



*“Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage”*

**Commanders Communication—May 2020**

**CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORTS**  
**ARE DUE NOW!!!**

It's that time of year to fill out the consolidated report form! If you have never done one, or if it's been years, now is the time to get one in! Report your squadron activities from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. Every Squadron has something to report! Did your Squad sponsor someone to Boys State or Girls State? Did you provide flags to schools or businesses? Did your members participate in a Color Guard? Did you donate money to the Josh Dog Program or Operation A.L.F? What about the Child Welfare Foundation or Children's Miracle Network? Any of your members visit or volunteer at the VA or veteran's homes? Did you donate to Fisher House or volunteer time there? Were you involved in projects that support our troops and their families? These are just a few of the items to report on your Consolidated Report! Don't wait, get your information together and do the report! It's not difficult, but it means more than you know! Take a look at our impact numbers below. This is from the 51% of Squadrons that reported. Imagine how big those numbers would get if every group took the time to do the report!! A line by line guide to what you can include in your report is included in this mailing. Guys remember this: What you do IS important! It's who we are! It's why we belong to this organization! We are the *“Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage”*. We are the Sons of The American Legion!

**Our Impact 2018-2019:**

- We donated hundreds of Josh Dogs to children of deployed service members
- We gave \$129,976 for our Veterans, our Children, and our Communities
- We volunteered 44,786 hours of service
- The value of our impact \$1,268,971 in supporting the programs of The American Legion

**Due Date: June 1, 2020 – No Exceptions!**

Ways to file:

- If you have an account at [www.mysal.org](http://www.mysal.org), fill it out online there.
- Download the PDF from our website. Fill it out, email or print and mail it so it arrives by June 1.
- Fill out the form that was mailed to each Squadron and mail it so it arrives by June 1 to:  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Wisconsin  
PO Box 388  
Portage, WI 53901-0388

***Why File?***

**The Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR) is probably the most critical document your squadron can complete. Your information will be combined with other squadrons and into the final report prepared by The American Legion, and subsequently sent to Congress.**

**Qualifies your Squadron for awards!**

**Squadron Information Form:** While you are doing reports, don't forget to go on the website and update your Squadron information. Even if you did not elect new officers, please check that the information we have on file is up-to-date and correct. If not, take a couple minutes and enter the correct information.

**Conventions:** The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion National Conventions have all been cancelled for 2020. The plan is to hold all of them in Phoenix in 2021. National officers will remain in their respective offices through the 2021 conventions. Likewise, all the Wisconsin American Legion and Auxiliary conventions have also been cancelled for this year, with Department officers also remaining in their positions for another year.

The Detachment Executive Committee voted electronically to adopt a resolution to follow The Legion and also cancel our convention. Additionally, the adoption of that resolution also provides that the current Detachment officers will continue to serve in their respective positions until the close of the 2021 convention. If anyone is interested in seeing the resolution, please email me and I will forward a copy to you. Awards for this years' accomplishments will be determined from Consolidated Squadron Reports submitted. We have not determined how to distribute those awards as of this date, but we will let you know when we figure it out.

**Elections:** It is very important that as a Squadron or District you consult your Constitution and Bylaws regarding any decisions to be made on meetings and elections. You can use Zoom.com or FreeConferenceCall.com to hold electronic meetings, if necessary. Decide what works best for you and what your Constitution and Bylaws allow. Just be sure to submit your officers via the Squadron Information Form available on our website [www.wisal.org](http://www.wisal.org).

[www.mysal.org](http://www.mysal.org): The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a secure internet site that allows officers access to SAL membership records. This site will assist with day to day membership duties and allow better communication with members. This Squadron Support Program allows you to view and edit membership data on file at National Headquarters. This information is considered confidential and access should be closely monitored. An Authorization Form must be completed and returned. A copy of the authorization form is included in this mailing. If you are not the person who would be using the website, please share the information with the person in your squad that should have the information.

