Calling All Legionnaires ... The Mid-Winter Conference Is On!

2020 has been a tough year for everyone, but we are all still pushing forward with a resolve to grow and stay healthy as a nation, an organization and a family.

The Department is pleased to announce that the 2020-2021 Mid-Winter Conference will once again be held at the Natchez Grand Hotel and Convention Center located at 111 North Broadway Street in Natchez Mississippi.

Standing atop the bluffs that look out over the beautiful Mississippi River, The Natchez Grand Hotel is located in the heart of historic downtown Natchez, directly across from the Natchez Convention Center.

The hotel is only a couple of blocks away from the nearest restaurants and shops and just steps from dining, shopping, entertainment and many of the city’s famous attractions and antebellum homes, be sure to check out the many surrounding attractions on the popular Hop-On, Hop-Off tour bus.

The Department leadership is working hand-in-hand, so to speak, with the hotel staff to ensure that your stay will be the safest most enjoyable ever. We are working diligently to ensure that all COVID-19 safety measures are being taken.

Be sure to take a look at the agendas for the Legion on page 9 and the Auxiliary on page 10 as some things have been changed and you won’t want to be late or entirely miss an event you need to be at.
Department Adjutant’s Column

By Deborah Fielder
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Hello everyone ... by the time you read this article, Thanksgiving 2020 will have passed, but remember that is not the only day we should be thankful. As someone once said, “any day we wake to God’s beautiful mornings, we should be thankful.” Listed in this article are some of the things about the American Legion that you should be thankful for. Some you know and some you don’t know, but each and every one is important.

Our membership consists of relatives, friends, work relationships, and post members of our posts and others that make up the post that we belong to and the entire Department of Mississippi. Call a member to check on them (Buddy Check) and let them know how much you are thankful for them.

Our Posts (structural buildings) and meeting assemblies for those who are not able to have a structural building, but have a place to meet once a month. As you may realize, The Department of Mississippi was given permission to have meetings again during this pandemic just as long as we stayed safe and followed the CDC guidelines and State procedures. Meetings are important and we all missed our meetings but think safety first.

Our benefits. There are benefits both for a paid current member and for our posts. Here are a few for our individual membership and for the Posts. For more details on any and all, please visit the mylegion website, the Department of MS website, talk with your Post Commander/Post Adjutant, District Commanders, Area Com-

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Department Commander’s Column

By James Till
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As I write this article or report it is, with mixed emotions. I was optimistic that this world wide pandemic was about to come to an end as a vaccine or cure was coming about, but we are in a peak in cases at this time. We have some of our Legion family with the virus now.

It is my hope that by January 1st, we can get our Legion and Auxiliary back on line with our programs.

Mid-Winter conference at the Grand Hotel In Natchez is a go at this time, make your plans to be there.

My biggest concern is that many posts over the state are not working to get their members to pay their dues before now; at this time we have not met a target date this year! As of November 15, 2020, we are currently number 53 out of 56 among the American Legion Departments. Must Mississippi always have to be on the bottom? Commanders and Adjutant, this is your job. I must say thanks to the posts who have worked membership.

Our mission is to get off the bottom!!! For GOD and Country and Family, James

Chaplain’s Message

By Bobby Cook
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I truly hope all are looking towards a good Christmas. Granted, the world seems to be losing it (and it is); but, there is something about this event that seems to be losing its luster. Yes, everyone will do some sort of celebrating – either large scale or small scale. I have in my mind a society or/and a world that celebrates, but that doesn’t know for sure what it is celebrating anymore.

I'm sure there are those who are at the celebrations wondering what the fuss is about. Some may even celebrate themselves, or lift their favorite beverage to a mentor or two. Nothing wrong with doing the merriment thing. But isn't fun and laughter for its own sake a little foolish or silly? Shouldn't there be some real bona fide, rock-solid reason for the celebratory spirit?

I've looked in my life and tried to figure what the world has to offer. At best, I've been let down. Enter “The Event” that many now celebrate as Christmas. Families getting together and children excited about what they hope they will get for Christmas makes Christmas a joyful time. Indeed, it is a time of joy. Maybe it is not so much this year as in past years and yet, maybe this year could be one of the best. Why?

I'm reminded of the passage and fulfilled promise in Luke 2:11 “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.” The message here was to the shepherds. Simeon, as recorded in Luke 2:28-30, recognized who this infant was as he held him in his arms and saw the salvation of God.

The world was in turmoil in their day. They could rejoice because of the gift of God that would provide a way back into a restored fellowship with the Heavenly Father. This God, our God, is bigger than anything in the universe. Because he made it. He made us. He is bigger than any problem or challenge we face. To belong to Him through the precious blood of his Son is the Greatest Gift in all of human history.

Yes, we CAN celebrate – even in the midst of our deepest struggle!
Editor’s Column

By Jerry Allhands, Editor
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In the words of Elvis, I need a little less conversation and a little more action. The new year is just about upon us, and to be honest, I will be very happy to see 2020 in the rear view mirror. As I write this, the prospects don’t look all that appealing for the next four years politically speaking. But there is always hope, right?

Politics aside, we must all work together if we are a nation are to survive. The same could be said of our organization, The American Legion. I know it’s been tough this past year not being able to meet as we normally do, but we shouldn’t use that as an excuse to not thrive as an organization.

I hope to see all Post well-represented at the Mid-Winter Conference next month. Every Post should send a representative to the conference. I encourage you to make your reservations now. The contact number is in the schedule of events on this page.

There was some great feedback on the Fall issue of the Legion’Aire and I thank you for your many compliments and the suggestions. I will be implementing some of them in upcoming issues.

I was a bit annoyed by the few folks who wrote, and or called, asking why there weren’t more stories from their Post included in the paper. They didn’t seem to like my answer that came in the form of a question: “Did you or someone from your Post submit an article?”

Don’t forget to do the same thing with your local newspaper. Share what your Post is doing in the community. Your local paper wants to share your stories with your local newspaper. Share what you do as a Post or as individual Legionnaires can most likely be applied to the Consolidated Post Report that your Post Adjutant fills out every year. Make sure he or she knows what you have done and that it gets in the news and into the CPR.

