The Sons of The American Legion

- **Mark your calendars for our July DEC/ Campout July 15th-17th at 163 Revell Drive, Lincoln, VT**
- **Please submit articles, pictures, ideas or comments for All newsletters relevant to the Sons of The American Legion activities on behalf of any of the Four Pillars are greatly appreciated. With pictures send the names of the people in the pictures if possible. Please send to:**
- **detadjvt@gmail.com**

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July 2022

A New Membership Year Begins

Commander Jeremy Revell

SAL Members,

Convention has come and gone and with it my first year as your Commander. I hope I did you proud and I'm happy to say I've been elected for another year thank you for your continued support. I couldn't do the job well without all of you. Richard "Dickie" Huntley was able to join us at convention and we had a nice trip to the National Guard Museum and Josh's House. We enjoyed a night out at the Rotisserie with newly elected Legion Commander Tom Scanlon and Auxiliary President Kelly Donaldson. Congratulations to both Tom and Kelly on their elections. I'm looking forward to a new year and am excited about our programs and all the activities I know will be going on. We made some a significant impression this year with more than 42,000 hours volunteered and over $177,000 dollars donated to lots of causes. Of specific note we donated over $17,000 to the Dodge House, over $22,000 to Supportive Services for Veterans Families, over $8,000 to Child Welfare Foundation amongst many other causes. Finalized numbers will be available as John compiles them. These numbers are a direct representation of the dedication you all have for The American Legion, Veterans and your communities. My hat is off to you all.

The SAL Campout is approaching quickly on July 15-16, please consider joining us at my home in Lincoln for some fun, camaraderie, and a chance to celebrate last years work and plan for the coming year. There's plenty of space for tenting , a pool, swimming hole a short walk to the river and Mt. Abraham as our backdrop. Saturday at 11:00 we'll have a short DEC meeting and then its all about Fun in the Sons to coin Henry's motto. Please respond as soon as you can so we can plan for meals and seating. All details will be included in the newsletter.

We elected a new slate of officers, some old faces but some brand-new people to bring new ideas to our organization. I look forward to meeting with you all and working our goals for the year. One of my goals is to raise money for my Commanders project which this year will be the Josh Pallotta Fund and Josh's House a general information sheet is included with much more information to come. This year the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL are working on the same goal. The Auxiliaries new President Kelly Donaldson has already challenged me that they can raise more money than we can. To date, thanks to a challenge on the floor we've raised $586, lets keep the momentum going.

I look forward to the new year and new challenges and trust that you'll all be by my side to conquer them. Thanks for all you do for The American Legion, Veterans, Children & Youth and your Communities.

For Veterans Past, Present and Future
Jeremy Revell
Detachment Commander

Sr. Vice Commander Brian Massey

Hi All,
Summer is officially here!

Let's Talk Membership

Let's make sure we have another Great Year

Brian Massey Jr.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS HAVE YET TO ARRIVE....National has reported a shortage in paper, and will be working this month to get cards out to Detachments.
As soon as we get them they will be disbursed to Squadrons.
The National Report: We are still holding 16th position Nationwide. We are still holding 6th in the Eastern Region.
We stand at 104% with just 20 more towards the 105% goal. Where are the renewals SONS??
If you still would like a copy of said members who have not paid sent to you per squadron please reach out to Detachment Adjutant John Waite or myself so we can do that for you.

Housekeeping tips:
When you are transmitting Membership online (Mylegion.org) please be sure to finalize all transactions. If you have yet to sign up please do so.
If you see any errors on your Weekly Squadron Report, please reach out to Detachment Adjutant John Waite &/or Dept. HQ to get these corrected. We are still running into deceased members who are not being updated in the system.

Continue to make calls, emails, & Buddy checks on all of our folks, it does make a difference!

Thank all of you who made it to the convention, I know our National Vice-Commander Richard "Dickie" Huntley enjoyed visiting with you all, and expressed his thoughts & wisdom as well.
If Squadrons would like a copy of my membership report from convention, please reach out to me and I will provide said copy thru email.
In closing, Gentlemen, We still have work to do let's get these 20 members in and get our 105% Hoping to see some SAL folks at the Summer DEC camp-out at Commander Revell's home!

You truly all are SAL STRONG!

And remember to have fun, t*hank you for all your continued support & hard work this year!*
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

For God, Veterans & Country
-Brian Massey Jr.
Sr. Vice-Commander
SAL Detachment of VT

Around the Detachment of Vermont

Cub Scout's Father's Day Breakfast at Bristol American Legion Post #19

American Legion Post 19 Flag Day Ceremony June 14th with American Legion members and Sons of The American Legion Members.

