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Taking A Closer Look

2020—The Year In Review

The 2019—20 year got off to a great start with our Detachment Convention held in Richmond, Virginia. We celebrated the accomplishments of the previous year, elected the new officers for the 2019-20 year, and made plans for the upcoming year. Fred Vaccarella was elected Detachment Commander with Victor Graulau, Joe Gallagher, and David Boggs as Detachment Vice Commanders.

August brought Legion College with a successful session for the Sons led by Jeff Lee and Kevin Chaplin. Later in August, the Virginia Detachment delegation would go to the National Convention to support our National Commander candidate, Clint Bolt for his election and installation as Sons National Commander.

Always do. Our group went to the Fall NEC Meetings in Indianapolis where Detachment Commander Fred Vaccarella and Detachment Commander Leading Candidate, Victor Graulau would attend Detachment Commander’s Training Class. SAL National Commander, Clint Bolt, would conduct his first national meetings as National Commander.

The Detachment would then meet in Williamsburg for its Fall Conference. We were honored to have SAL National Commander Bolt as our guest. Commander Bolt would address our Fall Conference.

The normal OCF Fishing Fundraiser in Avon would be cancelled due to a Con’t on Page 5

This will be the final issue of the 2019-20 year. This issue will celebrate the accomplishments of our Detachment for the 2019-20 year.

Despite the challenges this year brought we still persevered through some very Challenging times and will still need to persevere further in the upcoming year as challenges still loom.

We appreciate all of the Squadrons who made donations this year. Thank you for all of your hard work.

About This Issue

This will be the final issue of the 2019-20 year. This issue will celebrate the accomplishments of our Detachment for the 2019-20 year.

We also appreciate all of our Squadrons hard work on Membership this year. As of this issue, we are a little over 90 members short of making 100% this year. Please keep those coming in. We really need to make that 100% for this year,
Commander’s Corner—Fred Vaccarella - ‘Focus 2020’

Greetings to all Sons of the Detachment of Virginia.

This is my last article for the Focus as your Detachment Commander. The year has flown by and we have faced trying times that I am sure none of us anticipated nor have ever confronted in our lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite all the controversy and closing of Post facilities we have prevailed. We can proudly hold our heads high and we have continued in the spirit of our forefathers to succeed.

The Sons of Virginia have smashed new records despite the turmoil only because of your positive attitudes and persistence. You should feel Blessed that you are an American. The SAL stand united together in hard times and still take care of our veterans and their families.

I have received periodic reports from squadrons throughout the State that have been in touch with the elderly and/or medically challenged in our Legion family and our civilian communities.

This is quite a tribute to our fathers and grandfathers who have entitled us to be Sons of the American Legion.

Our membership drive as of July 8th’s report has the Detachment

Adjutant’s Blog—July 2020

We wrapped up a very challenging year this weekend by having a VERY successful, first ever, virtual Detachment Convention. We used Zoom to do the Convention. As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, our American Legion family was thrust into 21st century technologies.

This will be my last Adjutant’s Blog as your Detachment Adjutant. I will be stepping back and assisting newly appointed Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin with his new duties as Detachment Adjutant. Kevin will be able to help us move in to the 21st century using new technologies and tools to improve communication within the Detachment. Something that needs desperate improvement.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the last 10 years as your Detachment Adjutant. I enjoyed working with everyone over the years and will continue to support the Detachment anyway I can. I will still

Continue to serve at the National level as an Assistant National Adjutant. Congratulations one and all on your election and appointments for the upcoming year!!!

We are going to leave the contact information that was included in the last issue of the focus in this space. If your Squadron has any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Past Detachment Commanders. If we can assist, please let us know.

Here are some of those Past Detachment Commanders and their email addresses. Linwood Moore — NEC (woodman989@Aol.com), Bob Borkovich—Past Det. Cdr., (vapittfan959@yahoo.com), Jeff Evans, Detachment Finance Officer (vacobblers@cox.net), Steve Gower—Detachment Judge Advocate (stevegover@cox.net). Scott Williams—Detachment Adjutant (SonsVADetADJ@comcast.net), and Clint Bolt—Detachment Scholarship Chairman (sonscdbolt@aol.com). We are here to serve and to help in anyway possible. We all want the same things. We want our organization to be successful and for all of our Blue Cappers to be successful in their support of our programs. So, please feel free to reach out to any of our Past Detachment Commanders for assistance.

