

Sons Of The American Legion—Detachment of Virginia



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'Flying Flags for Heroes'



SAL National Commander, Michael Fox (CA)'s project for this year is 'Flying Flags for Heroes'. At the Fall NEC in Indianapolis this year, the NEC and participants went to Lincoln Memorial Gardens in Whitestown, Indiana on Saturday, October 2. Below is the article from the American Legion.

Photo above courtesy of The American Legion. Photographer—Ben Mikesell. Sons of The American Legion member Kevin Chaplin of Virginia Squadron 284 places a flag on a veteran's grave during a flag ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown, Indiana, on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

A rainy Saturday in the Indianapolis area let up just long enough for SAL National Commander Michael Fox, American Legion Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel, the SAL National Executive Committee (NEC) and others to place dozens of flags on veterans' graves at Lincoln Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown, Ind.

"It was raining, but the good Lord has blessed us and kind of (cleared) the skies for a few minutes," Fox said to those in attendance.

The event took place during the SAL NEC fall meeting and is part of Fox's service project, Flying Flags for Heroes. The goal of the project is to place 1 million flags on veterans' graves in local cemeteries nationwide during Fox's year as national commander.

While many veterans are buried in national cemeteries, many others are in local cemeteries, Fox pointed out.

"No matter where you go, you're going to find a veteran. And what we do throughout the year, as we place flags to honor our veterans, is to pay respect to all of those," Fox said.

Among those participating in the event on Oct. 2 was SAL Past National Commander David Stephens. **Continued on Page 7**

About This Issue

This is the first issue for the 2021-22 year. We introduce our newly elected Detachment Commander and some words from our Detachment Vice Commanders

Don't let the High Tech keep you from the personal touch-doing 'Buddy Checks'.

We will provide some updates on the MyLegion Membership tool

Our Adjutant will talk some about Membership and what Squadrons need to do to get access to MyLegion for processing Online Membership.

We also included some upcoming events from our Squadrons as well as some events that took place over the last few months.

Pages 9 and 10 have the National and Detachment accomplishments for the year.

Commander's Corner—Joe Gallagher

Comrades, I want to thank each of you for placing your confidence in me to be your commander for the 2021-2022 Sons of the American Legion year. I am humbled and honored. I want to let you all know that this is a year of trying new things in the way we operate within the Detachment of Virginia. We certainly aren't doing away with the tried-and-true methods that have worked for years, but we are looking hard at those things that need some attention, updating, and brought into the digital world etc. One of those areas is membership transmittals. We can now perform this task online if we desire and can pay online and its all direct to National. National then sends the Detachment/Department their share. It makes it much easier to send in our membership. We can still use the paper transmittal and send it to department and go through the tried-and-true method, however, we will still have those delays and our ability to track quickly is a challenge at best. I encourage all Squadrons to give the online method a try. If you need help, please let me know and we will help you walk through the process. Our Vice Commanders stand ready to help as does our adjutant and myself.

Each year the Commander chooses a project and asks all squadrons in the Detachment to support the project. This year my project is one that combines Children and Youth with Americanism. I am asking each Squadron in the Detachment of Virginia to raise a few bucks and buy small American flags on a pencil size sticks, NOTE:(Only FLAGS made in the USA.), Then reach out to an elementary school close to your post home, contact the Principal, and ask if your squadron can come in and do a program for the entire first grade class on Flag Etiquette and Education, while doing so, leave one of the flags with each 1st grader. The goal is to build and shape respect for our flag, and in doing so, to mold our next generation starting with these first graders. I would ask that we give them info as well about the SAL and how they might consider joining our ranks. Please just drop me a quick email telling me that your squadron has made this happen. If you need to know where to get the flags and handout booklets on Flag Etiquette, just go to Emblem Sales.com. **Continued on Page 4**

Adjutant's Blog—Fall 2021 Kevin Chaplin

As you may know, I serve not only as the Detachment Adjutant but also as the Detachment Membership Chairman. There have been many changes in how membership is being processed and here is an update.

