



SALUTE

March 2021

A Detachment of Kansas Newsletter

Greetings Team Kansas,

MID-Winter Forum went quite well with good attendance and lots of participation on the part of the attendees. It was great to see new faces attending and stepping up to become active in the Sons group.

We continue to gain renewals for membership and did meet the 75% goal in February and are within a few percentage points towards the 80% goal on March the 10th. We all know what it takes to get our members to renew, so let's get busy and start making the calls and contacts to encourage renewals. Get with your Membership team and split up the list of members not renewed to lighten the load. The District Officers need to renew their efforts to contact Squadrons which are lagging behind and especially the ones who haven't made a single transmittal at this time. There are 11 Squadrons that haven't made a transmittal. Out of those 11 there are 6 Squadrons that were in the same situation this time last year. Unfortunately, the other 5 were not. District Commanders and Vice Commanders need to contact those 11 Squadrons to find out what the problem is.

Looking ahead the months of March and April will be active with District Conventions. I encourage all of you to attend and participate in your District Convention as this is an opportunity to have your voice heard and to help shape the Leadership Team going forward.

Until next month, Thank You for all you do for our Veterans, their families and fellow American Legion Family members. Keep up the good works, you make a difference in more lives than you can imagine. Stay safe and healthy.

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Notes from the Detachment Vice-Commander And Membership Chairman

Greetings Team Kansas,

Good job on making our quota for February. Now our next deadline is March 10 for 80%. We Can Do It! Congratulations to Springhill for making 138% and Sterling for moving out of the Goose eggs. Just a reminder if your Squadron is not at 100% then Please don't give up. We are now at the hardest part of getting those last few members. I want to say thanks to Master at Arms, Jim Gallentine, for helping reach out to those Squadrons that need help. Thanks again for all that you do and if there is anything I can do don't hesitate to ask.

Stay safe and healthy...!!

James Snyder

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Detachment Adjutant's Notes:

2021 Membership:

Do you know when our membership year starts and ends? Our year is the same as The American Legion's. We run from July 1, to June 30. We need to start on membership as soon as we receive our cards. One of our problems is we don't seem to worry about membership until later in the year. The sooner we can get our membership work done, the faster we can get onto carrying out the mission of The American Legion. Please, if you have questions, Contact one of your Detachment Officers and we will do whatever we can to help.

2021 Kansas Legacy Run:

I'm going to take a little time to write about the Kansas Legacy Run. It was cancelled in 2020 like almost everything else was. This year's run is going to take place from June 10 – June 13 2021. The reason I bring this up now is because this is a fund raiser for The American Legion Legacy Fund. If you or your Squadron would like to donate, you can either mail your donation to Department Headquarters and put in the memo, Kansas Legacy Run, or meet us somewhere along the route and we can take your donation there. All of the Kansas Legacy Run information can be found on the ALR website at www.kansasalr.com.

Up-Coming:

Do you want to get involved? Here is your chance. Take a look at the schedule below and see when and where your District convention is. Being a District officer is a great way to become more involved in helping to make this organization better. We need strong leaders that can help us grow and carry on the mission of The American Legion. If you have any questions, please contact your District officers, or contact me and I will get you in contact with them. I hope to see many of you at the District conventions that I am able to attend.

- **Do you visit our Detachment Website? www.salkansas.org**
- **Do you visit the Detachment Facebook Page? <https://www.facebook.com/kansassal/>**
- ***Has your Squadron submitted its new Officers list to Headquarters ??***
The blank form is in this issue of the SALute.

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

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"GOOSE-EGG" SQUADRONS

Here it is March, month 9 in the new membership year,

And these Squadrons have not transmitted any membership...zero, zip, nada.

Definitely not a badge of honor..!!

District 1: Topeka 001, Troy, Hiawatha, Hanover

District 2: Kansas City 188, Kansas City 213

District 3: Cherokee

District 4: Lyndon

District 5: Andover

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

District 7: Isabel, Kingman

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

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

Per Headquarters 2-26-2021



Squadron Elections

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

S.A.L. District Conventions/Elections

March and April are the months for all Districts to conduct their District Conventions. Sons of The American Legion Districts are expected to conduct their District Conventions and elections the same weekend as their American Legion District Convention. Please make certain you submit your new S.A.L. District Officers listing to Headquarters immediately following your convention/elections.