Annual Convention June 2022

A visit to Josh's House with National Vice Commander Richard " Dickie" Huntley from left to right front row– Detachment Commander Jeremy Revell, NVC Dickie Huntley, ANEC Steve England, Sr. Vice Commander Brian Massey Jr., back row NEC Henry Cleveland and Adjutant John Waite. Below we got a tour of the new gym

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VT National Guard Museum with NVC Huntley

Detachment Commander Jeremy Revell, NECMan Henry Cleveland, ANEC Steve England, Sr. Vice Brian Massey Jr.,

Annual Department Convention 2022

Detachment Commander Jeremy Revell presenting his Commander's Project Check to the folks at Pathways SSVF for $21,176.00 and we raised an additional $900 from donations at Convention. Lower left corner our newly elected Department Commander Tom Scanlon. Our National Vice Commander Richard Huntley addressing us at general session.

Southern Area Commander Marc Colety

CONGRATULATIONS!

As of yesterday's membership report, the Detachment of Vermont had reached it's 105% goal! You are all such an awesome team who worked hard at the Squadron level to make this happen. Our contingent to this years National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will walk into the room, heads held high as your representatives because of this achievement.

All that said, there are still some attainable renewals out there so don't be shy about bringing on those remaining to this year if we can.

As you probably have heard, we don't know yet when we will see 2023 membership cards because of a paper shortage. Right now, we hope to see them in July still but in this global economy with shortages and shipping issues everywhere, we can't be certain. What you can be certain of is we will get them to our squadrons as soon as we have them in hand.

This weekend was Independence Day weekend. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday festivities and everyone was safe. While I am rapidly becoming an old man, I still enjoy barbeques and fireworks as much as when I was a little kid.

It's hard to believe but I actually spoke with a few folks this weekend who didn't know quite why we celebrated Independence Day on July 4th or when it became a national holiday. I heard things that were close like "The birth of America" and just wrong like "We won the Revolutionary War." My favorite not quite right answer though was "The day we kicked England to the curb"!

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day or July 4th, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

By the way, the British did not surrender at Yorktown to end the Revolutionary war until 1781 and the Treaty of Versailles was not signed officially ending the war until two years later on September 3rd,

Marc Colety

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Children and Youth Chairman Marc Colety

At our Detachment of Vermont convention in Burlington, VT a few weekends ago, we reported to the American Legion our accomplishments for the previous year. From membership, to donations, to the events we held it was an appreciated tribute to the hard work every squadron did this year. I will leave most of the numbers to Commander Revell to report on but one set of numbers particularly stuck out to me. Our participation in Children and Youth programs for the year was once again phenomenal. Vermont totaled $28,875 or $7.75 per member and 2,678 hours of volunteer hours. Our Child Welfare Foundation donations alone were $8,875 or $2.47 per member, the highest in the Eastern Region for the 5th year in a row!

Last year the Sons of The American Legion nationally donated $349,789 toward the CWF, the largest donor for the year. Altogether the CWF was able to issue grants totaling $569,000. Don't forget, grant applications for CWF close on July 15th for this year in case your squadron or town is planning on a submission. The SAL generosity does not stop there, in May of this year, National Commander Fox made a presentation of $500,000 to the Veterans and Children Foundation. Donations to the V&CF help provide one-time Temporary Financial Assistance grants for military families with young children in the home who are experiencing a financial hardship. The S.A.L. youth programs are just amazing!

From PDC/NEC Henry Cleveland

Hello Squadron Commanders and all members, I'm writing this letter on behalf of a good friend our Past Detachment Commander Frank

Gabaree. As many of you know Frank passed away on March 7, 2022. Some of our Past Detachment Commanders went to see Frank just before he passed, we talked about all the things we did together as we worked our way through the ranks of our Detachment. We were so lucky to have a few of the last hours with him, that will always be in my memory forever. As were getting up to leave Frank ask us to do him a fa-vor to see if we could raise some money for his family to help pay for his funeral because he had no mon-ey of his to give.

So, I'm asking all the squadrons if they could give a little to help support his family at this time. Our Squadron, in Hardwick will start it off with a $500.00 donation and hope's that we can all do something for his family.