**Request from our Historian:** Mike Pook, our Detachment Historian is asking for pictures and details of events your squad hosted this year. If you have pictures and stories of activities that your squad has been involved in since our convention last June, please make every effort to share them with Mike. Our History is more than just where Commander Bob has been this year. It's the impact our members have made in helping veterans, active duty military and our communities. Remember to include your complete squadron name and number, the date of the event, the type of event you hosted, and who was involved. Include the names of anyone in your pictures. Don't forget to provide a contact number or email in case more details are needed. If you are on Facebook, you can IM him or email him at [mikepook@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepook@yahoo.com). PLEASE get your information to Mike no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Operation A.L.F.:** Our brand new "Comfort puppy" has arrived! Our cute and cuddly pup is ready whenever and wherever the need arises to provide comfort to help children through the challenges of a parent's deployment or their own hospitalization for major medical issues. Donations are also needed to continue funding this great program.

Operation A.L.F. made its first deployment to bring some smiles to these two adorable kids. I am pleased to report that the first A.L.F. pups were sent to two adorable children a few weeks ago when their mom was being deployed.

Donations are always needed to continue funding this great program so please consider adding this project to your budget for the coming year.



**Saying good-bye to Josh:** Now that the Josh program has ended, we still have a supply of the small G.I. Josh dogs available for immediate shipment, cost \$10 each. Anyone that would like to purchase some, please send your check with complete shipping address to me at: 9428 W Eden Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53228.

**Visiting Our Members:** Right now my calendar is wide open! I'd like to see that change. As you begin to plan your activities and events, please let me know so I can get them on my calendar. Last year I was privileged to attend many functions around the state, and I am really looking forward to many more this coming year. Please feel free to email me the details of your event at [wisalcmdrbob@att.net](mailto:wisalcmdrbob@att.net). There is also a "Request a Visit" form on our website that you can use. Go to: [www.wisal.org/requestvisit](http://www.wisal.org/requestvisit)

**Membership:** I saved the best for last!! Guys, you have done an outstanding job with your memberships this year! We have 62 squadrons at 100% or more and 21 squadrons at an all-time high!! We also have 4 districts over 100%. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for all the hard work!

So how do we stand as a Detachment? We are in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the National standings and have led the Central Region for much of the year. We have met each of the target-date membership goals, so far. We are at 85.58% renewals. We have chartered 3 new squadrons, and there are a couple more almost ready to go.

The last goal we have to meet is 105% membership. We are about a hundred memberships short of reaching that goal. This is where you come in! We need every squad to contact their members that have not paid and get those members in! How about signing up some new members? We have about a month left to do this and I know that with a little extra effort, we can get this done!

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It has been over two months since we were told to be "safer at home"! In that time, we learned how to social distance, self-quarantine, and a whole bunch of other interesting things. Meetings, conferences, events, and travel were all cancelled. We had Zoom meetings and conference calls, and learned we can still get things done. We did buddy checks and helped our veterans and neighbors whenever we could.

Now that things are loosening up some, we need to get back to helping our veterans and our communities. We may not be able to do things exactly the way we have always done them, but we are resilient. We will adapt to the changes around us and overcome whatever challenges we may face.

Memorial Day is right around the corner. While many communities have decided not to hold their usually ceremonies this year, we can still honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice by placing flags on graves or participating in virtual ceremonies. We need to remember them and never forget the sacrifices they made to give us the freedoms we enjoy today.



Thank you for all you do for our veterans! Keep up the great work! Stay safe and healthy!

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## **What donations and Hours Can I Put on the Annual Consolidated Squadron Report?**

