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Memo: SAL 100th Anniversary Ad-hoc Committee Planning
To: Detachment Commanders

Dear Detachment Commander,

On behalf of the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) 100th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee, I hope all is well and prosperous within your Detachment. Our committee was established two years ago with a simple yet profound mission: *"To Honor and Celebrate a Century of Serving America's Veterans;"* our vision *"To Honor the Past, and Prepare for the Future."*

As we approach SAL's 100th Anniversary in 2032, we must begin to lay the groundwork to commemorate this historic milestone. Just as The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary have honored their centennials, we, too, must ensure that our legacy is properly celebrated - but this is not a task for National Headquarters alone. The history of the SAL lies not just at the national level, but within our Detachments and Squadrons.

To make this celebration meaningful, we need the participation and dedication of every Detachment. Much of the groundwork must be completed in the coming years, so we are calling upon each Detachment to engage in preserving and promoting our history actively.

Over the next few years, we ask each Detachment to:

- Compile a comprehensive history of your Detachment, including pictures and other information, from its chartering to the present day.
- Encourage every Squadron within your Detachment to research and document its own history and narrative. Ask them to create history books and scrapbooks.
- Identify and locate the oldest continuously active chartered Squadron within your Detachment.

To support this mission, we strongly encourage each Detachment to establish a 100th Anniversary Committee dedicated to preserving and promoting our history. When you have this committee formed, we ask that you reach out to us so we can get the Chairman's contact information. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity for Detachment Historians to step up and take the lead in documenting our rich heritage. Over the next few years, we will be relying heavily on Detachment Historians, so we urge you to carefully consider and appoint individuals committed to fulfilling this critical responsibility.

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This effort will require time, dedication, and collaboration, so we encourage all Detachments to begin planning now.

We cannot truly honor our past without actively preserving and understanding it. Over the past century, the SAL has made a profound impact on communities across the country. Our duty is to tell the story of where we started, how we got here, and our vision for the future.

We appreciate your dedication to this cause and look forward to working together to ensure that the legacy of the SAL is properly honored for generations to come.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further guidance. You can reach out to me at tyler.vanice@gmail.com or by contacting our National Historian, Bill Towns, at docbill@neo.rr.com.

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