All of us here at the Mississippi Legion’Aire wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years! May God bless us all.

JERRY ALLHANDS

2020-2021 National Membership Target Dates

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Schedule of Events

Updates will be made on our Facebook page American Legion Dept of MS and our web page www.msamlegion.org. Check them often as dates draw close.

2021 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
The Grand Hotel and Convention Center • Natchez, MS
January 14-17, 2021
Double Rooms (1 or 2 persons) $119 ($143.85 with all taxes and fees)
All rooms subject to 10% City Tax, 7% State Sales Tax
And $2 Occupancy Fee + $9.95 Amenity Fee
1-601-446-9994
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2021 STATE CONVENTION
The Grand Hotel and Convention Center • Natchez, MS
July 15-18, 2021
1-601-446-9994 or 1-866-488-0998
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AMERICAN LEGION 102nd NATIONAL CONVENTION
Phoenix, AZ
August 27 - September 2, 2021
More details at www.legion.org

Spring Area Conferences

District Officers will be elected at these conferences
Must present your 2021 or PUFL Membership Card to attend

NORTHERN AREA SPRING CONFERENCE – District 1 Commander David Benson
Saturday, April 10, 2021
American Legion Post 26 • 523 Highway 145 N. • Aberdeen, MS 39730
662-368-4445
Leon Manning, Post Commander - Registration: 9:00 - 10:30am
$20 per Legionnaire
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CENTRAL AREA SPRING CONFERENCE – District 6 Commander Richard Stamper
Saturday, April 24, 2021
American Legion Post 3 • 1712 Monroe Street • Vicksburg MS 39181
601-634-1114
Shawn Cosgrove, Post Commander - Registration: 9:00 - 10:30am
$20 per Legionnaire
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SOUTHERN AREA SPRING CONFERENCE – District 8 Commander Sammy Barnett
Saturday, April 17, 2021
American Legion Post 11 • 1108 N. 8th Ave • Laurel, MS 39440
601-651-6283
Don Cotton, Post Commander - Registration: 9:00 - 10:30am
$20 per Legionnaire
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Convention Chairman’s Report

By Lynn Rodgers
PDC 2005

I hope we have a good Mid-Winter conference. It will be Thursday, January 14, through Sunday, January 17, at the Natchez Grand Hotel in Natchez, Mississippi. Make your reservations now by calling 601-446-9994. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Also wishing all of you a Merry Christmas.

For God and Country,
Lynn
Finance Officer’s Report

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There is not much going on as far as I know. Some posts have been meeting, but I think attendance is low. I hope and pray this COVID-19 will soon run its course, or the vaccine will soon be available. My doctor at the VA said we could possibly be getting vaccinated by sometime in December. I hope she is right.

Now to my job or assignment as Finance Officer. Since our Executive Committee meeting, we have checked on our CDs and are getting them in proper order, assessing if needed for operation, or if there is a need to change financial institutions. We will have current officers on the signature cards and, as approved, at every change of officers.

While we’re on financial things, we are still in good shape; some of it because of not meeting in the District, State or National Conventions. We are on for Mid-Winter Conference, January 14-17, 2021. Maybe things will improve and hopefully the meeting will be a success.

Now a little on Membership ... we are behind the goal set by National. I do not think we have met any of the goals so far this year, but I do understand why. I am asking every Post Adjutant to attempt to contact every member that has not paid and get our numbers up. At this writing, we are 53rd, 6668 paid out of 8256 for 75% of goal. Total goal for the year is 11,008.

Keep on keeping on.

I hope everybody had a Happy Thanksgiving and all of you have a Merry Christmas. Do not forget the reason for the season: "Worship Jesus". May God Bless You and Yours,

For God and Country,
Ronald

Membership Chairman’s Report

By Deborah Fielder,
for Murry Toney, PDC 2017

You have heard it over and over again, but do you understand why? Membership is very important; these numbers help us as a Post, a Department, a National Organization to survive. Without you, our members, we can’t survive.

So let's talk numbers and compare. Last year the Department of Mississippi ranked 54 out of 55 Departments. Our goal was 12,141. We achieved 10,348 members with a percentage rate of 85.232%. We fell short of our goal by 1,793 members.

As of November 23, 2020, National has us ranked at 53. This year our goal is 11,008 members. As of November 23rd, we have 6,668 members, 60.574%. We have not made a goal this year. We didn’t make any goals last year.

The next target date is December 9. At this time we need 1,588 members to pay dues in order to make the 75% goal. It is possible to achieve this! If we fall short again of that goal, the next target date is January 21 with a target goal of 80%.

I would like to issue a personal challenge to everyone reading this. Call a friend, buddy, relative, or co-worker that you know who is a member. Tell them hello, wish them a Merry Christmas, and then tell them to give a gift to the Legion by paying their membership to their Post before the end of the year if they haven’t paid. If they say they are short of money due to the holidays, propose that they save at least a $1.00 a day between now and the 10th of January in order to pay their dues.

If you are a member who is reading this and you haven’t gotten around to paying your dues, pay them now and help us reach around 1,800 members (my estimate) by January 10th. This paper is being sent out to over 10,000 people, so 1,800 members paying their dues by this date is viable.

Reminder: Current membership gives you the ability to file for NEF Funds – one of the great benefits of being an American Legion Member. Should you experience damages from a natural disaster, and if you have to seek shelter elsewhere, the NEF fund will cover food, shelter, clothing, and gas with receipts. But remember, if such an event happens, you can’t pay your dues at that time and then make application for funds. You have to be current at the time of the disaster.

Americanism Report

By JOHN TARDY, PDC 2013
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In the Fall 2020 edition of the Legion’Aire, I wrote extensively about the purpose of, and the need to submit the annual Consolidated Post Report (CPR). Everyone should now be accumulating data for the completion of the report and be preparing to submit their report after the close-out at the end of May, 2021. All reports must reach National Headquarters by July 1, 2021.

All post should remember that if a post requires Financial Assistance to recover from a disaster, they will be asked to provide a copy of their latest Consolidated Post Report.

