



The American Legion

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Who do you know that should be in the Sons of the American Legion?

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation’s children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. Sons have always assisted Legionnaires with Legion Family programs. Our Family boasts a combined total membership of nearly 4.2 million members. This year, Sons attained an all time high national membership of over 240,000. Trophies and awards are given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership and the largest increase in membership. Just as each Legion post determines the extent of its service to the community, state, and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. The S.A.L. has study programs recommended for younger members. One such program, called “The Ten Ideals,” teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence, and comradeship. If a member completes the Ten Ideals program, he is eligible to continue with another program called the “Five-Point Program of Service.” This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership, and legionism. Sons focus on much more than just membership. At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their Posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects, and fund raising. In just the past ten years, Sons have raised more than a million dollars for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members volunteered over 170,000 hours in 2000 in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$700,000 that went directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment, and clothing for the patients. There are many men who are members of, both, The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion. Often, these individuals started out as young members of the Sons. Then, when they were old enough to serve the military, they also became eligible to join The Legion. Such individuals are known within our organization as dual members. The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. S.A.L. volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations. American Legion and deceased veterans who were eligible to be members.

Upcoming Events

Feb 15th - 17th: Department Mid-Winter Conference at North Raleigh Hilton

March 6th: 7:00 pm Post Everlasting Ceremony at General Meeting

March 10th: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Spring Pancake Supper

Jan/Feb Member Birthdays



Harold Peters	Larry Schultz
Linda Klein	Vincent Dillane
Sanford Korschum	Ken Ritt
J. Ray Edmundson	Bill Thompson
Richard Kearney	Donald Riddick

*** We have no birthdates available for SAL members. Please contact the Adjutant with your birthdate. Thank you. ***

If your birthday is not listed please contact the Adjutant as we do not have it in our records. We would like to wish you a happy birthday also.

Consider Attending This Year....

The Department of North Carolina, through its Leadership Development Committee, held its first "Legion College" in the summer of 1985. The program enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, and it teaches the core values and contributions of the organization, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and many subordinate programs. The overall expertise gained during the classroom and small group sessions prepares young Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, counties and departments through education, development and motivation. The curriculum challenges the upcoming leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.



Notice

Anyone who would like to enter an article or information for the newsletter, please have it submitted to the Adjutant no later than the last Friday of the month. Email to vincentdillane@aol.com or hand deliver.

Contact Info

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

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Support our Brick Program

We are still taking orders. See an officer for information or go to http://www.legionncpost94.org/brick_program.html

Important Dates in Feb/Mar

Feb 4th USO Birthday

Feb 19th Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

Feb 21st Presidents Day

Mar 3rd Navy Reserve Birthday

Mar 15th American Legions Birthday

Getting Involved

Our Legion Family delivered 91 handmade rag wreaths to the veterans at the Kinston Veterans Home. The veterans were so excited to receive their wreaths. We had a great time visiting with the veterans.

Thanks to everyone who participated in helping the making and delivering of the wreaths. We all had a great time of fellowship. I hope that those who did not have the opportunity to join us this time will be able to join our next adventure!

Please let us know if you have any ideas for serving our veterans or community.