THIS SHEET DUE TO HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 1

2021-2022 S.A.L. SQUADRON OFFICERS LIST

THE OFFICERS OF (City)_____ SQUADRON #_____ DISTRICT #_____

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

COMMANDER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FIRST VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SECOND VICE-CMDR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ADJUTANT: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FINANCE OFFICER: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

CHAPLAIN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SGT.-AT-ARMS: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

HISTORIAN: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AMERICAN LEGION ADVISOR: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

MEETING DATE & TIME _____

ANNUAL DUES _____

SQUADRON'S PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

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

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

All Squadrons in the Detachment of KANSAS can now process membership online

This feature utilizes electronic payment methods via MySAL.org, and eliminates the need for Squadron Officers to send the National and Detachment portion of the (3-part) membership cards and paper-checks to the Department/Detachment Headquarters office.

If you are currently a MySAL.org user, just select the "Process Membership" option in the left-menu. The attached instructions should help you navigate through this new feature.

If you are NOT a MySAL.org user, go to www.MySAL.org and sign-up by completing the "Squadron Authorization Form". Please print the attachment(s) for instructions and more details.

If you experience any problems or issues, Customer Support can be reached by calling 1-800-433-3318 or by email: MyLegion@Legion.org.

Justin McKay
The American Legion
MyLegion Department Services, IT



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NOTE:

Individuals CANNOT process or renew on-line at this time, ONLY Squadrons.

If you have any questions please contact our Department Membership Secretary Michelle at 785-232-9315, or Detachment Adjutant Terry Harris.

Also,

Squadron On-Line Transmittals are an optional feature and not mandatory at this time.

Additional info /instructions can be found on our web page www.salkansas.org under the Membership Tab

Upcoming Events/Dates:

July 1, 2020

- *Updated 2020-2021 Squadron Officer lists were due to Headquarters in Topeka*

March 13, 2021

- Department Oratorical Contest ... Manhattan Post 17... Doors will be secured at 9 AM

May 14-16, 2021

- Department Convention ... Ramada Hotel, 420 SE 6th St., Topeka

June 4-6, 2021

- American Legion Leadership College ... ~~Concordia~~ *location TBD*

June 10-13, 2021

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

2021 Kansas District Conventions:

March 20, 2021

- District 9 ... Oberlin

March 26-28, 2021

- District 3 ... Winfield

March 27, 2021

- District 2 ... Lenexa

April 10, 2021

- District 5 ... McPherson

April 10, 2021

- District 7 ... Great Bend

April 17, 2021

- District 6 ... Concordia

April 17-18, 2021

- District 8 ... Garden City

April 24, 2021

- District 1 ... Topeka #400

April 24, 2021

- District 4 ... Leonardville

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

_____ **Squadron #** _____

_____, **Kansas**

Date _____

To: Department Finance Officer, The American Legion
1314 S.W. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66612-1886

Dues for 20_____ _____ New and _____ Renewal Members @ **20.00** \$ _____

Add shortage from previous transmittal _____

Less credit from previous transmittal _____

Total Amount Transmitted by Check # _____ \$ _____

Squadron Officer

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Squadron Officer, Sons of The American Legion.

_____, 20_____

_____, Kansas

This will acknowledge receipt of your Dues Transmittal of _____, 20_____

containing \$ _____ as National and Department Dues for _____ New and _____ Renewal

members of your Squadron, together with _____ "Detachment Record Cards". Your total

Squadron membership is now _____ . Check # _____

Thank You,

RETURN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO:

Michelle Johnston, Membership Secretary
membership@kansaslegion.org
785-232-9315

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Always fill out return address

Communication Tools:

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

Future National Conventions

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

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

If it does, your membership has expired !!

It's time to renew your membership !!

Please be sure to renew your dues...

Then be sure it gets transmitted to Topeka.



TIME TO RENEW

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!