There is a new Member Portal at MySAL.org that allows each Squadron to process their membership directly online. This portal also allows each individual member to update and maintain their contact information and even print their Membership Card. Here is the link to the portal: <http://MySal.org> Members will need to register using their email address.

This membership portal also allows the Squadron Adjutant or the Squadron Commander to process online membership renewals. The portal will give you electronic access to your members' contact information, and you will be able to make changes if needed. You can also download lists that contain phone numbers, addresses and email information. We will be setting up training classes for Squadron Officers in the next couple of months. When you submit renewals or enter new members online, the dues to National and the Detachment will be electronically drafted out of your bank account, (\$10 for the Detachment and \$5 for National per member). National will then send the Detachment their portion of the dues and provide them the renewal information. This has been very successful in other states and the Legion is already processing renewals this way. Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

If your Squadron has not submitted the new Consolidated Squadron Data Report or SDR (See Page 3), please do so as soon as possible. This form documents your Squadron's dues structure and will allow your members to renew their dues online using the National website. Many of you have been asking for this capability and it is finally coming. This feature will be turned on sometime next year and it is vital that your Squadron's dues information is accurate. Please contact me if you need the form or need assistance completing it.

The newly elected SAL National Commander Michael Fox unveiled his Commander's Special Project, Flying Flags for Heroes. He would like everyone to join in our mission in honoring our nation's heroes by placing the American Flag, our symbol of freedom, on their graves. His goal is place one million flags on the graves of our Veterans. Visit your local cemetery to place an American flag at the graves of our Veterans. He is challenging every member to place a minimum of two flags next year; one for a veteran you know and another one for a veteran you wish to honor. This special project ties in perfectly with our Detachment Commander's special project. **Continued on Page 6**

Annual Squadron Data Report



ANNUAL SQUADRON DATA REPORT (SDR)

20 Membership Year

Detachment District/County Squadron #

CHANGES (or) CORRECTIONS

Please type or print in ink and forward to your Detachment and National Headquarters

1) Squadron's Home (Physical) Address:
(Street address, city, state and zip code)

2) Squadron's Mailing Address:
If different than physical address

3) Squadron's Dues Mailing Address:
If different than physical address

Note: If the above address contains a member's name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, please provide the member's ID#.

4) Annual Squadron Dues for 20 **Regular member** **Dual member**
Junior member **Max. age** **Effective Date**
Month / Day / Year

Note: Include all district and county per capita the squadron will be responsible for paying.

5) Squadron Telephone Number:
Note: DO NOT use personal phone numbers of members

6) Squadron Fax Number:

7) Squadron Email Address:

8) Squadron Internet Website:

9) Squadron Facebook Page:

10) Squadron Meeting Day & Time:

Squadron Adjutant or Commander Signature

Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Complete and return this form to your Detachment and National Headquarters no later than April 15th. Failure to meet this deadline may prohibit your members from renewing their membership online through mysal.org and cause Renewal Notices to be mailed with incorrect information.

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If you need help let me know. You can reach me at anytime via email at SALJGallagher@gmail.com, or call me at 804-741-4680.

Please join me in molding our next generation and also filling our ranks with the next generation. We as the Sons of the American Legion need to emulate the values that are so lacking in our Country at the present time, and I know that all of you in the Detachment of Virginia can set this example.

Lastly, Fall Conference is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for October 22, 23, and 24 at the Doubletree in Williamsburg Virginia. Please consider joining us and helping us to turn the corner on embracing the future. If you don't know already, my theme this year is, "Tis Lucky to be a Son of the American Legion", that's what we need to convey to the first graders and on up to all who could join our ranks as a member.

Let's stand shoulder to shoulder and bring the Detachment of Virginia forward and let it be seen as the Detachment to model after as "we get it done". Remember please it all starts with getting our membership turned in. Please give it a hard push and let's get our membership numbers up via renewals and just as important recruiting new members. We will be getting reports soon as the bugs are being worked out of the new system. However, as we work the bugs out of the system at National, let's remember that membership should be tracked at the squadron level.