Jill Druskius from Nebraska, the Director of the Legion’s Americanism Commission, defines Americanism as an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers to found this country.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) provides financial assistance to children of active-duty service members and current American Legion members when their household experiences difficulty in meeting their basic needs. During calendar year 2019, non-repayable grants totaling over $1.1 million touched the lives of 3,277 children of 1,777 veterans throughout 44 states. Within those grand totals, 2,767 minor children of 1,539 U.S. Coast Guard service members received nearly $1 million in cash grants during the longest federal government shutdown in our nation’s history.

Internal Affairs Report, NEC Report

By Jerry Allhands,
for Robert Gosa, PDC 1991

Our NEC Robert Gosa called me this morning to let me know that he is at home and recovering from his battle with COVID-19. Robert is one of those people who is at a very high risk due to age and medical conditions, however Robert was able to beat the odds through the Grace of God and the skills of his doctor and exceptional care of his nurses.

Robert wishes us all the happiest of holidays and hopes that we all continue to stay healthy and that we have a very successful Mid-Winter Conference.

Oh! And, if you haven’t already done it, pay your dues. Ha, ha!
Central Area Commander’s Report

By Joe Jones
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This is my first report as Central Area Vice Commander. I started off by traveling to the the Northern Area with State Commander Till and being sworn in by Alternate NEC Steve Sweet. Jerry, thank you for the great travel weather you arranged for us. It was a good conference and well attended with all weather problems. Thank all of you for the invite.

My next stop was for our Central Area conference hosted by Post 112 and Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you to Commander Randy Jordan and all the ladies who put on a really great feed and made it a great meeting. We had a very good turn out and good food to go along with a not-so-well-run meeting hosted by myself [1st one]. With colors being in place, they were saluted and our Chaplin Bobby Cook led us in the Pledge, our POW program, and prayer.

Our 3rd District Commander led us in the Pledge, our POW program, and the Preamble, and the meeting was called to order. The roll call and Adj. Report was done by State Adj. Deborah Fielder. District 4 Commander William Quick gave his report followed by District 5 Commander Gary Rishner and District 6 Commander Richard Stamper. Membership report was given and was well discussed on the problems because of the coronavirus and ways to try to combat it so we can get back to work.

A report was given by District 6 Executive Committeeeman Carl Baker, which included that the Vice Commander is being transferred out of state and had written a letter of resignation due to report date of the next week. Thank you, Michelle Stewart, for all your work for the American Legion and the Auxiliary over the years. Nolan Smith was elected to fill her slot until next election is held. Nolan is a member of Post 213.

State Sons of the American Legion report was given and is the lone shining star. We need to get busy and try to make it even better. We need all to pull together to get the 100% of state goal which now stands at 82%. A job well done. Our State NEC Robert Goza was absent so there was no report. Hope you are doing better, sir.

The meeting was closed by our Chaplin and all retired back home. To all out there, we need to keep everyone in our prayers until this illness is shut down. I hope you had a great Veterans Day celebration and all veterans everywhere were prayered for. A great job on both Vicksburg posts on virtual celebration. As for me, I had hip replacement on the Monday before, so there was no partying going on here. This is my report for my first two months. Our spring conference will be April 24th.

Northern Area Commander’s Report

By Jerry Allhands
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I want to start this report by wishing everyone very happy holidays. I know for some this can be a very difficult time of the year for many reasons, but I want you to know that you are not alone.

The Northern Area Fall Conference was a tremendous success and was well attended by Posts throughout the area. I say a hearty thank you to Third District Commander Leon Weeks, his wife Pat, the members of Post 165 and the Auxiliary for their many days of hard work in cleaning and preparing the Legion Post for our meeting and the local VFW Post for the Auxiliary meeting.

The weather was not the best we could have hoped for, but was very typical of a Delta storm. In true military fashion our Legionnaires did not let inclement weather prevent them from fulfilling their mission.

Alternate NEC Steve Sweet, PDC 2009, shared his experiences as National Vice Commander and made suggestions for some changes to the Mid-Winter Conference Department Convention. These suggestions were discussed at the Department Executive Committee meeting in September and will be taking effect at our Mid Winter Conference.

The memory of the late Central Area Vice Commander Joe Bermond, who passed away on June 15th, was honored. And we were pleased to have Joe Jones, Commander of Post 153 in Madison, be installed by ANEC Steve Sweet to fill out the year as the Central Area Vice Commander. We wish you every success and best wishes.

By Joe Jones
Central Area Vice Commander
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Southern Area Commander’s Report

By Ivan McAllister
Southern Area
Vice-Commander
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Is hurricane season over yet? Records are being broken with storm after storm and with COVID-19 going wild, it’s time for some changes! As we start 2021, let’s be careful, but also be as active as possible by continuing to do our Buddy Checks and assist in recruiting and encouraging renewals.

Remember that your 2021 dues need to be paid by February 1st so that you can assist your post by voting on important issues. Don’t get suspended! If you haven’t started compiling your volunteer hours, start now and turn the data into your Adjutant. This data is needed by the National Commander and our Washington delegation when they meet with the Congressmen asking for support of the Legion’s programs. EVERY post needs to submit a Consolidated Post Report (CPR). Our strength is in our numbers!

The Southern Area Conference was successful with 47 Legion members and 26 Auxiliary attending at Post 1992, Gautier. As always, a great lunch was provided by the Post. We will soon be finished with 2020… hurricanes, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Eve and into 2021 with COVID-19 still with us! We will have a Mid-Winter Conference! I have made reservations at the Grand Hotel in Natchez. Hope to see everyone there wearing masks and social distancing, if still necessary. Better safe than sorry!

We know that our Posts are working hard to get our renewals paid. How are we doing on recruiting new members? All military members and most reservists are eligible to join along with all honorably discharged veterans. Please ask and give them the opportunity to join and serve. Veterans serving veterans.

For God, Family and Country,
Ivan

Mississippi American Legion Website

By Richard D. Stamper
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Change is in the Air! What’s New? Legionnaires, since the last issue of the “Legion’Aire”, what once was considered “normal”, has completely changed due to Covid-19! Monthly Post Meetings where veterans conducted business in person are now done through virtual communications with computers and/or cellphones. Likewise, schools, churches, clubs, etc., have had to adapt and change their way of doing things.