Scott Williams—Detachment Adjutant
Commander’s Corner con’t

Cont. from page 2 ranked as #19 out of #55 that includes 50 States, territories and two countries (France and China). We are at 97.70 % which is only 104 members short from hitting 100 % for 2020.

We have a Virginian as our SAL National Commander, Mr. Clint Bolt.
We ranked number #4 in the Nation for per capita donation dollars to the Children Welfare Foundation (CWF). How strong is this!
We are 72 squadrons strong in Virginia. The figures that I will share with you on hours and donations are reflective of only 20 CSR reports submitted to the Detachment for the 2020 year of activity. It is sad that this is only 27.7% of squadrons reporting. I cannot fathom how much higher and better the numbers would be and look if we all turned in our CSRs on time.

Contributions and/or hours to SAL Charity funds:
VA&R: 1400 hours and $2000
NEF: 100 Hours and $1500
OCW: 100 hours and $3000
CWF: 100 hours and $4000

The Detachment sold 50 CWF aprons for an additional $1000 contribution. We will have 300 more CWF aprons available at National Legion HQs in late July. Squadron #327 has a sign-up list started for sales of aprons in that Post.

We have two candidates for the Detachment Scholarship. One of these gentlemen will be awarded $1500.00.

WE ARE ELECTRONIC!!
We are no longer in the Stone Age. No more black and white rabbit eared tv sets. We are in the digital age. Reports and forms are all available on the Virginia SAL website. They are all in a fillable format and easy to complete. All current and past Detachment officers will gladly assist you if you have any questions about how to fill out a form. Con’t Pg 5

Detachment 2019 Convention Pictures

Various Detachment Convention Photos—Detachment Scholarship Award Winner, Squadron Award Winners and Donations, Candidate, Officer Elections, presentation of Son of the Year Award—photos by Det. Ass’t Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin.
Here is the next installment in the rich 100 Year History of the American Legion. We are going to look at key dates and events in the next several decades.

1940s

Sept. 19-21, 1942: Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word “War” is changed to “Wars.”

Dec. 15, 1943: Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the “GI Bill of Rights” — considered the Legion’s single greatest legislative achievement.

June 22, 1944: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen’s Readjustment Act, ushering in monumental changes in U.S. society. Higher education becomes democratized after 8 million veterans go to school on the GI Bill, get better jobs, buy houses in the suburbs and raise families. For every dollar spent on educating veterans, the U.S. economy eventually gets $7 back.

May 29, 1946: The Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary present a small, struggling organization called the American Heart Association with a $50,000 grant. The grant inaugurates a nationwide program for the study, prevention and treatment of rheumatic heart disease.

1950s

May 4, 1950: The Legion votes to contribute funds to the field of mental health, thereby playing a key role in launching the National Association for Mental Health.

July 9, 1954: The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is formed. Today, more than $11 million has been awarded to youth organizations and projects designed to help America’s children.

National Convention Photos

Commander’s Corner—Con’t from Page 3

We have had our first “Zoom” teleconference electing our 2021 Detachment officers.

I believe that shortly we will have online membership for new members and renewals as soon as the Department allows us to do so. This method has been tried out in several larger SAL Detachments and well received.

Please do not forget the powerful “mysal.org” tool that is available to every squadron. This tool helps immensely. It gives you a real time pulse on your membership. It gives you three points of contact to your members via phones numbers, e-mail and snail mail. You can also use this tool for birthday cards and announcement of holiday activities or SAL projects.

In summary I want to thank all for allowing me to serve this year as your Detachment Commander. It sure has been an honor.

I wish that COVID19 had not been in the way so that I would have had more events and squadrons to attend.

I want to congratulate the incoming Detachment officers for 2021 and the Committee Chairs and wish each of you a very successful and productive year. I will be available to help and assist in any way possible.

Let us make 2021 a banner year.

God Bless All.

For God and Country, Fred Vaccarella

2020 Year In Review—Continued from Page 1

Nor’ Easter that wiped out the fishing pier in Avon, NC. This was a huge fundraiser that normally raised from $5,000 to $10,000 for Operation Comfort Warriors. So, we had a huge gap to make up for the reduced donations to OCW for this year.

