



# Sons of the American Legion

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**American Legion and Detachment of Vermont members are the First to Present  
A Wreath Together, Honoring Our Nations Veterans in Washington D.C.**

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# Commanders Message

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From the Commander,

It looks like Spring is fighting to get here so that we can see some warmer, dryer weather and enjoy being outdoors again without boots and winter coats!

Our theme this this year is “The Sons Get It Done” so let’s use that to make our goal a realization. National Commander Danny Smith’s theme of Pioneering Spirit – Courage, Faith, Teamwork, Perseverance is how it will happen.

Our Detachment Commander’s Project presentation to the Ronald McDonald House will be on Friday April 6 at 10AM at their facility in Burlington [16 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401]. This is during Children and Youth Month for the Legion. We would love to have a really good representation that morning. We request that anyone attending wear their S.A.L. Caps and either suit/tie or jacket/tie/dress slacks if possible – no jeans please. If you have to head right to work after we understand, so business casual is alright as well. We are really looking forward to being able to honor and encourage these folks who give so much for the families of the kids at the Children’s Hospital.

A number of our Detachment Team attended the Eastern Region Unofficial Gathering and NVC Ken Warner’s Testimonial in Chambersburg, PA last weekend. There was a lot of excellent information presented about the History of the American Legion in the Basic Training Format. I’m pleased to say that we all passed the Final Test! We brought back copies of the paperwork if anyone wants to look at it. I encourage all members to take the Basic Training Course if possible – it can done online easily and you will learn a lot about the American Legion that you did not know. As a Past National Commander said “Knowledge is Power”!

Our CWF Donations are starting to pick up so please continue to send them in. Remember, April is National Children and Youth Month and PNVC John Waite will be going to Indianapolis in early May to present our donations to the National CWF Foundation. Children and Youth programs are one of the Four Pillars of The American Legion and is a very important part of what we do.

We encourage all Squadrons to make sure that they contact their Area, District, or County Commanders in plenty of time to arrange Installations, as Elections should take place next

month in April, and most Installations are in May. If there is a different Squadron Schedule it is very helpful to arrange beforehand.

Thank you to all who are stepping up to fill an office either in Detachment or at the Squadron level. It is critical to keep building our team at all levels, to insure the continuation of our great organization.

Sr. Vice Commander Dave's Prime Rib challenge is still on and we have extended the deadline for 100% until after our Membership Roundup the weekend of April 7 and 8! The Squadrons will be contacted by Area, District, or County Commanders. We also have a Challenge from NVC Ken Warner for 100% by National Convention and I am confident that we can achieve that.

Year-End Convention will be in Rutland again this year the weekend of June 22-24 at the Holiday Inn. The information is now available so I would encourage you to get your rooms as soon as possible. This is a great time of Camaraderie and fun. It is wonderful to see the faces on those folks who get recognized during the Awards Ceremony – all of those people certainly deserve their awards as they have worked hard all year for the Sons, the Veterans, and their Communities!

Thank you for all that you do – I have watched all year as “The Sons Get It Done”! Keep up the great work.

In Honor of All Veterans,

Steve England

Commander

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# SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello to all,

A great time in Penn at training. Membership was one of the major topics both in and out of class. It is getting close to the deadline for the Prime Rib Challenge; days to be exact. We are having a membership round up again on the 7th and 8th of April, as in the past, and we will be making calls to each post squadron to see if you have any memberships you would like us to pick up. We need every squadron to get the memberships in we are on track to meet the national target date but I would like us to have meet the quota before it is due. We have been doing this all year long in having our quota before the target date and on several of these we were above the quota.

Membership stands right now at right around 85% of our target but only 79% renewals for 2018 – we have to find some ways to go after those that have not renewed, not just add new members. I know some Squadrons do a “calling tree” or each member takes 4-5 members that they know have not paid their dues and make it their job to see that they do. Whatever works for each Squadron is not important except that we keep working to see that it happens.

Lets keep up the great efforts that are being put into getting the renewals in and getting new members to join; a great job by everybody. Don't forget convention is June 21st thru the 24th in Rutland at the Holiday Inn again I would like to see as many Officers and Members there as we can lets have a really big turn out this year.

In Honor of All Veterans,

David Hendee

Sr. Vice Commander

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# Adjutant's Corner

To All SAL members:

- **Detachment of Vermont Golf Classic will be held on May 19th, 2018.**
- **Annual Conference will be on June 22nd and 23rd, 2018.**
- All updated forms and information are located on [www.salvermont.com](http://www.salvermont.com) website.

Other information:

- Congratulations to Squadrons #31, #67, and #87 for reaching 100% of their membership!
- Spring Visitations are underway. If you have any meeting changes (dates and times), please let me know.
- There will be nominations and elections held at the Annual Conference in June. For those who are attending, there are vacancies for VA&R/VAVS Chairmanship and also the VE&E Chair. We also would like to see all of the District and County Commander offices filled. These are very important for training future Detachment leaders and really help cover visitations, installations, and other events around the state. Most offices do not require a lot of time, just the heart and a willingness to help. Please contact any Detachment Officer if you have questions or if you would like to step into one of these offices.
- H693, naming the Honor and Remember Flag the official state veterans' flag, received Senate preliminary approval Tuesday, March 27. H693 was sponsored by Rep. Vicki Strong of Albany, the Gold Star mother of Marine Jesse Strong, and passed quickly through the House.
- Several members of the Vermont House of Representatives feel that military retirees and their families make "too much money" (more than the average Vermonter) to warrant a State Tax Exemption. To contact the Sargent At Arms at 802-828-2228 voicing support exempting the Military Retirement State Income Tax; this should be referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Directory Changes:

- Nominations for your Squadron Officers should be under way. As we move into May, those nominated and elected into office should be installed, which is a duty that can be done by your District Officer or County Commander. If you are having difficulties setting this up, you can reach out to me or any Detachment Officer to arrange for installation. Here is our [directory to contact current officers](#).
- You can find the forms to update the Directory and the forms for Installation on our [www.salvermont.com](http://www.salvermont.com) website.

If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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# EVENTS

When: Friday, April 6, 2018

Who: SAL Squadron 69

What: Steak Dinner

Time: 6-8:00 p.m. or until gone

\$15.00 per person=Yushack's steak, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert

Facebook: Sons of the American Legion Post 69 Arlington, VT

Call: 802-375-6157 for more information.

When: Sunday, April 8, 2018

Who: AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY POST 69

What: Sunday Morning Breakfast

Seniors 65 + are free all others are \$7.00 each, donations are greatly appreciated.

Come out, have breakfast and catch up with your friends.

Facebook: American Legion Family, Post 69, Arlington, Vermont

Call: 802-375-6157 for more information.

When: Monday, April 9, 2018

Time: 6:00 P.M.

What: SAL SQUADRON 69 Monthly Meeting

Where: Post 69, Arlington

Facebook: Sons of the American Legion Post 69 Arlington, VT

Call: 802-375-6157 for more information.

When: Friday, May 4, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Who: SAL Squadron 69

What: Arlington Youth Baseball Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Cost: \$8.00 per person; \$20.00 for family up to 4; \$4.00 for each additional person

Facebook: Sons of the American Legion Post 69 Arlington, VT

Call: 802-375-6157 for more information.

# *Paint and Sip*

*At Chester Post # 67*

*Benefits Team Green Mountain*



*Saturday, April 28th 5:00 p.m.*

*Cost \$40.00/person*

*Contact Melissa 603-558-2512*

*(Only 50 spaces available)*

*Cash Bar*