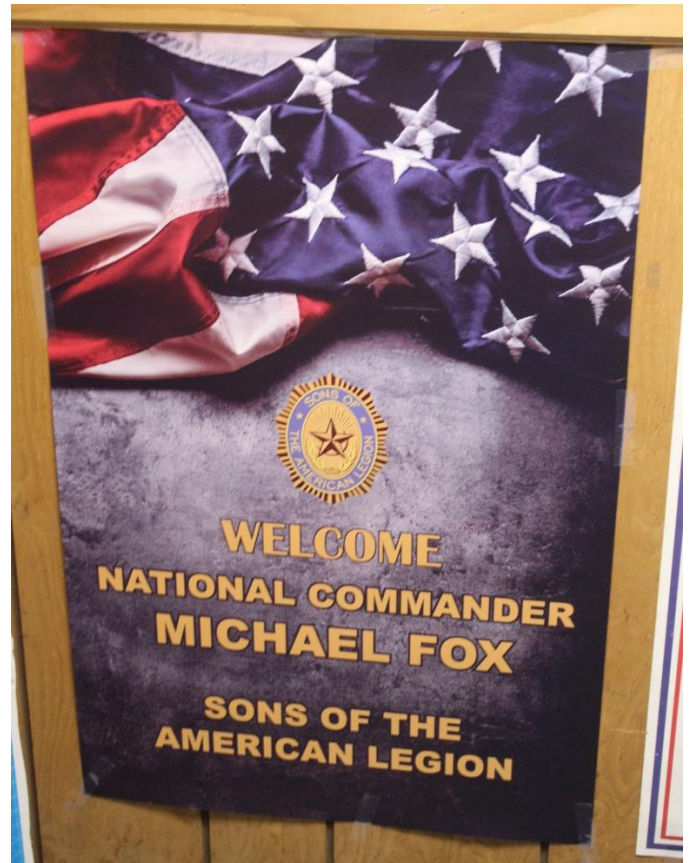


From the 58th Detachment of Ohio Convention



Gerry Palmer of Squadron 62 Chillicothe received the Earl Cox SAL Member of the Year Award 2022 at the 50th Detachment Convention in Portsmouth, Ohio, May 20-22, 2022.

photo by PDC Adam Jones



National Commander Michael Fox prior to his address at the Detachment of Ohio Convention May 21, 2022.

photo by Historian Michael Baxter



Dewey Kuhl and Detachment Commander Doug Handcock during the 2022 Detachment of Ohio convention.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter





National Commander Michael Fox speaking at the Detachment of Ohio Convention.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



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The Ohio American Legion Family at Greenlawn Cemetery.
photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



National Commander Michael Fox delivering remarks at Greenlawn Cemetery.

photo by Matthew Baxter



Ohio and National leadership saluting as *The Star-Spangled Banner* was played.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



REVOLUTIONARY WAR



National Commander Michael Fox and Detachment Commander Doug Hancock preparing to place a wreath in Greenlawn Cemetery.
photo by PDC Adam Jones



Ohio Sons placing flags during the Detachment of Ohio's Flying Flags For Heroes Ceremony and Graves Decoration.
photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



Ohio American Legion Family members saluting as "Taps" was played during the Detachment of Ohio's Flying Flags For Heroes Ceremony and Graves Decoration May 21, 2022.
photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



Detachment Second Vice-Commander Dave Dilts, National Commander Michael Fox, National Executive Committeeman Bill "Buster" Sutterlin, Alternate National Executive Committeeman Steve Honigfort, and Detachment Commander following placement of a wreath at the Detachment of Ohio's Flying Flags For Heroes Ceremony and Graves Decoration.
Photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



National Vice-Commander Jeff Vrabel, Sr., Past Detachment Commander Gary Lang, Detachment First Vice-Commander Dennis Albright, Squadron 15 member Phillip Vrabel, and National Commander Michael Fox.
photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



Greenlawn Cemetery.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



National Commander Fox following his tour of the Boneyfiddle Military Museum in Portsmouth.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



Betty Smith of Scioto County Daily News interviewing National Commander Michael in Portsmouth's Greenlawn Cemetery following the detachment's Flying Flags For Heroes Ceremony and Graves Decoration. The American Legion Family placed six hundred flags during the ceremony.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



2022 - 2023 Detachment Officers being sworn-in by National Commander Jeff Vrabel, Sr. during the detachment convention.

photo by Historian Matthew Baxter



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THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT
(please print)

Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP _____

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Space Force
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

D17010

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT
(please print)

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
First Initial Last 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 _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20 _____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ 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.

D17010

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



DUES RECEIPT
(please print)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

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

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

Global War on Terror Lebanon/Grenada WWII

Gulf War Vietnam Other Conflicts

Panama Korea

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

Female Spouse Male Spouse Mother

Grandmother Sister Self

Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter)

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

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 _____

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____