The best of the best...

**Membership**
- Hartline Award (Detach w/ most new squadrons)
  - Missouri - Minnesota - Ohio
- Houghton Award (greatest % increase in membership)
  - Category 1 - Oklahoma
  - Category 2 - Wyoming
  - Category 3 - Massachusetts
  - Category 4 - Minnesota
  - Category 5 - Florida
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
  - Charles B. Riggsby Award (Volunteer of the Year)
  - Gabe Cinquemani - Canandaigua, NY Sq 256
  - Kirby Kepler Award (best squadron rehab report)
  - Colton, CA Sq 155
  - Allen I. O’Brian (best District rehab report)
  - First District, Georgia
  - Earl Webster Award (best Detach rehab report)
  - Georgia

**Community Service**
- Scrapbook Winner
  - Squadron - LaPlata, MD Sq 82
  - District - Third District, Minnesota
  - Detachment - Maryland

**Largest Per Capita by Region**
- Nevada ($25.87)
- Florida
- Ohio

**Central - Missouri**
- MidWest - Colorado
- East - Vermont
- South - Mississippi

**North Dakota**
- Midwest - North Dakota

**Nation’s Largest Squadron**
- Newport Harbor, CA Sq 291 (1,751)

**First in Each Region to Reach 100%**
- East - France
  - South - North Carolina
  - Central - Wisconsin
  - Midwest - South Dakota
  - West - Nevada

**Americanism**
- Abwood/Beyer/York Memorial Award
  - Detachment - Georgia
  - District - Ninth District, Georgia
  - Squadron - Vestal, NY Sq 89

**National Emergency Fund**
- Largest Donations Per Capita in nation - Oregon
  - South - Arkansas
  - Central - Michigan
  - Midwest - Montana
  - East - Connecticut

**Children and Youth**
- Detachment - Florida
  - District - Fourth District, Georgia
  - Squadron - Colton, CA Sq 155
  - South - Arlington, FL Sq 283
  - Central - Fond du Lac, WI Sq 75
  - Midwest - Wichita, KS Sq 226
  - East - Leonardo, NJ Sq 338
  - West - Glendale, AZ Sq 29

**Legislative**
- George E. Evans Grassroots Veteran Advocate of the Year
  - Roy Santiago - Hughson, CA Sq 872

**Commander’s Legacy Scholarship Awards**
- Largest Donation - Michigan
  - South - Florida
  - East - New York
  - Midwest - Nebraska
  - West - Arizona

**Historian**
- History Book Award
  - Squadron - Easthampton, MA Sq 224
  - District - Sixth District, Florida
  - Detachment - Vermont

**Color Guard**
- Clyde Stillwell Award and Guideon
  - 12th District, CA Color Guard

**Knowledge is power: Frain**
- Shortly before closing their 45th National Convention on Sunday, Sons elected and installed Jeff Frain of Apache Junction, Arizona Sq 27 as their new National Commander. Frain, a 33 year member of the S.A.L., is a certified journeyman mold maker in his private life.


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Sons help run the legacy

- This year’s American Legion Legacy Run, the 11th annual motorcycle ride to raise money for The Legion’s Legacy Scholarship, had some significant leadership provided by Sons. Past S.A.L. National Commanders Earl Rattkowski (MI) and Joe Gladden (MD) served as Road Captains. Past National Commander Bill Sparwasser (MD) served as a Tail Gunner. Sons Doug Heiser (IN) and Chris Knueger (KS) also served as Road Captains. Past National Commander Bill Sparwasser (MD) served as a Tail Gunner. Sons Doug Heiser (IN) and Chris Knueger (KS) also served as Road Captains.

- More than a third of the 400 cyclists who made the five day, 1,350 mile trip from Indianapolis through seven southern states and back to Cincinnati are S.A.L. members.

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advances registration of their delegates. Although required to preregister their delegates before arriving in the convention cities each year, Thompson says about a dozen detachments didn’t do so until they arrived in Cincinnati.

**Convention Business**

Sons gather annually to elect national officers, offer year end reports, hear from important Legion Family leaders, and hand out dozens of achievement awards. There’s also plenty of opportunity to conduct some administrative business and even have a little fun.

During some of the lighter moments this year, American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett modeled some fashionably questionable shorts on stage that he said were “unusually high”. The Detachment of Arizona handed over one check for $35,000 and challenged neighboring Nevada to match an additional $35,000 pledge. The estate of the late Jerry “Doc” Leopold, former S.A.L. National Finance Commission Chairman, donated $10,000. Check after check, earmarked for CWF, flowed in and totalled a whopping $110,000, shattering the $7 million ceiling.

**Sons Report Card 2015-2016**

**Membership**

364,236 Members
6,113 Squadrions
54 Detachments

**Children and Youth**

- Largest Child Welfare Foundation Contributor $360,299 and 66,542 Hours of Service
- Special Olympics $200,602 and 24,246 Hours
- Children’s Miracle Network $67,754 and 7,149 Hours
- Total Donations to All C&Y Programs $1,310,035 and 236,338 Hours

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**

- 66 Registered VAVS Representatives
- Member of National VAVS Board
- $2,441,124 and 792,121 Hours
- Total Donations to All Americanism Programs $977,099 and 725,645 Service Hours
- National Emergency Fund $429,016 and 12,909 Hours
- 5 Star / 10 Ideals $4,930 for 2,259 Programs
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- 8,234 Flag Retirement Ceremonies
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- American Legion Baseball & Others $77,778 and 9,019 Appearances
- American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation $218,569 and 1,006 Boys Sponsored
- Color Guards $95,024
- American Legion H.S. Oratorical Contests $11,321 and 1,964 Hours and 123 Contestants
- Junior Shooting Sports $29,671 and 12,130 Hours
- U.S. Flags 38,399 Flags Presented at Cost of $76,895
- 440,082 Flags Distributed at Parades and Cemeteries

**Contribution**

- $1,618,370 in Cash and Gifts and 455,656 in and totalled a whopping $110,000, shattering the $7 million ceiling.

**Americanism**

- U.S. Flags
- American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation
- American Legion Baseball & Others

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be an unstoppable force,” he says.

“Together we’ll be making some great strides in helping veterans and their families.”

The newly-minted National Commander is a Legion Family man. His wife, two children and three grandchildren are all Legion Family members. When not working on American Legion matters, he enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

**Convention Images**

Left - There’s a good chance Denise Rohan of Wisconsin could become National Commander of The American Legion in a few years. But she’s already earned the S.A.L.’s “5 Star / 10 Ideals” medals in an effort to learn about our organization. Bottom Left - Auxiliary National President Sharon Conatser brought greetings to the Sons’ convention on Friday. Bottom - The sound technician thought he would help fill time during a full with “God Bless the USA.” Instead, Sons joined hands across the aisle and sang along. Bottom Right - Daniel Day-Lewis, Executive Director of the WWI Centennial Commission explained how Sons can play a role all across the country in events covering the next few years. Far Right - One of the S.A.L.’s smaller detachments, Nevada, somehow managed to raise the unheard of amount of $55,87 per member in funds donated to the Child Welfare Foundation and were instrumental in pushing lifetime S.A.L. CWF contributions above the $7 million mark this weekend.