I wish all a fantastic beginning to the Fall quarter as well as a fantastic kick off to our SAL Year of 2021 -2022.. **Detachment Commander, Joe Gallagher. 'TIS LUCKY TO BE A SON IN THE SAL**

"LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION NOT THROUGH POSITION"

Membership Pointers



1. Please make sure your Squadron has turned in their Squadron Data Report Form.
2. Please make sure your Post Adjutant has updated the Post Records with the current Squadron Commander and Adjutant's name.
3. Please make sure that your Squadron Adjutant has access to MyLegion.org..
4. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.
5. Please do not hold any memberships!!!

Upcoming Membership Target Dates

November 10, 2021	35%
December 8, 2021	45%
January 20, 2022	60%
February 9, 2022	75%
March 9, 2022	80%
April 13, 2022	90%

Around The Detachment-A Few Words From Our Vice Commanders

Detachment Vice Commander, Tyler Vanice— I am Tyler Vanice, the Northern Regional Detachment Vice Commander. I am here to assist all squadrons from the 13th District to 17th. I would like to encourage all squadrons in the state to continue pushing for membership. We know there have been issues with the weekly Membership Report from Department and from National, but at the end of the day, it's each squadron responsibility to handle their own membership and to keep up with it on a regular basis. Are you having issues with getting membership turned in? Are you a new Commander or Adjutant who would like help? I will be happy to assist you and help you get on a working path.

I am also the Chairman for the Children and Youth Committee. I would love to promote what your squadron is doing if you are holding events or fundraisers. Please take photos of your event or youth members in action. My email is tyler.vanice@gmail.com.

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference scheduled for October 22-24. It's important that each squadron has at least one representative to vote on issues and to get your voice heard. Remember, we can only efficiently serve our members if we hear from the members and know what is working well and what needs improvement. There are a lot of resources available, and we would like to work with each squadron to make their volunteering easier.

Detachment Vice Commander, David Boggs- As the posts, and squadrons are starting to operate again after a long absence, I would like to take the time to note that a lot of the charities that the American Legion support are down in monies being raised. I would like to encourage each squadron to choose one of these charities to support for the upcoming year. From the Child Welfare Foundation to Operation Comfort Warrior, any amount, no matter how large or small, would help the American Legion in helping our veterans, families, and communities.

I would also ask that if you have not completed the Squadron Officer information for 2022, and the Squadron Data report, that you please do so as soon as possible. Please forward these to our squadron adjutant Kevin Chaplin, with a copy to me.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at our fall conference in Williamsburg October 21-24, 2021.

Detachment Vice Commander, Jarrod Voss- Is BSA Scouting a good fit for my Post? If you have ever wondered about this the answer is YES! The Scouting program through the BSA is a great program to offer the youth in your community. Did you know that the American Legion is one of the top Organizations in the country to charter BSA units? The BSA formerly known as Boy Scouts of America has evolved over the many years. They now have programs for every school aged child available for both male or female. As a Chartered Organization you provide the place for meetings and over see that the unit(s) are operating within the guidelines of the BSA. The BSA provides all training and handles all background checks for the adult leaders. Sounds easy doesn't it? That's because it is!

The lessons learned in Scouting will last a lifetime with a child. 95% of youth involved in Scouting graduate High school and are less likely to commit a crime. For the Scouts that earn the rank of Eagle half will join the military the other half will go on to be CEO's, CFO's, Business owners or they may be the next US President. The Scouting program is rich with morals that build tomorrows Leaders. Now, why should every Post offer Scouting is what you may be asking? If we want to change the world for a better future we need to teach our youth NOW. They are our Future!

This is one of the best youth programs that a Post can offer. This will also drive for the new younger membership into the S.A.L. as well as into the Auxiliary and when you draw in the youth you also draw in the parents which is more than likely eligible for a membership. So you see it's a win win for the American Legion Family of Programs. Scouting drives our Community outreach with programs for youth not to mention Boys State, Girls State and Oratorical. Scouting can and will drive your membership numbers with new fresh younger members to carry the torch for 50+ years.