Good News! Not everything has changed! As the American Legion “motto”, “For God and Country” remains, as does the foundation of the four pillars the American Legion was founded upon. 1. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, 2. National Security, 3. Americanism, and 4. Children & Youth.

To further provide what has not changed is our American Legion motto, “For God and Country” and our USA motto, “In God We Trust”! Also, our National USA Constitution, even with numerous amendments, still provides for our freedoms and liberties. Our American Legion Preamble begins with “For God and Country” and provides the attributes that “The American Legion” stands for throughout the entire Preamble!

Keep the faith Legionnaires as we have all dealt with numerous situations. Some which were worse than others, trying and difficult during our life journey. Remember, we are veterans taking care of veterans. Continue to do the “Buddy Checks” as we go about American Legion endeavors supporting the four pillars.

For God and Country,
Richard

Auxiliary News

Department President’s Report

By Charlotte G. Williams
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Greetings American Legion Family,

I am privileged to be a part of the world’s largest patriotic service organization that was established to serve mankind. Also, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of people. Due to the COVID-19 virus, our daily living has changed, but our obligation remains the same. It is my prayer that you and your family are healthy and safe. Our goals are to remain committed to the American Legion, as well as to build an incredible foundation and legacy as we continue to Celebrate a Century of Service, caring for our Veterans, Military and their families.

We all have a place in this great organization. Our highest needs for leaders, officers and members are to increase membership and financial support. We will continue to work together for the achievement of our programs, as well as celebration of our members. The Department of Mississippi will have a successful and prosperous year. I am so grateful and thank each of you for working so diligently for our Veterans. You have given your best and I am looking forward to our continued work together. I am privileged to be a member of our American Legion family.

Our mission includes supporting the American Legion by honoring the sacrifices and enhancing the lives of those who served so that we may have freedom and liberty.

Everything we do is in honor of our Veterans. There is not another organization in the world that has made these accomplishments. With the same hearts, minds, and spirits aligning with the principles of Red, White and Blue Legacy, we will continue to build stronger bonds that the founders of this great organization have set forth.

Again, I am thankful and appreciate each of you for working diligently for our Veterans. Proudly, we will continue forging, in the same hearts, minds and spirits, ensuring that the Department of Mississippi will have an impactful year. Because of the dedication and sacrifices of the great men and women who have embodied in the Spirit of Service, Not Self, for our Veterans, our country is and always will be a better place. “WE ARE ALL IN.”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family! For God and Country,

Charlotte

Happy Holidays
Mississippi Legion Riders

By Mike Hurst  
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Mississippi Legion Riders now number 258 members in 17 Chapters. I would like to welcome Galen Shakey Parker as recently appointed Southern Area Director. Shakey has hit the ground running and I look forward to hearing good things from this area. Shakey has already organized rides and runs to support various causes in the Southern Area along with riding to events in other areas to support Mississippi ALR. Chapters have been more active lately, holding runs and rides to raise funds for various causes. For example, ALR 6 has held events to support MS Project Package, Fisher House, Oxford Veterans Home and others, as well as volunteering in educational opportunities with other civic clubs such as Junior Civitans. ALR 6 also recently held their first Car Show in conjunction with the Freedom Ride and Market.

I would like to ask Chapter and Area Directors to share more information regarding their events by sending articles and pictures to me to include in the quarterly paper and on the Facebook pages. The ALR needs to share all the events we participate in to support for our Veterans and communities.

American Legion Boys State

For God and Country,

While we are still saddened that we could not hold the 2020 session of Boys State, The Department of Mississippi American Legion Boys State Directors and Staff remain optimistic for a successful session of Magnolia Boys State in the Summer of 2021 at The University of Mississippi. The 2020 session was on track to be an amazing week and given this extra time we are strategically using it to build upon that momentum to further enhance the program.

Our medical staff are developing a COVID-19 mitigation and response plan, our programming staff are working to improve our content delivery, multi-media, and delegate experience, and our athletic program is on track to be amazing. Along with the above-mentioned improvements, Magnolia Boys State will expand eligibility to High School Seniors as well as the normally eligible High School Juniors due to the cancelation of Boys State 2020. The Directors are also excited to announce that any delegate that applied to the 2020 session are still eligible for the scholarships for participation that would have normally been awarded if they attended the 2020 session. Finally, the Directors and Staff remain committed to facilitating a safe and enriching experience for the leaders of tomorrow. While we are at this point confident that we can responsibly provide a safe experience for the summer of 2021 the pandemic situation remains fluid. Our staff are on the pulse of the most current developments and guidance from the country’s leading healthcare institutions and regulatory agencies. We are prepared to react to any change, and we are putting together a contingency plan to offer a modified virtual Boys State experience if it is deemed, we must not hold Boys State in person. We encourage Legionnaires to spread the word about the program and to look to our website www.msboysstate.com for the most current information.

In service,

Brennan Shands, LPN  
Health & Communications Director  
Mississippi Boys State
Greetings to AL, SAL, and ALA family. It is now the end and beginning of the calendar year and holiday time. Christmas and the New Year are special and a time to reflect. We have all been impacted by COVID-19, but we have endured. We are more vigilant, stronger, and wiser. For God and Country, we continue our service, because we are The American Legion.

As we wind down the year, membership across the Detachment is the best we have seen with 917 members for the 2020 year. Mississippi also put the Southern Region in first place as winner of the National Regional Membership Award. Applause to all the Squadrons for reaching their goals and increasing membership in 2020.

With the 2021 year now upon us, renewals are off to a good start with 62% completed. New membership continues as well with Squadrons to date adding 45 new members. This puts the Detachment at 82% of membership goal which National has set at 754 and ranks Mississippi second overall and first in the Southern Region. Congratulations to Ripley Squadron 81 for reaching 138% of their goal and to Gulfport Squadron 119 for reaching 114% of their goal. I am excited about 2021 and looking forward to reaching four digit membership for the Detachment of MS.

