



SALUTE

October 2019

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

Here is hoping that you've had a great summer with family and friends. One of the things I really enjoying doing is going to the lake with my son Bob and his wife Brienne. We didn't get to spend that much family time this year because of all the flooding. This brings me to my point. My family are all members of the American Legion Family. Are Yours?

I know that people get tired of hearing about, talking about, and even working on membership. Remember, membership is what floats the boat. Without it there are no Posts, Units, Squadrons, or Chapters. We are 3 months into our 2019-2020 membership year and have so many goose eggs still that I get bored counting them. Do me a favor. Please!!! ELIMINATE THE GOOSE EGGS.

There are so many activities coming up in the next few months that I hope I can see you at one of them. I will try to make as many District homecomings as I can. The American Legion's Big Red 1 Turkey Run is coming up November 23 at Fort Riley. Be watching for more information on that as we get closer. Also, The American Legion's Operation North Pole will be upon us quicker than you think. The dates set aside for Sons of The American Legion Santa to make his appearance is December 13 and 14 also on Fort Riley. The American Legion Family comes together to make these events very successful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Roger Beckley, The Committee Chairman for The American Legion Riders. I might add, he has done a fantastic job working on these two events and has a committee that spends many hours working with him. Thank you all for what you do.

Have you ever thought about moving up in The Sons of The American Legion? There is a lot of knowledge that is untapped around the state of Kansas. I know many of you would make great Squadron, District, and Detachment officers. I've been fortunate to be able to travel around the state this past year and meet many of you. You could be a future leader. Our organization is always looking for quality leadership and now is the time to act. If you have the desire to move up, please contact myself or Adjutant Don Culver. It would be great to get more people involved.

Until Next Time "Always Remember the Mission".

Terry Harris

Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020

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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

We are virtually at the end of the 3rd month of the 2019-2020 membership drive. There will be one more membership report on the 4th just days from this writing. It would take a miracle to see a large change in the reduction of “Goose Eggs” at the pace we’re operating now. We currently have 49 out of 126 Squadrons with “Goose Eggs”. We are currently averaging a reduction of around 8 Squadrons each week from that list so we’re looking at around 7 more weeks to have a clean slate. That puts us on track to copy the last 2 years performance in this endeavor. I anticipate as December approaches once again the messages will include reminders of the annual deadline that signals the end of non-renewed members eligibility to insurance and membership privileges.

In preparation for writing this message I scrolled through the copies of last year’s monthly submission and was tempted to just change the date on it and resubmit it. That’s how similar the message was to what I’m saying this same time a year later. This is my 2nd consecutive year as your Vice Commander and the 3rd year total. It is very disheartening to have to admit that I’m repeating basically the same message every month now for 3 years. Myself and the other members of the Leadership Team have continually shared the message of team work in the membership drives, the importance of renewals, suggestions on eliminating the “Goose Eggs”, reviewing the tools available to all of us to accomplish our membership and renewals goals and the importance of membership to the very existence of this program.

The Sons of The American Legion is structured to provide multiple layers of Officers who provide the Leadership team for the complete Program. Starting with National to State to Districts within the State to the individual Squadrons there is a small army of Leaders to give guidance and direction to a Team effort to achieve the Goals and Purposes of this Program. With all of this going for us I get frustrated that we constantly struggle each year with the Membership part. It would appear that there must be a disconnect somewhere in the chain of communication to explain why we’re not all on track. Are our members at Squadron level receiving the message they need from Leadership and is the Leadership presenting the message to them with the level of importance and sincerity intended? I would appreciate some feedback on these questions. If you’ve read this message and feel the desire to have a conversation with me please call me at 785-443-6095 or e-mail me at wacuma2016@gmail.com.

Until next month thanks for all you do for our Veterans and their families, widows and orphans and keep up the good work on membership. You do make a difference in more lives than you realize through your voluntary efforts.

Respectfully,

Tom Wallsmith
Sons of The American Legion
Vice-Commander, Detachment of Kansas 2019-2020
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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

Membership:

2019 S.A.L. Membership:

THERE IS STILL TIME... It is not too late to pay 2019 dues.

Check your rosters and be sure your members have one last opportunity to keep their continuous membership in The Sons of The American Legion. We still need **40** to achieve our goal of 100%..!!

