

SAL Newsletter

To all SAL Squadron,

The 2nd District met on October 8th at Ft. Recovery Post 345 at 1:00 with the usual opening ritual. Bill Vohees read the minute from the previous meeting and gave the finance report, Bill also reminded squadrons need to pay their district dues as so as possible. 1st Vice Joe Glaze gave membership report the membership is coming in slow, so please work on membership. 2nd Vice Rick Witter reported the 2nd District fund raiser this year is a \$300.00 gift card the drawing will be December 20th. Under old business, Squadron awards program the first 3 squadron in each category to reach quota by February 2, 2018 will receive \$50.00. February 2, 2018 is also the date for the Blue Jug, the 2nd District must be the first to be at 80% of quota to win the Blue Jug. The last report had the District at 22.53% of quota, and in 5th place at Dept. I have enclosed the latest membership report.

On November 18th James Rowen and I attended the Dept. SAL Executive Committee meeting. Commander Evan Mahlman opened the meeting at 10:00. Evan reported on his travels and activities as SAL Commander. 1st Vice Dale Anderson gave a membership report, membership is come in slow, but there were over 1100 membership turned in that day. 2nd Vice Bernie Kessler reported that this year's fund raiser is a sporting events Package for events around Ohio.

Tim Conway reported that Boys State went well at Miami University, and around 1200 boys attended. Next year's Boys state will be held June 10-17 2018, and with the retirement of Jerry White, Preston Keith is the new Americanism chairman at Dept.

Gary Kuhl reported that in the 63 years that the SAL has supported the Child Welfare Foundation, over 2 million dollars has been raised. That Ohio is 12 in the nation, encouraged all squadrons donate to this cause. Dennis Albright reported on Special Olympics the aquatic games were held on October 9&10th and the

Winter Games will be February 6-9th 2018. The SAL has donated over \$20,000 and 29,000 men hours to the Special Olympics. Most of the money has gone for medals for the kids.

Robert Showalter and Gerry Palmer reported on Veterans affairs, there were 12 Honor Flights with 3200 WW2 veteran this last year. A job fair was held at the Cleveland VA with over 500 veterans attending. The Cleveland Fisher House has received a fourstar rating for the 14th year in a row. Gerry reported that they are working on getting more motorize wheel chairs for veterans and more access to VA clinics. That the ground breaking for a new Fisher House at the Dayton VA was held on October 23rd the house is a 16 room house and is to be completed by Oct. or Nov. 2018. Wreaths will be placed at grave marks at the Dayton VA, Sandusky, and Western Reserve Cemeteries as part of Wreaths Across America on December 16th. Anyone wanting to help please contact Department.

Dave Brown reported that they are working on a members and officer training program. Dan Finnel reported on the National Convention and the Ohio SAL received an award for most money raised per members for Child Welfare Foundation, donation by the Legion and SAL \$208,000.00.

There have been some problems with getting membership card processed at Dept. They have gone to a new computer system and are having problems, so please be patience and work with them. Dates to remember December 10th 2nd District Conference Van Wert 1:00 Midwinter Conference January 19-20 Crown Plaza Columbus North.

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