The Fall NEC meeting for SAL was held virtually this year in Indianapolis on September 26, 2020. I attended the meeting virtually from my home. It was an enlightening experience that went very well. A Resolution of Endorsement for National Vice Commander was accepted and filed for our own NEC Ron Roberts. Ron served in the Air Force and is a dual AL and SAL member from Mendenhall Post/Squadron 74. We are immensely proud of the leadership Ron has given to SAL and to the Department and Detachment of MS and look forward to Ron serving as a future SAL National Vice Commander.

The American Legion Department of Mississippi Mid-Winter Conference is Jan 14-17 held at the Grand Hotel in Natchez, MS. The SAL Detachment meeting will be Saturday at 2 p.m. It is a good time to meet and learn from other SAL members as well as AL and ALA members. It is also a good time to meet your Detachment Officers and as your Adjutant, I look forward to meeting you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Detachment of MS.

For God and Country,

Danny Baser

Editor’s Note:

Sometimes in an article you may see initials that just don’t make sense to you. So with that in mind here is a listing of some of those initials and what they mean. We hope this makes your reading experience more enjoyable:

PDC = Past Department Commander of The American Legion
PDP = Past Department President of The American Legion Auxiliary
NEC = National Executive Committeeman of The American Legion and or American Legion Auxiliary
ANEC = Alternate National Executive Committeeman of The American Legion and or American Legion Auxiliary
CPR = Consolidated Post Report
Membership Card = something you get when you pay your membership dues

American Legion Riders

Make A Difference

By Tina Hurst
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American Legion Riders Chapter 6 recently presented a check for $500 to MS Project Package to help cover mailing fees for packages going to deployed service members. For as long as Mississippi has deployed Service Members, this project will continue.

Per Ricky Pope, the organizer of MS Project Package, the lack of items usually is not an issue, but the lack of funds for postage is. ALR Chapter 6 has issued a challenge to all Rider Chapters in Mississippi to make donations to the organization.

Auxiliary Unit 6 also made a donation and would like to challenge other Units and Posts to do the same. In these trying times the lack of donations has impacted the ability of our organization to support our Troops, but we should never let our Service Members feel that they are not appreciated and thought about all year.

Please consider making a donation. For more information on MS Project Package, you can go to their website www.msprojectpackage.org.

Amateur Radio in Space

By Don Rand WV5Q
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COVID-19 drags on, and on. Sports, events, parties, family gatherings, and meetings continue to be cancelled, minimized or remoted via Zoom or Internet.

Right now, as I write this, I am watching the launch of the Space-X Resilience Crew to ISS. This leads into the overwhelming need for Amateur Radio. All back-up radios, on the ISS, and Space-X are Amateur Radio's and frequencies. The ISS has multiple ham radios on board. Today's off the shelf, less than $50 ham radio is fully capable of communicating with the ISS crew. Their on air activities are posted on the NASA website and in print material. Part of this crew and cargo are new amateur radios, with even greater capabilities.

Interested? The first decision is that you want to get a license. As I mentioned before, all testing material is available on line at www.qrz.com or www.oham.com. The basic license is the Technician class, and this gives you all capabilities to communicate with the ISS (by the way, all astronauts are licensed Amateur Radio Operators!). This is only one of the benefits of a license.

Daily worldwide communications are conducted Amateur to Amateur by voice, digital, Morse Code, or over the internet. This does not even mention the emergency capabilities of Amateur Radio. More on that next time.

73 Don Rand,WV5Q, Post 1992, Gautier-Vancleave, Mississippi.
Mid-Winter Conference
THE AMERICAN LEGION • DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI
January 14-17, 2021 • Grand Hotel • Natchez, Mississippi

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 14-17, 2021, at the Grand Hotel Convention Center in Natchez, Mississippi. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Hotel Lobby. The Executive Committee Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday. Department Commander James Till will call the conference to order at 2 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021. The District Commanders and Committee Reports will be given on the floor of the conference at the call of the Commander.

Friday, January 15
9:00 a.m. Registration/Training
9:30 a.m. Committee Meetings (except Executive Committee)
1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. Conference Open
Call to Order ............................................................. Commander Till
Post Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation / POW-MIA Service
Preamble to the Constitution
Welcome by local post commanders Post 4 John Curran and Post 229 Autry Clayton
Introduction of
Guests ............................................................. Commander Till / NEC Gosa
Introduction of Mayor/Representative/VA/State/AGIA
Finance Report ................................................................. Ronnie Bennett, PDC
Convention Chairmen’s/Resolutions
Report .......................................................... Lynn Rodgers, PDC
Internal Affairs Report ............................................ Robert Gosa, PDC
All Area and District Commanders Reports
Announcements ............................................................ Commander Till

4:50 p.m. Salute Colors
Adjournment
40 & 8 Cheminot 30 minutes after close of Legion business

Saturday, January 16
8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Call to Order ............................................................. Commander Till
Post Colors ................................................................. Salute by Numbers
Invocation .......................................................... Bobby Cook
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome ................................................. Commander Till
Introduction of Guests ............................................................ Commander Till
Convention Chairmen’s/Resolutions Report ................................ Lynn Rodgers
Internal Affairs Report ............................................................ Robert Gosa
Membership Turn-In ............................................................ Adjutant Deborah Fielder
Baseball Report ............................................................. Mark Herrington
Americanism ............................................................... John Tardy, PDC

Boys State Report ........................................................ ... Murry Toney, PDC
Oratorical/Sounds ........................................................... Joseph Kersh, PDC
Education Report ........................................................... Robert Endt, PDC
Public Relations Report ..................................................... Steve Guyton
LegionAire ............................................................... Jerry Alldays
Recess
Past Department Commanders Luncheon
(at Breakfast Room)
Reconvene
Sons Meeting Hotel Breakfast Room
Adjutant's Report .............................................................. Deborah Fielder
VA & R Report / NEC ...................................................... Robert Gosa, PDC
SAL Report .............................................................. Roberts / Sweet
Membership Reports and Awards ......................................... Murry Toney, PDC
Commander’s Report ............................................................. Commander Till
Announcements of Candidates for Office ................................ Commander Till
Salute Colors / Prayer / Announcements
Oratorical Workshop 15 minutes after the close of Legion Business (meet in hotel lobby)
Legion Riders Meeting in hotel breakfast room or TBA (after dismissal)

Sunday, January 17
8:30 a.m. Joint Memorial Session in the Main Hall
9:00 a.m. Registration / Final Tally / Post Pay
Department Officer Reports (if needed):
NEC .......................................................... Robert Gosa, PDC
Alt. NEC .............................................................. Steve Sweet, PDC
Northern Area Commander .............................................. Jerry Alldays
Central Area Commander ................................................ Joseph Jones
Southern Area Commander ................................................ Ivan McAllister
Commanders Report ............................................................. James Till
New/Old Business
Anything for the good of the Legion
Retire Colors ............................................................. Commander James Till
Closing Prayer .............................................................. Bobby Cook
Salute Colors
Adjourn

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT ...
(Continued from page 2)

manders and/or call the Department Adjutant at (601) 352-4986 or (601) 497-5079.