Scouting is also an excellent way to support our National Commander's project of "Flying Flags for Heroes" as well as our Commander for the Detachment of Virginia's project of "Flag Etiquette" go to your Scouting Unit or a local Scouting Unit and offer for your Squadron or Post to teach a Flag Etiquette session. **Continued on page 6**

Around The Detachment-A Few Words From Our Vice Commanders

Continued from Page 5 . It's actually a requirement for scouts to learn. But don't stop there. When the time comes to honor the fallen have your local Scouting units help place flags at the headstones for our heroes. The youth will thank you for teaching them and offering the chance to grow. So let's help shape the future of this country and turn today's youth into tomorrow's leaders with the help of the BSA.

Adjutant's Blog—Fall 2021 Kevin Chaplin - Continued

Continued from Page 2 Please let us know when you plan a Flag Placement event so we can report to the Detachment and National Commander details about your event, and be sure to capture your activity in pictures for our Detachment Historian, and to share on social media, and you can forward them to me for posting on Detachment and the National websites. **Kevin Chaplin, Detachment Adjutant/Detachment Membership Chairman**



Squadron 2 Petersburg, Fundraiser, November 20, 2021



Son's Squadron 2 and Legion Rider's Petersburg
VA
November 20th 2021
12 P.M to 5 P.M
Medical Fundraiser
for Jimmy Jackson (Cancer)
Raymond Marsh J.R (Main Artery/Skin Surgery
Cost is \$10
BBQ Chicken,Bake Beans,Potato Salad,Green
Beans,Roll
Beverage - Soda or Water or Draft Beer
Bake Sale DJ OOOCHIE Raffles Corhole
Unable to attend and still would like
to make a donation can be mailed to
Son's Squadron 2
820 Winfield Rd
Petersburg VA 23803

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From Squadron 17, Lovington—Squadron 17 Commander, Jay Rarick presents award to Thom Guthrie. Adjutant Guthrie of Post 17 is also the Adjutant for Squadron 17 and is a Past Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Virginia [State] Commander. He is a dual member with the American Legion and this marks his 20th year of continuous membership in the Sons of the American Legion. Photo credit: Post 17 Commander Judy Petsch. June 15th, 2021

‘Flying Flags for Hero’s’—Continued from Page 1

“I think everybody is going to have some kind of emotion because they’re thinking about, not only are they placing a flag for the person who made them eligible for the Sons of The American Legion, but also for a veteran that’s maybe been forgotten,” Stephens said before the event. “And we want to make sure that our veterans are never forgotten.”

For more information on how to participate in Flying Flags for Heroes, visit flyingflagsforheroes.com.

Source: The American Legion Website

Squadron 176 Fundraiser Event

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 176 in Springfield, Virginia, held their 6th Annual Pig Roast on September 18, 2021. The event was well attended with approximately 70 guests in attendance. The Squadron was honored to host Detachment Commander Joe Gallagher and family as they visited and enjoyed the festivities.

Squadron Commander Jay Rodriguez, along with friends and family, worked diligently over the night prepping for the event. The Squadron was able to raise over \$1500 in sales and had additional in-kind gifts in support. The program will be held on the 3rd Saturday in September next year and we welcome everyone to join us! **Tyler Vanice, Squadron 176 Adjutant.**



Photos—Left to right—Smoker loaned to Squadron 176 by Honor Brewing Company (Photo Courtesy—Tyler Vanice), Full House crowd enjoying the Squadron 176 event (Photo Courtesy—Tyler Vanice), Detachment Commander, Joe Gallagher with ALA Bake Sale Fundraiser (Photo Courtesy—Tyler Vanice), and Squadron 176 Commander, Jay Rodriguez with Girl Friend (Photo Courtesy—Tyler Vanice).

Remember to Set your Clocks Back on November 7, 2021 for Standard Time.

Detachment Scholarship Award

Each year the Detachment of Virginia awards a \$1,500 Detachment Scholarship to a graduating Senior attending an accredited College/University or Trade School. The \$1,500 can be used to help pay for Tuition and Fees or for books. The prospective applicant needs to be an SAL Member in good standing—meaning being a 2022 member for this year's application and active in his Squadron. This year we made the Scholarship Application Form easier to fill out. The application is now in PDF Fillable format. The pdf fillable 2022 Detachment Scholarship Application will soon be available on our Detachment website www.vasons.org. Check for the link at the bottom of the landing page on our website. The winning recipient will have the check sent to the college or trade school he will be attending in the Fall of 2022.