2020 S.A.L. Membership:

All Squadrons should have received the 2020 Membership Cards and packets. It's time to get rid of the membership "Goose-Eggs"!! We have **126** Squadrons in Kansas. As of **10-4-19 77** Squadrons have made a 2020 Membership Transmittal. That still leaves **49 "Goose-Eggs"**. Experience tells me that many Squadrons have collected 2020 dues but for whatever reason have yet to transmit them to Topeka. Please insure your Squadrons dues are transmitted in a timely manner.

Let's get rid of the "Goose-eggs"...!!!

2019-2020 Squadron Officers Forms:

Has your Squadron submitted an updated 2019-2020 Officers Form to Headquarters ??

Be certain to submit a 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Form even if there are no changes from last year. The blank form is in this issue of the SALute. Be sure to add e-mail addresses for your officers.

Please be sure your Squadron submits a 2019-2020 Squadron Officers Form.

We cannot communicate with you if we don't know who you are !!

Eisenhower Pilgrimage and Department Vice Commander Family Homecoming:

The date for this year's annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage at the Eisenhower Museum and Library in Abilene is Saturday, October 12. All Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons, the Districts and other Legion Family organizations are invited to attend and participate in this year's event. Saturday's program will start at **9:30 AM** immediately following the Presidential wreath laying ceremony. A Homecoming luncheon will be held at noon at the Greyhound Hall of Fame, 407 South Buckeye, Abilene, immediately following the Pilgrimage to honor Department Vice Commander Marri Krupco, Department Auxiliary Vice President Annette Scheaffer, and Detachment Vice Commander Tom Wallsmith. Please RSVP for the luncheon with the Reservation Form on the flyer included in this issue of the SALute.

Did You Know..??

Headquarters updates our S.A.L. Membership Report each Friday. The Membership Report is posted on the Department website, www.ksamlegion.org, for your use and information.

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

Don Culver

Adjutant, Detachment of Kansas

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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING



HONORING:

MARRI KRUPCO – AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER

ANNETTE SCHEAFFER – DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY VICE PRESIDENT

TOM WALLSMITH – SAL DETACHMENT VICE COMMANDER

October 12, 2019

(immediately following Eisenhower Pilgrimage) 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Greyhound Hall of Fame

407 S. Buckeye, Abilene, KS

\$15.00 in advance (RSVP by October 8)

\$18.00 at the door

LUNCHEON MENU:

Salisbury Steak or Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes with white or brown gravy

Green Beans, Salad, Cake, & Tea/Water

For additional information or to RSVP, contact: Marri Krupco (620) 224-7354

Use mkrupco@gmail.com to send money via PayPal (include a note with whom the RSVP is for)

-or-

Please Make checks Payable to Marri Krupco and mail to 510 E Main St., Blue Mound, KS 66010

----- Please cut and mail -----

Names: _____

Number of Salisbury Steak Meals _____ Number of Chicken Meals _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ Post/Unit/Squadron _____



The American Legion Family

The 12th Annual Big Red 1 Turkey Run is coming November 23rd 2019.

Gate Access will start at 0700 to setup

The event runs from 1000-1400

Let's all have a great time showing our Heroes how much we appreciate them



A special Thank You goes out to the entire Legion Family for all of the Donations of food to this event

Contact Roger Beckley
ALR Committee Chairman
For more Information
csmoif@yahoo.com

Contact Diana Starr
ALR Secretary
For more Information
dstarr68@me.com



National Dues Increase

At the Sons of The American Legion National Convention on August 24, 2019 in Indianapolis the delegates to the National Convention voted to increase national dues effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020). This is the first increase in national dues since 1982.

In anticipation of this the delegates of the state convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Kansas, voted to increase state dues at its Detachment Convention on May 18, 2019 in Hutchinson. The dues increase was subsequently approved by the Kansas Department Executive Committee at their meeting on June 1, 2019 in Concordia.

Currently each Kansas Squadron transmits \$10 per paid member to Headquarters in Topeka. Effective with the 2021 membership year (June 2020) that amount will increase to \$20 per paid member.

While many Squadrons may have to raise their member's dues next year to afford the increase in transmittal fee it should be remembered that the transmittal fee is still much less than what the Post sends to Topeka for each Veterans membership.

Any questions regarding the increase should be directed to Detachment Commander Terry Harris or Detachment Adjutant Don Culver.