Temporary Financial Assistance for the members who have a current paid membership at the time of application with a minor child under the age of 17 years old or under age 20 if still enrolled in high school, or is physically handicapped. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran or Legion member. This assistance will help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses.

National Emergency Funds. The fund provides up to $3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to $10,000 for posts. These funds are provided due to damage from a federally declared natural disaster. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. An application must be submitted, but to be eligible the following conditions must be met:

• Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster.
• Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs (such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster.
• Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.
• Post must, along with submitting a copy of the declaration of disaster, must submit a copy of their last CPR.

Resolution No. 36, Mission Blue Post Assistance Program, will provide $1,000 grants to posts that are in good standing with their respective department. These funds must be used exclusively to pay current or past due rent, mortgage, utilities and insurance.

As I stated, these were just a few things we should be thankful for and for more information contact us.

Thank you. Happy Belated Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Proceeds will go to sponsoring Boys State Delegates, supporting our local Boy Scout Troop, and providing financial support for unbudgeted teacher supplies.

Again, thank you all!

This year’s lucky winner is ...

Sandy Hanko,
wife of retired Navy Senior Chief Mike Hanko and a PUFL American Legion member
2021 Mid-Winter Conference
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI
January 15-17, 2021 • Natchez Grand Hotel • Natchez, Mississippi

Friday, January 15
8:00 a.m. Registration (Fee $20/Sr. $4/Jr.) ......................... Lobby
10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting ....................... Aux. Mtg. Room
1:30 p.m. General Session Opening
Presentation of Past Department Presidents, District Presidents and Department Officers – Convention Chairman Chandra D’Avy
Call to Order – Department President Charlotte Williams
Advance of Colors – Sergeants-At-Arms Shelia McDaniel
Invocation – Department Chaplain Cindy Harper
Pledge of Allegiance – Department Historian Jayce Chanda
National Anthem – Musical
Preamble – Tina Hurst, NEC
Welcome – Dan M. Gibson, Mayor of Natchez
Response – Dept. 1st Vice President Diane Belue
Introduction of Sgts-at-Arms, Pages and District
Vice Presidents – Department President
Introduction of VA Reps & Guests – Department President
MS State Veterans Affairs Board Executive Director – Stacey Pickering
Biloxi VA Medical Center – Representatives
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center

District Presidents Reports
District I ......................................................... Shawn White
District II ..................................................... Anne Warlick
District III .................................................. Virginia Gay
District IV .................................................. Jewell Brown
District V ..................................................... Wendy Walters
District VI ..................................................... Vera Mooney
District VII ................................................ vacant
District VIII ........................................................... Ellen Paul
District IX ..................................................... Katy Gift

Program Reports
Membership ............................................ Gwendolyn Washington
Steel Magnolias ........................................ Phylis Moran
Anchor Fund ............................................. Mary Smith-Ried
Dept. Support Fund .................................... Peggy McCluskey
Past President’s Parley ............................. Glenda Wheelis
Advisory .................................................. Anita McAllister

Announcements
Recess

7:00 a.m. BINGO
9:00 p.m. Department Support Fund

Saturday, January 16
8:00 a.m. Registration Continues ................................ Hotel Lobby
8:30 a.m. Reconvene for training
Reports Training - Department Chairman
Americanism – Mary Lyles
Aux. Emergency Fund ................................. Jayce Chanda

Children & Youth – Chandra D’Avy
Community Service – Beverly Cotton-Pugh
Constitution and Bylaws – Kathy Dungan
Education – Cindy Harper
Leadership – Mary Barrett
Legislative – Annie Green
Poppy – Patsy Welch
National Security ........................................ Mary Smith-Ried
Public Relations ........................................... Chairman
Chaplain .................................................. Cindy Harper
Historian ................................................... Jayce Chanda
VA&R ........................................................ Department President
President .................................................. Charlotte Williams

Reports Training (Cont’d)
Finance ................................................... Ellen Paul
Programs ................................................... Diane Belue
Secretary/Liaison w/TAL ................................... Ellen Paul
NEC ......................................................... Tina Hurst
President .................................................. Charlotte Williams
Announcements
Recess

3:00 p.m. BINGO
5:00 p.m. Department Support Fund ............................ Peggy McCluskey

Sunday, January 17
8:30 a.m. Joint Memorial Service in Legion Meeting Room – American Legion Chaplain Bobby Cook, Auxiliary Department Chaplain Cindy Harper
3:30 a.m. Reconvene
Dept. Support Fund Update ............................ Peggy McCluskey
Credentials ................................................ Carolyn Tardy
Closing Prayer .............................................. Cindy Harper
Retirement of Colors .................................... Shelia McDaniel
Close ................................................................ President Charlotte Williams
Chairman of Pages .................................... Cherry Chatman
Pages ....................................................... Tina Dillard, Kristy Townley, Shirley Tutor, Gwendolyn Washington

President’s Personal Page ............................. Peggy McCluskey
Sgt. at Arms .............................................. Shelia McDaniel
Parliamentarian ........................................ Kathy Dungan

from
Commander James Till
NEC Robert Gosa
ANEC Steve Sweet
Adjutant Deborah Fielder
NAC Jerry Allhands
CAC Joe Jones
SAC Ivan McAllister
Legion Riders Director Mike Hurst
President Charlotte Williams
Winter 2020 MISSISSIPPI LEGION’AIRE