We all then would celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with our families and Post families. Hosting Thanksgiving Dinners for our communities and holiday parties for our Post families. Enter 2020.

February would bring our Mid Winter Meeting in Norfolk followed by our annual Spring Conference at Portsmouth. We were privileged and honored to host SAL National Vice Commander, Blair Miles, as our distinguished guest from the Detachment of Alabama.

Early in March, some of our Detachment would meet in Washington as SAL National Commander, Clint Bolt, would lead the Sons delegation to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the World War II Memorial, and other Memorials for our annual Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Washington Conference. However, this year would be different than past years. The National Adjutant would advise those attending the Washington Conference that they could not shake hands, they had to fist bump or bump elbows due to the COVID-19 Flu Pandemic. Then everything changed.

Later in March, Washington shut businesses down. The American Legion Posts closed their doors and we were told to stay in place at home and if we went out that we had to wear face coverings whenever we went out in public. Soon after, membership numbers started to decrease, fundraisers ceased, and ‘Buddy Checks’ became normal operating procedure. Events would be cancelled including the Spring NEC Meetings, our SAL National Commander’s Homecoming, and the National Convention in August.

Despite all, our organization is still here, still serving veterans, still serving our communities, and still serving families. We are persevering in challenging times. AND more importantly embracing 21st century technologies so that we can continue to do what we do best-support the American Legion Family.

For the first time in Detachment History, we held our first ever ‘Virtual Detachment Convention’ with 15 Squadrons present, we elected the 2020-21 Officers, recognized our Detachment Award Winners and can look forward to another successful, yet challenging year ahead. We will be looking to employ more technology to reach out to all of our members and keep them in the ‘know’ as to what our Detachment is doing, upcoming events, upcoming virtual training for our Squadrons, and many other opportunities.
In Memoriam—Clyde ‘Chic’ Ferguson

In September of 2019, we lost a strong supporter of the Sons. Clyde ‘Chic’ Ferguson passed away at the age of 89. He was a Past Department Commander, served as Chairman of the SAL Sub Committee, was an Honorary Past Detachment Commander, and served on numerous committees at both the Department and National levels within the American Legion. Mr. Ferguson’s obituary is below.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Adams Ferguson, four daughters Carol Embrey Belles widow of Charles Belles of Triangle, Debbie Carter and husband Warren Carter of Stafford, Darlene Borkovich and husband Bob Borkovich of Thornburg and Tracey Via and husband Robert Via of Stafford, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-children. He is also survived by his brothers Perry Ferguson and Ronald Ferguson of Woodbridge. He is predeceased by his son Clyde Cecil Ferguson Jr. and his daughter Teresa Faye Ferguson, his parents John and Annie Kate Ferguson, his sisters Shirley Mitchem and Wilma McBridge.

Chic was born in West Virginia in 1930 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1947. When he transferred to Quantico he met his wife Loretta. After leaving the Corps he worked for the A&P Grocery Store quickly working himself up to assistant manager before moving on to Giant Food. After retiring from the grocery distribution, he served as Commissary Officer at the Adult Detention Center in Manassas for a number of years when he decided to retire again. Chic was very active until the day of his death.

Between work and raising a family Chic found time to work with the veterans thru The American Legion Buck Keyes Post 28. He served many offices in the organizations was elected as State Commander of the organization in 1985. Helping the veterans and children became his passion and he continued working with the organization until his death. He also worked with the 40 & 8, Marine Corps League and Masonics.

Chic further helped his community, serving as Mayor of the Town of Dumfries After his last retirement Chic devoted his time to his family, The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and his vegetable garden and flowers.

Congratulations To The 2020—21 Detachment Officers !!