We encourage all Sons Members who will be graduating High School and attending college in the fall to apply for this prestigious detachment award. We would like to have as many applications to consider for the award winner as possible. The award winner will be announced at our Detachment Convention in July. Please forward your applications to Clint Bolt, Scholarship Committee Chairman at SonsCDBolt@aol.com. **Scott Williams, Scholarship Committee, Vice Chairman**

VE & E (Veteran's Education and Employment Committee (Detachment of Virginia's Newest Committee)

The Detachment of Virginia added a new Committee through a Resolution passed at our Detachment Convention in July. The new Committee is Veteran's Employment and Education Committee. It's emphasis will be on providing our Veterans the education and training they need to get back into the workforce, provide career opportunities through various methods and put an end to Veteran's Homelessness. Our Committee Chairman, is Evan Glendinning.

The objectives for the National VE & E Commission's goals for the 2021-22 year are 1) Increase Detachment VE & E participation by 10%, 2) Encourage local job fairs and employment opportunities, and 3) Provide resources to end Veteran's Homelessness. We will be providing more information in the near future on this committee.

Fiftieth Sons National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, WI in August 2022

The Fiftieth National Convention of the Sons of the American Legion will be held in Milwaukee, WI in August 2022. Since this is the 50th National Convention, this will be a special Convention for the Sons of the American Legion. SAL National Commander Bolt appointed a Committee at the National Level to plan for this special convention for the Sons at the National Convention in Phoenix, in August of this year.

The Committee is hard at work on those plans. Those plans include a 50th SAL National Convention Coin design contest, a wall with photos from the last 49 National Conventions that can be shipped to Detachments when possible, a 50th Convention Commemorative History book available, and the committee is launching a website to collect the photos for the wall and history book (www.sal50thconvention.com).

The SAL National '50th Commemorative Convention Committee' is asking for your ideas for your design ideas for the commemorative coin celebrating our 50th National Convention next August 26 to 28, 2022. The 'Design Challenge' has benefits for the designer of the winning design; The designer of the will receive \$500 and two tickets to the Commemorative Event being held on Saturday. Deadline for submissions will be November 15, 2021. If interested, please contact NEC Man, Willie Morgan or Alternate NEC Man, Jeff Lee, for further information.

The 50th National Convention will be a great opportunity for the Sons to celebrate first 50 Sons National Conventions and look forward to the next 50 Sons National Convention.

Future Sons National Convention dates and locations include 51st Sons National Convention—Charlotte, North Carolina August 25 to 27, 2023, and the 52nd National Convention-New Orleans, Louisiana August 23 to 25, 2024.

Sources—Central Region Round Up, October 3, 2021 and the SAL National Website.

SAL National Accomplishments 2021 Year

Sons of The American Legion
2020-2021 Accomplishments

WE MUST DO BETTER!

1,163 Squadrons (18.72%) Reporting
6,211 Total Squadrons

National Overall Totals		
Dollars Donated	\$	5,324,436
Volunteer Hours		1,706,138
Volunteer Hours Value	\$	48,693,164

Total Volunteer Value	\$	54,017,600
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Pillar	Donations	Hours	Hours Value
Americanism	\$ 1,584,632	1,193,401	\$ 34,059,650
Children & Youth	\$ 722,706	112,140	\$ 3,200,461
Vets Affairs & Rehab.	\$ 872,743	132,861	\$ 3,791,839
Vets Employ & Edu.	\$ 151,929	9,842	\$ 280,891
Internal Affairs	\$ 1,992,427	257,895	\$ 7,360,323