Jerry Allhands
Northern Area
Vice Commander
662-902-6658

Joe Jones
Central Area
Vice Commander
601-940-0078

Ivan McAllister
Southern Area
Vice Commander
662-365-6435

David Benson
District 1
Commander
662-279-9226

William Quick
District 4
Commander
662-242-8131

John Curran
District 7
Commander
601-735-7600

Mike Fronabarger
District 2
Commander
901-605-6138

Gary Risher
District 5
Commander
769-274-7407

Sammy Burnett
District 8
Commander
601-735-7600

Leon Weeks
District 3
Commander
662-719-0515

Richard Stamper
District 6
Commander
601-940-1185

William Whately
District 9
Commander
228-238-4544

A color version of this map can be found on our website www.msamlegion.org and on our Facebook page at American Legion Dept of MS.
The NEF Helps Post 67

Pictured left to right: Dept. Commander James Till, Post 67 Commander Tommy Bryant and District 6 Commander Richard D. Stamper

By Jerry Allhands
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Department Commander James Till looks on as Post 67 Commander Tommy Bryant receives a check for $10,000.00 from the American Legion National Emergency Fund presented by District 6 Commander, Richard D. Stamper. The officers met in the Department of Mississippi American Legion Headquarters offices in The War Memorial Building in Jackson.

Post 67 suffered flood and wind damage earlier this year and submitted a request for assistance from the NEF (National Emergency Fund) to assist in the cost of repairs, which was approved.

One of the requirements for a Post to be considered for assistance from the NEF is that the Post be an active Post. This is verified by the submission of the Consolidated Post Report that your Post Adjutant must fill out and submit each year prior to May 30. No Consolidated Post Report and your Post request will not be considered. If you are an Adjutant who needs assistance in filling out this very important form please contact your District Commander who will readily assist you.

JOHN TARDY
Past Department Commander
Americanism Chairman
Post 81 • Ripley, Mississippi

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

May 2021 be a far better year than 2020. May we see the last of Coronavirus and May the Legion grow bigger and better.

Stay safe.

In Memory of:
Audrey “Boots” Box and Donald Grant

Commander Troy Porter
1st Vice Commander W.L. Foster
Adjutant Danny R. Baser
NEC Ron Roberts
Alt. NEC Jonathan Fitzhugh
Judge Advocate Harry Williams

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Detachment of Mississippi
State Veterans Homes Earn "Best in Class" Status

At Mississippi Veterans Affairs (MSVA), our mission is to honor our over 187,000 State Veterans and their dependents through superior service, care, and assistance.

Even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our Agency’s hallmark remains our State Veterans Homes System, with locations in Collins, Jackson, Kosciusko, and Oxford. We currently serve approximately 600 Veterans at these locations, where our staff provides compassionate and specialized care.

We are proud to announce that our Veterans Homes are the recipient of Pinnacle Quality Insight’s 2020 Customer Experience Award, boasting "Best in Class" status when providing senior healthcare services nationwide.

Every month, our Agency has gathered its real-time survey results to gain a better understanding of the Veteran residents’ needs and make improvements when necessary. We at Mississippi Veterans Affairs have satisfied the rigorous demand for scoring in the nation’s top 15% across a 12-month average.

For example, our rating amongst long-term care facilities regarding “short-term stays” (30 days or less) was 95% this year. The national average is 72%. We scored over 94% regarding “long-term stays” (30 days or more), and the national average in that category is 84%. And perhaps the one category that we are most proud of, “overall customer satisfaction,” we scored a perfect 100%. The national average in that category is 72%.

Regardless of the pandemic, our team focuses on providing the best experience possible to the resident and their families. When we had to postpone physical visitation at our Homes, we came up with creative and innovative ways to ensure that families can still connect – our “Virtual Visits” consist of the residents communicating with their loved ones via smartphone or tablet.

We’ve also incorporated "Window Visits." Families can sit right outside their loved one’s room window at the Home and hold a conversation, without the worry of possibly spreading the virus unknowingly. No alternative form of visitation can replace holding hands or hugs, but we hope these methods allow for the spreading of love.

If you or your loved one is a Veteran and has considered making one of our Homes yours, we hope you will seek eligibility. Admission to any of our Homes requires each Veteran:

- To be or have been a Mississippi resident
- Have qualifying military service
- Have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
- Be the spouse of a Veteran who resides in one of the State Veterans Homes.
- Have a medical examination by a physician within 30 days of admission and, as a result, demonstrate that he/she:
  - Does not have a communicable disease
  - Does not require medical or hospital care for which the Home is not equipped or staffed to provide
  - Does not have traits that may prove to be dangerous to themselves, other residents, and employees.

Out-of-State Veterans may be admitted to the Homes if no Mississippi residents are waiting to accept a bed/room. For more information on our Homes, including admission paperwork and contact information, visit the "Veterans Homes" section of our website, www.msva.ms.gov/homes.

For more information on the services we provide, visit our website, www.msva.ms.gov

Stacey Pickering
Executive Director
Mississippi Veterans Affairs

A Local Marine Proud To Stand with Our President

By Johnny Reeves
5th District Vice-Commander
Johnnyr1965@yahoo.com

Lance Corporal Garet Risher is a new member of Post 9 in Forest, Mississippi. He is the grandson of District 5 Commander Gary Risher. Garet is an Active Duty Marine stationed in the Washington D.C. area. He and his girlfriend were recently attending a wedding reception at a nearby Trump Golf Club.

The President was sitting at a table close to the young couple and when he learned that Risher is a Marine he told his security detail he wanted to meet Risher. Risher got to meet his boss, The Commander in Chief of our armed forces. After the meeting one of the Secret Service agents escorted Risher to a private room and was asked by President Trump to have his picture taken with him. The President remarked on how this young squared away Marine represented our nations fighting force.

The Lance Corporal is a graduate of Copiah Academy in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, where he joined the Marines prior to graduating high school. Being a Marine was the only thing he ever wanted to do. His mother is a guidance counselor at Brookhaven High School and his father is a preacher. His parents are so proud of their son and his service to our country.