S.A.L. District Officer Contacts

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

District 1

Commander:	Kyle Scheitler	kascheitler@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Keith Meyerhoff	keithwmeyerhoff@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Phillip Mueller	phillip.s.mueller@gmail.com

District 2

Commander:	Chris Hicks	royalsfan1980@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Matthew Krupco	nflmwk@hotmail.com
Adjutant:	Troy Shields	troyshields1@hotmail.com

District 3

Commander:	Russell Caulkins	BigRuss67337@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	Ronnie Rommel	ronnie.rommel72@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Jimmie Trenary	jimmietrenary1968@kanokla.net

District 4

Commander:	Randy Porter	bightmeagain2@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	John Trotter	johnet3@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Harvey Eccles	hecclles@yahoo.com

District 5

Commander:	Brian Simpson	simpsy408@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Steve Zimmerman	szmowing482@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Don Culver	dlculver@swbell.net

District 6

Commander:	L. Reilly	barlrangus@ruraltel.net
Vice Commander:	Andy Phelps	lazyaqtr@wilsoncom.us
Adjutant:	Damon Christensen	damoncc@nckcn.com

District 7

Commander:	Brent McInnis	mcinnisbrent1@gmail.com
Vice Commander:	Gerald Postlewaite	jpost21@cox.net
Adjutant:	Chris Krueger	chrisk153@gmail.com

District 8

Commander:	John Hall	jwh121@yahoo.com
Vice Commander:	Joshua Ledbetter	redneckjm83@gmail.com
Adjutant:	Larry "Pete" Hall	dr_tr_outlaw@yahoo.com

District 9

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

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

Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2019

- *Updated 2019-2020 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka*

October 5, 2019

- *District 4 Homecoming* ... Manhattan Post 17 ... 2 PM - 4PM

October 5, 2019

- *District 6 Homecoming* ... Ellsworth Post 174 ... social hour at 4 PM, Dinner at 5 PM
- Held in conjunction with District Fall Conference which starts at 10 AM

October 11-13, 2019

- S.A.L. Fall NEC Meeting & Detachment Commanders Training ... Indianapolis

October 12, 2019

- Eisenhower Pilgrimage, Abilene ... ~~10:30~~ 9:30 AM
- *Department Vice Commanders Homecoming*, Abilene ... immediately following the Eisenhower Pilgrimage

October 19, 2019

- *District 1 Homecoming* ... Topeka Post 400 ... Social 4:30 PM, Dinner 5:30 PM, Dance 7:00 PM

October 19, 2019

- *District 9 Homecoming* ... Grainfield Post 301 ... 10 AM – 3 PM

October 26, 2019

- *District 2 Homecoming* ... Gardner Post 19 ... 6 PM

October 26, 2019

- *District 5 Homecoming* ... Wichita Post 4 ... 5 PM

October 26, 2019

- *District 7 Homecoming* ... Hutchinson Post 68 ... Luncheon

November 11, 2019

- Veterans Day

November 23, 2019

- Big Red One Turkey Run, Fort Riley

December 7, 2019

- Department Christmas Party ... Hutchinson Post 68

December 13-14, 2019

- Operation North Pole, Fort Riley

February 1-2, 2020

- Mid-Winter Conference ... Fort Scott Post #25

THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2019-2020 S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICERS LIST

THE OFFICERS OF _____ SQUADRON # _____ DISTRICT # _____

**MAKE SURE EACH OFFICERS NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER and E-MAIL IS COMPLETED**

COMMANDER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FIRST VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SECOND VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ADJUTANT: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FINANCE OFFICER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

CHAPLAIN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SGT.-AT-ARMS: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

HISTORIAN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AMERICAN LEGION ADVISOR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

MEETING DATE & TIME _____

ANNUAL DUES _____

SQUADRON'S PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

WE'VE HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT DETACHMENT MAILINGS NOT BEING RECEIVED OR SENT TO THE WRONG PERSON. BY RETURNING THIS FORM WE WILL HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AFTER YOUR ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS AT THAT MEETING
AND FORWARD THIS FORM TO HEADQUARTERS**

Communication Tools:

- Detachment of Kansas web site: www.kssal.org
 - Detachment of Kansas Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal>
 - S.A.L. National web site: www.legion.org/sons
 - S.A.L. National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionsons>
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Future National Conventions

Louisville, KY	August 28-September 3, 2020
Phoenix, AZ	August 27-September 2, 2021
Milwaukee, WI	August 26-September 1, 2022
Charlotte, NC	August 25-31, 2023
New Orleans, LA	August 23-29, 2024

Does your membership card say **2020 on it...?
If not, it's time for you to renew ...!!**



**Renew your Squadron dues...
then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.
Don't let your Squadron be a "Goose-Egg" ...!!**