Please make checks out to **Wanda Minoli** and send to me Henry Cleveland at:

912 Coburn Hill Road
Craftsbury, VT 05826

Thank You from the bottom of my heart
PDC/NEC Henry Cleveland

Detachment Adjutant John Waite

Important Notes & Dates To Put in Your Calendar

- July 15th-17th SAL Campout/DEC see attached info
- Membership Cards for 2023 will be delivered as soon as we have them
- Fall Visitations will begin in August/September 2022
- New Directory to be printed ASAP if your squadron has not submitted new roster please do so!!!
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- Newsletters Articles / Events this year will be do by the 1st of Each month provided its not a Holiday. For distribution will be by end of 1st week of each month
- All Submissions or Communications this year to Detachment Adjutant should be sent to detadjvt@gmail.com
- We are now back in control of our Website it will take me probably a month to update all forms. https://salvermont.com
- If you need anything in mean time updated sooner call or text me 802-384-0088

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022	10%
OCTOBER 13, 2022	25%
NOVEMBER 9, 2022	35%
DECEMBER 14, 2022	45%
JANUARY 19, 2023	60%
FEBRUARY 15, 2023	75%
MARCH 15, 2023	80%
APRIL 19, 2023	90%
MAY 17, 2023	100%
** JULY 27, 2023	105%

** *DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE*

TARGET DATES FALL ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS THERE IS A HOLIDAY ON THAT DAY OR AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT WEEK

SINCE COLUMBUS DAY FALLS ON A MONDAY, THE OCTOBER TARGET DATE WILL BE ON A THURSDAY

THE JANUARY TARGET DATE WILL BE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BECAUSE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERSHIP YEAR

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Sons of The American Legion Preamble to the Constitution

Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all wars, associate ourselves together as Sons of The American Legion for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our Forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principals for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on **FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**.

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Detachment of VT

Summer Campout

When: July 15-17, 2022

Where: 163 Revell Drive Lincoln, VT

What: Camping, Food, Fun and DEC Meeting

Please join me and your DEC Officers as we spend a weekend at my home in Lincoln. There is a river swimming spot a couple hundred yards away, a pool, firepit and a big open field to camp in. I'll have limited ability to connect RVs to water and power on a first RSVP basis. Plenty of room for RV's that can function independently. Arrival will be Friday night or Saturday morning depending on your preference. We'll have our DEC meeting mid-morning on Saturday followed by lunch. Please RSVP to Jeremy at jrevell@lagvt.com or (802) 771-7242 by July 10 to reserve your spot. I hope to see some of you there.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
PAUL LAFOUNTAIN SQUADRON 69 – ARLINGTON
ANNUAL 3-CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Arlington Recreational Park – Route 7A, Arlington VT

9:00 a.m. Registration - $50.00 per team = 2 person teams.

10:00 Tee off - 3 clubs per player only. (Putters do count!)

2-person teams – all ages are welcome, bring the kids to play.

Prizes to the winning team and team names inscribed on the trophy at Post 69.

Lunch at Post 69 after golf is included for all golfers.

Lunch for non-golfers $10.00/pp Kids under 12 $5.00 each; hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

Call: 603-543-6471 for more information or to become an SAL member.

Josh's House
162 Hegeman Ave.
Colchester, VT 05446
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Josh's House is a recreational and wellness center that includes traditional, complementary, and alternative healing modalities. We are beginning to build our programs. Please see current offerings for resources available to you now. To take part, simply stop by, call us at Josh's House or email us at joshshousevt@gmail.com.

Current Offerings:

- Massage, Healing Touch, Auricular Acupuncture & Reiki Therapy
- Computer Software Training (MS Office 365, Teams, etc.)
- Recreation (pool, ping pong, video games, board games)
- Food (our kitchen is open for you to use or enjoy one of our daily prepared meals)
- Fitness (fully equipped 1000sqft gym)
- Computer lab containing 10 laptops available for your use
- Beekeeping partnership with Hives for Heroes and the VT Beekeepers Association
- Art therapy
- Fly fish tying classes/fly fishing excursions with Project Healing Waters
- Collaboration with VT Dept. of Labor and the VA for employment/housing/essential needs

Future Offerings (we need your input):

- Baking/Cooking classes
- Web design and coding classes
- Open to bringing in house whatever resources our veterans ask for.

Current Hours:
Monday – Thursday 9am to 8pm
Friday 9am to 11pm
Saturday 11am to 11pm
Sunday 10am to 8pm

*We are continuing to look for volunteers to help staff Josh's House, work at fundraisers, clean and cook at Josh's House. We are open to other volunteer ideas as well. If interested, email Andrea at andrea@joshpallottafund.org