Risher will very shortly finish his duties in Washington and will be off to the next adventures of a US Marine at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. District 5 Commander Gary Risher beams with pride when talking about his grandson and indicated that Garet plans to continue his education and to one day become a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Lance Corporal Garet Risher and President Donald J. Trump
2021 American Legion Baseball

By Jon Mark Herrington
American Legion Dept. of Mississippi
Baseball Chairman
601-297-9642
mark.herrington@att.net

With the unpredictability of the current worldwide COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the manner in which the virus spreads, its duration and the resulting public health regulations, questions regarding regular season play within your department should be directed to your department baseball committee chairman Mark Herrington.

The decision for 2021 baseball will be determined by May 1, 2021, first and foremost in the interest of health and safety, and in the face of uncertainty. Mississippi American Legion Baseball plans to conduct a summer regular season and state tournament in Tupelo, MS.

The baseball program in Mississippi is steadily growing and participation is easy, creating ample opportunity for new players to join, for coaches who want to start a team, for umpires, and for individuals or groups interested in volunteering.

American Legion Baseball has a long history in Mississippi. The league strives to provide a good mix of flexible schedules and good competition. The season typically begins after the academic school year ends which is near the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

The state tournament is normally held in mid-July. The possibility of advancing to the American Legion World Series is available to teams that advance through the regional tournament levels. The season offers both full and part-time play.

Regular season and tournament games are held within the State of Mississippi. The American Legion is a non-profit league with the goal of improving our young people by providing a positive, competitive environment, while preparing our players for high school and collegiate level play.

The Baseball program offers opportunities in three age divisions: Junior Varsity, Varsity and 19U for state championships. The 19U division state champion can advance to Regional tournament and possibly the American Legion World Series.

The Junior Varsity division is designed for the rising 10th grade and younger players.

The Varsity division is open for all players with at least one remaining season of high school athletic eligibility.

The 19U (Senior Division) division is designed for recent high school graduates and younger players. It is possible that some prior year graduate players may be eligible.

The American Legion observes a January 1st cut-off date. Thirteen (13) year olds are the youngest players in American Legion Baseball.

Local Veterans Honored on Veteran’s Day

Local veterans honored on the front page of The Bolivar Bullet “LIFE STYLES”.

By Leon Weeks (and Mrs. Pat Weeks)
District 3 Commander
weekspat@cableone.net

Glen Crosby Post 165 in Cleveland participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Bolivar County Court House on the 11th hour of November 11.

There was a great turnout. Several WWII Veterans were present. Speakers included: Post 165 Commander Leon Weeks, Cleveland Mayor Billy Nowell, County Administrator Will Hooker, Bolivar County Sheriff Kevin Williams, and Purple Heart Commander Sonny Roncali.

Captain Bonita Cross, a Four Blue Star Mother, spoke of her service and the service of her children who are presently serving. She stated she is proud to be a member of Post 165 Auxiliary.

Post 165 welcomes the transfer of eight members from Shaw Post 126, as they prepare to retire their Post charter.
Editor’s Announcement:

The following individuals had announced their intent to run for elected office at the Area Conferences and at the Department Convention this July in Natchez. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, ALL elections have been called off for this year and all currently serving officers are directed to remain in their positions until elections are held in 2021, unless otherwise directed by the Department of Mississippi. For the sake of brevity I am posting the individuals names and positions they are candidates for. Resolutions in support of these candidates may be found on the Department website at www.msamlegion.org.

Jerry D. Allhands
Candidate for
Department Commander

Murry Toney
Candidate for
Alternate NEC

Steve Sweet
Candidate for
National Executive Committeeman

DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS

Mike Fronabarger
Candidate for
Northern Area
Vice Commander

William (Bill) Whatley
Candidate for
Central Area
Vice Commander

No one has announced their candidacy for Central Area Vice Commander as of Press Time

DISTRICT COMMANDERS

NORTHERN AREA
District 1
David Benson

District 2
James E. Ried

District 3
Leon Weeks

CENTRAL AREA
District 4
Bill Quick

District 5
Susan M. Sylvester
Johnny Reeves

District 6
Richard Stamper

SOUTHERN AREA
District 7
Jimmy T. Smith, Jr.

District 8
Charles “Med” Taylor

District 9
Lois E. “Flo” Hendrickson
William “Bill” Moran
Jon Mark Herrington

Post 6 - Corinth
Donald Day

Post 11 - Laurel
Lewis Houston

Post 12 - Brookhaven
Jimmy Nations

Post 15 - Iuka
Lee Vess
Raymond Miller
Joseph Kerby

Post 24 - Hattiesburg
David Ellis
Hardy Eubanks, Jr.
Arnold Grubbs
Donald Lamonie
Jerry Miley
O.L. Nix
Charles Owens
Thomas Patters
AP Pollion
Frank Pollard
Charles Rester
William Rowzie
Frank Simmons
Richard Sims
Emerson Slonaker
James Smith
Byron Smith
John Stevens
James Thorne
Gabe Tribble

Post 25 - Tupelo
Willie Bonney

Post 50 - Calhoun City
Rupert Lunceford
Malon Henry
George Casmus

Post 72 - New Albany
James Benjamin
Jimmy Coley

Post 79 - Wesson
Roy Reynolds
Freddie Stegall
William Smith

Post 81 - Ripley
Charles Braddock

Post 97 - Raleigh
Bobby Maddox

Post 103 - Purvis
Charles Hensleigh

Post 106 - Jackson
Gordon Lyle
Luther Rorie
Gene Franklin
Roma Thorn
Glenn Snyder

Post 118 - Wesson
Roy Reynolds
Freddie Stegall

Post 126 - Shaw
Ronald Mills
Robert Taylor

Post 171 - Pelahatchie
Gary Varner

Post 200 - Greenwood
Charles Womack

Post 256 - Tupelo
Ira Stone, Jr.

Post 275 - Meridian
Jimmy Dubose
James Knowles

Post 1776 - Cleveland
Hubert Tennyson
Anderson White
Arthur Raymond
Allen Mullan
John Lee
Gurden Johnson
William Morton

Post 1990 - Nesbit
Glen Moore
Edward England

Post 2002 - D’Iberville
Norman Klinger

2020.

This too shall pass. It may pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.
### BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2020

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