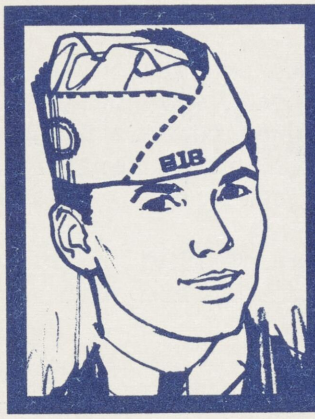

SALUTATIONS

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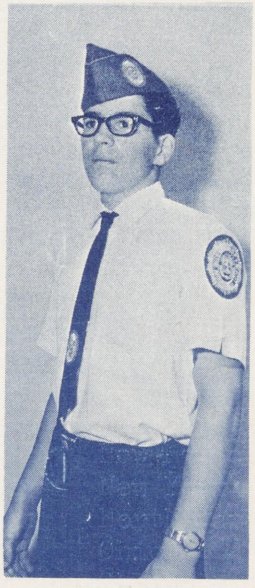
Pictured at the right is the official uniform of the Sons of The American Legion. Uniform items as well as official SAL insignia and regalia are available through the National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206, or from your Department.



The official uniform is as follows:

Trousers--Legion blue color, without cuff and without stripe. (Not available from National)
Belt--Black with SAL buckle.
Shirt--White. (State emblem patch may be attached, on an optional basis, on the left sleeve immediately below the shoulder seam)
Neckie--Legion blue with SAL emblem.
Sox--Solid color black, navy blue or white.
Shoes--Black.
Cap--Standard SAL in the following colors:

Squadron ... French blue with red, white and blue piping.
District --- French blue base, white top, piping same as squadron cap.
Detachment ... French blue base, gold top, piping same as squadron cap.
National ... Solid gold, piping same as squadron cap.

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The Illinois American Legion Historians' Association recently held an SAL history contest. The papers were judged on contest, arrangement of contest and neatness. Citations were awarded to the best three SAL histories. The papers had to be histories of the squadrons and not of the sponsoring posts but events held jointly by the two could be included.

The Department of Arizona has reported that it now has four active SAL squadrons with a total of 66 members. Squadron 7 in Tucson has been very active in helping the Legion post. On Memorial Day, squadron members turned out at 6:00 a.m. to help put out flags and flowers at the cemetery. Squadron 7 also has a color guard which is available for post and district activities.

Squadron 68 in Tucson has been quite active in forming a drill team. Squadron 48 in San Manuel and Squadron 26 in Mesa are just re-activating.

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF SAL? SAL stands for Sons of The American Legion. The SAL is a non-political, non-sectarian civilian organization composed of all male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam Period, or subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service.

The constitution of the SAL is nearly identical with that of the parent organization. Members annual elect their own officers and develop and control their own meetings under the supervision of an advisory committee from the sponsoring post.

SAL members are taught the value of comradeship, sportsmanship, citizenship, the Constitution of the United States, and the history of cur flag and its defenders. Squadrons also place emphasis on sports, pleasure and relaxation.

SAL squadrons are urged to participate in all American Legion and public observances. Holidays generally observed by squadrons include: the anniversaries of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day, etc.

Many squadrons maintain outstanding musical organizations, such as drum and bugle corps, bands, choruses, etc. This is in addition to ritualistic and ceremonial groups.

SAL members are also active in volunteer work in many of our Veterans Administration Hospitals. In cooperation with the National Rifle Association squadrons are again participating in rifle and pistol competition.

SAL charters issued during 1967 now total 38. One new charter was issued in July to Honeycutt-Chovanec Squadron 501, Danbury, Tex. Leaders in the squadron charter race this year are: Michigan (5), Illinois (4), California (4), Indiana (3), Minnesota (3), New Jersey (3), Ohio (3), Pennsylvania (3) and Wisconsin (3).

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The Detachment of Ohio

Sons of The American Legion has revealed plans for the start of a SAL newsletter. Members in the Buckeye State are urged to send all information available to: Bob McBride, SAL Adjutant, 3872 Hopper Hill Road, Mt. Carmel, Ohio 45230. Good luck on your newsletter.

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The Detachment of California

started its 1967-68 year at its 34th annual convention in San Diego, by electing Robert H. Faust of Arcadia as detachment commander. The newly elected detachment officers were installed by John J. Flynn, chairman of the Legion's National Economic Commission; Al Chamie, member of the Legion's 50th Anniversary Committee; and California NECman William Kreitz, a memberof SAL Hollywood Squadron 43.

The election of SAL officers kicked off the '68 membership campaign with the detachment commander's theme "California the Key State and You (The American Legion) Are the Key to the SAL". The membership theme was backed up with a newly published SAL pamphlet.

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The second annual Rhapsody in Gold

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Contest, sponsored by Hamilton Squadron 20, Baltimore, Md., was held on Aug. 12. Competing corps included: Dundalk Cadets; Westminster Starlighters; VFW Lancers of Washington, D.C.; Bricktownsmen of Bricktown, N.J.; Belles of St. Mary's, Gloucester City, N.J.; the Chessmen, Easton, Pa., and St. Rose of Lima, Newark, N.J. The big show took place at Calvert Hall College High School.

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Norma Jeanne Gallagher,

SAL advisor for Arizona, has written to National Headquarters stating that she thinks SALutations is a grand idea. "The pictures help give an idea of the other squadrons age groups and should do much to help promote this wonderful Legion activity," she said.

DETACHMENT	FINAL 1966 MEMBERSHIP	1966 MBSP 7-31-66	1967 MBSP 7-31-67
Alabama	44	44	18
Alaska	17	17	12
Arizona	18	18	48
Arkansas	--	--	16
California	1,310	1,241	1,321
Colorado	68	68	83
Connecticut	340	335	356
Delaware	26	26	28
Dist. of Col.	88	86	85
Florida	180	171	107
Georgia	46	46	70
Hawaii	88	88	70
Illinois	2,049	2,024	1,746
Indiana	1,228	1,014	1,118
Kansas	76	76	--
Kentucky	230	230	171
Louisiana	62	62	48
Maine	43	43	24
Maryland	1,226	891	1,056
Massachusetts	189	189	235
Michigan	1,050	977	963
Minnesota	36	36	81
Mississippi	34	34	6
Missouri	449	448	373
Montana	25	--	--
New Hampshire	105	104	48
New Jersey	1,961	1,840	1,859
New Mexico	15	15	--
New York	2,034	1,810	1,237
North Carolina	75	75	92
Ohio	1,490	1,103	511
Oklahoma	15	15	67
Pennsylvania	1,843	1,710	1,526
Philippines	149	148	110
Rhode Island	100	36	69
Texas	66	54	54
Utah	18	18	43
Virginia	132	119	124
Washington	25	25	10
Wisconson	169	--	114
Wyoming	--	--	21
Totals	17,103	15,236	13,998