Detachment Commander
Victor Graulau (28)

Detachment Vice Commanders
Joe Gallagher (284)
David Boggs (16)
Tyler Vanice (176)

NEC
Willie Morgan (67)

Alt NEC
Jeff Lee (284)

Adjutant
Kevin Chaplin (284)

Ass’t Adjutant
Scott Williams (293)

Finance Officer
Jeff Evans (327)

Judge Advocate
Steve Gower (327)

Sgt At Arms
Jeremy Wallace (180)

Chaplain
Robert Wilson, Sr (368)

Historian
Mark Young, Sr.
2020-21 Detachment Committee Chairmen

Americanism                        David Boggs (16)
Children and Youth                 Tyler Vanice (176)
VA & R                             Joe Gallagher (284)
Membership                         Kevin Chaplin (284)
Public Relations                   Kevin Chaplin (284)
Legislative                        Linwood Moore (284)
CWF & CMN                          Willie Morgan (67)
Scholarship                        Clint Bolt (72)
Finance                            Jeff Evans (327)
IT                                  Scott Williams (293)
Nominating                         Steve Gower (327)
Constitution & By Laws             Jeff Evans (327)

2020 Membership—By The Numbers

As of the June 25, Detachment Membership Report:

Regional Standings:  
Eastern Region 94.46%
Northern Region 93.28%
Western Region 93.26%

100 % or Squadrons—Squadron 327 Norfolk (102.73%), Squadron 25 Newport News (108.33%), Squadron 67 Hampton (106.25%), Squadron 75 Gloucester (150%), Squadron 368 Newport News (117.31%), Squadron 120 Disputanta (170%), Squadron 1 Richmond (230%), Squadron 144 Highland Springs (120%), Squadron 186 Midlothian (126.32%), Squadron 284 Colonial Heights (110.88%), Squadron 74 Charlottesville (100%), Squadron 157 Madison (104.76%), Squadron 215 Goochland (131.58%), Squadron 126 Buena Vista (154.55%), Squadron 21 Winchester (102.29%), Squadron 53 Front Royal (100%), Squadron 77 Strasburg (102.29%), Squadron 199 Woodstock (103.41%), Squadron 28 Dumfries (101.04%), Squadron 293 Purcellville (105.38%), Squadron 364 Woodbridge (105.5%), Squadron 130 Falls Church (104.08%), Squadron 176 Springfield (118.46%), Squadron 270 McLean (100%), Squadron 99 Bruce-Walker (150%), Squadron 29 Danville (100%), Squadron 1097 Danville (108.82%), Squadron 93 Buchanan (107.89%), Squadron 17 Lovingston (120%), and Squadron 104 Appomattox (111.76%).

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!!!
For our Junior Members

Constitution Day Word Search

Constitution Day

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For our Junior Members

Flag Day Word Search Solution

FLAG DAY WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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Click HERE To Sign Up For The Virginia American Legion Email List

Go to www.valegion.org to sign up for the Detachment Weekly Membership Reports.
And The Winners Are!!

Congratulations To The Following Detachment Award Winners!!

Americanism

Small  Squadron 17 Lovingston
Medium  Squadron 67 Hampton
Large  Squadron 284 Colonial Heights

Children & Youth

Small  Squadron 175 Mechanicsville
Medium  Squadron 67 Hampton
Large  Squadron 284 Colonial Heights

VA & R

Small  Squadron 280 Chesapeake
Medium  Squadron 67 Hampton
Large  Squadron 327 Norfolk

Detachment Scholarship

Caleb Dufrene—Squadron 290 Stafford

Detachment Son of the Year

Scott Williams—Squadron 293 Purcellville

Detachment Communications

In an effort to improve Detachment Communications, we are using a new email tool to send email messages throughout the Detachment. To date we have almost 2,000 email addresses from Sons Members across the Detachment. The Detachment is using Mailchimp email tool to handle high volume emails. We ask that when you receive emails from the Detachment to please open them. The email tool tracks this kind of information. If you want to receive these emails, please send your email address to Kevin Chaplin, kchaplin@lexacom.net. Thanks!