### **SECTION 1—AMERICANISM**

- Line 1. Your costs of sponsoring a Badger Boys State or Badger Girls State citizen. Also list any donations received that help send a boy or girl to the state program.
- Line 2. Number of hours volunteered for the Badger Boys State or Badger Girls State programs.
- Line 3. Cost involved in having your members take the 5 Star/10 Ideals tests, including costs of awards or certificates.
- Line 4. Number of hours volunteered for the 5 Star/10 Ideals program.
- Line 5. Cost of any flags presented. Include flags presented to schools, organizations, or individuals in your community; the cost of smaller flags you placed on veterans' graves; flags you handed out at parades or other events.
- Line 6. Number of hours volunteered in presenting flags.
- Line 7. N/A
- Line 8. List the total number of flags presented to schools, organizations or individuals in your community; the cost of smaller flags you placed on veterans' graves; flags you handed out at parades or other events.
- Line 9. Cost of flag education programs.
- Line 10. Hours spend on flag education programs.
- Line 11. Amount of money donated to scholarship funds, individual scholarships; The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary scholarships. Include the amount of any scholarships your squad awarded.
- Line 12. Number of hours members spent on fundraisers for scholarships.
- Line 13. Donations/Costs involved in the Oratorical Contest.
- Line 14. Number of hours spend volunteering to assist Post, District, Department or National contests
- Line 15. Donations to help sponsor a Squadron Color Guard or any Color Guard team sponsored or participated in.
- Line 16. Number of hours volunteered for Color Guard appearances.
- Line 17. Donations to other community organizations, including but not limited to: Fire departments, rescue squads, police departments, police athletic organizations; donations to your Post or Units; donations to other veteran's organizations, donations to medical research programs, such as MD, MS, Epilepsy, Alzheimer's, Breast Cancer, Casey Cares, CAPP Fund, etc. , hospice or hospital programs, donations to schools or head start programs; donations to food pantries, community shelters; donations to other charitable organizations.
- Line 18. Hours volunteered for all other Community Service, including but not limited to hours spent as a volunteer firefighter, paramedic, rescue personnel, policeman, as long as no compensation is received for these hours; Hours volunteered performing repairs to/or for your Post or Unit; hours helping with fundraisers for your Post or Unit; Assistance with Legion or Auxiliary programs; Hours volunteered raising money for medical research, such as MD, MS, Epilepsy, Alzheimer's, Breast Cancer, Casey Cares, CAPP Fund, etc.; hours volunteered at hospitals, nursing homes, or any other health care facility other than VAMC's or State Veterans Homes.
- Line 19. Donations/Costs of sponsoring Scouting.
- Line 20. Hours volunteered as Scouting Leader, or younger members participating in Scouting.
- Line 21. Donations/Costs of Junior Shooting Sports.
- Line 22. Hours volunteered for/or participating in Junior Shooting Sports.

- Line 23. Donations/Costs of American Legion Baseball.
- Line 24. Hours volunteered for American Legion Baseball.
- Line 25. Donations/Costs of any Other Teams sponsored.
- Line 26. Hours volunteered for/or participating in Other Teams you sponsored. Hours spent as a coach for any sports teams, including basketball, baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, softball, bowling, as long as no compensation was received for these hours.
- Line 27. Donations/Costs involved in Blood Drives.
- Line 28. Hours organizing or participating in Blood Drives.
- Line 29. Donations to the National Emergency Fund.
- Line 30. Hours volunteered for the National Emergency Fund.
- Line 31. Donations to the Legacy Scholarship Fund.
- Line 32. Hours volunteered for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.
- Line 33. Donations/Costs of any other Americanism programs, including but not limited to The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program, A&G Testing, County Government Days, President's Day events, Memorial Day programs, King Pilgrimage, Independence Day parades and programs, Patriots Day, Citizenship programs, Flag Disposal Ceremonies, any other Americanism programs.
- Line 34. Hours volunteered for any other Americanism programs, including but not limited to The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program, A&G Testing, County Government Days, President's Day events, Memorial Day programs, King Pilgrimage, Independence Day parades and programs, Patriots Day, Citizenship programs, Flag Disposal Ceremonies, any other Americanism programs.

## **SECTION 2—CHILDREN & YOUTH**

- Line 1. Donations to the Child Welfare Foundation.
- Line 2. Hours volunteered for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- Line 3. Donations to Special Olympics.
- Line 4. Hours volunteered for Special Olympics.
- Line 5. Donations to Children's Miracle Network.
- Line 6. Hours volunteered for Children's Miracle Network.
- Line 7. Donations to Ronald McDonald House.
- Line 8. Hours volunteered at Ronald McDonald House.
- Line 9. Donations to Children's Organ Transplant Association.
- Line 10. Hours volunteered for the Children's Organ Transplant Association.
- Line 11. Donations to T.A.L. Vets. and Child. Foundation
- Line 12. Hours volunteered for T.A.L. Vets. And Child. Foundation
- Line 13. Donations to any other C&Y Projects, including but not limited to: Josh Dogs, G I Josh Dogs, Operation A.L.F.; Operation Military Kids, April is Children & Youth Month, etc.
- Line 14. Hours volunteered for any other C&Y programs, including but not limited to: Josh Dogs, G I Josh Dogs, Operation A.L.F.; Operation Military Kids, April is Children & Youth Month, etc.

