



# THE OHIO SALUTE

## Top News

2025 Officers Elected at Ohio Detachment Conference

## Our Organizations Growth & Success

Jeffrey Vrabel, JR | Commander  
Todd Bidlack | First Vice-Commander  
Adam Budner | Second Vice-Commander  
Mike Kennedy | Chaplain  
Scott Thornton | Adjutant  
Gary Minadeo | Parliamentarian  
Gary Lang | National Executive Committeeman  
Jon Coakley, II | Alternate National Executive Committeeman  
Tim Conway | Immediate Past Commander  
Chad Westfall | SALute Editor

Like Father, Like Son.  
A Legacy Continues



Jeffrey Vrabel Jr. takes the diaus as Ohio Detachment Commander



## Ohio Detachment Convention | Chillicothe, OH

- New Officers step up to take the oath.

# BE THE ONE

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### **SUBMITTING ARTICLES:**

ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE TO BE MADE  
ELECTRONICALLY TO  
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ALL ARTICLES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULE:

**SUMMER:** NO LATER THAN FLAG DAY

**FALL:** NO LATER THAN 9/11

**WINTER:** NO LATER THAN PEARL HARBOR  
DAY

**SPRING:** NO LATER THAN ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

WITHOUT MORE SUBMISSIONS, SALUTE  
NEWSLETTER CAN NOT PUBLISH HELPFUL  
UPDATES. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
RECOGNIZE EACH POST FOR THEIR  
VOLUNTEERISM AND DEDICATION TO THE  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MISSION.

**COMMANDER REPORT**  
**JEFFREY VRABEL, JR**



GENTLEMEN,

PDCs CONWAY AND DILTS TOLD ME, BE READY BECAUSE THE YEAR WILL FLY. THEY WERE SPOT ON! THESE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE FLEW! AFTER CONVENTION I REGRETTABLY WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES IN DAYTON AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY. I'D LIKE TO THANK FIRST VICE COMMANDER BIDLACK FOR GOING IN MY PLACE. I SPENT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CONDUCTING SERVICES THROUGHOUT CEREMONIES THROUGH VARIOUS CEMETERIES AND ASSISTED LIVING COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE COMPANY I WORK FOR, BRIARFIELD.

I WAS ABLE TO BRING GREETINGS TO BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE AND BUCKEYE BOYS STATE. WHAT A FANTASTIC GROUP OF YOUNG PATRIOTS. BETWEEN MY POST 15 FAMILY, WE HAD 10 DELEGATES AT BGS AND BBS. THAT'S A FIRST FOR US!

MYSELF, ALONG WITH FIRST VICE TODD, AND MANY OTHER DETACHMENT OFFICERS ATTENDED A FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY AT MY OWN SQUADRON DURING THE CELEBRATE POLAND FESTIVAL. ON JULY 1ST, ASSISTANT HISTORIAN SHULUGA AND I, ALONG WITH DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AJ WHEATLEY AND HIS OFFICERS, AS WELL AS NATIONAL COMMANDER JIM LA COURSIERE TOURED THE GROUNDS OF SAVE A WARRIOR, WHICH IS MY COMMANDER'S PROGRAM. IT WAS A VERY VERY EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE AND IF YOU EVER HAVE THE CHANCE, TAKE THE TIME TO GO AND TOUR THE FACILITIES. IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE ME TO ATTEND IN YOUR AREA, FOR YOUR LEGION FAMILY, OR EVEN AN EVENT THAT YOU FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE A PRESENCE AT, JUST REACH OUT TO ME. I WANT TO ATTEND AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE!

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S, PLEASE GET YOUR CONFERENCE DATES TURNED IN ASAP!

YOURS IN SERVICE,

**VICE COMMANDER REPORT  
TODD BIDLACK**



HELLO DETACHMENT OFFICERS!

I'M THRILLED TO SHARE THE 2025-26 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARDS, TARGET DATES SCHEDULE, AND AWARDS THIS YEAR, OUR FOCUS INCLUDES:

- MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING INITIATIVES: CONDUCTING MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS STATEWIDE, EMPHASIZING TOOLS LIKE MYSAL.
- STATEWIDE COMMITMENT: VISITING COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGES, SHARE BEST PRACTICES.
- MEMBERSHIP RETENTION: STRENGTHENING MEMBER ENGAGEMENT THROUGH MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS, RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OFFICER VISIT REQUESTS, COMPLETE THE OFFICER REQUEST FORM AT OHIOLEGION.COM UNDER THE FORMS TAB. FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT.

TODD BIDLACK  
1ST VICE COMMANDER DETACHMENT OF OHIO  
TODDBIDLACK@GMAIL.COM

**AMERICANISM REPORT  
CHAIRMAN; RANDY MATTHEWS**

AS ALWAYS, WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR FLAG. PLEASE TEACH OTHERS ABOUT OUR FLAG AND SHOW IT THE RESPECT IT DESERVES.

TRY TO HELP YOUR POST WITH DINNERS, FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PARADES.

SUPPORT YOUR BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, AND LOCAL ATHLETICS.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

**REPRESENTING**

*More*

**THAN ME**

**POST 62 - BLACK SHEEP SQUADRON (CHILLICOTHE, OH)  
HOSTED THE 2025 SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION | MAY 16-18  
SUBMITTED BY NATE STEINBROOK**

COMMANDER NATE STEINBROOK AND THE ENTIRE SQUADRON 62 TEAM PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR A STELLAR DETACHMENT CONVENTION WEEKEND IN CHILLICOTHE. FROM THE KITCHEN CREW DISHING OUT DELICIOUS COMFORT FOOD TO THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE ENTIRE POST 62 FAMILY, IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT SOUTHERN OHIO KNOWS HOW TO HOST.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SHOWED UP, SUITED UP, AND SUPPORTED THE EVENT. ACCORDING TO MORE THAN A FEW GUESTS, 'WE CAME AS STRANGERS AND LEFT AS FAMILY.'







# SATURDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>



# FUEL THE FIGHT

short putt & ride in

**\$15/Bike (+\$5 for a rider)**

Covers a gorgeous, guided ride in the Ohio Valley, Event Entry & 1 ticket in the High Roller 50/50 per person

come early & grab lunch!

**1 pm ride out from Wagners Roadhouse**

**15164 Pleasant Valley Road, Chillicothe, 45601**

Onsite Registration opens at 12 pm or ahead of time Online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

## RIDE IN PARTY!

BIKES RIDE IN BY 4

CHILLICOTHE PUBLIC PARKING LOT | WEST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET

**\$5 entry (non-riders) | Gates Open & Tunes start @ 3 pm**

**Adult Beverages | Food | High Roller 50/50 | Door Prizes**



IN HONOR OF MIKE PORTER WITH PROCEEDS TO THE **LONG STRONG FOUNDATION FOR DAVIS LONG'S 'GO BAG' PROJECT FOR PATIENTS GOING THROUGH TREATMENT AT ADENA MEDICAL CENTER**

**POST 566 - AKRON GARFIELD MEMORIAL (COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, OH)  
FLAG POLE & FLAG DEDICATION AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH | JUNE 8, 2025  
SUBMITTED BY BOB CARSON, FINANCE OFFICER**

THE HONOR GUARD OF AKRON GARFIELD MEMORIAL POST 566 HELD A MEANINGFUL AND PATRIOTIC CEREMONY TO DEDICATE A NEW FLAG AND FLAGPOLE AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH. THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND VETERANS, WHO GATHERED TO WITNESS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE VALUES WE ALL SERVE TO PROTECT.



**FLAG DAY CEREMONY - CHILlicothe, OH**

**SQUADRON 62** PRESENTED A RESPECTFUL AND MOVING FLAG DAY CEREMONY, RETIRING WORN AND UNSERVICEABLE AMERICAN FLAGS WITH FULL HONORS. POST 62 PROUDLY SERVES AS ROSS COUNTY'S PRIMARY DROP-OFF LOCATION FOR RESIDENTS WISHING TO PROPERLY RETIRE THEIR AMERICAN FLAGS.



**DISTRICT 2**

**COMMANDER: RANDY MATTHEWS**

HELLO FROM SAL DISTRICT 2! OUR SQUADRONS PARTICIPATED IN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AND ARE PREPARING FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY. SUMMER MEANS FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PARADES. SUPPORT YOUR POST'S FUNDRAISERS, DINNERS, AND EVENTS. THE NEXT DISTRICT 2 MEETING WILL BE JULY 20TH IN DELPHOS, OHIO AT 1:00 PM.

**DISTRICT 3**

**COMMANDER: RUSS POWELL**

MEMBERS OF SQUADRON 598 PARTICIPATED IN THE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AT BEAVERTOWN CEMETERY IN KETTERING, OH. DISTRICT COMMANDER RUSS POWELL ALSO ATTENDED SEVERAL OTHER SERVICES ACROSS THE REGION. AT THE DAYTON VA, OVER 62,000 FLAGS WERE PLACED BY SCOUTS AND VOLUNTEERS IN JUST 30 MINUTES.

REMINDERS:

- SDR, CDR, AND OCF FORMS ARE DUE.
- EARLY BIRD STICKERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH RUBBER STAMPS (SEE PG. 151 OF THE EMBLEM SALES CATALOG).

VOLUNTEERISM: HELP AT LOCAL CEMETERIES IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

MEMBERSHIP: DISTRICT 3 IS AT 98.91% OF GOAL (3,073 OF 3,107). LET'S KEEP PUSHING!



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**YOUR**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MATTERS**

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**VOTE**  
**VRABEL**  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**I VOTE**  
IN HONOR OF A VETERAN





# 1919 Society Pledge Commitment

## DONOR INFORMATION

Donor(s)			
Address			
City		State	ZIP
Phone		Email	
Are you a member of the American Legion: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Member number	

## TERMS OF PLEDGE

I am supporting the 1919 Society with a pledge total of:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Today with a single payment

Over the next year, beginning on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years, beginning on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill me

Annually

Quarterly

Monthly

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## METHOD OF PAYMENT(S)

**Check** - Make checks payable to: **American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation - 1919 Society**

**Credit card**

Visa  MC  AmEx  Discover

Credit Card Number	Exp. Date
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**Planned Gifts and Stock** - Please contact The American Legion Office of Charitable Gifts toll free at **833-257-0955** or by email at **CharitableGiving@legion.org**

**Other**

My/Our gift will be matched by

Matching gift enclosed

Matching gift form will be sent

By electronically signing this 1919 Society Pledge Commitment (pledge commitment) I/we agree that this is a legally binding contract to give the amount(s) specified above to the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, doing business as American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation (ALVCF) and the ALVCF accepts such pledge/donation. I/we agree that the terms of this pledge commitment is legally binding upon and enforceable against me/us and my/our respective successors and heirs, including without limitation, my/our estate(s) and executor(s). This pledge commitment shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of Indiana. The ALVCF is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). The ALVCF's federal tax identification number is 35-6039680. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Donor Signature	Date
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**Thank you for your charitable contribution.**

## Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant) 00-001

### RECEIPT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_, Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Squadron Officer