Detachment Membership Reports

The Detachment weekly membership reports are available on the Detachment Website at www.vasons.org. You can also have the Detachment Weekly Membership Report emailed to you. To do this, please go to the Department Website at https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001yIKQX0yskQCMXp6xaXK1AnDjNP90_s6AZPGg7CvFrdvKQxSdqmqSZQUZWA16iAVEAD6nfrtXxvnA9SM_oxAyKQm6MtWghPESoOkme672i-o%3D to sign up.
# Detachment of Virginia Accomplishments—2020

## Sons of The American Legion Accomplishments

June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020

## DETACHMENT OF VIRGINIA

### Americanism

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Job Well Done Detachment of Virginia!!
Squadron

Everlasting

Please keep the families of the following members in your thoughts and prayers - Steve Tucker (2), Victor Higgs (10), Tommy Triplett (21), Patrick O’Keefe (48), Robert O’Keefe (48), John Soth (50), Shirley Chadwell (53), Archie Himes (53), Leroy Lillard (53), William Jones (67), Jack Grubb (77), Kenneth Holsinger (77), Cedric Kesee (79), Dan Friel (130), Robert McInturff (139), Leroy Thompson (141), Mike Hacker (146), William Rapole (146), Guilford Renn (146), Jerry Vance (146), William Robinson (151), John Cameron (177), Richard Owen (177), Stan Verrochio (177), Andrew Cunningham (180), Jon Markley (199), Landon Shaw (199), Arnold Kimble (270), Michael Lee (274), Thomas Kifer (284), Ralph Summerson (284), Kenneth Menks (290), Roger Harner (327), John Neault (327), Siegfried Irby (1097), James Zimbro (1976), Donnie Callaham (16), Terry Newlin (21), Walter Ritter (21), Ellis Shanholtzer (21), Kenneth Franks (25), Clyde Ferguson (28), Kenneth Bailerini (159), Burton Crump (180), and Olin Fincher (320).

Please notify the Detachment Adjutant Kevin Chaplin (vasons2020@gmail.com) and the Detachment Chaplain Robert Wilson Sr (robertwilsonsrsr.54@gmail.com) of any members who have passed away. Please be sure to also update the records on MySAL as well.

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks!

In Memoriam

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First Virtual Detachment Convention 2020

Photos from the Fall 2019 NEC with SAL National Commander Clint Bolt. Photos from top left—SAL National Commander Clint Bolt convenes the Sunday session, Sunday NEC Session, Detachment of Virginia NEC Linwood Moore, Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp, National Legislative Commission Tom Deal, and Detachment Commander School, Fred Vaccarella.
WANT TO ADD A SQUADRON?

If your post does not have a Squadron and is interested in starting up a Squadron, you need 10 members to charter a Squadron. It also needs to be approved by the sponsoring American Legion Post.

If you need more information about starting a Squadron, please feel free to contact Detachment Commander, Victor Graulau, Detachment Vice Commander, Joe Gallagher (Eastern Region), Detachment Vice Commander, David Boggs (Western Region), Detachment Vice Commander, Tyler Vanice (Northern Region), or Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin. We would be glad to help you in any way to get a Squadron started.

THE FOCUS

The Focus is the Detachment of Virginia, Sons Of The American Legion’s E-Letter or newsletter. This is a great tool for our Squadrons to promote their activities and accomplishments. Every Squadron does something within the Detachment. It can be putting flags on veterans graves to a Fisher House Fundraiser to having a Squadron Member who is an Eagle Scout to a Child Welfare Foundation Fundraiser. We want to hear what your Squadron is doing.

It does not take that much time to put a simple article together for The Focus. A few of our Squadrons contributed articles to this issue. The basic points or questions the article needs to answer are as follows: 1. What was the event? Dinner, Raffle, etc. 2. Who held the event? 3. What was the event for? 4. When was the event held? 5. Where was the event held? 6. Other highlights from the event… 7. What were the results from the event? How much did you raise?

We are in REAL need of getting articles from our Squadrons on their various activities. We received over 35 Consolidated Reports this year. We know Squadrons are active. We want to hear from you!

Please send your articles to Scott Williams at SonsVADetADJ@comcast.net

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Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

Although Sons has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, SAL is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in SAL.

Upcoming Events

- Fall NEC: Oct 9-11, 2020
- Fall Conference (Virtual?): Oct 23—25, 2020
- Mid Winter Meeting: Feb/Mar 2020
- Spring Conference: Feb/Mar 2020

Detachment Officers and Committee Members Needed - If you are interested in serving at the Detachment Level—either as an officer, committee chairman, or committee member, please contact Detachment Commander, Victor Graulau, NEC, Willie Morgan, Alt NEC, Jeff Lee, or Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin. It is a great honor to serve and represent your Squadron.

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“The Focus”

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