Americanism		
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$ 138,110 with 17,491	in Donations to Boys State / Girls State Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 4,896 with 2,089	in Donations to 5-Star / 10-Ideals Progs. Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$ 95,395 with 36,071	in Donations to Flags Presented (All) Hours of Participation
	195,440	Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$ 17,239 with 4,019	in Donations to Flag Education Progs. Hours of Participation
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 296,745 with 5,560	in Donations to Scholarships Awarded Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$ 11,031 with 2,096	in Donations to Oratorical Contest Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$ 67,168 with 39,254	in Donations to Color Guard Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$ 393,027 with 956,323	in Donations to Other Organizations Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$ 104,963 with 37,131	in Donations to Scouting Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$ 15,047 with 8,664	in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$ 49,561 with 11,440	in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$ 46,314 with 8,769	in Donations to Other Teams Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$ 31,601 with 3,870	in Donations to Blood Drives Hours of Participation
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$ 37,074 with 1,933	in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$ 24,648 with 3,316	in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$ 251,815 with 55,376	in Donations to Other Amer. Projects Hours of Participation

Children and Youth		
<i>CWF</i>	\$ 159,090 with 18,430	in Donations to Child Welfare Found. Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$ 104,412 with 19,004	in Donations to Special Olympics Hours of Participation
<i>CMN</i>	\$ 14,560 with 664	in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$ 16,861 with 1,959	in Donations to R. McDonald House Hours of Participation
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$ 32,233 with 2,491	in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. Hours of Participation
<i>T.A.L. Vets. & Child. Found.</i>	\$ 28,388 with 3,744	in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&Y Projects</i>	\$ 367,162 with 65,848	in Donations to Other C&Y Projects Hours of Participation

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation		
<i>VAMCs & Facilities</i>	\$ 114,299 with 18,365	in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$ 70,123 with 10,392	in Donations to State Vets Facilities Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$ 12,529 with 1,804	in Donations to Nat'l Vets. Assist. Day Hours of Participation
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$ 23,767 with 1,734	in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$ 61,937 with 3,604	in Donations to Fisher House Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&R Projects</i>	\$ 590,088 with 96,962	in Donations to Other VA&R Projects Hours of Participation

Veterans Employment and Education		
<i>VE&E Projects</i>	\$ 151,929 with 9,842	in Donations to VE&E Projects Hours of Participation

Internal Affairs		
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$ 1,992,427 with 257,895	in Donations, Not Covered Above Hours, Not Covered Above

SAL Virginia Accomplishments 2021 Year



Sons of The American Legion Accomplishments



June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021

DETACHMENT OF Virginia

Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$ 1,615 in Donations to Boys State / Girls State with 107 Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$ - in Donations to 5-Star / 10-Ideals Progs. with 2 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$ 862 in Donations to Flags Presented (All) with 685 Hours of Participation
	7,551 Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$ 555 in Donations to Flag Education Progs. with 88 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 3,500 in Donations to Scholarships Awarded with 84 Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$ 15 in Donations to Oratorical Contest with 31 Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$ 750 in Donations to Color Guard with 90 Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$ 13,695 in Donations to Other Organizations with 10,348 Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$ 1,425 in Donations to Scouting with 209 Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$ - in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports with 100 Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$ 100 in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball with 28 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$ 425 in Donations to Other Teams with 1,642 Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$ 4 in Donations to Blood Drives with 26 Hours of Participation
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$ 4,225 in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund with 608 Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$ 550 in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund with 170 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$7,433 in Donations to Other Amer. Projects with 1,037 Hours of Participation

Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$ 8,970 in Donations to Child Welfare Found. with 212 Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$ 1,450 in Donations to Special Olympics with 1,225 Hours of Participation
<i>CMN</i>	\$ 625 in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. with 43 Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$ 25 in Donations to R. McDonald House with 16 Hours of Participation
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$ - in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. with 0 Hours of Participation
<i>T.A.L. Vets. & Child. Found.</i>	\$ 3,850 in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. with 22 Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&Y Projects</i>	\$ 5,114 in Donations to Other C&Y Projects with 4,139 Hours of Participation

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs & Facilities</i>	\$ 3,800 in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities with 767 Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$ 375 in Donations to State Vets Facilities with 35 Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$ 275 in Donations to Nat'l Vets. Assist. Day with 8 Hours of Participation
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$ 7,875 in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors with 42 Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$ 3,325 in Donations to Fisher House with 102 Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&R Projects</i>	\$ 30,828 in Donations to Other VA&R Projects with 1,772 Hours of Participation

Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&E Projects</i>	\$1,535 in Donations to VE&E Projects with 93 Hours of Participation

Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$ 63,509 in Donations, Not Covered Above with 5,643 Hours, Not Covered Above

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 284



Semi-Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, November 13, 2021
Pick up 8 - 11 AM

\$30 each
shredded or whole

505 Springdale Ave
Colonial Heights, VA



Contact any S.A.L.
member for tickets
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THE MEANING OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM

NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOENIX 2021 - YOUTH TRAINING

The Star

Represents our country, and the five-point program
of the Sons of American Legion.

Patriotism • Citizenship • Discipline • Leadership • Legionism

The Ten Points

Represent the ten ideals of every SAL Member

**PATRIOTISM • HEALTH • TRAINING • KNOWLEDGE • HONOR
FAITH • HELPFULNESS • COURTESY • REVERENCE • COMRADESHIP**

The Blue of the Emblem

Like the blue of our flag, stands for justice.

The Wreath

is in memory of our comrades, and those of our fathers
who willingly gave lives for their country.

The Two Stars

Stand for freedom and democracy.

The Sun

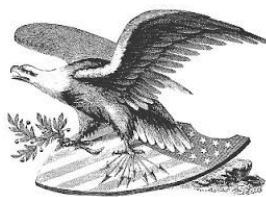
As background represents the Sons of The American Legion
and the rays represent the loyalty of its membership

The Design of the Emblem

is taken from the emblem of The American Legion
but is oval in shape so as to be easily distinguished.

Squadron Everlasting

Please keep the families of the following members in your thoughts and prayers - Kent Caldwell (180), Ronald Curlings (55), Anthony Jenkins (53), Isaac Kelley (2—PDC), Andy Ogle (85), Ray Palmer (77), John Strickler (1976), Samuel Walker (79), Mike Allred (8), Carlton Barricks (2), John Baxter (148), Hugh Binford (79), Frederick Curtis (79), Darrell Fox (74), David Gillespie (327), Donald Jackson (144), Jeffrey Lilley (126), Daniel Maida (221), Roger Pittman (25), Greg Raines (320), Thomas Regan (74), Michael Strickler (130), Ralph Summerson (284), Kenneth Webber (327), Charles Wilson, Jr (146), Ind William Weston (28). If your Squadron has any members who have passed away, please notify our Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin (kchaplin@lexacom.net) and Detachment Chaplin, Robert Wilson, Sr. (robertwilsonsr54@gmail.com).



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!

Around The Detachment



Around The Detachment—Top Left Photo, Newly elected Detachment Commander, Joe Gallagher installed by Detachment Alt NEC-Man, Jeff Lee (July 2021), Top Middle Photo—SAL National Commander Clint Bolt at the National Jr Shooting Sports competition in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Top Right Photo, SAL National Commander Clint Bolt presenting a National Scholarship Award at Boys Nation (August 2021), Bottom Left and Bottom Center—Squadron 67 Annual Book Bag Give-Away with NEC-NEC Man, Willie Morgan, James Logan and other Squadron 67 Members (September 2021), and Bottom Right—Squadron 2 David Tuck with Department President Staci King at a Squadron 2 Fundraiser Event (October 2021).



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, Joe Gallagher, Detachment Vice Commander, Jarrod Voss (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 21 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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Like us on Facebook - Sons Of The American Legion Detachment Of Virginia. We currently have 458 likes. This is one great way to promote our activities and accomplishments. Please like us today to keep up with our Detachment Activities.

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 Conference	October 22-24, 2021
Veterans Day	November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	November 25, 2021
Pearl Harbor	December 7, 2021
Mid Winter Meeting	February 2022
Spring Conference	March 2022

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, Joe Gallagher, NEC, Willie Morgan, Alt NEC, Jeff Lee, or Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Chaplin. It is a great honor to serve and represent your Squadron.



Sons Of The American Legion Detachment of Virginia

"The Focus"

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