## **SECTION 3—VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION**

- Line 1. Donations made to VA Medical Centers and Facilities.
- Line 2. Hours volunteered at a VA Medical Center and Facilities.
- Line 3. Donations made to State Veterans Facilities.
- Line 4. Hours volunteered at State Veterans Facilities.

- Line 5. Donations to National Veterans Assistance Day.
- Line 6. Hours volunteered for National Veterans Assistance Day.
- Line 7. Donations to Operation Comfort Warriors.
- Line 8. Hours volunteered for Operation Comfort Warrior.
- Line 9. Donations to Fisher House.
- Line 10. Hours volunteered at Fisher House.
- Line 11. Donations to any other VA&R projects, including but not limited to: Support for our Troops, Family Support Network, Care packages for troops, American Legion Birthday, Armed Forces Day Observances, POW/MIA Silent Marches, Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight, USO, Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Missing in America, Suicide Prevention Awareness, Homeless Veterans, etc.
- Line 12. Hours volunteered for any other VA&R projects, , including but not limited to: Support for our Troops, Family Support Network, Care packages for troops, American Legion Birthday, Armed Forces Day Observances, POW/MIA Silent Marches, Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight, USO, Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Missing in America, Suicide Prevention Awareness, Homeless Veterans, etc.

#### **SECTION 4—VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION**

- Line 1. Donations to Veterans Employment & Education programs.
- Line 2. Hours volunteered for Veterans Employment & Education programs.

#### **SECTION 5—INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

- Line 1. All donations not covered above.
- Line 2. All hours not covered above, including but not limited to: Legislative priorities of The American Legion, Public Relations, including wearing SAL branded shirts, attending membership development and training.

#### **NOTES:**

- If your Squadron has MySal.org, your report should be filed online.
- If your Squadron files a written report, it must be completed and emailed or sent by regular mail to arrive no later than June 1.
- Remember to report your donations and hours in one place only.
- If you are not sure where your donations or hours should be reported, pick the category that comes the closest to the activity.
- You may not list money or time spent attending meetings or conventions, supplies to run your squadron, hosting meetings, gifts for distinguished guests, money spent on members, cost of attending classes, as these are considered normal operating expenses.
- Remember to sign your form, put the appropriate title, and date the form, contact phone number, and contact email address.
- Above all, get your report in **ON TIME!**



# MySAL – Squadron Sign Up Form

The American Legion National Headquarters has designed a FREE and secure internet site to assist Squadron Adjutants in their day-to-day membership processing duties. This site serves as a direct portal from the local squadron to National Headquarters' membership system.

Features include:

- + View and Edit squadron membership
- + Generate reports
- + Reports available in CSV file format allowing users to work with the data in other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access
- + Squadron Inquiry
- + Consolidated Squadron Report
- + Process Membership

*Fill out this form and mail or fax to us to register. Please type or print.*

Yes! We would like to sign up for MySAL Officers Portal:

State \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:** *Does not have to be Squadron Adjutant. The information below indicates who to call with any questions and where to send correspondence and registration instructions once authorization to release data is received from the state headquarters.*

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail **(required)** \_\_\_\_\_



Signature *required*, must be Squadron Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature *required*, must be Post Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail To: The American Legion IT Division**  
**Product Support Specialist**  
**5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216**  
**Fax: 317-860-3130 Phone: 800-433-3318**

Scan completed form with signature and email to : [mylegion@legion.org](mailto:mylegion@legion.org)

# LEGION ACCESS TO SAL "PROCESS MEMBERSHIP" FEATURE

## PROCESSING SAL MEMBERSHIP FROM A LEGION ACCOUNT (DEPARTMENT AND POST):

1. Click "SAL" in the top-menu (blue ribbon).
2. Click "Process Membership"



From here, the process is practically identical to Legion electronic membership processing.

You will need to enter bank account information prior to processing SAL membership. If the account used for SAL membership is the same as the account for LGN membership, the account still needs to be entered again for SAL. And the SAL account will be held from submitting subsequent transmittals until the first has cleared (just like LGN).

Who has access to "Process Membership"?

Administrator	Legion	Sons
Department		
Detachment		
Posts		
Squadrons		

*Only the last four digits of the bank account number are visible to anyone who has access to the MyLegion/MySAL account.*

